



MAY 26, 2022, 6:30 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 6:32 p.m. Mayor Johnson introduced Bishop Deloris M. Young, Senior Pastor of Greater Pentecostal Temple (GPT) of Hardeeville, SC, 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 26, 2022.](#)

Mayor Johnson requested to add the recognition of Savannah State University 2021-2022 athletic achievements to the agenda.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve the agenda as amended to add Savannah State University 2021-2022 athletic achievements, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderman Leggett 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 May 12, 2022 at 12:30 p.m.](#)

[Agenda Plus_WS DRAFT MINUTES_May 12, 2022 City Council Workshop.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. No vote was taken, see discussion under Item #3.

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2022, meetings, seconded by Alderman Purtee. The motion passed, 6-3-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier voted no.

[3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on May 12, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.](#)

[Agenda Plus_RM DRAFT MINUTES_May 12, 2022 City Council Regular Meeting.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. No vote was taken, see discussion below.

After inquires from citizens, Alderwoman Miller Blakely requested clarification/explanation of Item #14 from the May 12, 2022, meeting.

City Manager Melder briefly detailed the 2018 International Plumbing Code (IPC) allowing a more flexible use of shared bathroom facilities between male and female in the latest version of the IPC. He explained when new restrooms are built, there will be individual stalls, but sink and soap areas can be shared.

After hearing the explanation, Alderwoman Miller Blakely requested her vote on Item #14 from May 12, 2022 meeting be changed to no.

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to reconsider the vote of Item #14 from May 12, 2022 meeting, seconded by Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Lanier. The motion failed, 4-5-0. Mayor Johnson, Alderman Leggett, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan, Alderman Palumbo and Alderman Purtee voted no.

b. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter moved to reconsider (amend her vote to no) Item #36, Items #39 through #44, and Item #47 from the May 12, 2022 meeting, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. No vote was taken.

Alderman Palumbo raised a point of clarity. Is this a reconsideration of each agenda item from May 12, 2022 or to amend the minutes to reflect a no vote by a Member of Council.

Mayor Johnson indicated, it is a reconsideration of the stated items by Alderwoman Gibson-Carter.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter advised the acknowledgment of her request in today's meeting to reconsider her vote would be sufficient. She withdrew her motion.

Alderwoman Lanier requested reconsideration (to amend her vote to no) for Item #14 from the May 12, 2022 meeting. Clerk of Council Massey advised a vote has already been taken for reconsideration to amend Item #14 from the May 12, 2022 meeting. The motion failed.

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2022, meetings, seconded by Alderman Purtee. The motion passed, 6-3-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier voted no.

(ADD-ON)

PRESENTATION:

[Recognition of Savannah State University 2021-2022 Athletic Achievements.](#)

Mayor Johnson introduced Savannah State University President Kimberly Ballard-Washington, J.D. and congratulated the university's teams on the outstanding achievements of baseball, women's basketball, men's basketball, tennis, track & field player of the year, baseball coach of the year and basketball coach of the year. Dr. Ballard-Washington thanked Mayor and Council for the recognition and introduced the coaches and team members who attended the meeting.

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

[4. 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. \(Continued from May 12, 2022\)](#)

[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 #4 to the June 9, 2022, City Council Meeting, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously.

[5. Approval of a Class C \(Liquor, Beer, Wine\) \(By the Drink\) Alcohol License to Alton Brecker for Bar Bubbly, a Bar/Lounge at 38 Whitaker Street between W. Congress and W. Broughton Streets in Aldermanic District 2.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Checklist - Bar Bubbly20220519_0117.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Density Map - Bar Bubbly20220519_0118.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Bar Bubbly20220519_0120.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Bar Bubbly20220519_0121.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Bar Bubbly20220316_12201233.pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearing for Item #5 open.

No Speaker(s).

a. Alderman Leggett moved to close the alcohol hearing for Item #5, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #5, seconded by Alderwoman Gibson-Carter. The motion passed unanimously.

[6. Approval of a Class C \(Liquor, Beer, Wine\) \(By the Drink\) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to David Sampson for Civic Center Main Lobby & Johnny Mercer Theater, an Event Venue at 301 W. Oglethorpe Avenue between Montgomery and Barnard Streets in Aldermanic District 2. \(Staff recommends continuation to June 9, 2022\).](#)

[Exhibit 1: Checklist - Ovations Food Service20220519_0113.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Density Map - Ovations Food Service20220519_0114.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Ovations Food Service20220519_0115.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Ovations Food Service20220519_0116.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Civic Center.pdf](#)

HEARD after Item #4.

Alderman Leggett moved to continue/hold Item #6 to the June 9, 2022, City Council Meeting, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

ZONING HEARINGS

[7. Josh Yellin on Behalf of Colin Breland, Madeline Ott, and Zachary Shultz for Riette Bradley, is Requesting a Special Use Permit at 2805 Bull Street \(20074 33001\) for a Bar/Tavern Use. The parcel is zoned TC-1 \(Traditional Commercial - 1\) in Aldermanic District 5. The applicant will offer wine and beer options with a light food menu and is proposing a packaged wine sale area. File No. 22-001219-ZA.](#)

[Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet \(File No. 22-001219-ZA\)](#)

[Exhibit 2: Maps - 2805 Bull Street \(File No. 22-001219-ZA\)](#)

[Exhibit 3: Boundary Survey Floor Plan Elevations - 2805 Bull Street \(File No. 22-001219-ZA\)](#)

[Exhibit 4: Zoning Confirmation Letter - 2805 Bull Street \(File No. 22-001219-ZA\)](#)

[Exhibit 5: 1955 Sanborn Map - 2805 Bull Street \(File No. 22-001219-ZA\)](#)

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing for Item #7 open.

Speaker(s) present:

- Marcus Lotson, MPC representative. MPC recommended approval with conditions noted in the application.

Written comment(s) received:

- Josh Yellin, representing the applicant submitted 18 letters of support.

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #7, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #7, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz advised the public, the establishment/property is not in the 5th District alcohol overlay.

[8. Travis Stringer on Behalf of Beth Vantosh is Requesting a Special Use Permit at 11 East 40th Street \(20074 01003\) for a Parking Lot Use. The parcel is zoned TC-1 \(Traditional Commercial - 1\) in Aldermanic District 2. This will operate as a remote private parking lot for overflow parking at Starland Village. \(File No. 22-001608-ZA\).](#)

[Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet - 11 E. 40th Street \(File No. 22-001608-ZA\)](#)

[Exhibit 2: Maps - 11 E. 40th Street \(File No. 22-001608-ZA\)](#)

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing for Item #8 open.

Speaker(s) present:

- Marcus Lotson, MPC representative. MPC recommended approval.
- Robert McCorkle, representing the applicant.
- Wendy Picone, resident - OPPOSED, unable to park in front of home.

Mayor Johnson asked Mr. Lotson for the lawful permissions of traditional commercial for the property (restaurant, retail, and mixed use residential).

Alderman Leggett is agreeable to continue Item #8 for an opportunity to have resident meetings and further due diligence.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if the owner of the property in the rear has been contacted concerning the storage of the vehicles currently on the proposed parking lot. (Mr. McCorkle answered, the business in the rear is leasing the space from the owner. He has not met or spoken with the owner of the business. The property in question is owned by the applicant).

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked if the property is being leased by the business in the rear to store disabled vehicles, where will the disabled vehicles on the property now be stored. Mr. McCorkle stated the owner of the business will need to find another location to store the disabled vehicles. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter recommended meeting with the neighborhood association to resolve the parking for homeowners.

Alderman Palumbo requested clarification from Mr. Lotson on approval for the Starland Village parking requirements. Mr. Lotson indicated creating an additional overflow parking lot would reduce on-street parking.

Alderwoman Lanier has concerns for the standards of special use permits to allow this type development. The city is working towards more housing and a greener city by establishing walking/bike trails to eliminate cars. She stated continuing to approve developments of parking lots is in total opposition to the city's priorities.

Mayor Johnson indicated the property is privately owned, therefore, the owner of the property can determine what is their highest and best use of the land.

Alderman Leggett asked City Manager Melder if a plan or study can be implemented to mirror the type of parking policies established for the residents in Washington, DC. (yes).

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan feels the parking lot will not alleviate Ms. Picone's circumstances of not being able to park in front of her home, Thursday through Saturday evening. Resident street parking is an issue in Savannah that needs attention/policies. Until some type of policy is established for the residents street parking in front of their homes, this will remain an issue. If she had to vote now, she would abstain. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan asked Mr. McCorkle how many spaces would be available in the overflow parking lot (20).

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked Mr. McCorkle if the parking lot would be a pay-to-park parking lot. Mr. McCorkle indicated, the overflow lot will be for Starland Village, it is part of the Starland Village development.

Alderman Leggett moved to continue/hold Item #8 to the June 9, 2022 City Council Meeting, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

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

[9. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Modification for Variable Frequency Drive Installation with Goforth Williamson in the Amount of \\$56,334. A VFD is an electronic device used to control how water is pumped to provide service. This cost increase is due to extended delivery times and supply chain issues. \(Industrial and Domestic Plant\)](#)

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

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #9, #10, #11, #13, #14, #15, #16, #17 and #18, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

[10. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Installation of Gas Piping for Generators Installed at 4 Fiberoptic Hubs with Henry Plumbing CO., Inc. \(LOCAL DBE\) in the Amount of \\$68,920. Services will provide installation of gas piping for 4 standby generators that will ensure a functioning communication network is available during severe weather and disaster events. \(Capital Projects\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Gas Piping for IT Ring Generators](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Gas Piping for IT Ring Generators](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #9, #10, #11, #13, #14, #15, #16, #17 and #18, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

[11. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Installation of an HVAC System & Vapor Barrier System with Johnson-Laux Construction \(LOCAL DBE\) in an Amount up to \\$195,395. The vapor barrier will be installed in the archival vaults in the basement of City Hall and will reduce moisture intrusion from surrounding underground soil \(subgrade\). \(Capital Projects\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Vapor Barrier System.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Vapor Barrier System.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #9, #10, #11, #13, #14, #15, #16, #17 and #18, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

[12. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Ten Traffic Calming Devices with Traffic Logix in the Amount of \\$82,790. The traffic tables will be used in efforts to address the traffic calming requests in residential areas. \(Mobility Service\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Traffic Calming](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Traffic Calming](#)

Alderwoman Lanier asked City Manager Melder where will the ten devices be applied. She is hoping some of the devices will be applied on the west side.

Mayor Johnson recommended the traffic calming devices be placed around the parks as a first priority as a safety measure, now that schools are closed for summer.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter recommended prioritizing; look at 311, police and Council Member reports. The request for devices on the books the longest should have priority. She asked City Manager Melder the timeline for installation of the devices (will start very shortly, over the Summer months). Alderwoman Gibson-Carter thanked City Manager Melder for attending the neighborhood meetings every 5th week to hear resident concerns.

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #12, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Shabazz, Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously.

13. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Ditch Hand Mowing & Cleaning with J. Corbett Enterprise, Inc. (DBE, LOCAL) in the Amount of \$100,471. This contract is to supplement the work of City Staff in the Stormwater Management Division in the maintenance of the smaller "hand maintained" drainage ditches throughout the City. (Stormwater)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Ditch Hand Mowing.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Ditch Hand Mowing.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #9, #10, #11, #13, #14, #15, #16, #17 and #18, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

14. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Generator Maintenance with Current Edge Solutions, LLC (LOCAL) in the Amount of \$108,360. The generators provide emergency backup power to pump water at the City's seven stormwater pump stations. Routine maintenance ensures systems are always in a ready state. (Stormwater)

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

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #9, #10, #11, #13, #14, #15, #16, #17 and #18, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

15. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Protective Equipment for Savannah Fire Department with Bennet Fire Products Company in the Amount up to \$160,000. The contract will be used to provide personal protective equipment to be used by Firefighters working in immediately dangerous life or health environments such as fires. (Fire)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Protective Equipment Savannah Fire Department.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Protective Equipment Savannah Fire Department.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #9, #10, #11, #13, #14, #15, #16, #17 and #18, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

16. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 for the Repair of a Fire Pumper with Williams Fire Apparatus in the Amount of \$9,976. The original contract was to repair the City of Savannah Fire Department's fire pumper Unit #4518 that incurred extensive damage from an accident. (Fleet)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Fire Pumper.pdf](#)

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #9, #10, #11, #13, #14, #15, #16, #17 and #18, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

17. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Two (2) 56 Foot Aerial Bucket Trucks with Altec Industries, Inc. in the Amount of \$336,496. The trucks will be replacing units that have reached the end of their useful life and are no longer economical to maintain, and will be used by the Park and Tree Department to perform daily routine tree maintenance. (Fleet)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Bucket Trucks.pdf](#)

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #9, #10, #11, #13, #14, #15, #16, #17 and #18, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

18. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Two Pipeline Inspection Vans with Environmental Products Group, Inc. in the Amount of \$763,400. The two (2) new vans will be utilized by the Water Reclamation Division to perform regular water pipeline inspections and maintenance throughout the City of Savannah. (Fleet)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Inspection Vans.pdf](#)

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #9, #10, #11, #13, #14, #15, #16, #17 and #18, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

19. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 and Renewal for Microsoft Enterprise with Insight Public Sector in the Amount of \$1,494,990. The Department of Innovation and Technology Services will use this agreement to continue providing core business productivity solutions, as well as new core functionalities needed by the City. (IT)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Microsoft Enterprise.pdf](#)

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

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked City Manager Melder to explain the expense to the public. Mr. Melder explained the renewal of license for Microsoft office suites annual usage serves the entire staff.

Alderman Purtee asked City Manager Melder if the annual renewal included cyber security (yes). Alderman Palumbo asked if there were cost savings included in the contract. Director of IT Tim

Moody answered, yes.

Mayor Johnson requested City Manager Melder provide Council Members with the total number of devices operated by the IT department to show the volume coverage throughout all the city departments.

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #19, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

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

[20. Approval of a Resolution Directing the City Manager to Establish Temporary Cooling and Heating Centers During Extreme Temperature Events.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Resolution - Establishing Cooling and Heating Centers.pdf](#)

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter recommended adding shower and laundry services to the Centers.

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #20, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

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

[21. Authorize the City Manager to Approve Various Intergovernmental Agreements for Shared Use of Recreation Facilities with Board of Education. City staff have negotiated 3 comprehensive intergovernmental agreements \(IGAs\) with the Board of Public Education \(Board\) to govern the shared use of recreation facilities within each government entity's portfolio.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Second MOU re: Pool - Retroactive Extension.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Original Swimming Pools Intergovernmental Agreement.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: MOU Concerning Modified Extension of Facilities Use Agreement.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 4: Original MOU of Facilities Use Intergovernmental Agreement.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 5: Intergovernmental Agreement for Shared Recreation.pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson discussed the Intergovernmental Agreements (IGA) for shared recreational facilities for this Summer. The City has not had this type of IGA since 1999. He thanked Superintendent of Schools Dr. M. Ann Levett and Board President Dr. Joe Buck for their support of the Agreements. Language in the IGA allows for the youth of Savannah to use the Board of Education recreational facilities.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #21, seconded by Alderman Purtee. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderman Purtee was not present for the vote.

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

[22. Settlement #1](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #22, to authorize the City Attorney's Office to resolve the claim (motor vehicle wreck) of India Fireall for \$62,500.00, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed 8-0-1. Alderman Purtee was not present for the vote.

[23. Settlement #2](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #23, to authorize the City Attorney's Office to resolve the claim (motor vehicle wreck) of Lemuel and Felicia Rouse for \$175,000.00, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed 7-1-1. Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no and Alderman Purtee was not present for the vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Johnson congratulated Clerk of Council Mark Massey on graduating from the Public Manager Program today receiving a status as a Certified Public Manager. He congratulated all area graduates and Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams' son. Monday is Memorial Day Holiday, Mayor Johnson asked the public to keep all families in prayer who have lost a loved one.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely announced a Memorial Day ceremony at Laurel Grove Cemetery, 10:00 a.m. Monday. She congratulated her five grandchildren who graduated. She announced Woodville Tompkins High School outstanding credentials with 100% of graduates receiving scholarships.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter sent condolences to Rob Elementary School in Texas families and local families of those killed in gun violence. She reminded the public of the cash reward for information on the death of Desaray Gilliard of Yamacraw Village. She has received a letter from the Weeping Time Coalition requesting a June date to make a presentation to Council.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz announced an accessory dwelling units discussion on Wednesday, June 15th at Liberty City Community Center, 1401 Mills B Lane Blvd.

Alderwoman Lanier announced the Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 31st at Moses Jackson Center.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 3:19 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=ID2JavSFaj0a>

Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: _____

Signature: _____

