



# JANUARY 25, 2024, 2:00 p.m. - CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING CITY GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at <u>2:02 p.m.</u> Mayor Johnson recognized <u>Reverend Dr. Carolyn H. Bell, Alderwoman,</u> 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 January 25, 2024.

Mayor Johnson moved to approve signing of the Resolution and Affidavit of Executive Session for the January 11, 2024, and January 25, 2024, meetings for the purpose of discussing Real Estate, Personnel, and Litigation with no votes taken, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

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Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve Item #1, the agenda for January 25, 2024, seconded by Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing Held on January 11, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. Exhibit 1: WS DRAFT MINUTES January 11, 2024 City Council Workshop.pdf

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

<u>3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on January 11, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.</u> Exhibit1: RM DRAFT MINUTES\_January 11, 2024 City Council Regular Meeting.pdf

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

Mayor Johnson exercised a point of personal privilege to recognize Amazon Head of Community Affairs (Atlanta Region) Terreta Rodgers and Regional Public Relations Manager Shemeeka Johnson for working with him to deliver school supplies at local elementary schools, including Haven, Brock, Gadsden, and A.B. Williams.

### PRESENTATIONS

4. An appearance by the Savannah Interagency Diversity Council (SIDC) to receive a proclamation declaring January 2024 as Human Trafficking Awareness Month in Savannah and to announce the 9th Annual Traffick Jam which will be held on January 26-27, 2024.

READ and PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson to SIDC Chairman William Gettis and USDOJ representative Barry Paschal. The Proclamation was accepted by Mr. Gettis who thanked the Mayor and Council for the recognition. Mr. Paschal thanked Police Chief Gunther for his participation and support of the Savannah Police Department.

5. Appearance by and Recognition of the Second City Manager's Emerging Leaders Academy Participants.

PRESENTED by City Manager Melder who expressed his appreciation to all the graduating participants. City Manager Melder introduced the class members: Sam Alai, Economic Development; Nicholas Alfini, Water Resources; Freidland Bazelais, Park & Tree; Jennifer Becknedd, Code Compliance; Charles Bogle, Cultural Arts; Andrea Bossart, Purchasing; Midoria Carpenter, City Manger's Office; Khristi Chisholm, Recorder's Court; Dr. Kimberly Cunningham, Savannah Police Department; Zarina Davis, Planning & Urban Design; Stephanie Davis-Nelson, Parking Services; George Dickens, III, Savannah Fire Department; Alexandria Earley, Savannah Fire Department; DeAnni Gibbs, Economic Development; Azsha Hankerson, Assistant City Manager's Office; April Ludwig, Recorder's Court; Earline Matthews, Cemeteries; Dr. Salimary Mojica Ravelo, Economic Development; Rhonda Ruesch, Savannah Fire Department; Tori Thomas, Utility Services; Tuan Dinh Vu, Traffic Operations; Amber Williams, Capital Projects; and Melissa Williams, Recreation Services.

City Manager Melder thanked Dr. Jennifer Blalock, Director, Organizational Development, and Human Resources Director Jeff Grant and the Human Resources team for their support.

Mayor Johnson recognized Khristi Chisholm, the daughter of former Mayor Floyd Adams.

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

6. 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). (APPLICATION WITHDRAWN BY PETITIONER)

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

Mayor Johnson announced there was no action required for Item #6. The petitioner withdrew his application.

7. Approval to Add a Class C (Liquor) (By the Drink) to an Existing Class C (Beer and Wine) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Pijit Healy for PJ's Thai Corner, a Restaurant Located at 147 Abercorn Street. The establishment is located on the Northwestern Corner of East Oglethorpe Avenue and Abercorn Street in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Pj's Thai Corner.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Pj's Thai Corner.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Pj's Thai Corner.pdf Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Pj's Thai Corner.pdf Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Pj's Thai Corner.pdf

Mayor Johnson opened the alcohol hearings for Items #7 and #9.

## No speaker(s).

**a.** Ald. Palumbo moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #7 and #9, seconded by Ald. Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

**b**. Ald. Leggett moved to approve Item #7, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

8. Approval of a Class C (Beer, Liquor, and Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Brittany O'Neal for B. Nicole's Bistro, a Restaurant Located at 1639 East Victory Drive. The establishment is located between Wicklow and Grenoble Streets in Aldermanic District 3.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - B. Nicoles Bistro.pdf Exhibit 2: Density Map - B. Nicoles Bistro.pdf Exhibit 3: Alcohol Report - B.Nicoles Bistro.pdf Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - B.Nicoles Bistro.pdf Exhibit 5: Security Plan - B. Nicole's Bistro.pdf Exhibit 6: Signed Good Neighbor Agreement.pdf

Mayor Johnson opened the alcohol hearing for Item #8.

# No speaker(s).

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

**b.** Ald. Wilder-Bryan moved to deny/disapprove Item #8, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed, 6-3-0. Mayor Johnson, Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Lanier voted no.

**c.** Ald. Miller Blakely moved to approve Item #8, seconded by Ald. Lanier. The motion failed, 3-6-0. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Ald. Bell, Ald. Leggett, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, Ald. Palumbo, and Ald. Purtee voted no.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan indicated, an alcohol license is a privilege not a right. Her goal is to protect the citizens and there were concerns by residents about parking. Residents were opposed to the restaurant being granted an alcohol license.

Ald. Miller Blakely stated this business was highly scrutinized unlike other alcohol applicants. She requested the names of the residents who did not approve of the business in the community, because her due diligence showed the residents in the community had no objection to the restaurant having an alcohol license.

Ald. Lanier recommended revisiting the standards to eliminate subjectivity. If a petitioner meets the standards, then the alcohol license should be granted. It should not be based on personal opinions.

## Written comment(s):

 B.J. Lowenthal/Danielle Murray – Expressed concerns with parking and the potential for loitering.

9. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, and Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Pijit Healy for Klom Klom, a Restaurant Located at 7201 Hodgson Memorial Drive. The establishment is located between Mall Boulevard and Eisenhower Drive in Aldermanic District 4.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Klom Klom.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Klom Klom.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Klom Klom.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Klom Klom.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Klom Klom.pdf

Mayor Johnson opened the alcohol hearings for Items #7 and #9.

## No speaker(s).

**a.** Ald. Palumbo moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #7 and #9, seconded by Ald. Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

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

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

10. 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 01002F), 315 Buckhalter Road (10942 01002E), 309 Buckhalter Road (10942 01007 & -01008), and 311 Buckhalter Road (10942 01009), (File No. 23-002328-ZA).

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation for Buckhalter Road FLUM (File No. 23-002328-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Maps for Buckhalter Road.pdf

Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance for Buckhalter Road FLUM (File No. 23-002328-ZA) - Revised.pdf

Mayor Johnson indicated a public hearing was held at a previous meeting and no public comment will be heard during today's session.

City Manager Melder cited the recent updated recommendations for Item #10, the Future Land Use Map Amendment, and Item #11, the Zoning Map Amendment, in an effort to protect the surrounding communities from any negative impact associated with light industrial use and to ensure property owners in Phase One will be able to sell their properties to the petitioner and not serve as a buffer.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #10, to include updated recommendations made by the City Manager, seconded by Ald. Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

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

Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance for Buckhalter Road Rezoning (File No. 23-000304-ZA) - Revised.pdf

Mayor Johnson thanked residents for showing up for the Buckhalter Road petition. He asked City Manager Melder about the buffer associated with the properties.

City Manager Melder indicated the Ordinance calls for a 40' buffer, but Council has approved a 100' buffer and an 8' vegetated earthen berm. A 100' buffer is the most the City has ever required.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #11, seconded by Ald. Purtee to include updated recommendations made by the City Manager, as follows:

- Provide a 100-foot buffer along the northern border of phase 1 to include a vegetated earthen berm at least eight (8) feet in height, and/or a combination vegetated earthen berm/sound wall at least eight feet in height;
- <sup>2</sup> Provide a 100-foot buffer along the eastern border of phase 1 to include temporary sound, light, and visibility mitigation devices, which can include a vegetate earthen berm at least eight (8) feet in height. AND, if phase 2 properties are not purchased by the petitioner within 24 months of the completion of the CPPI's capital construction of building, the petitioner must install permanent treatments identical to those required along the northern border;
- 3. A Mitigation Agreement will be finalized within 30 days; and,
- 4. A recombination plat would be required.

The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

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

12. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for a Certified Nursing Assistant Program with King Training Center, LLC in an Amount Not to Exceed \$55,548. The Certified Nursing Assistant job training program is hosted by the Human Services Department at the Moses Jackson Center and will provide 40 scholarships for high-demand and high-wage entry-level employment opportunities for income eligible residents.(Human Services)

Mayor Johnson expressed his appreciation for the program.

Mayor Johnson moved to approve Item #12, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

<sup>11.</sup> 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 01002F), 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).

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

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Certified Nursing Assistant.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Certified Nursing Assistant.pdf

<sup>13.</sup> Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Annual Maintenance Agreement for the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition System (SCADA) with Emerson Process Management (LOCAL) in an Amount Not to Exceed \$123,719. The annual maintenance agreement will be used by the Public Works and Water Resources Department to provide hardware repair, software updates, technical support, and other repair services associated with the SCADA network. (Water Supply & Treatment Department)

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - SCADA Annual Maintenance.pdf

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

14. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Two-Year Contract for State and Federal Legislative Services from Holland & Knight in an Amount Not to Exceed \$222,000 per year. The two-year contract will provide both state and federal legislative assistance with the Georgia General Assembly. State Agencies, United States Congress, and Federal Agencies on behalf of the City of Savannah. (Office of the City Manager)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Legislative Services.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Legislative Services.pdf

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

15. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 for Splash Pads with Great Southern Recreation in the Amount of \$48,086. This contract modification is for site grading and additional plumbing connections that are needed for the Victory Heights and Avondale Neighborhoods splash pads. (Capital Projects)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Splash Pad Modification.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Splash Pads Modification.pdf

Ald. Wilder-Bryan asked if the project will be completed before the heat of the summer. City Manager Melder answered staff will be working hard to complete the project before the heat of summer.

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

16. Notification of an Emergency Purchase For Bar Screens with Cornerstone H2O in the Amount of \$146,500. These bar screens consist of stationary inclined bars, which are cleaned by motor-driven rakes that are used to remove debris from incoming stormwater flows. The debris includes floatable plastics and organic materials, which may damage the pumps. (Stormwater)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Emergency Purchase Bar Screen

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Note - Emergency Purchase Bar Screen

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

17. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Design of the New Hampstead Public Safety Facility with Greenline Architecture (LOCAL)(DBE) in an Amount Not to Exceed \$582,500. The consultant's services will be used for developing and implementing design and construction documents for a 25,000+ square foot joint police and fire facility that also includes shared space for department and community use, as well as training and storage. (Capital Projects)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - New Hampstead Public Safety Design Services.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - New Hampstead Public Safety Design Services.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz indicated the number one priority for the City is the protection of it's citizens. The new facility will provide joint police and fire departments, as well as space for department and community use, and training and storage space.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #17 as written, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

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

18. A Resolution In Support of the Okefenokee Swamp.

Exhibit 1: Resolution - Support of the Okefenokee Swamp.docx

Mayor Johnson gave a brief background of the Okefenokee Swamp and the reasons for preserving the swamp and the wildlife therein. DeKalb County, Wayne County, City of Brunswick, and City of St. Mary's passed Resolutions in support of the Okefenokee Swamp.

Ald. Lanier expressed concern for residents of District 1 who are currently facing environmental injustices (air, noise, toxins, and truck intrusions). The City should address it's citizens issues. For these reasons, Ald. Lanier stated she will not support the Resolution.

Mayor Johnson indicated the issues in District 1 are not State issues, they are regulatory issues. The City has requested continued monitoring of those issues for compliance.

Ald. Palumbo moved to approve Item #18, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Ald. Leggett, and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 7-2-0. Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Lanier voted no.

## Written comment(s):

- · Jen Hilburn, 100 Miles IN SUPPORT (Thank you)
- Ben Prater, Defenders of Wildlife IN SUPPORT
- Rena Ann Peck, Georgia River Network IN SUPPORT
- · Monica Thornton/Bailey Izard, The Nature Conservancy IN SUPPORT

19. Approval of a Resolution to Authorize the City Manager to Request Defederalization the City's Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Award #04-39-04101 and execute an "Agreement to Release" the Economic Development Administration (EDA) Federal Interest in the Revolving Loan Fund.

Exhibit 1: Resolution - Savannah (Legacy) EDA Request Defederalization

Mayor Johnson recognized Commissioner Kendra L. Rolle, City of Brunswick. She is one of the youngest Commissioners in the City of Brunswick. Mayor Johnson thanked Commissioner Rolle for attending the Council meeting.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #19, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

20. Approval of a Resolution to Authorize the City Manager to execute a contract modification with Chatham-Savannah Authority for the Homeless in the amount of \$155,000 to provide Street Outreach and Transportation Services for an additional year.

Reso - Street Outreach - 1-25-24 Mtg.docx

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #20, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely, Ald. Lanier, and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

AGREEMENTS

21. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Parkway & 17 Hotel Partners, LLC for Woodsprings Suites, a development consisting of a 4-story, 99 room hotel at 115 Woodsprings Drive off Chatham Parkway in the President Street Treatment Plant service area located in Aldermanic District 5.

Exhibit 1 : Water & Sewer Agreement - Woodsprings Suites.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem moved to approve Item #21, seconded by 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)

22. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Third Amendment to Extend the Lease Agreement for the Property at 602 East Lathrop Avenue (Savannah Police Department Northwest Precinct) in the Amount of \$410,524.51.

Exhibit 1 - 602 E Lathrop - Map.pdf

Exhibit 2 - 602 E Lathrop - Original Lease.pdf

Exhibit 3 - 602 E Lathrop - Third Amendment to Lease jnh01092024[28].pdf

Ald. Lanier moved to approve Item #22, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Wilder-Bryan was away from the dais.

23. Authorize the City Manager to Approve Second Amendment to the Lease for Eastside Police Precinct at 2250 East Victory Drive in the Amount of \$176,436 Escalating at 4% per year.

Exhibit 1 - Map 2250 E Victory Dr - MAP.pdf Exhibit 2 - Original Lease 2250 E Victory - Lease.pdf Exhibit 3 - 2nd Amendment - Signed by McIntosh.pdf

Ald. Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #23, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

24. Authorize the City Manager to Approve the Purchase of Easements Across Seven Parcels to Facilitate a Sewer Project in the Southwest Quadrant at an Amount of \$33,761.

Exhibit 1- Map Lift Station 193.pdf

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

#### CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

25. Settlement #1

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #25, to authorize the City Attorney's Office to settle the claim (worker's compensation matter) of Amanda Brooner for \$80,000.00, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

26. Approval of a Major Subdivision: Bradley Pointe South Phase 11, a portion of Parcel 1A of the Vallambrosa Plantation. This proposed property totals 6.145 acres and will consist of 32 lots with varying lot sizes. The property is in Alderman District 6 at Street Location: Flager Drive and Stetson Drive

Exhibit 1: Plat Major Subdivision Bradley Pointe South Phase 11 a portion of Parcel 1A of the Vallambrosa Plantation.pdf

Ald. Purtee moved to approve Item #26, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Johnson announced Council Members will be in Atlanta over the weekend attending GMA's Legislative Update and Briefing Conference (Cities United Summit). Following the weekend, Council Members will visit the Capitol for interaction with other cities and for Savannah Chatham Day to highlight and advocate Savannah's important issues to the Georgia General Assembly.

Ald. Leggett offered condolences to the following families: Pastor Mary Jones, District 3; Mr. Irvin Scott, District 4; Mr. Frank Williams, District 4 who taught brick laying to young men in the community; Ms. Monica Dye Cleveland, District 4; and Angela Wiggins, District 2.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan thanked the School Board for the Spelling Bee held at Savannah State University on January 23, 2024, and congratulated 8th grade student D. Goodson who won. She also thanked SCAD for providing gifts to participates of the Spelling Bee.

Mayor Johnson offered condolences to the family of Robert L. Gray, a longtime registrar of Savannah State University and a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz announced a community partner, Life Skills for Empowerment Center, Inc., will hold it's annual recognition ceremony on Sunday, January 28, 2024, 11:00 a.m. at Tatemville Community Center, 333 Coleman Street.

Ald. Leggett thanked Mayor Johnson and Chatham Area Transit (CAT) Executive Director/CEO Faye DiMassimo for Senior Circular starting on February 5, 2024. The CAT program takes seniors from senior housing for grocery shopping and for appointments (doctor, dentist, etc.).

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Regular Meeting at <u>3:02 p.m.</u>

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=YvswJllshRJtNXxi

Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved:

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

