

**Meeting Begins at 2:00pm**

**December 5, 2019 City Council Regular Meeting**

**SAVANNAH CITY GOVERNMENT  
SUMMARY/FINAL MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
December 5, 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  
Alderdwoman Dr. Estella E. Shabazz, District 5  
Alderman Tony Thomas, District 6

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

City Manager Pat Monahan  
Assistant City Manager Heath Lloyd  
Interim Chief Operating Officer Bret Bell  
City Attorney Bates Lovett  
Assistant City Attorney William Shearouse  
Clerk of Council Mark Massey  
Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret Fox

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, which was recited in unison, Alderman Miller introduced Rabbi Zalman Refson from Chabad of Savannah to offer the invocation.

Mayor DeLoach announced that the Waving Girl Monument agenda item would be moved up on the agenda before the purchasing items to accommodate those in attendance that would like to leave the meeting before adjournment.

Date: Dec 05 2019 (2:00pm)

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

[1. Motion to Adopt the Agenda for the December 5, 2019 City Council Regular Meeting](#)

- a. Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved to amend the Agenda to move up Item #52 to be heard following the adoption of the Consent Agenda as Item #23A, and to move up Item #45 to be heard following Item #23A as Item #23B, Alderwoman Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Miller seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
- b. Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved to adopt the Agenda as amended, Alderwoman Dr. Shabazz seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

##### [2. Approval of Minutes for the Special Meeting \(Budget Work Session\) on November 15, 2019](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved to approve Items #2, #3 and #4, Alderman Foster seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

##### [3. Approval of Minutes for the Work Session & Agenda Review on Monday, November 18, 2019](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved to approve Items #2, #3 and #4, Alderman Foster seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

##### [4. Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting on Monday, November 18, 2019](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved to approve Items #2, #3 and #4, Alderman Foster 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.)**

##### [5. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the First Renewal of an Annual Contract with Complete Lawn Care for Grounds Maintenance Services for Public Parks and Greenspaces in the Amount of \\$90,000 \(Event No. 6959\)](#)

Mayor DeLoach congratulated Alderman Van Johnson on winning the election for Mayor of the City of Savannah, all the Aldermen that won their seats and those who won unopposed. He stated that everyone who ran for office felt they were the best person to serve in that capacity. Now it is time for those who did not win to continue working to help make sure the City continues to move forward. Mayor DeLoach stated he is looking forward to working with all the newly elected officials.

Alderman Johnson thanked Mayor DeLoach and expressed his gratitude for his kind words, graciousness and Mrs. DeLoach's wonderful message since the election.

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved for the approval of Items #5 through #23, Alderman Miller and Alderman Hall seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

[6. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the First Renewal of an Annual Contract with BWI Companies and Howard Fertilizer and Chemicals for Horticultural Products in the Estimated Amount of \\$51,203.16 \(Event No. 6599\)](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved for the approval of Items #5 through #23, Alderman Miller and Alderman Hall seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

[7. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the First Renewal of an Annual Contract with Turf Services Unlimited, Inc. for Installation of Sod in the Estimated Amount of \\$47,765 \(Event No. 6809\)](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved for the approval of Items #5 through #23, Alderman Miller and Alderman Hall seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

[8. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the First Renewal of an Annual Contract with Russel Landscape Savannah, Inc. for Victory Drive Median Maintenance in the Estimated Amount of \\$36,000 \(Event No. 6284\)](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved for the approval of Items #5 through #23, Alderman Miller and Alderman Hall seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

[9. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Second Renewal of an Annual Contract with Deer Oaks EAP Services, LLC for Employee Assistance Program Services in the Estimated Amount of \\$44,700 \(Event No. 5046\)](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved for the approval of Items #5 through #23, Alderman Miller and Alderman Hall seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

[10. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Second Renewal of an Annual Contract with Sitescapes, Inc. for Litter and Recycling Receptacles in the Amount of \\$35,695 \(Event No. 4884\)](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved for the approval of Items #5 through #23, Alderman Miller and Alderman Hall seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

[11. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Third Renewal of an Annual Contract with Boan Mechanical Services, Inc. for HVAC Maintenance for Water Treatment Facilities in the Estimated Amount of \\$75,000 \(Event No. 4902\)](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved for the approval of Items #5 through #23, Alderman Miller and Alderman Hall seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

[12. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Third Renewal of an Annual Contract with Siemens Industry, Inc. for Water Level Monitoring Services in the Estimated Amount of \\$54,217 \(Event No. 3955\)](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved for the approval of Items #5 through #23, Alderman Miller and Alderman Hall seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

[13. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Amendment No. 1 with EMC Engineering for Design Services for Waters Avenue Streetscapes in the Amount of \\$26,500 \(Event No. 1345\)](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved for the approval of Items #5 through #23, Alderman Miller and Alderman Hall seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

[14. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract with Hussey, Gay, and Bell, Inc. for Consultant Services for a Bilbo Canal Hydraulic Study in the Amount of \\$67,500 \(Event No. 7541\)](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved for the approval of Items #5 through #23, Alderman Miller and Alderman Hall seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

[15. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Third Renewal of an Annual Contract and Contract Modification No. 1 with Auto Shine Car Wash for Automatic Car Washing and Detailing Services in the Amount of \\$43,000 \(Event No. 4243\)](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved for the approval of Items #5 through #23, Alderman Miller and Alderman Hall seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

[16. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Sole Source Contract with ShotSpotter, Inc. for a Predictive Policing Program and a Flex Amendment Expanding the Existing ShotSpotter Coverage in the Estimated Amount of \\$63,750 \(Event No. 6892\)](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved for the approval of Items #5 through #23, Alderman Miller and Alderman Hall seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

[17. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Annual Contract with Granicus Government at Carahsoft for Agenda Software in the Amount of \\$30,163.64 \(Event No. 7548\)](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved for the approval of Items #5 through #23, Alderman Miller and Alderman Hall seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

[18. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Procure Two Flatbed Trucks from Roberts Truck Center in the Amount of \\$93,152 \(Event No. 7362\)](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved for the approval of Items #5 through #23, Alderman Miller and Alderman Hall seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

[19. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Procure 26 Mobile Fingerprint Scanners from Data Works Plus in the Amount of \\$80,606 \(Event No. 7545\)](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved for the approval of Items #5 through #23, Alderman Miller and Alderman Hall seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

[20. Motion to Adopt a Resolution Permitting Atlanta Gas Light to Use a Portion of the City's 50-foot Utility Easement Under the Savannah River for a New Natural Gas Line to Hutchinson Island.](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved for the approval of Items #5 through #23, Alderman Miller and Alderman Hall seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

[21. Motion to Accept FY2020 WIOA Adult and Dislocated Worker Grant Awards in the Amount of \\$2,527,308](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved for the approval of Items #5 through #23, Alderman Miller and Alderman Hall seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

[22. Motion to Approve a Cooperation Agreement between Community Housing Services Agency, Inc. and the City of Savannah](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved for the approval of Items #5 through #23, Alderman Miller and Alderman Hall seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

23. Major Subdivision Savannah Gardens Parcel C4-C

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved for the approval of Items #5 through #23, Alderman Miller and Alderman Hall seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

23A. See Item #52.

23B. See Item #45.

**PURCHASING ITEMS**

24. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the First Renewal of an Annual Contract with Pratt Recycling, Inc. for Recyclable Material Processing in an Amount Up to \$810,000 (Event No. 6407)

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved to approve Items #24, #25, #27 through #36, #38 and #39 per the City Manager's recommendation, Alderman Durrence and Alderman Miller seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

25. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the First Renewal of an Annual Contract with Gallagher Bassett for Third Party Administration Services in the Estimated Amount of \$219,515 (Event No. 6494)

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved to approve Items #24, #25, #27 through #36, #38 and #39 per the City Manager's recommendation, Alderman Durrence and Alderman Miller seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

26. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the First Renewal and Contract Modification No. 1 of an Annual Contract with Raymond Engineering for Roofing Design Services in the Estimated Amount of \$165,000 (Event No. 6406)

City Manager Monahan requested to continue/hold Item #26 for two weeks.

27. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the First Renewal of an Annual Contract with Garcia Services and Samjay Services for Grounds Maintenance for City Facilities in the Estimated Amount of \$145,978 (Event No. 6405)

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved to approve Items #24, #25, #27 through #36, #38 and #39 per the City Manager's recommendation, Alderman Durrence and Alderman Miller seconded. The motion carried unanimously.



[28. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Second Renewal of an Annual Revenue Neutral Contract with Metropolitan Life Insurance Company for Voluntary Employee Dental and Vision Insurance in the Amount of \\$1,240,000 \(Event No. 5341\)](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved to approve Items #24, #25, #27 through #36, #38 and #39 per the City Manager's recommendation, Alderman Durrence and Alderman Miller seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

[29. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Second Renewal of an Annual Contract with Dun-Right Services for Protective Coatings in the Estimated Amount of \\$466,384.40 \(Event No. 5417\)](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved to approve Items #24, #25, #27 through #36, #38 and #39 per the City Manager's recommendation, Alderman Durrence and Alderman Miller seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

[30. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Second Renewal of an Annual Contract with Automated Business Resources, Inc. for Multi-Function Copier Equipment and Services in the Estimated Amount of \\$288,055 \(Event No. 5399\)](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved to approve Items #24, #25, #27 through #36, #38 and #39 per the City Manager's recommendation, Alderman Durrence and Alderman Miller seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

[31. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Second Renewal of an Annual Contract with ELP Landscape Services for Yard Waste Management Services in the Amount of \\$256,648 \(Event No. 5464\)](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved to approve Items #24, #25, #27 through #36, #38 and #39 per the City Manager's recommendation, Alderman Durrence and Alderman Miller seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

[32. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Second Renewal of an Annual Contract for City-Wide HVAC Maintenance Services with Edge Air Conditioning & Refrigeration in the Amount of \\$211,400 \(Event No. 4836\)](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved to approve Items #24, #25, #27 through #36, #38 and #39 per the City Manager's recommendation, Alderman Durrence and Alderman Miller seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

[33. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Third Renewal of an Annual Contract with Witt O'Brien's, Inc. for Debris Monitoring and Oversight Services in an Estimated Amount Up to \\$750,000 \(Event No. 3923\)](#)



Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved to approve Items #24, #25, #27 through #36, #38 and #39 per the City Manager's recommendation, Alderman Durrence and Alderman Miller seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

[34. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Third Renewal of an Annual Contract with Georgia Elevator Company dba Oracle for Elevator Servicing and Maintenance in the Amount of \\$122,560 \(Event No. 5273\)](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved to approve Items #24, #25, #27 through #36, #38 and #39 per the City Manager's recommendation, Alderman Durrence and Alderman Miller seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

[35. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Third Renewal and Contract Modification No. 1 of an Annual Contract with Turnkey Project Management, LLC for Installation of Fiber Optic Cabling in the Amount of \\$310,000 \(Event No. 4570\)](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved to approve Items #24, #25, #27 through #36, #38 and #39 per the City Manager's recommendation, Alderman Durrence and Alderman Miller seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

[36. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 with Myrick Marine Contracting, Corp. for Gangway Platform Repairs in the Amount of \\$162,644.80 \(Event No. 6709\)](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved to approve Items #24, #25, #27 through #36, #38 and #39 per the City Manager's recommendation, Alderman Durrence and Alderman Miller seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

[37. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract with Astra Group for Phase I of the Downtown Streetscape Project for Broughton Street in the Amount of \\$11,208,888 \(Event No. 6853\)](#)

Alderman Miller moved to approve Item #37, Alderman Foster and Alderman Hall seconded. The motion carried, 8-1-1, with Alderwoman Dr. Shabazz voting no and Alderman Johnson not voting.

City Manager Monahan gave a brief background of the financial history of Phase I of the Downtown Streetscape Project for Broughton Street.

Speaker:

Ardis Wood - distributed photos

Kimber Spencer - opposed

Rick Ellis - opposed

Rachel Shaner - opposed

Alderman Foster asked the City Manager to discuss how long the Bay Street, Broughton Street and River Street project have planned and developed over the past ten years.

Alderwoman Dr. Shabazz informed the public their concerns and opinions on City policies and spending are not going unheard.

[38. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Annual Contract with Imagann Cleaning Service for Janitorial Services for Savannah Police Department Facilities in the Amount of \\$152,880 \(Event No. 7224\)](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved to approve Items #24, #25, #27 through #36, #38 and #39 per the City Manager's recommendation, Alderman Durrence and Alderman Miller seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

[39. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Procure a Backup Pump for Lift Station No. 65 from Xylem Dewatering Solutions, Inc. in the Amount of \\$208,822.51 \(Event No. 7542\)](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved to approve Items #24, #25, #27 through #36, #38 and #39 per the City Manager's recommendation, Alderman Durrence and Alderman Miller seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS**

[40. Motion to Approve a Class E \(Beer,Wine\) \(By the Package\) Convenience Store License to Krushil Patel of Pump N Go at 201 East Montgomery Cross Roads, Suite A \(Aldermanic District 4\)](#)

Mayor DeLoach opened the alcohol license hearing.

No Speakers.

a. Alderman Miller moved to close the public hearing, Mayor Pro-Tem Bell seconded. The motion carried, 8-0-1, with Alderman Johnson not voting.

b. Alderman Miller moved to approve Item #40, Alderman Hall seconded. The motion carried, 8-0-1, with Alderman Johnson not voting.

[41. Motion to Approve a Class C \(Liquor, Beer,Wine\)\(By the Drink\) License with Sunday Sales to Norma I. Rivera for Red Lobster at 11 West Montgomery Cross Road. \(Aldermanic District 5\)](#)

No Speakers.

a. Alderwoman Dr. Shabazz moved to close the public hearing, Mayor Pro-Tem Bell seconded. The motion carried, 8-0-1, with Alderman Johnson not voting.

b. Alderwoman Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #41, Alderman Miller seconded. The motion carried, 8-0-1, with Alderman Johnson not voting.

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

[42. Final 2020 Proposed Budget Hearing](#)

Mayor DeLoach opened the budget public hearing.

Speaker:

Ms. Rachel Shaner - asking for funding for cultural arts and after school programming in public schools.

Mr. Stanley Mosley - concerned with living wage.

Alderman Miller moved to close the hearing, Alderman Foster seconded. The motion carried, 8-0-1, with Alderman Johnson not voting.

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell instructed Mr. Mosley to speak with the Fire Chief and express his concerns.

Alderman Durrence stated the City had reduced the property tax millage rate.

#### **ZONING HEARINGS**

[43. Motion to Zone 1.7 Acres Located on the East Side of Ogeechee Road in the Vicinity of Gamble Road](#)

Mayor DeLoach opened the zoning public hearing.

No Speakers.

Alderman Miller moved to close the public hearing, Alderman Durrence seconded. The motion carried, 8-0-1, with Alderman Johnson not voting.

#### **PETITIONS**

[44. Acknowledge Receipt of An Annexation Petition for Two Parcels with an Aggregate of 1,036.69 Acres Located on the East Side of the Southwest Bypass \(Veterans Parkway\) in the Vicinity of Old Burkhalter Road](#)

City Manager Monahan explained and acknowledged.

No action taken.

[45. Petition to Relocate the Waving Girl Monument from the Current Location within Morrell Park to West River Walk](#)

Moved up to Item #23B.

Alderman Hall moved to grant the request to move the Waving Girl Monument to the West End, Alderman Thomas seconded. The motion carried, 7-2-0, with Alderman Johnson and Alderwoman Dr. Shabazz voting no. Alderman Thomas requested a board vote. City Manager Monahan cited the reason for this Item is the Petitioner, Christian Sottile, has a right to appeal any decision by The Historical Sites and Monuments Commission. The Commission voted to deny the relocation; however, MPC staff recommended relocating the monument to the West End. Council will confirm or deny The Historical Sites and Monuments Commission vote.

Speakers:

For (move to West End):  
East End):

Mr. Christian Sottile, Petitioner  
Alderwoman elect

Mr. Lee Hughes  
Bethany Campbell

Mr. Jason Ball, VP Propeller Club

Ms. Lindsey Rodgers, West End

Mr. Matthew Hunt, Business Owner  
(family member/great grandson)

Mr. McLeod Rominger, Propeller Club  
Bryan

Ms. Elaine Seabolt, West End  
(distributed photos/both sites)

Mr. Richard Kessler, West End

Opposed (remain at

Ms. Alicia Blakely,

Ms.

Ms. Rachel Shaner

Mr. Hugh Osborne

Mr. Michael Kenny

Ms. Linda Wilder

Mr. Mark Halliday

Mr. Rick Somers

Dr. Judy Halliday

Following the speakers the following comments were made by Mayor and Aldermen:

Alderman Johnson expressed concern that the public at-large did not have the information on moving the Waving Girl Monument and they should be allowed to weigh-in in on the decision.

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell stated the original intent of the Monument should be considered. She commented that she was on the committee and worked with the sculptor, Ivan Alley, out of Atlanta on the Cauldron for the site.

Mayor DeLoach discussed the current criticisms of the trees blocking the view of the Monument and the preservation of the myrtle trees.

Alderman Miller stressed the importance of doing what is best for the City.

Alderman Thomas suggested future Council Member should consider the plans of Council twenty years ago who had in mind for the East End site to be an amphitheater.

Alderman Foster read into the record the public notice posted by City staff fifteen days prior to the meeting. The notice was posted and sent to the East End establishments within two hundred feet of the Monument. The City staff received no public responses.

Alderwoman Dr. Shabazz stated, almost thirty years ago she was the civil engineer and project manager working on the development of the River Street corridor.

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

##### [46. Motion to Zone 1.7 Acres Located on the East Side of Ogeechee Road in the Vicinity of Gamble Road](#)

After the first reading was considered the second, Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved to approve Item #46, Alderman Miller seconded. The motion carried, 8-0-1, with Alderman Johnson not voting.

##### [47. Motion to Approve the 2020 Revenue Ordinance](#)

After the first reading was considered the second, Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved to approve Item #47, Alderman Durrence seconded. The motion carried, 7-1-1, with Alderwoman Dr. Shabazz voting no and Alderman Johnson not voting.

Alderwoman Dr. Shabazz asked the City Manager for clarification of the Ordinance.

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

##### [48. Motion to Amend Sections 8-1002, 8-1037\(e\)\(6\) and 8-1040 of the Code of Ordinances to Eliminate a Code Enforcement Appeals Board](#)

Alderman Durrence moved to approve Item #48, Mayor Pro-Tem Bell seconded. The motion carried, 8-0-1, with Alderman Johnson not voting.

##### [49. Motion to Approve the Annexation of 1.7 Acres Located on the East Side of Ogeechee Road in the Vicinity of Gamble Road](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved to approve Item #49, Alderman Miller seconded. The motion carried, 8-0-1, with Alderman Johnson not voting.

## RESOLUTIONS

### [50. Motion to Adopt a Resolution Approving the 2020 Service Program and Budget](#)

Alderman Durrense moved to approve Item #50, Mayor Pro-Tem Bell seconded. The motion carried, 7-1-1, with Alderwoman Shabazz voting no and Alderman Johnson not voting.

City Manager Monahan gave a brief overview of the 2020 Service Program and Budget and noted the Budget was very conservative. Alderman Miller asked the City Manager if there would be an excess at the end of the year.

Alderman Foster added that less than forty percent comes from property tax and as a Member of the Pension Board he was pleased to inform the public that the City has good pension funds in comparison to the nation (in the top one percent in the Country). Alderwoman Dr. Shabazz thanked the City Manager, Melissa Carter, Budget Director, and the staff for all the work in putting the 2020 Budget together but she was not pleased with some of the line items and would be voting no.

### [51. A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Amend the Estimated Line Item Allocation of the Tier 4 SPLOST-6 \(2014-2020\) City of Savannah Project in the Event Total SPLOST Revenues Exceed \\$400 Million and Make Certain FY19 Supplemental Budget Adjustments to the Capital Improvement Fund](#)

Alderman Durrense moved to approve Item #51, Mayor Pro-Tem Bell seconded. The motion carried, 8-0-1, with Alderman Johnson not voting.

### [52. Motion to Adopt a Resolution Approving the Sale of Bonds by the Downtown Savannah Authority Series 2019 Taxable \(Arena Project\) to the Low Bidder and Authorizing an Intergovernmental Contract with the Authority to Secure the Debt Service and Fund Repayment with Proceeds from the Auto Rental Excise Tax](#)



Moved up to Item #23A.

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved to approve Item #23A moved up from Item #52, Alderman Miller seconded. The motion carried, 8-1-0, with Alderwoman Dr. Shabazz voting no.

City Manager Monahan briefly described the Taxable Revenue Bonds being issued by the Downtown Savannah Authority for the Arena Project. He distributed to Mayor and Council a Memorandum with an overview, Bidders list, debt service and cost of issuance. Mr. Monahan informed Council that no property tax dollars were committed to the arena project, it's all sales tax and three percent auto rental tax.

[53. Motion to Adopt Resolution Directing the City Manager to Implement a Level I Freeport Tax Exemption on Finished Goods and Raw Materials Related to Manufacturing at the Rate of 100% to be Effective January 1, 2020](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved to approve Item #53, Alderman Durrence seconded. The motion carried, 8-0-1, with Alderman Johnson not voting.

[54. Motion to Adopt Resolution Directing the City Manager to Implement a Level I Freeport Tax Exemption for Fulfillment Centers at the Rate of 100% to be Effective January 1, 2020](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved to approve Item #54, Alderman Miller seconded. The motion carried, 8-0-1, with Alderman Johnson not voting.

[55. Motion to Adopt a Resolution Approving a 90-day Pilot Open Container Zone in a Specific Area of the Victorian Neighborhood District](#)

Alderman Durrence moved to approve Item #55, Alderman Miller seconded. The motion carried unanimously.  
Alderman Johnson inquired as to how many churches are in the area.

## **AGREEMENTS**

[56. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Development Agreement with River Street 1, LLC for the Construction of a Public Bridge, Staircase, and Elevator to Serve East River Street](#)

Alderwoman Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #56, Alderman Miller seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

[57. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Water and Sewer Agreement with River Street 1 LLC. for Replacement and Additions to the Sanitary Sewer System at the East River Development](#)

Alderman Johnson moved to approve Item #57, Alderwoman Dr. Shabazz seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

[58. Motion To Authorize The City Manager To Execute An Agreement with SCAD for the Exchange of Surplus Properties for the Construction of a New Savannah Police Headquarters](#)

City Manager Monahan requested to continue/hold Item #58 for two weeks.

[59. Motion To Authorize the City Manager To Execute a Water and Sewer Agreement With SEDA For The Southwest Regional Water System](#)

Alderwoman Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #59, Alderman Miller seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **REAL ESTATE ITEMS**

[60. Motion to Approve Third Amendment to Real Property Trade with Row Pine Development, LLC.](#)

Alderman Miller moved to approve Item #60, Alderman Durrence seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Thomas asked the City Manager for clarification.

[61. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Property Sale Contract for Surplus Property at 740 Chevis Road with Roger Burge, Jr. Georgia Plantation Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \\$175,000 \(Event No. 7294\)](#)

Alderman Miller moved to approved Item #61, Alderman Foster seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### Announcements:

Alderman Thomas announced the passing of Ms. Sandra “Sandy” Battise on Thursday, November 28, 2019 at her residence. She was a resident of Coffee Bluff who led the African American historic preservation movement for the fishing villages that were around in the 1800s. She was very active with getting the signs placed. She will be remembered well and missed by everyone she served.

Mayor DeLoach announced the passing of Mr. Craig Harney, who will be sorely missed by his family, the City and WTOC. He would do anything for anybody and he was a very good man. Mayor Pro-Tem Bell indicated that Craig developed the first video for the Summer 500 program, and that video was used to solicit businesses to participate and to promote similar programs in other cities across the country. He was the epitome of servanthood, a true gentleman and one of the most selfless gentlemen.

Alderman Hall made a motion to adjourn, Alderman Miller seconded. Hearing no objections, the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor DeLoach adjourned the meeting at 4:21 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=N5jsaCwdGu0v>

Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: **December 19, 2019**

Initials: **mm**