



SEPTEMBER 25, 2025 - 2:00 p.m. - CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**CITY GOVERNMENT****OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN****SAVANNAH, GEORGIA**

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 2:03 p.m., in Council Chambers. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz called the meeting to order, then recognized Aldерwoman Alicia Miller Blakely to introduce Pastor Dr. Charles Robert O'Berry, Jr., House of Freedom Worship Center, who offered the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States was recited in unison.

PRESENT:

Aldерwoman Carolyn H. Bell, At-Large, Post 1
Aldерwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2
Aldерwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1
Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2
Aldерwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3 - Vice Chair
Aldерwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5 - Mayor Pro Tem
Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

ABSENT:

Mayor Van R. Johnson, II

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Jay Melder
Assistant City Manager Taffanye Young
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 September 25, 2025](#)

Ald. Palumbo moved to adopt/approve item # 1, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-0. Mayor Johnson was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session/Executive Session Held on September 11, 2025, at 12:00 p.m.](#)

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Ald. Palumbo moved to approve items #2 and #3, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-0. Mayor Johnson was absent.

[3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on September 11, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.](#)

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Ald. Palumbo moved to approve items #2 and #3, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-0. Mayor Johnson was absent.

PRESENTATIONS

[4. Appearance and Recognition by the City of Savannah Human Resources Team of Human Resources Professionals Day.](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz, City Manager Melder, and HR Director Jeff Grant presented to the Human Resources team members that were in attendance, recognizing September 26, 2025, as Human Resources Professionals' Day.

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

[5. Approval of a Class C \(Liquor, Beer, Wine\) \(By the Drink\) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Jacob Grier for Garden Square, a Restaurant located at 2400 Bull Street, Suite 6. The Establishment is located between East 40th and East 41st Streets in Aldermanic District 2.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Checklist - Garden Square](#)

[Exhibit 2: Density Map - Garden Square](#)

[Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Garden Square](#)

[Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Garden Square](#)

[Exhibit 5: Safety Plan - Garden Square](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz declared the hearings open for agenda items #5, #6, #7, and #8.

No speaker(s).

a. Ald. Palumbo moved to close the alcohol license hearings for agenda items #5, #6, #7, and #8, seconded by Ald. Leggett and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-0. Mayor Johnson was absent.

b. Ald. Leggett moved to approve agenda item #5, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-0. Mayor Johnson was absent.

[6. Approval of Class C \(Liquor, Beer, Wine\) \(By the Drink\) Alcohol License to Kayla Black for Savannah Pirates & Treasure Museum, a museum located at 219 West Julian Street. The establishment is located between West Congress and West Bryan Streets in Aldermanic District 2.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Checklist - Savannah Pirates & treasure Museum](#)

[Exhibit 2: Density Map - Savannah Pirates & Treasure Museum](#)

[Exhibit 3: Alcohol Report - Savannah Pirates and Treasure Museum](#)

[Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Savannah Pirates & Treasure Museum](#)

[Exhibit 5: Safety Plan Form - Savannah Pirates & Treasure Museum](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz declared the hearings open for agenda items #5, #6, #7, and #8.

No speaker(s).

a. Ald. Palumbo moved to close the alcohol license hearings for agenda items #5, #6, #7, and #8, seconded by Ald. Leggett and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-0. Mayor Johnson was absent.

b. Ald. Leggett moved to approve agenda item #6, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-0. Mayor Johnson was absent.

[7. Approval of a Class C \(Liquor, Beer, Wine\) \(By the Drink\) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Christopher Clarke for Honky Tonk South, a Restaurant located at 311 West Congress Street. The establishment is located between Montgomery and Jefferson Streets in Aldermanic District 2.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Checklist Honky Tonk South](#)

[Exhibit 2: Density Map- Honky Tonk South](#)

[Exhibit 3: Alcohol Report - Honky Tonk South](#)

[Exhibit 4: Measurement report - Honky Tonk South](#)

[Exhibit 5: Safety Plan Form - Honky Tonk South](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz declared the hearings open for agenda items #5, #6, #7, and #8.

No speaker(s).

- a. Ald. Palumbo moved to close the alcohol license hearings for agenda items #5, #6, #7, and #8, seconded by Ald. Leggett and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-0. Mayor Johnson was absent.
- b. Ald. Leggett moved to approve agenda item #7, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-0. Mayor Johnson was absent.

[8. Approval of a Class C \(Beer\) \(By the Drink\) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales for Marco H. Sierra for Taqueria Los Compas, a Restaurant at 1101 East Montgomery Crossroads, Unit 5. The Establishment is Located Between Waters and Gohler Avenues in Aldermanic District 4.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Checklist - Taqueria Los Compas](#)

[Exhibit 2: Density Map - Taqueria Los Compas](#)

[Exhibit 3: Alcohol Report - Taqueria Los Compas](#)

[Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Taqueria Los Compas](#)

[Exhibit 5: Safety Plan - Taqueria Los Compas](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz declared the hearings open for agenda items #5, #6, #7, and #8.

No speaker(s).

- a. Ald. Palumbo moved to close the alcohol license hearings for agenda items #5, #6, #7, and #8, seconded by Ald. Leggett and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-0. Mayor Johnson was absent.
- b. Ald. Palumbo moved to approve agenda item #8, seconded by Ald. Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-0. Mayor Johnson was absent.

ZONING HEARINGS

[9. Petition of Glynda M. Jones, President of the Liberty City-Richfield Southover Community Improvement Association for a Text Amendment Articles 5 Base Standards, 8 Use Standards, and 9 General Site Standards Pertaining to the Regulation of Vehicle and Freight Terminals and Vehicle Towing and Impound Facilities \(25-003914-ZA\).](#)

[Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet Text Amendment \(25-003914-ZA\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Map of IL-R Parcels \(Aldermanic Districts\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Map of IL-R \(Neighborhoods\).pdf](#)

- a. Ald. Lanier moved to open the zoning hearing for agenda item #9, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-0. Mayor Johnson was absent. See related agenda item# 12.

Speaker(s):

- Edward Morrow, MPC representative
- Glynda M. Jones, petitioner -- IN SUPPORT

- b. Ald. Palumbo moved to close the zoning hearing for agenda item #9, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-0. Mayor Johnson was absent.

Ald. Miller Blakely asked about the height of the pole-mounted lighting. Mr. Morrow explained the impact of the lighting on the zoning area.

Ald. Bell commended Ms. Jones, President of the Liberty City-Richfield Southover Community Improvement Association, and the members of the neighborhood association for taking this progressive move. She stated that this is a positive move to improve the quality of life, as it relates to which businesses, vehicles, terminals, and all these kinds of things that could move through and take residency in the neighborhood.

Ald. Bell expressed that this is a nice example for other neighborhoods and neighborhood associations. When you have seen something wrong that affects your quality of life, there are proper ways to change it.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz acknowledged the residents who were present with Ms. Jones by asking them to stand. She thanked Ms. Jones and the residents for their work.

[10. Petition of Wesley Green on behalf of Blue Heron Development, Inc. to Amend the Future Land Use Map Amendment from Planned Development to Commercial-Regional for 0 Ft. Argyle Road \(11034 01035\) \(25-002523-ZA\).](#)

[Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet FLUM Amendment for 0 Ft. Argyle \(25-002523-ZA\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: FLUM Map for 5 W Gateway and 0 Ft Argyle \(25-002523-ZA\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Concept Plan for 5 W Gateway and 0 Ft Argyle \(25-002523-ZA\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 4: Draft FLUM Ordinance for 0 Ft. Argyle \(25-002523-ZA\).pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz declared the zoning hearings open for agenda items #10 and #11. See related agenda items #13, #14, and #15.

Speaker(s):

- Edward Morrow, MPC representative

Ald. Palumbo moved to close the zoning hearing for agenda item #10 and #11, seconded by Ald. Leggett and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-0. Mayor Johnson was absent.

[11. Petition of Wesley Green on behalf of Blue Heron Development, Inc. to Amend the Zoning Map from P-B-C \(Planned Community Business-County\) to B-C \(Community Business-City\) with Conditions to Support the Annexation of 66.05 Acres at 5 West Gateway Blvd and 0 Ft. Argyle Rd \(11034 01035 and 11034 01031\) \(25-000359-ZA\).](#)

[Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet to Rezone 5 W Gateway and 0 Ft. Argyle \(25-000359-ZA\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Zoning Map for 5 W Gateway and 0 Ft. Argyle \(25-000359-ZA\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Concept Plan for 5 W Gateway and 0 Ft Argyle \(25-002523-ZA\).pdf](#)

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Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz declared the zoning hearings open for agenda items #10 and #11. See related agenda items #13, #14, and #15.

Speaker(s):

- Edward Morrow, MPC representative

Ald. Palumbo moved to close the zoning hearing for agenda item #10 and #11, seconded by Ald. Leggett and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-0. Mayor Johnson was absent.

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

[12. Petition of Glynda M. Jones, President of the Liberty City-Richfield Southover Community Improvement Association for a Text Amendment Articles 5 Base Standards, 8 Use Standards, and 9 General Site Standards Pertaining to the Regulation of Vehicle and Freight Terminals and Vehicle Towing and Impound Facilities \(25-003914-ZA\). \(Additional Item Added\)](#)

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Ald. Palumbo moved (to approve #12) that the first reading be considered the second and the ordinance placed upon its passage and passed, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan, Ald. Lanier, and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-0. Mayor Johnson was absent.

ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

[13. Petition to Annex ~66.05 acres Located at 5 W Gateway Blvd \(PIN 11034 01031\) and 0 Fort Argyle Road \(PIN 11034 01035\) from Chatham County to the City of Savannah.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Annexation Petition for 5 W Gateway and 0 Ft. Argyle.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Maps for 5 W Gateway and 0 Ft Argyle.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Concept Plan for 5 W Gateway and 0 Ft Argyle.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 4: Draft Ordinance to Annex 5 W Gateway and 0 Ft. Argyle.pdf](#)

Ald. Palumbo read agenda items #13, #14, and #15 for the record. (Heard for FIRST READING only.)

[14. Petition of Wesley Green on behalf of Blue Heron Development, Inc. to Amend the Future Land Use Map Amendment from Planned Development to Commercial-Regional for 0 Ft. Argyle Road \(11034 01035\) \(25-002523-ZA\).](#)

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[Exhibit 3: Concept Plan for 5 W Gateway and 0 Ft Argyle \(25-002523-ZA\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 4: Draft FLUM Ordinance for 0 Ft. Argyle \(25-002523-ZA\).pdf](#)

Ald. Palumbo read agenda items #13, #14, and #15 for the record. (Heard for FIRST READING only.)

[15. Petition of Wesley Green on behalf of Blue Heron Development, Inc. to Amend the Zoning Map from P-B-C \(Planned Community Business-County\) to B-C \(Community Business-City\) with Conditions to Support the Annexation of 66.05 Acres at 5 West Gateway Blvd and 0 Ft. Argyle Rd \(11034 01035 and 11034 01031\) \(25-000359-ZA\).](#)

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Ald. Palumbo read agenda items #13, #14, and #15 for the record. (Heard for FIRST READING only.)

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

[16. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for 66 Police Vehicles in an Amount Not to Exceed \\$3,821,589 from Santee Automotive LLC. \(Fleet Services\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - SPD Vehicle Replacement & Fleet Additions.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - SPD Vehicle Replacements & Vehicle Additions.pdf](#)

Ald. Palumbo moved to approve agenda items #16 and #17, seconded by Ald. Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-0. Mayor Johnson was absent.

[17. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Storm Debris Removal from Crowder Environmental Services \(primary\), Ceres Environmental Services \(secondary\), and DRC Emergency Services \(tertiary\) in an Amount that Will Vary Based on the Severity of the Natural Disaster. \(Sanitation Department\)](#)

[Exhibit1: Purchasing Note - Storm Debris Removal](#)

Ald. Palumbo moved to approve agenda items #16 and #17, seconded by Ald. Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-0. Mayor Johnson was absent.

[18. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Annual Contract for Street Maintenance & Repair Services to Samjay Services Inc. \(Primary Contractor\) and Savannah Paving \(Secondary Contractor\) in an Amount not to Exceed \\$800,000. \(Transportation Services\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Street Maintenance & Repair Contract.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Street Maintenance & Repair Contract.pdf](#)

Ald. Leggett moved to approve agenda item #18, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-0. Mayor Johnson was absent.

Ald. Leggett stated he wanted the public to understand what this item was because we are always asked when we are going to have our streets repaired, when will someone address these potholes, or address some issues we are having. He stated he was happy to see that we are spending some money to have contractors come in and start addressing our repair issues. Ald. Leggett asked if the contractors were going to work with our arborist being that in certain areas we will probably have to cut some roots when repairing sidewalks. City Manager Melder stated that the contractors work closely with our street maintenance division as well as our park and tree department's arborist when we repair right-of-ways that impact our tree canopy. Ald. Leggett asked about the areas where we have historic bricks, and in some of those different areas. He stated that they work together with city staff to make sure we do not damage anything that has been there for centuries upon centuries.

[19. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 to Expand Geographic Boundaries of the Economic and Land Use Study for the Civic Center with Robert Charles Lesser Company in an Amount Not to Exceed \\$150,000. \(Planning & Urban Design\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Expanded Scope Land Use Study.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Expanded Scope Land Use Study.pdf](#)

Ald. Palumbo moved to approve agenda item #19, seconded by Ald. Leggett and Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-0. Mayor Johnson was absent.

Ald. Lanier stated she wanted to get a better understanding of this issue. She stated that we are expanding the scope of this contract, and asked if this is the only project that this contract refers to. City Manager Melder provided an explanation. Ald. Lanier asked, when they are finished looking at these other areas, would they provide a report on the probabilities. (Yes)

Ald. Leggett stated he had received a bunch of questions (relating to ice hockey and the demolition of the Civic Center). He asked the City Manager and Assistant City Manager to provide some clarity on some of the conversation. City Manager Melder responded. Ald. Leggett asked if it was safe to say that the measures that we have taken now are for the safety of any individuals who go into that site moving forward. (Yes) He further asked if it was possible to make a statement as a city to the general public. Ald. Leggett stated that we do not have a leisure service program that will facilitate ice hockey, and if we have any partners who would like to have a facility that would allow (ice hockey). He stated that there is a little league hockey

team that is asking for space, as well as some adults. Now we have to look at what we are going to do for our winter skating events.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan stated that in the summary reports, we (council) are authorizing you (the City Manager) not to exceed \$150,000, and in section three, it says to expand economic access opportunity. The firm is already conducting a study of this area, and the contract will not exceed \$300,000. Ald. Wilder-Bryan stated she knows the money is coming from Capital Projects, it is not going to exceed \$150,000, and in the body of the work it says it's going to be leveraged, and this contract will not exceed \$300,000. She asked the City Manager to explain. City Manager Melder explained. Ald. Wilder-Bryan asked, so, we are not going to come back on any future date and say that because of the contract, the climate, the material--we are going to stand on \$300,000. City Manager Melder explained that this was a specific discussion to expand the scope of this contract. It is not that the original scope has run over, but that we are actually expanding the scope to do more work. Ald. Wilder-Bryan stated she was not suggesting that, but wanted to be clear about that because people may not know the prior instances, experience, and documentation that we have for that.

Ald. Lanier asked the City Manager how this contract would be different from the other one that is coming on at the end of the month. She stated she noticed that we were talking about public engagement and planning those things. City Manager Melder stated that citywide public engagement will be happening through another firm with a completely different expertise in the area of public engagement. He further stated that this contract is an economic land use study. These are professionals helping us understand what the economic land use value is and what the economic land opportunity is for some city-owned land. Ald. Lanier posed a question by stating that we have these two companies looking at this area, and one is looking at the economic possibilities and the other is looking at community development. They make recommendations to us, and we make certain decisions, even if the two reports come in and they conflict. (Yes)

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

[20. Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority \(GEFA\) Documents Related to \\$146 Million in State of Georgia Funding Package for the City's Phase 1 Improvements to the Savannah Industrial & Domestic \(I&D\) Water Treatment Plant and Associated Facilities \(I&D Department\)](#)

[Savannah GFAPP002 Loan Agreement.docx](#)

Ald. Palumbo moved to approve agenda items #20 and #21, seconded by Ald. Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-0. Mayor Johnson was absent.

Ald. Bell asked the City Manager to speak to item #20. City Manager Melder explained the \$146 million dollar funding package from the state of Georgia: \$73 million of state directed spending meaning it is ours (the City of Savannah) to invest in our water treatment facility and \$73 million worth of zero interest and highly favorable loans from the Georgia Environmental Finance Agency to continue that work, which is phase one of the I & D expansion and modernization.

Ald. Miller Blakely asked the City Manager about the DBE (Disadvantaged Business Enterprise) percentage participation. Chief of Water Resources Ron Feldner stated that as of today, we have 15% identified for DBE participation. He further stated that they were going to develop a DBE plan, and in that DBE plan, we are not only going to show what is going to be identified for the initial package in November, but also for the remainder of the first phase of the project, which will be into early next year. Mr. Feldner stated that the council will be able to see the first package and what the breakdown is, and then will see the future packages into early next year that are going to have the projected DBE participation with a goal of 25% for the entire package. Ald. Miller Blakely stated she would like to see that percentage increased and would also like to see local participation in subcontracting. She asked what the state law is regarding DBE participation, which she believed was more than 15%. (Different requirements for different types of work.)

Ald. Bell stated that she asked the City Manager to do a workshop for Council on CMAR (Construction Management At Risk), DBE, and minority and local participation before we approve phase two.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz stated the City of Savannah's disadvantaged business enterprise, local minority business enterprise, and our Savannah Business Ordinances (SBO), those ordinances, percentages, and laws have not moved or changed at all. She explained that in some cases, the City of Savannah, with the aggressiveness, some of the percentages in reference to the state and federal government requirements, we exceed those percentages. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz stated she understood the questioning from her Council Colleagues, but she wanted to remind the public because sometimes we do forget the wonderful work in reference to the City of Savannah as it has been working extremely hard through the City Manager and the city's procurement offices to having our percentages over 18%, and in some cases, 25% and 28% participation with DBE and our local minority businesses.

[21. Approval of an Amendment to the Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Submit the FY2024 and FY2025 Continuum of Care \(CoC\) Application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development \(HUD\) and Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding and Grant Agreement with the Subrecipient for Federal Assistance as the Project Sponsor. \(Human Services Department\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Amended Resolution](#)

Ald. Palumbo moved to approve agenda items #20 and #21, seconded by Ald. Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-0. Mayor Johnson was absent.

AGREEMENTS

[22. Authorize the City Manager to Accept the Initial PY25 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Grant Awards for Adult \(\\$164,196\) and Dislocated Worker \(\\$312,999\) Programs. \(WorkSource Coastal\)](#)

[Exhibit 2 Initial Allocation PY25 WIOA Dislocated Worker Grant Award.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 1 Initial Allocation PY25 WIOA Adult Grant Award.pdf](#)

Ald. Palumbo moved to approve agenda items #22, #23, and #24, seconded by Ald. Purtee, Ald. Lanier, and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-0. Mayor Johnson was absent.

[23. Authorize the City Manager to Accept the PY25 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Youth Grant Award in the Amount of \\$1,022,865. \(WorkSource Coastal\)](#)

[Exhibit 1 PY25 WIOA Youth Grant Award.pdf](#)

Ald. Palumbo moved to approve agenda items #22, #23, and #24, seconded by Ald. Purtee, Ald. Lanier, and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-0. Mayor Johnson was absent.

[24. Authorize the City Manager to Accept a FY25 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Disaster Recovery Dislocated Worker Grant Award in the Amount of \\$500,000. The award will be used to provide programs from October 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026 to eligible dislocated workers who have been impacted by a natural disaster, laid off or job displacement and are seeking employment or training opportunities in high-demand industries. The City serves as the fiduciary agent for the 10-county region.](#)

Ald. Palumbo moved to approve agenda items #22, #23, and #24, seconded by Ald. Purtee, Ald. Lanier, and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-0. Mayor Johnson was absent.

MISCELLANEOUS

[25. Authorize the Approval of the Installation of the East Savannah Neighborhood Historical Markers in Aldermanic District 3 \(25-003989-HM\) \(Municipal Archives\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: HSMC Recommendation for East Savannah Neighborhood Historical Markers.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Map of East Savannah Neighborhood Historical Markers.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: East Savannah Neighborhood Historical Markers.pdf](#)

Ald. Wilder-Bryan moved to approve agenda item #25, seconded by Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-0. Mayor Johnson was absent.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan stated that it took over four years to do this. She thanked Ms. Lidy and Ms. DiMassimo. Ald. Wilder-Bryan stated that it is a wonderful thing when you can acknowledge your community and the things that happen. She stated we are going to acknowledge East Savannah neighborhood, the Sports Arena, which is now Savannah Gardens, East Savannah Cemetery, which has members of that community as far back as 1870, the First African Baptist Church of East Savannah, other churches in the community, and the business community. She also asked to acknowledge Miss Sweet Pea--it was a corner store.

[26. Authorize the Approval of the Naming and Renaming of Public Property, Facilities and Streets Petition to Name the Basketball Court in Crawford Square to Honor Larry "Gator" Rivers in Aldermanic District 2 \(25-004049-HM\) \(Information & Public Affairs\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: HSMC Recommendation for Larry "Gator" Rivers \(25-004049-HM\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Submital Paket for Larry "Gator" Rivers.pdf](#)

Speaker(s):

- Mrs. Jean Rivers, wife
- Lawrence Bryan III
- Michael Mays

Ald. Wilder-Bryan moved to approve agenda item #26, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed, 6-0-2. Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Lanier abstained from the vote, and Mayor Johnson was absent.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan thanked Luciana Spracher and Joe Shearouse for making this happen. She stated that Larry "Gator" Rivers was a personal friend of hers since the age of 10. He bounced basketballs all over the United States and out of this country. Ald. Wilder-Bryan stated it is a pleasure and an honor to acknowledge everything he has done. We have acknowledged Lieutenant John White, the first African-American in the State of Georgia to be a sworn officer; Robbie Robinson, who was a Council Member and personal friend; Mr. Studer from Magnolia Park; Freddy Patrick, who was a personal friend; and Rosco "Scolo" Edwards, who has a basketball court named after him. Ald. Wilder-Bryan stated we should give people their flowers, and that is what we are supposed to be doing. She stated that we should be concerned about our history, but it is our concern to make history. Ald. Wilder-Bryan also thanked Ald. Leggett for partnering with her.

[27. Authorize the City Manager to Approve a Major Subdivision, Meadow Lakes Phase 2. \(Development Services Department\)](#)

[Exhibit: 1 Plat - Major Subdivision, Meadow Lakes Phase 2.pdf](#)

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

Ald. Palumbo moved to approve agenda item #27, seconded by Ald. Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-0. Mayor Johnson was absent.

[28. Authorize the City Manager to Approve a Major Subdivision, Brookline, Phase 5. \(Development Services Department\)](#)

[Exhibit: 1 Plat Major Subdivision Brookline Subdivision Phase 5.pdf](#)

[Exhibit:2 MPC Decision](#)

Ald. Lanier moved to approve agenda item #28, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-0. Mayor Johnson was absent.

Following announcements made by the Mayor Pro Tem and Aldermen, Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz adjourned the regular meeting at 3:32 p.m.

Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: _____

Signature: _____

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