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April 23, 2020 City Council Regular Meeting

**SAVANNAH CITY GOVERNMENT
SUMMARY/FINAL MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
April 23, 2020 – 6:30 p.m.**

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, the regular meeting of the City Council was held at 6:31 p.m., via Zoom video communications. Mayor Johnson requested Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz to introduce Pastor Crawford, representing Morning Glory Temple of Deliverance, Pastor Kendra Crawford then offered the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance which 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:
City Manager Pat Monahan
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Assistant City Manager Heath Lloyd
Clerk of Council Mark Massey

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve the April 23, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda as presented, Alderman Palumbo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Date: Apr 23 2020 (6:30 p.m.)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- [1. Approval of Minutes for the Special Called Meeting \(re: COVID-19 and City Operations\) on April 2, 2020](#)
- [2. Approval of Minutes for the Special Called Meeting \(re: COVID-19 and City Operations\) on April 6, 2020](#)
- [3. Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting on April 9, 2020](#)

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.)

- [4. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Amendment No.2 for the Design Services Contract for City Facilities at Interchange Court to Hussey, Gay, Bell, & DeYoung in the Amount of \\$9,170 \(Event No. 5001\)](#)
- [5. Authorize the City Manager to Approve Contract Modification No.2 for Summerside Park with Johnson-Laux in the Amount of \\$5,405.25 \(Event No. 7381\)](#)
- [6. Authorize the City Manager to Procure Repair Services from Cummins Sales and Services in the Amount of \\$25,832.68 \(Event No. 7803\)](#)

PURCHASING ITEMS

- [7. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Amendment No. 3 to the Contract with Perkins+Will in the Amount of \\$410,630 to Extend the Design of Stiles Avenue Improvements \(Event No. 6044\)](#)
- [8. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Amendment No.1 for the Savannah River Landing \(Eastern Wharf\) Parking Garage Project with Raymond Engineering up to \\$132,000 \(Event No. 5720\)](#)
- [9. Authorize the City Manager to Procure Meals for the Summer Lunch Program from the Savannah-Chatham Board of Education up to \\$300,000 \(Event No. 7804\)](#)
- [10. Authorize the City Manager to Procure Builder's Risk Insurance for the Savannah Arena from USI Insurance Services, LLC in an Amount Not to Exceed \\$650,000 \(Event No. 7827\)](#)
- [11. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Directional Boring with D&C Directional Boring, LLC up to \\$100,000 \(Event No.7512\)](#)

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS

- [12. Approval of a Class B \(Beer\) \(Brewer\) Alcohol License to Pratt E. Mathews of Hop Atomica at 535 East 39th Street \(Aldermanic District 2\)](#)
- [13. Approval of a Class C \(Beer and Wine\)\(By the Drink\) and Class D \(Beer and Wine\)\(By the Package\) Alcohol License to Jeff Notrica of Riverstreet Beer and Wine at 503 East River St. \(Aldermanic District 2\)](#)
- [14. Approval of a Class E \(Wine\)\(By the Package\) Alcohol License to Deika Patel of J & J Foodmart at 848 Staley Avenue \(Aldermanic District 5\) CONTINUED TO MAY 14, 2020](#)
- [15. Approval of Class C \(Liquor\)\(By the Drink\) Alcohol License to Theodore R. Mosley of Staybridge Suites at 301 East Bay St. \(Aldermanic District 2\)](#)
- [16. Approval of a Class C \(Liquor, Beer, Wine\)\(By the Drink\) Alcohol License to Jamesetta Whipple-Duncan of Etta's Southern Cafe & Winery Restaurant at 1308 Montgomery St. \(Aldermanic District 2\)](#)

ZONING HEARINGS

[17. Approval to Rezone 65.28 Acres of Property on Stillwood Drive and Cedar Grove Avenue \(Savannah Country Day School\) CONTINUED TO MAY 28, 2020](#)

ORDINANCES - SECOND READING

[18. Amend the Eastern Wharf Planned Development to Include a Sign Ordinance \(Petitioner Harold Yellin on behalf of SRL Land Venture, LLC\)](#)

RESOLUTIONS

[19. Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Third Modification of a Promissory Note and Loan Agreement Between the City of Savannah and the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority \(GEFA\)](#)

AGREEMENTS

[20. Approval of a Mutual Aid Agreement with Savannah Technical College](#)

[21. Approval of a Mutual Aid Agreement with Georgia Southern University](#)

[22. Approval to Amend the City Manager's Employment Agreement To Month-By-Month Until Appointment Of New City Manager](#)

REAL ESTATE ITEMS

[23. Approval of a Petition #190323 for Encroachment of Stoops, Entrance, Canopy, and Subterranean Foundation at 1404 Montgomery Street.](#)

[24. Approval of a Second Amendment to the Land Lease for the Arena Parking Lot](#)

MISCELLANEOUS

[25. Approval of the Final Plat for a Major Subdivision \(Spring Lakes Phase 6\)](#)

Mayor Johnson announced Governor Kemp's Order to reopen some businesses tomorrow and asked citizens to do what needs to be done to stay safe. He gave an update on the coronavirus statistics in Chatham County and reported that the City Manager is maintaining the regulations on local cemeteries to observe social distancing. He offered condolences to Alderman Leggett on his grandmother's death. Mayor Johnson recognized Clerk of Council Mark Massey who announced Georgia Cities Week has been postponed to the week of October 4th. Mayor Johnson announced The Georgia Municipal Association Meeting scheduled for June has been cancelled.

Aldermen expressed their support of the position/decisions made by Mayor Johnson during the COVID-19 pandemic. Even though the Governor has issued a reopen order, they urged residents to stay home until all the data is clear and our State is safe to reopen.

Alderman Leggett announced his grandmother who lives in New York passed away on yesterday. He expressed the pandemic has not reached it's peak and residents should continue to follow all safety precautions.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz reminded citizens there will be a City wide yard waste pickup beginning Monday, April 27, 2020 through Friday, May 1, 2020 (one week only).

Alderwoman Miller Blakely inquired about the City Attorney contract renewal. She advised residents who have received their stimulus checks to be wise and safe in their spending.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter reminded citizens to complete the 2020 Census Form. She reminded citizens of the increase of domestic violence in light of the pandemic and to remember there is help available for those experiencing that type of situation. She asked the City Manager for an update on the grant funds for the City. She requested a work session on the 2020 Census for the next meeting. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter suggested the City Manager use the City's current staff for the scheduled one-time pickup for sanitation to save the City money instead of using outside contractors.

Hearing no further business, Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

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Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: _____

Initials: _____