

**SEPTEMBER 11, 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 2:13 p.m. in Council Chambers. Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order and called for the colors presented by Savannah's Police Department Color Guard. He then recognized Ald. Carolyn H. Bell, who introduced Rabbi Zalman Refson, founder of Chabad of Savannah, to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States was recited in unison. Mayor Johnson asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of 9/11, followed by a rendition of "God Bless America" by Ms. Huxsie Scott.

PRESENT:

Mayor Van R. Johnson, II
Aldерwoman Carolyn H. Bell, At-Large, Post 1
Aldерwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2
Aldерwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1
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:

Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4 --Chairman

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Jay Melder
Assistant City Manager Taffanye Young
Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Deputy Clerk of Council Gwendolyn Jones
Assistant to the Clerk of Council Renee Osborne

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

[1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for September 11, 2025.](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve item # 1, seconded by Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-0. Ald. Palumbo was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session/Executive Session Held on August 28, 2025, at 12:00 p.m.](#)

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

[3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on August 28, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.](#)

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

Mayor Johnson entertained a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign an affidavit/resolution that an executive session regarding litigation was held earlier, following the work session on September 11, 2025, for which no action was taken. All members, except Ald. Palumbo, were present for the executive session, including the City Manager, City Attorney, Deputy City Attorney, Deputy Clerk of Council, and Chief of Water Resources.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve as stated above, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Byran and Ald. Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-0. Ald. Palumbo was absent.

PRESENTATIONS

[4. An appearance by the members of the 912 Day Steering Committee in honor of Savannah Day 2025 on September 12, 2025.](#)

Mayor Johnson stated that we were celebrating 912 Day on September 12, 2025, and he wanted to recognize the 912 Day Steering Committee by asking the committee, along with City Manager Melder, to join him at the podium. Mayor Johnson stated three to four years ago he wanted the opportunity to show some self-love for what we call the greatest city on earth, and the best time to do that was on a day that God gave us 912, September 12, which is our unofficial day. The day has now grown into a very intense week--every single day there has been something going on. Committee member Aurelle Ross, Office of Marketing and Communications Strategic Communications Manager, provided remarks and appreciation followed by the introduction of the 912 Steering Committee members and partners.

[5. An appearance by Hispanic Outreach Leadership and Advocacy \(HOLA\) Savannah Task Force Members in observance of National Hispanic Heritage Month, September 15 – October 15, 2025, honoring the contributions of Hispanic Americans throughout our nation's history and recognizing their continued service and impact within the Savannah community.](#)

Mayor Johnson presented a proclamation to the Savannah Hispanic Outreach Leadership and Advocacy (HOLA) Taskforce and members of the Hispanic community proclaiming September 15, 2025 - October 15, 2025, National Hispanic Heritage Month in the city of Savannah. Mayor Johnson was joined at the podium by HOLA Taskforce Chairperson Myriam Baker, members of the Latin American Motorcycle Association, Pastor Samuel Rodriguez of First Hispanic Baptist Church, Eddie with Migrant Equity Southeast, Migrant Equity Southeast Labor Rights Organizer Jenny Miron, and Daisy Hernandez representing the Hispanic Network group under Mary's Place.

ZONING HEARINGS

[6. Petition of Robert McCorkle on behalf of 1800 East 63rd, Property Owner, LLC for a Future Land Use Map \(FLUM\) Amendment of 14.28 acres from Conservation and Residential General to Residential General at 1800 East 63rd Street \(PIN 20104 30014\) in Aldermanic District 3 \(25-002852-ZA\).](#)

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Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearings open for agenda items #6 and #7. See related items #8 and #9.

Speaker(s):

- Edward Morrow, MPC Representative
- Robert McCorkle, representing the petitioner
- Robin Wright Gunn – Conditional support
- Whitney Shepard joined by Rabbi Robert Haas—IN SUPPORT
- Oliver Casson-Gary – Concerned with Flood Risk

Written comments:

- Memorial Health University Center -- SUPPORTS
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Ald. Wilder-Bryan moved to close the zoning hearings for agenda items #6 and #7, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely and Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-0. Ald. Palumbo was absent.

Mayor Johnson thanked the partners for sticking through it, working through the challenges that were presented, and Ald. Wilder-Bryan for her leadership in this.

Ald. Miller Blakely thanked Mr. Casson-Gray for inviting her to their meetings and showing her what it was that they were concerned with. She stated that she was glad that they came to a consensus, and she would be supporting this.

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

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

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Ald. Wilder-Byran moved (to approve #9) that the first reading be considered the second and the ordinance placed upon its passage and passed, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-0. Ald. Palumbo was absent.

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

[10. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Piping for Lift Stations 193 and 194 with Mersino Dewatering, LLC in an Amount Not to Exceed \\$58,591. \(Sewer Maintenance\)](#)

[Exhibit1: Funding Verification - Piping.pdf](#)

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

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #10 through #16, seconded by Ald. Leggett and Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0. Ald. Wilder-Bryan was away from the dais during the vote, and Ald. Palumbo was absent.

[11. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Delinquent Fee Collections for Code Compliance with Midwest Municipal Services, LLC in an Amount not to Exceed \\$77,400. \(Code Compliance\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Delinquent Code Compliance Fee Collections.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Delinquent Code Compliance Fee Collections.pdf](#)

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[12. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Annual Contract for Ready-Mix Concrete to Diamond Construction and Renovation in an Amount not to Exceed \\$190,000. \(Transportation Services\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Ready Mix Concrete.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Ready Mix Concrete.pdf](#)

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[13. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Annual Contract for Concrete & Asphalt Crushing Services to United Grounds Maintenance Services in an Amount not to Exceed \\$85,000. \(Transportation Services\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Concrete and Asphalt Crushing Services.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Concrete and Asphalt Crushing Services.pdf](#)

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[14. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for \(2\) Combination Sewer Cleaner trucks and \(2\) Sewer Jetter trucks, in the amount of \\$1,793,644. \(Fleet Services\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Combination Sewer Cleaner and Jetter Trucks.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Combination Sewer Cleaner Trucks & Sewer Jetter Trucks.pdf](#)

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[15. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Annual Contract with Delinquent Tax Service, Inc., for the collection of Delinquent Property Tax, in an amount not to Exceed \\$162,000. \(Revenue\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Delinquent Property Tax Collection.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Delinquent Property Tax Collection.pdf](#)

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[16. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Dredging of Alum Sludge Pond with D and D\) Carrier Group, LLC \(LOCAL\)\(DBE\) in the Amount of \\$2,370,000. \(Industrial & Domestic Water Plant\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Dredging of Alum Sludge Pond.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Dredging of Alum Sludge Pond.pdf](#)

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SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION

[17. Approval of a Corporate Partnership with Georgia Southern University for the Three-Year Period of 2025-2028, in the Amount of \\$157,500.](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #17 through #28, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Wilder-Byran. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-0. Ald. Palumbo was absent.

[18. Approval to Fund an Additional Year of the Professional Services Agreement with Carol Holladay & Associates, in the Amount of \\$96,000.](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #17 through #28, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Wilder-Byran. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-0. Ald. Palumbo was absent.

[19. Approval to Execute a Contract with TK Airport Solutions for the Purchase and Installation of Five Passenger Boarding Bridges for the Terminal Expansion Project, in the Amount of \\$8,496,166.](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #17 through #28, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Wilder-Byran. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-0. Ald. Palumbo was absent.

[20. Approval to Execute Task Work Order No. 13 with Mead & Hunt, Inc. for Design Services for the Economy Parking Garage Restoration Project, in the Amount of \\$250,193.](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #17 through #28, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Wilder-Byran. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-0. Ald. Palumbo was absent.

[21. Approval to Procure 44 Dell Pro Slim Plus Desktop Computers from Howard Technology Solutions, in the Amount of \\$44,440.](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #17 through #28, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Wilder-Byran. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-0. Ald. Palumbo was absent.

[22. Approval to Execute Task Work Order No. 10 with Mead & Hunt, Inc. for the Taxilane GA-V Reconstruction Project, in the Amount of \\$306,835.](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #17 through #28, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Wilder-Byran. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-0. Ald. Palumbo was absent.

[23. Approval of Task Work Order No. 3 Amendment 6 with Pond & Company for the Air Cargo Building Project, in the Amount of \\$60,627.](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #17 through #28, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Wilder-Byran. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-0. Ald. Palumbo was absent.

[24. Approval of Change Order No. 3 with C.W. Matthews Contracting Co., Inc. for the Taxiway G and Bridge Project, in the Amount of \\$51,107.](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #17 through #28, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Wilder-Byran. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-0. Ald. Palumbo was absent.

[25. Approval to Execute a Contract with Cooper Construction, for All Services Associated with the Replacement of Three Boilers, in the Amount of \\$918,800.](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #17 through #28, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Wilder-Byran. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-0. Ald. Palumbo was absent.

[26. Approval to Execute a Professional Maintenance Service Agreement with Johnson Controls for Years 2025-2030 for Three Chillers, in the Amount of \\$524,405.](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #17 through #28, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Wilder-Byran. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-0. Ald. Palumbo was absent.

[27. Approval for the Procurement of Services from ALTEL Systems Group for the Public Address Titan Upgrade Project, in the Amount of \\$134,959.](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #17 through #28, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Wilder-Byran. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-0. Ald. Palumbo was absent.

[28. Approval to Procure One Heavy Duty Trailer with Electric Brakes from All American Trailer Connection, in the Amount of \\$32,995.](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #17 through #28, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Wilder-Byran. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-0. Ald. Palumbo was absent.

AGREEMENTS

[29. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with River Marsh-GSL, LLC for River Marsh for development consisting of 24 townhomes at 7719 Johnny Mercer Boulevard near Hwy 80.](#)

[Exhibit 1 : Water & Sewer Agreement - River Marsh - Johnny Mercer Boulevard.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #29 and #30, seconded by Ald. Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0. Ald. Wilder-Bryan was away from the dias during the vote, and Ald. Palumbo was absent.

[30. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Starland Bull, LLC for 2517 Bull Street for a development consisting of restaurant, office and retail space on Bull Street near West 42nd Street located in Aldermanic District 2.](#)

[Exhibit 1 : Water & Sewer Agreement - 2517 Bull Street.pdf](#)

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

[31. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a First Amendment to Lease Agreement for the use of office space located at 6600 Abercorn Street \(The Landmark Building\)\(Real Estate Services\)](#)

[Exhibit 1 Map Attachment- 6600 Abercorn.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2 Original Lease- 6600 Abercorn Landmark .pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3 First Amendment- 6600 Abercorn.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda item #31, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-0. Ald. Palumbo was absent.

Mayor Johnson asked City Manager Melder if this was an extension of our law enforcement center. He also asked when we are going to be able to get back into our house. City Manager Melder replied by stating it is an extension of our law enforcement center and community services, and all of this will be back in the SPD headquarters later this fall. He further stated we will be retaining office space in the Abercorn Landmark building, and those offices will either come to Gamble or the new administration at the Adams Complex once those are completed. Mayor Johnson stated that we are continuing to move toward being in space we own, not space we rent.

[32. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with Chatham County governing construction of a new gymnasium on City property next to the Carver Village Community Center \(Real Estate Services\)](#)

[Exhibit 1 IGA County.CVGym.2025.V4.5Clean \(003\).pdf](#)

Ald. Lanier moved to approve agenda item #32, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-0. Ald. Palumbo was absent.

Mayor Johnson stated he wanted to indicate that the staff has put extensive work into this. He stated he required some things that the county had complied with.

Ald. Lanier stated that this was a great day for Historic Carver Village and for the 1st District. She stated that this is a much needed resource, a gymnasium to be located in the Carver Village area. The residents in Carver Village have been advocating for over 50 years to get a gymnasium in that area. Ald. Lanier stated that this is a great opportunity to engage the youth for further enrichment. We want to thank the good supervision of the coaches and the parents in that area that sowed so much into the children of Carver Village. She stated that this issue volleyed back and forth between management from the city to the county. Ald. Lanier thanked the City Manager and staff, and the County Manager and staff, for the work that they all did in hammering this out to present this today, something we all can support.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz stated this is a great achievement for the community and a great community benefit for the residents, community, the neighborhood, and District 1. It is also a great day of partnership between the city and the county. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz stated the Mayor has acknowledged Chairman Ellis and Ald. Lanier's constituents from the 1st District. She thanked them for their engagement.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan thanked Mayor Johnson and Chairman Ellis. She stated that this is what good government looks like. Ald. Wilder-Bryan stated she appreciated Mayor Johnson for working so diligently and convincing us (council) that this is the proper thing to do. She also stated that we have a lot of inter-agency agreements, and this is one she is proud of. Ald. Wilder-Bryan stated that we want to make sure to keep our feet to the fire and we (city and county) continue to work together so that we can do some good things for the people that live in the city of Savannah. She thanked Mayor Johnson again for working to make sure we continue to have agreements that the people enjoy, no matter what district you are in--you live in the city and the county, and because of both of your (Mayor Johnson and Chairman Ellis) leadership, we come to a happy ending.

Ald. Miller Blakely stated she wanted to thank the residents of Carver Village and Cloverdale for standing up because that is what it is going to take--community involvement and community engagement.

MISCELLANEOUS

[33. Authorize the Approval of a Major Subdivision named 'Parcel C-8, Eastern Wharf, Phase 5'. The property will create 10 individual parcel lots located in Aldermanic District 2. \(Development Services\)](#)

[Exhibit 2: MPC Approval](#)

[Exhibit 1: Plat - Major Subdivision: Parcel C-8, Eastern Wharf, Phase 5.pdf](#)

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[35. Authorize the Approval of a Major Subdivision development for two existing properties, named 'Parcel C-1B and C-1C, Eastern Wharf, Phase 7 totaling 0.841 acres located in Aldermanic District 2. \(Development Services\)](#)

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

[Exhibit 1: Plat - Major Subdivision: Parcel C-1B & C-1C, Eastern Wharf, Phase 7.pd](#)

Ald. Leggett moved to approve agenda items #33 through #35, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0. Ald. Lanier was away from the dias during the vote, and Ald. Palumbo was absent.

Following announcements made by the Mayor and Alderman, Mayor Johnson adjourned the regular meeting at 3:48 p.m.

Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: _____

Signature: _____

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