



NOVEMBER 26, 2024 - 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 **2:02 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 introduced **Aldерwoman Alicia Miller Blakely**, who recognized **Aldерwoman Carolyn H. Bell** to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison. Then, Mayor Johnson asked to observe a moment of silence in honor of the memory and legacy of **Georgia Labor Commissioner Bruce Thompson**, who passed away at the age of 59 just months after being diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

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 November 26, 2024.](#)

Ald. Wilder-Bryan moved to adopt/approve agenda item #1, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing Held on November 7, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.](#)

[Agenda Plus - WS DRAFT MINUTES, November 7, 2024, City Council Workshop.pdf](#)

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

[3. Approval of the Minutes for the Special Meeting \(Show Cause Hearing\) Held on November 7, 2024, at 12:30 p.m.](#)

[Agenda Plus - SCM DRAFT MINUTES_November 7, 2024, City Council Special Called Meeting.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #3 and #4, seconded by Ald. Palumbo, Ald. Lanier, and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[4. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on November 7, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.](#)

[Agenda Plus - RM DRAFT MINUTES_November 7, 2024, City Council Regular Meeting.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #3 and #4, seconded by Ald. Palumbo, Ald. Lanier, and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

PRESENTATIONS

[5. Appearance by The Homeless Authority and Proclamation Declaring November as Homelessness Awareness Month.](#)

Prior to the proclamation regarding Homelessness Awareness Month, Mayor Johnson and Ald. Leggett recognized the Oglethorpe Charter Academy Titans coaches (Derek Perry and Ald. Detric Leggett) and players for winning the Middle School Championship. Each player present introduced themselves stating the position they play. Ald. Leggett announced that Daphanie Williams' son plays on the team. Ald. Miller Blakely announced that her grandson and her nephew also play on their undefeated team of 33 players.

Mayor Johnson read and presented a joint proclamation (City/County) declaring November as Homelessness Awareness Month. City Manager Melder, Homeless Authority board members Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Purtee, and the Interagency Council on Homelessness Executive Director Stephanie Kaple joined the Mayor at the podium and accepted the proclamation.

[6. Proclamation Declaring November 2024 as National Caregivers Month in Savannah, GA](#)

Mayor Johnson read and presented a proclamation declaring November 2024 as National Caregivers Month in Savannah, GA. Also speaking were Hospice Savannah's Edel Caregiver Institute program coordinator Jill Costello with Marilyn Johnston, and Human Resources Jeff Grant. Mr. Grant recognized employees who are caregivers.

Ald. Bell added the name of Stacey Ferguson, who started 311. She left the city to provide full-time caregiver services for her mother.

Mayor Johnson lifted the name of Ald. Linda Wilder-Bryan who is a caregiver for her 92 years old mother.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz thanked supervisors of Team Savannah for caring about employees who need to leave to see about their loved ones. She lifted up her niece's name, Sherry Mitchell, who is an expert caregiver for her sister.

Ald. Miller Blakely recognized and asked Renee Osborne to stand, who was a caregiver for her brother-in-law who passed away. Mayor Johnson recognized Renee for her birthday which will be on Thanksgiving Day.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan said for Natasha Butler and Kareem Hill at the PARC, there will be a Christmas Party for the senior babies.

Mayor Johnson announced there are resources to help, and he asked Mr. Zoller (Communications) to help get that word out.

[7. Proclamation Declaring Saturday, November 30, 2024, as Small Business Saturday in Savannah, GA.](#)

Mayor Johnson stated we want you to shop locally, and he read a proclamation declaring Saturday, November 30, 2024, as Small Business Saturday in Savannah, GA.

Also speaking/present were Stephen Plunk (South of DeRenne Avenue Association and TLC - Tourism Leadership Council), Somi Benson Jaja (Buy Local Savannah and Shots by Somi Studios), Bert Brantley (Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce), Tigerlity Harrington (The Creative Coast), Toby Browne (Savannah Downtown Business Association), Economic Development Interim Director MarRonde Lumpkin-Lotson, Leslie Cato (Small Business Assistance Corporation), Marianne Ganem-Poppell (ACE Women's Empowerment Center), and Dr. Zelonia Williams (Future Minds).

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

[8. Approval of a Class C \(Liquor, Beer, Wine\) \(By the Drink\) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Gretchen Holm for Aloft Savannah Downtown Historic District, A Hotel Located At 512 West Oglethorpe Avenue. The establishment is located between Ann Street and Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard in Aldermanic District 2.](#)

[Checklist - Fairfield Inn & Suites](#)

[Density Map - Fairfield Inn & Suites](#)

[Alcohol Documents - Fairfield Inn & Suites](#)

[Measurement Report - Fairfield Inn & Suites](#)

[Security Plan - Fairfield Inn & Suites](#)

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings open for agenda items #8 and #9.

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

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

[9. Approval of a Class C \(Liquor, Beer, Wine\) \(By the Drink\) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Gretchen Holm for Fairfield Inn and Suites Savannah Downtown Historic District, a hotel located at 135 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. The establishment is located between Oglethorpe Avenue and Alton Street in Aldermanic District 2.](#)

[Checklist - Aloft](#)

[Density Map - Aloft](#)

[Alcohol Documents - Aloft](#)

[Measurement Report - Aloft](#)

[Security Plan - Aloft Hotel](#)

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

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

[10. First Public Hearing to Receive Comments on the 2025 Proposed Service Program and Budget.](#)

Mayor Johnson declared the public hearing open (agenda item #10) regarding the 2025 Proposed Service Program and Budget.

Speaker(s):

- Mr. Tre Singleton - IN SUPPORT of funding for violence prevention programming (UMA of Savannah) and request for a meeting
- Ms. Gerry Long - IN SUPPORT of funding for Crime Stoppers of Savannah-Chatham County
- Mr. Eduardo Delgado - IN SUPPORT of more funding for translation services (Migrant Equity Southeast)

ZONING HEARINGS

[11. Petition of Joshua Yellin on Behalf of Jessica Glenn for Anderson & Waters, LLC for a Zoning Map Amendment to Rezone 0.14 Acres at 1105 East Anderson Street \(PIN 20055 08014\) from TR-2 \(Traditional Residential-2\) to Traditional Commercial-1 \(TC-1\) in Aldermanic District 2 \(File No. 24-005184-ZA\). Continued from November 7, 2024.](#)

[Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation for 1105 E Anderson \(File No. 24-005184-ZA\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Map for 1105 East Anderson Street \(File No. 24-005184-ZA\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance for 1105 East Anderson Street \(File No. 24-005184-ZA\).pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson noted the zoning hearing for agenda item #11 was closed at the previous meeting; however, he allowed public comment for the second reading/hearing. See related agenda item #15.

Speaker(s):

- Edward Morrow, representing the MPC
- Ardis Wood - OPPOSED
- Josh Yellin, representing the petitioner

Ald. Leggett advised that community engagement occurred with Live Oak Neighborhood Association and the petitioner at Holy Spirit Church, one neighborhood president was also present in the audience. He also went to see the property and he observed that there is nothing holding that property together but bricks. It is caved in. The 2nd property from the corner is missing a bathroom floor. In agreement with the neighborhood association, they wish to move forward.

Ald. Miller Blakely asked Ald. Leggett if all the neighborhood associations agreed with moving forward with the zoning change. He answered yes. If the property was salvagable, they would agree to keep it. He stated it should be blocked off. There is nothing holding it together, and at any point it can fall down. Ald. Miller Blakely asked if the property was going to be demolished. Ald. Leggett stated she wants to keep the property and restore it, if she can. Even an architect has told them that if they touch anything, it will fall. Ald. Leggett said when he looked inside, there is just a shell.

Ald. Lanier asked what is being planned for the property. Mr. Morrow responded that staff's understanding is they would like to do a mixed use development with a studio of some sort (non-residential) on the ground floor, with residential uses on top. Ald. Lanier asked about the property in the rear, on both sides of Waters Avenue which was recently rezoned. She asked Mr. Morrow how does that relate. He stated it generally indicates an intensification of use along Waters. The project she referenced is an apartment building intended to have ground floor parking, and three floors with four apartments, totaling twelve. This petitioner intends to recombine their property with one that is already TC-1, and then likely to develop those two parcels. Mr. Yellin added their proposal is for a two story building with parking to be similar to what is currently on the corner. They are not proposing a large building at this structure. The other project is seeking four stories, but they are not. Every parcel around this corner is zoned TC-1 right now.

Ald. Miller Blakely asked about a three story property/building at the corner of Anderson and Waters (old post office). Mr. Yellin stated that is a building (diagonal) that has already been rezoned TC-1. Ald. Miller Blakely stated she is concerned because she is seeing something different (highrises) in several other areas different than the two stories requested here (i.e. Montgomery, Victory, Anderson, and MLK Jr.). Mr. Yellin advised this project is a small building with two units upstairs, along with a studio space on the bottom. The twelve apartments are behind this property, an area that is now cleared.

Mayor Johnson asked the City Attorney about what the petitioner states is his intention and how that can be codified to address some of Council's concerns.

Ald. Lanier stated we are looking at this corner like "missing middle" and she wanted to know how we are going to impact the residents already in place on this circle.

Mayor Johnson asked about approving it contingent on --. City Manager Melder stated you have the ability to put conditions on a rezoning. As a reminder, the purpose of NewZo was to streamline and make simple our zoning districts. The petitioner is proposing a less intense development than what is here or allowed by right. Mr. Melder continued, absent Mr. Yellin's proposed project Council needs to decide whether or not TC-1 is appropriate if the building goes away in 10-20 years, but could Council live with that parcel being zoned TC-1 30-50 years from now.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan stated directly across the street Mr. Gross has some properties nicely fit for the community and elderly. He does a wonderful job with his projects. She would be remiss to not say to keep it housing. For Ald. Lanier, Mr. Yellin said they received a letter from the adjacent neighbor who was in support of the proposal.

City Manager Melder pointed out another policy connection to this corridor. Years ago City Council approved an enterprise and opportunity zone for this corridor. A streetscape was completed just a few years ago to increase neighborhood commercial activity. City Attorney Lovett dovetailed off of the City Manager's comments by saying yes, you could limit the zoning here, but once you pass the ordinance there is a decision that this City Council is making for 20-30 years down the road. You (City Council) cannot put the condition on the ordinance, like you can put on the zoning.

[12. \(ITEM POSTPONED TO DECEMBER 19, 2024 BY THE PETITIONER.\) Petition of Robert McCorkle on Behalf of 1210 Drayton, LLC for a Future Land Use Map \(FLUM\) Amendment at 108 East Henry Street \(20053 03018\), 112 East Henry Street \(20053 03005\), and 1210 Drayton Street \(20053 03017\) to Change the FLUM Category from Traditional Neighborhood to Traditional Commercial in Aldermanic District 2 \(File No. 24-005524-ZA\).](#)

[Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation \(File No. 24-005524-ZA\),pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Zoning Map.pdf](#)

Ald. Leggett moved to continue/postpone related agenda items #12, #13, #14, #16, and #17, as requested by the petitioner to the December 19, 2024 City Council Meeting, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Written comment(s):

- Carmen Kurdys - OPPOSED

[13. \(ITEM POSTPONED TO DECEMBER 19, 2024 BY THE PETITIONER.\) Petition of Robert McCorkle on Behalf of 1210 Drayton, LLC for a Zoning Map Amendment of 0.14 acres at 112 East Henry Street \(PIN 20053 03005\) to Rezone from Traditional Neighborhood-1 \(TN-1\) to Traditional Commercial-1 \(TC-1\) in Aldermanic District 2 \(File No. 24-005471-ZA\).](#)

[Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation for 112 East Henry \(File No. 24-005471-ZA\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Map for 112 East Henry \(File No. 24-005471-ZA\)](#)

Ald. Leggett moved to continue/postpone related agenda items #12, #13, #14, #16, and #17, as requested by the petitioner to the December 19, 2024 City Council Meeting, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[14. \(ITEM POSTPONED TO DECEMBER 19, 2024 BY THE PETITIONER.\) Petition of Robert McCorkle on Behalf of 1210 Drayton, LLC for a Special Use Permit to Allow a Parking Facility at 108 East Henry Street \(20053 03018\), 112 East Henry Street \(20053 03005\), and 1210 Drayton Street \(20053 03017\) with Conditions in Aldermanic District 2 \(File No. 24-005474-ZA\).](#)

[Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation \(File No. 24-005474-ZA\).pdf](#)

Ald. Leggett moved to continue/postpone related agenda items #12, #13, #14, #16, and #17, as requested by the petitioner to the December 19, 2024 City Council Meeting, 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 Joshua Yellin on Behalf of Jessica Glenn for Anderson & Waters, LLC for a Zoning Map Amendment to Rezone 0.14 Acres at 1105 East Anderson Street (PIN 20055 08014) from TR-2 (Traditional Residential-2) to Traditional Commercial-1 (TC-1) in Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 24-005184-ZA). Continued from November 7, 2024.

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Ald. Leggett moved (to approve agenda item #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, 8-1-0. Ald. Miller Blakely voted no.

16. (ITEM POSTPONED TO DECEMBER 19, 2024 BY THE PETITIONER.) Petition of Robert McCorkle on behalf of 1210 Drayton, LLC for a Future Land Use Map (FLUM) Amendment at 108 East Henry Street (20053 03018), 112 East Henry Street (20053 03005), and 1210 Drayton Street (20053 03017) to Change the FLUM Category from Traditional Neighborhood to Traditional Commercial in Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 24-005524-ZA).

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17. (ITEM POSTPONED TO DECEMBER 19, 2024 BY THE PETITIONER.) Petition of Robert McCorkle on behalf of 1210 Drayton, LLC for a Zoning Map Amendment of 0.14 acres at 112 East Henry Street (PIN 20053 03005) to Rezone from Traditional Neighborhood-1 (TN-1) to Traditional Commercial-1 (TC-1) in Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 24-005471-ZA).

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Ald. Leggett moved to continue/postpone related agenda items #12, #13, #14, #16, and #17, as requested by the petitioner to the December 19, 2024 City Council Meeting, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

18. Approval of the 2025 Revenue Ordinance. Each year, City Council adopts a Revenue Ordinance to authorize the collection of taxes and fees.

[Water and Sewer Rates Memo for 2025 thru 2029](#)

[Sanitation Fund Memo for 2025](#)

[MEMO 2025 Revenue Ordinance Fee Changes and Modifications](#)

Mayor Johnson read agenda item #18 into the record, noting this is just for first reading (HEARD).

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

19. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Repairs of a Bulldozer with Yancey Brothers in an Amount not to Exceed \$54,634. The Bulldozer is Used for Waste Handling to Support the Operations at the Dean Forest Landfill. (Sanitation).

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Bulldozer Repair.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Note -Bulldozer Repair.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #19 through #30, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

20. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for a Water Quality Analysis Agreement with Savannah State University (LOCAL) in an Amount Not to Exceed \$96,654. This Agreement will Enhance the Understanding of Riverine Chemistries and Improve Management Strategies for Local Water Resources. (Public Works)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Water Quality Analysis.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Note - Water Quality Analysis.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #19 through #30, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

21. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Elevator Door Repairs from TK Elevator (LOCAL) in an Amount Not to Exceed \$68,720. These Services are to Upgrade the Hardware and Software to the Door Lock Monitoring System of Nine (9) City-Owned Elevators. (Facility Maintenance)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Elevator Door Upgrade.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Note - Elevator Door Upgrade.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #19 through #30, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

22. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for a Five-Year Lease Agreement for a Mail Postage Machine and Software from Pitney Bowes in an Amount Not to Exceed \$113,089. This agreement is for the City's mailing services and includes the machine, software, maintenance training, and full vendor support. (Facilities Maintenance)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Pitney Bowes.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Note - Pitney Bowes.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #19 through #30, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[23. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Multi-Station Playground Structures with GameTime c/o Dominica Recreation Products Inc., in an Amount Not to Exceed \\$1,147,692. This equipment will be used to create Savannah's first signature playground which will be located at Daffin Park, at the corner of East Victory Drive and Waters Avenue. \(Recreation and Leisure Services\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification- Daffin Park Multi-Station Playground Structures.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Daffin Park Multi-Station Playground Structures.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Daffin Park Signature Playground Concept Renderings.docx](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #19 through #30, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[24. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 For Sidewalk, Curb, and Cobblestone Repair With Savannah River Utilities Co. \(Primary\),\(LOCAL\), United Grounds Maintenance Services, Inc. \(Secondary\), and Savannah Paving Company \(Tertiary\) in the Amount Not To Exceed \\$1,900,000. The proposed increase will help account for the accelerated rate of sidewalk repairs by having three active contractors providing repair services. Additionally, this modification will continue to support permanent traffic table installations as part of the residential traffic calming efforts. \(Transportation Services\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification- Modification No. 1 Sidewalk, Curb, and Cobblestone Repair.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes- Modification No. 1 Sidewalk, Curb, and Cobblestone Repair.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #19 through #30, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[25. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 for Survey and Drafting Services with Coleman Company \(Primary\)\(LOCAL\) and EMC Engineering \(Secondary\)\(LOCAL\) in the Amount of \\$125,000. Various City of Savannah Departments have a critical need for general surveying services to supplement ongoing design, construction, or maintenance activities. \(Capital Projects\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Surveying and Drafting.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Surveying and Drafting.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #19 through #30, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[26. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for One \(1\) 40ft Forestry Bucket Truck with Versalift C/O Fouts Bros, Inc., dba Smyrna Truck in the Amount of \\$182,900. The 40ft forestry bucket truck will be utilized by the Park and Tree Forestry Division. The truck will be used daily to perform routine tree maintenance. The forestry bucket truck will also be used to clear city streets for emergency response following storm events and to haul wood debris to the landfill. \(Fleet\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - 40ft Forestry Bucket Truck.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - 40ft. Forestry Bucket Truck.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #19 through #30, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[27. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Upgrade of the City Fueling Locations at Sallie Mood and Police Headquarters with Central Industries \(LOCAL\) in the Amount of \\$166,339. New dispensers will provide faster transaction times, improved monitoring capabilities, and greater accuracy, leading to increased customer satisfaction and reduced wait times. \(Fleet\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Fuel Site Upgrades.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Fuel Site Upgrades.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #19 through #30, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[28. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Annual Contract for the Purchase of Live Video Production and Caera System for City Hall with Stage Front \(LOCAL\) in the Amount of \\$94,479. The Marketing & Communications department will use the live video production system to replace the current inoperable system to ensure government transparency during live Council workshop and regular meeting sessions. \(Public Communications\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Live Video Production City Hall.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Live Video Production City Hall.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #19 through #30, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[29. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract to Upgrade the Audiovisual System with Inter-Technologies in the Amount Not to Exceed \\$231,218. This is an audiovisual system upgrade for the media room and the council chamber to enhance communication and presentation capabilities and support effective government and public interaction. \(ITS\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Council Chamber & Media Room Upgrades.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Council Chamber & Media Room Upgrades.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #19 through #30, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[30. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for City Hall Restoration Phase 2 with C.E. Garbutt Construction in an Amount Not to Exceed \\$1,999,508. Phase 2 will include the Bay Street entrance lobby, the rotunda first floor, and the building's main stairwell between the first and second floor. \(Capital Projects\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - City Hall Restoration.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - City Hall Restoration.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #19 through #30, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[31. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Construction Contract for Liberty City Community Center Parking Lot Expansion with Lynn Construction in the Amount of \\$99,347. This project is to construct an additional 11 parking spaces along the western border of the existing parking lot at the Liberty City Community Center. \(Capital Projects\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Liberty City Parking Lot.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Liberty City Parking Lot.pdf](#)

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

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz thanked City Manager Melder and Chief Young, and she asked to amplify the Liberty City Community Center Parking Lot Expansion.

[32. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Construction Contract for Summerside Park Phase II with Johnson-Laux Construction, LLC \(LOCAL\) in the Amount of \\$173,359. This final phase will provide a picnic shelter with picnic tables, a water fountain, and landscaping. \(Capital Projects\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Summerside Park.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 1: Purchasing Notes - Summerside Park.pdf](#)

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

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz stated this is the final phase for Summerside Park, another project that has been in the books. She is thankful for this administration who is getting it done. Phase II includes a picnic shelter with picnic tables, a water fountain, and landscaping.

[33. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Construction Contract for the New Hampstead West Modular Public Safety Facility with Johnson-Laux Construction, LLC \(LOCAL\) in the Amount of \\$3,591,375. The project provides a fire station and a police substation on presently undeveloped City-owned property at 3002 Highgate Boulevard, to provide adequate fire service delivery and a satellite police operations base in west New Hampstead while awaiting completion of future permanent public safety facilities in the New Hampstead area. \(Capital Projects\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - New Hampstead Modular PS Facility.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - New Hampstead Modular PS Facility.pdf](#)

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

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz asked the City Manager to expound a little more on this project in the New Hampstead Area, in order to keep the public safe with Fire and Police protection. City Manager Melder provided more information regarding the provisions of services, as the city expands and specifically regarding this purchasing item.

SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION

[34. Approval to Participate in Co-Op International Golf Marketing Events with the Hilton Head Island Chamber of Commerce, in the Amount of \\$160,000.](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #34 through #40, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[35. Approval to Contract with Axtell's Pavement Solutions, LLC for Airfield Painting and Rubber Removal, in the Amount of \\$290,395.](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #34 through #40, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[36. Approval of a Design Sprint Collaboration Agreement with the Savannah College of Art and Design, in the Amount of \\$55,000.](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #34 through #40, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[37. Approval to Procure a VX216TB Video Surveillance Storage Server from ICE Automation Group, in the Amount of \\$43,575.](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #34 through #40, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[38. Approval to Award Building Inspection Services to Bureau Veritas North America, Inc., in the Amount of \\$124,022.](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #34 through #40, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[39. Approval to Execute a Contract with ECS Southeast, LLC for Special Inspections and Quality Assurance Testing for the Terminal Concourse Expansion, in the Amount of \\$292,975.](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #34 through #40, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[40. Approval of Amendment No. 5 to Task Order No. 4 with Pond & Company for the Air Cargo Facility Project, in the Amount of \\$206,905.](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #34 through #40, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[41. Approval of Task Work Order No. 5 with AECOM for the Construct Apron Phase 1B Project, in the Amount of \\$494,525.](#)

Ald. Lanier moved to approve agenda items #41 and #42, seconded by Ald. Palumbo, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz recused herself from the vote for business purposes.

[42. Approval of Task Work Order No. 12 with AECOM for the Reconstruct and Expand North Apron Project, in the Amount of \\$327,360.](#)

Ald. Lanier moved to approve agenda items #41 and #42, seconded by Ald. Palumbo, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz recused herself from the vote for business purposes.

AGREEMENTS

[43. Authorize the City Manager to approve the City of Savannah's Economic Development Department to partner with the Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce and the Savannah Economic Development Authority to create and host a paid internship for a rising college senior at Savannah State University.](#)

[Economic Development Internship MOU.pdf](#)

Ald. Wilder-Bryan moved to approve agenda item #43, seconded by Ald. Lanier, Ald. Miller Blakely, and Mayor Johnson. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Mayor Johnson noted Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce CEO Bert Brantley and SSU Executive Director for Governmental Relations LeAndrea Mikell were present in the audience.

[44. Intergovernmental Agreement with Chatham County for Joint Improvements to Little Neck Road and the Orderly Annexation of 668 Acres off Little Neck Road.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Final IGA Agreement Little Neck Road Annexation.pdf](#)

Ald. Palumbo moved to approve agenda item #44, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Mayor Johnson stated this is an opportunity for us to continue grow our footprint, as we need to be able to provide the services that the City of Savannah is reknowned for doing.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz stated they have been talking about areas (horizontal structure) that overlap with the County and the City, namely on the west side. She asked the City Manager to expound on this good thing (IGA) that we are talking about today. City Manager Melder thanked the City Attorney for his work as well and he offered additional explanation as requested, including the following:

- Share in the cost on infrastructure improvements;
- Widening of Little Neck Road from Ogeechee to the intersection at I-95;
- The County will manage the project;
- The City will reimburse the County for our share once the project is completed;
- Upon completion, the City of Savannah will take ownership of that road once the standards are upgraded;
- Maintain that road in the future, as long as 50% of the adjacent properties have annexed into the City;
- Along with a provision for improvement of the rest of Little Neck Road from the intersection of I-95 westward to the intersection of I-16 and the Bloomingdale line, requiring two bridges over two interstates with a hefty cost best shared between the City and the County; and,
- The orderly annexation of 668 acres off Little Neck Road (between I-95 and I-16) which will be able to support up to 1500 new homes and expanded neighborhoods westward.

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

[45. Authorize the City Manager to Declare Surplus and Available for Sale to the Adjoining Property Owner a 0.062-Acre at Weilville Avenue and a 0.094-Acre at Fair Street Parcel of Vacant Land at a Price of \\$63,000.](#)

[Exhibit 1 - Map - 2760 Louisville Rd.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2 - PSA 2760 Louisville Road - Weilwill Avenue.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3 - Exhibit A GDP Submittal 2 2760 Louisville Rd REAL ESTATE FIGURE 4-10-2024.pdf](#)

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

MISCELLANEOUS

[46. Approval of a Major Subdivision: Savannah Highlands, Phase 9. This proposed property totals 29,770 acres and will consist of 104 lots with varying lot sizes. The property is in Alderman District 1 at Street Location: Telford Street and Orkney Road.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Plat: Major Subdivision Savannah Highlands Phase 9.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: MPC Decision.pdf](#)

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

[47. Approve of Major Subdivision Brookline Phase 4. The subject property is located within the Brookline Subdivision, which is a part of the Highlands Development in the North Godley PUD. This proposed phase totals 11,344 acres and will consist of 46 single family lots with varying lot sizes. Brookline Phase 4 is located along the northern](#)

[right-of-way line of Highlands Boulevard and Brookline Drive. Located in Aldermanic District 1.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Plat: Major Subdivision Brookline Phase 4.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: MPC Decision](#)

Ald. Lanier moved to approve agenda item #47, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ald. Miller Blakely announced that on December 7th from 9am to noon, we are asking all of the neighborhood association presidents and other people in the community to join us at the Savannah Civic Center for the Creating a Collaborative Community Neighborhood Mini Conference. For people complaining in the community, this is your time to show up and give your input on what you want to see in your community. If you have debris from the hurricane in front of your house, please call 311 so we can come pick it up. Also if there is a street light out in your community, please call Georgia Power to have them come and replace the light bulb. Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Ald. Wilder-Bryan thanked Lida Coleman and the City Manager. She is going to be doing a walkthrough on December 7th at Edgemere/Sackville with all the bells and whistles.

Mayor Johnson sent out condolences to the family of Mrs. Frances Dunham from West Savannah who passed away this week. She and her husband, Kenneth Dunham, were longstanding staples of the West Savannah community. She will certainly be missed. She buried her husband last year, so keep them in mind.

Ald. Lanier thanked Mayor Johnson for mentioning that. They (The Dunham's) were class parents from the 1st through 5th grades, and they were great.

City Manager Melder asked everyone to please join us Friday at 5:30pm for the annual Tree Lighting on Bull Street.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Regular Meeting at **3:38 p.m.**

Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: _____

Signature: _____

The video recording of the Regular Meeting can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

<https://savannahgovtv.viebit.com/player.php?hash=a93tZBSWoJCowCgy>

