



JANUARY 9, 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 **2:00 p.m.**, in the SCCPSS Board of Education Room located at the Eli Whitney Administrative Complex, 2 Laura Avenue, Building G. **Mayor Johnson** called the meeting to order, then recognized **Ald. Detric Leggett** who introduced **Rev. Cornelius J.E. Lloyd, Pastor of First African Baptist Church of East Atlanta** to offer the invocation. Then Mayor Johnson asked to observe a moment of silence in honor of the passing of our 39th President of the United States and 76th Governor of the State of Georgia, President James Earl “Jimmy” Carter, Jr. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

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
Deputy City Attorney Jen Herman
Clerk of Council Representative Gwendolyn Jones
Assistant to Clerk of Council Renee Osborne

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

[1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for January 9, 2025.](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve agenda item #1 as amended to add an introductions on executive privilege regarding the Housing Authority and Police Appreciation Day, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing Held on December 19, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. \(Note: Item is Withdrawn; A Work Session Was Not Held on This Date\)](#)

Mayor Johnson advised this matter should be stricken, given the cancellation of the meeting.

[3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on December 19, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.](#)

[Agenda Plus - RM DRAFT MINUTES, December 19, 2024, City Council Regular Meeting.pdf](#)

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

ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS

[4. Approval of a Resolution Pledging to Practice and Promote Civility in the City of Savannah.](#)

[Email Communication Renewal of City of Civility Designation.pdf](#)

[resolution-civility-final_City of Savannah_2025.docx](#)

Mayor Johnson asked everyone to remember the folks in California in your personal time/quiet thoughts, who are experiencing wildfires.

Mayor Johnson provided an overview of GMA's program regarding civility and how the City of Savannah was the first city to pledge.

Ald. Purtee moved to approve agenda item #4, seconded by Ald. Leggett, Ald. Palumbo, and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

PRESENTATIONS

[5. Appearance of the Savannah Martin Luther King, Jr. Observance Day Association to Announce the 2025 MLK Observance Activities](#)

Mayor Johnson made a presentation to the 2025 MLK Jr. Observance Day Association/Committee for their upcoming yearlong activities, including former first lady Deborah Adams, Board of Elections member Glynda Jones, Judee Jones, Elaine Synder, and Frederick Scott-Fields. They presented Mayor Johnson with a hat, a cake, and a fruit basket.

Mayor Johnson presented them with a parade permit as they took photos.

[6. Appearance of the Savannah Interagency Diversity Council \(SIDC\) to Announce the 10-year Anniversary of Traffick Jam 2025](#)

Mayor Johnson provided an overview of activities that are addressing Human Trafficking in the City of Savannah and he read a proclamation into the record.

Also speaking or present were SIDC Chairman Bill Gettis, special prosecutor Diane McLeod, Tina Browning SIDC Board Treasurer, Lucretia Cole with Queensborough National Bank & Trust Co., Shirlenia Daniel, Terri Todd, April Brantley, Georgette Washington, Karen Alston with 4 the Jewel N U, Julie Wade with Tharros Place, and DEI Director Dr. Takeshia Brown with the City of Savannah.

Special prosecutor Diane McLeod provided information and statistics relating to this issue in Chatham County.

*Mayor Johnson recognized former school board superintendent and now Chairwoman of the Housing Authority Dr. M. Ann Levett and Vice Chair Mr. Edward Gresham who introduced the new Housing Authority executive director Ms. Evette Hester who joined December 2, 2024. Ms. Hester gave remarks.

*Mayor Johnson gave remarks and recognized Police Chief Gunther and police staff in honor of Police Appreciation Day. City Manager Melder also gave remarks.

[7. Recognition of the Inaugural New Director's Academy and Third City Manager's Emerging Leaders Academy Participants.](#)

Mayor Johnson asked City Manager Melder to recognize the staff and participants of the leadership programs. City Manager Melder gave remarks and recognized Dr. Jennifer Blalock for leading the organizational leadership program. Then the city manager named the participants of both programs.

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

[8. Approval of a Class C \(Liquor, Beer, Wine\) \(By the Drink\) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to James Ciminillo for Veratina, A Restaurant located at 606 Abercorn Street. The establishment is located between Huntingdon and Hall Streets in Aldermanic District 2.](#)

[Checklist - Veratina](#)

[Density Map - Veratina](#)

[Alcohol Reports - Veratina](#)

[Measurement Report - Veratina](#)

[Security Plan - Veratina](#)

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

No speaker(s).

- a. Ald. Leggett moved to close the alcohol hearings for agenda items #8, #9, and #10., seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.
- b. Ald. Leggett moved to approve agenda item #8, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[9. Approval of Class C \(Liquor, Beer, Wine\) \(By the Drink\) Alcohol License to Robert Grant for Savannah Culinary Institute. A Culinary School located at 7 W. Bay St. The establishment is located between Bull and Whitaker Streets in Aldermanic District 2.](#)

[Checklist - Savannah Culinary Institute](#)

[Density Map - Savannah Culinary Institute](#)

[Alcohol Reports - Savannah Culinary Institute](#)

[Measurement Report - Savannah Culinary Institute](#)

[Security Plan - Savannah Culinary Institute](#)

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No speaker(s).

- a. Ald. Leggett moved to close the alcohol hearings for agenda items #8, #9, and #10., seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.
- b. Ald. Leggett moved to approve agenda item #9, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[10. Approval of a Class G \(Beer, Wine\) \(Complimentary Service\) Alcohol License to Melissa Monge for Sea Love, A Retail Store located at 310 W. Broughton Street. The establishment is located between Montgomery and Jefferson Streets in Aldermanic District 2.](#)

[Checklist - Sea Love](#)

[Density Map - Sea Love](#)

[Alcohol Reports - Sea Love](#)

[Measurement Report - Sea Love](#)

[Security Plan - Sea Love](#)

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

No speaker(s).

- a. Ald. Leggett moved to close the alcohol hearings for agenda items #8, #9, and #10., seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.
- b. Ald. Leggett moved to approve agenda item #10, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

ZONING HEARINGS

[11. Petition of Jason Chambless and Ryan Thompson on behalf of Mohsen Yaraghi for 76 Highlands BLVD LLC and 1950 Benton BLVD LLC for a Future Land Use Map Amendment for ~226.1 acres at 1950 Benton Blvd and 76 Highlands Blvd \(PINs: 21016 02066, 21016 02067, and 21016 01017\) Aldermanic District 1 \(File No. 24-002877-ZA\).](#)

[Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet \(File No. 24-002877-ZA\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Maps for Benton Blvd and Highlands Blvd.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Alfa and C17 FLUM Amendment Exhibit.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 4: DRI #4253 Final Report - Chatham County.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 5: Draft Ordinance for FLUM Amendment \(File No. 24-002877-ZA\).pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing open for agenda items #11 and #12. See related agenda items #14 and #15.

Speaker(s):

- Edward Morrow, representing the MPC
- Harold Yellin, representing the petitioner
- Matthew Emmer - OPPOSED

Ald. Lanier moved to close the zoning hearing for agenda item #11, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Ald. Lanier spoke about the history of the project prior to her service as Alderwoman. She asked the residents to organize and come back speaking as a collective voice which they did, thanks to Jasmine Polley. Ald. Lanier stated the issues came back up again, after there was new ownership, including the issues of industrial warehousing and increased traffic within their neighborhoods. Residents wanted more commercial and recreational amenities, and traffic calming instead. There has been a lot of compromise between the residents and the new owners. Ald. Lanier raised concerns about the sight line (environmental) aspect/piece, which the residents are okay with. Residents are onboard, although not 100% happy with all pieces. She stated they have a plan that the residents can live with that will bring some commercial amenities to the area.

Mayor Johnson asked the City Manager and Mr. Morrow to respond to Mr. Emmer's comments (truck ban), and the Effingham County bypass which dumped more traffic there. Mr. Morrow responded.

Ald. Lanier agreed with Mr. Emmer's comment that there is still somewhat of a problem. The design and expansion of the road is still hopeful with respect to moving the traffic away from Benton Blvd. City Manager Melder responded that the City of Savannah can keep a truck ban on those roads for as long as the city controls those roads. He continued giving information pertaining to the history of the related roadways, utilities, and GDOT related projects.

Ald. Miller Blakely asked Mr. Emmer to tell her more about his concerns. He offered his additional input regarding truck traffic, road blockage, use of Highlands Blvd, and warehousing.

Mayor Johnson asked what is the solution, what is the balance. City Manager Melder responded. Mr. Yellin also responded.

Ald. Lanier stated we are all experiencing growing pains. She spoke about living near the Port and the impacts. She appreciated the developers working with the residents on the final negotiated plan. Where she lives they are begging for traffic calming to deal with the intrusion of traffic. She stated she feels that this project is a prime example of resident involvement, being resident-driven, and smart growth and development. We have to make some decisions about something that has been unacceptable for far too long. Contractors and developers have to be held to a certain standard.

Ald. Miller Blakely asked the City Manager if Highlands Blvd has a truck ban (yes). The City Manager explained Mr. Emmer's concerns with work being done to improve Highlands Blvd.

Mayor Johnson asked the City Manager to articulate the spirit of the City Council to any traffic engineers who will be consulted to move traffic in this area.

[12. Petition of Jason Chambless and Ryan Thompson on behalf of Mohsen Yaraghi for 76 Highlands BLVD LLC and 1950 Benton BLVD LLC for a Major Amendment to the Godley Station Planned Development at 1950 Benton Blvd and 76 Highlands Blvd \(PINs: 21016 02066, 21016 02067, and 21016 01017\) \(File No. 24-002501-ZA\).](#)

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[Exhibit 2: Godley Station PUD Master Plan 1999.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: SAFAVIEH Center PD Master Plan 12.06.2024.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 4: Proposed Use and Development Standards 12.06.2024.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 5: Draft Ordinance Godley Station Master Plan Amendment \(File No. 24-002501-ZA\).pdf](#)

See related agenda items #11, #14, and #15.

Ald. Palumbo moved to close the zoning hearing for agenda **item #11**, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[13. Petition of William R. Claiborne for David Williams of Henry Street Bistro, LLC on behalf of the Property Owner Robert M. Ansley for a Special Use Permit to Allow a Restaurant with Accessory Alcohol Sales at 1308 Montgomery Street \(PINs 20052 29001\). The 0.19-acre property is zoned TC-1 \(Traditional Commercial-1\) in Aldermanic District 2 \(File No. 24-005878-ZA\).](#)

[Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for 1308 Montgomery Street \(File No. 24-005878-ZA\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Maps for 1308 Montgomery Street \(File No. 24-005878-ZA\).pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing open for agenda item #13.

Speaker(s):

- . Edward Morrow, representing the MPC
- . William R. Claiborne, representing the petitioner
- . David Williams, petitioner
- . Nancy Maia -- SUPPORT with conditions
- . Debbie Lloyd--SUPPORT with conditions

Written comment(s):

- . D.W. Moffett--SUPPORT with conditions
- . Nancy Maia--SUPPORT with conditions

a. Ald. Leggett moved to close the zoning hearing for agenda item #13, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Ald. Leggett moved to approve agenda item #13 with the same recommendations asked for in the past (stated in the City Manager's Tuesday Night Memo with conditions) that the establishment closes at 10:00 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and at 12:00 a.m. on Friday and Saturday nights, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 6-2-1. Ald. Bell and Ald. Lanier voted no. Ald. Miller Blakely was away from the dais during the vote.

c. Ald. Miller Blakely moved (a substitute motion) to approve agenda item #13 with the same rights as everybody else (without the conditions), seconded by Ald. Lanier. The motion failed, 3-6-0. Mayor Johnson, Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz, Ald. Leggett, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, Ald. Palumbo, and Ald. Purtee voted no.

Mayor Johnson gave an overview of the history with respect to this petitioner.

Ald. Miller Blakely asked about the other establishments in the area regarding the time they close (The Black Rabbit and The Legion). She clarified that this particular business is a restaurant, not a night club or tavern.

Ald. Lanier asked for the reasoning for the MPC recommending restricted hours (conditions). Mr. Morrow responded. Then she spoke about gentrification occurring in the area and stated she does not see equity with regard to how this particular petitioner is being treated. She continued by saying the petitioner should be given an opportunity to operate like others, and if they fall into a category of concern then the city has measures in place to deal with that concern.

Ald. Leggett asked what hours are being requested. Mr. Claiborne responded on behalf of the petitioner with the same hours as The Legion. Ald. Leggett asked why the Bistro needs to be open later, and he reiterated that the petitioner previously agreed to the restricted hours. The petitioner responded about the service he provides to the community and that he was forced to agree to restricted hours in the past, but not when he was previously asked by the Mayor.

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

[14. Petition of Jason Chambless and Ryan Thompson on behalf of Mohsen Yaraghi for 76 Highlands BLVD LLC and 1950 Benton BLVD LLC for a Future Land Use Map Amendment for ~226.1 acres at 1950 Benton Blvd and 76 Highlands Blvd \(PINs: 21016 02066, 21016 02067, and 21016 01017\) Aldermanic District 1 \(File No. 24-002877-ZA\).](#)

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Ald. Lanier moved (to approve agenda item #14) that the first reading be considered the second and the ordinance placed upon its passage and passed, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely, Ald. Palumbo, Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Mayor Johnson asked Mr. Yellin about buffering on the industrial side of it, and the residential areas that will be negatively affected. Mr. Yellin responded. Mayor Johnson stated this is a constant issue out there with no real solution, other than where we are now. He concern is the negative impact to the residents.

[15. Petition of Jason Chambless and Ryan Thompson on behalf of Mohsen Yaraghi for 76 Highlands BLVD LLC and 1950 Benton BLVD LLC for a Major Amendment to the Godley Station Planned Development at 1950 Benton Blvd and 76 Highlands Blvd \(PINs: 21016 02066, 21016 02067, and 21016 01017\) \(File No. 24-002501-ZA\).](#)

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Ald. Lanier moved (to approve agenda item #15) that the first reading be considered the second and the ordinance placed upon its passage and passed, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

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

[16. Petition of Jeff Jepson, on Behalf of Seacrest Seven, LLC, 1015 Whitaker Street, LLC, and Portfolio Holdings, LLC, with agent Michael Garcia, for a Future Land Use Map \(FLUM\) Amendment for 0.97 acres located at 1001 Whitaker Street, 1015 Whitaker Street, 120 West Park Avenue, and 124 West Park Avenue \(PINs 20044 25001, 20044 25002, 20044 24002, and 20044 24003\) to Change the FLUM designation from Traditional Neighborhood to Traditional Commercial in Aldermanic District 2 \(File No. 24-005816-ZA\).](#)

[Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet FLUM \(File No. 24-005816-ZA\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Maps \(File Nos. 24-005815-ZA and 24-005816-ZA\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Draft FLUM Ordinance \(File No. 24-005816-ZA\).pdf](#)

Ald. Leggett moved to approve agenda item #16, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was away from the dais during the vote.

Ald. Leggett stated he met with the petitioner and some of the residents and there is an (good neighbor) agreement.

Written comment(s):

- Jim Hundsrucker -- OPPOSED
- Ardis Wood --OPPOSED

[17. Petition of Jeff Jepson, on Behalf of Seacrest Seven, LLC, 1015 Whitaker Street, LLC, and Portfolio Holdings, LLC, with agent Michael Garcia, for Zoning Map Amendment for 0.97 acres located at 1001 Whitaker Street, 1015 Whitaker Street, 120 West Park Avenue, and 124 West Park Avenue \(PINs 20044 25001, 20044 25002, 20044 24002, and 20044 24003\) to Change the Traditional Neighborhood-1 \(TN-1\) to Traditional Commercial-2 \(TC-2\) in Aldermanic District 2 \(File No. 24-005815-ZA\).](#)

[Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for Rezoning \(File No. 24-005815-ZA\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Maps \(File Nos. 24-005815-ZA and 24-005816-ZA\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance for Zoning Map Amendment \(File No. 24-005815-ZA\).pdf](#)

Ald. Leggett moved to approve agenda item #17, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Written comment(s):

- Jim Hundsrucker -- OPPOSED
- Ardis Wood --OPPOSED

[18. Petition to Annex ~667 Acres Located at 420 Bush Road and 302 Bush Road \(PINs 11026 01002C and 11026 01017\) from Chatham County to the City of Savannah.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Annexation Petition \(#24-545\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Final IGA for the Little Neck Road Annexation.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Annexation Ordinance \(#24-545\).pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda item #18, seconded by Ald. Wilder Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz advised the petitioner did meet with the residents on Monday night. The conditions stated about future movements on this project include the petitioner knowing all parties who have participated/attended meetings, so the developer should keep the residents involved and continue to know what is going on.

Mayor Johnson gave history on the project being denied in the past because the residents were against the proposed industrial uses. Now the project is residential which is more palatable for them.

Written comment(s):

- Chase Rosen -- OPPOSED
- Kerrie Bieber --OPPOSED

[19. Petition of Robert McCorkle on behalf of Speir Property, LLC to zone ~667 acres located on 420 Bush Road and 302 Bush Road \(PINs 11026 01002C and 11026 01017\) from R-A \(Residential Agriculture\) and PDR-SM \(Planned Development Reclamation Surface Mining\) to PD \(Planned Development\).](#)

[Exhibit 1: Staff Report for 302 and 420 Bush Road \(File No. 24-006311-ZA\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Annexation Maps \(File No. 24-006311-ZA\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Final IGA for the Little Neck Road Annexation.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 4: Draft Ordinance for Zoning of 420 and 302 Bush Road \(File No. 24-006311-ZA\).pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda item #19, seconded by Ald. Leggett and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Wilder-Bryan was away from the dais during the vote.

Written comment(s):

- Chase Rosen -- OPPOSED
- Kerrie Bieber --OPPOSED

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

[20. Authorize The City Manager To Execute A Contract for Guaranteed Energy Savings With McKinstry in an Amount Not to Exceed \\$1,875,000. The Office of Sustainability, Real Estate Services Department, Finance Department, and Office of Capital Projects Management have collaborated to procure and negotiate a guaranteed energy savings performance contract with McKinstry. The contract will involve the replacement of old, energy inefficient lighting fixtures with new LED energy efficient fixtures as well as improvements to cure building envelope leakage and penetration issues contributing to energy loss.\(Real Estate Services\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification- Guaranteed Energy Savings.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes- Guaranteed Energy Savings.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #20 through #24, #26, and #27, seconded by Ald. Lanier, Ald. Leggett, and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Wilder-Bryan was away from the dais during the vote.

[21. Authorize The City Manager To Execute A Contract Modification No. 3 For Energy Performance Owner's Representative Consulting Services With 2KB Energy Services in the Amount Not to Exceed \\$166,913. The City solicited for Owner's Representative consulting services in 2022 to assist with the selection of a firm to conduct an Investment Grade Energy Audit \(IGEA\) of City facilities, support the execution of those IGEA activities, and negotiate and execute a Guaranteed Energy Savings Performance Contract \(GESPC\) if ultimately pursued by the City. This extension is needed to maintain access to 2KB's critical expertise during this highly technical execution and implementation phase. \(Real Estate Services\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification- Energy Performance Owner's Representative.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes- Energy Performance Owner's Representative.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #20 through #24, #26, and #27, seconded by Ald. Lanier, Ald. Leggett, and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Wilder-Bryan was away from the dais during the vote.

[22. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for E-Citation Printers from Tyler Technologies in the Amount of \\$289,800. SPD will use this equipment to ensure the continued viability of the E-Citation program, it is critical that SPD obtains upgraded devices with adequate printing capabilities and appropriate support services. This purchase will further the Department's enhanced community safety and crime reduction strategic priorities. \(SPD\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - E-citation Printers.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - E-Citation Printers.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #20 through #24, #26, and #27, seconded by Ald. Lanier, Ald. Leggett, and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Wilder-Bryan was away from the dais during the vote.

[23. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 2 for Protective Equipment for SFD with Bennett Fire in the Amount of \\$300,000. SFD will use this modification to ensure that all members always have a clean set of personal protective equipment after being exposed to harmful carcinogens and to reduce their cancer risk associated with firefighting, the City of Savannah provides each member with two sets of gear. \(SFD\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Protective Clothing for SFD.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Protective Clothing SFD.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #20 through #24, #26, and #27, seconded by Ald. Lanier, Ald. Leggett, and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Wilder-Bryan was away from the dais during the vote.

[24. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 for the Installation of Electrical Receptacles for the Expansion of the City's Camera System with Aiken Harper in the Amount of \\$65,712. Aiken Harper is installing electrical receptacles to power the City's camera equipment in the Housing Authority of Savannah \(HAS\) properties. These receptacles will tap into the existing electrical services that are in their respective communities. \(ITS\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - SPD Electrical Receptacles.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - SPD Electrical Receptacles.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #20 through #24, #26, and #27, seconded by Ald. Lanier, Ald. Leggett, and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Wilder-Bryan was away from the dais during the vote.

[25. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 for Camera Equipment for the expansion of the City's Camera System with Netplanner in the Amount of \\$254,534. The City will utilize these services to supply the cameras, housings, cellular routers, and licensing for new cameras throughout the City \(Housing Authority of Savannah properties, Baker St. Park, and 60 locations encompassing all Aldermanic districts throughout the city where we currently do not have coverage. This will add 71 new camera streams into our VMS \(Ocularis\). \(ITS\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - SPD Surveillance System.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - SPD Surveillance System.pdf](#)

Ald. Palumbo moved to approve agenda item #25, seconded by Mayor Johnson and Ald. Purtee. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Ald. Lanier voted no.

[26. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Amendment No. 1 to the Construction Contract for the Police Headquarters Renovation project to Johnson-Laux Construction in the amount of \\$3,675,000. This second phase of construction will include the removal and reconfiguration of existing stairways, the addition of ADA ramps, fire safety and security-related MEP upgrades, and renovations to the walls, floors, and ceiling within the SARIC unit offices. \(Capital Projects\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Police HQ.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Note - Police HQ.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #20 through #24, #26, and #27, seconded by Ald. Lanier, Ald. Leggett, and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Wilder-Bryan was away from the dais during the vote.

[27. Authorize The City Manager To Execute A Contract Modification No. 2 and Renewal For Medical and Pharmacy Stop-Loss Insurance Services With Assurance of Tennessee, Inc. in an Amount Not To Exceed \\$1,123,923. The City of Savannah uses the contract to provide catastrophic claims reinsurance coverage for the City's self-funded medical and pharmacy plans. \(Human Resources\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification- Medical and Pharmacy Stop-Loss Insurance Services.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes-Medical and Pharmacy Stop-Loss Insurance Services.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #20 through #24, #26, and #27, seconded by Ald. Lanier, Ald. Leggett, and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Wilder-Bryan was away from the dais during the vote.

AGREEMENTS

[28. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with New Hampstead Tract 5B, LLC for Oakwood at New Hampstead Phases 2-3. This is a development consisting of 210 single family homes in the Travis Field service area at 3401 Highgate Boulevard and is in Aldermanic District 5.](#)

[Exhibit 1 : Water & Sewer Agreement - Oakwood at New Hampstead Phase 2-3.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #28 through #30, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[29. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with SHDC, LLC for Savannah Highlands Phase 9. This is for a development consisting of 104 single family homes in the Godley West service area, on Orkney Road and is in Aldermanic District 1.](#)

[Exhibit 1 : Water & Sewer Agreement - Savannah Highlands Phase 9.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #28 through #30, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[30. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Godley Station Enterprises, LLC for Brookline Subdivision Phases 5, 6 & 7. This is for a development consisting of 140 single family homes in the Godley West service area off Morgan Lakes Industrial Boulevard and is in Aldermanic District 1.](#)

[Exhibit 1 : Water & Sewer Agreement - Brookline Subdivision Phases 5 6 & 7.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #28 through #30, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

MISCELLANEOUS

[31. Added Item: Settlement #1](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to (approve agenda item #31) authorize the City Attorney's Office to settle the claims of owners of 101 E.Gaston Street, LLC for \$124,792, seconded by Ald. Purtee, Ald. Palumbo, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Miller-Blakely. The motion passed unianimously, 9-0-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Johnson acknowledged the passing of former District 5 Alderman Clifton Jones.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz provided the funeral details for former Alderman Clifton Jones. Monday, December 23rd at 11am, Second African Baptist Church. Burial services at Greenwich Cemetery and the Repass at the Liberty City Community/Neighborhood Center.

Ald. Leggett acknowledged the passing of Ms. Clara Horton Hodge, mother of Rev. Guy and Africa Hodge, with services being held on Monday, December 23rd, 11am at St. Paul CME Church on Barnard.

Ald. Lanier acknowledged the passing of Ms. Nelease Feggins, owner of the Rib Hut and a relative and grandmother of Rev. Andre Osborne, with services being held on Saturday, December 21st, 11am at First Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church.

Mayor Johnson acknowledged the passing of singer Ms. Sadie (Lee Walker) Perkins with services being held Saturday, December 21st, 10am at Temple of Glory Community Church.

Mayor Johnson thanked all members of Council for the work they do. He also thanked the City Manager, the City Attorney and the City Clerk for their work. Lastly, he thanked his team, Marty Johnston, Sharonte Turner, Dee Jackson, and Detective (Patrick) Skinner. He asked the City Manager, City Attorney, and City Clerk to be flexible with team members to spend time with their team (family) and self-care.

Ald. Miller Blakely announced the activities of the Kwanzaa Krawl being celebrated nightly from December 24 through January 1, participating restaurants to be announced on social media. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Mayor Johnson announced that Hannukkah is being celebrated late this year (Dec 25 - Jan 2). Locally on Dec 29 at 3:30pm, more information to come.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan announced the first formal Christmas Party being held at the PARC on Friday, and she congratulated Magnolia Park for receiving their long awaited historic designation. She thanked Team Savannah for the walk-through at Edgemere/Sackville Park, and the ongoing cleanup and moving of items near Bee Road. Regarding celebrations that occur during the holidays, she stated that should be done throughout the year. Lastly, she thanked the staff and the Mayor, and congratulated him again on the recent NLC appointment.

Ald. Purtee offered a short benediction -- life is short -- Be swift to love and make haste to be kind, and God Bless you all.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Regular Meeting at **5:05 p.m.**

Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: _____

Signature: _____

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

