

AUGUST 14, 2025 - 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 2:03 p.m., in Council Chambers. Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order, then recognized Alderman Kurtis Purtee who introduced Reverend August Alderman, Asbury Memorial Baptist Church, to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States was recited in unison. Mayor Johnson expressed excitement being back in City Hall for Council Meetings, he stated his happiness seeing Ald. Miller Blakely back upon the passing of her husband, and he expressed that we continue to send out our prayers and condolences to her and her family during this very difficult time.

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-Bryan, 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

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 August 14, 2025.

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

Ald. Palumbo stated that given this was a special meeting and that there were many people present to speak on two agenda items, he humblely requested city council to prioritize agenda items #23 and #24 for a public hearing whether there be a vote and item #17 involving the Highlands to the front of the agenda.

Mayor Johnson advised that the motion is for the approval of the agenda, prioritzation is decided by the chairman of the meeting, and council will move the meeting along as fast as they can.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on July 10, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.

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

PRESENTATIONS

3. Welcome and Blessing of Restored City Council Chamber.

Mayor Johnson introduced the City Manager to welcome City Council back home to Council Chambers. City Manager Melder provided an overview of the restoration project. He thanked key staff members of the restoration project team: Capital Projects led by Senior Director Christy Lawrence and Project Manager Byron Stiles, Facility Maintenance led by Division Director Richard Gerbasi, Real Estate Specialist Pamela Laws, and Archives and History Officer Luciana Spracher. He also thanked key members of Ethos Preservation and Garbutt Construction for their contribution.

Mayor Johnson thanked the entire Board of Education (recognizing each member) and presented to School Board President Roger Moss, Paul Smith, and Denise Grabowski. Mayor Johnson stated city council had thirty-eight (38) public meetings in the Chatham-Savannah Board of Education's 2 Laura Street Complex at no charge to the taxpayers. President Moss expressed with words of appreciation.

City Manager Melder introduced Luciana Spracher to talk about the project, the community partners, and the donors of this project. Ms. Spracher invited Glenda Anderson, William Mock, Mickey Daniel, Swan Seiler, and other members of Friends of City Hall to join her at the podium. She she provided a brief history and description of the project and thanked the community partners and donors who contributed. Ms. Spracher announced there is a brand new Friends of City Hall group that is forming and their purpose is to advocate for City Hall's importance, educate the public about City Hall's history, to assist with outside fundraising to support preservation and restoration of City Hall, and to ensure City Hall remains owned by the public and is accessible to the public. The Friends of City Hall will launch their membership campaign as the 120th City Hall celebration in 2026 approaches.

Mayor Johnson stated this is the culmination of a project that not only took a long time, it also took a lot of money and continues to do so. He further stated that the SLOST (Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax) dollar works. The extra penny sales tax that we continue to pay helped to make this happen. So, we not only thank our residents, but we thank our visitors who helped to make this happen. Mayor Johnon then invited Thomas J. Sills, who is the pastor of Connors Temple Baptist Church and one of our revered police chaplains, to offer a dedicatory prayer for our new chambers.

4. An Appearance by the Iman and Members of Masjid Jihad Temple in Honor of Their 50th Anniversary.

Mayor Johnson invited the muslim community to join him at the podium to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Al-Islam here in Savannah. He read and presented the proclamation to Iman Abraham and members of Masjid Jihad Temple. Iman Abraham, Lester B. Johnson, III, and Abdul Al-Amin also spoke.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz asked for someone to share more information about the celebration and for contact information. Mr. Al-Amin provided more information about the commemeration and invited everyone to join them on August 23rd at the Wilson Bostic Center.

Ms. Lynn, a member of Masjid Jihad, provided contact information for registering for tickets--Majid Jhad Temple's website (masjidjhad.com) or call 912-596-1628.

5. An Appearance by Savannah College of Art and Design to Present and Award of \$971,935 from the SCAD Serve Community Funds Grant to the City of Savannah.

Mayor Johnson invited Vice President of SCAD Darrell Nayor-Johnson to the podium to present and award the City of Savannah with a \$971,935 SCAD Serve Community Fund Grant. Vice President Naylor-Johnson stated the funds will be used to enhance public safety measures which will benefit local residents, visitors to our beautiful city, and our students.

Mayor Johnson stated when someone give you \$971,935, you say thank you. He stated we are grateful to the Savannah College of Art Design for partnering with us in ways we want to be partnered with. City Manager Melder and Police Chief Lenny Gunther also expressed their appreciation for SCAD and SCAD Serve. Assistant Police Chief Gavin stated with this extraordinary gift, they are able to expand their camera system by buying 70 more cameras that can be used in neighborhoods throughout the city and up to 50 new flock cameras. He further stated that they were looking at 12 call boxes to be spread throughout the city that will allow people to have a place in an emergency situation (especially when a cellphone is not accessible) to get a hold of 911 and the police department quickly, and also looking at other pieces of technology to enhance public safety and continue to leverage technology to help stay safe.

6. Appearance and Recognition of the Youth Participants for the 2025 Path Forward Program.

Mayor Johnson welcomed the 2025 graduates of the Path Forward Program and the Office of the Neighborhood Safety and Engagement (ONSE) to the podium. He stated he is very proud of these young men. Director Jimmy Johnson of ONSE stated on behalf of his office, he would like to extend a thank you to the Mayor, City Council, and the City Manager's office. He stated that an investment into this program is not only an investment to these young men's lives but we believe it is an investment into the city of Savannah as these are our future leaders of the city. The 2025 Path Forward graduates/cohort and ONSE presented a plaque to the Mayor and City Council.

Ald. Miller Blakely asked if the young men could introduce themselves.

Mayor Johnson stated he recently spent time on national news talking about what was happening in Washington, D.C. regarding President Trump and the National Guard. We had an opportunity to highlight the decrease in crime across the county in places like Savannah. He stated he was asked how is Savannah doing it. Mayor Johnson stated we are doing it by great policing, but we also do it by great prevention--preventing individuals from making bad choices. He further expressed thanks to City Manager Melder for bringing the ONSE's concept to Savannah, Assistant City Manager Taffanye Young who helped to lead and sheppard this, and City Council for investing and believing in ONSE.

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

7. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Anthony Debreceny for Fishbar, a Restaurant at 2218 Bull Street. The Establishment is Located Between East 38th and East 39th Street in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Fishbar

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Fishbar

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Fishbar

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Fishbar

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Fishbar

Mayor Johnson declared the hearings open for agenda items #7, #8, #9, and #10.

No speaker(s).

- a. Ald. Leggett moved to close the alcohol license hearings for agenda items #7, #8, #9, and #10, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.
- b. Ald. Leggett moved to approve agenda item #7, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-0. Ald. Wilder-Bryan was away from the dais during the vote.

8. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Robert Young for The Darling Oyster Bar, a Restaurant at 27 Montgomery Street. The Establishment is Located Between West Saint Julian and West Congress Streets in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - The Darling Oyster Bar

Exhibit 2: Density Map - The Darling Oyster Bar

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - The Darling Oyster Bar

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - The Darling Oyster Bar

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - The Darling Oyster Bar

Mayor Johnson declared the hearings open for agenda items #7, #8, #9, and #10.

No speaker(s).

- a. Ald. Leggett moved to close the alcohol license hearings for agenda items #7, #8, #9, and #10, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.
- b. Ald. Leggett moved to approve agenda item #8, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-0. Ald. Wilder-Bryan was away from the dais during the vote.

9. Approval of a Class A (Wine) (Caterer) Alcohol License to Danya Lee for Savannah Wine Institute, a Specialty Shop, located at 602 East Henry Street. The Establishment is Located Between East Broad Street and Atlantic Avenue in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Savannah Wine Institue

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Savannah Wine Institute

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Savannah Wine Institute

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Savannah Wine Institute

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Savannah Wine Institute

Mayor Johnson declared the hearings open for agenda items #7, #8, #9, and #10.

No speaker(s).

- a. Ald. Leggett moved to close the alcohol license hearings for agenda items #7, #8, #9, and #10, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.
- b. Ald. Leggett moved to approve agenda item #9, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

10. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Joshua Sexton for The Sexton Pub and Provisions, a Restaurant. The Establishment is Located at 7 West 43rd Street Between Whitaker and Bull Streets in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - The Sexton Pub and Provisions

Exhibit 2: Density Map - The Sexton Pub and Provisions

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - The Sexton Pub and Provisions

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - The Sexton Pub and Provisions

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - The Sexton Pub and Provisions

Mayor Johnson declared the hearings open for agenda items #7, #8, #9, and #10.

No speaker(s).

- a. Ald. Leggett moved to close the alcohol license hearings for agenda items #7, #8, #9, and #10, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.
- b. Ald. Leggett moved to approve agenda item #10, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

ZONING HEARINGS

11. Petition of Robert McCorkle, III on behalf of Volpi Holdings, LLC and Pooler Reserve, LLC for a Special Use Permit for a Parking Facility for ~0.61 acres zoned TC-1 (Traditional Commercial - 1) and TN-2 (Traditional Neighborhood – 2) at 0 Bull St. and 12, 14, 16 E. 40th Street (PIN 20065- 39011, -39012, -39013, -39015) in Aldermanic District 2 (25-002526-ZA).

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation for a Special Use Permit at 0 Bull Street and 12, 14, 16 40th St (25-002526-ZA) .pdf

Exhibit 2: Combined Maps for 0 Bull St and E 40th St.pdf

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

Speakers:

Edward Morrow, MPC Representative

- a. Ald. Paulmbo moved to close the zoning hearing for agenda item #11, seconded by Ald. Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-0. Mayor Johnson was absent during the vote.
- b. Ald. Leggett moved to approve agenda item #11, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, unanimously, 8-0-0. Mayor Johnson was absent during the vote.

12. Petition of Josh Yellin on behalf of Stoteswold Group LLC for a Future Land Use Map Amendment from Traditional Neighborhood to Traditional Commercial for the Property at 312 East 38th Street (20065 33001) in Aldermanic District 2 (25-002529-ZA).

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for 312 E 38th Street FLUM (25-002529-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Combined Maps for 312 E 38th St.pdf

Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance for 312 E 38th Street FLUM (25-002529-ZA).pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearings open for agenda items #12 and #13. See the related agenda items #18 and #19.

Speaker(s):

- · Edward Morrow, MPC Representative
- · Josh Yellin, representing the petitioner

Ald. Leggett moved to close the zoning hearings for agenda items #12 and #13, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

13. Petition of Josh Yellin on behalf of Stoteswold Group LLC for a Zoning Map Amendment from Traditional Neighborhood-2 (TN-2) to Traditional Commercial-1 (TC-1) for the property at 312 East 38th Street (20065 33001) in Aldermanic District 2 (25-002528-ZA).

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Exhibit 2: Combined Maps for 312 East 38th St.pdf

Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance for 312 E 38th St Rezoning (File No. 25-002528-ZA) .pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearings open for agenda items #12 and #13. See the related agenda items #18 and #19.

Speaker(s):

- Edward Morrow, MPC Representative
- Josh Yellin, representing the petitioner

Ald. Leggett moved to close the zoning hearings for agenda items #12 and #13, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

14. Petition of Hitendra Patel and Dipika Patel for a zoning map amendment of a ~0.76 acres at 1402 Stiles Avenue (20068 09025) from B-L (Business Limited) to B-N (Neighborhood Business) with Conditions in Aldermanic District 1 (25-002835-ZA)

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for 1402 Stiles Ave (25-002535-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Combined Maps for 1402 Stiles Ave.pdf

Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance for 1402 Stiles Avenue (25-002835-ZA) .pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing open for agenda item #14. See the related agenda item #20.

Speaker(s):

- Edward Morrow, MPC representative
- Dwayne Stephens OPPOSED
- Hitendra Patel, representing the petitioner

Ald. Lanier moved to close the zoning hearing for agenda item #14, seconded by Ald. Leggett and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Written comment(s):

Kerrie Bieber – Requested an additional IGA for this area

15. Petition of P. Bart Smith on behalf of Progressive One Realty, LLC for a Future Land Use Amendment of ~0.2 acres from Residential Suburban - Single Family to Commercial - Neighborhood at 1103 E. 69th Street (20114 19002) in Aldermanic District 3 (25-003226-ZA).

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for 1103 E 69th Street FLUM (25-003226-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Combined Maps for 1103 E 69th St.pdf

Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance for 1103 E. 69th St FLUM (25-003226-ZA).pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearings open for agenda items #15 and #16. See the related agenda items #21 and #22.

Speaker(s):

- · Edward Morrow, MPC Representative
- Richard T. Makin OPPOSED
- · P. Bart Smith representing the petitioner

Ald. Wilder-Bryan moved to close the zoning hearings for agenda items #15 and #16, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

16. Petition of P. Bart Smith on behalf of Progressive One Realty, LLC for a Zoning Map Amendment of 0.2 Acres from O-I (Office-Institutional) to B-N (Neighborhood Business) with Conditions at 1103 E. 69th Street (20114 19002) in Aldermanic District 3 (25-003170-ZA).

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Exhibit 2: Combined Maps for 1103 E 69th St.pdf

Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance for 1103 E 69th St (25-003170-ZA) .pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearings open for agenda items #15 and #16. See the related agenda items #21 and #22.

Speaker(s):

- Edward Morrow, MPC Representative
- Richard T. Makin OPPOSED
- P. Bart Smith representing the petitioner

Ald. Wilder-Bryan moved to close the zoning hearings for agenda items #15 and #16, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

17. Petition of Gary Wiggins on Behalf of Highlands Park Commercial, LLC for a Master Plan Amendment of 9.8 Acres of Property for the Highlands Park – Godley. Station PD (Planned Development) Located at 143, 149, and 155 Shellbark Way (PINs 21016 02120, 21016 02119 and 21016 02118) to Establish a Multifamily. Residential Land Use in Aldermanic District 1 (File No. 25-000046-ZA).

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for 143, 149, and 155 Shellbark Way (25-000046-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Map for 143, 149, and 155 Shellbark Way (25-000046-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 3: Master Plan Amendment Exhibit.pdf

Exhibit 4: Godley PD Existing Multifamily Developments.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing open for agenda item #17. See the related agenda item #23.

Speaker(s):

- Edward Morrow, MPC representative
- Emmanuel Zamuduo OPPOSED
- Shannon Brown OPPOSED
- Julie Ratchford OPPOSED
- Barry Ellingson OPPOSED
- Rosanna Horton requested developer set aside a percentage for affordable housing
- Gary Wiggins -- Petitioner on behalf of Highlands Park Commercial, LLC
- Ald. Bernetta Lanier read a prepared statement.

Ald. Palumbo moved to close the zoning hearing for agenda item #17, seconded by Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Ald. Miller Blakely asked Mr. Wiggins did she hear him say that he donated twenty (20) acres to the city for a public space. Mr. Wiggins replied by stating he traded with the city back in 2018; so, there is twenty (20) acres reserved out there that could have been developed but now it city property for a public park. He further explained that the park has not been funded; so, he is willing to pay for the first five (5) acres and come up with something passive. Mr. Wiggins stated he already met with city staff, they all seem to like the idea, and it would not inhibit the future plans of the city to build out the rest of the park--its a start. Ald. Miller Blakely stated that if she is hearing correctly, the residents want retail there so that they would not have to travel to Pooler, and asked Mr. Wiggins if he was about put what they want there. Mr. Wiggins stated yes, he is trying to have a diversified retail center and give them (residents) a chance not to drive to Pooler.

Ald. Lanier stated there has been a lot of conversation about this issue, a lot of press. She further stated she has gotten a lot of bad press, but you have to have thick skin in this position. Ald. Lanier stated for the sake of time she will read her prepared statement--submitted for the record. She stated she does not think they are against what is coming. It is just the order as to which it is coming. Ald. Lanier stated the good news is that staff have been able to make the road situation, that is a major concern, a tier one to help with the traffic. Teir one means that it will get a priority consideration if and when SPLOST pass in November. She stated this is a great problem to have, we have growing pains, and there is a lot of problems, but everything the Highlands have requested since she was elected, we are delievering except for a precinct in which management is working on some public safety solutions for the Highlands. She further stated it is like we want it, but we do not want it right now. But right now, we have an opportunity to have it all on the table, and that is why she was in support of the petition Mr. Wiggins brought before council.

Mayor Johnson stated he wanted to give a little history and the reason why he vetoed this. He stated he represented this area for quite some time and remembered the years when it just sat there very empty. Mayor Johnson stated that one day the tipping point came and it began to grow, and grow, and grow. He further stated that people found an opportunity to live in the greatest city on earth in way that gave a different experience than the people who live in what they call mainland Savannah. He stated that Mr. Wiggins tried to do all he could do with the space he had to work with, but we could not keep up with the growth. Mayor Johnson expressed that the problem for him is that these folks is still taking 35 to 45 minutes for them to get out the house (neighborhood), and his concern was that he insisted that Benton and Highlands widening would be top tier issue on the T-SPLOST and it failed countywide. Mayor Johnson stated so if it (SPLOST) passes, great. The problem is that if it does not pass and now these apartments are here, then we would have made the situation worse. He further stated given the unknown about what happens in November, he could not support allowing council to pour more density into an area in which we have not been able to relieve the other issues that you do not control. The voters control that, and unfortunately, it is not just the voters of the Highlands, it is voters of the eight (8) municipalities and unincorporated Chatham county that will decide whether SPLOST works or not. Mayor Johnson stated he appreciate Mr. Wiggins for working with the community, for the donation/swapping of the land, and his willingness to work with us to develop it, but we (the elected city representatives) need to make sure those residents of the Highlands are properly taken care of as they continue to grow.

Ald. Palumbo stated he wanted to weigh in on a larger perspective. Of course it is not his district, but we weigh in on things that will affect us citywide. He stated that the number one thing that council has talked about for years, campaigned on, and platformed on is the housing crisis across the board. Alderman Palumbo stated he never seen such a proposal with a great community benefit for the community with public lands and with retail they asked for. He further stated that you need enough rooftops to support the commercial retail that you want and we know that commercial driven activities generate the most traffic. Alderman Palumbo stated you might say I do not want people building houses and townhomes near me, but it is the lowest traffic generator out there outside of passive land. He stated for the proposals that are in front of us, we have to take a look at a merit of factors to determine the totality of circumstances that shows the best course of action for our community: it is mixed use, it is multi-family, it is the retail options, and it is community benefits. Alderman Palumbo stated he applaud and appreciate the effort put into this agreement, and know that for any project on this scale not everyone is going to be happy. He further stated for what he see on the table here, this is as good as it gets when it comes to a multi-family and mixed use proposal of this size and scale.

Ald. Bell stated she does not think no one on this council can sit here and not realize that we have a housing crisis in this community. sShe further stated that we recognize we can not predict what will happen in November, but we have no reason to believe that this upcoming SPLOST would not pass when all the others have over the past serval years, and it is a tier one project meaning it would be done first. Ald. Bell expressed in good conscience she just can not turn a deaf ear to this.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan stated she will stand on protecting communities. She asked if this was such a great agreement, where are those people who say they want this agreement. Ald. Wilder-Bryan stated that if it is something that goes against her principles and is going to change the quality of life wherever you are, then she would not be voting for that. She further stated she would be voting on the side of

the people that it would immensely create a problem for. Ald. Wilder-Bryan stated it is important that we take care of everybody at the same time, but she is going for the people who actually live there.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz asked the City Manager to weigh in on this and she needs to hear his voice publicly on this because she trust his leadership and staff as he brings recommendations to the Mayor and council. City Manager Melder stated he recommended that council approves MPC's recommendation of denial. He stated that he agrees with MPC's staff assessment that this is an adequate facilities issue and not an appropriateness issue. City Manager Melder stated that he thinks multi-family housing and commercial is very appropriate, and we are talking about building out the utility of road network along Highlands and Benton Blvd. to help facilitate the traffic and transportation in the area.

Written comment(s):

- Jasmine Polley OPPOSED
- John Sherwood OPPOSED
- Nadine Akpeti OPPOSED
- Barbara & Tom Stuck OPPOSED
- John Hawkins OPPOSED
- Sara Walkington OPPOSED
- Kevin Knell OPPOSED
- Megan Bishop OPPOSED
- Thomas East OPPOSED
- Elizabeth Bullard OPPOSED
- Abe Massa OPPOSED
- James & Michele Ellison OPPOSED
- JoAnna Ambrozich OPPOSED
- Juan C. Julio OPPOSED
- Rich Holste OPPOSED
- Shannon D. Brown OPPOSED
- Myriam Baker OPPOSED
- Lexi Smith OPPOSED
- Lisa Wiggins OPPOSED
- Sabrinia Petterson OPPOSED
- Christopher J. Kane OPPOSED



18. Petition of Josh Yellin on behalf of Stoteswold Group LLC for a Future Land Use Map Amendment from Traditional Neighborhood to Traditional Commercial for the property at 312 East 38th Street (20065 33001) in Aldermanic District 2 (25-002529-ZA).

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Exhibit 2: Combined Maps for 312 E 38th St.pdf

Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance for 312 E 38th Street FLUM (25-002529-ZA).pdf

Ald. Leggett moved (to approve agenda item# 18) that the first reading be considered the second and the ordinance placed upon its passage and passed, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Ald. Miller Blakely voted no.

19. Petition of Josh Yellin on behalf of Stoteswold Group LLC for a Zoning Map Amendment from Traditional Neighborhood-2 (TN-2) to Traditional Commercial-1 (TC-1) for the property at 312 East 38th Street (20065 33001) in Aldermanic District 2 (25-002528-ZA).

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Exhibit 3 Draft Ordinance for 312 E 38th St Rezoning (25-002528-ZA) .pdf

Ald. Leggett moved (to approve agenda item# 19) that the first reading be considered the second and the ordinance placed upon its passage and passed, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Ald. Miller Blakely voted no.

20. Petition of Hitendra Patel and Dipika Patel for a zoning map amendment of a ~0.76 acres at 1402 Stiles Avenue (20068 09025) from B-L (Business Limited) to B-N (Neighborhood Business) with Conditions in Aldermanic District 1 (25-002835-ZA)

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- a. Ald. Lanier moved (to approve agenda item# 20) that the first reading be considered the second and the ordinance placed upon its passage and passed, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Miller Blakey. No vote taken.
- b. Mayor Van Johnson requested agenda item #20 to be HEARD for FIRST READING ONLY.

21. Petition of P. Bart Smith on behalf of Progressive One Realty, LLC for a Future Land Use Amendment of ~0.2 acres from Residential Suburban - Single Family to Commercial - Neighborhood at 1103 E. 69th Street (20114 19002) in Aldermanic District 3 (25-003226-ZA).

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Ald. Wilder-Bryan requested agenda items #21 and #22 to be HEARD for FIRST READING ONLY.

22. Petition of P. Bart Smith on behalf of Progressive One Realty, LLC for a Zoning Map Amendment of ~0.2 acres from O-I (Office-Institutional) to B-N (Neighborhood Business) with Conditions at 1103 E. 69th Street (20114 19002) in Aldermanic District 3 (25-003170-ZA).

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Ald. Wilder-Bryan requested agenda items #21 and #22 to be HEARD for FIRST READING ONLY.

23. Petition of Gary Wiggins on Behalf of Highlands Park Commercial, LLC for a Master Plan Amendment of 9.8 Acres of Property for the Highlands Park – Godley Station PD (Planned Development) Located at 143, 149, and 155 Shellbark Way (PlNs 21016 02120, 21016 02119 and 21016 02118) to Establish a Multifamily. Residential Land Use in Aldermanic District 1 (File No. 25-000046-ZA).

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Exhibit 4: Godley PD Existing Multifamily Developments.pdf

Ald. Lanier moved (to approve agenda item# 23) that the first reading be considered the second and the ordinance placed upon its passage and passed, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed, 5-4-0. Ald. Bell, Ald. Miller Blakely, Ald. Lanier, Ald. Palumbo, and Ald. Purtee voted yea. Mayor Johnson, Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Leggett voted no.

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

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Exhibit 1:070325 ORD Horse Drawn Carriage 85 92 Degrees Dry Bulb.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the hearings open for agenda item #24 and #25

Speaker(s):

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

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Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Two (2) Forklifts.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Two (2) Forklifts.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #26, #27, #28, #29, #30, #32, #33, #34, #35, #36, and #38, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-0. Ald. Wilder-Bryan was away from the dais during the vote.

27. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Three Utility Tractors from Shea Tractor & Equipment c/o Kubota, in the Amount of \$169,498. The Three Utility Tractors will be Utilized by the Refuse Disposal Division, City Cemeteries, and the Neighborhood Park Maintenance Division to Support Daily Operations. (Fleet Services)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Utility Tractors.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Utility Tractors.pdf

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Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Bypass Pumps.pdf
Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Bypass Pumps.pdf

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Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Serological DNA Lab Bid Contract.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Serological DNA Lab Bid Contract.pdf

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30. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for a Modular Firing Range Ammunition Storage Building for Savannah Police Department (SPD) with Lynn Construction Contracting in an Amount not to Exceed \$261,200. The Modular Ammunition Storage Building Will Improve Ammunition Storage Capacity and Ensure that Ammunition is Being Stored in Proper Conditions. (Capital Projects Management)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - SPD Ammunition Storage Building.pdf

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31. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 for Springfield Terrace Design with Ethos Preservation, LLC (LOCAL, DBE) in the Amount of \$72,900 to Repair Extensive Storm Damage, Roof Damage, and Termite Mitigation and to Ensure the Building is Structurally Sound. (Capital Projects)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Springfield Terrace School Design.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Springfield Terrace School Design.pdf

Ald. Lanier moved to approve agenda item #31, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Ald. Lanier asked the City Manager if the amount (\$72,500) was in addition to the \$5,000,000. (Yes). She stated she understood the storm damage, but was not the termite mitigation and the roof damage not included in the original bid. The City Manager replied by stating yes, some of it was but more may have been discovered due to the significant damage. Ald. Lanier stated it seem that we should have caught some of this at the front end.

32. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Daffin Signature Playground with JOC Construction in the Amount of \$384,150. This will Improve Current Amenities and Provide Groundwork for Accessible Play Structures, a Splash Pad, and a Bathroom Facility, (Capital Projects Management)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification- Daffin Park Playground.pdf

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Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - SFD Training Center Demolition.pdf

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Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - City Hall Design.pdf

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Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Structural Engineering.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Structural Engineering.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #26, #27, #28, #29, #30, #32, #33, #34, #35, #36, and #38, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-0. Ald. Wilder-Bryan was away from the dais during the vote.

37. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract with Samlay Services, Inc. (LOCAL) for the Springfield Terrace Remediation and Cleanup in the Amount of \$78,100. Services will be for the Required Removal of Debris Contaminated by Asbestos and Lead Prior to the Beginning of Design Services.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Springfield Terrace School Debris Remediation.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Springfield Terrace School Debris Remediation.pdf

Ald. Lanier moved to approve agenda item #37, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Ald. Miller Blakely asked the City Manager if \$72,900 for item# 31 and \$78,100 for item #37, which all together is \$150,000, was included in the \$5,000,000. (No) She stated so, that is an additional total of \$221,000 to the \$5,000,000 for Springfield Terrace. (Yes)

Ald. Lanier asked if we were paying SamJay \$78,100 to do some cleaning and then paying Ethos Preservation to do some further cleaning. (An explanation was provided by City Manager).

38. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 3 for Water, Sewer, and Stormwater Line Repair with Southern Champion in an Amount not to Exceed \$4,800,000. Additional Funding will Support the Continued Repair Services Related to Water, Sewer, and Stormwater Infrastructure (Water Resources)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Water, Sewer, and Stormwater Line Repair.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Water, Sewer, and Stormwater Line Repair.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #26, #27, #28, #29, #30, #32, #33, #34, #35, #36, and #38, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-0. Ald. Wilder-Bryan was away from the dais during the vote.

SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION

39. Approval of a Two-Year Official Airport Partnership with the Hilton Head Island-Bluffton Chamber of Commerce for the Kingdom Cup, in the Amount of \$600,000.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #39 through #48, seconded by Ald. Palumbo, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

40. Approval to Execute a Professional Services Agreement with Steven Baldwin & Associates, in the Amount of \$66,000.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #39 through #48, seconded by Ald. Palumbo, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

41. Approval to Remit the 2024–2025 Workers' Compensation Premium Balance to Sterling Seacrest Pritchard, Inc., in the Amount of \$53,017.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #39 through #48, seconded by Ald. Palumbo, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

42. Approval to Ratify the Acceptance of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law - Airport Infrastructure Grant Offer No. 3-13-0100-085-2025 from the Federal Aviation Administration, in the Amount of \$1,296,196.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #39 through #48, seconded by Ald. Palumbo, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

43. Approval to Procure Two Mobile Baggage X-Ray Units from Point Security Inc., in the Amount of \$61,460.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #39 through #48, seconded by Ald. Palumbo, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

44. Approval to Renew the Diio Mi Software Subscription from Lexis Nexis Risk Solutions Group, in the Amount of \$34.073.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #39 through #48, seconded by Ald. Palumbo, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

45. Approval to Execute a Contract with Suncoast Restoration & Waterproofing LLC for the Rehabilitate Runway Intersection and Terminal Apron Project, in the Amount of \$1,294,177.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #39 through #48, seconded by Ald. Palumbo, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

46. Approval to Award a Contract to Insulated Roofing Contractors for the Restoration of Five Hangars, in the Amount of \$275,000.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #39 through #48, seconded by Ald. Palumbo, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

47. Approval to Ratify the Acceptance of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law - Airport Infrastructure Grant Offer No. 3-13-0100-084-2025 from the Federal Aviation Administration, in the Amount of \$4,181,845.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #39 through #48, seconded by Ald. Palumbo, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

48. Approval to Ratify the Acceptance of a Grant from the Georgia Department of Transportation, in the Amount of \$760,334.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #39 through #48, seconded by Ald. Palumbo, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

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

49. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Approve a Resolution for Chatham Savannah Authority for the Homeless to receive a \$1,858,407 Savannah Affordable Housing Fund Loan and a \$3,105,415 HUD HOME-ARP Grant for the Acquisition of 39 Cottages, a Caretaker House, and a Resident Services Building Located at Dundee Cottages, 65 Dundee Street and for the Permanent Financing for the Construction of 12 Tiny Homes Located at The Cove at Dundee, 75 Dundee Street, Savannah, Chatham County, Georgia.

Exhibit 1: Permanent Funding Resolution for Dundee Cottages (004).docx

Ald. Wilder-Bryan moved to approve agenda item #49, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

AGREEMENTS

50. Approval of a Development and Limited Use Agreement Between the City of Savannah and the Trustees Garden Club for the Shade Garden at Forsyth Park.

Exhibit 1: 2150 - TGC Shade Garden MOA.docx

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #50 through #55, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

51. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Restricted Sale Agreement with Hyundai Motor America for Two 2025 Hyundai IONIQ-5 Vehicles in the Amount of \$2.00. (Item Withdrawn by the Request of Staff)

Exhibit 1: 080125 RSA - Exp Mktg (GA Cities) jnh 07072025 Hyundai Agreement.docx

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #50 through #55, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

52. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Development Agreement with CHSA Development, Inc. for the Public Infrastructure Improvements to Support an Affordable Housing Development Located at 916 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Adjacent Parcels.

Exhibit 1: Development Agreement - Public Improvements 916 MLK.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #50 through #55, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

53. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with The 912 Savannah, LLC for Plant Street Apartments. This is for a Development Consisting of 14 Apartment Units and 2,500sf Department Store at 2020 Habersham Street Near 37th Street in the President Street Treatment Plant Service Area and in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1: Water & Sewer Agreement - Plant Street Apartments - The 912.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #50 through #55, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

54. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Amended Agreement with Forsyth Commons LLC to Build a Garage at the Corner of Whitaker Street and Park Avenue Exhibit 1: Forsyth Commons Development Agreement

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #50 through #55, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

55. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Radhe Krishna Properties, Inc. for Spencer Connerat Entrance Road. This is a Development Consisting of the Installation of 1,249 Linear Feet of 12" Water Main and 1,160 Linear Feet of 10" Sewer Main to Serve the Meadow Lakes Subdivision off Littleneck Road in the Travis Field Service Area and in Aldermanic District 5.

Exhibit 1: Water & Sewer Agreement - Spencer Connerat Entrance Road.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #50 through #55, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

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

56. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Development Agreement with Rhowe Design + Build, LLC and Authorization to Expend up to \$50,000 in Cumulative Costs and Fees.

Exhibit 1: Development Agreement - UST.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #56 through #60, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

57. Authorize the City Manager to Approve an Easement Donation from Georgia Ports Authority for Sewer Force Main Located on a Portion 790 Louisville Road.

Exhibit 1: Plat.pdf

Exhibit 2: Easement Agreement.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #56 through #60, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

58. Authorize the City Manager to Approve the Purchase of Easements and Land to Facilitate a Southwest Quadrant Sewer Project.

Exhibit 1: Map Attachments.pdf

Exhibit 2: PSA & Option Statements 1.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #56 through #60, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

59. Authorize the City Manager to Approve the Purchase of an Easement to Facilitate a Water Main Extension along Dawes Avenue.

Exhibit 1: Map - Dawes Ave.pdf

Exhibit 2: Partially Executed Easement Documents - Dawes Ave.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #56 through #60, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

60. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Second Amendment with Fans First Entertainment for use of Grayson Stadium.

Exhibit 1: Fans First - Second Amendment to Lease.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #56 through #60, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

MISCELLANEOUS

61. Approval of Major Subdivision of Hopeton Tract 7 Phase 1A. The Subject Property is the First Phase in a Subdivision Named Hopeton Tract 7 Phase 1A Located on Little Neck Road. This Proposed Phase Totals 47.255 Acres and will Consist of 79 Single Family Lots with Varying Lot Sizes. The Property is in Aldermanic District 5 at Praline Road and Shelling Way.

Exhibit 1: Plat: Major Subdivision Hopeton Tract 7 Phase 1A.pdf

Exhibit 2: MPC Report.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #61 through #63, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

62. Approval of Major Subdivision Beacon Point at New Hampstead Phase 1A. This Proposed Property Totals 18.622 Acres and will Consist of 69 Lots with Varying Lot

Exhibit 1: Plat: Major Subdivision Beacon Point at New Hampstead Phase 1A..pdf

Sizes. The Property is in Aldermanic District 5 at 3401-A Highgate Boulevard and Bayne Boulevard.

Exhibit 2: MPC Report

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #61 through #63, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

63. Approval of Major Subdivision Aspire at New Hampstead Phase 2. This Project Includes the Second Phase of Aspire at New Hampstead. 134 Single-Family Lots are to be Developed. The Property is in Aldermanic District 5 at Regatta Lane and Kingswood Circle.

Exhibit 1: Plat Major Subdivision Aspire at New Hampstead Phase 2.pdf

Exhibit 2: MPC Report.docx

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #61 through #63, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

64. Added Item (City Attorney Items): Settlement #1

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to authorize the City Attorney to resolve the claim of Holly Pace for \$90,000, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

65. Added Item (Approval of SCAD Serve Community Grant): Approval of SCAD SERVE Community Funds Grant in the amount of \$971,935 to the City of Savannah for the Purpose of Public Safety Technology.

SCAD Grant Agreement SPD Finished .pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda item #65, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the regular meeting at 6:31 p.m.

Signature:		
Date Minute	s Approved	
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Mark Masse	y, Clerk of Council	

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