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**JANUARY 11, 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 2:03 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Bishop Dr. Willie Ferrell, Pastor of the Royal Church of Christ, Inc. on Hudson Hill to offer the invocation. Mayor Johnson also recognized Lady Margaret Ferrell. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

**PRESENT:**

Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding  
Alderman Carolyn H. Bell, At-Large, Post 1  
Alderman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2  
Alderman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1  
Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2  
Alderman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3  
Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4  
Alderman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5  
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 January 11, 2024.](#)

Ald. Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve the regular meeting agenda for January 11, 2024, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

[2. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on Tuesday, December 19, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Draft - Minutes December 19, 2023 City Council Regular Meeting.pdf](#)

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

[3. Approval of the Minutes for the Special Called Meeting - Inauguration on January 2, 2024.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Draft Minutes - January 2, 2024 Special Called Meeting - Inauguration.pdf](#)

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

ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS

[4. Election of City Council Officers.](#)

Mayor Johnson announced a new slate of officers was discussed during the Workshop as follows:

- a. Ald. Leggett nominated Ald. Dr. Shabazz to be elected as Mayor Pro-Tem, Ald. Wilder-Bryan seconded.
- b. Ald. Purtee nominated Ald. Palumbo to be elected as Chair of Council, Ald. Dr. Shabazz, Ald. Leggett and Ald. Wilder-Bryan seconded.
- c. Ald. Palumbo nominated Ald. Wilder-Bryan to be elected as Vice-Chairman of Council, Ald. Dr. Shabazz seconded.

Ald. Purtee moved to appoint the following officers, upon nomination during the workshop, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

- . Ald. Dr. Shabazz was appointed to Mayor Pro-Tem;
- . Ald. Palumbo was appointed to Chairman; and
- . Ald. Wilder-Bryan was appointed to Vice Chairman.

[5. Adoption of Council Meeting Procedures and Rules.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Procedures and Rules of Council - Term Beginning 2024.pdf](#)

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve Item #5, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed, 7-2-0. Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Lanier voted no.

b. Ald. Lanier moved to adopt Item #5 with a change in Sec. 11.4, changing from 4 to 2 other Council members being required to place an item on the agenda, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion failed, 2-7-0. Mayor Johnson, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Ald. Bell, Ald. Leggett, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, Ald. Palumbo, and Ald. Purtee voted no.

At the request of Ald. Miller Blakely, Mayor Johnson explained Ald. Lanier's substitute motion was to change Section 11.4(c) from the current language of: 'a Council member can submit an item for the agenda with the concurrence of four other Council members (plus the presenting Council member)' to 'a Council member can submit an item for the agenda with the concurrence of two Council members (plus the presenting Council member)'

[6. Approval of the Meeting Times for the 2024 Council Meeting Schedule.](#)

Ald. Palumbo moved to approve Item #6, for all 2024 regular meetings to begin at 2:00 p.m., seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Ald. Lanier, and Ald. Leggett. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Ald. Purtee voted no.

[7. Resolution Pledging to Practice and Promote Civility in the City of Savannah.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Resolution - Civility.docx](#)

Ald. Lanier expressed concerns regarding civility as it relates to the City's Meeting Procedures and Rules, namely Section 11.4; five votes being required to place an item on the agenda.

There followed discussions with Mayor Johnson, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Lanier regarding Council Members individuality, viewpoints, and the right to disagree during discussions. The discussion ended with Mayor Johnson reading into the record portions of the Civility Resolution.

Ald. Palumbo moved to approve Item #7, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Purtee. The motion passed, 7-2-0. Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Lanier voted no.

[8. Resolution Reaffirming the City of Savannah's Ethics Ordinance.](#)[Exhibit 1: Resolution - Ethics.doc](#)

Ald. Lanier expressed concern regarding a more equitable Ethics Board. During the Inauguration on January 2, 2024, Council Members took an oath to hold up the ethics of Council.

Ald. Palumbo read into the record the Ethics Resolution.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #8, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Ald. Purtee. The motion passed, 7-2-0. Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Lanier voted no.

[9. Resolution Affirming the Appointments of the City Manager, City Attorney, and Clerk of Council.](#)[Exhibit 1: Resolution Affirming the Appointment of the City Manager, City Attorney, and Clerk of Council.pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson recognized City Manager Joseph A. Melder, City Attorney R. Bates Lovett, and Clerk of Council Mark Massey for the outstanding service to the City of Savannah and requested Council to reaffirm their appointments. He stated there was a discrepancy in the salary for Clerk of Council Mark Massey and during discussions in Executive Session it was confirmed to adjust the salary to \$130,000.00, retroactive to January 1, 2024.

Ald. Lanier moved to approve Item #9, reaffirming City Manager Joseph 'Jay' Melder, City Attorney R. Bates Lovett, and Clerk of Council Mark Massey, seconded Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[10. Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Contracts and Agreements as Approved by the Prior City Council.](#)[Exhibit 1: Resolution Ratifying Contracts and Agreements 01112024.docx](#)

Ald. Palumbo moved to approve Item #10, seconded by Ald. Leggett and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

**PRESENTATIONS**[11. Appearance by Representatives of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Observance Day Association to Announce the 2024 Savannah MLK Jr. Activities.](#)

HEARD after Item #27.

Mayor Johnson recognized Board of Elections Member Glenda Jones.

The appearance was INTRODUCED by Mayor Johnson and PRESENTED by former City of Savannah first lady Deborah Adams, Board of Elections Member Glenda Jones, and Revenue Director Judee Jones. Ms. Adams gave a brief overview of the festivities of the parade and presented Council Members with a "MLK" cap, and Mayor Johnson with a cake and fruit basket.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #11, approval of the parade permit, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely, Ald. Lanier, and Ald. Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

**ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)**[12. Approval of a Class C \(Liquor, Beer, and Wine\) \(By the Drink\) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Christopher Clarke for Orale Tacos, a Restaurant Located at 36 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. The establishment is located between West Congress and West Broughton Streets in Aldermanic District 2. \(Item was continued from the November 21, 2023 City Council Meeting at the Petitioner's Request\).](#)[Exhibit 1: Checklist - Orale Tacos.pdf](#)[Exhibit 2: Density Map - Orale Tacos.pdf](#)[Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Orale Tacos.pdf](#)[Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Orale Tacos.pdf](#)[Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Orale Tacos.pdf](#)

Ald. Leggett moved to continue/postpone Item #12 as requested by the petitioner to the January 25, 2024, City Council Meeting, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

**ZONING HEARINGS**[13. Petition of John D. Northup III, Agent for Capital Development Partners, for a Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map \(FLUM\) Amendment from Residential - Suburban Single Family to Industry Light for ~52.86 Acres Located at 343 and 339 Buckhalter Road \(10942 01003 & -01002A\), 335 Buckhalter Road \(10942 01002B\), 331 Buckhalter Road \(10942 01002C\), 325 Buckhalter Road \(10942 01002D\), 323 Buckhalter Road \(10942 01002E\), 315 Buckhalter Road \(10942 01002E\), 309 Buckhalter Road \(10942 01007 & -01008\), and 311 Buckhalter Road \(10942 01009\). \(File No. 23-002328-ZA\). \(Item was continued from the September 14, 2023 and November 21, 2023, Council Meetings\).](#)[Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation for Buckhalter Road \(File No. 23-002328-ZA\).pdf](#)[Exhibit 2: Maps for Buckhalter Road.pdf](#)[Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance for Buckhalter Road Future Land Use Map \(23-002328-ZA\).pdf](#)[Exhibit 4: Annexation Notice to County and Petition.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 5: Sound Wall Agreement.pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson declared the hearing open for Items #13 and #14.

**Speaker(s):**

- . Edward Morrow, MPC representative
- . John Northrup, III, representing petitioner
- . Eva Pappert - IN SUPPORT
- . Jared Pappert – IN SUPPORT
- . Chat Howard – IN SUPPORT
- . Carol Howard – IN SUPPORT
- . Christy Ellis – IN SUPPORT
- . Jennifer Wells – IN SUPPORT
- . Wayne Wells – IN SUPPORT
- . Beth Brannen Brock – IN SUPPORT
- . Zane Brock – IN SUPPORT
- . Judy Helton – IN SUPPORT
- . Helen Hester – OPPOSED
- . Patricia McKenzie – IN SUPPORT
- . Laura Smith Mackey – OPPOSED
- . Irene Gadson Hines – OPPOSED
- . Gerrie Jaubert – OPPOSED
- . Caren Bramhall – OPPOSED
- . Dorie Clark – OPPOSED
- . John D. Smith – OPPOSED
- . Jenifer Hilburn – OPPOSED

**Written comment(s):**

- . Diane B. Brannen – OPPOSED
- . Kerrie Bieber – OPPOSED

Mayor Johnson ordered the hearing closed for Items #13 and #14 at 4:08 p.m.

Ald. Lanier asked Mr. Morrow to identify the location of Red Gate on the map. She expressed her concern for the air and noise pollution in industrial areas. She asked if any grant funding was pursued to alleviate some of the challenges produced by industrial areas.

Ald. Miller Blakely requested the distance to Oakland Missionary Baptist Church from the subject property (1/2 mile).

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz thanked residents for coming out to speak. She added, Oakland Missionary Baptist Church is in a conservation use evaluation assessment area and is located 2,558.4 feet from the subject property. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz asked City Manager Melder to explain the importance of the conservation use evaluation assessment area.

City Manager Melder explained the conservation easement protection has another ten year option.

Ald. Miller Blakely asked if the conservation easement is the same as a historic designation and if the church has a protection. City Manager Melder answered the historic designation is different than conservation easement. The Oakland Missionary Baptist Church property is not part of the future land use map amendment property.

Ald. Leggett, on behalf of the entire City Council, extended support to Mr./Mrs. Brock on the terminal illness of Mrs. Becky Brock and condolences to the Howard family on the loss of their father/husband.

[14. Petition of John D. Northrup III, Agent for Capital Development Partners, for a Zoning Map Amendment to Rezone ~52.86 Acres Located at 343 and 339 Buckhalter Road \(10942 01003 & -01002A\), 335 Buckhalter Road \(10942 01002B\), 331 Buckhalter Road \(10942 01002C\), 325 Buckhalter Road \(10942 01002D\), 323 Buckhalter Road \(10942 01002E\), 315 Buckhalter Road \(10942 01002E\), 309 Buckhalter Road \(10942 01007 & -01008\), and 311 Buckhalter Road \(10942 01009\) from R-A-CO \(Residential Agricultural\) to IL \(Light Industrial\) with Conditions \(File No. 23-000304-ZA\). \(Item was continued from the September 14, 2023, and November 21, 2023, Council Meetings\).](#)

[Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation for Buckhalter Road \(File No. 23-000304-ZA\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Maps for Buckhalter Road \(File No. 23-000304-ZA\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance for Buckhalter Road Rezoning.\(File No. 000304-ZA\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 4: Annexation Notice to County and Petition for Buckhalter Road.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 5: Sound Wall Agreement.pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson declared the hearing open for Items #13 and #14.

**Speaker(s):**

- . Edward Morrow, MPC representative
- . John Northrup, III, representing petitioner
- . Eva Pappert - IN SUPPORT
- . Jared Pappert – IN SUPPORT
- . Chat Howard – IN SUPPORT
- . Carol Howard – IN SUPPORT
- . Christy Ellis – IN SUPPORT
- . Jennifer Wells – IN SUPPORT
- . Wayne Wells – IN SUPPORT
- . Beth Brannen Brock – IN SUPPORT
- . Zane Brock – IN SUPPORT
- . Judy Helton – IN SUPPORT
- . Helen Hester – OPPOSED
- . Patricia McKenzie – IN SUPPORT
- . Laura Smith Mackey – OPPOSED
- . Irene Gadson Hines – OPPOSED
- . Gerrie Jaubert – OPPOSED
- . Caren Bramhall – OPPOSED
- . Dorie Clark – OPPOSED
- . John D. Smith – OPPOSED
- . Jenifer Hilburn – OPPOSED

**Written comment(s):**

- . Diane B. Brannen – OPPOSED
- . Kerrie Bieber – OPPOSED

Mayor Johnson ordered the hearing closed for Items #13 and #14 at 4:08 p.m.

[15. Petition of Joshua Yellin on Behalf of Lincoln Park Ventures, LLC, for a Special Use Permit with Conditions to Allow Accessory Alcohol Sales in Association with a Restaurant Located at 222 East 41st Street \(PIN 20075 08010\) within the TC-1 \(Traditional Commercial-1\) Zoning District in Aldermanic District 2 \(File No. 23-005394-ZA\).](#)

[Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation for 222 E. 41st Street \(File No. 23-005394-ZA\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Maps for 222 E. 41st Street \(File No. 23-005394-ZA\).pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson declared the hearing open for Item #15.

**Speaker(s):**

- . Edward Morrow, MPC representative

**Written comment(s):**

- . Jason Combs – IN SUPPORT
- . Yvonne McQueen – Expressed concern and requested a delay.

**a.** Ald. Palumbo moved to close the hearing for Item #15, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-2. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Ald. Miller Blakely being away from the dais.

**b.** Ald. Leggett moved to approve Item #15 with conditions, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-2. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Ald. Miller Blakely being away from the dais.

**ORDINANCES - FIRST READING**

[16. Petition of John D. Northrup III, Agent for Capital Development Partners, for a Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map \(FLUM\) Amendment from Residential-Suburban Single Family to Industry Light for ~52.86 Acres Located at 343 and 339 Buckhalter Road \(10942 01003 & -01002A\), 335 Buckhalter Road \(10942 01002B\), 331 Buckhalter Road \(10942 01002C\), 325 Buckhalter Road \(10942 01002D\), 323 Buckhalter Road \(10942 01002F\), 315 Buckhalter Road \(10942 01002E\), 309 Buckhalter Road \(10942 01007 & -01008\), and 311 Buckhalter Road \(10942 01009\). \(File No. 23-002328-ZA\). \(Item was continued from the September 14, 2023, and November 21, 2023, Council Meetings\).](#)

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**HEARD FOR FIRST READING ONLY.**

[17. Petition of John D. Northrup III, Agent for Capital Development Partners, for a Zoning Map Amendment to Rezone ~52.86 Acres Located at 343 and 339 Buckhalter Road \(10942 01003 & -01002A\), 335 Buckhalter Road \(10942 01002B\), 331 Buckhalter Road \(10942 01002C\), 325 Buckhalter Road \(10942 01002D\), 323 Buckhalter Road \(10942](#)

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## HEARD FOR FIRST READING ONLY.

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

[18. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Three \(3\) Mid-Size Utility Tractors from Shea Tractor and Equipment in the Amount of \\$128,860. The mid-size utility tractors will be utilized by the Park & Tree Department and are planned FY23 fleet additions to support the department's back-to-basics initiative. \(Fleet\)](#)

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

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

Ald. Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Items #18, #20, and #21, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-2. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Ald. Miller Blakely being away from the dais.

[19. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Grant Administration & Management Contract to RostanSolutions, LLC in an Amount Not to Exceed \\$519,250. This item is related to the City of Savannah's recently awarded Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities \(BRIC\) Grant. The services to be provided will include grant administration & management services for implementation of the FEMA BRIC Grant the City received that has a total Federal contribution of \\$30,147,160 over an approximate five-year timeline. The BRIC Grant Agreement stipulates that 100% of the cost for the services provided by RostanSolutions, LLC will be reimbursable in accordance with the terms of the Agreement. \(Stormwater\)](#)

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

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

Mayor Johnson expressed his appreciation for the \$30,147,160.00 Federal BRIC grant and the positive equity for the West Side (Carver Village and Cloverdale communities).

Ald. Lanier expressed to the public that the grant is for resiliency in communities and the West Side communities desperately needs improvements/repairs around the Springfield Canal. Ald. Lanier requested to be at the table during the negotiation of these type of transactions. Ald. Miller Blakely agreed with Ald. Lanier that the District representative should be advised of grants and any funds received in their respective Districts at the time of submission.

Mayor Johnson, City Manager Melder, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Ald. Miller Blakely, and Ald. Lanier discussed the BRIC grant and how important the funds will be to alleviate flooding in West Side communities, and the improvements to the basin. Acknowledgments were sent to staff for the hard work in pursuing the Federal funds.

Ald. Lanier moved to approve Item #19, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Ald. Miller Blakely, and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[20. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Pay-by-Mobile Services with Passport. This is an agreement for a parking payment application that will provide patrons the convenience to pay for on street parking from their mobile device at no cost to the City. The convenience fee was previously \\$0.05 per transaction and was approved by the then City Manager in July 2016. The new proposed convenience fee is \\$0.10 per transaction. \(Mobility & Parking\)](#)

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

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

Ald. Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Items #18, #20, and #21, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-2. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Ald. Miller Blakely being away from the dais.

[21. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Engineering Design and Construction Overview Services for a New Lift Station and Two Sections of Sewer Force Main with Thomas and Hutton \(LOCAL\) in the Amount of \\$920,030. A new sanitary sewer lift station and new force mains are required to convey additional sewage to the Travis Field treatment plant. To serve new residential and industrial development in the New Hampstead area, more capacity is needed. \(Public Works & Water Resources\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Southwest Quad Sewer.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Southwest Quad Sewer.pdf](#)

Ald. Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Items #18, #20, and #21, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-2. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Ald. Miller Blakely being away from the dais.

[22. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Casey Canal Drainage Improvements with The Industrial Company \(TIC\) in an Amount of \\$40,276,019 using Budgeted SPLOST Funds Designated for this Project and Water & Sewer Enterprise Funds. The proposed construction work associated with this project are identified as Phase 2-1 \(drainage system improvements along 54th Street between Atlantic Avenue and Harmon Street\) and Phase 2-2 \(drainage system improvements along 56th Street and 57th Street between Abercorn Street and Harmon Street\). \(Stormwater\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Casey Canal Drainage Improvements.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Casey Canal Drainage Improvements.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Map - Casey Canal 2A Capital Improvement Project Phase 2-1 and 2-2.pdf](#)

Ald. Palumbo invited prior Aldermen/Alderwomen of District 4 (Alderman Flexon, Alderman Sadler, Alderman Sprague, and Alderman Miller), to celebrate the

\$40,276,019.00 budgeted SPLOST funds for the Casey Canal Drainage Improvement project. Alderman Julian Miller was the only former Alderman able to attend the meeting and join Ald. Palumbo at the podium for the announcement. 1998 SPLOST III was the beginning for the Casey Canal Drainage Improvement project expenditure. The SPLOST dollars will improve homes in the midtown area south of Hall Park that are in the one hundred year flood plain. Ald. Palumbo thanked Team Savannah, especially Assistant City Manager Health Lloyd, the Stormwater team, the neighborhood associations, and City Council for all their support.

Ald. Palumbo moved to approve Item #22, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

#### SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION

[23. Approval to Renew Services with INFAX for the Embross Common Use Passenger Processing System and Common Use Self-Service System for a One-year Period, in the Amount of \\$36,404.](#)

HEARD after Item #28.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #23, #24, #25, and #26, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[24. Approval to Execute a Contract with Marketing and PR Consultant Jo Piani of Luna PR, in the Amount of \\$50,000.](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #23, #24, #25, and #26, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[25. Approval to Renew Contract for Professional Services with Ailevon Pacific Air Service Consulting, in the Amount of \\$165,000.](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #23, #24, #25, and #26, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[26. Approval of Amendment No. 4 with CHA Companies, Inc. for Additional Services for the Auxiliary Parking Lots Project, in the Amount of \\$36,960.](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #23, #24, #25, and #26, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[27. Approval of Task Order No. 32 with AECOM to Conduct an Environmental Assessment \(EA\) for the Emergency Operations Center, in the Amount of \\$110,903.](#)

Ald. Palumbo moved to approve Item #27, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz recused herself from the vote due to business purposes.

#### BOARD APPOINTMENTS

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

HEARD after Item #10.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #28, appointing City Manager Melder to the Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization Board (CORE MPO) replacing Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

#### AGREEMENTS

[29. Approval of the Fourth Amendment to the 2001 Water Service Agreement with the City of Port Wentworth to Provide Adequate Water Supply.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Fourth Amendment to Water Agreement - City of Port Wentworth.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #29, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Palumbo. 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 a Memorandum of Understanding at Eastern Wharf.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Map - Eastern Wharf.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Memorandum of Understanding - Eastern Wharf.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Quit Claim Deed - City to SRL Land Venture LLC.\(2017 Right of Way\).pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #30 and #31, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[31. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Extension of an Intergovernmental Agreement \(IGA\) with Chatham County for The Front Porch Located at 2203 Abercorn Street \(for a Multi-Agency Resource Center\).](#)

[Exhibit 1: Map - 2203 Abercorn.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Existing IGA - 2203 Abercorn - .pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Third Amendment IGA - 2203 Abercorn.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #30 and #31, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

[32. Settlement #1](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #32, to authorize the City Attorney's Office to purchase property owned by the Morgan family in lieu of condemnation for \$1,400,000.00, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

MISCELLANEOUS

[33. Approval of the Installation of a Ground Marker in Taylor Square to Document the History of the Square's Name.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Signed Staff Decision - HM Taylor Square \(23-004795\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Signed HSMC Recommendation to City Council - Abercorn Wayne Streets \(23-003803-HM\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: HSMC Application - Square Marker \(07/03/2023\).pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson moved to approve Item #33 with the following language/wording on a ground marker, seconded by all Council Members:

- . Taylor Square laid out in 1851.
- . 1851 named for John C. Calhoun, Seventh U.S. Vice President.
- . 2022 City Council removed the name Calhoun, a staunch defender of slavery.
- . 2023 named in honor of Susie King Taylor, a formerly enslaved woman, nurse, educator, and the first African American to openly teach in the State of Georgia.

The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[34. Approval of a Major Subdivision: Camden Crossing and Cottage Row Phase 2. The subject property is the second phase in an established subdivision named Camden Crossing and Cottage Row. This proposed phase totals 21.17 acres and will consist of 71 single family lots with varying lot sizes. The property is in Aldermanic District 5 at Little Neck Road and Chalk Farm Way.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Plat - Major Subdivision Camden Crossing and Cottage Row.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Major Subdivision - Camden Crossing Information.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #34, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Council Members offered condolences to Mayor Johnson and his family on the loss of his father. The public can make donations to the Alzheimer Foundation on behalf of the Johnson family. Information will be posted on the City's web page.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Regular Meeting at 4:58 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=tjzNKN68yj4ySXJt>

Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

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

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