



DECEMBER 19 2023, 2:00 p.m. - CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

CITY GOVERNMENT

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at **2:03 p.m.** Mayor Johnson recognized **Alderman Detric Leggett to introduce First Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church Executive Minister Derek Mallow also Georgia State Senator**, to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

PRESENT:

Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding
Alderwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter, 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
Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4, Vice-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

Mayor Johnson recognized Chatham County Commissioner Aaron "Adot" Whitely and Chatham County Board of Elections Member Glynda Jones for being present in the audience. He also acknowledged the recent passing of Patricia Gastin, a Recreation Services team member. Mayor Johnson asked for a moment of silence to honor Patricia Gastin.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

[1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for December 19, 2023.](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve the agenda for Tuesday, December 19, 2023, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-0-1, with Alderwoman Lanier being not present for the vote.

Mayor Johnson informed attendees there will be no public hearings during the meeting. All public hearings were previously heard and closed. Comments received will become the permanent record of the Mayor and Aldermen.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[2. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on December 7, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Draft Minutes - December 7, 2023 City Council Regular Meeting.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #2, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-0-1, with Alderwoman Lanier being not present for the vote.

PRESENTATIONS

[3. Appearance and Presentation by Lieutenant Colonel Bob Cuthbertson, Hunter Army Airfield Garrison Commander, in Support of National Wreaths Across America Day on December 16, 2023.](#)

Colonel Bob Cuthbertson PRESENTED the Wreath to Mayor and Council in support of National Wreaths Across America Day, celebrated on December 16, 2023. The Wreath will remain in the main lobby of the building during the holidays.

[4. Appearance by Audrey King, New Senior Vice President of External Affairs for Georgia Power.](#)

Mayor Johnson announced and congratulated Ms. Audrey King on her new appointment as Senior Vice President of External Affairs for Georgia Power. He thanked her for the support given to the residents and City Council. Ms. King expressed her appreciation to the Mayor and City Council for the partnership, and extended her services to city staff after she moves to Atlanta to begin her new role as Senior Vice President of External Affairs.

[5. An Appearance by the Westside Whippers, 10 and Under, and 12 and Under Boys Football Teams, 2023 GRPA State Champions.](#)

Mayor Johnson congratulated the Westside Whippers, 12 years of age and under, and age 10 and under, on their successful 2023 GRPA State Championship. In attendance were Coach Charles Jackson, Coach Michael Duncan, Coach Antwon Diggs, Coach Jason Johnson, Coach Christopher Hamilton, Coach Branden Baxter, and Coach Alfonso Hamilton.

Mayor Johnson thanked the Coaches, parents, and family members who assisted the team during the championship games. He asked team members to introduced themselves and recognized their respective schools. Mr. Kevin Smith was acknowledged for his support of the teams by providing the hotels and food in Tifton.

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

[6. Petition of Bridget Lidy on Behalf of Mayor and Aldermen for the City of Savannah to Amend Article G, Design Standards of the Subdivision Regulations, Article 3.0, Application and Review Procedures, and Article 7.0, Overlay Districts of the Zoning Ordinance to Require a Certificate of Appropriateness for Subdivisions within the Savannah Downtown Historic Overlay District in Aldermanic District 2 \(File No. 23-005697-ZA\).](#)

[Exhibit 1: Correspondence from Historic District Board of Review.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Article G - Draft Subdivision Revisions File-no-23-005697-za.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Article G Recommendations \(File No. 23-005697-ZA\).pdf](#)

HEARD after Item #27.

Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #6, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 9-0-0.

[7. Zoning Map Amendment for Bryan Wardlaw from Landmark 24 on Behalf of William Fawcett \(Owner\) to Rezone ~105 Acres on Wild Heron Road \(PIN 21003 03001\) from A-1 \(Agriculture-1\) to RSF-5 \(Residential Single Family-5\) and RMF-1 \(Residential Multifamily-1\) with Conditions in Aldermanic District 6 \(File No. 22-002692-ZA\). \(Item was continued from the November 21, 2023, Council meeting\).](#)

[Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for Wild Heron Road \(File-no-22-002692-ZA\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Context Aerial Map for Wild Heron Road \(File No. 22-002692-ZA\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Maps for Wild Heron Road \(File No. 22-002692-ZA\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 4: Traffic Impact Analysis for Wild Heron Road \(File No. 22-002692-ZA\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 5: Typical Street Sections for Wild Heron Road \(File No. 22-002692-ZA\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 6: Development Standards for Wild Heron Road \(File No. 22-002692-ZA\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 7: Wild Heron Initial Master Plan.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 8: Wild Heron Master Plan with Conditons.pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson indicated the hearing was held and closed at a prior Council Meeting. A letter was received from Chatham County Commissioner Aaron Whitely expressing concerns of County

citizens. The letter, along with comments from residents will become part of the permanent record of the Mayor and Aldermen.

Alderman Purtee gave a brief outline of the development and the prior meetings and hearings with residents and Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC). He expressed the need for housing in Savannah and the time line expected for completion.

Alderwoman Lanier expressed concerns about the infrastructure needed in the development area. City Manager Melder indicated the development could take up to 10-15 years for completion and the traffic mitigation has been addressed.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter expressed concerns of residents who would like to send Item #7 back to MPC for further discussions and meetings with the developer.

City Manager Melder indicated MPC staff and Board recommended approval of Item #7. Since most of the residents are county residents, Alderman Purtee indicated meetings were held with the residents County Commissioner (Commissioner Whitely). He indicated the developer has agreed to pay for a portion of the round-a-bout to address traffic issues.

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Item #7 with the understanding that traffic calming measures to include the roundabout begin no later than the completion of 150 homes in the subdivision, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 6-3-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely, and Alderwoman Lanier voted no.

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

[8. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for NEOGOV Software Maintenance from GovernmentJobs.com, Inc. in the Amount of \\$56,693. The Innovation + Technology Services Department will utilize the NEOGOV tracking system for automation during the hiring process. \(DoIT\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - NeoGov Maintenance & Renewal.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - NeoGov Maintenance & Renewal.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #8, #10, #12, #13, #16, and #17, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderman Palumbo, and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed, 9-0-0.

[9. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for The Emerge Job Training Program with Savannah Technical College \(LOCAL\) in an Amount Not to Exceed \\$196,000. The Emerge Job Training Program provides scholarships for high-demand and high-wage entry-level employment opportunities for residents of the City of Savannah. Scholarships are available to applicants who meet the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development income guidelines which help to defray the cost of tuition, equipment, and supplies associated with the job certification programs. \(Human Services\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - The Emerge Job Training Program.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - The Emerge Job Training Program.pdf](#)

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan asked City Manager Melder if there is an opportunity to partner or create an agreement with the carpenters, electricians, and plumbers unions for participation in the program. City Manager Melder said it was a good idea and he would reach out to the trade unions.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz encouraged residents to take advantage of the opportunity to apply for the scholarships for culinary and manufacturing careers. Applications are available at the PARC, 425 Pennsylvania Avenue, Monday - Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if the same job training programs could be established at the Moses Jackson Center. City Manager Melder indicated there are similar programs at the Moses Jackson Center. He will provide Council Members with a listing of the programs at each Center.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #9, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[10. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for One \(1\) Boom Truck with Crane with Altec Industries, Inc. in the Amount of \\$331,235. The new boom truck will be utilized by the Industrial and Domestic Water Plant Division and will be replacing unit 0809, which is a planned replacement for FY23. \(Fleet\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Boom Truck and Crane.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Boom Truck and Crane.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #8, #10, #12, #13, #16, and #17, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderman Palumbo, and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed, 9-0-0.

[11. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Amendment to the Final Project Closeout Modification for the Delaware Center Project with Johnson-Laux Construction \(LOCAL\) in the Amount of \\$81,439. This amendment covers changes due to additional roof replacement, upgrading newly installed HVAC units to the City's HVAC automation system, installation of gutters to correct unforeseen drainage issues, and permanent lettering on the exterior of building. \(Capital Projects\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - John S. Delaware Center.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - John S. Delaware Center.pdf](#)

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter expressed concerns with the quality of the completed work and modifications. On her visit to the Delaware Center gym, she noticed the ceiling leaking. City Manager Melder indicated some items were added after close-out and the Delaware Center gym was not part of the original project.

Alderman Leggett asked if there were still issues with the pool and if renovations/repairs are on-going during use of the facility. City Manager Melder answered, yes.

Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #11, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-1-0, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voting no.

[12. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract to Recoat the Lincoln Street Bike Lane Markings with Angco Inc. \(DBE\) in an Amount Not to Exceed \\$249,460. The Mobility & Parking Services Department will utilize these services to recoat pavement markings for the bicycle lane on Lincoln Street. \(Mobility & Parking\).](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Lincoln Street Bike Lane.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Lincoln Street Bike Lane.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #8, #10, #12, #13, #16, and #17, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderman Palumbo, and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed, 9-0-0.

[13. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Purchase of a Mechanical By-Pass Pump with Mersino in the Amount of \\$109,997. The pump serves as an emergency backup pump in case of electrical and generator failure for Lift Station 194. The lift station will have increased flow due to the new Hyundai Plant requiring a much higher pumping capacity than currently available through existing bypass pumps. \(Public Works and Water Resources\)](#)

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

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #8, #10, #12, #13, #16, and #17, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderman Palumbo, and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed, 9-0-0.

[14. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 for Lift Station No. 23 Repairs with Astra Grading and Pipe, LLC in the Amount of \\$501,270. The increased cost was due to needing an additional 354 linear feet of pipe for the project, the addition of a retaining wall to support the generator pad on the side slope, and upgrading electrical strips from copper to silver plating for increased life. \(Public Works & Water Resources\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Lift Station 23.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Lift Station 23.pdf](#)

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter had concerns with the modifications and asked who omitted the 354 linear feet of pipe. City Manager Melder answered, the City omitted the pipe.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz thanked the City Manager and staff for keeping vigilant during the City's population and infrastructure growth. City Manager Melder thanked Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz for her attention and acknowledgment, but he believes she was referring to Item #13. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz agreed with City Manager Melder that it was Item #13.

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #14, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[15. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Engineering Consulting Services for the Industrial & Domestic \(I&D\) Surface Water Treatment Plant Optimization Project with Hussey Gay Bell \(LOCAL\) in the Amount of \\$1,499,570. The I&D Surface Water Treatment Plant Upgrade project will include enhancements/upgrades to the drinking water treatment and finished water production process. It also increases the water system distribution capacity to sustain and enhance high-quality water supply and fire protection to Savannah and the region, supports our local economy, and provides regional leadership in water resource management. \(Public Works & Water Resources\)](#)

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

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

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter moved to approve Item #15, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed, 9-0-0.

[16. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Placentia Drainage Improvements with Platinum Paving in the Amount of \\$2,570,958. The Stormwater Department will use these services to construct a stormwater detention pond and upgrade stormwater conveyance on 24 City Owned FEMA lots along Bonnie Drive, Vicksburg Drive and Laroche Court between Vicksburg Drive and Derenne Avenue. \(Stormwater\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Vicksburg Drive Pond.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Vicksburg Drive Pond.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #8, #10, #12, #13, #16, and #17, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderman Palumbo, and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed, 9-0-0.

[17. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Materials for Lift Station 193 Force Main from Ferguson Waterworks in the Amount of \\$7,888,287. The materials being purchased are pipe, fittings and valves for the "Lift Station 193 Force Main Upgrades" construction contract. The purchase of the materials will expedite the installation of the new 24-inch force main from the New Hampstead area's existing lift station 193 to the existing force main near Interstate I-95 and Chatham County Megasite. \(Public Works & Water Resources\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Lift Station 193 Materials.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Lift Station 193 Materials.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #8, #10, #12, #13, #16, and #17, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderman Palumbo, and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed, 9-0-0.

SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION

[18. Approval to Procure a Sourcing Software for Electronic Bidding from Bonfire Interactive Ltd., in the Amount of \\$27,500.](#)

HEARD after Item #5.

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Items #18, #19, #20, #21, #22, #24, #25, and #27, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[19. Approval to Rewrite the History Book of the Airport with Janice McDonald, in an Amount Not to Exceed \\$30,000.](#)

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked for more information on rewriting the History Book of the Airport. Savannah-Hilton Head Airport Director of Program Management Dawoud Stevenson, indicated the history will not be changed, but recent changes and improvements at the airport, and future progression will be added to the Book.

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Items #18, #19, #20, #21, #22, #24, #25, and #27, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[20. Approval of the 2024 Airports Council International-North America \(ACI-NA\) Airport Membership Dues, in the Amount of \\$33,443.](#)

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Items #18, #19, #20, #21, #22, #24, #25, and #27, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[21. Approval to Execute a Contract with Terracon Consultants, Inc. for Special Inspections and Quality Assurance Testing in the Amount of \\$33,520.](#)

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Items #18, #19, #20, #21, #22, #24, #25, and #27, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[22. Approval to Purchase a New Friction Grip Tester from Runway Safe, Inc., in the Amount of \\$79,850.](#)

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Items #18, #19, #20, #21, #22, #24, #25, and #27, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[23. Approval of Task Order No. 31 with AECOM for Design Services for Temporary Ground Boarding Walkways, in the Amount of \\$93,320.](#)

Mayor Johnson moved to approve Items #23 and #26, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-0-1, with Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz recusing herself for business purposes.

[24. Approval to Procure One \(1\) Transient Shuttle Bus from The Bus Center Atlanta, LLC, in the Amount of \\$116,340.](#)

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Items #18, #19, #20, #21, #22, #24, #25, and #27, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[25. Approval to Execute a Contract with Reeves Construction Company for the Mill and Pave Project, in the Amount of \\$331,285.](#)

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Items #18, #19, #20, #21, #22, #24, #25, and #27, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[26. Approval of Task Order No. 30 with AECOM for Design and Construction Phase Services for the Terminal Concourse Expansion Project, in the Amount of \\$870,200.](#)

Mayor Johnson moved to approve Items #23 and #26, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-0-1, with Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz recusing herself for business purposes.

[27. Approval to Execute a Contract with Collins Construction Services, Inc., for All Services Associated with the Fuel Storage Facility Expansion Project, in the Amount of \\$7,719,531.](#)

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Items #18, #19, #20, #21, #22, #24, #25, and #27, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

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

[28. Approval of a Resolution to Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Modification with Union Mission, Inc. in the Amount of \\$350,000. This modification will be to provide Homelessness Day Center Services for one additional year with two options to renew for an additional 12 months.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Resolution - UMI Day Center.docx](#)

Mayor Johnson announced the one year celebration of the day center and advised the staff is currently looking for locations to establish additional centers.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz asked City Manager Melder for the hours of operation for the public. City Manager Melder answered, Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., serving up to eighty individuals a day.

Alderwoman Lanier asked City Manager Melder if the City's respite (medical recovery) program was a part of the day center services. He indicated that is a separate program located off East Broad Street.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan had concerns regarding the hours of operation for the Center. She recommended and requested evening hours at one of the Centers. City Manager Melder agreed that the shelter should have evening hours.

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #28, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed, 9-0-0.

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

[29. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Reciprocal Easement Agreement with CGI Realty, LLC at 275 Police Memorial Drive.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Map - Police Memorial Drive.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Reciprocal Easement Agreement - Police Memorial Drive.pdf](#)

Alderman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #29, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 9-0-0.

[30. Authorize the City Manager to Approve the Purchase of an 0.038 Acre of Land to Facilitate Parking Expansion at the Liberty City Community Center Located at 1413 Mills B. Lane Boulevard \(PIN: 20594 06004\).](#)

[Exhibit 1 - Map Liberty City Community Center.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2 - Berean Bible Chapel Option Agreement.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz expressed concerns for the number of parking spaces at the Liberty City Community Center. The Center is land locked, but the near-by church has agreed to sell the City land that will increase parking for the Center.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #30, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 9-0-0.

[31. Authorize the City Manager to Approve the Transfer of Title of 1710 Augusta Avenue \(PIN 20027 03013\) to the Savannah Chatham County Land Bank Authority.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Map - 1710 Augusta Avenue \(PIN 20027 03013\).pdf](#)

Alderman Lanier expressed concern that the property abuts Fell Street School. Moving forward, Alderman Lanier would like the City to meet with the community residents and see if there are other options for the property besides residential.

Alderman Lanier moved to approve Item #31, seconded by Alderman Miller Blakely. The motion passed, 9-0-0.

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

[32. Settlement #1](#)

No action taken.

[33. Settlement #2](#)

No action taken.

MISCELLANEOUS

[34. Approve a Major Subdivision: Sweetwater Station Phase 10. The subject property is the 10th phase of an established subdivision named Sweetwater Station located at 500 Grove Point Road in Aldermanic District 6. The subdivision has its own dedicated entrance off Grove Point Road west of GA Highway 204 and the proposed phase totals 13.704 acres, consisting of 47 single family lots with varying lot sizes.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Plat - Major Subdivision: Sweetwater Station Phase 10.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Zoning Map Amendment for 500 Grove Point.pdf](#)

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Item #34, seconded by Alderman Miller Blakely and Alderman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-1-0, with Alderman Gibson-Carter voting no.

Mayor Johnson took a point of personal privilege for the following recognitions on behalf of the 139th Administration (Mayor and Aldermen):

- Sharonte Turner and Marty Johnston for their outstanding service in the Mayor's Office;
- Jay Melder (City Manager), Bates Lovett (City Attorney), and Mark Massey (Clerk of Council), appointees of the Mayor and Aldermen for their loyal service; and,
- Alderman Keshia Gibson-Carter for her public service, along with a presentation of a Key to the City.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Johnson announced that City offices will be closed Friday, December 22 and Monday, December 25, 2023 in observance of the Christmas Holiday. He wished everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

Alderman Miller Blakely announced Jubilee Freedom Day will be celebrated at GSU Campus at the Armstrong Center, on December 21st at 6:00 p.m. She also announced, the 140th Savannah Administration's Inauguration will be held on January 2, 2024, at the Civic Center, 7:00 p.m., the public is invited.

Alderman Wilder-Bryan sent condolences to the family of the late Nikke and Gloria Stevens who lost their daughter, and to Diane and Keith Michael who lost their mother. She also announced, Ghost Pirates Day for the 3rd District will be this Friday, December 22, 2023.

Alderman Leggett announced the U.S. Secretary of Transportation met with Alderman Leggett and City Manager Melder. U.S. Secretary of Transportation sends his regards to the City of Savannah. Alderman Leggett announced, from that meeting the young people and partners can expect good things for the coming year. Mayor Johnson thanked Alderman Leggett for standing in for him at the meeting, he was unable to attend due to prior commitments.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely announced on Wednesday, December 20, 2023, 4:30 p.m., Representative Carl Gilyard and Savannah Feed the Hungry will serve Christmas meals at Enmarket Arena for the homeless and less fortunate.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz sent condolences for retired employee Deborah Anthony's family.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Regular Meeting at 3:37 p.m.

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

<https://savannahgovtv.viebit.com/player.php?hash=n4F3sl6jxr9L7wCT>

Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: _____

Signature: _____

