



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
August 1, 2019 – 2:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Eddie W. DeLoach, Presiding
Mayor Pro-Tem Carolyn H. Bell
Alderman Julian Miller, Chairman of Council
Alderman Brian Foster, Vice-Chairman of Council
Alderman Van Johnson, II, District 1
Aldermen Bill Durrence, District 2
Alderman John Hall, District 3
Alderdwoman Dr. Estella E. Shabazz, District 5
Alderman Tony Thomas, District 6

OTHERS PRESENT:
Interim City Manager Patrick C. Monahan
Assistant to the City Manager Bret Bell
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Deputy City Attorney Jen Herman
Assistant City Attorney William Shearouse
Clerk of Council Mark Massey

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 2:02 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Following the Pledge of Allegiance which was recited in unison, Mayor Pro-Tem Bell offered the invocation.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Motion to Adopt the Agenda for the August 1, 2019 City Council Regular Meeting.

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved to adopt the Agenda for the August 1, 2019, City Council Regular Meeting, Alderdwoman Dr. Shabazz seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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.

2. Approval of Minutes for the Work Session & City Manager's Briefing on July 18, 2019.

Alderman Durrence moved to approve the Consent Agenda, Items #2 through #13, Alderman Miller seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting on July 18, 2019.



Alderman Durrence moved to approve the Consent Agenda, Items #2 through #13, Alderman Miller seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes for the Special Meeting (re SPLOST VII) on July 22, 2019.

Alderman Durrence moved to approve the Consent Agenda, Items #2 through #13, Alderman Miller seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 with the Basin Company for the River Street Visitor Center in the Amount of \$6,042.95 (Event No. 6713).

Alderman Durrence moved to approve the Consent Agenda, Items #2 through #13, Alderman Miller seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 with Thomas & Hutton for the Truman Linear Park Trail, Phase IIB Project in the Amount of \$47,000 (Event No. 5571).

Alderman Durrence moved to approve the Consent Agenda, Items #2 through #13, Alderman Miller seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Renew an Annual Maintenance Agreement with Geographic Solutions for Additional Software Modules in the Amount of \$54,000 (Event No. 3979).

Alderman Durrence moved to approve the Consent Agenda, Items #2 through #13, Alderman Miller seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Motion to Procure Secure Sockets Layer Upgrades from Layer 3 Communications in the Amount of \$37,053.64 (Event No. 7300).

Alderman Durrence moved to approve the Consent Agenda, Items #2 through #13, Alderman Miller seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

9. Motion to Procure Replacement Switches for Devices No Longer Supported by Juniper Networks from Layer 3 Communications in the Amount of \$49,999.79 (Event No. 7301).

Alderman Durrence moved to approve the Consent Agenda, Items #2 through #13, Alderman Miller seconded. The motion carried unanimously.



10. Motion to Procure a One-Ton Dump Truck from Wade Ford for Use by the City Cemeteries Department in the Amount of \$40,787 (Event No. 6821).

Alderman Durrence moved to approve the Consent Agenda, Items #2 through #13, Alderman Miller seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

11. Motion to Approve a Water and Sewer Agreement with BCP Tremont, LLC for 2367 Tremont Road (Aldermanic District 1).

Alderman Durrence moved to approve the Consent Agenda, Items #2 through #13, Alderman Miller seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

12. Motion to Approve Real Property Trade Agreement with the Savannah College of Art and Design, Inc.

Alderman Durrence moved to approve the Consent Agenda, Items #2 through #13, Alderman Miller seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

13. Motion to Approve Additional Grant Match Contribution for Cuyler-Brownville Historical Resources Survey.

Alderman Durrence moved to approve the Consent Agenda, Items #2 through #13, Alderman Miller seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ALCOHOLIC LICENSE HEARINGS

Mayor DeLoach opened the public hearing for Items #14, #15, #16 and #17.

14. Motion to Approve a Class C (Beer) (by the drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales for Jennifer Jenkins of Fox & Fig at 321 Habersham Street (Aldermanic District 2).

There were no speakers for Item #14.

a. Alderman Miller moved to close the hearing for Item #14, Alderman Durrence seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

b. Alderman Durrence moved to approve Item #14, Mayor Pro-Tem Bell seconded. The motion carried unanimously.



15. Motion to Approve a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (by the drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Jake Brooks of The Drayton Hotel at 7 Drayton Street (Aldermanic District 2).

There were no speakers for Item #15.

- a. **Alderman Durrence moved to close the hearing for Item #15, Mayor Pro-Tem Bell seconded. The motion carried unanimously.**
- b. **Alderman Durrence moved to approve Item #15, Mayor Pro-Tem Bell seconded. The motion carried unanimously.**

16. Motion to Approve a Class C (Beer, Wine) (by the drink) Alcohol License and Class E (Beer, Wine) (by the package) Alcohol License for Theodore R. Mosley of Staybridge Suites Savannah at 301 East Bay Street (Aldermanic District 2).

There were no speakers for Item #16.

- a. **Alderman Durrence moved to close the hearing for Item #16, Alderman Miller seconded. The motion carried unanimously.**
- b. **Alderman Durrence moved to approve Item #16, Alderman Johnson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.**

17. Motion to Approve a Transfer of a Class E (Beer and Wine) (By the Package) Alcohol License from Avinah Patel to Daksha Patel of Stop & Save Convenience at 4004 Montgomery Street (Aldermanic District 5).

Representing the applicant, Attorney J. Patrick Connell spoke on behalf of Ms. Daksha Patel.

Alderman Dr. Shabazz questioned Ms. Patel on meeting with the area neighborhoods with regard to the alcohol license. Ms. Patel answered she had met with the community and they could not come to an agreement. Since the community is against the license, Dr. Shabazz will support the community's decision.

Alderman Hall stated the Applicant meets nine out of the ten requirements and should be granted the alcohol license.



Alderman Johnson stated although the Applicant meets the required criteria, they should consider the communities' position.

At the request of Mayor Pro-Tem Bell for the Council's legal obligation, City Attorney Lovett cited the eight criteria necessary for the approval and the Applicant meets seven of the eight criteria. As one of the last applicants in the overlay district, and since there is already a license in place this is not a negative against this Applicant and could be approved.

- a. Alderman Hall moved to close the hearing for Item #17, Alderman Foster seconded. The motion carried unanimously.**
- b. Alderman Hall moved to approve Item #17, Alderman Foster seconded. The motion carried, 8-1-0, with Alderwoman Dr. Shabazz voting no.**

PUBLIC HEARING

18. Motion to Amend the Zoning Ordinance Regarding the Historic District (Petitioner: City of Savannah).

Mr. Marcus Lotson advised Mayor and Council that MPC has approved the amendment.

- a. Alderman Durrence moved to close the hearing for Item #18, Alderman Miller seconded. The motion carried unanimously.**
- b. Alderman Durrence moved to approve Item #18, Mayor Pro-Tem Bell seconded. The motion carried unanimously.**

ORDINANCES – FIRST HEARING

19. Motion to Amend the 2019 Revenue Ordinance, Adopting the Final 2019 Property Tax Millage Rate, and Adopting the Special Service District Tax Rate for the Water Transportation District.

Alderman Foster emphasized that this is a 2.6% reduction in the millage rate.

FIRST READING WAS HEARD



ORDINANCES - FIRST AND SECOND READING

20. Motion to Amend the Code of Ordinance of the City of Savannah, Part 7-1091, Appendix I, Section 219. Stopping, standing and parking prohibited.

After the first reading was considered the second, Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved to approve Item #20, Alderman Johnson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

21. Motion to Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Second Modification of a Promissory Note and Loan Agreement Between the City of Savannah and the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA).

Alderman Miller moved to approve Item #21, Alderman Durrence seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

22. Motion to Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Submit the FY2019 Supportive Housing Program Application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding and Grant Agreement with the Sub-Recipient Named Therein.

Alderman Miller moved to approve Item #22, Alderman Durrence seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

PURCHASING ITEMS

23. Confirmation of the Final Executed Contract Amount with TQ Constructors for Construction of Facilities at Interchange Court in the Amount of \$37,855,246.88 (Event No. 7056) - (SPLOST PROJECT).

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved to approve Items #23 through #25, #27 and #28 per Interim City Manager recommendation, Alderman Durrence seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

24. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract with Savannah River Utilities (primary) and Savannah Paving, Inc. (secondary) for Sidewalk, Curb and Cobblestone in an Amount Not to Exceed \$4,100,000 (Event No. 7079).

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved to approve Items #23 through #25, #27 and #28 per Interim City Manager recommendation, Alderman Durrence seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

25. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Renew an Annual Contract with Verizon for Cellular Services in the Amount of \$699,504 (Event No. 3461).

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved to approve Items #23 through #25, #27 and #28 per Interim City Manager recommendation, Alderman Durrence seconded. The motion carried unanimously.



26. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract with Johnson-Laux Construction, LLC for Construction of Holly Heights Park in the Amount of \$347,355.29 (Event NO. 7287).

Alderman Hall gave a brief background of the Park, it's location across from Truman Parkway, ages of the children who use the Park and the many benefits to the community.

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved to approve Item #26, Alderman Miller seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

27. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 with Thomas & Hutton for the Savannah Port Authority Park Water and Sewer Design in the Amount of \$216,770 (Event No. 7299).

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved to approve Items #23 through #25, #27 and #28 per Interim City Manager recommendation, Alderman Durrence seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

28. Motion to Procure Two Telescopic Van Mounted Bucket Trucks from Altec Industries in the Amount of \$168,766 (Event No. 7298).

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved to approve Items #23 through #25, #27 and #28 per Interim City Manager recommendation, Alderman Durrence seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

REAL ESTATE ITEMS

29. Motion to Approve a Temporary Easement with Johnson Matthey Process Technologies, Inc. for a Construction Laydown Yard.

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved to approve Item #29, Alderman Miller seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS

30. Acknowledge Receipt of Annexation Petitions for Three Parcels with an Aggregate of 894.07 Acres Located on the West Side of Interstate 16 in the Vicinity of Old River Road and John Carter Road.

Read into the record for informational purposes.

Alderman Miller announced that next Thursday, August 8, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. there will be a public meeting on Jan Street to discuss improvements to the park.



Alderwoman Shabazz announced that in line with the City’s strategic planning goal #4 (Economic Strength and Poverty Reduction), the City’s Human Services Department (912-651-6520) will be hosting the “Connecting the Dots 2019” event on Tuesday, August 20, 2019, 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. She invited leaders of the faith community and houses of worship, designed to mobilize communities of faith with the provision of resources, a fair, work sessions and non-profit agency referrals.

Mayor DeLoach recognized and congratulated Alderman John Hall who is being inducted into the 100 Black Men of Savannah later this afternoon.

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell congratulated the Henderson E. Formey family for the renaming of the former East Broad Street K-8 School to The Early Learning Center at Henderson E. Formey, Jr. School in recognition of his great works.

With no further business coming before the assembly, Mayor DeLoach asked for those in favor of adjourning the regular meeting to say aye. Hearing no objections, the regular meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

The video 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=Wi2g7uUMzGf5>

Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: _____

Initials: _____