



FEBRUARY 22, 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 **2:07 p.m.** **Mayor Johnson** recognized **Alderman Bernetta B. Lanier** to introduce **Chief Alagba Akinsegun from the Oyotunji African Village located in the Low Country in Beaufort County, SC**, 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 February 22, 2024.](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve the agenda for the February 22, 2024, meeting, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely, Ald. Lanier, and Ald. Palumbo. 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 February 8, 2024, at 12:00 a.m.](#)

[Exhibit 1: WS DRAFT MINUTES February 8, 2024, City Council Workshop.pdf](#)

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

[3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on February 8, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.](#)[Exhibit 1: RM DRAFT MINUTES February 8, 2024, City Council Regular Meeting.pdf](#)

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

PRESENTATIONS

[4. Appearance by the Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia.](#)

Makayla, Grace, and Anastasia distributed girl scout cookies to City Council Members.

CEO Sue Else introduced Girl Scout Ella Shaffer, a senior at Savannah Arts Academy and Georgia Southern, who spoke on the importance of the annual sale of girl scout cookies. Ella Shaffer introduced Senior Director of Program Lorena Kirschner who discussed the recent survey results of 'Georgia Day Expo Survey' from the Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia.

Council Members commended and thanked the Girl Scouts for the gifts and for the outstanding work they do in the community.

[5. Proclamation Recognizing WTOC TV 70th Anniversary serving the Coastal Empire and Lowcountry.](#)

Mayor Johnson invited the WTOC Team, past and present, to the podium and READ and PRESENTED the Proclamation to General Manager Marsha Fogarty.

Ms. Fogarty thanked City Council for the tribute and recognition. Members of the WTOC Team introduced themselves: Dontae Lee, Chief Photographer; Mike Cihla, Lead Anchor; Dave Turley, Chief Meteorologist; Paige Phillips, Daybreak Executive Producer; Billy Tyson, Assignment Manager; Pria Padgett, Acting News Director; Bill Cathcart, Past General Manager-24 years; Jamie Ertle, Meteorologist; Dawn Baker, Evening Anchor; and Doug Weathers, former Anchor.

Mayor and Council Members thanked the WTOC Team for their service to the residents of Savannah for not only delivering updated news and weather, but also for their outstanding community service.

[6. Proclamation Recognizing Parent University 25th Anniversary.](#)

FORGONE/FORWENT.

[7. Presentation of the Employee Engagement Team and Recognition of 4th Quarter 2023 Employee of the Quarter Winners.](#)

City Manager Melder introduced the 2023 4th Quarter Employee of the Quarter winners selected by the Employee Engagement Team. The following winners received a certificate and a check for one thousand dollars:

- Lamonteo Dilmar, Community Services
- Will Robinson, Savannah Fire Department
- Teresa Graham, Government Operations
- April Ludwig, Municipal Operations
- Mariana Hilderbrand, Savannah Police Department
- Sam Alai, Infrastructure Development
- Angelica Alfonso, Strategic Services

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

[8. Approval for a Class E \(Beer and Wine\) \(By the Package\) Alcohol License to Blake Greco for Parker's #123, a Convenience Store Located at 2500 Fort Argyle Road. The establishment is located between Highgate Boulevard and Turpentine Trail in Aldermanic District 5.](#)[Exhibit 1: Checklist - Parker's #123.pdf](#)[Exhibit 2: Density Map - Parker's #123.pdf](#)[Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Parker's #123.pdf](#)[Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Parker's #123.pdf](#)[Exhibit 5: Security Plan- Parker's #123.pdf](#)

HEARD after Item #26.

Mayor Johnson opened the alcohol hearing for Item #8.

No speaker(s).

a. Ald. Lanier moved to close the alcohol hearing for Item #8, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

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

ZONING HEARINGS

[9. Recommendation from the Historic District Board of Review for a Text Amendment to Section 7.8 Savannah Downtown Historic District of the Zoning Ordinance by Adding 412 Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard \(PIN 20031 36010\) to the Contributing Resources Map \(File No. 24-000566-ZA\) in Aldermanic District 2.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Memo to City Manager for Text Amendment to Historic District Contributing Resources Map.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Signed HDBR Decision \(23-005414-COA\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Downtown Contributing Resource Map.pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson opened the zoning hearing for Item #9.

Speaker(s):

- Melanie Wilson, MPC Executive Director
- Caitlin Chamberlain, MPC Historic Preservation Commission representative
- Harold Yellin – OPPOSED
- Shedrick Coleman – OPPOSED
- James Hundsrucker – SUPPORTED HDBR recommendation
- Susan Adler, Historic Savannah Foundation – did not object to demolition

Mayor and Council Members asked questions as to the specific changes to the building (height and mass, the windows, any outer building changes). Melanie Wilson and Ms. Chamberlain responded and answered the questions concerning the changes to the building. There was discussion of the significance of African American historical value and if there will be a replacement building if the structure is demolished.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan discussed the importance of the buildings on MLK Jr. Blvd. (prior West Broad Street) to the African American residents in prior years and how the local businesses sustained the livelihood of the community for work, shopping, etc.

Council Members inquired about the historical significance of the building. Architect Shedrick Coleman explained how a building is determined to be of historical significance according to the national standards process and this particular building did not meet the requirements. As a member of the Georgia National Review Board, Mr. Coleman indicated the building does not meet the necessary criteria. An Engineer, Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz discussed the importance of a building being structurally sound, and this particular building's stability is in question and will pose a risk to the safety of citizens.

Ald. Leggett moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #9, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0. See related agenda Item #10.

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

[10. Recommendation from the Historic District Board of Review for a Text Amendment to Section 7.8 Savannah Downtown Historic District of the Zoning Ordinance by Adding 412 Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard \(PIN 20031 36010\) to the Contributing Resources Map \(File No. 24-000566-ZA\) in Aldermanic District 2.](#)

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After the first reading was considered the second reading and a request that an ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, Ald. Leggett moved to deny Item #10, as recommended by the City Manager with the following conditions also recommended by the MPC:

- The property owner shall comply with the MPC's demolition documentation process; and
- Should the property be deconstructed, the historic materials shall be salvaged for reuse; and
- A demolition permit shall not be approved until the HDBR secures COAs for Phase I and II for both 412 and 414 MLK.

The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Ald. Miller Blakely voted no.

[11. Enactment of Article B. Major Special Events of Chapter 6, Special Events, of Public Safety, of Division II of the Code of the City of Savannah](#)

[ORD.Major Special Events.jnh01242024.SWB.docx](#)

City Manager Melder explained only the name of the Ordinance will change. He read the language for the expanded to go cup area for the St. Patrick Day Festival.

Ald. Miller Blakely asked if there were any other major special events planned in the City? City Manager Melder answered, currently there are none.

After the first reading was considered the second reading and a request that an ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #11, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Ald. Lanier voted no.

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

[12. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Annual Contract for Barracuda's Cloud-Based Email Archive System from SHI International in the Amount of \\$76,800. The Department of Innovation and Technology Services uses the Barracuda message archive system to provide critical service for email filtering with advanced threat protection. This service scans and protects incoming and outgoing emails to ensure that accidental or intentional malicious data is not introduced into our environment. This cloud-based service protects the integrity of the network and systems that the Innovation and Technology Services supports. \(ITS\)](#)

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

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

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #12, #13, #14, #15, #16, #17, and #18, seconded by Ald. Lanier, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[13. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Annual Contract For Microwave Equipment and Network Upgrades with Williams Communications in the amount of \\$80,101. The current microwave system that supports the Southeast Georgia Regional Radio Network \(SEGARRN\) co-managed by the City of Savannah and Chatham County has reached an end-of-life status for support. \(ITS\)](#)

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

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

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #12, #13, #14, #15, #16, #17, and #18, seconded by Ald. Lanier, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[14. Authorize the City Manager to Renew an Annual Contract for Software Services with Harris Govern in the Amount of \\$124,318. This agreement will provide maintenance and support for the Revenue Department's Govern Software used for processing and managing property taxes, central cashiering, business licenses, and utility billing. \(ITS\)](#)

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

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

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #12, #13, #14, #15, #16, #17, and #18, seconded by Ald. Lanier, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[15. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Computer Replacements and New Purchases with Dell Marketing LP in an Amount Not to Exceed \\$1,000,000. This contract will be used by the Innovation and Technology Services Department to provide end user devices such as laptops, desktops, monitors, and rugged tablets. \(ITS\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Dell Device Replacement.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Dell Device Replacement.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #12, #13, #14, #15, #16, #17, and #18, seconded by Ald. Lanier, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[16. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for a 12' Mechanical Bypass Pump with Mersino in an Amount Not to Exceed \\$109,997. The pump serves as an emergency backup pump for Lift Station 193. 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.pdf](#)

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

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #12, #13, #14, #15, #16, #17, and #18, seconded by Ald. Lanier, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[17. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Manhole Monitoring Alarm Devices with Mission Communications, LLC in an Amount Not to Exceed \\$200,000. The monitoring devices will provide real-time communication in the City's sanitary sewer system when problematic issues arise. \(Sewer Maintenance and Lift Station\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Cellular Monitoring Agreement.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Cellular Monitoring Agreement.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #12, #13, #14, #15, #16, #17, and #18, seconded by Ald. Lanier, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[18. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Manhole Monitoring Equipment with Kazimer & Associates in an Amount Not to Exceed \\$200,000. The monitoring equipment provides communication and monitors over 250 manhole monitoring alarm devices and 200 lift station monitoring alarms devices throughout the City sewer system. \(Water Distribution and Conveyance\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Sewer & Lift Station Monitoring Equip.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Sewer & Lift Station Monitoring Equip.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #12, #13, #14, #15, #16, #17, and #18, seconded by Ald. Lanier, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[19. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Construction Contract for Lift Station #193 Force Main Upgrade with Ruby-Collins Inc. in the Amount of \\$12,845,666. This will provide the installation approximately 26,000 linear feet of 24" sewer forcemain to convey flow from lift station #193 the west side of I-95/Chatham County Megasite. \(Public Works & Water Resources\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - LS 193.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - LS 193.pdf](#)

Ald. Bell asked City Manager Melder for more information concerning Item #19 due to the large contract amount. City Manager Melder explained this is for a construction contract for Lift Station #193 force main upgrade. This will provide the installation of approximately 26,000 linear feet of 24-inch sewer force main. The installation of the proposed force main will address short-term sewage

conveyance capacity shortfalls in the City and is part of a multi-phased water and sewer improvement project to sustain rapid development. The expense will be paid from the Water & Sewer Fund dollars and not General Fund dollars.

Ald. Bell moved to approve Item #19, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION

[20. Approval to Procure One Riding Mower from Jerry Pate Turf & Irrigation, in the Amount of \\$53,845.](#)

HEARD after Item #7.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #20, #22, #23, #24, and #25, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely, Ald. Lanier, Ald. Leggett, and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[21. Approval of Task Order No. 12 Amendment No. 3 with AECOM for Additional Design Services for the Security Checkpoint Expansion Project, in an Amount Not to Exceed \\$85,000.](#)

Ald. Lanier moved to approve Items #21 and #26, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely, Ald. Leggett, and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz recused herself for business purposes.

[22. Approval to Enter Into an Engagement with Ricondo & Associates, Inc., in an Amount Not to Exceed \\$95,000.](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #20, #22, #23, #24, and #25, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely, Ald. Lanier, Ald. Leggett, and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[23. Approval to Amend the Airport's Contract with Oakview Group \(OVG\) Facilities/Enmarket Arena to Include a Three-Year Sponsorship of the Newly Installed Wifi, in the Amount of \\$180,000.](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #20, #22, #23, #24, and #25, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely, Ald. Lanier, Ald. Leggett, and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[24. Approval of Task Order No. 3 Amendment No. 4 with Pond and Company for Additional Design Services for the Air Cargo Facility Project, in the Amount of \\$223,141.](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #20, #22, #23, #24, and #25, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely, Ald. Lanier, Ald. Leggett, and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[25. Approval of a Two-Year Official Airport Partnership with the Hilton Head Island-Bluffton Chamber of Commerce for the Kingdom Cup, in the Amount of \\$600,000.](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #20, #22, #23, #24, and #25, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely, Ald. Lanier, Ald. Leggett, and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[26. Approval of Task Order No. 34 with AECOM for Design Services for the Terminal Improvements Landside Project, in the Amount of \\$880,897.](#)

Ald. Lanier moved to approve Items #21 and #26, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely, Ald. Leggett, and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz recused herself for business purposes.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

[27. Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Authorities](#)

[UPDATED Available Appointments to Boards-2024_as of 02-20-2024.pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson indicated Council reviewed appointments to Boards, Commissions and Authorities during the Workshop.

a. Ald. Palumbo moved to approve the following list of appointments to their respective Boards, Commissions or Authorities, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

- Miriam Munn - Chatham-Savannah Authority for the Homeless
- Steven C. Morgan - Cultural Affairs Commission
- Renee S. Rubens - Cultural Affairs Commission
- Brian L. Judson - Cultural Affairs Commission
- Sarah B. Smith - Cultural Affairs Commission
- Kinte K. Taylor-Steverson - Cultural Affairs Commission
- Gwendolyn Frazier-Smith - Cultural Affairs Commission
- Guy M. Minick - Downtown Savannah Authority
- Kevin Finley - Downtown Savannah Authority, 2nd Term
- Zachary H. Thomas - Downtown Savannah Authority
- Francis X. Hayes - Greater Savannah International Alliance, 2nd Term
- Montana L. Tohm - Greater Savannah International Alliance
- Colleen C. Cunningham - Greater Savannah International Alliance
- Dr. Jose de Arimateia da Cruz - Greater Savannah International Alliance

- Tanvi Chauhan - Greater Savannah International Alliance
- Katrina Hornung - Historic Preservation Commission
- Patricia Richardson - Historic Preservation Commission
- Dr. Jose de Arimateia da Cruz - Hospital Authority of Savannah, 2nd Term
- Austin M. Rojas - Hospital Authority of Savannah
- Taqwaa F. Saleem - Hospital Authority of Savannah, 2nd Term
- Dwayne Stephens - Metropolitan Planning Commission, 2nd Term
- Lauren Boles - Metropolitan Planning Commission, 2nd Term
- Stephen M. Plunk - Metropolitan Planning Commission
- Charles E. Vilushis - Park and Tree Commission, 2nd Term
- Paul C. Daniels - Park and Tree Commission, 2nd Term
- G Randy Tate - Park and Tree Commission, 3rd Term
- Jeffrey M. Notrica - Park and Tree Commission
- Boyer Bazelais - Park and Tree Commission
- Robert D. Sutter - Park and Tree Commission
- Frederick Bailey – Pension Board
- Lowell Kronowitz – Savannah Airport Commission
- Stephanie D. Zeigler - Savannah-Chatham Council on Disability Issues
- Gia Boulos - Savannah-Chatham Council on Disability Issues
- Vondell Norman - Savannah-Chatham Council on Disability Issues
- Michael C. Willis - Savannah-Chatham Council on Disability Issues
- Joseph P. Serpa - Savannah Recreation Commission
- Raven George - Savannah Recreation Commission
- Louise D. Phelps - Savannah Recreation Commission
- Armand J. Turner - Savannah Recreation Commission
- Scott C. Anderson - Traffic Calming Committee
- Kristen Ravenel - Traffic Calming Committee

b. By majority vote the following appointments were made:

- Sabrina Nagel - Historic District Board of Review
- Austin M. Rojas - Savannah-Chatham Historic Sites and Monuments Commission
- ~~M. (Marie) Ann Levett – Savannah Economic Development Authority~~ - **not eligible**
- Paul W. Mosley, Sr. - Savannah Economic Development Authority

AGREEMENTS

[28. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Bradley Lot Development, LLC for Bradley Point Phase 10. This is for a development consisting of 32 single family homes located off Bradley Boulevard and Ogeechee Road in Aldermanic District 6.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Water & Sewer Agreement - Bradley Point Phase 10.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #28, #29, and #30, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[29. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Bradley Lot Development, LLC for Bradley Point Phase 11. This is for a development consisting of 33 single family homes located off Bradley Boulevard and Ogeechee Road in Aldermanic District 6.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Water & Sewer Agreement - Bradley Point Phase 11.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #28, #29, and #30, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[30. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Central Port Partners 11B-2, LLC for CPLC Building 11B. This is for a development consisting of a 942,800 square-foot warehouse space and a 40,000 square-foot office space. The property is located at 1000 Landmark Boulevard in Rockingham Farms off Veterans Parkway in Aldermanic District 5.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Water & Sewer Agreement - CPLC Building 11B.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #28, #29, and #30, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[31. Approval of the Emergency Shelter Facilities License Agreement with St. Joseph's and Candler Hospitals. The City of Savannah has negotiated an agreement with St. Joseph-Candler to house city critical workforce personnel during a hurricane. The agreement would allow the City to station up to 50 personnel at Candler Hospital and 30 personnel at St. Joseph's Hospital during hurricanes.](#)

[Exhibit 1: 2024 SJC Disaster Agreement.pdf](#)

Ald. Lanier asked City Manager Melder if having essential work force at different locations was necessary because previously the City had the majority of workers at one location. City Manager Melder indicated if there is a hurricane there would be critical workforce in several locations to assist in all areas of the City for all disaster situations.

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

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

[32. Authorize the City Manager to Approve the Lease of Space to the General Services Administration on City Telecommunication Tower at 1801 Kerry Street.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Map - 1801 Kerry Street.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: GSA Lease.pdf](#)

Ald. Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Items #32 and #33, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Ald. Miller Blakely voted no.

[33. Authorize the City Manager to Approve the Sale of a Permanent Easement to 63 MLK, LLC for Installation of Seven Substantial Foundation Encroachments on City Right-of-Way at 63 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard \(PIN 20016 17006\).](#)

[Exhibit 1: Maps - 63 MLK Jr Blvd.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Plans and Specs - 63 MLK Jr Blvd.pdf](#)

Ald. Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Items #32 and #33, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Ald. Miller Blakely voted no.

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

[34. Settlement #1.](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #34, to authorize the City Attorney's Office to settle the claim (vehicle injury) of the Estate of Dave Ronco for \$125,000.00, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[35. Settlement #2.](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #35, to authorize the City Attorney's Office to settle the claim (worker's compensation) of Robert Anderson for \$62,208.00, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

MISCELLANEOUS

[36. Approval of the Installation of a Commemorative Fountain in Honor of Mary R. Myrick in Kavanaugh Park in Aldermanic District 4.](#)

[Exhibit 1: SIGNED HSMC Recommendation - 23-002804-MON Kavanaugh Park Fountain Part 2.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Submittal Packet - Kavanaugh Park Fountain Part 2.pdf](#)

Ald. Palumbo congratulated The Ardsley Park Crescent Garden Club on the donation to the City of the commemorative fountain and thanked members of the Club for attending the meeting.

Ald. Palumbo moved to approve Item #36, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz, Ald. Bell, and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[37. Approval of an Honorary Street Designation for "Bishop C. M. Bailey Way," on the Portion of Ogeechee Road Between West 35th Street and West 34th Street in Aldermanic District 1.](#)

[Exhibit 1: SIGNED HSMC Recommendation - 23-005921 Bishop CM Bailey Way.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Submittal Packet - Bishop CM Bailey Way.pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson expressed his gratitude to Bishop C. M. Bailey who served as spiritual leader at the United House of Prayer For All People for fifty-six years, fifteen years of leading over one hundred and thirty-seven congregations across the nation. He was a friend of Mayor Johnson and of the City of Savannah.

Ald. Lanier moved to approve Item #37, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[38. Approval of Petition To Place Historic Marker To Commemorate the 200th Anniversary of the Savannah St. Patrick's Day Parade at 132 Montgomery Street.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Submittal Package - St. Patrick's Day Parade Marker.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: MPC Staff Report - St. Patrick's Day Parade Marker.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #38, seconded by Ald. Lanier, Ald. Palumbo, and Ald. Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Johnson thanked the City and Members of Council for the love and support shown to the family of Sgt. Breonna Moffitt. Sgt. Moffitt will return to Mississippi where she will rest in peace.

Ald. Miller Blakely announced on March 2, 2024, 12:00 noon, Mt. Herman Baptist Church in Coffee Bluff will unveil a Marker of designated historical preference of two hundred years in the African American community.

Ald. Palumbo invited citizen to attend draining of the DeRenne Swamp on February 28, 2024, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. at Jewish Educational Alliance, 5111 Abercorn Street.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz announced on February 22, 2024, the mother of Bishop Brown will celebrate her 85th birthday. Bishop Brown is the Pastor of Greater Friendship Baptist Church.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan wished happy birthday to Sara Bell Robinson turning 104. Ald. Wilder-Bryan announced the Girl Scouts will hold a breakfast at the Hyatt Hotel on May 8, 2024.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan encouraged citizens to contact the Speaker of House concerning HB 161, Firearms, at 404-656-5020 and request to recommit to HB 161 - The Pediatric Health Safe Storage Act to the Public Health Committee.

Ald. Lanier announced the following events:

- February 24, 2024 - Hudson Hill Park, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Stop the Violence Rally.
- March 2, 2024 - 6th Annual Weeping Time African Festival at the Waterworks Plaza.
- March 8, 2024 - Happy Birthday to Estella Bowers turning 105 years old.

Ald. Miller Blakely announced vendors for the Annual Weeping Time African Festival can come out and serve and sell free of charge.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Regular Meeting at 4:30 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=TSaPmmeg3hUUjjMg#>

Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: _____

Signature: _____

