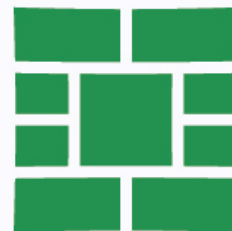


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**APRIL 23, 2026 - 2:00 p.m. - CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**

**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., in Council Chambers. Mayor Van R. Johnson, II called the meeting to order. He then recognized Alderman Nick Palumbo, who introduced former pastor Christian Swails, Founder of Doers and Makers, to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States was recited in unison.

**PRESENT:**

Mayor Van R. Johnson, II  
 Alderwoman Carolyn H. Bell, At-Large, Post 1  
 Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2  
 Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1  
 Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2  
 Alderwoman Linda Wilder, District 3 - Vice Chair  
 Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4 - Chairman  
 Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5 - Mayor Pro Tem  
 Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

**ALSO, PRESENT:**

City Manager Jay Melder  
 Assistant City Manager Taffanye Young  
 Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams  
 City Attorney Bates Lovett  
 Clerk of Council Mark Massey  
 Deputy Clerk of Council Gwendolyn Jones

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

[1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for April 23, 2026.](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve item #1 as amended to add a proclamation declaring April 2026 in honor of Mary's Place Sexual Assault Center of the Coastal Empire and saluting Mu Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated on its centennial

celebration day, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

##### [2. Approval of the Minutes for the Special Called Meeting - The Mobile Workshop Held on April 9, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.](#)

[Agenda Plus -SCM DRAFT MINUTES April 9, 2026 City Council Special Called Meeting-watermark.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #2 and #3, seconded by Ald. Wilder and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

##### [3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on April 9, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.](#)

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Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #2 and #3, seconded by Ald. Wilder and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

\* Mayor Johnson entertained a motion that an executive session regarding personnel, real estate, and litigation was held earlier, following the work session presentation for which no action was taken. All members were present, including the City Manager, the City Attorney, and the Clerk of Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to authorize the Mayor to sign a related affidavit and resolution, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Wilder. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

\*Mayor Johnson noted that at the last meeting (April 9, 2026), the City Council rejected/denied item #13, a request of the City Manager to execute a contract for financial empowerment research and engagement services with BluKnowledge Consulting in the amount of \$65,000. Mayor Johnson stated City Manager Melder may have more information to present. Mayor Johnson explained that this is grant money, not city funds, and it may jeopardize our opportunity to apply for grant funds from the Cities for Financial Empowerment. He stated that we have been engaged with them for many years. Mayor Johnson stated Ald. Wilder asked for reconsideration of this item, and asked council to vote affirmatively for this to be on the next agenda for reconsideration.

Ald. Miller Blakely stated she thinks the reason the council asked to deny item# 13 was because we did not know if they (BluKnowledge Consulting) had enough wherewithal to get the information that we needed and the City Manager was going to put it out for an RFP. City Manager Melder responded.

Ald. Wilder moved to reconsider item #13 from the April 9, 2026 City Council Meeting, and to place the agenda item on the next meeting agenda (May 14, 2026), seconded by Ald. Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

#### PRESENTATIONS

##### [4. Appearance and Recognition of Assistant Chief DeVonn Adams in Honor of His More Than 30 Years of Dedicated Service and Distinguished Career with the Savannah Police Department.](#)

[20260423 Assistant Chief Devonn Adams.pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson presented a proclamation to Assistant Chief DeVonn Adams in honor of his more than 30 years of dedicated service and distinguished career with the Savannah Police Department. Assistant Chief Adams was joined at the podium by his family and friends as he received his recognition. Members of Council, City Manager Melder, and Chief Gunther gave remarks.

##### [5. Appearance and Recognition of Captain Torrance Garvin in Honor of His More Than 30 Years of Dedicated Service and Distinguished Career with the Savannah Police Department.](#)

[20260423 Captain Torrance Garvin.pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson presented a proclamation to Captain Torrance Garvin in honor of his more than 30 years of dedicated service and distinguished career with the Savannah Police Department. He was also recognized for obtaining his newly appointed position as Chief of Police at The

Savannah State University. Members of Council, City Manager Melder, and Chief Gunther gave remarks.

[6. Presentation of a Proclamation Declaring April 2026 as Autism Acceptance Month in the City of Savannah, Recognizing and Celebrating the Contributions, Talents, and Experiences of Individuals with Autism and Reaffirming the City's Commitment to Inclusion, Understanding, and Acceptance for All.](#)

[20260401\\_Autism Acceptance Month.pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson presented an official proclamation proclaiming April 2026 as Autism Acceptance Month to President & CEO Shenequa Gresham, Board Chair Madigan Critell, and Marketing & Development Director Molly White of the Matthew Reardon Center for Autism.

[7. Presentation of a Proclamation Declaring April 20, 2026 thru April 26, 2026 as Georgia Cities Week. \(I&PA Chief's Office\)](#)

[20260420\\_Georgia Cities Week April 20-25.pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson, City Manager Melder, and Leadership & Organizational Development Officer Dr. Jennifer Blalock presented an official proclamation proclaiming April 20 - 25, 2026, as Georgia Cities Week.

[8. Presentation of a Proclamation Declaring May 3 Through May 9, 2026, as National Small Business Week in the City of Savannah, with Recognition of the City of Savannah's Economic Development Department and its Local Partners for their Continued Commitment to Supporting and Strengthening Savannah's Small Business Community.](#)

[20260503\\_Small Business Week.pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson, Ald. Palumbo, and Economic Development Senior Director MarRonde Lumpkin-Lotson presented an official proclamation proclaiming May 3 - 9, 2026, as Small Business Week.

[9. Appearance and Recognition for the Bridge to Success Internship Program \(Human Resources\)](#)

Mayor Johnson, City Manager Melder, and Sr. Director of Human Resources Jeff Grant recognized and presented participants of the 2nd Cohort of the Bridge to Success Student Internship Program. The participants were:

- Weilum Helena Chien
- Charles Donaway, III
- Madison Washington
- Jaden Adams (was present)
- Kailee Mack
- Cidney Jefferson (was present)
- Lily Sokell (was present)
- Magnolia Poeling (was present)

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

[10. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 for Advanced Meter Infrastructure Deployment to Expand the Smart Meter Project Scope and Timeline with Badger Meters in an Amount Not to Exceed \\$13,427,000. \(Water Resources Department\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Contract Modification 1 for Water Meter Installation Services - Funding Verification.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Contract Modification 1 for Water Meter Installation Services - Purchasing Notes.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #10 through #13, and #15, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[11. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Procurement of Annual Subscription/Maintenance from ESRI for GIS mapping and online maintenance and support in the Amount of \\$120,300. \(Information Technology Department\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: ArcGIS Annual Renewal - Funding Verification.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: ArcGIS Annual Renewal - Purchasing Notes.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #10 through #13, and #15, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[12. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Annual Renewal of IT Network Maintenance Services, Equipment, and Security with MGT Impact Solutions in the Amount of \\$1,558,886. \(Information Technology Department\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: MGT Network Maintenance - Funding Verification.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: MGT Network Maintenance - Purchasing Notes.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #10 through #13, and #15, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[13. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Procurement of Microsoft Enterprise Software with Insight Public Sector, Inc. in an Amount Not to Exceed \\$1,736,022. \(Information Technology Department\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Microsoft Enterprise Software - Funding Verification.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Microsoft Enterprise Software - Purchasing Notes.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #10 through #13, and #15, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[14. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 for Design of Middleground Road Multi-modal Trail with Kimley-Horn in the Amount of \\$804,500. \(Transportation Services\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Tide to Town Middleground Road Design Services.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Tide to Town Middleground Road Design Services.pdf](#)

Ald. Miller Blakely moved to approve item #14, seconded by Ald. Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Ald. Miller Blakely stated she had an opportunity to take the bus tour of the Middleground Road (Trail) for the southside retrofit, and it was amazing. She stated the Tide to Town contract modification is going to be something great. Ald. Miller Blakely requested a copy of the map that shows how the trail is going to connect to Middleground Road.

[15. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Janitorial and Floor Care Services with New Beginnings, in an Amount Not to Exceed \\$61,558.04. \(Solid Waste Management\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Janitorial & Floor Care for Solid Waste](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Note - Janitorial & Floor Care for Solid Waste](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #10 through #13, and #15, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

#### SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION

[16. Approval to Procure Two Police Vehicles from PFVT Motors, LLC dba Peoria Ford, in the Amount of \\$144,530.](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #16 through #26, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[17. Approval to Procure One Hot Mama's Catering Services at the 2026 RBC Heritage, in the Amount of \\$35,237.](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #16 through #26, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[18. Approval to Participate in Co-Op International Sport Marketing Events with the Hilton Head Island-Bluffton Chamber of Commerce, in the Amount of \\$160,000.](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #16 through #26, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[19. Approval to Participate in a Marketing Activation at O'Hare International Airport with Visit Savannah, in the Amount of \\$175,000.](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #16 through #26, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[20. Approval to Procure Licensing from Adobe, Inc. for Digital Content Creation Software, in the Amount of \\$25,051.](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #16 through #26, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[21. Approval to Procure a Pull Behind Top Dresser from St. John's Turf Care, in the Amount of \\$40,475.](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #16 through #26, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[22. Approval to Renew the Public Address System Platinum Assurance Plan Agreement with ALTEL Systems Group, Inc. for a Two-Year Term, in the Amount of \\$91,200.](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #16 through #26, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[23. Approval to Procure Two Four-Wheel Drive Utility Cab Tractors from Hendrix Machinery, Inc., in the Amount of \\$90,996.](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #16 through #26, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[24. Approval to Procure a Pull-Behind Chipper from Mason Tractor Company, in the Amount of \\$48,070.](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #16 through #26, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[25. Approval of Change Order No. 1 to SunCoast Restoration and Waterproofing, LLC, in the Amount of \\$56,250.](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #16 through #26, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[26. Approval to Procure a Class III Four-Wheel Drive Truck with a Nine-Foot Reading Landscape Dump from O.C. Welch Ford, in the Amount of \\$72,778.](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #16 through #26, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

#### BOARD APPOINTMENTS

[27. Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Authorities](#)

The Mayor and Aldermen made the following appointments:

- **Nominees for Recorders Court**

Ald. Wilder moved to approve the names mentioned (Van'Nessa Bailey, Tony Center, Jen Davenport, Debra Geiger, Gage Montgomery, Sharonte Parker, and Ty Wilson), seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Nominated seven (7) people: Van'Nessa Bailey, Tony Center, Jen Davenport, Debra Geiger, Gage Montgomery, Sharonte Parker, and Ty Wilson.

- **Chatham County-City of Savannah Land Bank Authority**

Ald. Palumbo moved to appoint Tomeca McPherson, seconded by Ald. Wilder and Ald. Leggett. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Ald. Miller Blakely voted no.

Reappointed Tomeca McPherson.

- **Cultural Affairs Commission**

Mayor Johnson moved to appoint Eileen Baker, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Ald. Wilder moved to appoint Elizabeth Fryman, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Ald. Palumbo moved to appoint Robert J. Angelastro, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Appointed Elizabeth M. Fryman, Robert J. Angelastro, and Eileen Baker.

- **Economic Opportunity Authority (EOA)**

Ald. Wilder moved to appoint Sharon Wanda Aikens, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Appointed Sharon Wanda Aikens.

- **Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)**

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to appoint all three names (Pamela A. Miller, Ja'Quan O. Oliver, and Gregory S. Jackson), seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Appointed Gregory S. Jackson, Ja'Quan O. Oliver, and reappointed Pamela A. Miller.

- **Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC)**

Mayor Johnson moved to appoint Patricia Richardson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Appointed Patricia Richardson.

- **Pilotage Commission**

Ald. Palumbo moved to appoint Christopher Rice, seconded by Ald. Wilder. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Appointed Christopher M. Rice

- **Savannah Airport Commission**

Ald. Bell moved to appoint Ted (Theodore) Kleisner, seconded by Ald. Wilder. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Reappointed Theodore "Ted" Kleisner.

- **Savannah Downtown Historic District Board of Review (HDBR)**

Ald. Leggett moved to appoint Michael Higgins, seconded by Ald. Wilder. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Appointed Michael Higgins

- **Savannah Economic Development Authority (SEDA)**

Mayor Johnson moved to appoint Dr. Joseph H. Silver, seconded by Ald. Wilder and Ald. Leggett. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Ald. Miller Blakely voted no.

Appointed Dr. Joseph H. Silver.

- **Savannah Recreation Commission**

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to appoint two names (Shakuria Smith and Dr. Silviller A. Watson), seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Wilder. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Appointed Shakuria Smith and Dr. Silviller A. Watson.

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

[28. Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Four City-owned Properties at 601, 602, 606, and 610 West 57th Street to the Chatham County/City of Savannah Land Bank Authority and Authorizing the Feiler Park Neighborhood Association to Use Up To \\$600,000 from the Savannah Affordable Housing Funds to Develop Three New Houses on Lots at 602, 606, and 610 West 57th Street in Aldermanic District 5. \(Housing Services Department\).](#)

[Exhibit 1 - Feiler Park 57th Street Property Resolution.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2 - Feiler Park Neighborhood Association Request Letter.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3 - Feiler Park Neighborhood Association Property Request Map Key.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #28 and #29, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Wilder. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz recognized the leader of Feiler Park Neighborhood Association, Dr. Betty Jones, for her groundbreaking work in her community for such a long, long time. Dr. Jones has been leading her community in a space where the association meets on West 57<sup>th</sup> Street, which is one of the properties that the council is talking about. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz stated we are talking about a community and the community leader moving forward with the transfer of these properties, and because of the need that they saw in their community for more affordable housing, they have stepped up to the plate, and they are getting ready to do this work.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz asked City Manager Melder to make a few summary comments about what is happening here on the phenomenal work of Dr. Jones' leadership and the constituents and residents of Feiler Park. City Manager responded.

Ald. Lanier congratulated Dr. Jones, and stated she thinks this is a very good thing. She stated that we are setting a good precedent here, or we are reviving one, where we have these very

active 501(c)(3) certified associations, who have been doing the work in these communities for a very long time and know more than anyone else what is best and what suits and fits that community. Ald. Lanier stated she was so glad of this now, because Dr. Jones has set the model where other active organizations could follow behind and do this same thing.

Ald. Bell thanked Dr. Jones for the work that she is doing and has been doing for all these years.

Ald. Miller Blakely stated that this is phenomenal, and she hopes and prays that other neighborhood associations that are 501(c)(3) certified follow Dr. Jones' lead. She stated she was so excited and that was why she wanted the City Manager to talk about it, so that the other neighborhood associations would know that they can do the same exact thing.

Mayor Johnson thanked Dr. Jones for her love and stewardship of her neighborhood and community. He stated that it is one thing when people do work for you; it is something different when you are empowered to do it yourself. Mayor Johnson stated he is hoping that this will be duplicated across the city. He further stated that we have great partners in the City of Savannah, and CHSA will be with you every step of the way.

[29. Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of the Vacant Lot Located at 635 West 48th Street to the Chatham County/City of Savannah Land Bank Authority to Facilitate the Development and Sale of a New House by CHSA Development, Inc. to a Modest Income Home Buyer Located in Aldermanic District 5. \(Housing Services Department\)](#)

[Exhibit 1 - 635 W 48th Street Resolution.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2 - LBA Letter of Request for City Property Transfer for 635 E 48th St.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3 - Letter of Request for 635 48th St to CHSA.pdf](#)

See related agenda item #28.

[30. Resolution in Support of the City of Savannah's Celebration of the United States of America's 250th Anniversary. \(Municipal Archives\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: US250AnniversaryResolution\\_2026-04-23\\_v2.pdf](#)

Ald. Palumbo moved to approve item #30, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Wilder. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Mayor Johnson stated item #30 is a resolution that he wanted to do in support of the City of Savannah's celebration of the United States of America's 250th anniversary. He stated that this is a lifetime deal for all of us; we will not be around for the next 250 years. This is an opportunity to authorize us to take some actions to coordinate, convene, and be able to make sure this is a once-in-a-lifetime celebration.

Ald. Palumbo stated "Don't make it a moment; make it a movement", and come join us in the celebration of the 250th anniversary. He stated if you find the spirit within you to celebrate our nation of liberty, truth, justice, and the American way, now is the time to approach the committee.

#### AGREEMENTS

[31. Authorize the City Manager to Accept the FY2026 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Grant Award in the Amount of \\$200,000. \(WorkSource Coastal\)](#)

[Exhibit 1 - Notice of Grant of Award Modification.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #31 through #37, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[32. Authorize the City Manager to Accept a PY24 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Disaster Recovery Dislocated Worker Grant Award in the Amount of \\$70,000. \(WorkSource Coastal\)](#)

[Exhibit 1 - PY24.26 WIOA DR NDWG Statement of Grant Award.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #31 through #37, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[33. Approval to Renew the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act \(WIOA\) Sub-Recipient Award to Support the "One-Stop Delivery System" with In The Door, LLC in an Amount up to \\$220,000. \(WorkSource Coastal\)](#)

[Exhibit 1 - PY26.27 WIOA Youth, FY26.27 WIOA Adult and Dislocated Worker Statement of Grant Awards.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #31 through #37, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[34. Approval to Renew the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act \(WIOA\) Sub-Recipient Award for Career, Case Management, and Training Services to Adults and Dislocated Workers \(Ages 18 and older\) with Eckerd Connects-Paxen in an Amount up to \\$893,223. \(WorkSource Coastal\).](#)

[Exhibit 1 - FY26.27 WIOA Adult and Dislocated Worker Statement of Grant Awards.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #31 through #37, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[35. Approval to Renew the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Sub-Recipient \(WIOA\) Awards for Academic, Career Development, and Training Services for Youth \(Ages 16-24\) to Ross IES, Inc. and Eckerd Connects-Paxen d/b/a Eckerd Youth Alternatives, Inc., Totaling up to \\$1,033,383. \(WorkSource Coastal\).](#)

[Exhibit 1 - PY26.27 WIOA Youth and FY26.27 WIOA Adult Statement of Grant Awards.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #31 through #37, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[36. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement for a Development Consisting of 317 Single-family Homes with Beacon New Homes LLC Located in Aldermanic District 5. \(WR- Planning & Engineering Department\).](#)

[Exhibit 1 Water & Sewer Agreement - Beacon Point.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #31 through #37, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[37. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement For a Development Consisting of 31 Single-family Homes with Bradley Lot Development, LLC for Bradley Point South Phase 7 Located in the Gateway Service Area in Aldermanic District 6. \(WR- Planning & Engineering Department\).](#)

[Exhibit 1: Water & Sewer Agreement - Bradley Point South Phase 7.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #31 through #37, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

#### CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

##### [38. Settlement #1](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #38 through #42, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Settlement #1 authorized the City Attorney's Office to settle the claim (automobile accident) of Joshua Luten for \$45,000.00.

##### [39. Settlement #2](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #38 through #42, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Settlement #2 authorized the City Attorney's Office to settle the claim (automobile accident) of Raven Shields for \$35,000.00.

##### [40. Settlement #3](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #38 through #42, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Settlement #3 authorized the City Attorney's Office to settle the claim (automobile accident) of Brittany Cardona for \$50,000.00.

##### [41. Settlement #4](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #38 through #42, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Settlement #4 authorized the City Attorney's Office to settle the claim (automobile accident) of Frank Rosario for \$117,500.00.

##### [42. Settlement #5](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #38 through #42, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Settlement #5 authorized the City Attorney's Office to settle the claim (automobile accident) of Pamela Thompson for \$500,000.00.

MISCELLANEOUS

[43. Authorize the City Manager to Approve a Major Subdivision, The Pines at New Hampstead, Phase 6 Located in Aldermanic District 5. \(Development Services Department\).](#)

[Exhibit 1: Plat of The Pines at New Hampstead, Phase 6.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: MPC Approval Decision.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve item #43, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[44. ADDED: Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming the month of April 2026 in honor of Mary's Place Sexual Assault Center of the Coastal Empire on their 50th Anniversary.](#)

[20260401\\_Mary's Place Sexual Assault Center of the Coastal Empire.pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson presented an official proclamation proclaiming the month of April 2026 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month to Mary's Place Sexual Assault Center of th Coastal Empire Executive Director Doris L. William and staff.

[45. ADDED: Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming April 10, 2026, as Mu Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Centennial Celebration Day.](#)

[20260423\\_Mu Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc..pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson presented an official proclamation proclaiming April 10, 2026, as Mu Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Centennial Celebration Day to Basileus of the Mu Phi Chapter Tomorris Robinson, Sr. and fraternity members.

Following additional announcements made by the Mayor and Aldermen, Mayor Johnson adjourned the regular meeting at 4:22 p.m.

Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

<https://savannahgovtv.viebit.com/?folder=ALL>.

