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**SAVANNAH CITY GOVERNMENT**  
**SUMMARY/FINAL MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**  
**MAY 13, 2021 – 2:00 p.m.**

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, the regular meeting of the City Council was held via Zoom video communications at 2:05 p.m. Following the roll call, Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Purtee to introduce Rabbi Robert Haas, spiritual leader of Congregation of Mickve Israel, who delivered the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

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

Alderman Keshia 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

Assistant City Manager Heath Lloyd

City Attorney Bates Lovett

Clerk of Council Mark Massey

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

[1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for May 13, 2021](#)

**a.** Alderman Gibson-Carter moved to amend the Agenda to include a Resolution to commit the City of Savannah to the Protection of Nature, Waterways and Neighborhood Streets through Management of Acceptable Single Use Packaging and Products, seconded by Alderman Miller Blakely. The motion failed, 2-6-0. Alderman Gibson-Carter and Alderman Miller Blakely voted yea, with Mayor Johnson, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Alderman Leggett, Alderman Wilder-Bryan, Alderman Palumbo and Alderman Purtee voting no. Alderman Lanier did not vote.

Mayor Johnson requested a two (2) week time-frame to allow the Acting City Manager and City Attorney to make recommendations and edits prior to placing the Resolution on the Agenda at the May 27, 2021 Regular Council Meeting.

**b.** Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve the Agenda as presented, seconded by Alderman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

[2. Approval of Minutes for the Work Session & City Manager's Briefing Held on April 22, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Agenda Plus\\_DRAFT WS MINUTES\\_April 22, 2021 City Council Workshop.pdf](#)

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

[3. Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on April 22, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Agenda Plus\\_DRAFT RM MINUTES\\_April-22-2021-city-council-regular-meeting\\_agenda\\_packet.pdf](#)

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

**PRESENTATIONS**

[4. A Proclamation Declaring May as National Historic Preservation Month](#)

PRESENTED after Item#5, due to difficulty of signing on to Zoom.

Mayor Johnson presented the National Historic Preservation Month Proclamation to MPC Executive Director Melanie Wilson.

Ms. Wilson thanked Mayor and Council for the recognition and asked for continued support from the City. She thanked the MPC staff for all their hard work and cited upcoming MPC events.

Mayor Johnson and Aldermen/Alderwomen gave words of encouragement and thanks for the MPC staff and educational events.

[5. A Proclamation Recognizing Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Savannah Alumnae Chapter's 80th Anniversary of Chapter Charter](#)

Mayor Johnson presented Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Alumnae Chapter's 80th Anniversary, Chapter Charter Proclamation to Dr. Sametria R. McFall, President, Twana Maben and Laura Wiggins (not present).

On behalf of the membership, Dr. McFall thanked Mayor and Council for the recognition and the Proclamation.

**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.)**

[6. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Victory Drive Median Grounds Maintenance with Russell Landscape Savannah, Inc. \(Local\) for up to \\$36,000 \(Event No. 6284\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Victory Drive Median Grounds Maint.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Specifications - Victory Drive Median Grounds Maint.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Purchasing Notes - Victory Drive Median Grounds Maint.pdf](#)

Acting City Manager Brown commented, with respect to Items #6 and #9, Assistant City Manager Heath Lloyd and staff has designed an initiative entitled Small Public Works in an effort to promote small business efforts within the City. Mr. Lloyd added the focus will be to give local and MWBE's an opportunity to register and compete for contract awards with the City.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely questioned the local presence of Russell Landscape. Mr. Lloyd assured her that Russell Landscape is a local business. Alderman Palumbo offered the suggestion that the City staff is making an effort to be inclusive of smaller local businesses when awarding bid contracts. Mr. Lloyd agreed with Alderman Palumbo. Mayor Johnson endorsed the local business initiative.

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #6, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier, Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 7-2-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no.

Alderwoman Lanier asked about the contract renewals; is this the second or third renewal. Mr. Lloyd will verify which renewal with the purchasing department. Later during the discussions, Mr. Lloyd confirmed by the purchasing department Item #6 is the second renewal for Russell Landscape

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter requested the City Manager to provide the report of purchases made/authorized by the City Manager valued at less than \$25,000.00 and an update on the status of the City partnering with the justice system and homeless nonprofits to employ individuals in need of work to help with litter clean-up. Mr. Brown indicated COVID has in some way limited progress on the work program, but City staff is working out the logistics and will submit a report to Council.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz thanked City staff for revisions to the bid/contract breakdown for local, small and MWBE's business inclusions for opportunities to work with the City.

[7. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Event and Film Permit Software with Event Approvals, Inc. in the Amount of \\$45,000 \(Event No. 8421\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Event and Film Permit Software.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Event and Film Permit Software.pdf](#)

Alderwoman Miller Blakely expressed concerns with the contract amount and asked if staff reached out to Savannah Economic Development Authority (SEDA) and The Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD) to assist/share in the cost for the program. Acting City Manager Brown answered, the City is involved in various special and ongoing events, and this software program is necessary to keep track of the business, events, timeline, permits, any obstacles, and fees. Mayor Johnson indicated the program makes for an efficient experience for the customer, and the cost of the program is fully recovered from the fees. SEDA will contribute \$10,000.00 towards the cost of the program.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #7, seconded by Alderman Purtee. The motion passed, 7-2-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no.

[8. Notification of an Emergency Purchase for a Water Main Leak Repair with EA Tapping Services in the Amount of \\$48,500. \(Event No. 8425\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Water Main Leak Repair.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Water Main Leak Repair.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #8, seconded by Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

#### PURCHASING ITEMS

[9. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Sidewalk, Curb and Cobblestone Repair Services with Savannah River Utilities \(Local, Primary\) and Savannah Paving, Inc. \(Secondary\) for up to \\$1,900,000 \(Event No. 7079\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Sidewalk, Curb and Cobblestone Repairs.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Specifications - Sidewalk, Curb and Cobblestone Repairs.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Purchasing Notes - Sidewalk, Curb and Cobblestone Repairs.pdf](#)

Alderman Purtee asked if the contract is just for Rousakis Plaza and the Riverwalk area. Assistant City Manager Lloyd answered, this is a City-wide service to repair the sidewalks and curbs. Alderman Purtee requested a priority list of sidewalk repairs by District, relative to the 88 trip hazard locations. Mayor Johnson requested staff to provide Council the trip hazards list. Mr. Lloyd will prepare and distribute the list to Council Members.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter suggested having workshops on larger contracts for Council's review prior to inclusion on the agenda. She asked Mr. Brown if the \$1.9 million will be used only for cobblestone along Riverwalk. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter requested a priority list of the worst streets in Savannah by RoadBotics. Mayor Johnson clarified the description for the use of the \$1.9 million. The contract will be used to install new sidewalks and requested Capital Improvement Projects. Mr. Brown explained the \$1.9 million will be used throughout the City, including the Riverwalk area, for the repair of sidewalks and curbs. He encouraged any Council Member who has a question concerning the agenda, to call his office about those items prior to the meeting for clarity.

Alderwoman Lanier stated the City has infrastructure issues and needs to prioritize projects to alleviate many of the problems. She mentioned, sometimes just driving throughout the City and identifying needed sidewalk and curb repairs would make for equitable distribution of the work. Mayor Johnson agreed with Alderwoman Lanier and mentioned part of the work of the taskforces are racial equity and leadership. He will soon present an initiative for the City to start looking at everything through a diversity and equity lense.

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #9, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed, 7-2-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no.

[10. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Budget Management Software from SHI International Corp. in the Amount of \\$295,000 \(Event No. 7075\)](#)

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

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

**a.** Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #10, #11 and #12, per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. (No vote was taken.)

**b.** Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz revised the motion and moved to approve Items #10 and #12, per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation, seconded by Mayor Johnson. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no.

[11. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Equity Lease Agreement for 303 Light-Duty City Vehicles with Enterprise Fleet Management in the Amount of \\$ \\$1,492,982 \(Event No. 8211\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Vehicle Lease Agreement.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Vehicle Lease Agreement.pdf](#)

**a.** Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #10, #11 and #12, per Acting City Manager

Brown's recommendation, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. (No vote was taken.)

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked Acting City Manager Brown if staff's statement from the prior meeting "to own is better than to lease" was a correct statement. Mr. Brown stated in some instances it is better to lease than own, especially when it comes to light-duty trucks and sedans because they have a longer life. However, heavy duty trucks, specialty vehicles and dump trucks it is better to own.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked questions concerning the City's conversion to electric vehicles. Mr. Brown stated the City will need to add numerous electric charging stations, prior to purchasing a fleet of electric vehicles. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter reminded Council Members, in 2019 many of the Aldermen/Alderwomen emphasized creating an energy efficient City during campaign pledges. Mr. Brown stated the City staff is working diligently toward an energy efficient City, however, it will take time to migrate to a fully electric fleet.

Alderman Palumbo stated with this agenda, it marks the largest addition of alternative fuel vehicles in the City's history. It will cut CO2 emissions by 23% and save taxpayers money by going from \$0.46 to \$0.40 per gallon. Alderman Palumbo took a point of personal privilege to address references to the 2019 campaign that should not be rehashed during meetings.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely called for point of order.

In reference to the environment, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan noted the City will purchase 21 electric and 91 hybrid vehicles; the largest move toward a cleaner environment. The current administration is in line with their priorities for the City.

Alderman Leggett asked Mr. Brown and Mr. Lloyd if the City was on schedule to replace the current fleet of vehicles with electric vehicles over time and negotiating for a cooperative agreement with the power company for more electric vehicle charging stations. Mr. Brown answered, yes.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely inquired about the 559 vehicles the City will sell over the next five years, where they will be sold, and if the public will be able to purchase any of the vehicles. Mr. Brown and Mr. Lloyd answered the public will be able to purchase the vehicles at an auction; the site is [www.govdeals.com](http://www.govdeals.com).

**b.** Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #11, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter did not vote.

[12. Authorize the City Manager to Procure Network Services and Equipment with Layer 3 \(Local\) in the Amount of \\$205,054.23 \(Event No. 8420\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Network Services and Equipment.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Network Services and Equipment.pdf](#)

**a.** Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #10, #11 and #12, per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. (No vote was taken.)

**b.** Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz revised the motion and moved to approve Items #10 and #12, per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation, seconded by Mayor Johnson. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no.

#### SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION

[13. Approval of a Marketing Agreement with Verb Interactive Inc. for the Production of a Stakeholder Video and a 12-Month Digital Media Marketing Program, in the Amount of \\$135,000](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #13 through #21, seconded by Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

[14. Approval of a Five-Year Renewal Service Agreement with INFAX, Inc. for Multi-User Flight Information Display System \(MUFIDS\), YCD Video Displays, and SAV's Daktronics Monitor in the Amount of \\$302,065](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #13 through #21, seconded by Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

[15. Approval to Ratify the Acceptance of Airport Coronavirus Response Grant Program \(ACRGP\) Grant Offer No. 3-13-0100-068-2021 from the Federal Aviation Administration, in the Amount of \\$312,985](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #13 through #21, seconded by Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

[16. Approval to Ratify the Acceptance of Airport Coronavirus Response Grant Program \(ACRGP\) Grant Offer No. 3-13-0100-069-2021 from the Federal Aviation Administration, in the Amount of \\$4,987,807](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #13 through #21, seconded by Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

[17. Approval to Execute a Contract with Barnett Southern Corporation, Inc. to Cover Construction Services Related to the Southeast Quadrant Stormwater Drainage Project in the Amount of \\$8,121,466](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #13 through #21, seconded by Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

[18. Approval of a Fourth Amendment to Task Work Order Number 2 with AECOM Technical Services Inc. for the Southeast Quadrant Stormwater Drainage Improvements Project, in an Amount Not To Exceed \\$177,801](#)

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #13 through #21, seconded by Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

[19. Approval of Task Work Order Number 3 with Pond & Company for the Design and Engineering of the Air Cargo Facility in the Amount of \\$4,989,416](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #13 through #21, seconded by Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

[20. Approval of Change Order Number 1 for a Professional Services Agreement with Reeves Construction Company for the Site Clearing Areas T, U, V & Parking Improvements Project, in the Amount of \\$156,440](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #13 through #21, seconded by Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

[21. Approval of an Emergency Operations Center Land and Facility Lease Agreement and Commission's Pro-Rata Share, in the Estimated Amount of \\$8,529,055](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #13 through #21, seconded by Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

#### BOARD APPOINTMENTS

[22. Nomination of Mr. Matthew S. Hallett to Replace Mr. Nelson Gassman, a Vacated Position on the Traffic Calming Committee \(Post 1 - At-Large Seat\) for a Three-Year Term Ending December 31, 2023, as Recommended by Alderwoman Gibson-Carter](#)

Alderwoman Lanier requested looking carefully at the idea of holding a workshop, prior to the budget review process, pertaining to traffic calming intervention and addressing these related issues due to a high volume of complaints/calls received.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter moved to approve Item #22, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously.

#### ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS

[23. Approval of a Class B \(Liquor\)\(Manufacturer\) Alcohol License for Pratt Mathews of HOP Atomica at 535 East 35th Street \(Aldermanic District 2\)](#)

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

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

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

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

Mayor Johnson opened the alcohol license hearings for Items #23 and #25.

#### **No Speakers.**

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked if the two (2) neighboring Homeowners Associations (HOA) had any comments/concerns relating to the establishment, since the neighborhoods are in close proximity to the business selling alcohol. Alderman Leggett reported the Thomas Square HOA approves and he has no other complaints/concerns from local leadership; he is ready to move forward with approval. Mayor Johnson asked if the distance is compliant with State requirements. Acting City Manager Brown stated the item would not be on the agenda, if it did not meet the distance requirements. Attorney Lovett reported the distance requirement is 100 yards.

**a.** Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the hearings for Items #23 and #25, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

**b.** Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #23, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan called for point of order, due to multiple people speaking at the same time.

**c.** Alderwoman Gibson-Carter offered an alternative motion to approve Item #23 contingent upon verification of State distance (yards) requirements from a church, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion failed, 3-5-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier voted yea, with Mayor Johnson, Alderman Leggett, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan, Alderman Palumbo and Alderman Purtee voting no. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz did not vote.

Mr. Brown reported the facility is in compliance with State distance requirements. The closest church is Victory Bible Fellowship, 1,760 yards from the business establishment (the minimum requirement is 100 yards); the closest school, Susie King Taylor, is 1,408 yards (the minimum requirement is 200

yards); and the closest hospital, Georgia Regional Hospital, is 9,856 yards (the minimum distance is 100 yards).

[24. Approval of a Class E \(Beer, Wine\)\(By the Package\) Alcohol License for Jay P. Patel of Habersham Market at 1220 Habersham Street \(Aldermanic District 2\)](#)

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

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

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

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

At the request of the neighborhood association, Alderman Leggett moved to continue/postpone Item #24 to the May 27, 2021 Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

[25. Approval of a Class C \(Liquor, Beer, Wine\)\(By the Drink\) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales for Mark Hoplamazian of Thompson Hotel at 201 Port Street \(Aldermanic District 1\)](#)

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

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

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

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

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**No Speakers.**

- a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the hearings for Items #23 and #25, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. Alderwoman Lanier moved to close the hearing for Item #25, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously.
- c. Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #25, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously.

[26. Approval of a Class C \(Beer, Wine\)\(By the Package\) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales for Louis A. Cobello for Screamin' Mimi's at 513 East Oglethorpe Avenue \(Aldermanic District 2\)\(Continued until June 10 Meeting, per Applicant\)](#)

[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's1.pdf](#)

Alderman Leggett reported the petitioner for Screamin' Mimi's, Item #26 alcohol license petition, could not be located.

Alderman Leggett moved to continue/postpone Item #26 to the June 10, 2021 Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

**RESOLUTIONS**

[27. Approval of a Resolution Ratifying the Mayor's May 4, 2021 Extension of the Emergency Mask or Face Covering Order](#)

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz thanked Mayor Johnson for his continuous diligence to monitor and protect the citizens and visitors of Savannah during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #27, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was not present.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked when the parks and recreation centers will reopen. Mayor Johnson indicated the parks and recreation centers are now open. The summer sports and summer camps are now operating. Acting City Manager Brown will resend the reopening notices to Council Members.

**AGREEMENTS**

[28. Approval to Modify and Extend the PY2020 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act \(WIOA\) Year-Round Youth Sub-Awards to Administer the WIOA Youth Summer Work Experience Program in the amount of \\$350,000](#)

[Area 19 WIOA PY 20 Youth \\$ 1,238,673.pdf](#)

[CWDB Executive Committee Agenda-Summer WEX.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #28 and #29, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier, Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was not present.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely requested information concerning these awards and grant opportunities be made available to the public. Acting City Manager Brown will post information for public viewing.

[29. Approval to Modify and Extend the PY2020 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act \(WIOA\) Year-Round Adult, Dislocated Worker, One-Stop Operator, and Youth Sub-awards in the Amount of \\$199,832](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #28 and #29, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier, Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was not present.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan congratulated City staff on participating in the programs. This is a step forward in the Council's priority on the decrease of poverty reduction strategy.

#### REAL ESTATE ITEMS

[30. Approval of a Property Exchange with the Georgia Transmission Corporation within the New Hampstead Community to Facilitate Development of a New Electrical Sub-Station](#)

[Exhibit 1: Map - GTC Property Exchange.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #30, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was not present.

#### CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

[31. Settlement #1](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #31, authorizing the City Attorney to resolve an ankle and knee injury case involving Ms. Darlene Tyson in the amount of \$125,000.00, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was not present.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Mayor Johnson announced the City of Savannah is now an Amazon community, although it is in the unincorporated area of the County. This accomplishment was a group effort with SEDA, the State and County, and the City, who is the provider of water and sewer. With a focus on robotics, there will be 1000 new jobs in the community, with a minimum salary of \$15/hour. The facility will open sometime next year.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely expressed concern about having too many temporary employees and she recommends hiring permanent employees, due to a recent vehicle accident in a City vehicle made by a temporary employee. Alderwoman Miller Blakely is also concerned about a letter left in her mailbox concerning employees in the Recycling Department. She spoke previously to the City Manager about implementing an Ethics policy which she hopes will be on the next meeting agenda.

Mayor Johnson gave a shout-out to Chief Minter and our Police Department for dealing with a very harrowing circumstance, shooting of a mother and kidnapping of two six-year-old twins. The mother is in critical but stable condition. Due to the work of the Police Department and community tips, the two children are now returned to the safe custody of their families.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan commended the citizens of our community, by coming through with tips. If you see something, say something. There was great detective work and a community who cared. It was amazing to see them walk from door-to-door, and to use information from the Ring videos. We are in our third day of cease fire, and it has been proven we can take care of ourselves. The police department did a remarkable job. Kudos to the detectives and the community for bringing those babies home. We will continue to pray for the mother who is in stable but critical condition.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 4:00 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=tAX8suA3tQXA>

Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

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

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