



MAY 12, 2022, 2:00 p.m. - CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
CITY GOVERNMENT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 2:08 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Purtee who introduced Reverend Billy Hester, Senior Minister of Asbury Memorial Church, to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

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

ALSO, PRESENT:
 City Manager Joseph A. Melder
 Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams
 City Attorney Bates Lovett
 Clerk of Council Mark Massey
 Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret Fox

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

[1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for May 12, 2022.](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve the agenda for May 12, 2022, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier, Alderman Leggett, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing Held on April 28, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.](#)

[Agenda Plus_WS DRAFT MINUTES_April 28, 2022 City Council Workshop.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2, #3 and #4, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderwoman Lanier, Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

[3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on April 28, 2022 at 6:45 p.m.](#)[Exhibit 1: Draft Minutes - April 28, 2022 City Council Regular Meeting.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2, #3 and #4, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderwoman Lanier, Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

[4. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on April 14, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. \(Not Approved During the April 28, 2022 Meeting\)](#)[Exhibit 1: Draft Minutes - April 14, 2022 City Council Regular Meeting.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2, #3 and #4, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderwoman Lanier, Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS[5. Appearance and Recognition of the 2022 Georgia Recreation and Parks Association State Tournament Winners for "10 and Under," the Pitbulls Youth Basketball Team.](#)

Mayor Johnson recognized State basketball tournament winners for ages ten and under of the 2022 Georgia Recreation & Parks Association.

Recreation and Leisure Services Director Kelly Ledbetter discussed the teams challenges and achievements. The "Pitbulls" coach, Keegan Richards, introduced each team member: Kenneth Bostick, Daryl Heyward, Jhurell Gibson, Carter Jackson, Anderson Rahal, Kyree Richards, Joseph Rogers, Cole Thompson, Mikelle Washington and Andrew Wiggins. All team members maintain at least a 'B+' grade point average.

Mr. Ledbetter and Coach Richards thanked City Council for the recognition and acknowledged the parents of the team members.

Mayor Johnson thanked Team Savannah for supporting youth programs.

[6. A Proclamation Declaring the Month of May as National Historic Preservation Month.](#)[Exhibit 1: Proclamation - National Historic Preservation Month.doc](#)

Alderman Palumbo read and presented the Proclamation to MPC Executive Director Melanie Wilson. Ms. Wilson thanked MPC staff their support and work. She also thanked City Council for the recognition. Ms. Sue Adler and Ms. Coleen Reynolds from the Historic Savannah Foundation thanked Mayor and Council for the Proclamation and recognition.

[7. A Proclamation Declaring the Month of May as International Internal Audit Awareness Month.](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz read and presented the Proclamation to Director of Organization Performance and Accountability Leonard Tropea and Board Member of Savannah Internal Auditors. Mr. Tropea expressed appreciation and thanks on behalf of the auditors and stated the County was unable to attend.

[8. A Proclamation Recognizing the Month of May as Building Safety Month. Each year, people worldwide are asked to consider the commitment to improve building safety, resilience and economic investment at home and in the community, and to acknowledge the essential service provided to all by local and state building, fire prevention, and federal agencies professionals in protecting lives and property.](#)[Exhibit 1: 2022 Building Safety Month Proclamation.docx](#)

Mayor Johnson read and presented the Proclamation to Director of Development Services and City Engineer Julie McLean who accepted the Proclamation and thanked Mayor and Council for the recognition. She introduced and thanked key members of her team: Permit Services Technician Brenda Price, Flood Plain Manager Tom McDonald, Development Liaison and Site Development Manager Mike Rose, and Building Official and Professional Engineer Peter Ghilarducci. Assistant City Manager Health Lloyd congratulated Ms. McLean and her team.

[9. Recognition of the City of Savannah Developmental Services Department for their Dedication to Ensuring that Building Construction in Savannah is Safe and Resilient, thereby Protecting us in the Buildings Where We Live, Learn, Work, and Play.](#)

Mayor Johnson and City Manager Melder recognized and thanked Director of Development Services and City Engineer Julie McLean and the development department team for their contributions to the citizens of Savannah. The department has spearheaded the completion of projects throughout the city, including the Enmarket Arena, and responded to residents' request for assistance and repairs. They make the city a wonderful place to work, live and play.

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)[10. Approval of a Class C \(Beer, Wine\) \(By the Drink\) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Jeffrey L. Geiger for NCG Cinemas, a Movie Theater at 3001 Skidaway Road between E. Victory Drive and E. 50th Street in Aldermanic District 3. \(New Owner/New Location\) \(Staff recommends continuation to May 26, 2022\)](#)[Exhibit 1: Checklist - NCG Cinemas.pdf](#)[Exhibit 2: Density Map - NCG Cinemas.pdf](#)

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

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

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

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to CONTINUE/HOLD Item #10 to the May 26, 2022 City Council Meeting as recommended by staff, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

[11. Approval of a Class C \(Liquor, Beer, Wine\) \(By the Drink\) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Brittany O'Neal for Cru Lounge, A Restaurant at 1639 E. Victory Drive in Aldermanic District 3.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Checklist - Cru Lounge20220506_0082.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Density Map - Cru Lounge20220506_0083.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Alcohol Documents - Cru Lounge20220506_0084.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Cru Lounge20220506_0085.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Cru Lounge20220304_16125161.pdf](#)

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to CONTINUED/HOLD Item #11 to the June 9, 2022 City Council Meeting as recommended by staff, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

[12. Approval of a Class E \(Wine\) \(By the Package\) Alcohol License to Christina Pirovits for 208 Wine Bar, a Bar/Lounge at 208 E. Bay Street Between Abercorn Street Ramp and Lincoln Street Ramp in Aldermanic District 2.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Checklist - 208 Wine Bar20220504_0073.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Density Map - 208 Wine Bar20220504_0074.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - 208 Wine Bar20220504_0075.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - 208 Wine Bar20220504_0076.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 5: Security Plan - 208 Wine Bar20220304_16062251.pdf](#)

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

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

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #12, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously.

[13. Approval of a Class C \(Beer, Wine\) \(By the Drink\) Alcohol License to Guinnevere McMillion for Sobremesa Wine Bar, a Bar/Lounge at 2312 Abercorn Street Between East 39th and East 40th Streets in Aldermanic District 2.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Checklist - Sobremesa Wine Bar20220506_0077.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Density Map - Sobremesa Wine Bar20220506_0078.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Alcohol Documents - Sobremesa Wine Bar20220506_0079.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Sobremesa Wine Bar20220506_0081.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Sobremesa Wine Bar20220304_16080303.pdf](#)

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

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

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #13 with special conditions as listed on the agenda, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

Item #47 HEARD after Item #13.

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

[14. Approval to Amend Section 8-1002 of the Local Code Amendments to Add Section B, Revising the 2018 International Plumbing Code \(IPC\) to Match the 2021 International Plumbing Code. This amendment will allow more flexible use of shared bathroom facilities currently allowed in the latest version of the IPC.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Red Line Ordinance Amendment.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Ordinance Amendment.pdf](#)

After the first reading was considered the second reading and a request that an ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #14, seconded by Alderman Leggett, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

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

[15. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Absence Management, Compliance, and Tracker Services with FMLA Source in the Amount of \\$57,190. The purpose of this contract is to provide a single-source vendor to manage and ensure legal compliance with the Family and Medical Leave Act, Americans with Disability Act, and Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act. \(HR\).](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Absence Management](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Absence Management](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #15 through #20, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

[16. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Water Level Monitoring Equipment with Siemens Industrials, Inc. in the Amount of \\$70,753. This equipment will be used by over 200 plus lift stations in the City of Savannah to monitor proper level control and ultrasonic measurement of water. \(Water Distribution\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Water Monitoring](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Water Monitoring](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #15 through #20, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

[17. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Clarifier Parts with Brentwood Industries, Inc. in the Amount of \\$119,900. These parts are for primary clarifiers for the treatment of influent wastewater as part of the drying operation at the President Water Reclamation Plant. \(Water Reclamation\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Clarifier Parts](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Clarifier Parts](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #15 through #20, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

[18. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 2 for Quality Assurance Services with Atlantic Coast Consulting \(LOCAL\) in an Amount up to \\$159,956. Services are for professional engineering, sampling, and testing required to comply with the EPD for the Dean Forest Landfill. This modification covers add'l costs associated with time delays & additional items. \(Sanitation Department\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Quality Assurance Services](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Quality Assurance Services](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #15 through #20, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

[19. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Landfill Cover Material with Savannah River Utilities \(LOCAL\) in an Amount up to \\$1,485,000. This contract will provide cover material for usage at the Dean Forest Road Landfill. The soil covering acts as a seal to the compacted waste and prevents rodents and other animals from getting into the landfill. \(Sanitation Department\)](#)

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

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #15 through #20, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

[20. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Energy Performance Representative with 2KB Energy Services, LLC in the Amount of \\$161,480. The services provided will include assistance in identifying a bundle of City facilities in need of energy efficiency upgrades and will result in improved performance and energy efficiency of several City facilities at one time. \(Office of Sustainability\).](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Energy Performance Services Rep](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Energy Performance Services Rep](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #15 through #20, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

[21. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Tree and Stump Removal with ArborNature, LLC \(Primary\) and Kolcun Tree, LLC \(Secondary\) in an Amount up to \\$650,000. This contract will be utilized for tree and stump removal at various City properties and public rights of way. \(Greenscapes\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Tree and Stump Removal](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Tree and Stump Removal](#)

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked City Manager Melder if city staff were able to do the work. City Manager Melder answered, staff is unable to remove trees and stumps, the work must be contracted out to a vendor.

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Item #21, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

[22. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Design Services for the Thomas Gamble Building Renovation Project with Greenline Architecture \(LOCAL, DBE\) in the Amount of \\$625,000. These services will be used to develop renovation plans addressing much-needed capital improvements to the building. \(Capital Improvements\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Gamble](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Summary - Gamble](#)

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked City Manager Melder had the decision to use the Gamble building for staff been finalized. After a poll of Council Members at a recent meeting, the Civic Center needed more due diligence, but the Gamble building should be preserved as municipal office space for staff. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter expressed her concern for residents inability to park or navigate cobblestones when visiting the Gamble building for city services. She asked which departments would be housed in the building. City Manager Melder would place strategic services in the Gamble building, not resident-facing services.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter discussed the renovations on the third floor at City Hall as being designed for Council Member offices, but was not allocated as such.

Alderman Palumbo recalls Council wanting to move staff from rental space to city-owned facilities. This is a step in that direction, the Gamble building can house staff and be in close proximity to City Hall. Alderman Palumbo stated the city hall third floor renovations were an award-winning historic preservation project from the Savannah Historic Foundation. To utilize the best space possible, the third floor space should be used for staff. He gladly gave up office space for staff.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked City Manager Melder if the charges listed in Item #22 (\$625,000.00) is a separate charge from the actual renovations of approximately \$43 million. Mr. Melder answered, the \$43 million was for the Civic Center and the Gamble building. The \$625,000.00 charge for architectural and design services will be included in the renovation charges for the Gamble building only. She asked if RFP was distributed for other vendors to submit bids. Mr. Melder explained this was a competitive RFP distributed in 2020, and the winning vendor agreed to freeze his rates for the City.

Mayor Johnson indicated, the Gamble building is a 5-story city owned facility sitting empty when staff needs office space. He recommends the city move forward with renovations to house staff in a city-owned building, there are numerous departments that have no interactions with the public who could be housed in the building.

Alderman Purtee agreed to forego the Council offices on the third floor for staff. He also mentioned, the longer Council takes to make a decision to move forward with renovations, the more costly the project as prices of materials are rising on a daily basis.

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #22, seconded by Alderman Leggett, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed 7-1-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no and Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was not present for the vote.

[23. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Modification for the Downtown Streetscape Project - Broughton Street with Astra Group Inc. in the Amount of \\$871,507. Modification No. 1 is to replace an existing deteriorated 12-inch water main as part of the Broughton Street Streetscapes Project. \(Capital Improvements\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Broughton](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Broughton](#)

Alderman Purtee asked for the expected completion date for Phase I. Assistant City Manager Lloyd answered, October.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated the modification amount was substantial and she wanted to bring it to the attention of the public. City Manager Melder explained the deterioration of the underground pipe line could not be detected at the time of the original cost estimates. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked staff to be mindful of these types of modifications for the future.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked City Manager Melder for the original amount of the contract (\$11,208,888.00 for Phase I). She asked if this was a SPLOST project. Mr. Melder answered, the Broughton Street Streetscape is a SPLOST VII project, funds from capital improvement, and bonds.

Alderwoman Lanier asked if there was any type of contingency fund for unexpected developments during construction, and will the funds be taken from the capital improvement line item. City Manager Melder indicated, this item will be paid out of the miscellaneous water line improvement fund. Alderwoman Lanier suggested bidders be required to have a contingency fund for such projects, as the underground lines in Savannah are old and they will most likely face unexpected expense during infrastructure project. Mr. Melder indicated agreement with Alderwoman Lanier.

Mayor Johnson asked City Manager Melder the consequences of not replacing the deteriorated water main (the area businesses and residents connected to that line would likely be without water).

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Item #23, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed 7-1-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no and Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was not present for the vote.

[24. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Purchase of a 2022 Ford Explorer with Wade Ford, Inc. in the Amount of \\$39,588. This vehicle will be utilized by the Office of the City Manager \(Fleet\).](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Ford Explorer](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Ford Explorer](#)

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked City Manager Melder if his car stipend would be removed after receipt of the vehicle (no, this is a vehicle for the office and for emergency management). Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated this is like the Mayor having a car, a driver and a stipend on the backs of taxpayer dollars.

Alderman Palumbo raised, point of order. Point taken by Mayor Johnson.

Alderman Purtee raised, point of order. Point taken by Mayor Johnson.

Mayor Johnson raised, point of order.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked what is the point of order. Mayor Johnson stated it was not relevant.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked Clerk of Council and City Attorney Lovett to weigh-in on the point of order.

Mayor Johnson stated Alderwoman Gibson-Carter's statement is not relevant and is inappropriate.

Alderman Purtee asked that Alderwoman Gibson-Carter be removed from the meeting, per Robert's Rule of Order, if the behavior does not change.

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Item #24, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed 7-1-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no and Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was not present for the vote.

SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION

[25. Approval of Task Order No. 20 with AECOM Technical Services, Inc. in the Amount of \\$36,636 for the Baggage Handling Programming Concept Study.](#)

[Exhibit 1: AECOM - Task Order No. 20 - Proposal.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Baggage Handling System Drawing.jpg](#)

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Items #25, #26, #27, #29, #30, #31, #32 and #33, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was not present for the vote.

[26. Approval to Renew the Professional Services Agreement with Blue Voyage Productions in the Amount of \\$74,060 for High Impact Video Presentation Services.](#)

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Items #25, #26, #27, #29, #30, #31, #32 and #33, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was not present for the vote.

[27. Approval of a Sponsorship with Zawyer Sports, Owners, and Operators of the Savannah Ghost Pirates in the Amount of \\$80,000.](#)

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Items #25, #26, #27, #29, #30, #31, #32 and #33, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was not present for the vote.

[28. Approval for Brooks Stillwell, LLC to Engage Lewis Law Group in the Amount \\$100,000 for Real Estate Legal Services.](#)

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if Brooks Stillwell will receive any of the \$100,000.00. Savannah Airport Commission representative Dawoud Stevenson explained, Brooks Stillwell is legal counsel for the Airport Commission and he has commissioned the Lewis Law Group for legal services in the amount of \$100,000.00.

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Item #28, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 6-2-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was not present for the vote.

[29. Approval to Execute a Five \(5\) Year Software License and Support Agreement with ProDIGIQ, Inc. in the Amount of \\$241,000.](#)

[Exhibit 1: ProDIGIQ Commission Slide.pptx](#)

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Items #25, #26, #27, #29, #30, #31, #32 and #33, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was not present for the vote.

[30. Approval of Amendment No. 1 to Task Order No. 3 with Pond & Company in the Amount of \\$251,780 for Additional Design Services for the Air Cargo Facility.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Pond Amendment No.1 to Task Order No. 3 LEED.pdf](#)

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Items #25, #26, #27, #29, #30, #31, #32 and #33, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was not present for the vote.

[31. Approval of Task Order No. 19 with AECOM Technical Services, Inc. in the Amount of \\$277,580 for Design and Construction Phase Services for the Fuel Storage Facility Expansion.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Task Order No. 19 - Proposal.pdf](#)

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Items #25, #26, #27, #29, #30, #31, #32 and #33, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was not present for the vote.

[32. Approval to Procure a Common Use Passenger Processing System from Infax, Inc., in the Amount of \\$409,009.](#)

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Items #25, #26, #27, #29, #30, #31, #32 and #33, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was not present

for the vote.

[33. Approval to Execute a Contract with Erickson Associates, Inc. in the Amount of \\$601,000 for the Lifecycle Replacement 750-Ton Chiller Project.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Chiller Image.png](#)

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Items #25, #26, #27, #29, #30, #31, #32 and #33, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was not present for the vote.

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

[34. Approval of a Resolution to Authorize the City Manager to Execute a FY2021 Emergency Solutions Grant Contract with Family Promise of the Coastal Empire for 2022 Homelessness Prevention Services.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Resolution - FY2021 ESG Funds - Family Promise.pdf](#)

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked City Manager Melder if the \$93,970.00 was for the October 2020 allocation. Director of Human Services Kerri Reed answered, the HUD funds were received in 2020, but there were no applicants responding to the RFP so the funds were put back out. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter requested City Manager Melder to create a better process for local agencies to have access to the funds. Mayor Johnson indicated HUD has strict guidelines as to how the funds can be allocated.

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #34, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed 8-0-1. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was not present for the vote.

[35. Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Community Housing Services Agency, Inc. \(CHSA\) to Make a \\$560,000 Loan from the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund in Support of a 2022 LIHTC Application to Preserve and Renovate 88 Affordable Housing Apartments at Heritage Place Apartments in the Cuyler-Brownville Neighborhood.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Resolution - Support of Favorable Financing for Heritage Place Apts 2022 LIHTC Application.pdf](#)

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Items #35 through #45, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was not present for the vote.

[36. Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of a City Owned Property Approximately 3.8 Acres in Size Located at 4801 Meding Street to the Chatham County/City of Savannah Land Bank Authority for the Purpose of Supporting a 2022, 9% Low Income Housing Tax Credit Application that, if Approved, will Result in the Development of 80 Affordable Apartments for Low-Income Senior Citizens.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Resolution - Authorizing Transfer of 3.8 Acres of Fairgrounds Site to Land Bank Authority.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Site Map.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Community Meeting Dates.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 4: 3.85 Acre Option to Purchase Agreement.docx](#)

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Items #35 through #45, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was not present for the vote.

[37. Approval of a Resolution Adopting Amendment #1 to the Tatemville Neighborhood Redevelopment Plan in Support of Investments, Incentives, and Policies that Facilitate the Retention, Improvement and Development of Affordable Housing.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Resolution Adopting the Tatemville Neighborhood Redevelopment Plan Amendment #1.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Amendment #1 to the Tatemville Neighborhood Redevelopment Plan with Appendix #1.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: City of Savannah Fairgrounds Presentation - Final.pdf](#)

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Items #35 through #45, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was not present for the vote.

[38. Approval of a Resolution Supporting the Establishment of the Savannah-Chatham County Interagency Council on Homelessness/Continuum of Care.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Resolution - Support of Interagency Council of Homelessness.pdf](#)

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Items #35 through #45, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was not present for the vote.

AGREEMENTS

[39. Approval of a Water and Sewer Agreement with Brookhaven Development, LLC for Brookhaven Phase 3 \(District 1\). This is a development consisting of 39 single family homes in the Godley West Service Area off Highlands Boulevard.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Water & Sewer Agreement - Brookhaven Phase 3.pdf](#)

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Items #35 through #45, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was not present for the vote.

[40. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Bradley Lot Developers, LLC for Bradley Point Phase 8 \(District 5\). This is a development consisting of 32 single family homes in the Gateway Service Area off Bradley Boulevard.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Water & Sewer Agreement - Bradley Point Phase 8.pdf](#)

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Items #35 through #45, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was not present for the vote.

[41. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Bradley Lot Developers, LLC for Bradley Point Phase 12 \(District 5\). This is a development consisting of 44 single family homes in the Gateway Service Area off Bradley Boulevard.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Water & Sewer Agreement - Bradley Point Phase 12.pdf](#)

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Items #35 through #45, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was not present for the vote.

[42. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with D.R. Horton Homes Inc for The Pines at New Hampstead Phase 2 \(District 5\). This is a development consisting of 48 single family homes on Turpentine Trail in the Travis Field Service Area.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Water & Sewer Agreement - The Pines at New Hampstead Phase 2.pdf](#)

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Items #35 through #45, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was not present for the vote.

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

[43. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract to Grant an Access Easement Across the Savannah Ogeechee Canal at 1400 Canal Bank Road.](#)

[Exhibit 1: 1400 Canal Bank - Easement.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Dyches Easement Agreement.docx](#)

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Items #35 through #45, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was not present for the vote.

[44. Authorize the City Manager to Approve a Land Exchange with Mr. Mukesh Sheth at Little Neck Road/Canal Bank Road \(PIN 51009 02022\).](#)

[Exhibit 1: Map - Canal Bank Road.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Canal Bank Plat - Revised.pdf](#)

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Items #35 through #45, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was not present for the vote.

[45. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Fourth Amendment to the Existing Lease Agreement to Allow T-Mobile to Upgrade their Equipment on the City-Owned Water Tower at 400 Airport Avenue.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Map - 400 Airport Road.pdf](#)

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

[Exhibit 3: Department Response - 400 Airport Avenue.pdf](#)

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Items #35 through #45, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was not present for the vote.

MISCELLANEOUS

[46. Approval to Install a Granite Memorial Bench Celebrating 250 Years of American Freedom within Johnson Square on the Corner of Bull and East Congress Streets.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Submittal Packet.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Signed Board Recommendation to City Council.pdf](#)

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Item #46, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

[47. Authorize Supplemental Budget Appropriations to the FY 2022 Operating and Capital Improvement Program.](#)

[Exhibit 1: FY22 Q1 Operating Budget Amendment.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: FY22 Q1 Capital Budget Amendment.pdf](#)

Per Mayor Johnson, Item #47 was Heard after Item #13.

Alderman Purtee discussed the line item for appropriation of \$2.5 million for Tribble park repairs. He is requesting an environmental impact study with an engineering long-term, longevity project plan. City Manager Melder agreed to move forward with the request.

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Item #47, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

City Manager Melder announced Savannah was awarded the US Environmental Protection Agency \$500,000.00 Brownfield Grant. This is the second time Savannah has received the Brownfield Grant. Mr. Melder thanked the community for advising on the grant, and Director, Environment Sustainability Nick Deffley and Energy Analyst Alicia Brown for getting the grant submitted.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely requested a workshop on the blight tax fee, how it is assessed, and the locations. She has received numerous calls from residents receiving blight tax fees up to \$10,000.00 including a gentlemen on Gwinnett Street receiving a fee of \$2,000.00. City Manager Melder cited the workshop schedule through July. Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked Mr. Melder to add blight tax fee.

Alderman Purtee congratulated all the students graduating from Savannah State and Georgia Southern Universities this year.

Alderman Leggett advised Council the blighted tax fee assessed to the man on Gwinnett Street; staff has responded that the notice sent was not acknowledged, consequently, he received a blight tax fee.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter sent condolences out to all the families who have lost loved ones to senseless gun violence on the streets of Savannah.

Mayor Johnson thanked Team Savannah for their service to the residents, and sent out condolences on behalf of Council to families who have lost loved ones to gun violence on the streets of Savannah.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 3:39 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=FkDS4WoRuu0k>

Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: _____

Signature: _____

