



AUGUST 8, 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 **2:08 p.m.** Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order and recognized **Aldermen Leggett** to introduce **Bishop Dr. Eric Mason Sr. from Jesus First, The Christian Community Church**, to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison. Mayor Johnson welcomed City Manager Melder back and he thanked Assistant City Manager Lloyd for his service during the City Manager's educational sabbatical.

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
 Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

ABSENT:

Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5 - Mayor Pro Tem

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder
 Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams
 City Attorney Bates Lovett
 Clerk of Council Mark Massey

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

[1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for August 8, 2024.](#)

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing Held on July 25, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Draft Minutes - July 25, 2024, City Council Workshop.pdf](#)

Ald. Palumbo moved to approve items #2 and #3, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

[3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on July 25, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Draft Minutes - July 25, 2024, City Council Regular Meeting.pdf](#)

Ald. Palumbo moved to approve items #2 and #3, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

Mayor Johnson announced that the Mayor and Aldermen conducted a closed executive session earlier regarding Personnel, Litigation, and Real Estate, for which no votes were taken. Mayor Johnson entertained a motion to that effect, thereby granting him authority to sign the required resolution and affidavit. Ald. Palumbo moved to approve, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

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

[4. Approval of a Class C \(Beer, Wine\) \(By the Drink\) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Natasha Gaskill for Sixby, a Restaurant Located at 220 E. 41st Street. The establishment is located between Abercorn and Lincoln Streets in Aldermanic District 2.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Checklist - Sixby.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Density Map - Sixby.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Sixby.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Sixby.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Sixby.pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson declared the public hearings open for items #4, #5, and #6.

No speaker(s).

a. Ald. Palumbo moved to close the hearings for items #4, #5, and #6, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan, Ald. Leggett, and Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

b. Ald. Leggett moved to approve item #4, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

[5. Approval of a Class G \(Complimentary\) \(Beer, Wine\) \(By the Drink\) Alcohol License to Michael Overton for Outside Brands \(Savannah\), a Vessel Located at 2 West Bay Street \(Hyatt Dock\). The establishment is located between Whitaker Street and Drayton Street Ramp in Aldermanic District 2.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Checklist - Outside Savannah.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Density Map - Outside Savannah.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Outside Savannah.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Outside Savannah.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Outside Savannah.pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson declared the public hearings open for items #4, #5, and #6.

Speaker(s):

- Judee Jones, Revenue Director representing the ABC Unit
- City Manager Melder
- Michael Overton, petitioner

a. Ald. Palumbo moved to close the hearings for items #4, #5, and #6, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan, Ald. Leggett, and Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

Ald. Leggett asked how the vessel will be monitored, when it leaves the port. City Manager Melder advised the vessel is monitored just like the brick & mortar businesses, i.e., secret shoppers.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan asked if the business reached out to the waterfront association or other businesses in the area, which can have an impact on competition, consumption, and liability.

Mayor Johnson asked if the business met all of the requirements. City Manager Melder advised they have every obligation to meet the requirements of any other alcohol license holder. This service is not alcohol sales, but complimentary.

Ald. Miller Blakely asked if this was a new or existing business. Mr. Overton advised the company has been operating for 45 years, and they have been in Savannah for seven years. They have a brick & mortar at 300 W. River Street, and they have operated port tours on smaller vessels for the last five years. This particular boat, Outside Ohana, is a brand new built vessel.

Ald. Leggett asked what is the plan for the ABC Unit moving forward. Mayor Johnson advised he should not get into how the City Manager will manage this operation, given the City Manager's response that he can monitor this alcohol license.

Ald. Miller Blakely stated he has done everything he was supposed to do, and he has the right to apply.

b. Ald. Leggett moved to approve item #5, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely, Ald. Lanier and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

[6. Approval of a Class C \(Liquor, Beer, Wine\) \(By the Drink\) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Shailesh Patel for Tryp Hotel, a Hotel Located at 320 Montgomery Street. The establishment is located between West Charlton and West Harris Streets in Aldermanic District 2.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Checklist - Tryp.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Density Map - Tryp.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Tryp.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Tryp.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Tryp.pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson declared the public hearings open for items #4, #5, and #6.

No speaker(s).

a. Ald. Palumbo moved to close the hearings for items #4, #5, and #6, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan, Ald. Leggett, and Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

b. Ald. Leggett moved to approve item #6, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

ZONING HEARINGS

[7. Petition of Joshua Yellin on Behalf of Abercorn Stay, LLC, for an Amendment to the Future Land Use Map Category from Residential – Suburban Single Family to Residential – General at 29 East 67th Street \(20112 06006\) on 0.51 Acres in Aldermanic District 4 \(File No. 24-003235-ZA\).](#)

[Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for FLUM at 29 East 67th Street \(File No. 24-003235-ZA\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Map for 29 East 67th Street FLUM \(File No. 24-003235-ZA\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance for 29 East 67th Street FLUM \(File No. 24-003235-ZA\).pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson declared the public hearing open for item #7.

Speaker(s):

- Edward Morrow, representing the MPC
- Ardis Wood asked for her requests to be considered with any approvals. She submitted a drawing for the record.
- Josh Yellin, representing the petitioner

Ald. Palumbo moved to close the hearings for items #7, seconded by Ald. Purtee and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent. See related agenda item #9.

Ald. Palumbo agreed with Ms. Wood, beauty is our duty. He asked City Manager Melder to reaffirm our commitment to beautification (medians and rights-of-way), especially on Abercorn Street. City Manager Melder and Mayor Johnson committed to his request.

[8. Petition of Joshua Yellin on Behalf of Abercorn Stay, LLC, for a Zoning Map Amendment from RSF-10 \(Residential Single Family-10\) to RMF-2-30 \(Residential Multi Family-2-30 units per acre\) for 29 East 67th Street \(20112 06006\) on 0.51 Acres in Aldermanic District 4 \(File No. 24-003234-ZA\).](#)

[Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for Rezoning at 29 East 67th Street \(File No. 24-003234-ZA\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Map of 29 East 67th Street Rezoning \(File No. 24-003234-ZA\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance for 29 East 67th Street Rezoning \(File No. 24-003234-ZA\).pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson declared the public hearing open for item #8.

Speaker(s):

- Edward Morrow, representing the MPC

Ald. Palumbo moved to close the hearings for item #8, seconded by Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent. See related agenda item #10.

Ald. Lanier asked Mr. Morrow to clarify the reason and purpose of the request.

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

[9. Petition of Joshua Yellin on Behalf of Abercorn Stay, LLC, for an Amendment to the Future Land Use Map Category from Residential – Suburban Single Family to Residential – General at 29 East 67th Street \(20112 06006\) on 0.51 Acres in Aldermanic District 4 \(File No. 24-003235-ZA\).](#)

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Ald. Palumbo moved (to approve item #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, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

[10. Petition of Joshua Yellin on Behalf of Abercorn Stay, LLC, for a Zoning Map Amendment from RSF-10 \(Residential Single Family-10\) to RMF-2-30 \(Residential Multi Family-2- 30 units per acre\) for 29 East 67th Street \(20112.06006\) on 0.51 Acres in Aldermanic District 4 \(File No. 24-003234-ZA\).](#)

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[Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance for 29 East 67th Street Rezoning \(File No. 24-003234-ZA\).pdf](#)

Ald. Palumbo moved (to approve item #10, with the condition that the site plan to be considered by the MPC) that the first reading be considered the second and the ordinance placed upon its passage and passed, seconded by Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

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

[11. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Reforestation Services with Marsh Forestry & Appraisal Service, Inc. in an Amount Not to Exceed \\$68,558. The reforestation services consist of planting approximately 160,100 pine trees on 260 acres of this property that was harvested in 2022. \(Real Estate\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - New Hampstead Reforestation.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Note - New Hampstead Reforestation.pdf](#)

Ald. Palumbo moved to approve agenda items #11, #14, and #15, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

[12. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 for the Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing \(MEP\) Engineering Services Annual Contract with Pond Company \(Primary\)\(LOCAL\) & Raymond Engineering \(Secondary\)\(LOCAL\) in the Amount of \\$75,000. The City has ongoing needs for limited-scope mechanical, electrical, and plumbing \(MEP\) engineering services, particularly regarding condition and capacity assessments of its systems including, but not limited to, HVAC systems, elevators, fire sprinklers and alarms, switch gears, and other critical systems in City facilities. \(Capital Projects\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - MEP Engineering Services.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - MEP Engineering Services.pdf](#)

Ald. Miller Blakely moved to approve agenda item #12, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

Ald. Miller Blakely inquired about the vendor being a local. Assistant City Manager Lloyd advised affirmatively.

[13. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for The Public Art Master Plan with Designing Local \(DBE\) in an Amount Not to Exceed \\$100,000. The Public Art Master Plan will provide a cohesive citywide vision and process for public art to be installed in public parks and City of Savannah facilities throughout the city. \(Cultural Resources\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Public Art Master Plan.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Public Art Master Plan.pdf](#)

Ald. Bell moved to approve agenda item #13, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

Mayor Johnson stated he is excited about this project because it has been talked about for a very long time.

Ald. Bell asked the City Manager to talk about this project for the sake of the public. It was funded in the FY2024 Budget. It will last approximately twelve months and culminate with the development of a Public Art Master Plan and Ordinance for the consideration of the Mayor and Aldermen. It will establish a Public Art Commission. Ald. Bell asked if school children will be involved (yes).

Ald. Wilder-Bryan asked about an ordinance regarding graffiti. City Attorney Lovett advised there is an ordinance and the city does prosecute when they can find the individuals.

Mayor Johnson stated graffiti is not public art, it is vandalism and a crime.

Ald. Leggett asked about the covering of the signal boxes with public art.

Ald. Lanier asked the vendors to work with the neighborhood associations and Ms. Coleman in the City Manager' office. When you are putting art into the neighborhoods, you are talking about creative placement that goes hand-in-hand with community building.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan asked about including the covering of manholes with this initiative, given the previous work done by the prior City Manager Pat Monahan.

Ald. Miller Blakely stated she doesn't see a lot of the art work on the southside, and she asked how long it will take to get this going.

Mayor Johnson asked the City Manager to provide how many signal boxes we have in the city.

[14. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Recycled Crushed Aggregate Stone with Savannah River Utilities \(LOCAL\) in an Amount Not to Exceed \\$206,375. The stone is used to provide traction for vehicles driving into the Landfill. \(Sanitation\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Recycled Aggregate Stone.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Recycled Aggregate Stone.pdf](#)

Ald. Palumbo moved to approve agenda items #11, #14, and #15, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

[15. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Consultant Services with Stantec Consulting in the Amount of \\$300,000 to Conduct a Stormwater Utility Implementation Study. In an effort to more effectively and equitably address the City's drainage issues, including increased maintenance requirements related to our aging and expanding drainage systems, and future impacts related to climate change, City staff has been evaluating a potential funding option whereby the revenue from a future Stormwater Utility user fee program \(if enacted by City Council\) would be dedicated solely to stormwater management service delivery. \(Stormwater\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Stormwater Utility Study.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Stormwater Utility Study.pdf](#)

Ald. Palumbo moved to approve agenda items #11, #14, and #15, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

[16. Boards, Commissions, and Authorities.](#)

[Exhibit 1: UPDATED - Boards Master List - Six Boards Needing Action.pdf](#)

The following appointments were made by motion/vote:

Chatham Area Transit (CAT):

- Mary A. Snowden

Civil Service Board:

- Catherine C. Sykes
- Amber N. Robbins

Cultural Affairs Commission:

- Catherine Killingsworth
- Andrew Logan Lawrence
- Arthur F. Shuey
- Lawrence Jean-Louis
- Boyer Bazalais
- Brett Williamson

Historic District Board of Review:

- Dwayne Stephens
- Sara L. Woodfield

Savannah Recreation Commission:

- Utaff W. Gordon

Traffic Calming Committee:

- Larry Myers (District 3 appointee)

AGREEMENTS

[17. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with National Land Group, LLC for Fairmont Avenue Hotels. This is for a development consisting of a 115-room hotel on Fairmont Avenue in Aldermanic District 5.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Water & Sewer Agreement - Fairmont Avenue Hotels.pdf](#)

Ald. Lanier moved to approve agenda item #17, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

[18. Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Friends of Forsyth Conservancy Inc. and City of Savannah Which Outlines Mutually Beneficial Roles and Responsibilities to Promote and Maintain the Preservation, Historic Integrity, and Open Access of Forsyth Park for All of Its Users.](#)

[Exhibit 1: MOU - Friends of Forsyth Park Conservancy Inc.](#)

POSTPONED/CONTINUED #18, as announced by Mayor Johnson. City Manager Melder advised he will be bringing this item back in two weeks.

[19. Agreement to Exchange Right of Way and Stand Still on Demolishing the Building Located at 412 MLK.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Standstill Agreement - Hallex.docx](#)

Ald. Palumbo moved to approve agenda item #19, seconded by Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 7-1-1. Ald. Miller Blakely voted no and Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

At the request of Ald. Wilder-Bryan, the City Manager provided an explanation of the future plans pertaining to this project.

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

[20. Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Board of Education for Use of Board Meeting Room Space at 2 Laura Avenue, Savannah, GA.](#)[Exhibit 1: Maps - Laura Avenue.pdf](#)[Exhibit 2: Intergovernmental Agreement - 2 Laura Avenue.pdf](#)

Ald. Palumbo moved to approve agenda item #20, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-2. Ald. Purtee recused himself and Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

Mayor Johnson briefly described the City Council will be holding meetings at the Board of Education building while Council Chambers undergo restoration, possibly five months from September 2024 through February 2025. He thanked the Board of Education for their partnership, and for providing the space at no cost.

[21. Approval to Declare as Surplus and Available for Sale the City-Owned Vacant Lot Located at 1425 West Gwinnett Street \(PIN 20050 16022\).](#)[Exhibit 1: Pictures - 1425 W Gwinnett Street.pdf](#)

Ald. Lanier moved to approve agenda item #21, seconded by Ald. Palumbo, Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

[22. Settlement #1.](#)

Ald. Palumbo moved to approve agenda items #22 and #23, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan, as follows:

- authorizing the City Attorney's Office to settle the claim (car wreck) involving Christian Spellman in the amount of \$30,000.00;
- authorizing the City Attorney's Office to settle the claim (car wreck) involving Devin Heyward for \$35,000.00; and,
- tabling settlement #3, as requested by the City Attorney.

The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

[23. Settlement #2.](#)

Ald. Palumbo moved to approve agenda items #22 and #23, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan, as follows:

- authorizing the City Attorney's Office to settle the claim (car wreck) involving Christian Spellman in the amount of \$30,000.00;
- authorizing the City Attorney's Office to settle the claim (car wreck) involving Devin Heyward for \$35,000.00; and,
- tabling settlement #3, as requested by the City Attorney.

The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

[24. Settlement #3.](#)

TABLED agenda item #24, as requested by the City Attorney

MISCELLANEOUS

[25. Approval of a Major Subdivision: Cobblestone Phase 2. The subject property is the second phase of Cobblestone Subdivision. This proposed phase totals 44.083 acres and will consist of 72 single family lots with varying lot sizes and 3 open spaces. The property is located at Bush Road, adjacent to the Savannah and Ogeechee Canal, southwest of Little Neck Road in Alderman District 5.](#)[Exhibit 1: Plat - Major Subdivision, Cobblestone Phase 2.pdf](#)

Ald. Wilder-Bryan moved to approve agenda item #25, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

[26. Approval of Monument Application Part I: Theme, Location, and Preliminary Design for a Monument in Columbia Square Commemorating the Seven Ladies Who Saved the Davenport House in 1955 and Were the Catalyst for the Establishment of the Historic Savannah Foundation.](#)[Exhibit 1: HSMC Recommendation - Columbia Square Seven Ladies Monument.pdf](#)[Exhibit 2: Submittal Packet - Columbia Square Monument.pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson moved to approve agenda item #26, seconded by Ald. Lanier, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

[27. Added Item \(Airport Commission\): Approval to Purchase 2024-2025 Property Liability Insurance with Sterling Seacrest Pritchard Inc., in the Amount of \\$1,563,444.](#)

Ald. Palumbo moved to approve agenda item #27 (Savannah Airport Commission), seconded by Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

Mayor Johnson recognized and thanked School Board President Roger Moss for being present in the audience. He also thanked Mr. Moss for the work of the Superintendent over the past few days, whereby he asked Mr. Moss to thank her.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan thanked the staff of the Airport Commission during the shortage (long waits), and she thanked them for being able to utilize the amazing clubhouse.

At the request of Mayor Johnson, Savannah Airport Commission representative Dawoud Stevenson added the Savannah Airport never closed and remained fully operational, although some airlines did experience delays.

[28. Added Item: A Resolution Ratifying the Mayor's August 4, 2024, Emergency Declaration Order and Amended Declaration dated August 5, 2024.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Emergency Declaration - Hurricane Debbie 08042024 \(Original\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Amended Emergency Declaration - Hurricane Debbie 08052024.pdf](#)

Ald. Wilder-Bryan moved to approve agenda item #28, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

City Manager Melder announced and congratulated the following:

- Bret Bell for being named the City Manager of Tybee Island, GA, leaving at the end of August.
- Ken Slats for joining the Board of Education.
- Azsha Hankerson for spreading her wings a little wider within the community.
- Daphanie Williams for her birthday.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Regular Meeting at 3:22 p.m.

