

August 15, 2019, City Council Regular Meeting

**SAVANNAH CITY GOVERNMENT  
SUMMARY/FINAL MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
August 15, 2019 – 2:00 p.m.**

The Regular Meeting of the City Council was held at 2:00 p.m. in Council Chambers of City Hall.

**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 R. Johnson, II, District 1  
Alderman Bill Durrence, District 2  
Alderman John Hall, District 3  
Alderwoman 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

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, which was recited in unison, Alderwoman Dr. Estella E. Shabazz offered the invocation.

Date: Aug 15 2019 (2:00 p.m.)

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

[1. Motion to Adopt the Agenda for the August 15, 2019 City Council Regular Meeting](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved to adopt the Agenda for the August 15, 2019, City Council Regular Meeting, Alderman Miller 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 August 1, 2019](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved to approve the Consent Agenda, Items #2 through #6 and #8 through #10, Alderman Miller seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

[3. Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting on August 1, 2019](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved to approve the Consent Agenda, Items #2 through #6 and #8 through #10, Alderman Miller seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

[4. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract with Tameran Graphic for Microfilm Services in the Amount of \\$60,000 \(Event No. 7187\)](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved to approve the Consent Agenda, Items #2 through #6 and #8 through #10, Alderman Miller seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

[5. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Procure Firewall Upgrades from Layer 3 Communications in the Amount of \\$34,911.40 \(Event No. 7336\)](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved to approve the Consent Agenda, Items #2 through #6 and #8 through #10, Alderman Miller seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

[6. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 with NetPlanner Systems, Inc. Reducing the Cost for Audio Visual Services at the PARC in the Amount of \\$3,936.37 \(Event No. 6845\)](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved to approve the Consent Agenda, Items #2 through #6 and #8 through #10, Alderman Miller seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

[7. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Short-Term Lease with the Coastal Empire Fair for the Fairground in the Amount of \\$27,500](#)

Alderdwoman Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #7, Alderman Miller seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

[8. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Quitclaim Deed for 402-404 E. Waldburg Street \(PIN: 2-0044-23-008\)](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved to approve the Consent Agenda, Items #2 through #6 and #8 through #10, Alderman Miller seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

[9. Motion to Accept an Easement From New Hampstead Holdings in Favor of SEDA and the City of Savannah for the Installation of Water and Sewer Infrastructure from New Hampstead to the Savannah Manufacturing Center](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved to approve the Consent Agenda, Items #2 through #6 and #8 through #10, Alderman Miller seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

[10. Acknowledge Receipt of Annexation Petition for Twelve Parcels with an Aggregate of 953.01 Acres Located on the West Side of Interstate 95 in the Vicinity of Little Neck Road](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved to approve the Consent Agenda, Items #2 through #6 and #8 through #10, Alderman Miller seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **PURCHASING ITEMS**

[11. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Renew an Annual Contract with Carol Crockett, LLC. for EMT Training Services in the Amount of \\$76,800 \(Event No. 5814\)](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved to approve Item #11, Alderman Miller seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

[12. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 with Wolverton and Associates Increasing On-Call Civil Design Services in an Amount Not to Exceed \\$300,000 \(Event No. 4486\)](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved to approve Item #12, Alderman Miller seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

[13. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract with Robert Half International, Inc. for Temporary Staffing Services in the Department of Information Technology in an Amount Not to Exceed \\$150,000 \(Event No. 7306\)](#)

Aldermen Johnson and Miller moved to approve Item #13, Alderman Foster seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

[14. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract with Restocon Corporation for Spall Repairs in the Bryan Street Parking Garage in the Amount of \\$359,860 \(Event No. 7197\)](#)

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

[15. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract with Johnson Laux Construction for Interior Repairs at the MPC Office in the Amount of \\$324,212.22 \(Event No. 7319\)](#)

Alderman Miller moved to approve Item #15, Alderman Foster seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

[16. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract with Waste Management for Land-filling of Bio-solids for President Street and Regional Plants in the Amount of \\$595,000 \(Event No. 7335\)](#)

Alderman Miller moved to approve Item #16, Mayor Pro-Tem Bell seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

[17. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Procure Nine Dump Trucks from Roberts International Trucks in the Amount of \\$955,637.98 \(Event No. 7144\)](#)

Aldermen Miller and Thomas moved to approve Item #17, Alderman Foster seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

[18. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Procure Nine Pursuit Interceptor SUV's on a State Contract from Wade Ford in the Amount of \\$300,305 \(Event No. 7210\)](#)

Alderman Miller moved to approve Item #18, Mayor Pro-Tem Bell and Aldermen Hall seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

[19. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract with Thunderbolt Consulting for Road Program Management Consulting Services on Project DeRenne, Gwinnett Street, and DeLesseps Avenue Projects in the Amount of \\$15,000 Per Month](#)

Alderman Miller moved to approve Item #19, Alderman Foster seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION**

[20. Motion to Ratify the City Manager's Acceptance of Airport Improvement Program Grant Offer No: 3-13-0100-062-2019 from the Federal Aviation Administration, \\$4,222,340](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved to approve Items #20 through #27 per Interim City Manager's recommendation, Alderman Miller seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

[21. Motion to Approve a Reimbursement Agreement with Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation, and Reimbursement for the Total Project in an Amount Not to Exceed \\$800,000 for the Cumulative Shared Improvements](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved to approve Items #20 through #27 per Interim City Manager's recommendation, Alderman Miller seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

[22. Motion to Execute a Professional Services Agreement with Blue Voyage Productions for High Impact Video Presentation Services, Estimated at \\$135,970](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved to approve Items #20 through #27 per Interim City Manager's recommendation, Alderman Miller seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

[23. Motion to Approve the Procurement of 87 Herman Miller Tandem Sling Seat Power Kits from National Office Systems, \\$84,793.20](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved to approve Items #20 through #27 per Interim City Manager's recommendation, Alderman Miller seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

[24. Motion to Execute Amendment No. 1 to Professional Services Contract with Unison Consulting, \\$66,807](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved to approve Items #20 through #27 per Interim City Manager's recommendation, Alderman Miller seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

[25. Motion to Approve the Procurement of One Refurbished Self-Propelled Aircraft Stair Truck from Advance GSE Corp](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved to approve Items #20 through #27 per Interim City Manager's recommendation, Alderman Miller seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

[26. Motion to Approve the Reimbursement of Underground Storage Tank Removal Project Expenses to Enterprise Holdings, \\$44,106](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved to approve Items #20 through #27 per Interim City Manager's recommendation, Alderman Miller seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

[27. Motion to Approve the Procurement of Two Refurbished Baggage Tugs from Advance GSE Corp, \\$32,300](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved to approve Items #20 through #27 per Interim City Manager's recommendation, Alderman Miller seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS**

[28. Motion to Approve a Class B \(Manufacturer\) and a Class C \(Liquor, Beer, Wine\) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales for John Pinkerton of Moon River Brewing Company at 21 West Bay Street \(Aldermanic District 2\)](#)

Mayor DeLoach opened the public Hearing for Item #28.

No speakers.

Motion a. Alderman Durrence moved to close the public hearing, Alderman Miller seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion b. Alderman Durrence moved to approve Item #28, Alderman Miller seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

[29. Motion to Approve a Class C \(Liquor, Beer,Wine\) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales for Anthony Debrenceny of The Collins Quarter at Forsyth \(Aldermanic District 2\)](#)

Mayor DeLoach opened the public Hearing for Item #29.

No speakers.

Motion a. Alderman Durrence moved to close the public hearing, Alderman Miller seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion b. Alderman Durrence moved to approve Item #29, Alderman Miller seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

[30. Motion to Approve a Class C \(Liquor, Beer\) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales for Glorimar Nunez of Rinconcito Latino Restaurant at 2308 Skidaway Road \(Aldermanic District 3\)](#)

Mayor DeLoach opened the public Hearing for Item #28.

-Myriam Baker of the City Manager's Office was the translator for Glorimar Nunez, Owner of Rinconcito Latino Restaurant who was questioned by Alderman Hall if this location was the same location as Anna's Little Napoli. Ms. Nunez did not have the answer.

-Judee Jones, Revenue Administrator confirmed that this was the same location as Anna's Little Napoli.

Motion a. Alderman Hall moved to approve Item #30, Alderwoman Dr. Shabazz seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion b. Alderman Hall moved to approve Item #30, Alderwoman Dr. Shabazz seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

## **ZONING HEARINGS**

[31. Motion to Provide a Zoning Designation for 661.3 Acres on I-16 and Old River Road \(Petitioner: James Gerard for the Morgan Family and Thomas Gray for Savannah Economic Development Authority\)](#)

Mayor DeLoach opened the Public Hearing for Item #31.

- Tiras Petras, Urban & Design Department introduced Mr. Tollison.

- Trip Tollison did not represent the Petitioner. He owns the property directly next door and supports the City's decision. Alderman Durrence spoke in the interest of clarity and being transparent, that he has no involvement or participation in the Durrence Tract.

Motion a. Alderwoman Dr. Shabazz moved to close the Public Hearing for Item #31, Mayor Pro-Tem Bell seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion b. Alderwoman Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #31, Aldermen Miller and Hall seconded. Alderman Durrence did not vote. The motion carried, 8-0-1.

#### **ORDINANCES - FIRST AND SECOND READING**

[32. Motion to Amend the Zoning Ordinance Regarding the Historic District \(Petitioner: City of Savannah\)](#)

After the first reading was considered the second, Alderman Durrence moved to approve Item #32, Mayor Pro-Tem Bell seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **ORDINANCES - SECOND READING**

[33. 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 moved to approve and adopt Item #33, Alderman Hall seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **REAL ESTATE ITEMS**

[34. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Purchase and Sale Agreement with Charles M. Brown for Property at 1308 West Gwinnett Street in the Amount of \\$30,000 Plus Closing Costs \(PIN: 2-0046-01-009\)](#)

Alderman Miller moved to approve Item #34, Alderman Johnson and Hall seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS**

[35. Settlement #1](#)



City Attorney Bates Lovett recommended a settlement in the State Court of Chatham County, State of Georgia, Rodrigo Rodriguez vs. The Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah, Civil Action No. STCV17-00540 for \$90,000.00. Mr. Rodriguez slipped and fell while walking outside of City Hall on exposed brick. Alderman Miller moved to approve Item #35 as recommended by City Attorney Bates Lovett, Alderman Durrence seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

[36. Settlement #2](#)

N/A

**MISCELLANEOUS**

[37. First Reading of the Downtown Savannah Authority Bond Application for Approximately \\$10 million to Fund the West River Street Parking Garage](#)

First Reading - Heard.

[38. First Reading of the Downtown Savannah Authority Bond Application for Approximately \\$45.0 million to Partially Fund the New Arena](#)



## First Reading - Heard.

39. Ms. Kerri McGinty (Savannah area Moms Demand Action): She invited the Mayor and Aldermen to a public rally on gun violence prevention on Saturday, August 17, 2019, 11am at Forsyth Park. They are in support of background check legislation and would like the City to get behind this effort.

a. Alderman Miller indicated that due to the recent traumatic incidents with gun violence, he has asked the City Manager to draft a resolution for the State and Federal legislators encouraging them to take action on expanded background checks, banning any magazines with/over more than ten rounds, and getting some control of gun shows and banning assault weapons that should not be sold anymore.

b. Alderman Johnson indicated that he is in support of Everytown USA (Gun Safety Support Fund) and Moms Demand Action. He has constantly introduced recommendations to send to the State legislators through the legislative packet and he has asked the Council to adopt it, allowing Savannah to be the leader in terms of issues involving guns. Municipalities should have the right to determine what works best with respect to gun destruction and ownerless guns, restrictions of guns in festival zones, young people should not be able to have long guns unfettered, and police officers should have the right to be able to ask someone whether they have the proper credentials to own a weapon. It's time to do something.

c. Alderman Hall stated that people are very passionate about this issue on both sides for and against. He thinks that what is being proposed today by the resolution will put us on the right side of expanded gun checks.

d. Alderman Johnson requested that the items on the legislative agenda be added to the resolution as well.

e. Alderman Foster asked if Alderman Miller's proposal included addressing the red flag issue for mental illness. He stated that is a great area to add. Alderman Durrence agreed.

f. Alderman Durrence would like to add some discretion managing high participation events like St. Patrick's Day, which the City needs.

g. Mayor DeLoach inquired about the use of semi-automatic and automatic weapons.

h. Alderwoman Shabazz agreed with adding the provisions introduced by Alderman Johnson to the resolution.

Mayor DeLoach acknowledged that a proposed resolution will be presented at the next meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Bell asked for an opportunity for Terry L. Enoch, Chief of Campus Police with the Savannah-Chatham Board of Education Police Department and former Chief Mark Revenew to talk about Jonas Subaar and the work he was involved in at the City. Jonas could not be in attendance, but he will be temporarily out on military leave, serving the country. Mayor Pro Tem Bell indicated that his work with the City brought about two grants, one of which resulted in The Front Porch. Mr. Revenew also worked with Jonas and the effects of this work will ripple through the community. Jonas is always very positive and his work will be longlasting.

Alderwoman Shabazz announced that in line with the City's strategic planning goal #4 (Economic Development 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, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m, Savannah Civic Center. 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. Registrations is located at: <http://www.savannahga.gov/faith>.

Alderman Hall extended condolences to the family of Dr. Virginia Blalock who passed away last week at the age of 99.

Mayor Pro Tem Bell and Mayor DeLoach announced that the Central Police Precinct will celebrate their opening and ribbon cutting on Tuesday, August 20 at 9:30 a.m.

With no further business coming before the assembly, Mayor DeLoach adjourned the meeting.

The regular meeting adjourned at 2:43 p.m.

The video recording of the Council meeting can be found by copying and inserting the below link in your url:

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Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: 8/29/2019

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