



**OCTOBER 24, 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 **2:08 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 **Dr. Darron Alvord, a volunteer Regional (State) President of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Savannah, Hinesville, and Vidalia** to offer the invocation.

Mayor Johnson asked for attendees to remember in their private time of reflection the lives lost on Sapelo Island and their families, due to a recent tragedy (gangway collapse at the Marsh Landing Dock) on Saturday, October 19, 2024.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

Mayor Johnson recognized two of his predecessors who were present in the audience, our 64th Mayor Dr. Otis Johnson and our 66th Mayor Eddie Wayne DeLoach.

**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  
 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 October 24, 2024.](#)

a. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved that an executive session was held earlier regarding real estate, litigation, and personnel for which no action/vote was taken, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve item #1, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. 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 October 11, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Draft Minutes - October 10, 2024, City Council Workshop.pdf](#)

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

[3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on October 11, 2024, at 10:30 a.m.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Draft Minutes - October 10, 2024, City Council Regular Meeting.pdf](#)

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

#### ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS

[4. Amend the 2024 City Council Regular Meeting Schedule Changing the December 12, 2024, Meeting to December 19, 2024, at 2 p.m.](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda item #4, seconded by Ald. Palumbo, and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

#### PRESENTATIONS

[5. An Appearance by Survivors, Supporters and Advocates, in Observance of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.](#)

The proclamation was read by Mayor Johnson, flanked by the Fire Chiefs and Police Chief. Mayor Johnson asked everyone to observe a moment of silence for those who did not make it.

Ald. Miller Blakely pointed out that breast cancer affects both women and men.

[6. Proclamation Recognizing the Work of Bernard Polite Related to Housing Improvements within the City of Savannah.](#)

Mayor Johnson presented and read the proclamation. Also speaking were former Mayor Otis Johnson, former Mayor Eddie DeLoach, Mr. Bernie Polite, Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Bell.

[7. Appearance by Savannah State University to Announce the 2024 Homecoming Parade and Activities.](#)

Mayor Johnson read historical facts into the record pertaining to the importance of HBCUs and Savannah State University. He introduced and invited SSU Interim President Cynthia Robinson Alexander to the podium. Also speaking was Homecoming Committee Chair Moncello Stewart. Mayor Johnson also asked the SSU cheerleaders to give a cheer, then he introduced the SSU Tiger Mascot, Claudia.

[8. Appearance by the Veterans Council of Chatham County to Introduce the 2024 Parade Grand Marshal and Receive the 2024 Veterans Day Parade Permit.](#)

Mayor Johnson introduced Veterans Council Chairman Joe Higgins to introduce the 2024 Parade Grand Marshal Mike Brady (not present) and receive the 2024 Veterans Day Parade permit. Mr. Higgins also introduced New Parade Adjutant Robbie McGrath, new Veteran of the Year Ed Gizara (not present), and Marine Corps League members Marshall Tuck and Bob Longueira.

Ald. Miller Blakely moved to approve the issuance of the parade permit for Monday, November 11, 2024 around 10:15 a.m., seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Mayor Johnson remembered Veteran James W. Putney, Jr.

[9. Presentation and Recognition of the Savannah Fire Department's 2024 Camp Ignite Participants.](#)

Mayor Johnson introduced and recognized firefighters and campers of Camp Ignite, an all-female camp program. Fire Chief Elzie Kitchen spoke briefly about the program and introduced Camp Ignite Chairperson Tyler Barrett to give remarks. He also thanked the parents.

The following instructors also introduced themselves:

- . fire engineer Gabriele Hauck
- . fire engineer Renata Peters
- . accreditation & GIS analyst Rhonda Ruesch
- . chief fire marshal Whitney Williams Smith
- . firefighter Ashton Shore

- fire engineer Bud Boyce

The youth campers (5) who were present also introduced themselves.

[10. Presentation of the Employee Engagement Team \(New & Retiring Members\) and Recognition of the Third Quarter 2024 Employee of the Quarter Winners.](#)

Mayor Johnson introduced and invited the Employee Engagement Team to the podium for the Employee of the Quarter presentation.

City Manager Melder explained the program and the benefits, then he announced the winners by service center as follows:

- Christine McLendon, Community Services (Moses Jackson Community Center);
- David Alexander, Government Operations (Cemeteries Department);
- Chandler Crawford, Information & Public Affairs (Information & )Technology Services
- Tameka Hutchinson, Management Services (Civic Center operations)
- Travis Green, Planning & Economic Development (Traffic Engineering operations)
- Daniel Cowart, Savannah Fire
- Nyheem Robinson, Savannah Police
- Troy Gladwell, Water Resources (Water Reclamation)

Following the presentations, Chair of the Employee Engagement Team (EET), Rhonda Ruesch, announced there are two new staff members from each service center who will step forward to bring new ideas and fresh perspectives and represent the EET and its leadership.

Mayor Johnson thanked everyone and closed by saying "It is a poor frog who doesn't praise its own pond."

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

[11. Approval of a Class C \(Liquor, Beer, Wine\) \(By the Drink\) Alcohol License to Joshua Allen for 201 Lounge, a Bar Located at 201 James B. Blackburn Drive. The establishment is located between Airways Avenue and Sylvester C. Formey Drive in Aldermanic District 1.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Checklist - 201 Lounge.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Density Map - 201 Lounge.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - 201 Lounge.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - 201 Lounge.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 5: Security Plan - 201 Lounge.pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings open for agenda items #11, #12, and #13.

No speaker(s).

Ald. Leggett moved to close the alcohol hearings for agenda items #11, #12, and #13, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Ald. Lanier moved to approve agenda item #11, seconded by Ald. Leggett. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Ald. Miller Blakely voted no.

[12. Approval to Add a Class A \(Liquor, Beer, Wine\) \(Caterer\) to an Existing Class C \(Liquor, Beer, Wine\) \(By the Drink\) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Anthony Scarpulla for Vici, a Restaurant Located at 340 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. The establishment is located between West Jones and West Charlton Streets in Aldermanic District 2.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Checklist - Vici's.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Density Map - Vici's.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Vici's.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 4: Measurements - Vici's.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Vici's.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 6: Good Neighborhood Agreement - Vici's.pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings open for agenda items #11, #12, and #13.

No speaker(s).

Ald. Leggett moved to close the alcohol hearings for agenda items #11, #12, and #13, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Ald. Leggett moved to approve agenda item #12, seconded by Ald. Palumbo, Ald. Lanier, and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[13. Approval of a Class E \(Beer, Wine\) \(By the Package\) Alcohol License to Avanih Patel for Jim's Quick Stop, a Convenience Store Located at 922 Pennsylvania Avenue. The establishment is located between Mississippi and Kinzie Avenues in Aldermanic District 3.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Checklist - Jim's Quick Stop.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Density Map - Jim's Quick Stop.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Jim's Quick Stop.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Jim's Quick Stop.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Jim's Quick Stop.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 6: Good Neighbor Agreement - Jim's Quick Stop.pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings open for agenda items #11, #12, and #13.

No speaker(s).

Ald. Leggett moved to close the alcohol hearings for agenda items #11, #12, and #13, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan moved to approve agenda item #13, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Ald. Miller Blakely asked the City Manager if the applicant was located within an overlay district. City Manager Melder responded this is an existing business, as we see from time to time. This is a new owner in an existing business. Within the overlay district, existing establishments are allowed to stay there, so long as any new owners seek an alcohol license within twelve (12) months per the ordinance.

#### PUBLIC HEARINGS

[14. Second Public Hearing to Receive Comments Concerning the City's 2025 One Year Action Plan \(OYAP\). The 2025 One Year Action Plan serves as the blueprint for how the City of Savannah will use federal entitlement funds and other resources to address the needs of low- and moderate-income individuals and improve housing, economic, and other conditions within predominantly low-income neighborhoods. Entitlement funds include: Community Development Block Grant \(CDBG\), Emergency Solutions Grant \(ESG\), and HOME Investment Partnership \(HOME\) funds.](#)

[Exhibit 1: FY2025 OYAP Proposed Recommendations.pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson declared the second public hearing open for agenda item #14.

No speaker(s).

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the public hearing for agenda item #14, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan, Ald. Palumbo, and Ald. Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Ald. Lanier asked for a copy of the actual action plan, and she asked what is next after the hearing. City Manager Melder advised the action plan dictates how federal funds will be spent and allocated, based on appropriate uses.

See related agenda item #30.

#### ZONING HEARINGS

[15. Petition of Josh Yellin, Agent for FWK Collective, LLC, on Behalf 17 West Park LLC for a Zoning Map Amendment to Rezone 0.15 Acres at 17 West Park Avenue \(PIN 20044 31008\) from TN-1 \(Traditional Neighborhood-1\) to TC-2 \(Traditional Commercial-2\) in Aldermanic District 2. Note, the initial zoning petition was submitted as a text amendment to Sections 5.4, 8.7.24, and 8.4.32 of the Zoning Ordinance to permit restaurants and accessory alcohol sales in the TN-1 zoning district adjoining Park Avenue between Whitaker and Drayton Streets. When the Planning Commission considered the petition, their recommendation was for the rezoning of the property \(File No. 24-004304-ZA\).](#)

[Exhibit 1: Map for 17 W. Park Avenue \(File No. 24-004304-ZA\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Zoning Confirmation Letter for 17 W. Park Avenue \(File No. 24-004480-ZCL\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: MPC Recommendation Packet for 17 W. Park Avenue \(File No. 24-004303-ZA\).pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing open for agenda item #15.

Speaker(s):

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

Ald. Palumbo moved to close the zoning hearing, seconded by Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0. See related agenda item #18.

Ald. Miller Blakely asked where the red cup zone ends. City Manager Melder advised it ends at Gaston Street. Ald. Miller Blakely asked further about the ancillary alcohol sales at Park Avenue on and off premises. Mr. Morrow advised it is a unique mixture that allows consumption by the glass onsite and a package you can walk out with. You can have a meal and consume a beverage that contains alcohol on the premises, then leave with a package of beer or wine. This is not open carry.

Ald. Lanier asked Mr. Morrow about the change from TN-1 to TC-2, more comprehensive. Not only do residents gentrify, but businesses gentrify too. She stated the market is driving what is going on in the area. The handwriting is all over the wall, with the changes we are making here at Council. When you drive through the area, you see the change, like office complexes and parking garages. This is the same area of the founding of the Forsyth Market, which was marketed to the surrounding population which was low-wealth in 2009 or 2010. These economic development tools have been placed here which drives investment in the area. We are, in a way, contributing to the change. We have the ability to direct/manage changes that are coming. Mr. Morrow responded by detailing neighborhood scaled planning opportunities, and he advised the TC-2 designation is a better fit.

Mayor Johnson stated it is more efficient because there are other TC-2 designations in the immediate area, and TN-1 is more incompatible with other areas around it.

Ald. Leggett asked Mr. Yellin if his client met with the Victorian Neighborhood Association (VNA) and with the Thomas Square Neighborhood Association (TSNA). Mr. Yellin responded by saying they met

with the VNA and the adjacent property owners, but not with TSNA. He stated everyone is in support of this application. Ald. Leggett advised the number one question from the neighborhood association was that they not disrupt the historical preference of what it looked like. Mr. Yellin said they are working with the architect, and this building will not be modified in any substantial way and keep its form.

[16. Petition of Pam Miller on Behalf of the Kensington Park Neighborhood Association for a Zoning Map Amendment to Establish the Kensington Park-Groveland Conservation Overlay District in Aldermanic District 4 \(File No. 24-004608-ZA\).](#)

[Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for the Kensington Park-Groveland Conservation District \(File No. 24-004608-ZA\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Kensington Park-Groveland Conservation District Map \(File Nos. 24-004607-ZA and 24-004608-ZA\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance for Kensington Park-Groveland Conservation District Map Amendment \(File No. 24-004608-ZA\).pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearings open for agenda items #16 and #17.

Speaker(s):

- . Edward Morrow, representing the MPC
- . Pam Miller, representing the applicant

Ald. Palumbo moved to close the zoning hearings, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0. See related agenda items #19 and #20.

Mayor Johnson asked the City Manager, as it relates to creating density throughout the community, does creating districts like this run counter to the creation of housing affordability (philosophically). City Manager Melder responded not necessarily and yielded to Mr. Morrow to further respond. Mr. Morrow advised that ADUs are still allowed here and approving this change does not impact the ability to create ADUs elsewhere. Mr. Morrow advised that this particular zoning request is more about protecting the historical character (preservation) versus densification. Mayor Johnson asked how many parcels are in this area. Mr. Morrow advised that he can get back with the Mayor with the answer to the question.

Ald. Palumbo stated it is a very special day for the City of Savannah, the Kensington Park-Groveland Neighborhood built in 1950, and for the southside of Savannah. This is the first local, historic district south of DeRenne Avenue. It is a special day for mid-century neighborhoods everywhere, curbed and linear streets that literally broke the mold. He continued by telling a story. Let this be an advertisement for other neighborhoods out there, to show that you can chart your own destiny. This was pursued by the neighborhood association and Ms. Miller, on her own volition. He thanked her for the kudos, but we did very little here. This was self-determination in action. If you are of a certain age on the national register for historic places (over 50 years), this could be an option for you.

[17. Petition of Pam Miller on Behalf of the Kensington Park Neighborhood Association to Amend Sec. 7.15 Conservation Overlay of the Zoning Ordinance to Establish the Kensington Park-Groveland Conservation Overlay District in Aldermanic District 4 \(File No. 24-004607-ZA\).](#)

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[Exhibit 2: Kensington Park Conservation District Map \(File Nos. 24-004607-ZA and 24-004608-ZA\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance for Kensington Park-Groveland Conservation District Text Amendment \(File No. 24-004607-ZA\).pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearings open for agenda items #16 and #17.

Speaker(s):

- . Edward Morrow, representing the MPC
- . Pam Miller, representing the applicant

Ald. Palumbo moved to close the zoning hearings, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0. See related agenda items #19 and #20.

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

[18. Petition of Josh Yellin, Agent for FWK Collective, LLC, on Behalf 17 West Park LLC for a Zoning Map Amendment to Rezone 0.15 Acres at 17 West Park Avenue \(PIN 20044 31008\) from TN-1 \(Traditional Neighborhood-1\) to TC-2 \(Traditional Commercial-2\) in Aldermanic District 2. Note, the initial zoning petition was submitted as a text amendment to Sections 5.4, 8.7.24, and 8.4.32 of the Zoning Ordinance to permit restaurants and accessory alcohol sales in the TN-1 zoning district adjoining Park Avenue between Whitaker and Drayton Streets. When the Planning Commission considered the petition, their recommendation was for the rezoning of the property \(File No. 24-004304-ZA\).](#)

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Ald. Leggett moved (to approve agenda item #18) that the first reading be considered the second and the ordinance placed upon its passage and passed, seconded by Ald. Palumbo, Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz, and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[19. Petition of Pam Miller on Behalf of the Kensington Park Neighborhood Association for a Zoning Map Amendment to Establish the Kensington Park-Groveland Conservation Overlay District in Aldermanic District 4 \(File No. 24-004608-ZA\).](#)

[Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for the Kensington Park-Groveland Conservation District \(File No. 24-004608-ZA\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Kensington Park Conservation District Map \(File Nos. 24-004607-ZA and 24-004608-ZA\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance for Kensington Park-Groveland Conservation District \(File No. 24-004608-ZA\).pdf](#)



Ald. Palumbo moved (to approve agenda item #19) that the first reading be considered the second and the ordinance placed upon its passage and passed, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[20. Petition of Pam Miller on Behalf of the Kensington Park Neighborhood Association to Amend Sec. 7.15 Conservation Overlay of the Zoning Ordinance to Establish the Kensington Park-Groveland Conservation Overlay District in Aldermanic District 4 \(File No. 24-004607-ZA\).](#)

[Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for the Kensington Park-Groveland Conservation District \(File No. 24-004607-ZA\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Kensington Park Conservation District Map \(File Nos. 24-004607-ZA and 24-004608-ZA\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance for Kensington Park-Groveland Conservation District Text Amendment \(File No. 24-004607-ZA\).pdf](#)

Ald. Palumbo moved (to approve agenda item #20) that the first reading be considered the second and the ordinance placed upon its passage and passed, seconded by Ald. Lanier, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[21. Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance \(FDPO\) Amendment. The City is proposing an amendment to its Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance \(FDPO\) to align with a new U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development \(HUD\) standard that mandates more rigorous determination of design flood elevations for new construction.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Code of Ordinances FDPO Revisions 2024.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Code of Ordinances FDPO Revisions 2024 - Redline.pdf](#)

Ald. Wilder-Bryan moved to approve agenda item #21, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz asked if this ordinance is for property within a flood zone only or everywhere. City Manager Melder advised this is for property developed within our Special Flood Hazard Area (flood zones) and encompasses both FEMA designated flood plain, as well as Savannah local identified historic places and those that the flooding module would show could flood during a 100-year flood event. It raises the requirement that the ground level be one foot above that flood plain to being two feet above.

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

[22. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for a Multi-Station Play Structure with GameTime c/o Dominica Recreation Products, Inc. in an Amount Not to Exceed \\$75,049. The multi-station play structure will be located at 11011 Largo Drive and will be the City's first playground unit located in the Wilshire Community. \(Recreation and Leisure Services\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Multi-Station Play Structure.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Multi-Station Play Structure.pdf](#)

Ald. Purtee moved to approve agenda item #22, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely and Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Ald. Purtee announced this is the first playground to be located in the Wilshire Neighborhood which is great for the neighborhood and the children. He thanked the City Manager and staff on the Recreation Re-imagined Team for putting it together.

Mayor Johnson asked Ald. Purtee how we are moving on the community center. Ald. Purtee responded it's moving and we are about to have the first meeting.

[23. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for 165 Single Gun Racks with West Chatham Warning Devices in the Amount of \\$104,404. The Savannah Police Department has expanded its patrol rifle program to ensure officers carry adequate responsive weaponry. This requires that officers have efficient access to patrol rifles within their assigned vehicles. \(SPD\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - SPD Rifle Racks.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - SPD Rifle Racks.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #23 through #27, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[24. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Annual Contract with PAS Consulting Group for Promotional Testing in an Amount Not to Exceed \\$118,600. The Savannah Police Department will use this contract for promotional testing for the ranks of Corporal, Sergeant, Lieutenant, and Captain. \(SPD\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - SPD Promotional Testing.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - SPD Promotional Testing.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #23 through #27, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[25. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Well Maintenance with Woodrow Sapp Well Drilling in an Amount Not to Exceed \\$148,210. The Water Supply and Treatment Division will use this contract for the maintenance of 44 wells to provide safe, potable water at pressures and flows that accommodate residential, commercial, and industrial needs and fire protection services. \(I&D\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Well Maintenance.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Well Maintenance.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #23 through #27, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[26. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Swimming Pool Fencing Installation with ASAP Landscape Management Group in an Amount Not to Exceed \\$214,298. The Recreation and Leisure Services Department will utilize the services to replace the damaged fencing that is more than 20 years old and have begun to rust and bow along the top and bottom portions. \(Recreation & Leisure Services\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Swimming Pool Fencing Installation.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Swimming Pool Fencing Installation.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #23 through #27, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[27. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Class II Service and Additional Spare Parts Necessary to Maintain the Operation of Three \(3\) Blowers with Howden in an Amount Not to Exceed \\$229,352. The blowers are used to provide air to the aeration basins at the Water Reclamation Plant. \(Water Reclamation\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Turblex Blowers Class II Service.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Turblex Blowers Class II Service.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #23 through #27, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

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

[28. Resolution Ratifying the Mayor's October 9, 2024, Emergency Declaration Order Related to Hurricane Milton.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Resolution Ratifying Mayor's Hurricane Milton Emergency Order 10142024.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda item #28, seconded by Ald. Leggett and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[29. Resolution Ratifying Actions of Mayor and Alderman During Meeting Held on October 11, 2024.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Resolution Ratifying Council Actions on October 11 2024.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda item #29, seconded by Ald. Leggett and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[30. Resolution Adopting the City's 2025 One Year Action Plan \(OYAP\), and Authorize the City Manager to Submit the Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development \(HUD\), and to Enter into Grant Agreements with Subrecipients. Entitlement funds include: Community Development Block Grant \(CDBG\), Emergency Solutions Grant \(ESG\), and HOME Investment Partnership \(HOME\) funds.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Resolution - 2025 OYA Plan.pdf](#)

Ald. Palumbo moved to approve agenda item #30 (OYAP), seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

#### AGREEMENTS

[31. First Amendment to the Water and Sewer Agreement Dated July 19, 2004, Between Southern Woods Development LLC and the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah to \(a\) Insert Drapac LLC as the Owner and \(b\) Provide for the City's Provision of Water and Sewer Services to the Proposed Development Project Consisting of 134 Equivalent Residential Units \(ERUs\).](#)

[Exhibit 1: First Amendment - Water & Sewer Agreement - Southernwoods.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #31 and #33, seconded by Ald. Leggett and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[32. Approval of a Development Agreement with 1940 East President Street, LLC for the Development of 1940 East President Street. This is for a development consisting of a 115-room hotel and a self-storage building in Aldermanic District 3. Staff requests this item be withdrawn.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Development Water & Sewer Agreement - 1940 East President Street.pdf](#)

Agenda item #32 was withdrawn, as requested by staff.

Ald. Bell asked who is the developer. City Manager Melder advised he will follow-up afterwards with the principals of the LLC. The development is not inside the City of Savannah, but inside the Industrial Zone on Presidents Street.

[33. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Camden Crossing, LLC for Camden Crossing Phase 3. This is for a development consisting of 88 single family homes in Aldermanic District 5.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Water & Sewer Agreement - Camden Crossing Phase 3.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #31 and #33, seconded by Ald. Leggett and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

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

[34. Authorize the City Manager to Acquire Required Property Interests to Facilitate the Second Phase of Stiles Avenue Road Widening Project.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Map - 307 Stiles Avenue.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Option Statements - Stiles Avenue Road Widening Project.pdf](#)

Ald. Lanier moved to approve agenda item #34, seconded by Ald. Leggett and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

#### CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

[35. Settlement #1.](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve settlements #35, #36, #37, and #38, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

- . #35 - Authorized the City Attorney's Office to settle the claim (worker's compensation) of Marsha Young for \$94,926.00.
- . #36 - Authorized the City Attorney's Office to settle the claim (worker's compensation) of Tony Bristow for \$45,000.00.
- . #37 - Authorized the City Attorney's Office to settle the claim (worker's compensation) of William Greenwood for \$80,237.00.
- . #38 - Authorized the City Attorney's Office to settle the claim (worker's compensation) of Cedric Laurel for \$30,000.00.

#### 36. Settlement #2.

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#### 37. Settlement #3.

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#### 38. Settlement #4.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Ald. Leggett announced and lifted the lives of the sick and shut-in within the 2nd District.

- . Ms. Andrea Patterson - asked for her quick recovery
- . Mr. Anthony Major - who lost his life this week due to a brain aneurysm
- . Mr. Charles Shepherd - who will be funeralized this week
- . Mr. Marlon Douse - passed away, praying for their family (Rayna at JC Lewis Health Center)

Ald. Wilder-Bryan thanked the Mayor and the City Manager for dealing with the water bill issues and waiving the late fees. Since each case is specific, she encouraged others to contact the Revenue Department to request the late fee to be waived.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz invited everyone to a groundbreaking event at the Legacy formerly the Coastal Empire Fairgrounds on tomorrow, Friday, October 25th at 2pm.

Ald. Purtee extended an invitation to the Savannah Philharmonic "Phil the Neighborhood," at the corner of Windsor and Largo, on Saturday at 6:30pm. Bring your lawn chairs, food, and cup. On October 31st, they are having Trunk or Treat at the same location at 5:30pm. Crusader Community Center is also doing their Trunk or Treat at the same time, as well.



Ald. Miller Blakely congratulated the Tax Commissioner (TC) Sonya Jackson for the TC University class where she gave out pertinent information regarding tax sales. Her next class will be on wills, estates, and Probate Court. She encouraged the community to get engaged and involved. She also commended the District Attorney, her staff, the child support office, and Savannah Impact (their space) who held a very successful expungement event. 255 people were seen and 236 records were expunged, partially and fully. And twelve (12) licenses were reinstated. This event will be done quarterly.

Mayor Johnson thanked Team Savannah for the Taylor Square event with a descriptive marker. Ald. Palumbo, Ald. Purtee (who dropped the football), and Mayor Johnson attended an event at Guy Minick Park where the lights were turned on. He thanked Ms. Young, Nick Roberts, and Team Fun for their work. Mayor Johnson reminded everybody that voting continues and we want everyone to go vote. At the Civic Center, there has been a lot of activity, lately because of D-SNAP (supplemental nutritional) benefits for those affected by the storm. 300 DFACS people from around the state have been here seeing thousands of people from the three-county area. The last two days are the 25th and 26th to get assistance. Pre-registration is available at gateway.ga.gov. If you already receive SNAPs, you are not eligible.

Ald. Miller Blakely added it is based on your income.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Regular Meeting at **4:03 p.m.**

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>

Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

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

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

