



**APRIL 25, 2024, 2:00 p.m. - CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**

**CITY GOVERNMENT  
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN  
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA**

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at **2:04 p.m.** Mayor Johnson recognized **Mayor Pro Tem & District 5 Alderwoman Estella Edwards Shabazz** to introduce **Pastor/Presiding Elder/Reverend Catherine Wright Mathis of the newly organized Savannah South District of the Old Georgia Conference**, to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

**PRESENT:**

Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding  
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 Joseph A. Melder  
Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams  
City Attorney Bates Lovett  
Clerk of Council Mark Massey  
Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret Fox

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

[1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for April 25, 2024.](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve the Agenda for April 25, 2024, as amended to add-on a Board Appointment for the Savannah Zoning Board of Appeals, seconded by Ald. Lanier. 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 April 11, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.](#)

[Exhibit 1: WS DRAFT MINUTES\\_April 11, 2024, City Council Workshop.pdf](#)

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

[3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on April 11, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.](#)

[Exhibit 1: RM DRAFT MINUTES\\_April 11, 2024\\_City Council Regular Meeting.pdf](#)

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

#### PRESENTATIONS

[4. Appearance by Wesley Community Centers of Savannah to Receive a Proclamation Honoring its 75th Anniversary.](#)

READ and PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson to Executive Director Tammy Mixon. On behalf of Wesley Community Centers' Board of Trustee, staff, and the families, Ms. Mixon accepted the Proclamation. Also in attendance were Board of Trustee Members, staff members, and parents with children. Mayor Johnson presented Ms. Mixon a bouquet of fresh flowers for her years of work in the community for parents and children.

[5. A Proclamation to Proclaim April 29-May 3, 2024 as National Small Business Week in Savannah.](#)

READ and PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson to Economic Development/Business Opportunity Manager MaRonde Lumpkin-Lotson. Ms. Lumpkin-Lotson thanked Mayor and Council Members for the recognition. She announced the Mayor's Small Business Conference beginning on Monday, April 29th at Enmarket Arena. Also in attendance were Savannah Chamber of Commerce President & CEO Bert Brantley, and Executive Director of Creative Coast Nick Palumbo (Alderman).

[6. A Proclamation Declaring April 21-27, 2024 as Georgia Cities Week.](#)

READ and PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson to City Manager Melder. Also in attendance were Team Savannah staff who worked on the Employee Appreciation Day in Daffin Park.

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

[7. Approval of a Class E \(Beer, Wine\) \(By the Package\) Alcohol License to Changjiang Liu for Enson Market, A Grocery Store Located at 5501 Abercorn Street. The Establishment is Located Between East 73rd Street and Janet Drive in Aldermanic District 4.](#)

[Checklist - Enson Market](#)

[Density Map - Enson Market](#)

[Alcohol Reports - Enson Market](#)

[Measurement Report - Enson Market](#)

[Security Plan - Enson Market](#)

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings open for Items #7, #8 and #10.

#### **No speaker(s).**

**a.** Ald. Leggett moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #7, #8, and #10, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

**b.** Ald. Palumbo moved to approve Item #7, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[8. Approval Of a Class C \(Beer, Wine\) \(By the Drink\) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Joan Gomez for Los Domican, A Restaurant Located At 12411 White Bluff Road. The Establishment is Located Between Austin Drive and Windsor Road Aldermanic District 6.](#)

[Checklist - Los Domican Restaurant](#)

[Density Map - Los Domican Restaurant](#)

[Alcohol Reports - Los Domican Restaurant](#)

[Measurement Report - Los Domican Restaurant](#)

[Security Plan - Los Domican Restaurant](#)

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**b.** Ald. Purtee moved to approve Item #8, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[9. Approval of a Class B \(Liquor\) \(Manufacturer\) Alcohol License to the existing Class B \(Beer\) \(Manufacturer\) Alcohol License to James Massey for Third Wave Spirits, a manufacturer at 12 West 41st Street between Bull Street and Whitaker Street in Aldermanic District 2. \(CONTINUED TO THE MAY 7TH CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT THE REQUEST OF CITY STAFF.\)](#)

[Checklist - Two Tides Brewing Third Wave Spirits](#)

[Density Map - Two Tides Brewing](#)

[Alcohol Reports - Two Tides Brewing](#)

[Measurement Report - Two Tides Brewing](#)

[Security Plan - Two Tides Brewing](#)

Ald. Leggett moved to CONTINUE/POSTPONE Item #9 to the May 9, 2024, City Council Meeting at the request of City staff, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[10. Approval of a Class C \(Liquor, Beer, Wine\) Alcohol License to Ralph L. Grayson for Savannah Smiles Dueling Piano Saloon, a bar located at 314 Williamson Street between Montgomery Street and Barnard Street in Aldermanic District 2.](#)

[Checklist - Savannah Smiles Dueling Piano Saloon](#)

[Density Map - Savannah Smiles Dueling Piano Saloon](#)

[Alcohol Reports - Savannah Smiles Dueling Piano Saloon](#)

[Measurement Report - Savannah Smiles Dueling Piano Saloon](#)

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**b.** Ald. Leggett moved to approve Item #10, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

### **ZONING HEARINGS**

[11. Petition of Robert L. McCorkle, Agent for Travis Stringer of Foram Development, LLC on Behalf of 621 Gwinnett, LLC for a Zoning Map Amendment to Rezone 810 E. Broad Street, 613-623 E. Gwinnett Street, and 610-614 E. Bolton Street \(PIN 20043 07001, -04, -05, -06, -13, -15, -18, -19, and -20\) from TC-2 to DX. The item was recommended as a PD \(Small Planned Development\) in Aldermanic District 2 \(File No. 23-001408-ZA\). \(Continued from the March 28, 2024 Council Meeting. Item will be continued to the May 9, 2024 Council Meeting.\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet \(File No. 23-001408-ZA\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Combined Maps \(File No. 23-001408-ZA\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Small Planned Development \(S-PD\) as of 10.2023.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 4: REVISED Small Planned Development \(S-PD\) as of 03.2024.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 5: General Development Plan as of 10.2023.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 6: REVISED General Development Plan as of 3.2024.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 7: Arch Site Plan and First Floor as of 10.2023.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 8: REVISED Arch Site Plan and Elevations 03.2024.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 9: Current TC-2 \(Traditional Commercial-2\) Development Standards.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 10: E. Broad and E. Gwinnett Renderings.pdf](#)

Ald. Leggett moved to CONTINUE/POSTPONE Item #11, and related Agenda Item #13 to the May 9, 2024, City Council Meeting as requested by the City Manager, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[12. Petition of Robert L. McCorkle, Agent for Ramsey Khalidi, LLC for a Text Amendment to Section 5.4 to Add the Indoor Amusement Use as a Limited Use in the I-L \(Light Industrial\) Zoning Districts \(File No. 24-000624-ZA\). \(Continued from the March 28, 2024 Council Meeting; Item will be continued to the May 9, 2024 Council Meeting.\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation \(File No. 24-000624-ZA\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Proposed Ordinance Revision \(File No. 24-000624-ZA\).pdf](#)

Ald. Leggett moved to CONTINUE/POSTPONE Item #12, and related Agenda Item #14 to the May 9, 2024, City Council Meeting as requested by the City Manager, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

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

[13. Petition of Robert L. McCorkle, Agent for Travis Stringer of Foram Development, LLC on Behalf of 621 Gwinnett, LLC for a Zoning Map Amendment to Rezone 810 E. Broad Street, 613-623 E. Gwinnett Street, and 610-614 E. Bolton Street \(PIN 20043 07001, -04, -05, -06, -13, -15, -18, -19, and -20\) from TC-2 to DX. The item was recommended as a PD \(Small Planned Development\) in Aldermanic District 2 \(File No. 23-001408-ZA\). \(Continued from the March 28, 2024 Council Meeting. Item will be continued to the May 9, 2024 Council Meeting.\)](#)

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

[15. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 2 for Energy Performance Owner's Representative Consulting Services with 2KB Energy Services in the Amount of \\$37,205. The owner's representative services will be used to support the executions of investment grade energy audits of City facilities and support negotiation and execution of a guaranteed energy savings performance contract. \(Office of Sustainability\)](#)

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

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

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #15 through #24, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[16. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Annual Contract and Maintenance Agreement with Vertosoft for OpenGov Software in the Amount of \\$309,750. OpenGov is a budget and performance software solution used by the City for financial management operations in a cloud based environment for the public sector. This contract will provide regular maintenance and support as well as licensing to the City. \(ITS\)](#)

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

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

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #15 through #24, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[17. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for I&D Water Treatment Plant Concrete Repairs with E&D Contracting Services \(LOCAL\)\(DBE\) in the Amount of \\$190,125. The concrete repairs are necessary due to the deterioration of existing concrete in various locations throughout the water treatment facility. \(Industrial & Domestic Water\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - I&D Plant Concrete Repairs.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - I&D Plant Concrete Repairs.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #15 through #24, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[18. Authorize The City Manager To Execute A Contract For Demolition Of Structures With Masterfull Enterprises, LLC \(Primary\)\(LOCAL\) and Complete Demolition \(Secondary\) in an Amount Not to Exceed \\$114,000. The Code Compliance Department will use this contract to remove unsafe structures that can attract criminal activity or other unwanted elements. \(Code Compliance\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Demolition of Structures.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Demolition of Structures.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #15 through #24, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[19. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Purchase of a 750KW Generator From Cummins Sales and Service in the Amount of \\$260,187. This generator supports lift station 64 that conveys over 4,000,000 gallons per day of sewage to the President Street WWTP and will simultaneously serves as utility backup in event of a power failure. \(Water Conveyance\)](#)

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

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

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #15 through #24, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[20. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Annual Contract for Fleet Parts and Inventory Management with Genuine Parts Company dba NAPA Integrated Business Solutions in an Amount Not to Exceed \\$1,600,000. This contract will be utilized by the City's Fleet Services Department for on-site fleet-related parts, supplies, and inventory management. The NAPA Integrated Business Solutions \(IBS\) will provide the City with a customized and streamlined parts management system. \(Fleet\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Auto Parts.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Auto Parts.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #15 through #24, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[21. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Annual Contract for Painting Services with E&D Contracting Services, Inc. \(LOCAL\)\(DBE\) and Quintech Solutions, Inc. in an Amount Not to Exceed \\$97,945. This contract will be used to procure painting services for routine upkeep and maintenance of the ornamental light poles and fixtures, wrought iron fencing, handrails, and maritime cleats within the City of Savannah's Historic Parks and Squares. \(Park & Tree\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Repainting of Light Poles, Handrails, and Decorative Fencing.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Repainting of Light Poles, Handrails, and Decorative Fencing.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #15 through #24, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[22. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 for Evergreen Cemetery Fence Installation with Howells Fencing in the Amount of \\$15,800. This modification will allow the installation of two \(2\) 20-foot gates and one \(1\) 12-foot gate instead of three \(3\) 10-foot gates. The larger gates are needed to allow larger equipment into the cemetery for maintenance. \(Cemeteries\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Evergreen Cemetery Fence.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Evergreen Cemetery Fence.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #15 through #24, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[23. Authorize the City Manager to Authorize Contract Modification No. 1 to the 5-Year Equity Lease Agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management in the Amount Not to Exceed \\$2,335,564. This modification will cover any additional vehicles added to the lease agreement as well as the differences in the estimated cost vs the actual cost for units that were previously approved. \(Fleet\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - 5-Year Equity Lease Agreement.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - 5-Year Equity Lease Agreement.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #15 through #24, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[24. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Strategic Planning Advisory Services with Elevated Development Concepts, LLC in an Amount Not to Exceed \\$67,500. The firm will provide support to the City Manager, Chief of Staff, and the Strategic Planning Leadership Team in developing the final guiding document and collaborative citywide strategic planning development. \(Office of the City Manager\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Strategic Planning Advisory Services.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Strategic Planning Advisory Services.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #15 through #24, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

## BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

### ADD-ON

#### Appointments to Savannah Zoning Board of Appeals - [One Vacancy and Two Terms Expired]

By majority vote, the following appointments were made:

- Stephen M. Plunk (D2) - MPC designee
- Benjamin T. Griffith (D2)
- Brad Baugh (D2)

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

[25. Authorize the Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Community Housing Services Agency, Inc. \(CHSA\) to Make a \\$1,230,000 Loan from the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund in Support of a 2024 LIHTC Application to Develop 41 Affordable Housing Apartments on Vacant Land at 1700 Drayton Street and 104 E. 34th Street.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Resolution Favorable Financing Support 1700 Drayton 2024 LIHTC Application](#)

Ald. Wilder-Bryan moved to authorize/approve Item #25, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Ald. Miller Blakely voted no.

[26. Authorize Community Housing Services Agency, Inc. \(CHSA\) to Make a \\$1,920,000 Loan from the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund in Support of a 2024 LIHTC Application to Develop up to 64 Affordable Housing Apartments for Senior Citizens on About 3.8 Acres of Land on the Former Fairgrounds Property Located at 4801 Meding Street.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Resolution Favorable Financing Support 4801 Meding Street 2024 LIHTC Application](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to authorize/approve Item #26, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed, 7-0-2. Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Lanier abstained from the vote.

Mayor Johnson asked Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Lanier the reason for abstaining.

Ald. Miller Blakely stated she did not like the way the situation was handled when first elected and being introduced to the developers. She does not feel comfortable voting either way on Item #26, stating she was told she could abstain.

Mayor Johnson asked City Attorney Lovett to weigh-in on abstaining from voting.

City Attorney Lovett ruled that typically an abstention is based upon an economic benefit or a perceived economic benefit in a situation, otherwise a vote is generally required.

#### AGREEMENTS

[27. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Camden Crossing, LLC for Camden Crossing & Cottage Row Phase 2. This is for a development consisting of 72-single family homes located off Little Neck Road in the Travis Field Treatment Plant service areas in Aldermanic District 5.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Water & Sewer Agreement - Camden Crossing & Cottage Row Phase 2.pdf](#)



Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #27, #28, and #29, seconded by Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[28. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with New Hampstead Tract 5B, LLC for Oakwood at New Hampstead Phases 1A, 1B & 1C. This is for a development consisting of 121-Single Family Homes in the Travis Field Treatment Plant Service Area off Highgate Boulevard in Aldermanic District 5.](#)

[Exhibit 1 : Water & Sewer Agreement - Oakwood at New Hampstead Phase 1A, 1B & 1C.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #27, #28, and #29, seconded by Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[29. Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement for Improvements to Interstate 95 at Airways Avenue/Pooler Parkway \(P.I. 0018402\), in an Amount Not to Exceed \\$100,000.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Intergovernmental Agreement for Improvements to I-95.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #27, #28, and #29, seconded by Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

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

[30. Authorize the City Manager to Execute the First Amendment to Purchase and Sale Agreement and the Development Agreement to govern the sale and development of the former Fairgrounds.](#)

[Exhibit 1 - PSA - Fairgrounds Project - fully executed.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2 - DDA\\_EXECUTED by P3.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3 - FIRST AMENDMENT TO PSA\\_EXECUTED by P3.pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson thanked Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz for her diligence on moving the project forward after years of work.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz asked City Manager Melder to explain the definitions, as indicated in the Development Agreement, of affordable housing as it relates to the area median income (AMI). City Manager Melder defined the HUD AMI, as it relates to the Savannah area, as requested by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz. It was stated that 100% of the housing will be affordable housing, none for student housing.

Ald. Bell requested detailed information from City Manager Melder in order to share with the public.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to authorize/approve Item #30, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 7-0-2. Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Lanier abstained from the vote.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

[31. Approval of Major Subdivision Tract N Phase 1 a portion of Parcel 4B at The Highlands at Godley Station. This proposed property totals 5.392 acres and will consist of 42 lots with varying lot sizes. The property has its own entrance off Highlands Boulevard in Alderman District 1.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Plat: Major Subdivision Tract N Phase 1 a portion of Parcel 4B at The Highlands at Godley Station](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #31 and #32, seconded by Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[32. Approval of a Major Subdivision Aspire at New Hampstead Phase 1. This proposed property totals 51.47 acres and will consist of 132 lots with varying lot sizes. The property has its own entrance off Coconut Drive at Regatta Lane and Kingswood Terrace in Alderman District 5.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Plat: Major Subdivision Aspire at New Hampstead Phase 1](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #31 and #32, seconded by Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #33, authorizing the City Attorney's Office to settle the claim (car accident case) of Alexis Robbins, Jr. in the amount of \$112,500.00, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[34. Added Item: Authorize Supplemental Budget Appropriations to Fiscal Year 2024 Operating and Capital Improvement Program.](#)

[Exhibit 2 FY24 Q1 Capital Budget Amendment.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 1 FY24 Q1 Operating Budget Amendment.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #34, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely abstained from the vote.

Ald. Miller Blakely stated she did not receive information on Item #34.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Ald. Bell commended staff and Anita Smith-Dixon on CHSA 35th Anniversary and Savannah Gardens Pinnacle Celebration.

Ald. Miller Blakely acknowledged JB for attending the meeting. Team Savannah employee, Charles Morris, is in need of help after a fire destroyed all his belongings. Ald. Miller Blakely asked residents to help Mr. Morris if possible, any way they can. She also asked citizens to get to the polls and vote on May 21st.

Ald. Purtee announced on May 1st at 6:30 p.m., Windsor Forest Town Hall Meeting at 308 Briarcliff Circle; will discuss the pros and cons of developments of the community center. Ald. Purtee congratulated Ald. Palumbo on his new job as Executive Director of Creative Coast.

Ald. Palumbo congratulated Ald. Purtee on his training position at an unnamed new public safety agency.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz announced the 5th District Town Hall Meeting at Liberty City Center on Monday, April 29th at 6:00 p.m. They will be discussing the approved Fairgrounds Project. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony at Somerside Park celebrating the City's first Fitness Zone on Saturday, May 4th at 11:00 a.m., 41 Clint Street.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan announced: Eastern Judicial Circuit Parental Accountable Court will kick-off on April 30th with the Honorable Soror Lisa Colbert at the Priscilla Thomas Complex, 460 Mall Blvd; Mary's Place will have a Gala tomorrow, April 26th at Victory North; King & Queen Contest in the 3rd District, Dawn Baker will announce the King & Queen at the Riverview Health Center; and the 3rd District is collecting names to rename Magnolia Park under Unsung Hero, Bobby Burgess.

Ald. Leggett announced a Stakeholder's Meeting at the Civic Center today. There will be a community-wide open house at the Civic Center on Tuesday, May 7th, from 6-8 p.m.; and a virtual community meeting on Thursday, May 16th at 6:00 p.m. He encouraged residents to attend the meeting and offer input about the Civic Center's future.

Ald. Lanier thanked everyone who worked on the \$30 million BRIC's Grant that will affect the quality of life for the residents around the Springfield canal/basin area that will provide equity for low wealth area residents.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz thanked Mayor Johnson for fourteen years of hard work as an Alderman in the 1st District and for using his connections with the White House to make sure Savannah received a fair share of federal funds.

Mayor Johnson thanked the Administrator of FEMA who came to Savannah and to Tom Perez, Special Assistant to President Biden. Their visit marks the eighth visit in the last four years from Cabinet Level Members. The BRIC Grant is the largest stormwater grant given in the Country. Mayor Johnson thanked all the staff grant writers who filled out the application. He thanked City Manager Melder and his staff including Heath Lloyd, Ron Feldner, Zach Hoffman, Jan Faye (retired now), and Joseph Shearouse for working diligently on the BRIC Grant application/submission.

Ald. Bell thanked Senator Ossoff's office for \$660,000.00 Grant for the West Broad Street YMCA. Also, a thanks to Chatham County for adding the necessary funds (\$740,000.00) to make the \$1.4 million needed in funding.

Mayor Johnson recognized, Pastor Thurman Tillman for forty-two years at First African Baptist Church.

Mayor Johnson recognized City Pastor, Charles Roberson of Kingdom Life Church. Pastor Roberson announced a Wealth & Estate Building Conference on wills, taxes, trust & probate for residents on May 5th. Residents can view the flier on the Kingdom Life Church webpage.

Ald. Miller Blakely announced on April 30th, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., New Life Experience at 5708 Howard Foster Drive (3rd District) will hold a legal estate workshop, RSVP at 912-355-3669.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Regular Meeting at 3:33 p.m.

The video recording of the Regular Meeting can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

<https://savannahgovtv.viebit.com/player.php?hash=paMnTbr7alkgeVKW>

Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

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

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

