



## MARCH 26, 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 2:05 p.m., in Council Chambers. Following the roll call, Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order. He then recognized Alderman Detric Leggett, who introduced a video presentation from Senior Pastor, Activist, and Author Dr. Jamal Harrison Bryant, New Birth Missionary Baptist Church, to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States was recited in unison. Mayor Johnson welcomed former Lieutenant Governor of Georgia Geoff Duncan and his wife for being in attendance.

#### PRESENT:

Mayor Van R. Johnson, II  
Alderman Carolyn H. Bell, At-Large, Post 1  
Alderman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2  
Alderman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1  
Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2  
Alderman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3 - Vice Chair  
Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4 - Chairman  
Alderman 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 March 26, 2026.](#)

Ald. Palumbo moved to adopt/approve item #1, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Miller Blakely. 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 March 12, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.](#)

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Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve item #2, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on March 12, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.](#)

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Ald. Wilder-Bryan moved to approve item #3, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

**ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)**[4. Approval of a Class C \(Liquor, Beer, Wine\) \(By the Drink\) Alcohol License to Aran Hatten for Bar Nine at 306 West Lower Factors Walk. The Establishment is Located between Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Barnard Street Ramp in Aldermanic District 2. The Applicant Plans to Operate as a Bar/Lounge. \(New Applicant/New Business\)](#)

[Exhibit 1- Checklist - Bar Nine](#)

[Exhibit 2- Density Map - Bar Nine](#)

[Exhibit 3- Alcohol Reports - Bar Nine](#)

[Exhibit 4- Measurement Report - Bar Nine](#)

[Exhibit 5- Safety Plan - Bar Nine](#)

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings open for agenda items #4, #5, #6, #7, and #8.

No speaker(s).

a. Ald. Leggett moved to close the alcohol license hearings for agenda items #4, #5, #6, #7, and #8, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Ald. Leggett moved to approve agenda item #4, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[5. Approval of a Class G \(Wine\) \(Complimentary\) Alcohol License to Christopher Ferguson for Bobbles and Lace Savannah, A Retail Store Located 103 West Broughton Street. The Establishment is Located between Barnard Street and Whitaker Street in Aldermanic District 2. The Applicant Plans to Continue to Operate as a Clothing Store. \(New Request/Existing Business\)](#)

[Exhibit 1- Checklist- Bobbles and Lace Savannah](#)

[Exhibit 2- Density Map - Bobbles and Lace Savannah](#)

[Exhibit 3- Alcohol Reports - Bobbles and Lace Savannah](#)

[Exhibit 4- Measurement Report - Bobbles and Lace Savannah](#)

[Exhibit 5- Safety Plan - Bobbles and Lace Savannah](#)

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings open for agenda items #4, #5, #6, #7, and #8.

No speaker(s).

a. Ald. Leggett moved to close the alcohol license hearings for agenda items #4, #5, #6, #7, and #8, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Ald. Leggett moved to approve agenda item #5, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[6. Approval of a Class C \(Liquor, Beer, Wine\) \(By the Drink\) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Crystal Beasley for Bohemian Hotel Savannah Riverfront at 102 West Bay Street. The Establishment is Located between Barnard Street and Whitaker Street in Aldermanic District 2. The Applicant Plans to Continue to Operate as a Hotel. \(New Applicant/Existing Business\)](#)

[Exhibit 1- Checklist -Bohemian Hotel Savannah Riverfront](#)

[Exhibit 2- Density Map- Bohemian Hotel Savannah Riverfront](#)

[Exhibit 3- Alcohol Reports - Bohemian Hotel Savannah Riverfront](#)

[Exhibit 4- Measurement Report - Bohemian Hotel Savannah Riverfront](#)

[Exhibit 5- Safety Plan - Bohemian Hotel Savannah Riverfront](#)

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings open for agenda items #4, #5, #6, #7, and #8.

No speaker(s).

a. Ald. Leggett moved to close the alcohol license hearings for agenda items #4, #5, #6, #7, and #8, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Ald. Leggett moved to approve agenda item #6, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[7. Approval of a Class C \(Liquor, Beer, Wine\) \(By the Drink\) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Sharath Gudla for Naan on Broughton & Estia Kitchen, a Restaurant Located at 6-8 East Broughton Street. The Establishment is Located between Bull Street and Drayton Street in Aldermanic District 2. The Applicant Plans to Operate as a Restaurant. \(New Applicant/New Location\)](#)

[Exhibit 1- Checklist -Naan on Broughton & Estia Kitchen](#)

[Exhibit 2 - Density Map - Naan on Broughton & Estia Kitchen](#)

[Exhibit 3 - Alcohol Reports - Naan on Broughton & Estia Kitchen](#)

[Exhibit 4 - Measurements Report - Naan on Broughton & Estia Kitchen](#)

[Exhibit 5 -Safety Plan - Naan on Broughton & Estia Kitchen](#)

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings open for agenda items #4, #5, #6, #7, and #8.

No speaker(s).

a. Ald. Leggett moved to close the alcohol license hearings for agenda items #4, #5, #6, #7, and #8, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Ald. Leggett moved to approve agenda item #7, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[8. Approval of a Class C \(Liquor, Beer, Wine\) \(By the Drink\) Alcohol License to Weston Putman for State & Whitaker at 117 Whitaker Street. The Establishment is Located between West Broughton and West State Streets in Aldermanic District 2. The Applicant Plans to Operate as a Bar/Lounge. \(New Applicant /New Business\)](#)

[Exhibit 1- Checklist - State and Whitaker](#)

[Exhibit 2- Density Map - State and Whitaker](#)

[Exhibit 3- Alcohol Reports- State and Whitaker](#)

[Exhibit 4- Measurement Report -State & Whitaker](#)

[Exhibit 5- Safety Plan -State & Whitaker](#)

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings open for agenda items #4, #5, #6, #7, and #8.

No speaker(s).

a. Ald. Leggett moved to close the alcohol license hearings for agenda items #4, #5, #6, #7, and #8, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Ald. Leggett moved to approve agenda item #8, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

#### ZONING HEARINGS

[9. A Petition of Michelle Hagan on behalf of Briland Properties, LLC for a Special Use Permit for 0.09 Acres at 125 W. Duffy Street \(20044 35024\) for On-premises Consumption of Alcohol for an Instructional Studio/Classroom with Conditions in the TC-1 \(Traditional Commercial-1\) Zoning District in Aldermanic District 2 \(26-000369-ZA\).](#)

[Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet 125 W. Duffy Street \(26-000369-ZA\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Maps for 125 West Duffy \(26-000369-ZA\).pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing open for agenda item #9.

Speaker(s):

- Melanie Wilson, MPC Executive Director & CEO
- Subhashi Karunarathne, MPC Representative

a. Ald. Wilder-Bryan moved to close the zoning hearing for agenda item #9, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Ald. Leggett moved to approve agenda item #9, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Ald. Leggett stated that he and the neighborhood association president met with the petitioner and did not find any issues. He stated that everything asked of the petitioner prior to opening,

such as lighting, updated cameras, and keeping the outside clean, the petitioner had already exceeded those requirements. Ald. Leggett stated that they were comfortable about moving forward.

Ald. Miller Blakely stated that her concern was the parking because there is no designated parking for that particular building. Ms. Karunarathne (MPC) responded.

[10. A Petition of Craig A. Call – Scheer, Montgomery & Call, P.C., on behalf of Elizabeth A. Tootle New for a Zoning Map Amendment to Rezone 0.25 Acres at 8501 Lyn Ave \(20530 07028\) from RSF-6 \(Residential Single Family-6\) to OI-T \(Office Institutional -Transition\) in Aldermanic District 4 \(26-000034-ZA\).](#)

[Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet 8501 Lyn Avenue \(26-000034-ZA\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Maps for 8501 Lyn Avenue \(26-000034-ZA\).pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing open for agenda item #10. See related agenda item #11.

Speaker(s):

- Melanie Wilson, MPC Executive Director & CEO

Ald. Palumbo moved to close the zoning hearing for agenda item #10, seconded by Ald. Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

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

[11. A Petition of Craig A. Call – Scheer, Montgomery & Call, P.C., on behalf of Elizabeth A. Tootle New for a Zoning Map Amendment to Rezone 0.25 Acres at 8501 Lyn Ave \(20530 07028\) from RSF-6 \(Residential Single Family-6\) to OI-T \(Office Institutional -Transition\) in Aldermanic District 4 \(26-000034-ZA\).](#)

[Exhibit 1: Draft Ordinance for 8501 Lyn Avenue \(26-000034-ZA\).pdf](#)

Ald. Palumbo moved (to approve agenda item #11) that the first reading be considered the second and the ordinance placed upon its passage and passed, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz, Ald. Purtee, and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

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

[12. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 with West Construction Company to Establish the Guaranteed Maximum Price \(GMP\) of \\$4,800,000 for Construction Services for the Eastside Gym at PARC Project Located at 425 Pennsylvania Avenue. \(Capital Projects\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Eastside Gym at PARC.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Eastside Gym at PARC Expansion.pdf](#)

Ald. Wilder-Bryan moved to approve item #12, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan stated that she was appreciative of this council for seeing that our first quarter budget was actually doing something for the people in the 3rd District, who waited so long to have a community center that is going to replicate the Grant Center. She stated that we are going to make sure that this building, as great as this one is going to be, houses programs and projects that change the quality of life for people in the 3rd District. Ald. Wilder-Bryan stated we need another building like this one on the southside, and we also need something on the westside.

[13. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Construction Manager at Risk Contract with Ruby Collins, Inc. in Collaboration with the Polote Corporation for Pre-Construction Services for the New Greenfield Georgetown Water Reclamation Facility and the Travis Field Water Reclamation Facility Expansion Project in the Amount of \\$419,447.60. \(Water Resources\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - New Georgetown WRF & Travis Field WRF Expansion.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - New Georgetown WRF & Travis Field WRF Expansion.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #13 through #16 and #18 through #23, seconded by Ald. Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[14. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification #1 for Welding and Fabrication of Handrails for Pedestrian Safety for the Enmarket Arena with L&H Welding \(Local\) in an Amount Not to Exceed \\$100,000. \(Mobility & Parking Services\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Welding & Fabrication](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Note -Welding & Fabrication](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #13 through #16 and #18 through #23, seconded by Ald. Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[15. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 2 to Increase the Annual Contract Amount with Genuine Parts Company \(NAPA Integrated Business Solutions\) in the Amount of \\$1,900,000. \(Fleet Services\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - NAPA IBS Mod.2.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - NAPA IBS Mod.2.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #13 through #16 and #18 through #23, seconded by Ald. Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[16. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Digital Preservation with Preservica in the Amount of \\$114,675. \(ITS\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification Digital Preservation Solution.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes -Digital Preservation Solution.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #13 through #16 and #18 through #23, seconded by Ald. Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[17. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Scrap Tire Removal Services with Atlantic Waste, Inc. for Illegally Dumped Tires in an Amount Not to Exceed \\$73,500. \(Solid Waste Department\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Scrap Tire Removal](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Note - Scrap Tire Removal](#)

Ald. Lanier stated that one of the pressing issues in the 1st District is illegal dumping. She stated she has been making a case about illegal dumping for about six (6) years, and it is normally tires, construction materials, and discarded furniture. She stated she has not received any calls and has not had any discussion with anyone about illegal dumping on Hutchinson Island. Ald. Lanier expressed to the City Manager that this is another case that we are not looking through an equitable lens. She stated Hutchinson Island deserves to have the tires removed, and so do other areas such as Miller Lane, Stratford Street in front of the Weeping Time, Telfair Road, and locations that constantly have illegal dumping. Ald. Lanier stated that the council discussed in the fall about having a workshop in the first quarter, so that everyone could have some say in how to add teeth to the ordinance to ward off this behavior. She stated that the council is now looking to have a workshop in the 2nd quarter. Ald. Lanier stated she wanted to postpone this agenda item for 30 days to have an opportunity to have a discussion to give the consideration of all residents on removing this type of debris from their area. Ald. Lanier moved to postpone item #17 until April 23, 2026 City Council Meeting, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely. No vote was taken on this motion.

Mayor Johnson stated to the City Manager that he understood that this item was his response to address the issue we are talking about. City Manager Melder responded.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan stated that she thinks that the council should consider a recommendation from the Sanitation Department. She expressed that the council needs to cover our right-of-ways because there is a lot of traffic going to the Convention Center and the population there has increased. Ald. Wilder-Bryan stated that what Ald. Lanier mentioned is in all of the districts. Ald. Wilder-Bryan moved to take action on agenda item #17, and within thirty (30) days, the City Manager would provide a clear measurable remedy/plan for the issue with the tires and illegal dumping in all the districts, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. No vote was taken on this motion.

Ald. Bell stated she needed to understand what the City Manager's plan of action was. She asked City Manager Melder if he recommended passing this item as is or if he was willing to expand the scope on this item. City Manager Melder responded. Ald. Bell moved to expand the scope of this recommendation to include two identified areas upon the Sanitation Department's verification, seconded by Ald. Lanier. No vote was taken on this motion.

Ald. Miller Blakely stated she was concerned about spending \$73,500 to remove tires from Hutchinson Island, and asked if we were going to put something in place to prevent this from happening again. City Manager Melder responded. Ald. Miller Blakely asked if Sanitation could remove the tires from the areas that Ald. Lanier mentioned and from the other districts. City Manager Melder stated that this is a problem that is bigger than our resources to tackle it and is beyond our strategy. Ald. Miller Blakely stated that when she first was elected the Sanitation Department passed out door hangers/flyers to residents and neighborhood associations, and asked if the Sanitation Department could do that again.

Mayor Johnson stated that it is education, but it is also enforcement. He stated that we have to figure out how we enforce. Mayor Johnson stated, particularly after seeing some of the tires, that these are not necessarily tires off of our cars, these are industrial tires. Mayor

Johnson stated that there are some frequent flyers that use the same spots. He stated we have to catch a few, make examples out of a few, and they will stop.

Ald. Lanier stated that illegal dumping is a huge problem and we do not want to leave that landfill of tires on Hutchinson Island. She stated that there is a sense of urgency that we have this discussion as a council with management so we can resolve this issue. Ald. Lanier stated that it is not just residents dumping tires, it is also businesses who are dumping tires. She stated we have to contact the businesses to let them know of the fines and repercussions when they dump these tires.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz both mentioned the Sanitation Department's event, Rock-the-Block, that is hosted a few times throughout the year where items such as tires, appliances, yard waste, etc. are collected for disposal at different locations.

Ald. Miller Blakely asked the Sr. Director of Solid Waste Quhannah Andrews if he could inform the public about how and when tires could be picked up which is four (4) tires at a time every Friday at the point of collection or the tires could be dropped off at the convenience centers: Bacon Park Transfer Station and Dean Forest Landfill.

Ald. Lanier moved to approve item #17, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[18. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for New and Replacement Mobile Data Terminals from Law and Order Technology, LLC in the Amount of \\$392,733. \(Information Technology Services\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Mobile Data Terminals.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Mobile Data Terminals.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #13 through #16 and #18 through #23, seconded by Ald. Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[19. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Overhead Door Maintenance & Repair with Action Overhead Door in the Amount of \\$260,000. \(Savannah Fire Department\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - SFD Overhead Door Maintenance and Repair.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - SFD Overhead Door Maintenance and Repair.1.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #13 through #16 and #18 through #23, seconded by Ald. Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[20. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Original Equipment Manufactured \(OEM\) Replacement Parts for Water Reclamation Facilities with Cornerstone H2O in an Amount Not to Exceed \\$250,000. \(Water Resources\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Contract for Original Equipment Manufactured \(OEM\) Replacement Parts with Cornerstone H2O.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Contract for Original Equipment Manufactured \(OEM\) Replacement Parts with Cornerstone H2O.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #13 through #16 and #18 through #23, seconded by Ald. Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[21. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Original Equipment Manufactured \(OEM\) Replacement Parts for Water Reclamation Facilities with The TDH Company, LLC in an Amount Not to Exceed \\$100,000. \(Water Resources\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Contract for Original Equipment Manufactured \(OEM\) Replacement Parts with The TDH Company, LLC.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Contract for Original Equipment Manufactured \(OEM\) Replacement Parts with The TDH Company, LLC.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #13 through #16 and #18 through #23, seconded by Ald. Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[22. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Original Equipment Manufactured \(OEM\) Replacement Parts for Water Reclamation Facilities with Principle Environmental in an Amount Not to Exceed \\$250,000. \(Water Resources\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Contract for Original Equipment Manufactured \(OEM\) Replacement Parts with Principle Environmental.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Contract for Original Equipment Manufactured \(OEM\) Replacement Parts with Principle Environmental.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #13 through #16 and #18 through #23, seconded by Ald. Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[23. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 for Concrete and Asphalt Crushing Services for Recycling Services of Stored Materials with United Grounds Maintenance Services in an Amount Not to Exceed \\$100,000. \(Transportation Services\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Contract Modification No. 1 Concrete & Asphalt Crushing.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Contract Modification No. 1 Concrete & Asphalt Crushing.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #13 through #16 and #18 through #23, seconded by Ald. Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

#### SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION

[24. Approval to Execute a Professional Services Agreement with Carol G. Holladay & Associates for Preparation Related to the National Guard Lease Renewal, in the Amount of \\$40,000.](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #24 through #32 and #34 through #37, seconded by Ald. Leggett and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[25. Approval to Procure a Public Safety Directional Amplifying System from Motorola Solutions, in the Amount Not To Exceed \\$950,000.](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #24 through #32 and #34 through #37, seconded by Ald. Leggett and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[26. Approval to Procure a Bauer Verticus Air System from Air Breathing Systems, in the Amount of \\$88,776.](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #24 through #32 and #34 through #37, seconded by Ald. Leggett and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[27. Approval to Procure Two Airport Lighting Control System Computers from Allen Enterprises, Inc., in the Amount of \\$34,133.](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #24 through #32 and #34 through #37, seconded by Ald. Leggett and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[28. Approval to Procure a Backup Disaster & Recovery Solution from MGT Impact Solutions, in the Amount of \\$301,128.](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #24 through #32 and #34 through #37, seconded by Ald. Leggett and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[29. Approval to Procure Four Pick-Up Trucks from Alan Jay Automotive Management, Inc., in the Amount of \\$193,588.](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #24 through #32 and #34 through #37, seconded by Ald. Leggett and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[30. Approval to Procure Two 15 Passenger Buses from Classic Bus Sales, in the Amount of \\$163,416.](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #24 through #32 and #34 through #37, seconded by Ald. Leggett and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[31. Approval to Procure Three Mid-Size Sports Utility Vehicles from Fleet Vehicle Source, Inc., dba US Fleet Source, in the Amount of \\$120,750.](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #24 through #32 and #34 through #37, seconded by Ald. Leggett and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[32. Approval of the 2026-2027 Airport Liability Insurance Program with Sterling Seacrest Pritchard, Inc., in the Amount of \\$1,137,759.](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #24 through #32 and #34 through #37, seconded by Ald. Leggett and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[33. Approval of Task Work Order No. 4, Amendment No. 2, with AECOM for the Inline Baggage System, in the Amount of \\$135,740.](#)

Ald. Wilder-Bryan moved to approve item #33, seconded by Ald. Leggett and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz recused herself for business purposes.

[34. Approval of Change Order No. 5 with Iugis Construction for the Terminal Concourse Expansion Project, in the Amount of \\$167,639](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #24 through #32 and #34 through #37, seconded by Ald. Leggett and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[35. Approval to Procure a Terminal Ramp Sweeper from Adams Equipment Co., Inc., in the Amount of \\$159,700.](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #24 through #32 and #34 through #37, seconded by Ald. Leggett and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[36. Approval to Procure One Cargo Van with Interior Shelving from JC Lewis Ford, in the Amount of \\$50,748.](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #24 through #32 and #34 through #37, seconded by Ald. Leggett and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[37. Approval to Procure an Autonomous Vacuum with a Charging Station from Southeastern Paper Group, in the Amount \\$34,620.](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #24 through #32 and #34 through #37, seconded by Ald. Leggett and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

#### AGREEMENTS

[38. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with HP ES IV Savannah Ga. LLC, for HP Echo Suites, a Development Consisting of a Four-Story Hotel Located at 175 Mulberry Boulevard in the Crossroads Treatment Plant Service Area in Aldermanic District 1. \(WR- Planning & Engineering Department\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Water & Sewer Agreement - HP Echo Suites.pdf](#)

Ald. Lanier moved to approve item #38, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-0. Ald. Wilder-Bryan was away from the dais during the vote.

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

[39. Approval to Accept a Pedestrian Access Easement at Eastern Wharf Located in Aldermanic District 2. \(Real Estate/ Capital Projects Department\)](#)

[Exhibit 1 - Map Attachment.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2 - Pedestrian Access Easement Agreement.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3 - Plat.pdf](#)

Ald. Leggett moved to approve item #39, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-0. Ald. Wilder-Bryan was away from the dais during the vote.

[40. Approval to Acquire Property from Chatham Steel Corporation to Facilitate the Cohen Street Multimodal Connector Project Located in Aldermanic District 1. \(Real Estate/ Capital Projects Department\)](#)

[Exhibit 1 - Map - Chatham Steel.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2 - Minor SD\(DRAFT 01-22-26\)\(4\).pdf](#)

Ald. Lanier moved to approve item #40, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz and Ald. Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-0. Ald. Wilder-Bryan was away from the dais during the vote.

Ald. Lanier stated that the access road is a good addition to the arena project, to the parking situation there. She stated that one of the main goals of this investment is connectivity. Ald. Lanier stated that she was concerned in some of the meetings because it seemed that we were placing somewhat of a priority on this as opposed to completing Stiles Ave. and looking at the connectivity of the non-connections towards the west of the arena. She stated that it is just as important for the connections east and west of the arena.

Ald. Leggett asked the City Manager if we were going to own this street and not lease it. (Yes, there will be four more properties related to this project that will be brought before council.)

Mayor Johnson stated for us, all properties are not prepared to take action all at the same time. He asked City Manager Melder when staff has the other connectivity approvals for us, if he would bring them before council. City Manager Melder responded.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

[41. Authorize the City Manager to Approve Supplemental Quarter 1 Budget Appropriations to the Fiscal Year 2026 Operating and Capital Improvement Program to Incorporate Stormwater Utility Appropriations and other FY2026 Budget Adjustments. \(Management & Budget Department\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: 2026 Quarter 1 Budget Amendment.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve item #41, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Ald. Miller Blakely voted no, and Ald. Wilder-Bryan was away from the dais during the vote.

Following additional announcements made by the Mayor and Aldermen, Mayor Johnson adjourned the regular meeting at 3:28 p.m.

Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

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

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

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