



**MAY 22, 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 **2:12 p.m.**, in the SCCPSS Board of Education Room located at the Eli Whitney Administrative Complex, 2 Laura Avenue, Building G. **Mayor Johnson** called the meeting to order, then recognized **Ald. Detric Leggett** who introduced **Pastor James King Sr. of Mt. Hermon Baptist Church (911 Atlantic Avenue)** to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

**PRESENT:**

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

**ALSO, PRESENT:**

- City Manager Jay Melder
- Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams
- City Attorney Bates Lovett
- Clerk of Council Mark Massey
- Assistant to Clerk of Council Renee Osborne

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

[1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for May 22, 2025.](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve agenda item #1, as amended to include agenda item #48, a settlement from the City Attorney's Office, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. 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 May 8, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.](#)

[Agenda Plus - WS DRAFT MINUTES May 8, 2025 City Council Workshop Meeting.pdf](#)

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

[3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on May 8, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.](#)

[Agenda Plus - RM DRAFT MINUTES May 8, 2025 City Council Regular Meeting.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda item #3, as amended by Ald. Miller Blakely (see below), seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Ald. Lanier voted no.

For purposes of the record, Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Lanier explained/asked for a notation to be placed into the record acknowledging what she found following the vote to approve the alcohol license for B.NiCole's Bistro, contingent on dropping their lawsuit against the City of Savannah during the May 8, 2022 City Council Meeting. The owners were not in agreement nor privy to that information, even though the Alderwomen were told that they had agreed to those terms.

Mayor Johnson summarized that the City Attorney relayed what their authorized legal counsel shared with him.

Mayor Johnson entertained a motion that an executive session regarding personnel and litigation was held earlier, following the work session presentation for which no action was taken.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz and Ald. Wilder-Bryan moved to authorize the Mayor to sign an affidavit/resolution limited to those items (personnel and litigation) and no action was taken, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

**ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS**

[4. City Council Consideration of Personnel Evaluations.](#)

Mayor Johnson stated the City Council knows why. Agenda item #4 was TABLED/POSTPONED to the next City Council Meeting to be held on June 12, 2025.

Mayor Johnson congratulated Clerk of Council Mark Massey again for being inducted into the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC) board of directors, serving as the Region III Director.

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

[5. Approval of a Class C \(Beer, Wine\) \(By the Drink\) Alcohol License with Sunday Sale to Andria Canella for Sweet Patricia's, a Restaurant at 1722 Habersham Street. The Establishment is Located Between East 33rd and East 34th Streets in Aldermanic District 2. \(Continue to June 26, 2025 City Council Meeting at the request of staff.\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Checklist - Sweet Patricia's](#)

[Exhibit 2: Density Map - Sweet Patricia's](#)

[Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Sweet Patricia's](#)

[Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Sweet Patricia's](#)

[Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Sweet Patricia's](#)

Ald. Leggett moved to continue/postpone agenda item #5 to the June 26, 2025 City Council Meeting, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[6. Approval of a Class E \(Beer, Wine\) \(By the Package\) Alcohol License to Vinay Patel for CBD+ at 802 Montgomery Street, a Convenience Store. The Establishment Is Located Between West Bolton and West Gwinnett Streets in Aldermanic District 2. \(Continued to June 12, 2025 City Council Meeting at the request of the applicant.\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Checklist - CBD+ Convenience](#)

[Exhibit 2: Density Map - CBD+ Convenience](#)

[Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - CBD+ Convenience](#)

[Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - CBD+ Convenience](#)

[Exhibit 5: Security Plan - CBD+ Convenience](#)

Ald. Leggett moved to continue/postpone agenda item #6 to the June 12, 2025 City Council Meeting, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[7. Approval of a Class C \(Liquor, Beer, Wine\) \(By the Drink\) Alcohol License with Sunday Sale to Ryan Diggins for The Municipal Grand, a Hotel at 132 East Broughton Street. The Establishment is Located Between Abercorn and Drayton Streets in Aldermanic District 2.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Checklist - The Municipal Grand](#)

[Exhibit 2: Density Map - The Municipal Grand](#)

[Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - The Municipal Grand](#)

[Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - The Municipal Grand](#)

[Exhibit 5: Security Plan - The Municipal Grand](#)

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol license hearings open for agenda items #7, #8, #9, #10, and #11.

No speaker(s).

a. Ald. Purtee moved to close the hearings for agenda items #7, #8, #9, #10, and #11, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

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

[8. Approval of a Class C \(Liquor, Beer, Wine\) \(By the Drink\) with Sunday Sale to Loan Tran for Sunday Sunday, Restaurant Located at 116 Whitaker Street. The Establishment is Located Between West Broughton and West State Streets in Aldermanic District 2.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Checklist - Sunday Sunday](#)

[Exhibit 2: Density Map - Sunday Sunday](#)

[Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Sunday Sunday](#)

[Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Sunday Sunday](#)

[Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Sunday Sunday](#)

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol license hearings open for agenda items #7, #8, #9, #10, and #11.

No speaker(s).

a. Ald. Purtee moved to close the hearings for agenda items #7, #8, #9, #10, and #11, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

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

[9. Approval of a Class C \(Liquor, Beer, Wine\) \(By the Drink\) Alcohol License with Sunday Sale to Kyle Jacovino for Lucia Pasta Bar, a Restaurant at 2425 Bull Street. The Establishment is Located Between West 41st and West 42nd Streets in Aldermanic District 2.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Checklist - Lucia Pasta Bar](#)

[Exhibit 2: Density Map - Lucia Pasta Bar](#)

[Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Lucia Pasta Bar](#)

[Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Lucia Pasta Bar](#)

[Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Lucia Pasta Bar](#)

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No speaker(s).

a. Ald. Purtee moved to close the hearings for agenda items #7, #8, #9, #10, and #11, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Ald. Leggett moved to approve agenda item #9, seconded by 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 Sale to Teresa Ortega for Cantina 69, a Restaurant at 4307 Ogeechee Road Unit 207. The Establishment is Located Between Mersy Way and Chatham Parkway in Aldermanic District 5.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Checklist - Cantina 69](#)

[Exhibit 2: Density Map - Cantina 69](#)

[Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Cantina 69](#)

[Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Cantina 69](#)

[Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Cantina 69](#)

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol license hearings open for agenda items #7, #8, #9, #10, and #11.

No speaker(s).

a. Ald. Purtee moved to close the hearings for agenda items #7, #8, #9, #10, and #11, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda item #10, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[11. Approval of a Class E \(Beer, Wine\) \(By the Package\) Alcohol License to Binit Amin for Bay Stop, a Convenience Store at 1028 West Bay Street. The Establishment Is Located Between East Lathrop Avenue and Lehwald Street in Aldermanic District 1.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Checklist - Bay Stop](#)

[Exhibit 2: Density Map - Bay Stop](#)

[Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Bay Stop](#)

[Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Bay Stop](#)

[Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Bay Stop](#)

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol license hearings open for agenda items #7, #8, #9, #10, and #11.

No speaker(s).

a. Ald. Purtee moved to close the hearings for agenda items #7, #8, #9, #10, and #11, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Ald. Lanier moved to approve agenda item #11, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Ald. Lanier stated Mr. Amin has been working with the community for years, and he has put a lot of work into it. She congratulated him for working with the Community Development Corporation and West Bay Street Business Association.

#### ZONING HEARINGS

[12. Petition of Harold Yellin on Behalf of Forino Co., LLP to Amend the Future Land Use Map from Residential Suburban Single Family to Planned Development for 159.7 acres at 605 Old River Road and Sandhill Road \(11046 01001A, 11046 01001B and 11047 01018\) to Support an Annexation \(File No. 25-001356-ZA\).](#)

[Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet \(File No. 25-001356-ZA\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Maps for 605 Old River Road and Sandhill Road \(File No. 25-001356-ZA\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance for 605 Old River Road and Sandhill Road \(File No. 25-001356-ZA\).pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearings open for agenda items #12 and #13. See related agenda items #16, #17 and #18.

Speaker(s):

- Edward Morrow, MPC Representative
- Ben Kirsch, legal director with Ogeechee Riverkeeper - OPPOSED
- Harold Yellin, representing the petitioner
- Jim Collins, civil engineer from Thomas & Hutton

Written comment(s):

- Kerrie Bieber - OPPOSED

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

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz asked the City Manager if there were any outstanding questions (no). Dr. Shabazz detailed contents of Ms. Bieber's letter of concerns. From the engineering and flooding point of view, Dr. Shabazz asked Mr. Yellin and Mr. Collins to provide additional details. Dr. Shabazz provided more details regarding certain areas within her district that have experienced flooding and impacts from climate change.

Ald. Miller Blakely asked Mr. Morrow about the developers requirement to inform residents who will be impacted once the work begins by noise, dust, smoke, etc. Mr. Morrow stated the jurisdiction will likely have to notify the residents and he detailed that he expects mostly/primarily apartments to be placed in this area. Mr. Yellin responded. Ald. Miller Blakely asked Mr. Kirsch about what happens when the river floods. Mr. Kirsch responded.

Mayor Johnson pointed out that most of our areas are located in a flood plain, whereby Mr. Kirsch responded.

Ald. Lanier commented about growing pains we are experiencing and their impacts. Our infrastructure is behind the growth, and the people who live there are negatively impacted. At the same time, we need housing. The more supply of housing we have the lower the prices, and when the supply is low we have exponential prices which are not as affordable. Then she discussed inclusionary zoning and looking at other policies that can have or make an impact. Ald. Lanier asked Mr. Morrow about the map, specifically the entrance to the manufacturing center. Then she mentioned experiences and concerns with climate change, sporadic weather conditions, drainage, and flooding.

Mayor Johnson reminded Council of our responsibility to help grow our base, and we do that through annexation. Growth pays for itself. New opportunities and new land expands our map to help us do and be who we are.

[13. Petition of Harold Yellin on Behalf of Forino Co., LLP to Amend the Zoning Map from R-A \(Residential Agriculture – Chatham County\) and P-R-C \(Protected River Corridor – Chatham County\) to PD \(Planned Development – City\) for 159.7 acres at 605 Old River Road and Sandhill Road \(11046 01001A, 11046 01001B and 11047 01018\) to Support an Annexation. \(File No. 25-001312-ZA\)](#)

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Written comment(s):

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[14. Petition of Robert Brannen, Jr. on Behalf of New Hampstead Holdings, LLC to Amend 35.5 acres of the New Hampstead Master Plan for the parcels located at 2100 and 2501 Little Neck Road \(PINs 21024 01007 and 21047 03024\) and New Hampstead Planned Development Text within Aldermanic District 5. \(File No. 23-004262-ZA\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for the New Hampstead PD \(File No. 23-004262-ZA\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Map for New Hampstead PD \(File No. 23-004262-ZA\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: New Hampstead PD Ordinance \(File No. 23-004262-ZA\).pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearings open for agenda item #14. See related agenda item #15.

Speaker(s):

- Edward Morrow, MPC Representative

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the public hearing for agenda item #14, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. 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)**

[15. Petition of Robert Brannen, Jr. on Behalf of New Hampstead Holdings, LLC to Amend 35.5 acres of the New Hampstead Master Plan for the parcels located at 2100 and 2501 Little Neck Road \(PINs 21024 01007 and 21047 03024\) and New Hampstead Planned Development Text within Aldermanic District 5. \(File No. 23-004262-ZA\)](#)

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[Exhibit 2: Map for New Hampstead PD \(File No. 23-004262-ZA\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: New Hampstead PD Ordinance \(File No. 23-004262-ZA\).pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved (to approve #15) that the first reading be considered the second and the ordinance placed upon its passage and passed, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

**ORDINANCES - FIRST READING**

[16. Petition to Annex ~159.7 Acres Located at 605 Old River Road and Sandhill Road \(11045 01001A, 11046 01001B and 11047 01018\) from Chatham County to the City of Savannah.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Annexation Petition for Old River Road and Sandhill Road \(25-124\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2 Annexation Ordinance for 605 Old River Road and Sandhill Road \(25-124\).pdf](#)

HEARD for First Reading Only.

[17. Petition of Harold Yellin on Behalf of Forino Co., LLP to Amend the Future Land Use Map from Residential Suburban Single Family to Planned Development for 159.7 acres at 605 Old River Road and Sandhill Road \(11046 01001A, 11046 01001B and 11047 01018\) to Support an Annexation \(File No. 25-001356-ZA\)](#)

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[Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance for 605 Old River Road and Sandhill Road \(File No. 25-001356-ZA\).pdf](#)

HEARD for First Reading Only.

[18. Petition of Harold Yellin on Behalf of Forino Co., LLP to Amend the Zoning Map from R-A \(Residential Agriculture – Chatham County\) and P-R-C \(Protected River Corridor – Chatham County\) to PD \(Planned Development – City\) for 159.7 acres at 605 Old River Road and Sandhill Road \(11046 01001A, 11046 01001B and 11047 01018\) to Support an Annexation \(File No. 25-001312-ZA\)](#)

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[Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance for 605 Old River Road and Sandhill Road \(File No. 25-001312-ZA\).pdf](#)

HEARD for First Reading Only.

[19. An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 1, Personal Conduct, Of Part 9, Offenses, Of the Code of The City of Savannah, Georgia; to Regulate Urban Camping and Improper Use of Public Places; to Repeal All Ordinances in Conflict Herewith; and for Other Purposes.](#)

[Exhibit 1: 052225 ORD Urban Camping.pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson stated he had not seen this ordinance in the initial stages, it was not shared with him. He further stated that this city will not be a city who criminalizes homelessness. We pride ourselves in being the Hostess City of the South. We have to be welcoming for all. We have significant issues sometimes with our homeless neighbors, some on the criminal side. He discussed this matter with the City Manager, philosophically. We must strike a balance in

treating people with dignity they deserve and inherit. Also, how do we protect the city and provide reasonable liveability.

The City Manager provided a summary.

Mayor Johnson asked the City Manager if the ordinance criminalizes homelessness (no). He asked if homeless people are forcefully removed from being in a public park, laying on a park bench, sitting on the ground, or sleeping. The City Manager responded.

Speaker(s):

- Miranda Brawner - OPPOSED
- Chase Rosen - OPPOSED
- Quinn McHugh Fluet - OPPOSED
- Stephanie Kaple, representing Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH) - IN SUPPORT

Ald. Leggett stated this is a very sensitive subject in the 2nd District. Businesses and hotels suffer with a quality of life issue, as do the residents. There are also people who are asking for help who are homeless and roofless. He discussed how homeless people are dropped off in the city and how efforts are being taken to help send some homeless people back to their original homes. He stated we should do everything that we can to not criminalize homelessness during these readings. He encouraged support services and policies to address the root causes of homelessness. We are definitely going to support our businesses, and give a helping hand to those who need help.

Ald. Purtee stated this is a very complex and difficult conversation to have. He has worked to help homeless individuals for 25 years. He sits on the Homeless Authority, volunteers with different groups and nonprofits, and he has been out there feeding the homeless. Five years ago he was one of the Council members to push for the pedestrian safety ordinance to keep pedestrians out of the medians and sides of the roadways. At that time, people thought we were trying to criminalize homelessness, when in fact it was just another tool to help keep people safe and connected to the right services. Working in west Savannah and the southside, there are a lot of homeless persons. We have done some phenomenal work with the ICH. We used money from the CARES funding for homelessness in Savannah. What we can do is never enough. He is not advocating for or against this initiative. There are some huge issues and constraints that the police officers have in dealing with homeless folks in the City of Savannah, like getting them connected to the right services, using a tool when they have committed an illegal activity and getting them removed from a place. He told the story of a homeless community moving into a newly renovated park which costed more than \$2 million. Then he spoke of homeless persons with mental health issues and holding people accountable for criminal actions. Sometimes criminal acts get overlooked when committed by homeless people. He told another story of a lady being beaten up by a homeless person living in a park, and they could not get that person moved out of the park. It gets very frustrating, and he is one of the biggest advocates for homeless persons and he talks/works on these matters everyday. Churches are working in this area, the Dive, Family Promise, the City. We are trying to get homeless people connected to their families. And we don't have the money to get housing for all homeless people. He doesn't think that people should get arrested for sleeping in a park, and he doesn't think people should be able to put up a tent city in the park either and terrorize people. He sees the property crime increasing, so how do we hold people accountable for that. Whatever we do next, he wants to be able to use it as a tool. Police officers have discretion, but they also have one of the hardest jobs in the city. As a city ordinance we can have discretion or another tool in our tool bag, whether we move forward with it or not. Ald. Purtee does not believe that anybody wants to criminalize homelessness, he does not. We have to get beyond what has not worked and what is not working. We have to find out what works.

Ald. Bell thanked Ald. Purtee who said a lot of what she wanted to say. This ordinance is not intended to be a violation of anybody's civil rights and not intended to criminalize homelessness. She listened to speeches and statistics at the Homeless Authority breakfast meeting on yesterday. From talking to the Director, what we are seeing and experiencing is the result of about 20 or 30 bad actors. We will not criminalize a group of people based on the status of their living situation, but the ordinance will help to criminalize behavior. This is just

one tool, as the City Manager stated in his opening comments. She feels proud to be a part of an organization that has led with compassion. We have tried to connect people with services when they found themselves to be unsheltered, especially by partnering with the other agencies, churches and other individuals. It gives the police the opportunity to deal with people who need to be dealt with. Ald. Bell spoke about doing something about the situation and she has started working with a group on individuals (Housing Navigators) to help in this area of homelessness and affordable housing. She is in support of this initiative because she believes the policemen need it. This gives them a tool when they need it.

Mayor Johnson stated police officers have that tool already to address criminality by local ordinance and state law.

Ald. Miller Blakely has mentioned to the City Manager in the past that our streets/city are not clean and pristine like it used to be. She called out some of the homeless individuals who stand in the medians and on the corners leaving trash in those areas. She questioned what Charleston, SC and St. Mary's is doing that the City of Savannah is not doing, namely to eradicate homelessness so it is not so visible. She stated this ordinance is a tool to help with those 30 individuals, and this is that something that we can do. She stated she is going to support it and any other steps to connect them with services.

Mayor Johnson stated the record will show that Charleston SC moved their homeless persons to somewhere else, like Savannah and North Charleston SC.

Ald. Purtee asked if the City Attorney has reviewed this ordinance. Mayor Johnson said yes, but he did not review it because it was not shared with him.

Ald. Lanier stated we are having this discussion because we have a problem and must do something. We are trying to move the bad actors from the public spaces, but what they are going to do is move to private spaces. She stated she knows west Savannah like the back of her hand, every nook and cranny over 66 years. Her family has been there for seven (7) generations. We haven't had a homelessness problem until lately. People are now here that are not from the area and they are camping. The problems are escalating, especially since they were moved from President's Street. Ald. Lanier told a story about a lady who had to leave her house in the middle of the night for safety reasons with an infant and a toddler. She asked City Manager Melder if the lady would have received a ticket (City Manager responded no, and he provided a detailed answer). Ald. Lanier stated we want to show compassion, and if we had an incident we would want police officers to have extra training in order to deal with these matters. City Manager Melder responded regarding the HOPE Unit in the Police Department.

Mayor Johnson spoke about the mentioning of the NW Precinct which is primarily downtown, but we have homelessness throughout our city. He asked how do we make sure that the entire force has the training and the opportunity to utilize judgement and discretion, as it relates to people experiencing homelessness, and he wants to discuss that with the City Manager offline/later.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz thanked the executive directors of the Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH) and Chatham-Savannah Homeless Authority (CSHA) for the hard work they do everyday. She also thanked her Council colleagues who have put in the time over the years to do the work and bring ordinances like this in front of us, so we can better serve our citizens. Since the encampment downtown on President's Street had to move, even places like off of DeRenne Avenue between White Bluff and Montgomery Street properties are being vandalized and trash. Mayor Johnson responded that is criminal behavior that has to be addressed.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan read a passage from the Constitution. She stated she serves on the Homeless Authority and she gets saddened by the things going on there. From 2002-2019, the Homelessness Center said there has been an increase in ordinances against the homelessness by 92%. Most people speaking against this (proposal) live downtown. She has been working in the area of homelessness for many years, and we have to come up with solutions like those done in the Mighty Third District, 120 housing units. We also have a mental health crisis, in addition to a homelessness crisis. She has collected food for dogs and cats, because they help keep the rats and rodents away. We are criminalizing that. When we go to D.C. and Atlanta,

they don't tell Governor Kemp to do that to all the people who are housed around his place. Everyone is saying it is going to change the quality of your life, without thinking or caring about the people who have less than, or the mental capacity to keep a job. We are overtaxing the police department. There are over 32 camps, last count. We can never erradicate homelessness or crime. She does not support taking peoples property and personal identification/items which is horrible. The ordinance does not offer solutions. How about offering a better hourly wage, so people can have a place to live. Katrina Bostick is getting single women out of the hotels into houses for two years, in order to get their lives together, get educated, and take care of their families. Council members voted against the Salvation Army who helps to put families back together. This is a negative thing towards homelessness. Homeless people buy things and pay taxes. Regardless of the words being used, this is criminalizing. When we were on President's Street, things/services being offered were not wanted due to mental health issues. Let's do something to change the dynamics/engagement of people who live in our community. Some looking for housing have to deal with slumlords with mold, mildew, and other things due to messed up credit or a criminal record. Let's not criminalize it and make it illegal to lay underneath the stars, and rest in areas y'all call home. Let's do better and protect people that y'all don't wanna see. Some people who are homeless want to be in the public because they are safe. When we say good government, we want the same things. Do an ordinance, but do not criminalize people who are trying to survive. Savannah is no different than anywhere else, like D.C., where all of these laws are written. Next in line will be that you don't want to see people because they are gay, old, or don't look like me. We gotta do better because of humanity to help everybody.

Mayor Johnson stated he will reserve his comments until later, again he had not seen it (the proposal) until recently.

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

20. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Plant Riverside Public Garage Wayfinding with Moseler, LLC dba Founders Maintenance & Restoration in an Amount not to Exceed \$71,835. The Mobility and Parking Service Department will use the signage to guide visitors to the recently built public garage at Plant Riverside. This is part of a larger wayfinding update that will eventually include the recently built public garage at Eastern Wharf and parking at Enmarket Arena. (Mobility and Parking Services)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification- Plant Riverside Public Garage Wayfinding.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes- Plant Riverside Public Garage Wayfinding.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #20 through #26, #28, and #29, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

21. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Carrier HVAC Equipment with Mingledorff's (LOCAL) in an Amount Not to Exceed \$100,000. The Facilities Maintenance Department will utilize this contract for HVAC equipment throughout the City facilities. (Facilities Maintenance)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Carrier HVAC Equipment

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Note - Carrier HVAC Equipment

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #20 through #26, #28, and #29, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

22. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Mobile Data Terminals from Law and Order Technology, LLC in an Amount Not to Exceed \$585,000. The Mobile Data Terminals (MDT), will be used for the Police Department and the Fire Department. (ITS)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Mobile Data Terminals.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Mobile Data Terminals.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #20 through #26, #28, and #29, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

23. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Six Wood Chippers and One Stump Grinder from Bandit Industries c/o Mason Tractor Company in an Amount of \$402,866. The wood chippers will be used to dispose of brush and debris collected during routine tree pruning and removal operations. The stump grinder will be used for hazardous stump removal service. (Fleet)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Wood Chippers and Stump Grinder.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Wood Chippers and Stump Grinder.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #20 through #26, #28, and #29, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

24. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Microsoft Enterprise Software with Insight Public Sector, Inc. in an Amount not to exceed \$1,515,000. This contract will be used by the Innovation & Technology Department to provide to support the usage of Microsoft products by all City Departments. (ITS)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Microsoft Renewal.pdf

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

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #20 through #26, #28, and #29, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

25. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract to Procure the Savannah Police Department's Annual Ammunition from Gulf States Distributors in an Amount not to Exceed \$130,951. This contract will be used by the Savannah Police Department to facilitate its firearms training for new hires, in-service training for current officers, and training for its specialized units, including SWAT. (SPD)

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

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

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #20 through #26, #28, and #29, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

26. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for One Compact Track Loader from Bobcat of Savannah in an Amount of \$60,316. The Compact Track Loader will be used by Park & Tree Greenscapes Maintenance Division to remove illegal dumps and discarded tires from Right-of-Ways, canals, ditch lines, FEMA lots, and alleys impacted by illegal dumping. (Fleet)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Compact Track Loader.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Compact Track Loader.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #20 through #26, #28, and #29, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

27. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Forsyth Fountain Restoration and Conservation with Landmark Preservation, LLC (LOCAL) in an Amount not to Exceed \$650,000. These services will be used by the Park and Tree Department to provide restoration services to include: disassembly, stripping, recasting, repair, and reassembly of the fountain; masonry repair of the basin; repair of the pumphouse building; repair of the electrical systems; and replumbing. (Park and Tree)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification- Forsyth Fountain Restoration and Conservation.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes- Forsyth Fountain Restoration and Conservation.pdf](#)

Ald. Lanier moved to approve agenda item #27, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Ald. Lanier stated that refurbishing the fountain has been a highlight in the media lately. This is one of the most outstanding assets that we have here. It graces post cards and movies because of the type of investment we made in it. During the workshop, we talked about investing in our assets. When we take care of our assets, our assets take care of us.

Mayor Johnson added there is no right time to do this, it needs to be done proactively before the fountain breaks. August 31st is the estimated completion date. We have cleared the calendar for the rest of the year for public events. Our best times are fall and spring, not the summer.

Ald. Leggett added there are only a certain amount of people on the east coast that are able to work on our type of fountain, same as the statute at the corner of Bull and Park Avenue, which was hit earlier in the year that had to be taken down and recast. He thanked the Mayor Johnson, the City Manager and staff. And we are doing everything we need to do in order to stay ahead and get the work done in the park.

28. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for a Single Vent Containment Vessel from Hurd's Custom Machinery in an Amount of \$79,199. The single vent containment vessel will allow Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) units to respond to hazardous materials and threats to the City of Savannah and surrounding areas. (SPD)

[Exhibit 1: Fund Verification - Single Vent Containment Vessel.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Single Vent Containment Vessel.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #20 through #26, #28, and #29, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

29. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Modification No. 2 for Thomas Gamble Building Renovation Design with Greenline Architecture (LOCAL) in an amount of \$274,600. This modification includes additional services to address program revisions, value engineering, and extended construction administration support. These services are necessary to maintain project continuity and ensure timely delivery of the project through completion. (Capital Projects)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification- Gamble Building Renovation Design.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes- Gamble Building Renovation Design.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #20 through #26, #28, and #29, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

30. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Modification No. 2 for the Arena Surface Lot with APAC-Atlantic, Inc. (LOCAL) in the amount of \$8,000,000. This contract will cover soil contamination quantities anticipated to be needed for the completion of remediation of the site and paving of the lot and Cohen Road

[multimodal infrastructure. The primary cause of cost overruns to date was determined to be the excavation and hauling of soil based upon visual cues rather than iterative sampling. \(Office of Planning and Economic Development\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Arena Surface Lot.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2- Purchasing Notes- Areal Surface Lot.pdf](#)

- a. Mayor Johnson moved to approve agenda item #30, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 6-3-0. Ald. Miller Blakely, Ald. Lanier and Ald. Palumbo voted no.
- b. Ald. Lanier offered a substitute motion to go with Option 2 (vegetative cap), seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion failed, 3-6-0. Ald. Miller Blakely, Ald. Lanier, and Ald. Palumbo voted yea. Mayor Johnson, Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz, Ald. Bell, Ald. Leggett, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Purtee voted no.

Ald. Palumbo thanked Team Savannah and his colleagues on Council for having a workshop on this matter where we gained a better understanding of the cost overruns. He stated \$8 million more for a parking lot, we might as well pave paradise and put up --, you get the idea. When he walks through our neighborhoods, people don't stop him and ask for more parking. It did not appear in our strategic plan as any of the priorities. They asked for safer streets, affordable housing, flood protection, and to be good stewards of their dollars. Today's agenda asked for an additional \$8 million, but he noted another agenda item asks later for \$11 million. So he guessed that we are being asked for a total of \$23 million for a project that was originally estimated at \$7.5 million for a surface parking lot. To him, that is not a cost overrun but fiscal malpractice. The mobility crowd was thrown a bone with a multimodal component, which he appreciated, but that is not exclusive to a parking lot. We can build a sidewalk, we can build a bike lane, without building a parking lot. Troubling to him, they failed to provide Council with actual designs, explain how they are going to navigate a flood plain, contaminated site, and a railroad crossing for this new street. Those details do matter. He wants to make sure that we are not back here again asking for more money for an expanded project at a more difficult site. All of this is for a site that cost us \$14 million last week, \$8 million this week, and now adds an additional street into the project. Staff recommends utilizing the same contractors for a third time that did not remediate the site correctly, up until now. That's why the cost has ballooned to triple the original estimate. He appreciated that we do have options, up (just a parking lot) or down (get sued). There is one other option to plant the flag and say we cleaned up the site, we did our best, and we preserved open space in an area that is increasingly losing it. We can achieve this without paving it over. We avoid creating a heat island, avoid the effect of creating a treeless site, and avoid dumping massive amounts of impervious surface into a flood plain adjacent to a drainage canal. And we can preserve a large piece of open space right in the heart of our city. Our constituents did not send us here to spend their money on asphalt, they sent us here to build a better future, one house, one sidewalk at a time. He urged his colleagues to utilize these funds to clean up/remediate the site, and cap it off. And live on to fight another day.

Mayor Johnson told the City Manager this deserves a response from him. The City Manager responded with his recommended proposal.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan agreed that we are fiduciary members, and in this summary it said that the primary cause of cost overruns to date was determined to be for the excavation and hauling of soil based upon visual cues rather than iterative sampling. She finds that to be very alarming. We have to do better because that is our money. When we said we did our due diligence, she thought that we took samples. She is still worried about the aquifer. The City Manager responded. Ald. Wilder-Bryan reminded this Council that some people who sat here four years ago are sitting here now, and costs ran over because of the pandemic and nobody fussed about that when we had to increase costs for those contractors.

#### SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION

[31. Approval of the Commission's Agreement Share for Cityworks License Renewal with Azteca Systems, LLC, in the Amount of \\$57,400.](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #31 through #38, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[32. Approval to Reimburse Enterprise Leasing Company – Southeast, LLC, for Additional Security Enhancements to the Ready/Return Lot Using Customer Facility Charges \(CFC\) Funds, in the Amount of \\$184,378.](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #31 through #38, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[33. Approval to Purchase 2 QX Torque Systems from Allen Enterprises, in the Amount of \\$82,865.](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #31 through #38, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[34. Approval to Procure Fuel Storage Tank Interior Cleaning and Coating Services from Markley's Precision Company, in the Amount of \\$284,000.](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #31 through #38, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[35. Approval of Change Order No. 4 with Collins Construction for the Fuel Storage Facility Expansion Project, in an Amount NTE \\$420,265.](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #31 through #38, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[36. Approval to Execute a Contract with Shamrock Concrete Construction Inc. for Construction Services for the Demo Air Cargo Apron Phase 1B and Road Project, in the Amount of \\$3,392,400.](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #31 through #38, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[37. Approval of an Agreement with PGAL Inc., for Design Services for the New Parking Garage Expansion Project, in the Amount of \\$2,205,100.](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #31 through #38, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[38. Approval to Execute Task Work Order No. 7 with Mead & Hunt for the Airways Avenue Intersections Alternatives Analysis, in the Amount of \\$54,000.](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #31 through #38, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Mayor Johnson asked members of the public to avoid using Gulfstream Road from 6:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m., during construction of the new runway requiring extensive road work in the area.

**AGREEMENTS**

[39. Approval to Renew the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act \(WIOA\) Sub-Recipient Award to In The Door, LLC for \\$220,000 to Support the "One-Stop Delivery System" to Ensure Mandated Partners Comply with Agency Policies as it Pertains to Job Training, Preparation, and Placement Services in Bryan, Bulloch, Camden, Chatham, Effingham, Glynn, Liberty, Long, McIntosh and Screven Counties.](#)

[FY25.26 WIOA Adult Statement of Grant Award.pdf](#)

[FY24.25 and FY25.26 WIOA Dislocated Worker Statement of Grant Awards.pdf](#)

[PY24.26 WIOA Youth Statement of Grant Award.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #39 through 43, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[40. Approval to Renew the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act \(WIOA\) Sub-Recipient Award with Eckerd Connects-Paxen up to \\$893,223 for Career, Case Management, and Training Services for Adults \(Ages 18 and Older\) and Dislocated Workers \(Unemployed or Laid Off\) in Bryan, Bulloch, Camden, Chatham, Effingham, Glynn, Liberty, Long, McIntosh, and Screven Counties.](#)

[FY25.26 WIOA Adult Statement of Grant Award.pdf](#)

[FY24.25 and FY25.26 WIOA Dislocated Worker Statement of Grant Awards.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #39 through 43, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[41. Approval to Renew the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Sub-Recipient \(WIOA\) Awards to Ross IES, Inc. and Eckerd Connects-Paxen d/b/a Eckerd Youth Alternatives, Inc., totaling up to \\$1,033,383 respectively for Academic, Career Development, and Training Services for Youth \(Ages 16-24\) in Bryan, Bulloch, Camden, Chatham, Effingham, Glynn, Liberty, Long, McIntosh, and Screven Counties.](#)

[PY24.26 WIOA Youth Statement of Grant Award.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #39 through 43, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[42. Approval of the First Amendment to the 2020 Sewer Service Agreement with Bryan County to Provide Necessary Updates.](#)

[First Amendment to 2020 Sewer Service Agrmt City Sav. 5.13.25.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #39 through 43, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[43. Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with Mercer University Macon Campus for the Provision of Critical Workforce Shelter Space.](#)

[City of Savannah Co of Chatham Emergency Shelter Facilities.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #39 through 43, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

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

[44. Authorize the City Manager to Declare Surplus and Available for Sale to the Adjoining Property Owner a 0.123-Acre of Brazil Street Right-of-Way.](#)

[Exhibit 1 - Map.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2 - Brazil St - PSA - executed by SJC on 4-28-25.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3 - Brazil St - Survey.pdf](#)

Ald. Wilder-Bryan moved to approve agenda items #44 and #46, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[45. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Development Agreement with Hutchinson Island Apartments, LLC.](#)

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

[Exhibit 2 - Daniel Signed DA.pdf](#)

Ald. Lanier moved to approve agenda item #45, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Ald. Lanier advised the City Manager that she has been hearing from some residents on Hutchinson Island in reference to some problems regarding drainage issues and fire apparatus issues. She has not heard anything from this petitioner to get a good understanding of the request, other than what she has read. She continues to advocate. Where are we with inclusionary zoning because we're missing so many opportunities to have affordable housing with all of the apartments that we are approving? The City Manager responded (three or four months out). She responded she knows that there is not a legal requirement, but when developers come to an area they might want to know who the Alderperson is for that area and have a conversation with them. Being overlooked with all the activities going on in the area is not gonna be acceptable, even if she needs to postpone this (agenda item) until she can find out some more about it.

Mayor Johnson asked the City Manager if this was time sensitive. The City Manager explained details of his vetting of the project.

Ald. Lanier demanded she be respected in the position and stated they need to come back before us (Council) again for design work and whatever else. She asked the City Manager to have a conversation with them.

Mayor Johnson asked Mr. McCorkle if he represented these folks and why he was excluding the Alderwoman. Mr. McCorkle responded that this is a drainage project, he explained what is being done, and costs experienced by the developer.

[46. Authorize the City Manager to Declare Surplus and Available for Sale 0 Ambos Street \(PIN 20100 07001A\) – Petition #25-156.](#)

[Exhibit 1 - 0 Ambos Street - Map.pdf](#)

Ald. Wilder-Bryan moved to approve agenda items #44 and #46, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

[47. Authorize Supplement Budget Appropriations for the Westside Surface Lot.](#)

[052225 FY25 Westside Surface Lot Budget Amendment.pdf](#)

Ald. Leggett moved to approve agenda item #47, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 6-3-0. Ald. Miller Blakely, Ald. Lanier and Ald. Palumbo voted no.

[48. Settlement #1.](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved (to approve agenda item #48) authorizing the City Attorney's Office to settle the claim of Genice Grant (a car wreck matter) in the amount of \$40,000.00, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Following various announcements made by the Mayor and Aldermen, Mayor Johnson adjourned the regular meeting at 4:42 p.m.

Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

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

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

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<https://www.youtube.com/@cityofsavannah/videos>.

