



JULY 9, 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 Ald. Alicia Miller Blakely, who introduced Chatham County Sheriff Richard Coleman, 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 July 9, 2026.](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve item #1, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing Held on June 25, 2026, at 10:30 a.m.](#)

[Agenda Plus -WS DRAFT MINUTES_ June 25, 2026 City Council Workshop-watermark.pdf](#)

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

[3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on June 25, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.](#)

[Agenda Plus - RM DRAFT MINUTES_ June 25, 2026 City Council Regular Meeting-watermark.pdf](#)

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

* Mayor Johnson thanked TEAM Savannah, including City Manager Melder and public safety officers (Fire and Police), for an outstanding 250 Celebration of our country. He also thanked Archives & History Officer Luciana Spracher and Ald. Palumbo, who led the 250 Celebration/Committee efforts. More exciting things are still to come.

As it continues to be disrespectfully hot, Mayor Johnson thanked TEAM Savannah for making sure people are safe and cool. Cooling centers and splash pads are open. He stated that we will also be adding the Brock and Haven Elementary school pools to our swimming inventory, via a \$1 rental agreement. These schools are not owned by the City; they are owned by the Board of Education. Prior to being programmed, the pools had to be inspected. Both pools have passed inspection. Mayor Johnson requested the City Manager to agendize the agreement for the next City Council meeting for the sake of the record.

PRESENTATIONS

[4. Proclamation Recognizing the City of Savannah's 15-year Anniversary of the Smoke Free Air Ordinance.](#)

Mayor Johnson presented a proclamation celebrating the 15th Anniversary of the Smoke Free Air Ordinance to Healthy Savannah and other advocates.

[5. Appearance and Recognition of Georgia Power for Supporting the City Hall Interior Restoration Project. \(Municipal Archives & History\).](#)

Archives & History Officer Luciana Spracher and City Manager Melder presented to Georgia Power's Southeast Region representative, William Mock, and Chatham County representative, Mickey Daniel, recognizing Georgia Power's support and generous donation to the restoration project. Georgia Power donated \$40,000 to restore the electric lighting to the interior stained glass dome. Ms. Spracher stated this donation supplements an earlier donation of \$50,000 that Georgia Power made in 2024, which has supported the restoration of the original historic brass lighting fixtures both in council chambers and in the rotunda.

*Mayor Johnson also recognized:

- Chef Jack (Jackson) and his summer interns participating in the summer camp called A Seat at the Table Cafe. They made lunch for the day.
- Nancy Maia, president of the Victorian Neighborhood Association, and the interns and team leader who received a ONSE first-time grant.

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

City Manager Melder, Assistant HR Director Tiffany Martin, and HR Recruitment Coordinator Kadatra Ortiz introduced and recognized Cohort III Bridge to Success Internship Program participants.

*Mayor Johnson exercised a moment of personal privilege to recognize City Attorney Bates Lovett for five (5) years of dedicated service with the City, and Clerk of Council Mark Massey for being recognized as the 2026 Georgia Municipal Clerk of the Year.

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

[7. Approval of a Class E \(Wine\) \(By the Package\) and Class G \(Complimentary Wine\) Alcohol License to Thomas E. Dennard III for Savannah Bee Company, a Specialty Retail Shop at 313 Stiles Avenue. The Establishment is Located between Feeley Avenue and Magazine Avenue in Aldermanic District 1. The Applicant Plans to Operate as a Specialty Retail Shop. \(New Applicant/Existing Business\).](#)

[Exhibit 1 - Checklist - Savannah Bee Company.](#)

[Exhibit 2 - Density Map - Savannah Bee Company.](#)

[Exhibit 3 - Alcohol Report - Savannah Bee Company.](#)

[Exhibit 4 - Measurement Report - Savannah Bee Company.](#)

[Exhibit 5 - Safety Plan - Savannah Bee Company.](#)

[Exhibit 6 - Neighborhood Notification for Savannah Bee](#)

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearing open for agenda item #7.

Speaker(s):

- Lakeshia Hodges -- OPPOSED
- Roshida Edwards -- OPPOSED

a. Ald. Leggett moved to close the alcohol hearing for agenda item #7, seconded by Ald. Wilder. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Ald. Lanier moved to postpone agenda item #7 to the August 13, 2026, Council Meeting with time to review the overlay with the City Attorney, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely. No vote was taken.

c. Ald. Wilder moved to proceed to approve agenda item #7, seconded by Ald. Leggett. The motion passed, 7-2-0. Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Lanier voted no.

d. Ald. Purtee moved to call the question. No vote was taken on the motion.

Ald. Lanier stated that in this instance, we got something that is broken, and since she has been on Council she has been working on this issue. She further expressed how she is working with the city attorney, and they have drafted a healthy proposal that will solve the immediate issue because the issue is much bigger than the alcohol overlay. Ald. Lanier stated that the community she represents has always been inhibited through structural and systemic racism through codes like this one. Ald. Lanier stated that the definition of an overlay is a temporary measure that is supposed to correct a social problem and is not intended to be permanent because there is a permanent zoning on the ground. She explained that the overlay started in the late 90s and early 2000s, with West Savannah being infiltrated with package stores that had lounges in the rear that caused a horrible impact on our community--we had loitering, drunkenness, and trash being thrown in people's yards. Ald. Lanier stated that, at that time, she was the president of Hudson Hill Neighborhood Association. She worked with their alderman, Alderman Johnson, and city staff to create the overlay and it worked. Ald. Lanier expressed that we no longer have that problem, that model, or the loitering--the issue has been solved. She further expressed that, as administrators, we should have had some adjustments to this policy because we are experiencing some unintended consequences, and those consequences are impacting us as this growth and development comes running us over and out of our community.

Ald. Lanier stated we need to adjust this overlay. We need to be fair, which is equity that we say all the time is fairness, and we have not done that. She also expressed her concerns regarding the 3rd and 5th District overlays in comparison with the 1st District. Ald. Lanier stated, "So, it is not about the Bee Company because they walked into something that we were in the middle of, and what we need to do in order to do right by the applicant and other businesses, is that we make these changes. She stated we are not asking for any more package stores; we are asking to allow event spaces and restaurants to have an alcohol or revenue license. Ald. Lanier further expressed that this is more than just about alcohol, because alcohol is an economic driver; that is what we need in this depressed area. She stated that we want to create something that was going to allow:

- other districts to continue what they are doing;
- us (1st District) to make the adjustments to be fair to the businesses that are coming;
- to be fair to the people who were born, raised, lived, and bled there.

Ald. Lanier requested that the Council postpone this measure until August 13, 2026, to allow the review of the work the city attorney has done regarding the alcohol overlay in the 1st District.

Mayor Johnson stated Ald. Lanier was conflating two issues. He then asked the City Manager to confirm that the Savannah Bee Company was not in the alcohol overlay (It is not in the current one), and that it is directly across the street from the Enmarket Arena, which has a liquor license. (Correct) Mayor Johnson asked whether this (alcohol license) had been properly and legally advertised. (Yes)

Ald. Miller Blakely thanked Ald. Lanier for her comments/remarks. She stated that it breaks her heart that we have one business off of Lathrop, who has been in business for 4 years and has been trying to obtain an alcohol license. Ald. Miller Blakely expressed that the referenced business is located one minute driving time away from the Bee Company. She further expressed that Ald. Lanier has been asking for 4 years for the Council to look at the overlay. Ald. Miller Blakely stated that we are not saying to lift it across that whole area, just in that industrial area where that business is located. She explained that the Bee Company is right around the corner from the referenced business, and it was unfair and unjust for the Council to give the Bee Company an alcohol license, which is not even 60 seconds away, and the Council cannot even look at readjusting the overlay for the Vintage. Ald. Miller Blakely stated the reason that Savannah Bee Company should not (be approved) is that it was not fair and was inequitable. She further stated she refuses to vote again for another license on this dais until the Council looks at the overlay and grants economic drivers for businesses, especially small black-owned businesses that need it.

Mayor Johnson stated that the matter at hand was the hearing as to whether Thomas E. Dennard III for Savannah Bee Company, a specialty retail shop at 313 Stiles Avenue, should receive approval for a Class E Wine by the Package and Class G Complimentary alcohol license. He stated that this has been conflated into an overlay that the City Council approved January 4, 2018, in which he led that effort with the communities in 2018. Mayor Johnson stated the business that has been referenced did not even try to get into their location until April 2022, after they were advised by staff that it was in an overlay. He further stated that, if the issue is about the overlay and if the Council wants to address that, fine, but the issue today is about Thomas E. Dennard, III, who has followed the rules, has applied, and it has been noticed properly.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz stated that whatever was mentioned about the 5th District, she needed everyone to fact-check it against the records.

[8. Approval of Class C \(Liquor, Beer, and Wine\) \(By the Drink\) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Riza Mutluguler for Oglethorpe Club Liberty, a Restaurant at 12 West Liberty Street. The Establishment is Located Between Whitaker Street and Bull Street in Aldermanic District 2. The Applicant Plans to Operate as a Restaurant. \(New Applicant/ New Business\)](#)

[Exhibit 1 - Checklist - Oglethorpe Club Liberty](#)

[Exhibit 2 - Density Map - Oglethorpe Club Liberty](#)

[Exhibit 3 - Alcohol Report - Oglethorpe Club Liberty](#)

[Exhibit 4 - Measurement Report - Oglethorpe Club Liberty](#)

[Exhibit 5 - Safety Plan - Oglethorpe Club Liberty](#)

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings open for agenda items #8, #9, #10, #11, and #12.

No speaker(s).

a. Ald. Purtee moved to close the alcohol license hearings for agenda items #8, #9, #10, #11, and #12, seconded by Ald. Wilder and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Ald. Leggett moved to approve agenda item #8, seconded by Ald. Wilder and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 7-2-0. Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Lanier voted no.

[9. Approval of a Class C \(Liquor, Beer and Wine\) \(By the Drink\) Alcohol License to Ojasvi Trikha for Totally Awesome Bar, a Bar/Lounge at 107-B Whitaker Street. The Establishment is Located between West Broughton Street and West State Street in Aldermanic District 2. The Applicant Plans to Operate as a Bar/Lounge. \(New Applicant/New Business\)](#)

[Exhibit 1 - Checklist - Totally Awesome Bar](#)

[Exhibit 2 - Density Map - Totally Awesome Bar](#)

[Exhibit 3 - Alcohol Report - Totally Awesome Bar](#)

[Exhibit 4 - Measurement Report - Totally Awesome Bar](#)

[Exhibit 5 - Safety Plan - Totally Awesome Bar](#)

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings open for agenda items #8, #9, #10, #11, and #12.

No speaker(s).

- a. Ald. Purtee moved to close the alcohol license hearings for agenda items #8, #9, #10, #11, and #12, seconded by Ald. Wilder and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.
- b. Ald. Leggett moved to approve agenda item #9, seconded by Ald. Wilder and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 7-2-0. Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Lanier voted no.

10. Approval of a Class E (Wine) (By the Package) and Class G (Wine) (Complimentary) Alcohol License to Chanel Parker for Nelly's Grocery and Wine, a Grocery Store at 630 Indian Street, Suite A. The Establishment is Located between McGuire Street and North Fahm Street in Aldermanic District 2. The Applicant Plans to Operate as a Grocery Store. (New Applicant/New Business)

[Exhibit 1 - Checklist - Nelly's Grocery and Wine](#)

[Exhibit 2 - Density Map - Nelly's Grocery and Wine](#)

[Exhibit 3 - Alcohol Report - Nelly's Grocery and Wine](#)

[Exhibit 4 - Measurement Report - Nelly's Grocery and Wine](#)

[Exhibit 5 - Safety Plan - Nelly's Grocery and Wine](#)

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings open for agenda items #8, #9, #10, #11, and #12.

No speaker(s).

- a. Ald. Purtee moved to close the alcohol license hearings for agenda items #8, #9, #10, #11, and #12, seconded by Ald. Wilder and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.
- b. Ald. Leggett moved to approve agenda item #10, seconded by Ald. Wilder and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 7-2-0. Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Lanier voted no.

11. Approval of Class G (Wine) (Complimentary) (By the Drink) Alcohol License to Carolyn Sanford for Tijon Perfume Lab, a Specialty Retail Shop at 7 West York Street. The Establishment is Located between Whitaker Street and Bull Street in Aldermanic District 2. The Applicant Plans to Operate as a Specialty Retail Shop. (New Applicant/New Business)

[Exhibit 1 - Checklist - Tijon Perfume Lab](#)

[Exhibit 2 - Density Map - Tijon Perfume Lab](#)

[Exhibit 3 - Alcohol Report - Tijon Perfume Lab](#)

[Exhibit 4 - Measurement Report - Tijon Perfume Lab](#)

[Exhibit 5 - Safety Plan - Tijon Perfume Lab](#)

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings open for agenda items #8, #9, #10, #11, and #12.

No speaker(s).

- a. Ald. Purtee moved to close the alcohol license hearings for agenda items #8, #9, #10, #11, and #12, seconded by Ald. Wilder and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.
- b. Ald. Leggett moved to approve agenda item #11, seconded by Ald. Wilder. The motion passed unanimously, 7-2-0. Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Lanier voted no.

12. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer and Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Pranav Patel for The Taco Stache, a Restaurant Located at 940 Chatham Center Drive, Suite 102. The Establishment is Located between Chatham Parkway and Paulina Crossing in Aldermanic District 5. The Applicant Plans to Operate as a Restaurant. (New Applicant/New Business)

[Exhibit 1 - Checklist - The Taco Stache](#)

[Exhibit 2 - Density Map - The Taco Stache](#)

[Exhibit 3 - Alcohol Report - The Taco Stache](#)

[Exhibit 4 - Measurement Report - The Taco Stache](#)

[Exhibit 5 - Safety Plan - The Taco Stache](#)

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings open for agenda items #8, #9, #10, #11, and #12.

No speaker(s).

- a. Ald. Purtee moved to close the alcohol license hearings for agenda items #8, #9, #10, #11, and #12, seconded by Ald. Wilder and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda item #12, seconded by Ald. Wilder and Ald. Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 7-2-0. Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Lanier voted no.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

[13. Public Hearing of the Downtown Savannah Authority Bond Application for Approximately \\$31 Million in Bond Funding to Construct a Parking Garage at Eastern Wharf.](#)

Mayor Johnson declared the public hearing open for agenda item #13. See related agenda item #32.

No speaker(s).

a. Ald. Purtee moved to close the public hearing for agenda item #13, seconded by Ald. Wilder. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0. Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Miller Blakely were away from the dais during the vote.

ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

[14. Approval to Amend the 2026 Revenue Ordinance to Adopt the Millage Rate of 11.749 Mills as the Final Millage Rate for 2026. \(Financial Services Department\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Revenue Ordinance Amendment.pdf](#)

Heard for First Reading Only. Mayor Johnson advised there will be the first of three public hearings at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

ORDINANCES - SECOND READING - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

[15. Amendment to Sunday Alcohol Sales Requirements for Museums. \(Revenue Department\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: ORD ABO Museum Sunday Sales.docx](#)

Ald. Purtee moved to approve agenda item #15, seconded by Ald. Wilder and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 7-2-0. Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Lanier voted no.

[16. Petition of Coleman Company, Inc. on behalf of Brookhaven Development, LLC for Fort Argyle Developers, LLC, to Annex ~123.159 acres Located at 0 Fort Argyle Road \(PIN 11037 02002\) from Chatham County to the City of Savannah.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Draft Ordinance for Annexation of 0 Ft. Argyle Road.pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson declared the hearings open for agenda items #16 and #17.

Speaker(s):

- Norman Burnsed, supporting Annette Hickey
- Connie Shreve
- Pastor Michael Washington, supporting Annette Hickey
- Rachael Carter, supporting Annette Hickey
- Annette Hickey, (County resident), expressed concerns
- Bryan Wardlaw, representing the developers

a. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the hearings for agenda items #16 and #17, seconded by Ald. Purtee. No vote was taken.

b. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the hearings for agenda items #16 and #17, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

c. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda item #16, seconded by Ald. Wilder and Ald. Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 8-1-0. Ald. Miller Blakely voted no.

Ald. Miller Blakely stated that the Council extended this item for two weeks so that Ms. Hickey could have a conversation with the developers. She asked if that took place. Ms. Hickey responded. Ald. Miller Blakely also asked Ms. Hickey and Mr. Wardlaw about the quitclaim deed that Ms. Hickey mentioned.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz asked the City Manager to explain, in reference to this area, the amount of buffers that are allowable according to our ordinances. City Manager Melder responded.

Mayor Johnson asked the developer's representative, Mr. Wardlaw, about the location of the developer's business and to tell the Council about the conservation easement. Mr. Wardlaw responded.

[17. Petition of Coleman Company, Inc. on behalf of Brookhaven Development, LLC for Fort Argyle Developers, LLC, and Chatham Sand, LLC for a Zoning Map Amendment at 0 Fort Argyle Road and 1150 Fort Argyle Road \(11037 02002 and 21037 01001\) to Rezone ~274.29 acres from R-A \(Residential Agriculture - Chatham County\) and RSF-6 \(Residential Single Family - 6 City of Savannah\) to Argyle Grove Planned Development \(City of Savannah\) to Allow a Residential, Commercial, and Mixed-use Development \(26-001014-ZA\). This Supports the Annexation of 0 Ft. Argyle Road \(11037 02002\).](#)

[Exhibit 1: Rezoning Ordinance for 0 and 1150 Ft. Argyle Road \(26-001014-ZA\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Argyle Grove Planned Development and Master Plan.pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson declared the hearings open for agenda items #16 and #17.

Speaker(s):

- Norman Burnsed, supporting Annette Hickey
- Connie Shreve
- Pastor Michael Washington, supporting Annette Hickey
- Rachael Carter, supporting Annette Hickey
- Annette Hickey (County resident), expressed concerns
- Bryan Wardlaw, representing the developers

a. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the hearings for agenda items #16 and #17, seconded by Ald. Purtee. No vote was taken.

b. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the hearings for agenda items #16 and #17, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

c. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda item #17, conditioned upon placing a 50ft buffer around existing residential parcels, seconded by Ald. Wilder and Ald. Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 8-1-0. Ald. Miller Blakely voted no.

Ald. Miller Blakely stated that the Council extended this item for two weeks so that Ms. Hickey could have a conversation with the developers. She asked if that took place. Ms. Hickey responded. Ald. Miller Blakely also asked Ms. Hickey and Mr. Wardlaw about the quitclaim deed that Ms. Hickey mentioned.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz asked the City Manager to explain, in reference to this area, the amount of buffers that are allowable according to our ordinances. City Manager Melder responded.

Mayor Johnson asked the developer's representative, Mr. Wardlaw, about the location of the developer's business and to tell the Council about the conservation easement. Mr. Wardlaw responded.

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

[18. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Ammunition for the Savannah Police Department with Gulf State Distributors in the Amount of \\$210,532.30. \(SPD\)\(Item was Continued from June 25, 2026 Council Meeting\).](#)

[Exhibit 1 Funding Verification - SPD Annual Ammunition.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2 Purchasing Notes - SPD Annual Ammunition.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #18 through #25, seconded by Ald. Wilder and Ald. Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[19. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for ERP CloudSuite with Infor in the Amount of \\$5,085,349.50. \(ITS\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - ERP CloudSuite.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - ERP CloudSuite.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #18 through #25, seconded by Ald. Wilder and Ald. Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[20. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Annual Contract for Water Treatment Services and Related Equipment Maintenance with Evoqua Water Technologies in an Amount not to Exceed \\$150,375. \(Sewer Conveyance\).](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Water Treatment Services and Related Equipment.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Water Treatment Services and Related Equipment.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #18 through #25, seconded by Ald. Wilder and Ald. Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[21. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Annual Contract with New South Associates \(Primary\) and Brockington Associates \(Secondary\) for Archaeological Services in an Amount not to Exceed \\$250,000. \(Capital Projects\).](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Archaeological Services.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Archaeological Services.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #18 through #25, seconded by Ald. Wilder and Ald. Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[22. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Construction Contract with Polote Corporation for the Savannah Police Department's Traffic and Records Building Renovation Project in the Amount of \\$975,000. \(Capital Projects\).](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - SPD Traffic and Records Building Renovation.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - SPD Traffic and Records Building Renovation.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #18 through #25, seconded by Ald. Wilder and Ald. Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[23. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Adobe Software Licenses Renewal with CDW Government, LLC in the Amount of \\$50,914.76. \(ITS\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Adobe Software Licenses Renewal.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Adobe Software Licenses Renewal.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #18 through #25, seconded by Ald. Wilder and Ald. Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[24. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Short-Term Rental Management Software with Deckard Technologies in the Amount of \\$92,500. \(ITS\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - STVR - Management Software.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - STVR Management Software.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #18 through #25, seconded by Ald. Wilder and Ald. Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[25. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Debris Monitoring and Oversight Services with Thompson Consulting Services in an Amount not to Exceed \\$750,000. \(Solid Waste\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification: Debris Monitoring and Oversight Services](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Note: Debris Monitoring and Oversight Services](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #18 through #25, seconded by Ald. Wilder and Ald. Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

AGREEMENTS

[26. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement for Hopeton West, a Development of Single-Family and Multi-Family Units, with Hopeton South Land Trust, LLC Located in Aldermanic District 5. \(WR- Planning & Engineering\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Water & Sewer Agreement - Hopeton South.pdf](#)

Ald. Wilder moved to approve items #26 through #29, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[27. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement for 308 Dennis Street Project, a Development Consisting of Nine Single-Family Homes, with Eugene Street Investments, LLC Located in Aldermanic District 4. \(Water Resources Planning & Engineering\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: 308 Dennis Street Project.pdf](#)

Ald. Wilder moved to approve items #26 through #29, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[28. Approval of the City Manager to Enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with Chatham County for Improvements Associated with the President Street Grade Separation Project. \(SDOT\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: MOU2 City and County Revised.pdf](#)

Ald. Wilder moved to approve items #26 through #29, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[29. Approval of the City Manager to Enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Savannah Airport Commission, Chatham County Board of Commissioners and Savannah Economic Development Authority. \(SDOT\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: IGA Airport_City_County_SEDA_Traffic_Signal\(gulfstream\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Gulfstream Road at Gulfstream Drive Intersection Improvements.Signal Plan with Municipal Boundary.pdf](#)

Ald. Wilder moved to approve items #26 through #29, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

[30. Settlement #1](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to authorize the City Attorney's Office to settle the claim (vehicle accident) of Jesse Edwards for a total of \$41,000.00, seconded by Ald. Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[31. Settlement #2](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to authorize the City Attorney's Office to settle the claim (vehicle accident) of Darnell Thomas for a total of \$75,000.00, seconded by Ald. Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

MISCELLANEOUS

[32. Approval for the Issuance of the Downtown Savannah Authority Bond Application for Approximately \\$31 Million in Bond Funding to Construct a Parking Garage at Eastern Wharf. \(Financial Services Department\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: City Request For Assistance.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Preliminary Bond Numbers.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Development Agreement.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 4: DSA Application For Assistance.pdf](#)

Ald. Bell moved to approve agenda item #32, seconded by Ald. Wilder. The motion passed unanimously, 7-2-0. Ald. Lanier and Ald. Miller Blakely voted no.

[33. Authorize the Approval of the Installation of the Updated River Street Maritime History Panels along the Savannah Riverfront Located in Aldermanic District 2. \(Municipal Archives & History\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: River Street Historical Markers Final 2026.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: SIGNED Staff Decision 26-001233-HM.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Transfer of Ownership 05.05.2026 \(003\).pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson moved to approve items #33 and #34, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Mayor Johnson moved to approve items #33 and #34, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[35. Recognizing the 2026 Savannah Police Athletic League \(PAL\) Girls Football Champions \(Savannah Police Department\)](#)

Mayor Johnson presented a proclamation congratulating the 2026 Savannah Police Athletic League Girls Flag Football Champions Team "Purple Rain" to Purple Rain, Maroon Combat, and Silver Bullet coaches and team players, and Police Chief Gunther and Deputy Chief Gavin.

Following announcements made by the Mayor and Aldermen, Mayor Johnson adjourned the regular meeting at 4:07 p.m., so they could hold a closed executive session regarding litigation in the 3rd Floor City Attorney's Conference Room.

Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: _____

Signature: _____

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