



OCTOBER 13, 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 2:04 p.m. Mayor Johnson introduced Bishop Matthew Marvin Odum, Senior Pastor of Temple of Glory Community Church to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

PRESENT:

Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding
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

ABSENT: Alderswoman Kesha Gibson-Carter, At-Large, Post 1

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 October 13, 2022.](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve the agenda as amended thereby continuing/postponing agenda Items #13, #17 and #23 to the October 27, 2022, City Council Meeting, seconded by Alderswoman Miller Blakely and Alderswoman Lanier. The motion passed, unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderswoman Gibson-Carter was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing Held on September 22, 2022, at 4:30 p.m.](#)

[Exhibit 1: DRAFT MINUTES-September 22, 2022 City Council Workshop Meeting.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.

[3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on September 22, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.](#)

[Exhibit 1: DRAFT MINUTES-September 22, 2022 City Council Regular Meeting.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.

PRESENTATIONS

[4. Appearance By and Appreciation of the City of Savannah Human Resources Staff in Recognition of Human Resources Professional Day.](#)

[Exhibit 1: HR Professional Day Proclamation.pdf](#)

PRESENTED and READ by Mayor Johnson to Human Resources Director Jeff Grant and HR staff.

Mr. Grant thanked Mayor and Council for the honor/recognition of the proclamation and shared human resources statistics for the past five years. He introduced the members of the Human Resources (Dream) Team and expressed gratitude for the Team's service to the public.

[5. A Proclamation Recognizing October as National Community Planning Month.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Resolution to Recognize National Planning Month in October.pdf](#)

PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson and READ by Alderman Palumbo, Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) Director Melanie Wilson, Planning & Urban Design Director Bridget Lidy, and Senior Planner Candra Teshome. Also in attendance were Development Services GIS Analyst Nusrat Fatema, Housing Senior Planner Brian Brainerd, and MPC Director of Development Services Marcus Lotson.

[6. Appearance by the National Alliance on Mental Illness \(NAMI\) in Observance of World Mental Health Awareness Day on October 10th.](#)

PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson to Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Region 5 Community Relations and Education Coordinator for Mobile Crisis Alosia Hall and Dottie Bailey with Mental Health Alert Wristbands, Inc. (Crisis Intervention Training [CIT]).

Ms. Hall discussed the issues encountered by mental health patients and how the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) has provided assistance and education of mental illness for the public. She asked for a champion to represent NAMI and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan volunteered her service. Ms. Hall presented Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan with two brochures to distribute to Council Members after she has educated herself on the information.

Ms. Bailey gave a brief history of her journey as a mental health patient and her success in overcoming the many challenges on a daily basis. She distributed mental health wristbands that she created to Council Members. The wristbands are for law enforcement officers to identify those with a mental illness.

Ms. Hall shared the Georgia mobile and access line and reported 988 is up and operating nationally. The 988 number will connect directly to the Georgia mobile and access line.

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

[7. Approval of a Class C \(Liquor, Beer, Wine\) \(By the Drink\) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Adrian L. Johnson II for The Original Sey Hey & Family, a Restaurant at 2505 Bull Street between West 41st and West 42nd Streets in Aldermanic District 2. \(Continued from the September 8, 2022 Council meeting per staff recommendation\).](#)

[Exhibit 1: Checklist - The Original Sey Hey & Family.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Density Map - The Original Sey Hey & Family.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - The Original Sey Hey & Family.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - The Original Sey Hey & Family.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 5: Security Plan - The Original Sey Hey & Family.pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings open for Items #7 through #11.

No speaker(s).

a. Alderman Palumbo moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #7 through #11, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #7, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.

[8. Approval of a Class C \(Liquor, Beer, Wine\) \(By the Drink\) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Jayshree Patel for The Finch Lounge, a Restaurant at 52 Barnard Street between West Broughton and West Congress Streets in Aldermanic District 2.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Checklist - The Finch Lounge.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Density Map - The Finch Lounge.pdf](#)

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

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

[Exhibit 5: Security Plan - The Finch Lounge.pdf](#)

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No speaker(s).

a. Alderman Palumbo moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #7 through #11, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #8, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 7-1-1. Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely stated she will be voting no on all lounges, until the City Council votes to approve the CRU Lounge.

[9. Approval of a Class D \(Wine\) \(By the Package\) Alcohol License to Nicole Krecicki for Provisions, a Wine Shop at 101 West Liberty Street between Whitaker and Barnard Streets in Aldermanic District 2.](#)

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

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

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

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

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

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No speaker(s).

a. Alderman Palumbo moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #7 through #11, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #9, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.

[10. Approval of a Class E \(Beer, Wine\) \(By the Package\) Alcohol License to Blake Greco for Parker's #88, a Convenience Store at 21 East Derenne Avenue between Abercorn Street and White Bluff Road in Aldermanic District 4.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Checklist - Parker's #88.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Density Map - Parker's #88.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Parker's #88.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Parker's #88.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Parker's #88.pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings open for Items #7 through #11.

No speaker(s).

a. Alderman Palumbo moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #7 through #11, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.

b. Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #10, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.

[11. Approval of a Class C \(Liquor, Beer, Wine\) \(By the Drink\) Alcohol License to Colin Breland for Late Air Wine Bar, a Bar/Lounge at 2805 Bull Street between West Victory Drive and West 45th Street in Aldermanic District 5.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Checklist - Late Air Wine Bar.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Density Map - Late Air Wine Bar.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Late Air Wine Bar.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Late Air Wine Bar.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Late Air Wine Bar.pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings open for Items #7 through #11.

No speaker(s).

a. Alderman Palumbo moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #7 through #11, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.

b. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #11, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed, 7-1-1. Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

[12. Second Public Hearing to Receive Comments Concerning the City's 2023-2027 Consolidated Housing and Community Development \(HCD\) Plan and the 2023 One-Year Action Plan.](#)

[Exhibit 1: HCD Goals & Priorities Snapshot 2023 - 2027 Final.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: 2023 One-Year Action Plan Proposed Budget.pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson declared the public hearing open for Item #12.

Speaker(s):

- Alderwoman Lanier expressed concern with regard to the targeted corridors and neighborhoods, specifically gentrification concerns and rapid growth. The West Bay Street corridor is vital for economic development from the viaduct to Highway 21/516 Interstate entrance. She asked for this corridor to be included going forward.
- Mayor Johnson joined Alderwoman Lanier by asking to have this area included in the 2024 One-Year Action Plan

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the public hearing for Item #12, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier, Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent. (See related agenda item #40 for action taken).

ZONING HEARINGS

[13. Petition of Robert McCorkle on behalf of Paul DeLoach to Amend the Zoning Map for Approximately 0.69 Acres at 8020 Waters Avenue and 1104-1106 Corinth Avenue \(PINs 20493 02002, 20493 02001, 20493 02001A\) from RSF-6 \(Residential Single Family-6\) to O-I \(Office Institutional\). The Planning Commission recommended rezoning the parcels to OI-T \(Office Institutional-Transitional\) in Aldermanic District 4 \(File No. 22- 003744-ZA\). \(Petitioner requested continuance of this item\).](#)

[Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for Waters and Corinth \(File No. 22-003744-ZA\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Maps for Waters and Corinth \(File No. 22-003744-ZA\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Photos of Waters and Corinth \(File No. 22-003744-ZA\).pdf](#)

CONTINUED Items #13 and #17 to the October 27, 2022 City Council Meeting, as requested by the applicant and City Manager.

[14. Bridget Lidy on behalf of the Mayor and Aldermen to Amend the Zoning Map to Expand the Streetcar Historic District Boundaries to Include 2805 Bull Street \(PIN 20074 33001\) in Aldermanic District 5 \(File No. 22-002103-ZA\).](#)

[Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for 2805 Bull Street \(File No. 22-004402\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Draft Ordinance for 2805 Bull Street \(File No. 22-004402-ZA\).pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing open for Item #14.

Speaker(s):

- Marcus Lotson, representing the MPC

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderwoman Lanier requested Mr. Lotson to provide written documentation to the entire City Council on how someone can request a parcel of land, business, or house to be included in a historic district or an overlay, if they currently are not within those areas.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #14, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent. (See related agenda item #18.)

[15. Bridget Lidy on behalf of the Mayor and Aldermen to Amend Section 7.11 of the Zoning Ordinance to Expand the Boundaries of the Streetcar District to Include a Parcel South of West Victory Drive \(File No. 22-002763-ZA\).](#)

[Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet \(File No. 22-004402\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Draft Ordinance \(File No. 22-004402-ZA\).pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing open for Item #15.

Speaker(s):

- Marcus Lotson, representing the MPC

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #15, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent. (See related agenda item #19.)

[16. Petition of Josh Yellin on behalf of J & J Properties of Savannah, LLC to Zone Approximately 10.04 Acres at 340 Buckhalter Road \(PIN 10941 01017\) from R-A \(Residential Agricultural\) to R-A-CO \(Residential - Agricultural- County\) to Support an Annexation Petition. Annexation District 1/5 \(File No. 22-003395-ZA\).](#)

[Exhibit 1: Staff Review of 340 Burkhalter Road \(File No. 22-003395-ZA\)](#)

[Exhibit 2: Maps for 340 Buckhalter Road \(File No. 22-003395-ZA\)](#)

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing open for Item #16.

Speaker(s):

- Bridget Lidy, Planning & Urban Design Director
- Martin Joubert – UNDECIDED, needs developer information regarding the long-term intent

Written comment(s) received:

- Casey Bowers - OPPOSED

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #16, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent. (See related agenda Items #20 and #21.)

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

[17. Petition of Robert McCorkle on behalf of Paul DeLoach to Amend the Zoning Map for Approximately 0.69 Acres at 8020 Waters Avenue and 1104-1106 Corinth Avenue \(PINs 20493 02002, 20493 02001, 20493 02001A\) from RSF-6 \(Residential Single Family-6\) to O-I \(Office Institutional\). The Planning Commission Recommended Zoning the Parcels to O-I-T \(Office Institutional-Transitional\). Aldermanic District 4 \(File No. 22- 003744-ZA\). \(Petitioner requested continuance of this item\).](#)

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[Exhibit 3: Maps for Waters and Corinth \(File No. 22-003744-ZA\).pdf](#)

CONTINUED Items #13 and #17 to the October 27, 2022 City Council Meeting, as requested by the applicant and City Manager.

[18. Bridget Lidy on behalf of the Mayor an Aldermen to Amend the Zoning Map to Expand the Streetcar Historic District Boundaries to Include 2805 Bull Street \(PIN 20074 33001\) in Aldermanic District 5 \(File No. 22-002103-ZA\).](#)

[Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for 2805 Bull Street \(File No. 22-004402\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Draft Ordinance for 2805 Bull Street \(File No. 22-004402-ZA\).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 #18, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.

[19. Bridget Lidy on behalf of the Mayor and Aldermen to Amend Section 7.11 of the Zoning Ordinance to Expand the Boundaries of the Streetcar District to Include a Parcel South of West Victory Drive \(File No. 22-002763-ZA\).](#)

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[Exhibit 2: Draft Ordinance \(File No. 22-004402-ZA\).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 #19, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.

ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

[20. Approval to Annex 10.08 acres Located at 340 Buckhalter Road near Veterans Parkway. The property is proposed to be developed as multi-family residential townhomes.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Annexation Petition - J&J Properties.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Annexation Ordinance - J&J Properties.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Locator Map - J&J Properties.pdf](#)

HEARD, FIRST READING ONLY for Items #20 and #21.

[21. Petition of Josh Yellin on behalf of J & J Properties of Savannah, LLC to Zone Approximately 10.04 Acres at 340 Buckhalter Road \(PIN 10941 01017\) from R-A \(Residential Agricultural\) to R-A-CO \(Residential - Agricultural- County\) to Support an Annexation Petition. Annexation District 1/5 \(File No. 22-003395-ZA\).](#)

[Exhibit 1: Staff Review of 340 Burkhalter Road \(File No. 22-003395-ZA\)](#)

[Exhibit 2: Maps for 340 Buckhalter Road \(File No. 22-003395-ZA\)](#)

HEARD, FIRST READING ONLY for Items #20 and #21.

[22. Charter Amendment for the Pension Plan. This is a proposed ordinance to amend to the City Charter to address changes to the City of Savannah Employees' Retirement Plan \(the "Pension Plan"\) effective January 1, 2023.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Memo Regarding the Ordinance for Charter Amendment Effective 1-1-2023 \(Pension Plan\).docx](#)

[Exhibit 2: Notice of Charter Amendment - Pension Plan \(Disability and Rehires\).docx](#)

[Exhibit 3: Ordinance to Amend City of Savannah Employees Retirement Plan \(Disability and Rehires\).docx](#)

HEARD, FIRST READING ONLY for Item #22.

City Manager Melder explained the proposed changes for the record, as requested by Alderwoman Miller Blakely.

City Manager Melder described the following changes:

- Sections 1.A., 1.B., and 1.C. - To require a Social Security Administration determination for disability or a determination for disability benefits under the City's long-term disability plan in

order to be eligible for disability benefits under the Plan (rather than the Retirement Board determining disability based on physician certifications); and

- Section 1.D. - To require if a participant is re-employed by the City while receiving pension benefits under the Plan, the participant's pension benefits will cease and, during the period of re-employment, the participant will make contributions to the Plan. Upon re-retirement, the participant's pension benefits will be recalculated and payment shall commence following the participant's re-retirement. Retirees who are elected to office or selected to fill a vacancy in an appointed office (City Manager, City Attorney, or City Clerk), however, will continue to have choice to continue their pension or rejoin and contribute to the Plan. The amendment will be in effect for re-employments on and after January 1, 2023.

[23. Ordinance Pertaining to Proposed Redistricting of Savannah Aldermanic Districts Pursuant to the 2020 Census Data. \(Staff requested continuance of this item\).](#)

CONTINUED Item #23 to the October 27, 2022 City Council Meeting, as requested by staff.

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

[24. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for a Sewer Vacuum, Hydro-Excavation Combination Truck from Vector Manufacturing in Care of Environmental Products Group in the Amount of \\$540,300. \(Fleet\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Sewer Vac Truck.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Sewer Vac Truck.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #24, #25, #28 through #31, #33, and #34, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.

[25. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for 106 Ford Pursuit Utility Vehicles for the Savannah Police Department with National Auto Fleet in Care of Alan Jay Fleet Network in the Amount of \\$5,174,716. \(Fleet\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - SPD Pursuit Utility Vehicles.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - SPD Pursuit Utility Vehicles.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #24, #25, #28 through #31, #33, and #34, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.

[26. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Construction Contract for the Repair of the Joe Tribble Park Lake with Johnson-Laux \(LOCAL, DBE\) in an Amount Not to Exceed \\$2,492,614. This work will fill in all voids that have formed under the current breached area and replace the walking trail in the affected area. \(Capital Projects\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Joe Tribble Park Repairs.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Joe Tribble Park Repairs.pdf](#)

Alderman Purtee expressed his thanks to the City for the project finally getting started.

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Item #26, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.

[27. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for a Traffic Control Center with Stage Front \(LOCAL\) in the Amount of \\$314,654. The Mobility Services Department will use the traffic control center to help reduce traffic congestion, enhance travel safety, provide traveler information, and generally improve mobility for the residents and visitors of Savannah. \(Mobility Services\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Traffic Control Center.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Traffic Control Center.pdf](#)

Alderwoman Lanier asked City Manager Melder to explain the control center to the public. She indicated this is a big event where the City can control the impact of traffic, this is in real time.

City Manager Melder explained the traffic control center will help reduce traffic congestion, enhance travel safety, provide traveler information, and generally improve mobility for the residents and visitors of Savannah. The project will allow for the development of an operation layout and provide/install equipment in the City of Savannah's traffic control center space located in the Administration Building at the Floyd Adams Jr. Municipal Complex. Work will include installing a new video wall, mounting system, workstations, and associated equipment for the traffic control center.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked when will the name, Floyd Adams, be placed on the outside of the administration building on Interchange Court. City Manager Melder will follow-up with Council with updated information on placing the name on the outside of the Interchange Court administration building.

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #27, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.

[28. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Automated Billing Software with Carolina Times in an Amount Not to Exceed \\$113,674. This software will provide automated billing for the parking garages' monthly tenants for up to 500 cardholders per garage. \(Parking & Mobility Services\)](#)

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

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Note - Parking Invoicing Software.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #24, #25, #28 through #31, #33, and #34, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.

[29. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Pay-by-Mobile with Parkeon dba Flowbird. The agreement will allow users to utilize the Parking Services Mobile Application to pay for parking remotely. The convenience fee incurred will be paid by the user. \(Parking & Mobility Services\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Note](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #24, #25, #28 through #31, #33, and #34, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.

[30. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Sanitation Curbside Calendar Packets with Proforma PrintSource in an Amount Not to Exceed \\$54,948. The Sanitation Department will utilize this contract to produce the 2023 curbside calendar packets. \(Sanitation\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Sanitation Calendar Packets.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Sanitation Calendar Packets.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #24, #25, #28 through #31, #33, and #34, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.

[31. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract with Dr. Stephen Sampson for Pre-Employment Psychological Assessments in an Amount Not to Exceed \\$45,000. The results from Dr. Sampson's assessments will be utilized in connection with the hiring process as a mechanism to evaluate potential new officers' psychological fitness to serve as peace officers. \(SPD\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Pre-Employment Psychological Testing.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Pre-Employment Psychological Testing.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #24, #25, #28 through #31, #33, and #34, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.

Following the vote, Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked City Manager Melder to explain the pre-employment psychological assessments and if this is an on-going or new contract.

City Manager Melder explained the assessments are for the police department recruits. The services will be utilized in connection with the hiring process as a mechanism to evaluate potential new officers' psychological fitness to serve as police officers. This is an on-going standard practice by the City, however; this is a new vendor.

[32. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Installation of Lights at Dundee Cottages with Georgia Power in an Amount Not to Exceed \\$57,589. This will provide installation of 18 lights at the Dundee Cottage site to provide lighting for the roads and walkways. \(Capital Projects\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Dundee Cottage Lighting.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Dundee Cottage Lighting.pdf](#)

Alderwoman Lanier has received requests from citizens in the area for more lighting and asked how the lighting was paid for and how can citizens get more lights installed.

City Manager Melder asked Alderwoman Lanier to have citizens send request for more lighting to the City. He indicated the programs will generate some income, and there are private sponsors contributing toward the cost.

Mayor Johnson indicated the City is working with Georgia Power to do a lighting audit to determine where the unlighted areas of the City need attention. He encouraged input of staff and citizens to complete the audit.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan thanked prior Interim City Managers Monahan and Brown, and current City Manager Melder on the cottages site project. Additionally, she thanked all parties involved in the cottages project for the homeless.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #32, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.

[33. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Employee Dental Plan Benefits with The Standard Insurance Company at no Cost to the City. The City of Savannah makes available access to voluntary dental insurance coverage to eligible employees, retirees, and family members. \(Human Resources\)](#)

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

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #24, #25, #28 through #31, #33, and #34, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.

[34. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Employee Vision Plan Benefits with The Standard Insurance Company at No Cost to the City. The City of Savannah](#)

[makes available to eligible employees and dependents access to voluntary vision insurance coverage. \(Human Resources\)](#)

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

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #24, #25, #28 through #31, #33, and #34, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.

SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION

[35. Approval of a Sponsorship Commitment to Visit Savannah in Support of the Efforts to Recruit the 2027 Bass Master Classic, in the Amount of \\$50,000.](#)

HEARD after Item #50.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #35 through #39, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.

Mayor Johnson congratulated Savannah Airport Executive Director Gregory Kelly for being named Director of the Year for Small Airports. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan congratulated President Joseph Marinelli of Visit Savannah and the Savannah Airport for being number one in the nation.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely stated she has spoken to Mr. Dawoud Stevenson regarding the taxi drivers at the airport in reference to increasing the driver's flat-rate (cost-of-living, no increase since 2008).

Mayor Johnson advised Alderwoman Miller Blakely that the City has no control over the taxi drivers rates and to have the taxi drivers contact the Airport Commission to address a flat rate increase.

Mr. Stevenson stated the Airport Commission follows the City Ordinance as it relates to taxi driver rates and since the City recently increased their rate, the Airport Commission will following the same model and increase their rates.

[36. Approval of Change Order No. 6 & 7 with Johnson-Laux for Modifications and Additions to the Scope of the Rental Car Improvements Project, in the Amount of \\$71,397.](#)

[Exhibit 1: SAC 30587 Change Order 6 Canopy Signs.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: SAC 30587 Change Order 7 Redesign.pdf](#)

HEARD after Item #50.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #35 through #39, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.

[37. Approval of the Renewal of a Professional Services Agreement for Federal Government Relations Support with Woodward & Associates, in the Amount of \\$144,000.](#)

HEARD after Item #50.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #35 through #39, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.

[38. Approval to Execute a Contract with ECS Southeast, LLP for Special Inspections for the Terminal Security Checkpoint Expansion Project, in the Amount of \\$169,605.](#)

HEARD after Item #50.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #35 through #39, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.

[39. Approval of an Official Airport Partnership with the Hilton Head Island-Bluffton Chamber of Commerce for the Kingdom Cup, in the Amount of \\$225,000.](#)

[Exhibit 1: 2022 Kingdom Cup Sponsorship.pdf](#)

HEARD after Item #50.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #35 through #39, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.

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

[40. A Resolution Adopting the City's 2023-2027 Consolidated Housing and Community Development \(HCD\) Plan and the 2023 One-Year Action Plan.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Resolution - 2023-2027 HCD Plan & 2023 OYA Plan.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #40, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1, with comments made earlier from

Alderman Lanier and Mayor Johnson taken under advisement, (See agenda item #12). Alderman Gibson-Carter was absent.

[41. A Resolution Ratifying the Mayor's September 28, 2022 Emergency Order and Order of September 30, 2022 Rescinding the Emergency Order.](#)

[Exhibit 1: 09282022 Mayor's Declaration of Local Emergency - Hurricane Ian.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Resolution Ratifying September 28 2022 Emergency Order.pdf.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #41, seconded by Alderman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderman Gibson-Carter was absent.

[42. A Resolution to Extend a Temporary Stay on the Issuance of Any New License or Permit Related to the Sale and/or Distribution of Medicinal Cannabis for Period of an Additional 180 Days.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Resolution to Extend 180-day Stay on Medical Cannabis Dispensaries](#)

Alderman Lanier moved to approve Item #42, seconded by Alderman Miller Blakely and Alderman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderman Gibson-Carter was absent.

[43. A Resolution Issued in Honor of Isaac Miller.](#)

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

Mayor Johnson, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Alderman Lanier and Alderman Gibson-Carter represented Council at the home going of Isaac Miller, father of Alderman Miller Blakely.

Alderman Miller Blakely thanked everyone, City staff, police department, Mayor and Council, etc. for their support and condolences on behalf of her family.

Alderman Miller Blakely moved to approve Item #43, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderman Gibson-Carter was absent.

AGREEMENTS

[44. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation for Gulfstream Service Center East Phase 1. This is for a development consisting of a 171,000 sq.ft. service center for Gulfstream in the Crossroads service area.](#)

[Exhibit 1 : Water & Sewer Agreement - Gulfstream Service Center East Phase 1.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #44 through #48, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderman Gibson-Carter was absent.

[45. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Atlas Shrugged II, LLC for Parker's #88 and Starbucks at 21 and 11 East Derenne Avenue. The service will be for a Parker's convenience store and a Starbucks coffee shop in the President Street service area.](#)

[Exhibit 1 : Water & Sewer Agreement - Parkers and Starbucks - East Derenne Avenue.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #44 through #48, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderman Gibson-Carter was absent.

[46. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Two Auto Re Georgetown, LLC. This is for a proposed oil change facility located within the City of Savannah Water and Sewer Georgetown/Gateway service area.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Two Autos Georgetown LLC Development Agreement - Final.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #44 through #48, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderman Gibson-Carter was absent.

[47. Approval of a Water & Sewer Escrow Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding \(MOU\) with the Savannah Exchange Club Fair Association. This agreement is to connect the Savannah Exchange Club Fair Association property and site facilities located near the Interchange of Highway 204 and Interstate 95 to the City of Savannah Sanitary Sewer System.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Escrow Agreement and MOU - Savannah Exchange Club Fair Association.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #44 through #48, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderman Gibson-Carter was absent.

[48. Approval of Agreement with Southern LNG for Fire & Rescue Services on Elba Island, GA.](#)

Exhibit 1: City of Savannah Southern LNG Inc Fire Contract.docx (Confidential)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #44 through #48, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderman Gibson-Carter was absent.

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

[49. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Non-Exclusive Easement for Ingress and Egress Along the Savannah Ogeechee Canal to Landlocked Parcel at 157 Telfair Road. \(PIN 20714 06001\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Map - 157 Telfair.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Telfair Easement Final.pdf](#)

Alderwoman Lanier offered thanks to City staff finally handling the project.

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #49, seconded by Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.

MISCELLANEOUS

[50. A Proclamation to Commemorate the 60th Anniversary of Leadership Savannah.](#)

HEARD after Item #6, as requested by Mayor Johnson.

PRESENTED and READ by Mayor Johnson to Savannah Area Chamber representatives Bill Hubbard, Margaret Mary Russell, and Jen Davenport. Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan recognized LeAndrea Mikell for being featured on the cover of the Georgia Trend Magazine 40 Under 40 issue.

Mr. Hubbard accepted the proclamation on behalf of the Chamber and thanked Mayor and Council for the recognition. Chamber Vice President of Community Affairs Jen Davenport introduced other graduates of Leadership Savannah and expressed her thanks for the honor. She invited others to participate in Leadership Savannah.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Alderwoman Miller Blakely announced that Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was not present at the meeting because her son graduated from Army Basic Combat Training, which he completed with Honors.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan wished Nick Zoller a Happy Belated Birthday.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Regular Meeting at 3:42 p.m.

A video recording of the Regular Meeting can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

<https://savannahgovtv.viebit.com/player.php?hash=I7VoEWcn2zbM>

Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: _____

Signature: _____

