

**OCTOBER 8, 2026 - 2:00 p.m. - CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING****CITY GOVERNMENT****OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN****SAVANNAH, GEORGIA**

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 2:05 p.m. in Council Chambers. Mayor Van R. Johnson, II called the meeting to order. He then recognized Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, who introduced Dr. Lydia Rayner-Syed, Senior Pastor of Grace & Deliverance Kingdom Church of Christ, HUTL. Following the prayer, the pledge of allegiance was recited in unison.

PRESENT:

Mayor Van R. Johnson, II
Alderswoman Carolyn H. Bell, At-Large, Post 1
Alderswoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2
Alderswoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1
Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2
Alderswoman Linda Wilder, District 3 - Vice Chair
Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4 - Chairman
Alderswoman 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
Deputy Clerk of Council Gwendolyn Jones

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

[1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for October 8, 2026.](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve item #1, 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 September 24, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.](#)

[Agenda Plus - WS DRAFT MINUTES September 24, 2026 City Council Workshop-watermark.pdf](#)

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

[3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on September 24, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.](#)

[Agenda Plus - RM DRAFT MINUTES September 24, 2026 City Council Regular Meeting-watermark.pdf](#)

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

PRESENTATIONS

[4. An Appearance by and Recognition of CIVIS for the Commitment of \\$7,000,000 in New Investments to Savannah Affordable & Workforce Housing Initiatives.](#)

Mayor Johnson recognized CIVIS for the Commitment of \$7M to the new investments in the Savannah Affordable & Workforce Housing Initiatives. Joining Mayor Johnson at the podium were CIVIS Foundation staff members, along with CHSA's Executive Director Anita Smith-Dixon and CIVIS Foundation representative Dan Kent, who both provided remarks.

[5. An Appearance by Representatives of the Gullah Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor National Heritage Area \(GGCHC\) to Receive a Mayoral Proclamation Declaring October 2026 as "Gullah Geechee Heritage Month" in Savannah, Georgia, while Commemorating the 20th Anniversary of the Gullah Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor National Heritage Area and Honoring two Decades of Work to Preserve, Protect, Celebrate, and Share the Rich History, Culture, Traditions, and Enduring Contributions of the Gullah Geechee People.](#)

Mayor Johnson presented a proclamation to representatives of the Gullah Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor National Heritage Area: Commissioner Dr. Dionne Hoskins- Brown, Commissioner Jazz Watts, Executive Director Djuanna Brockington, and Director of Development Shenel Jackson. The proclamation declared October 2026 as Gullah Geechee Heritage Month in Savannah, Georgia, and encouraged all residents, community organizations, educational institutions, and visitors to join in recognizing, celebrating, and preserving the rich cultural heritage and contributions of the Gullah Geechee people.

[6. An Appearance by Representatives of SAFE Shelter – Center for Domestic Violence Services to Receive a Mayoral Proclamation Declaring October 2026 as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" in Savannah, Georgia, Recognizing SAFE Shelter's Vital Work to Support Survivors, Raise Awareness, Promote Prevention, and Help Build a Community Where Every Person Can Live Safely and Free from Domestic Violence.](#)

Mayor Johnson presented a proclamation to Safe Shelter's CEO Lee Robbins, board, staff, and advocates, proclaiming October 2026 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Savannah, GA, encouraging all residents to join Safe Shelter and community partners in raising awareness, promoting prevention, supporting survivors, and working together to create a safer and more compassionate community.

[7. An Appearance by Dr. Jermaine Whirl, President of THE Savannah State University, and University Representatives to Request Approval of a City of Savannah Parade Permit for the University's 2026 Homecoming Parade, to be held on Saturday, October 17, 2026, as part of Savannah State University's "The S.H.O.W." Homecoming Festivities, Celebrating Tiger Pride, Tradition, Alumni, Students, and the University's Enduring Legacy in Savannah and Beyond.](#)

Mayor Johnson welcomed and recognized Savannah State University President Dr. Jermaine Whirl, faculty and staff, cheerleaders, and mascot Terry the Tiger in celebration of the University's 2026 Homecoming Parade and "The S.H.O.W. Homecoming Festivities."

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve the City of Savannah parade permit for the University's 2026 Homecoming Parade, to be held on October 17, 2026, and it was seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[8. An Appearance by and Recognition of Savannah Fire Department International Reaccreditation Status by the Commission on Fire Accreditation International for the Third Time.](#)

Fire Chief Minard and members of the Savannah Fire Department joined Mayor Johnson and City Manager Melder at the podium to recognize the Savannah Fire Department's third time receiving its accreditation status from the Commission on Fire Accreditation (CFAI), an international accrediting agency.

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

[9. Approval of a Class C \(Beer\) \(By the Drink\) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Aryana Lopez Gordillo for El Comal Chiapaneco, a Restaurant Located at 2208 East DeRenne Avenue, Suite D. The Establishment is Located between Skidaway Road and Athena Drive in Aldermanic District 3. The Applicant Plans to Operate as a Restaurant. \(New Applicant/Existing Business\) \(Item was continued from September 24, 2026 Council Meeting\).](#)

[Exhibit 1 - Checklist - El Comal Chiapaneco](#)

[Exhibit 2 - Density Map - El Comal Chiapaneco](#)

[Exhibit 3 - Alcohol Reports - El Comal Chiapaneco](#)

[Exhibit 4 - Measurement Report - El Comal Chiapaneco](#)

[Exhibit 5 - Safety Plan - El Comal Chiapaneco](#)

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings open for agenda items #9, #10, #11, #12, and #13.

No speaker(s).

a. Ald. Leggett moved to close the alcohol license hearings for agenda items #9, #10, #11, #12, and #13, seconded by Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Ald. Wilder moved to approve agenda item #9, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz and Ald. Leggett. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Ald. Lanier voted no.

10. Approval of a Class E (Beer and Wine) (By the Package) Alcohol License to Surinderpal Singh for Diamond Food Mart at 3017 Bull Street. The Establishment is Located between Pearl Street and Jasper Street in Aldermanic District 5. The Applicant Plans to Continue Operating as a Convenience Store. (New Applicant/Existing Business)

[Exhibit 1 - Checklist - Diamond Food Mart](#)

[Exhibit 2 - Density Map- Diamond Mart](#)

[Exhibit 3 - Alcohol Reports - Diamond Mart](#)

[Exhibit 4 - Measurement Report- Diamond Mart](#)

[Exhibit 5 - Safety Plan - Diamond Mart](#)

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings open for agenda items #9, #10, #11, #12, and #13.

No speaker(s).

a. Ald. Leggett moved to close the alcohol license hearings for agenda items #9, #10, #11, #12, and #13, seconded by Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda item #10, seconded by Ald. Wilder. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Ald. Lanier voted no.

11. Approval of a Class E (Beer and Wine) (By the Package) Alcohol License to Binit Amin for Discount Corner at 1 East DeRenne Avenue. The Establishment is Located between Bull Street and Abercorn Street in Aldermanic District 4. The Applicant Plans to Continue Operating as a Convenience Store. (New Applicant/Existing Business)

[Exhibit 1 - Checklist - Discount Corner](#)

[Exhibit 2 - Density Map- Discount Corner](#)

[Exhibit 3 - Alcohol Reports - Discount Corner](#)

[Exhibit 4 - Measurement Report - Discount Corner](#)

[Exhibit 5 - Safety Plan - Discount Corner](#)

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings open for agenda items #9, #10, #11, #12, and #13.

No speaker(s).

a. Ald. Leggett moved to close the alcohol license hearings for agenda items #9, #10, #11, #12, and #13, seconded by Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Ald. Palumbo moved to approve agenda item #11, seconded by Ald. Wilder and Ald. Purtee. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Ald. Lanier voted no.

12. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer and Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Travis Coles for Out at Club One, a Restaurant, Located at 302 Williamson Street, Unit A. The Establishment is Located between Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Barnard Street in Aldermanic District 2. The Applicant Plans to Operate as a Restaurant. (New Applicant/New Business)

[Exhibit 1 - Checklist- Out at Club One](#)

[Exhibit 2 - Density Map - Out at Club One](#)

[Exhibit 3 - Alcohol Reports - Out at Club One](#)

[Exhibit 4 - Measurement Report - Out at Club One](#)

[Exhibit 5 - Safety Plan - Out at Club One](#)

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings open for agenda items #9, #10, #11, #12, and #13.

No speaker(s).

a. Ald. Leggett moved to close the alcohol license hearings for agenda items #9, #10, #11, #12, and #13, seconded by Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Ald. Leggett moved to approve agenda item #12, seconded by Ald. Purtee and Ald. Wilder. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Ald. Lanier voted no.

[13. Approval of a Class C \(Liquor, Beer and Wine\) \(By the Drink\) Alcohol License to Travis Coles for Club One, a Bar/Lounge, Located at 302 Williamson Street Unit B. The Establishment is Located between Martin Luther King Jr Boulevard and Barnard Street in Aldermanic District 2. The Applicant Plans to Operate as a Bar/Lounge. \(New Applicant/New Business\).](#)

[Exhibit 1 - Checklist - Club One](#)

[Exhibit 2 - Density Map - Club One](#)

[Exhibit 3 - Alcohol Report- Club One](#)

[Exhibit 4 - Measurement Report - Club One](#)

[Exhibit 5 - Safety Plan - Club One](#)

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings open for agenda items #9, #10, #11, #12, and #13.

No speaker(s).

a. Ald. Leggett moved to close the alcohol license hearings for agenda items #9, #10, #11, #12, and #13, seconded by Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Ald. Leggett moved to approve agenda item #13, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Ald. Lanier voted no.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

[14. Public Hearing to Receive Comments Concerning the City's 2027 One Year Action Plan](#)

[Exhibit 1: FY2027 Proposed One Year Action Plan Budget Recommendations.pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson declared the public hearing open for agenda item #14. See related agenda item #29.

No speaker(s).

Ald. Purtee moved to close the public hearing for agenda item #14, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Wilder. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

ZONING HEARINGS

[15. Petition of Ellen Harris for Kay Heritage \(Agent\) for Maizal, LLC, on behalf of Heath Shelton \(Agent\) for The912Savannah, LLC for a Special Use Permit to Allow a Hall, Banquet, or Reception Use with Conditions on 0.54 acres at 2018 Habersham Street, Unit C-1 \(20064 25015\) in the TC-1 \(Traditional Commercial-1\) Zoning District in Aldermanic District 2 \(26-003977-ZA\). \(Item was continued from September 24, 2026 Council meeting\).](#)

[Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation for 2018 Habersham Special Use Permit for Hall, Banquet or Reception \(26-003977-ZA\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Maps for 2018 Habersham Street.pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearings open for agenda items #15 and #16.

No speaker(s).

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

b. Ald. Leggett moved to approve agenda item #15 (special use permit), seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder. The motion passed, 7-2-0. Ald. Lanier and Ald. Miller Blakely voted no.

Written Comments:

- Linda VanApeldoorn - IN SUPPORT
- Judge Realty, LLC - IN SUPPORT
- The Very Rev. Dr. Craig Stephans - Rector - IN SUPPORT

[16. Petition of Ellen Harris for Kay Heritage \(Agent\) for Maizal, LLC, on behalf of Heath Shelton \(Agent\) for The912Savannah, LLC for a Special Use Permit to Allow a Retail Consumption Dealer \(On-Premises Consumption of Alcohol\) with Conditions on 0.54 acres at 2018 Habersham Street, Unit C-1 \(20064 25015\) in the TC-1 \(Traditional Commercial-1\) Zoning District in Aldermanic District 2 \(26-003978-ZA\). \(Item was continued from September 24, 2026 Council meeting\).](#)

[Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation for Special Use Permit On Premises Consumption \(26-003978-ZA\).pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearings open for agenda items #15 and #16.

No speaker(s).

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

b. Ald. Leggett moved to approve agenda item #16 (special use permit), seconded by Ald. Purtee and Ald. Wilder. The motion passed, 7-2-0. Ald. Lanier and Ald. Miller Blakely voted no.

Written Comments:

- Linda VanApeldoorn - IN SUPPORT
- Judge Realty, LLC - IN SUPPORT
- The Very Rev. Dr. Craig Stephans - Rector - IN SUPPORT

Ald. Wilder stated the petitioner did everything she was supposed to do based on the current laws. She stated there is a statute that says these businesses only need to have 10 parking spaces. Ald. Wilder asked how Council could change the ordinance so that it doesn't affect the citizens. City Manager Melder stated that there was an allowance in these districts for establishments under 3,000 square feet to be exempt from parking requirements.

Ald. Miller Blakely asked if that was something they voted on. (A City Council, not this City Council.) She also asked how many other businesses that came before them or previous Councils were denied the opportunity because there was no adequate parking. Ald. Miller Blakely stated that if the Council has put these kinds of ordinances and zoning requirements in place, then we should be adhering to what we are putting in place. It seems like every time somebody comes with a special use permit request that circumvents what we put in the policy. Ald. Miller Blakely stated she just wanted to see equity across the board when folks come for privileges.

Mayor Johnson stated the Council could always say no, but he thinks the Council always wants the flexibility in some cases to be able to decide the merits of that on a case-by-case basis and not necessarily by staff, which is why the special use permit process is before us. Folks have to abide by the rules that are in place when they submit an application.

[17. Petition of C. Scott Burns of Coastal Engineering & Consulting, on behalf of the Property Owner, Mehul Sheth with DM Investment Holding, LLC, for a Future Land Use Map Amendment from Transportation/Communication/Utilities to Traditional Commercial for 3.12 acres at 815 Wheaton Street \(20033 12033\) in Aldermanic District 2 \(26-004033-ZA\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for 815 Wheaton Street FLUM \(26-004033-ZA\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Maps for 815 Wheaton Street.pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearings open for agenda items #17 and #18. See related agenda items #19 and #20.

Speaker(s):

- Ashley Catterton, MPC representative
- C. Scott Burns, petitioner

Ald. Wilder moved to close the zoning hearings for agenda items #17 and #18, seconded by Ald. Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Ald. Wilder asked if a note/recommendation be added to state that the development is going to be for housing and nothing else. Mayor Johnson stated that the traditional commercial does allow for additional uses. City Manager Melder also responded. Ald. Wilder expressed that there is a lot of movement in that area, and they do not want to clog that area up with any business that is not going to be conducive to what is going on in the community. She asked what are the special uses.

Mayor Johnson stated that the down-zoning was absolutely preferable to anything else we would want over there under the light-industrial. So, it is definitely an improvement. Mayor Johnson stated it may be preferable if staff takes an opportunity to look at this and come up with some recommendations based on what the Council thinks about this. City Manager Melder stated the staff's recommendation is in line with MPC's recommendation, which is that the traditional commercial uses are very appropriate for this corridor.

Ald. Wilder stated she was supportive of the downsizing, but she wants to make sure that this is not the classic switch and bait. She expressed that the Council wanted to assure that the petitioner adheres to the initial plan. Ald. Wilder asked the petitioner the following questions:

- When was the petitioner going to start doing anything to move on that particular lot? (If it gets approved, then the petitioner would move forward with coming up with the design.)

- How many acres? (3.1 acres).

[18. Petition of C. Scott Burns of Coastal Engineering & Consulting, on behalf of the Property Owner, Mehul Sheth with DM Investment Holding, LLC, for a Zoning Map Amendment from I-L \(Light Industrial\) to TC-2 \(Traditional Commercial-2\) for 3.12 acres at 815 Wheaton Street \(20033 12033\) in Aldermanic District 2 \(26-003931-ZA\).](#)

[Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for 815 Wheaton Street Rezoning \(26-003931-ZA\).pdf](#)

See agenda item #17.

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

[19. Petition of C. Scott Burns of Coastal Engineering & Consulting, on behalf of the Property Owner, Mehul Sheth with DM Investment Holding, LLC, for a Future Land Use Map Amendment from Transportation/Communication/Utilities to Traditional Commercial for 3.12 acres at 815 Wheaton Street \(20033 12033\) in Aldermanic District 2 \(26-004033-ZA\).](#)

[Exhibit 1: Draft Ordinance for 815 Wheaton Street FLUM \(26-004033-ZA\).pdf](#)

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

[20. Petition of C. Scott Burns of Coastal Engineering & Consulting, on behalf of the Property Owner, Mehul Sheth with DM Investment Holding, LLC, for a Zoning Map Amendment from I-L \(Light Industrial\) to TC-2 \(Traditional Commercial-2\) for 3.12 acres at 815 Wheaton Street \(20033 12033\) in Aldermanic District 2 \(26-003931-ZA\).](#)

[Exhibit 1: Draft Ordinance for 815 Wheaton Street Rezoning \(26-003931-ZA\).pdf](#)

Ald. Leggett 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 and Ald. Wilder. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

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

[21. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Landfill Cover Material with SABE, The McGraley Company and ED Trucking, LLC in an Amount Not to Exceed \\$1,350,000. \(Solid Waste Services\) \(Item was continued from September 24, 2026 Council meeting\).](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification- Landfill Cover Material](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Note -Landfill Cover Material](#)

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

Ald. Wilder expressed her concerns regarding the process of awarding contracts. She further expressed that if there were any changes, those changes are publicized to make sure the people who are applying understand what is going on.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz stated she wanted to add to Ald. Wilder's comment. She said, in reference to our business community and those who do and want to do work with the City of Savannah, they are asking the City Manager and staff to emphasize to the public when City processes change. Sometimes we have annual, renewable contracts that have been around for a long time.

[22. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Task Order #3 \(RS-01\) River Street Shared-Use Path with Kimley-Horn in the amount of \\$699,810. \(Planning and Urban Design\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - River Street Shared Use Path.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - River Street Shared Use Path.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #22, #25, #26, #27, and #28, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Bell. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[23. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 2 for the Purchase of Rain Barrels for the Rain Barrel Voucher Program with Rain Water Solutions, Inc. in an Amount not to Exceed \\$200,000. \(Water Resources\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Contract Modification No. 2 for the Purchase of Rain Barrels.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Contract Modification No. 2 for the Purchase of Rain Barrels.pdf](#)

Ald. Miller Blakely moved to approve item #23, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz and Ald. Bell. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Ald. Miller Blakely stated that the stormwater department, Mr. Anthony Caston, and Mr. Feldner did a phenomenal job with the rain barrel giveaway. She also announced there would be another giveaway at the Enmarket Arena for those who did not receive rain barrels at their district locations--a date has not been set.

[24. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Modification No. 1 for Window Replacement and Window Framing on the Thomas Gamble Building Renovation Project with J.E. Dunn Construction Company in the Amount of \\$1,000,000. \(Capital Projects\)](#)

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

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

Ald. Wilder moved to approve item #24, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz and Ald. Lanier. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Ald. Miller Blakely voted no.

Ald. Wilder asked City Manager Melder the following questions:

- Why are we paying more?
- What was the scope?
- What was the synergy with what is going on there?

Ald. Wilder stated she was personally asking for accountability when we do these types of scopes. She stated clearly that the windows, whether you try to save them or not, are within our funding. However, it is always the perception of whether it is price gouging or not; so we want to make sure the public knows that we understand we have to do better.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz asked if the City could utilize some of our local businesses that can take our historic structures and find ways to reuse them since we are going to replace these 96 windows in this very historical building. City Manager Melder responded.

Ald. Miller Blakely asked City Manager Melder about the \$150,000 he referenced. City Manager Melder responded. Ald. Miller Blakely also asked if this was a CMAR project. (No, this was a traditional design bid.)

[25. Notification of an Emergency Purchase to Stabilize and Repair the Exchange Bell with Landmark Preservation in the Amount of \\$150,000. \(Capital Projects\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Emergency Purchase - Exchange Bell Stabilization.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Emergency Purchase - Exchange Bell Stabilization.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #22, #25, #26, #27, and #28, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Bell. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[26. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Annual Contract for LinkedIn Learning Hub for Government with Carahsoft Technology Corp. in the Amount of \\$42,400. \(ITS\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - LinkedIn Learning Hub.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - LinkedIn Learning Hub.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #22, #25, #26, #27, and #28, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Bell. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[27. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Sewer Lift Station Parts and Pumps with Xylem, Inc. USA in an Amount Not to Exceed \\$2,200,000. \(Sewer Conveyance\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Annual Sole Source Contract is for Sewer Lift Station Parts and Pumps.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Annual Sole Source Contract for Sewer Lift Station Parts and Pumps.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #22, #25, #26, #27, and #28, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Bell. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[28. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Office Furniture for the Savannah Police Department in the Amount of \\$139,577.17. \(Facilities Maintenance\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification- SPD Furniture Abercorn](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Note-SPD Furniture Abercorn](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #22, #25, #26, #27, and #28, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Bell. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

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

[29. Approval of a Resolution Adopting the City's 2027 One-Year Action Plan. \(Human Services\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Resolution 2027 OYA Plan.pdf](#)

Ald. Wilder moved to approve item #29, seconded by Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[30. Resolution Authorizing CHSA Development, Inc. to Sell the Newly Constructed Residential Property Known as 916 Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard to 916 MLK LLC, and Authorizing 916 MLK LLC the Use of Up To \\$6,000,000 from the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund and/or Other Funding Sources to Purchase the Property.](#)

[Located in Aldermanic District 2. \(Housing Services\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Resolution.pdf](#)

Ald. Leggett moved to approve item #30, seconded by Ald. Wilder. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[31. Resolution Authorizing the Chatham County/City of Savannah Land Bank Authority to Use Up To \\$2,450,000 From "1K-in-10" SPLOST Blighted Property Acquisition Program Funds to Help it Purchase Approximately 1-1/2 Blocks of Vacant Blighted Property Between Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard and Montgomery Street Located in Aldermanic District 2. \(Housing Services\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Resolution.pdf](#)

Ald. Leggett moved to approve item #31, seconded by Ald. Purtee and Ald. Wilder. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

AGREEMENTS

[32. Authorize the City Manager to Accept a FY25 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity National Dislocated Worker Employment Recovery Grant Award in the Amount of \\$500,000. \(WorkSource Coastal\)](#)

[Exhibit 1 - PY25 WIOA Employment Recovery Dislocated Worker Statement of Grant Award.pdf](#)

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

[33. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement for a Development Consisting of 352 Single-Family Homes for Fawcett Tract in the Georgetown Treatment Plant Service Area off Wild Heron Road with GT Developers of Savannah, LLC Located in Aldermanic District 6. \(WR- Planning & Engineering\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Water & Sewer Agreement - Fawcett Tract.pdf](#)

Ald. Purtee moved to approve item #33, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Wilder. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[34. Approval to Authorize the City Manager to Enter into an Agreement with LA28, the Los Angeles Organizing Committee for the Olympic and Paralympic Games 2028.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Torch Relay Agreement.pdf](#)

Ald. Wilder moved to approve item #34, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Mayor Johnson stated he has been working with the LA28 Los Angeles Organizing Committee for the Olympic Games. He expressed how Savannah received an opportunity to be a part of the torch relay that will come through Savannah in 2028.

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

[35. Settlement #1](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda item #35, authorizing the City Attorney's Office to settle the claim (auto accident) of William Steele for a total of \$60,000.00, seconded by Ald. Wilder. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

MISCELLANEOUS

[36. Approval of a Blue Star Marker and a Gold Star Memorial Marker by the Windsor Forest Garden Club in the Veterans Memorial Park at 10875 Abercorn Street Located in Aldermanic District 6 \(26-003767-HM\). \(Planning & Urban Design\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Signed Recommendation from Historic Sites and Monuments Commission](#)

[Exhibit 2: Application and Submittal Packet](#)

Ald. Purtee moved to approve item #36, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Wilder. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[37. Authorize the City Manager to Approve Supplemental Quarter 3 Budget Adjustments to the Fiscal Year 2026 Capital Improvement Program to FY2026 Budget Adjustments. \(Management & Budget Department\)](#)

[Exhibit 1 \(2026 Q3 Budget Amendment Table 100726\).pdf](#)

Ald. Wilder moved to approve item #37, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Following announcements made by the Mayor and Aldermen, Mayor Johnson adjourned the regular meeting at 3:45 p.m.

Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: _____

Signature:

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