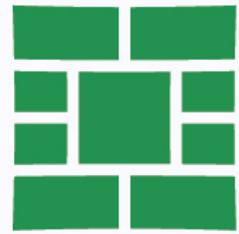


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FEBRUARY 26, 2026 - 2:00 p.m. - CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

CITY GOVERNMENT

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 2:04 p.m., in Council Chambers. Following the roll call, Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order. He then recognized Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely who introduced Pastor Ricardo Rolando Manuel, Second Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church, to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States was recited in unison. Mayor Johnson first spoke in relation to and asked for a moment of silence in honor of the memory of the late Reverend Jesse Louis Jackson, Sr., then he ordered flags on City of Savannah facilities be flown at half-staff from March 1, 2026, to March 7, 2026.

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

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 February 26, 2026.](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve item #1, seconded by Ald. Lanier. 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 February 12, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.](#)

[Agenda Plus - WS DRAFT MINUTES February 12, 2026 City Council Workshop watermark.pdf](#)

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

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

[Agenda Plus - RM DRAFT MINUTES February 12, 2026 City Council Regular Meeting-watermark.pdf](#)

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

PRESENTATIONS[4. Appearance and Recognition of Hyundai for Donation of Electric Vehicles to the City of Savannah](#)

Mayor Johnson presented recognition to Hyundai Motor Group Metaplant America Chief Administrative Officer Brent Stubbs, City Manager Melder, and city staff for the donation of electric vehicles to the City of Savannah.

[5. Appearance and Recognition of Savannah Fire Department Investigator Kenneth McDonald by the Georgia Arson Control as the 2025 Fire Investigator of the Year.](#)

Mayor Johnson recognized and presented a proclamation to Fire Investigator Kenneth McDonald for being named the 2025 Fire Investigator of the Year by the Georgia Arson Control Board. City Manager Melder and Fire Chief Derek Minard also presented and were joined at the podium by Police Chief Lenny Gunther and members of the Fire Department.

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)[6. Approval of a Class C \(Liquor, Beer, Wine\) \(By the Drink\) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to David Howard for Marbled & Fin Savannah, a Restaurant Located at 520 East Oglethorpe Avenue Between Price Street and Houston Street in Aldermanic District 2. \(New Applicant/New Business\)](#)

[Exhibit 1- Checklist - Marbled Fin Savannah](#)

[Exhibit 2- Density Map - Marbled Fin Savannah](#)

[Exhibit 3- Alcohol Report - Marbled Fin Savannah](#)

[Exhibit 4- Measurement Report - Marbled Fin Savannah](#)

[Exhibit 5- Security Plan - Marbled Fin Savannah](#)

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings open for agenda items #6 and #7.

No speaker(s).

a. Ald. Leggett moved to close the alcohol license hearings for agenda items #6 and #7, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-0. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz was away from the dais during the vote.

b. Ald. Leggett moved to approve agenda item #6, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-0. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz was away from the dais during the vote.

[7. Approval of a Class G \(Beer, Wine\) \(Complimentary\) Alcohol License to Ronald Burriss for Flip Flop Shops, a Retail Store located at 100 Bull St. The establishment is Located Between East Broughton Street and East State Street in Aldermanic District 2. \(New Applicant/Existing Business\)](#)

[Exhibit 1- Checklist - Savannah Flip Flop Shops](#)

[Exhibit 2- Density Map - Savannah Flip Flop Shops](#)

[Exhibit 3- Alcohol Report - Savannah Flip Flop Shops](#)

[Exhibit 4- Measurement Report - Savannah Flip Flop Shops](#)

[Exhibit 5- Security Plan - Savannah Flip Flop Shops](#)

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

Ald. Leggett asked Jerry Bartley from the Revenue Department the following questions:

- Is the establishment just going to sell memorabilia, t-shirts, flip-flops, and the novelty items that sell in a local downtown area for tourists? (Yes)
- Will they card young people at the door? (Owner was informed what to do as far as everyone he is serving and of the certain ages he could not serve.)
- Was the owner advised that the license was a privilege and not a right? (Yes)

Mayor Johnson asked Mr. Bartley if this was a request for complimentary alcohol and not alcohol for sale. (That is correct.)

Ald. Wilder-Bryan asked if the price for the complimentary alcohol license was the same as for a (regular) alcohol license. (Yes)

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

[8. Approval of an Amendment to the Stopping, Standing, and Parking Prohibited Ordinance. \(Transportation Services\)](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve item #8, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Ald. Lanier stated there is a hazardous situation on Tremont Road, between I-516 and Highway 17, where trucks are parking on the road and restricting traffic. She stated this would be a prime example of why we would need these changes. Ald. Lanier also mentioned 37th Street and an area around Bull Street. She stated that those are two critical areas, and by continuing to bring this up, she would hate for something to happen there. Ald. Lanier asked City Manager Melder to have staff evaluate those two areas.

Mayor Johnson stated he concurs with Ald. Lanier. He stated that we often focused on our vision zero efforts on MLK and Montgomery Street going east, but coming off of I-16, it bottlenecks in that area. It is either two lanes on some days or some days there is a lane and a half.

Ald. Leggett asked if this ordinance would speak to the DoorDash and Amazon drivers who park in the right-of-way. (Yes)

Ald. Miller Blakely stated there was construction at the intersection of Bull and Victory Dr., and the street has been reduced to not even a full lane. She also stated that at 37th and Bull Street, there was major construction as well. Ald. Miller Blakely stated that we need to have somebody to take a look at that.

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

[9. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Amendment No. 2 for Engineering and Construction Inspection Services for the I&D Surface Water Treatment Plan Optimization and Expansion to Hussey Gay Bell \(HGB\) in the Amount of \\$9,200,000. \(Industrial & Domestic Water Plant\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - I&D Surface Water Treatment Plan Optimization and Expansion.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - I&D Surface Water Treatment Plan Optimization and Expansion.pdf](#)

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

[10. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Multi-Function Copier Equipment with ABR in the Amount Not to Exceed \\$300,000. \(ITS\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Multi-Function Copier Equipment.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Multi-Function Copier Equipment.pdf](#)

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

[11. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Software and Implementation with SpryPoint in the Amount Not to Exceed \\$1,631,700. \(ITS\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Utility Billing-SpryPoint.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Utility Billing-SpryPoint.pdf](#)

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

[12. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for WinCan Software with Environmental Products Group in the Amount Not to Exceed \\$56,100. \(ITS\)](#)

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

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

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

[13. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Computer Replacement Devices with Dell, Inc. in the Amount of \\$1,094,000. \(ITS\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Dell Annual Spend.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Dell Annual Spend.pdf](#)

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

[14. Authorize City Manager to Execute a Renewal of Contract with Kintronics, Inc. LLC for the Purchase of Ocularis Software Maintenance & Support in the Amount of \\$55,000. \(ITS\)](#)

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

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

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

[15. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Phase I & Phase II with ShotSpotter in an Amount Not to Exceed \\$274,458 Annually. \(SPD\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - ShotSpotter Phase I & II.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - ShotSpotter Phse I & II.pdf](#)

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

[16. Authorize City Manager to Execute a Modification No. 1 of the Contract for the Purchase of Aluminum Sulfate with Chemtrade Chemicals US, LLC. in the Amount of \\$283,977. \(Industrial & Domestic Water Plant\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Renewal of Contract with Chemtrade for Purchase of Aluminum Sulfate.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Note - Renewal of Contract with Chemtrade for Purchase of Aluminum Sulfate.pdf](#)

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

[17. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 2 for Major Special Event Catering Services for City Staff from Ardsley Station in an Amount Not to Exceed \\$138,600. \(Special Events, Film & Tourism\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Contract Modification - St. Patrick's Catering.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Contract Modification - St. Patrick's Day Catering.pdf](#)

Ald. Wilder-Bryan moved to approve item #19, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan stated that this is an economic driver for the entire city, and while this is a locally-owned business, she would want this \$138,000 to be distributed with an additional source. Ald. Wilder-Bryan stated that she understood Savannah first, but we are talking about other locally-owned businesses where \$138,000 could be split four ways. She stated that the next time we do this, we should consider more than one person. City Manager Melder responded.

Ald. Miller Blakely stated she agreed with Ald. Wilder-Bryan. She asked if this was for the employees, and if the restaurant was going to go to each of the locations, or if the employees had to go to them. City Manager Melder stated that the meals are for our first responders and for employees who are working the (St. Patrick's Day) event. He stated that the employees would have to go to the civic center in order to eat.

[18. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 2 for Medical and Pharmacy Stop Loss Carrier with International Assurance of Tennessee, Inc. in the Amount of \\$1,318,000. \(Human Resources\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification-Medical Pharmacy Stop Loss Insurance Services](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Note-Medical Pharmacy Stop Loss Insurance Services](#)

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

[19. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Installation of a New Splash Pad at Sunset Park with Great Southern Recreation c/o Water Play Solutions Corp., in an Amount Not to Exceed \\$124,100. \(Recreation and Leisure Services\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Sunset Park Splash Pad.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Sunset Park Splash Pad.pdf](#)

Ald. Wilder-Bryan moved to approve item #19, seconded by Ald. Bell and Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan stated it was a very good week in the 3rd District, and they were excited about the splash pad. She thanked Parks & Recreation Director Nick Roberts and his staff, and former Mayor Edna Jackson, who was part of that community. Ald. Wilder-Bryan stated she was so glad that we are moving south in the 3rd District and doing really good things.

[20. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Design, Procurement, and Installation of a Prefabricated Storage Building at Daffin Park with Gordian, Inc., in an Amount Not to Exceed \\$330,191. \(Recreation and Leisure Services\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Daffin Park Prefabricated Storage.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Summary - Daffin Park Prefabricated Storage.pdf](#)

CONTINUED/POSTPONED by unanimous consent to the March 12, 2026 City Council Meeting.

Mayor Johnson noted that the Council received a letter of opposition that the Clerk's office had submitted for the Council's review.

Ald. Palumbo thanked the constituent who wrote the concerned letter. He stated that the Council received a letter in their inbox from the Historic Savannah Foundation, which officially took a position against this item, which is why we pulled it for a little bit of discussion. He stated that he thinks that there needs to be some clarity around this item, and then he would have some comments, not for city staff but for the community, about how we move forward. Ald. Palumbo asked the City Manager to share with the Council a little bit more about this item. He stated that although routine, he thinks residents want to know what it looks like, where it is going to be placed, and what we are trying to achieve. City Manager Melder explained.

Ald. Palumbo stated that he thinks that it is a very well-reasoned and good thing to do, and we do need to protect the maintenance equipment. He stated that he knew that it had caused a lot of concern with the residents about the future of the park. Ald. Palumbo recommended that the adjacent district alderpersons come together with the City Manager, Historic Savannah Foundation, and the neighboring presidents to talk about the future of the park. He stated that there is an increased spirit of conflict around this public utility, and his preference on this is to give us one more bite of the apple to give the opportunity to get warm and fuzzy about it.

Ald. Bell asked Ald. Palumbo, if he was suggesting that the Council delay it. (Yes, for two weeks.)

Ald. Lanier asked about the measurements of this building. City Manager Melder replied.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan stated that she shares parts of this, and it was actually going to be on the 3rd District side, and the residents do not have a problem with it. She stated that we have equipment that this Council fusses about all the time. Ald. Wilder-Bryan stated we need to get some synergy, and synergy for here would be something that is convenient, close to the proximity of where everything is for the kids and the staff. She stated that the budget allows us to continue to do things that change the quality of not only people's lives but the lives of our employees too.

Ald. Palumbo stated that he believes constituents have been reaching out to local nonprofits instead of the City Council. He stated he thinks we need to do some level setting about what happens in the park, meet with the aggrieved nonprofits that are weighing in on this issue, and provide an opportunity just to come together. Ald. Palumbo stated he was fully supportive of this and what happens at Morrisfield and what happens at Daffin Park.

Ald. Miller Blakely stated her concern was regarding Gordian Incorporation, and asked if they were here in Savannah. She asked if they are not here in Savannah, why are we using them to build this when we have builders right here in Savannah. City Manager Melder responded.

[21. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Cab Cameras with Samsara, Inc. in an Amount Not to Exceed \\$269,576. \(Sanitation Department\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Cab Cameras](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Note -Cab Cameras](#)

Ald. Leggett moved to approve item #21, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Ald. Leggett asked the City Manager if the cab cameras were only for the sanitation department. City Manager Melder explained.

SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION

[22. Approval of a Condé Nast Traveler Promotional Campaign Partnership with the Hilton Head Island-Bluffton Chamber of Commerce, in the Amount of \\$300,000.](#)

Ald. Bell moved to approve items #22 and #24 through #30, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[23. Approval of Task Work Order No. 22, with AECOM for Gate Planning Services, in the Amount of \\$77,565.](#)

Ald. Palumbo moved to approve item #23, seconded by Ald. Purtee and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz recused herself/abstained for business purposes.

[24. Approval of a 3-Year Broadband Service Agreement with Comcast Business Communications, LLC, in the Amount of \\$34,487.](#)

Ald. Bell moved to approve items #22 and #24 through #30, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[25. Approval to Execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with SEDA and Chatham County to Construct a Signalized Intersection, in an Amount Not to Exceed \\$818,375.](#)

Ald. Bell moved to approve items #22 and #24 through #30, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[26. Approval to Sponsor the 2026 Southeast Chapter of the American Association of Airport Executives Annual Conference, in the Amount of \\$60,000.](#)

Ald. Bell moved to approve items #22 and #24 through #30, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[27. Approval to Procure Services from Elevated Facility Services to Refurbish Six Escalators in the Hourly/Long-Term Parking Garage, in the Amount of \\$1,483,176.](#)

Ald. Bell moved to approve items #22 and #24 through #30, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[28. Approval to Execute a Contract with Founders Maintenance & Restoration for the Replacement of Five Handicap Ramps and Seven Entrance Walkways, in the Amount of \\$188,385.](#)

Ald. Bell moved to approve items #22 and #24 through #30, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[29. Approval to Execute a Four-Year Annual Preventative Maintenance Service Agreement with Brooks Building Solutions, in the Amount of \\$185,600.](#)

Ald. Bell moved to approve items #22 and #24 through #30, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[30. Approval to Execute a Contract with W.S. Nielson Company, Inc., to Replace Nine Skylight Glass Panels, in the Amount of \\$97,704.](#)

Ald. Bell moved to approve items #22 and #24 through #30, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

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

[31. A Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages for On-Premises Consumption on Sunday, March 15, 2026. \(Revenue Department\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Memo - Request for Adoption of Resolution for March 15, 2026](#)

[Exhibit 2: Resolution - Authorizing Sunday Sales for March 15, 2026](#)

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

[32. Approval of a Resolution Creating a Committee to Advise on the Commemoration of the Burial Ground in Whitefield Square](#)

[Exhibit 1: Whitefield Square Burial Ground Resolution.docx](#)

Ald. Leggett moved to approve item #32, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Mayor Johnson stated that we released publicly that science had confirmed what we believed. He stated that this was a combination of folklore and oral history. The records in our municipal archives, and then, now the scientific analysis, show that in and around Whitefield Square, there were remains or what they call anomalies at 80 places where either enslaved people were buried or are buried.

Mayor Johnson stated that this is significant for us because our municipal archives, for quite some time, indicated that this was a slave cemetery, and we were able to finally confirm this intentionally and aggressively. He expressed that we now know that this is sacred ground, and he thinks that it is very clear that we have to do something significant as Savannah, historically in 2026. Mayor Johnson stated the recommendation is for us to create a committee that would include members of the Council appointments and some subject matter experts to provide recommendations to the city council and staff about how to handle what we have learned.

Ald. Lanier asked the City Manager, regarding the subject matter experts, what would make them subject matter experts in this instance. She stated she was asking the question because many local people knew of this history, but as Mayor Johnson said, it was considered by some to be folklore. Ald. Lanier also stated she heard the Mayor say that this is a good way for us to move forward by involving "experts," and the council would have an opportunity to appoint people. She stated she wished we had done this with the Weeping Time before it was sold so we could bring out all of the historical facts to show where the piece that was sold was definitely connected and related. Ald. Lanier stated she was supporting the Council taking this action at this time.

Ald. Miller Blakely asked if LAMAR's analysis states that bodies are still there. Mayor Johnson replied by stating they found anomalies in the ground and asked if Luciana Spracher, Municipal Archives and History Officer, could further explain. Ald. Miller Blakely thanked Ms. Spracher and suggested that maybe we should do that (an analysis) at all of our squares and places that were considered burial grounds, not just for enslaved people, but for people within our city. Ms. Spracher responded.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan stated she wanted to dispel another rumor regarding Field Order No. 15 and the 20 African American religious leaders of Savannah who met with General William Sherman in the late 1800s. She stated that she said that to say that this is a specific time where she (Ms. Spracher) should have a job description for the people who are going to be on this. Ald. Wilder-Bryan stated that we want to make sure that the people who are on this committee know what they are talking about.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz stated that there has been such a silence in wanting to tell the truth of the matter about where our ancestors lived, where they died, and where they were buried. She stated that a lot of us on the Council have been involved with this work. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz commended and thanked the Mayor, the City Manager, and Luciana Spracher. She stated that when our tourists now come to Savannah, they can see, like we say, all of Savannah.

Ald. Miller Blakely stated that about two years ago, when they did the reconstruction of Broughton Street, it was brought to our attention that some workers found bodies under the ground where they were digging. She asked Ms. Spracher if she could research that. Ald. Miller Blakely stated that one of the 20 African American religious leaders, mentioned by Ald. Wilder-Bryan, was her ancestor, Garrison Frazier.

Mayor Johnson stated that he was familiar with some of the excavation on Broughton Street, and he knew that there were at least two. He stated he remembers one because he was there,

and it was confirmed to be a dog. Mayor Johnson stated does not remember what the other one was.

AGREEMENTS

[33. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with D.R. Horton for The Pines at New Hampstead Phase 5 in Aldermanic District 5. \(Water & Sewer\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Water & Sewer Agreement - The Pines at New Hampstead Phase 5.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #33 through #36, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[34. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with D.R. Horton, Inc. for The Pines at New Hampstead Phase 6 in Aldermanic District 5. \(Water Resources Planning & Engineering.\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Water & Sewer Agreement - The Pines at New Hampstead Phase 6.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #33 through #36, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[35. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Surekhaben M. Patel for MDH Benton Commercial Subdivision in Aldermanic District 1. \(Water Resources Planning & Engineering\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Water & Sewer Agreement - MDH Benton Commercial Subdivision.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #33 through #36, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[36. Authorize the City Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement \(MOA\) between the City of Savannah and the Metropolitan Planning Commission for Pictometry Imagery Services in the Amount of \\$37,710 annually, for a combined total of \\$226,260 for the years 2026-2031. \(Office of Management & Budget\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: COS MPC 2026 MOA Eagleview w MPC.EV ref incd.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #33 through #36, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

[37. Settlement #1](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Settlement #1, authorizing the City Attorney's Office to settle the claim (vehicle incident) of Minakshy Rawl for \$45,000.00, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Following additional announcements made by the Mayor and Aldermen, Mayor Johnson adjourned the regular meeting at 3:39 p.m.

Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: _____

Signature: _____

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