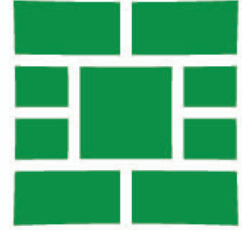


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**JUNE 27, 2024, 2:00 p.m. - CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
CITY GOVERNMENT  
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN  
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA**

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at **2:05 p.m.** Mayor Johnson recognized **Post 1 Alderwoman Carolyn H. Bell** to introduce **Bishop Thomas J. Sills, Pastor of Connor's Temple Baptist Church**, 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 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

**ABSENT:**

Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2

**ALSO, PRESENT:**

City Manager Joseph A. Melder  
Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams  
Deputy City Attorney Jen Herman  
Clerk of Council Mark Massey

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**[1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for June 27, 2024.](#)

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**[2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing Held on May 23, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Draft Minutes - May 23, 2024, City Council Workshop.pdf](#)

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

[3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on May 23, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Draft Minutes - May 23, 2024, City Council Regular Meeting.pdf](#)

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

**PRESENTATIONS**[4. A Proclamation Designating June 2024 as Wear Orange Month in Savannah, GA.](#)

Mayor Johnson introduced Ald. Wilder-Bryan to read and jointly present a proclamation to Co-Lead and local organizer of the Savannah chapter of Moms Demand Action Laurie McNeil who was joined with other chapter members, including Ald. Wilder-Bryan. Ms. McNeil read into the record stats relating to the gun violence in America, and she thanked Mayor Johnson and members of the City Council for using the platform to bring awareness and do something about this crisis. At the request of Mayor Johnson, each attending member named victims of gun violence:

- . Crystal Gail Ellison
- . Dominic Xavier Milton Williams
- . Latasha Blackmon Stewart

Ald. Lanier named her son, William (Bill) George Anderson, II.

[5. A Proclamation Designating June 2024 as Caribbean Heritage Month in Savannah, GA.](#)

Mayor Johnson presented a proclamation to city employees of Caribbean decent/heritage in celebration of Caribbean American Heritage Month, and he announced his desire to create a Caribbean Taskforce. City employees identified the following places as their native homes:

- . Puerto Rico (City Manager's Office)
- . Dominican Republic/Puerto Rico (DBE Compliance)
- . St. Thomas, Virgin Islands (Utilities Services)
- . Jamaica, various areas named (HR)
- . Haiti (Police Department/NW precinct)
- . Saint Kitts, West Indies (Development Services)
- . Haiti (department not named)
- . Haiti (Water Treatment Plant)

[6. An Appearance Recognizing the Service and Accomplishments of Earline Wesley Davis Upon Her Retirement as the Executive Director of the Housing Authority of Savannah.](#)

Mayor Johnson read and presented a proclamation to Ms. Earline Wesley Davis on the occasion of her retirement from the Housing Authority of Savannah. Ms. Wesley Davis received her

proclamation, recognized her staff and Board Chair, then she expressed her appreciation for the recognition.

Mayor Johnson recognized Pastor Marsha Buford, Commissioner-elect for Chatham County Commissioner, District 8. She thanked everyone for their support.

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

[7. Approval of a Class C \(Liquor, Beer, Wine\) \(By the Drink\) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Victoria Hill for Bellwether House, a Bed and Breakfast Inn Located at 211 E. Gaston Street. The establishment is located between Abercorn and Lincoln Streets in Aldermanic District 2. \(Continued from the May 9, 2024, City Council Meeting at the request of City Staff\)](#)

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

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

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

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

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

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearing open for #7.

**No speaker(s).**

a. Ald. Leggett moved to close the alcohol hearing for item #7, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

b. Ald. Leggett moved to approve item #7 pursuant to the good neighbor agreement, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

[8. Approval of a Class C \(Liquor, Beer, and Wine\) \(By the Drink\) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Timothy Strickland for Wexford, a Restaurant Located at 27 Barnard Street. The establishment is located between West Congress and West Bryan Streets in Aldermanic District 2.](#)

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

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

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

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

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

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearing open for #8.

**No speaker(s).**

a. Ald. Leggett moved to close the alcohol hearing for item #8, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

b. Ald. Leggett moved to approve item #8, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

[9. Approval of a Class C \(Liquor, Beer, and Wine\) \(By the Drink\) Alcohol License to Maria Rivera for Service Station, a Bar/Lounge Located at 460 Airways Avenue. The establishment is located between Gulfstream Road and Aggett Drive in Aldermanic District 1.](#)

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

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

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

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

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

Heard before #7 and #8.

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings open for #9 and #10.

**No speaker(s).**

a. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the alcohol hearings for items #9 and #10, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

b. Ald. Lanier moved to approve item #9, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-2. Ald. Wilder-Bryan was away from the dais and Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

[10. Approval of a Class E \(Beer and Wine\) \(By the Package\) Alcohol License to Jeffrey Schielke for Circle K #7265, a Convenience Store Located at 930 Chatham Parkway. The establishment is located between Park of Commerce Boulevard and Chatham Center Drive in Aldermanic District 5.](#)

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

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

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

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

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

Heard before #7 and #8.

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings open for #9 and #10.

**No speaker(s).**

a. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the alcohol hearings for items #9 and #10, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

b. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve item #10, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-2. Ald. Wilder-Bryan was away from the dais and Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

**ZONING HEARINGS**

[11. Petition of Joshua Yellin for 1201 Abercorn LLC on Behalf of Asbury United Methodist Church to Amend to Future Land Use Map from Traditional Neighborhood to Traditional Commercial at 1201 Abercorn Street and 115 E. Duffy Street \(PIN 20053 03001 & 20053 03014\) in Aldermanic District 2 \(File No. 24-002111-ZA\).](#)

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[Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance for Future Land Use Map for 1201 Abercorn and 115 E Duffy Streets \(File No. 24-002111-ZA\).pdf](#)

Heard after item #52.

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing open for item #11.

Speaker(s):

- Edward Morrow, representing the MPC
- Josh Yellin, representing the petitioner
- Ellie Isaacs - IN SUPPORT

Ald. Leggett moved to close hearing for item #11, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent. See related agenda item #17.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz indicated the city previously missed the opportunity to speak about Repurpose Savannah. When renovations get started and certain materials are determined not to be used, she requested the petitioner to contact Repurpose Savannah.

Ald. Leggett inquired if the entire structure is being repurposed and preserved (yes, no major modifications).

Ald. Bell stated during a visit, it appeared the new owner/developers and someone from the congregation are working well together.

[12. Petition of Joshua Yellin on Behalf of Asbury United Methodist Church for a Zoning Map Amendment to Rezone 1201 Abercorn Street and 115 E. Duffy Street \(PIN 20053 03001 & 20053 03014\) from TN-1 \(Traditional Neighborhood-1\) to TC-1 \(Traditional Commercial-1\) in Aldermanic District 2 \(File No. 24-002007-ZA\).](#)

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[Exhibit 2: Map for 1201 Abercorn and 115 E Duffy Streets \(File No. 24-002006-ZA\),pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance for Rezoning of 1201 Abercorn and 115 E Duffy Streets \(File No. 24-002007-ZA\),pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearings open for item #12 and #13.

Speaker(s):

- Edward Morrow, representing the MPC
- Ellie Isaacs - IN SUPPORT

Ald. Leggett moved to close hearings for item #12 and #13, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent. See related agenda item #18.

[13. Petition of Joshua Yellin for 1201 Abercorn LLC on Behalf of Asbury United Methodist Church for Special Use Permit Requests to Allow 1\) the Accessory Alcohol Sales in a Restaurant and 2\) Hall, Banquet, or Reception within TN-1 \(Traditional Neighborhood-1\) at 1201 Abercorn Street and 115 E. Duffy Street \(PIN 20053 03001 & 20053 03014\) in Aldermanic District 2. File No. 24-002006-ZA.](#)

[Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation for a Special Use Permit at 1201 Abercorn and 115 E Duffy Streets \(File No. 24-002006-ZA\),pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearings open for item #12 and #13.

Speaker(s):

- Edward Morrow, representing the MPC
- Ellie Isaacs - IN SUPPORT

a. Ald. Leggett moved to close hearings for item #12 and #13, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent. See related agenda item #18.

b. Ald. Leggett moved to approve the Special Use Permit for item #13, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

[14. Petition of Robert L. McCorkle, III on Behalf of Waters QOZB, LLC for a Zoning Map Amendment of 0.14-Acres at 1100 East 31st Street \(PIN 20055 08016\) from TR-2 \(Traditional Residential-2\) to TC-1 \(Traditional Commercial-1\) in Aldermanic District 2 \(File No. 24-002022-ZA\).](#)

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[Exhibit 2: Map for 1100 E 31st Street \(File No. 24-002022-ZA\),pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance for the Rezoning of 1100 E 31st Street \(File No. 24-002022-ZA\),pdf](#)

Ald. Leggett moved to continue/postpone item #14 and #19 to the July 25, 2024 City Council Meeting, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent. See related agenda item #19.

[15. Petition of Robert McCorkle, III, on Behalf of Ramsay Khalidi, LLC for a Special Use Permit for the Indoor Amusement Use at 100 West Lathrop Avenue \(PIN 20025 12001 and 20025 12002\) in Aldermanic District 1 \(File No. 24-002463-ZA\).](#)

[Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for 100 W. Lathrop Avenue \(File No. 24-002463-ZA\),pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Map for 100 W. Lathrop Avenue \(File No.24-002463-ZA\),pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning (special use permit) hearing open for item #15.

Speaker(s):

- Edward Morrow, representing the MPC

a. Ald. Lanier moved to close hearing for item #15, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

b. Ald. Lanier moved to deny item #15. The motion failed for a lack of a second.

c. Ald. Wilder-Bryan moved to approve item #15 for the Special Use Permit, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed, 7-1-1. Ald. Lanier voted no, and Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

Ald. Lanier questioned Mr. Morrow regarding the different zoning and issues in the area which have been identified as problems for the community. How do we avoid these struggles? Mr. Morrow identified the need for neighborhood planning (plans) in this area. The process of completing the Comprehensive Plan is coming up. The MPC is considering environmental overlays to curb conflicts. Industrial activities is a major component in our economic base, as well as past inequities.

16. Petition of Rafaella Nutini on Behalf of the Housing Authority of Savannah for a Text Amendment to the Hitch Village PUD in Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 24-002441-ZA).

[Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation for Hitch Village PD \(File No. 24-002441-ZA\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Maps for Hitch Village PD \(File No. 24-002441-ZA\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Early Childhood Learning Center Site Plan.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 4: Amended Hitch Village Master Plan \(File No. 24-002441-ZA\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 5: Draft Ordinance for Hitch Village PUD \(File No. 24-002441-ZA\).pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing open for item #16.

Speaker(s):

- Edward Morrow, representing the MPC

Ald. Leggett moved to close hearing for item #16, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent. See related agenda item #20.

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

17. Petition of Joshua Yellin for 1201 Abercorn LLC on Behalf of Asbury United Methodist Church to Amendment to Future Land Use Map from Traditional Neighborhood to Traditional Commercial at 1201 Abercorn Street and 115 E. Duffy Street (PIN 20053 03001 & 20053 03014) in Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 24-002111-ZA).

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[Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance for Future Land Use Map for 1201 Abercorn and 115 E Duffy Streets \(File No. 24-002111-ZA\).pdf](#)

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 approve item #17, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent. See related agenda item #11.

18. Petition of Joshua Yellin on Behalf of Asbury United Methodist Church for a Zoning Map Amendment to Rezone 1201 Abercorn Street and 115 E. Duffy Street (PIN 20053 03001 & 20053 03014) from TN-1 (Traditional Neighborhood-1) to TC-1 (Traditional Commercial-1) in Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 24-002007-ZA).

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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 approve item #18, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent. See related agenda item #12.

19. Petition of Robert L. McCorkle, III on Behalf of Waters QOZB, LLC for a Zoning Map Amendment of 0.14-Acres at 1100 East 31st Street (PIN 20055 08016) from TR-2 (Traditional Residential-2) to TC-1 (Traditional Commercial-1) in Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 24-002022-ZA).

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Ald. Leggett moved to continue/postpone item #14 and #19 to the July 25, 2024 City Council Meeting, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent. See related agenda item #14.

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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 approve item #20, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent. See related agenda item #16.

[21. An Ordinance to Amend Division II of the Code of the City of Savannah Part 2, Government and Administration, Chapter 3, General Administration, Article B, Departmental Organization, Section 2-3041, Bureaus Enumerated, to Conform with the Current City Organizational Structure.](#)

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 approve item #21, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

Mayor Johnson stated he tries to read the City's Charter once a year. As a part of cleaning up the City's Code/Charter to look the way we operate, Mayor Johnson asked the City Manager and the City Attorney for suggestions that could be addressed by the City Council. Mayor Johnson advised he also asked the City Attorney's office to do an overall review of the Charter/Code for other opportunities that might exist.

Deputy City Attorney Jen Herman advised the Code is currently written according to the old bureaus system we had for years, and the proposed change recognizes that we now operate by seven (7) service centers. In addressing Mayor Johnson's question, Attorney Herman advised she does not believe there is any legal requirement to make this change rather (this is) a relic, given the Code already enumerates the powers of the City Manager.

[22. An Ordinance to Amend the City of Savannah's 2024 Revenue Ordinance to Comply with House Bill 461, which Prohibits Local Governments from Assessing Fees Based on Construction Value for Renovation Projects Under \\$75,000.](#)

[Exhibit 1: House Bill 461.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Revenue Ordinance Revisions.pdf](#)

After the first reading was considered the second reading and a request that an ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, Ald. Bell moved to approve item #22, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

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

[23. Notification of an Emergency Purchase to Procure Two \(2\) Engines for Marine 2 from Hale Marine \(LOCAL\) in the Amount of \\$53,169. Marine 2 is the hazardous material response vessel for the Savannah Fire Department and County-wide hazardous situations. The vessel is currently out of order due to engine failure. \(SFD\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Marine 2 Engine Replacement.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Marine 2 Engine Replacement.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve purchasing items #23 through #38, seconded by Ald. Lanier, Ald. Palumbo, and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

[24. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Whitaker Street Parking Garage Elevator Upgrades with TK Elevator Corporation \(LOCAL\) in the Amount of \\$124,368. This procurement will allow for reduced down time of the elevators in the Whitaker Street Parking Garage. \(Parking & Mobility Services\).](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Whitaker Parking Garage Elevator Upgrades.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Whitaker Parking Garage Elevator Upgrades.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve purchasing items #23 through #38, seconded by Ald. Lanier, Ald. Palumbo, and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

[25. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 6 for Delesseps Avenue Construction Administration Services with Thomas and Hutton Engineering \(LOCAL\) in the Amount of \\$249,695. This modification will provide construction inspection, answering requests for information \(RFIs\) and associated plan revisions, reviewing shop drawings, change orders, contractor pay requests and other contractor submittals, conducting site visits or attending meetings when requested by the City and producing record drawings. \(Capital Projects\).](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Delesseps Construction Admin.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Delesseps Ave Construction Admin.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve purchasing items #23 through #38, seconded by Ald. Lanier, Ald. Palumbo, and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

[26. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Tide to Town Equitable Growth, Enhanced Community Engagement & Project Phase Services with The Collaborative, Inc. in the Amount of \\$249,726. The Tide to Town Urban Trail System will be a protected network of walking and bicycling trails connecting all of Savannah and Chatham County. \(Planning and Urban Design\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Tide to Town Equitable Growth Project.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Tide to Town Equitable Growth Project.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve purchasing items #23 through #38, seconded by Ald. Lanier, Ald. Palumbo, and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

[27. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 for Delesseps Avenue Project with APAC-Atlantic in the Amount of \\$1,655,000. This modification is necessary due to quantity increases, removal and replacement of unsuitable soils, additional water line work, and changes to stormwater structures due to field conditions. \(Capital Projects\).](#)

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

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

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve purchasing items #23 through #38, seconded by Ald. Lanier, Ald. Palumbo, and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

[28. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Directional Boring with D&C Directional Boring, LLC in an Amount Not to Exceed \\$108,700. These services are used for installation of new water service, sewer mains, traffic cabling, other underground piping and cabling or for the replacement of antiquated material. \(Water Resources\)](#)

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

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Directional Boring.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve purchasing items #23 through #38, seconded by Ald. Lanier, Ald. Palumbo, and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

[29. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 for Engineering Design and Construction Overview Services for the Southwest Quadrant with Thomas and Hutton Engineering \(LOCAL\) in the Amount of \\$1,164,740. Task #4 will be used for the design and construction overview of a new 30" force main that will convey flow from the lift station on Pine Meadows Drive to Dean Forest at Pipemakers Canal. \(Water Resources\).](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Eng Design & Construction Svcs.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Eng Design & Construction Svcs.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve purchasing items #23 through #38, seconded by Ald. Lanier, Ald. Palumbo, and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller



Blakely was absent.

[30. Notification of an Emergency Purchase for Bar Screens with Cornerstone H2O in the Amount of \\$265,000. The bar screens remove debris from incoming stormwater. The debris has caused wear and tear on the current bars, which has resulted in failure of operation. \(Stormwater\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Notification of Emergency Purchase Montgomery Street Bar Screen.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Notification of Emergency Purchase Montgomery Street Bar Screen.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve purchasing items #23 through #38, seconded by Ald. Lanier, Ald. Palumbo, and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

[31. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Annual Contract for Low Voltage Cabling with Netplanner \(LOCAL\) in an Amount Not to Exceed \\$265,000. These services will be used to provide low voltage cabling at various City of Savannah facilities by the Innovation + Technology Services Department. \(ITS\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Low Voltage Cabling.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Low Voltage Cabling.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve purchasing items #23 through #38, seconded by Ald. Lanier, Ald. Palumbo, and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

[32. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Casey Canal Phase 2-C Drainage Improvements Deep Tunnel Design with Black and Veatch in the Amount of \\$2,488,225. This design will provide conveyance for the 100-year storm event and greatly minimize impacts, disruptions, and cost to construct the drainage improvements. \(Stormwater\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Casey Phase 2 Design.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Casey Phase 2 Design.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve purchasing items #23 through #38, seconded by Ald. Lanier, Ald. Palumbo, and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

[33. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for New Mobile Data Terminals \(MDTs\) from Law and Order Technology in an Amount Not to Exceed \\$300,000. The mobile data terminals \(MDTs\) will be used by the police and fire departments. \(ITS\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Mobile Data Terminals.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Mobile Data Terminals.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve purchasing items #23 through #38, seconded by Ald. Lanier, Ald. Palumbo, and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

[34. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for One \(1\) Rear Loader Refuse Truck with New Way c/o Solid Waste Applied Technologies in the Amount of \\$139,000. The rear loader refuse truck will be used by the Park & Tree Department for trash collection from over 400 receptacles in the downtown area. \(Fleet\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Rear Loader Refuse Truck.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Rear Loader Refuse Truck.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve purchasing items #23 through #38, seconded by Ald. Lanier, Ald. Palumbo, and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

[35. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for One \(1\) Mini Excavator with a Mulching Head Attachment from Caterpillar c/o Yancey Bros in the Amount of \\$194,627. The Mini Excavator with Mulching Head Attachment will be utilized by the Stormwater Department to clear and rejuvenate overgrown ditches across the City, effectively restoring many to a functional and manageable condition. \(Fleet\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Mini Excavator w Mulching Head.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Mini Excavator w Mulching Head.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve purchasing items #23 through #38, seconded by Ald. Lanier, Ald. Palumbo, and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller

Blakely was absent.

[36. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for One \(1\) Long Reach Tractor with a Boom Mower with Atlantic and Southern Equipment, LLC., in the Amount of \\$214,984. The long reach tractor with boom mower will be used by the Park & Tree Department for the maintenance of ditches and canals. \(Fleet\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Long Reach Tractor w Boom Mower.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Long Reach Tractor w Boom Mower.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve purchasing items #23 through #38, seconded by Ald. Lanier, Ald. Palumbo, and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

[37. Authorize the City Manager to Rescind the Award for Three \(3\) Dump Trucks from Wade Ford, and Re-Award to National Automotive Fleet Group c/o Associate Fuel Systems in the Amount of \\$366,000. The three \(3\) dump trucks will serve as a valuable fleet addition for the Sanitation Department to support the newly established Sanitation Litter Crew. \(Fleet\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Sanitation Dump Trucks.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Sanitation Dump Trucks.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve purchasing items #23 through #38, seconded by Ald. Lanier, Ald. Palumbo, and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

[38. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Sixteen \(16\) Super-Duty Pickup Trucks from National Auto Fleet Group c/o Alan Jay Fleet Sales in an Amount Not to Exceed \\$1,422,948. The super duty pickup trucks will be utilized by different departments within the City, including Water Distribution, Stormwater, Park & Tree, and Savannah Fire. \(Fleet\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Super Duty Pickup Trucks.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Super Duty Pickup Trucks.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve purchasing items #23 through #38, seconded by Ald. Lanier, Ald. Palumbo, and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

#### SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION

[39. Approval to Award Bid to Harrison Contracting Company to Install Four Speed Humps on Melaver Drive, in the Amount of \\$26,865.](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #39, and #41 through #49, seconded by Ald. Lanier, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

[40. Approval to Procure Engineering Services from AECOM, for the Life Cycle Replacement of Air Handler Units, in the Amount of \\$45,000.](#)

Ald. Purtee moved to approve item #40, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-2. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz recused herself for purposes of business, and Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

[41. Approval of Advertising Placement in the 2025 Hilton Head Island and Bluffton Vacation Planners, in the Amount of \\$51,132.](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #39, and #41 through #49, seconded by Ald. Lanier, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

[42. Approval to Renew the Annual License Subscription for Secure Credentials from Tadera for a One-Year Period, in the Amount of \\$71,270.](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #39, and #41 through #49, seconded by Ald. Lanier, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

[43. Approval to Procure Engineering Services from Mead & Hunt, Inc., for Terminal Area Pavement Improvements and Parking Deck Safety Improvements, in the Amount of \\$76,460.](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #39, and #41 through #49, seconded by Ald. Lanier, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

[44. Approval to Award Bid to Technology International, Inc., to Provide Six Gate Podiums, in the Amount of \\$236,100.](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #39, and #41 through #49, seconded by Ald. Lanier, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

[45. Approval of a Five-Year Planned Service Agreement with Axon Enterprise, Inc., in the Amount of \\$638,150.](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #39, and #41 through #49, seconded by Ald. Lanier, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

[46. Approval to Ratify the Acceptance of a Grant from the Georgia Department of Transportation, in the Amount of \\$1,909,406.51.](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #39, and #41 through #49, seconded by Ald. Lanier, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

[47. Approval to Execute a Contract with EE Reed Construction for the Auxiliary Parking Lots Project, in the Amount of \\$11,418,646.](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #39, and #41 through #49, seconded by Ald. Lanier, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

[48. Approval to Execute a Contract with Iugis Construction Corporation, for the Terminal Concourse Expansion Project, in the Amount of \\$26,840,770.](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #39, and #41 through #49, seconded by Ald. Lanier, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

[49. Approval to Execute a Contract with EE Reed Construction, for the Air Cargo Facility Project, in the Amount of \\$51,210,932.](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #39, and #41 through #49, seconded by Ald. Lanier, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

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

[50. Resolution 1: Renovation of the Entire Civic Center Facility Including the Arena, Theatre, and Community Meeting Rooms.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Resolution 1 - Renovate the Entire Civic Center Facility 06.20.2024.pdf](#)

This resolution was not voted upon.

[51. Resolution 2: Removal of the Entire Civic Center Facility to Include the Arena, Theatre, Ballroom, and Community Meeting Rooms and Replace the Theatre, Ballroom, and Community Meeting Rooms at an Alternative Location.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Resolution 2 - Entire Civic Center Removal and Theatre Replacement 06.20.2024.pdf](#)

This resolution was not voted upon.

[52. Resolution 3: Removal of the Arena and Renovation of the Theatre, Ballroom, and Community Meeting Rooms.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Resolution 3 - Remove Arena and Renovate Theatre 06.20.2024.pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson requested City Manager Melder to provide an overview of the three options.

Regarding item #51, Mayor Johnson asked City Manager Melder if an alternate location had been identified (No).

Mayor Johnson indicated that the City Council will consider the three (3) separate options, and whichever agenda item receives a majority vote will be the decider.

**Ald. Leggett moved to adopt/approve item #52 (option #3), seconded by Ald. Purtee, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed, 7-1-1. Ald. Lanier voted no, and Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.**

Ald. Lanier asked the City Manager about the options, namely the alternative uses for the MLK Jr. arena, and expressed her concerns.

Mayor Johnson clarified today's vote, as being the first, sequential step of moving into a new direction.

Ald. Lanier stated that the community questioned the reasons for collecting public input, if the city was going to do what was on the table from day one.

Following a historical review/comments made by Mayor Johnson, Ald. Palumbo moved the previous (called the) question, seconded by Ald. Purtee.

Ald. Bell responded by stating that the previous vote in 2019 was a completely different scenario from what is being considered today, based primarily off of the ULI (Urban Land Institute's) report. Now, she has changed her mind based on the public and professional input, and based on the cost associated. Ald. Bell indicated she likes the idea of building a purpose-built building to be available for community events/affairs not suited for the enMarket Arena due to its size.

Mayor Johnson asked the City Manager to not sit on this matter.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz commented she talked with the constituents further about the options, and she researched deeper into the concerns/issues. She indicated she is excited about the changes coming to address the acoustics.

Mayor Johnson stated he voted for the ULI plan previously, but when you know better, you do better. As you grow, your thinking evolves. For us, this is the equity piece we keep talking about; and having places within the city for people to enjoy, and restoring portions of the Oglethorpe Plan. Mayor Johnson stated he believes we are striking a good balance by selecting option #3/agenda item #52, and he thanked the City Manager and his team, Sotille + Sotille, and the Collaborative Firm for their work, but the work continues. Mayor Johnson indicated this is going to be a major undertaking which the city is not going to do alone nor half-step, so there is a need for major financial commitments.

Ald. Purtee echoed commendations to city staff, community organizations, residents, advocates, and artists who participated in what turned out to be one of the most robust engagement processes he has ever seen. He asked them to not lose their energy, since the city will need their help more than ever.

Ald. Lanier stated to the public, having just decided to raise the MLK Jr. Arena without a plan to bring another facility back for that particular use is not equity. We now have to decide how we are going to help people who advocated for keeping the MLK Jr. Arena.

Mayor Johnson said that's called planning. Now the City Manager will have to come back to the City Council for what he plans to do. People of this city deserve to have spaces that are usable,

modernized, and purposeful for future generations. He insisted this City Council is indeed interested in equity.

Ald. Leggett recognized multiple neighborhood presidents who were present and they conducted survey's to arrive to today's decision.

Mayor Johnson thanked Ald. Leggett for his time and leadership given to this issue.

Ald. Bell asked Mayor Johnson when is it appropriate to start talking about a replacement for the MLK Jr. Arena.

Upon request of Mayor Johnson, the City Manager advised they will put out an RFI (Request for Information) after having conversations with City Council and the community to determine what uses we could provide a purpose-built facility.

Ald. Bell stated she wants the public to understand the City's plan for accommodating the needs previously met with the MLK Jr. Arena.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz clarified the City will move forward within the purchasing guidelines already allowed, naming RFI (Request for Information), RFP (Request for Proposal), and RFQ (Request for Qualifications).

Written comment(s) received:

- Ardis Wood - Restore Oglethorpe Plan
- James Hundsrucker - Oglethorpe Plan Coalition
- Stephen Plunk - Restore Oglethorpe Plan
- Susan Adler - Restore Oglethorpe Plan
- Othniel Tyrus Smith, IV - renovation of the entire facility (option #1/item #50)

[53. Resolution Lowering Speed Limits on Residential City Streets.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Ordinance - List of Roads.docx](#)

[Exhibit 2: GDOT Resolution - 2024 LOR Changes.docx](#)

[Exhibit 3: 2024 LOR Strikethrough Final - Updated.docx](#)

City Manager Melder provided an overview of a resolution to lower speed limits on more than 75 residential city streets (road segments).

Ald. Palumbo moved to approve item #53, seconded by Ald. Purtee and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

Ald. Lanier stated residents of her district/area will be grateful. With respect to traffic calming, they just want to slow traffic down within these communities. All traffic calming does not require devices, like speed bumps and signage, in order to lower speed. She thanked the staff for their work in this area.

Mayor Johnson stated we want enforcement and as many hands as needed to do it. However to the residents, don't call complaining when enforcement occurs.

**AGREEMENTS**

[54. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Hutchinson Island Apartments, LLC for Parcel 9 on Hutchinson Island. This is for a development consisting of a 288-unit apartment complex on Grand Prize America Avenue in Aldermanic District 1.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Water & Sewer Agreement - Parcel 9 on Hutchinson Island.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #54 and #55, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

[55. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Lennar Georgia, Inc. for Edgewater at New Hampstead Phases 1A, 1B & 1C. This is for a development consisting of 215 single family homes off Little Neck Road in Aldermanic District 5.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Water & Sewer Agreement - Edgewater at New Hampstead Phases 1A, 1B & 1C.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #54 and #55, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

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

[56. Authorize the City Manager to Declare Surplus and Available for Sale to the Adjoining Property Owner a 0.045-Acre Parcel of Vacant Land Located at 0 Frost Drive at a Price of \\$5,000.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Map Attachment - 0 Frost Drive.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: PSA - 0 Frost Drive.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Survey - 0 Frost Drive.pdf](#)

Ald. Purtee moved to approve items #56, #57, and #58, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

[57. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Quit Claim Deed and Development Agreement with East River Street, LLC.](#)

[Exhibit 1: East River Street - Development Agreement FINAL.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Quit Claim Deed - 600 East River FINAL.pdf](#)

Ald. Purtee moved to approve items #56, #57, and #58, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

[58. Authorize the City Manager to Accept a Donation of Two Parcels off San Anton Drive to Serve as an Additional Buffer for the Wilshire Treatment Facility \(PINs 20753 01033 & 20754 04011\).](#)

[Exhibit 1: Maps - San Anton Drive.pdf](#)

Ald. Purtee moved to approve items #56, #57, and #58, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

[59. Approval of a Major Subdivision: Hamilton One and Hamilton Two, Eastern Wharf. The proposed property totals 0.801-acres and will consist of 18 Lots and 2 open spaces. The property is located in Alderman District 2 has its entrance off President Street.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Plat: Major Subdivision Hamilton One and Hamilton Two, Eastern Wharf.pdf](#)

Ald. Leggett moved to approve item #59, seconded by Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

[60. Added Item: An Ordinance to Amend the Charter of the City of Savannah Regarding Classified Service Demotion, Suspension, and Dismissal Action Appeal Processes in the Civil Service Ordinance.](#)

[Exhibit 1: City Charter Amendment - Civil Service Board 06262024.docx](#)

Heard for First Reading Only.

Mayor Johnson stated we have had some issues in this area. When an employee gets disciplined in some way, they are able to grieve up through the chain of command to the City Manager, then the Civil Service Board can hear the grievance. We have had occurrences where the City Manager decides one thing, and the Civil Service Board decides something else. And the city is held liable for the decision of the Civil Service Board.

Because we entrust the City Manager with making the majority of the personnel decisions, in cases of demotion, suspension, and dismissal, they will go to the Civil Service Board first by way of a recommendation which the City Manager can accept, reject, or modify in some way.

Deputy City Attorney Herman indicated we setup a timeline process to work through the Civil Service Board, then ultimately getting to the City Manager for his decision. Other aspects of the proposed Ordinance amends the Civil Service Board members' terms from six (6) years to three (3) year staggered terms. And previously the Human Resources Director was required to prepare rules and

regulations for the guidance and structure of the Board, but that has not happened. The proposed ordinance will give the HR Director 90 days to make that happen, and for those rules and regulations to be reviewed by the HR Director once a year and report that to the City Manager.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Ald. Purtee stated he is heading to the Windsor Forest Community Center, near the elementary school, for a meet your neighbor event from 6pm to 8:30pm.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz acknowledged the funeral services of Reverend Marilyn Kay Lipsey-Felder which Ald. Bell and she attended earlier today at First Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church. She sent out condolences to the family on behalf of the Mayor and Council.

Ald. Bell stated Rev. Lipsey-Felder made history as the first female pastor of this historic church.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan extended best wishes and condolences to the Lipsey family, a personal, extended family of hers. She displayed a framed poster for the National League of Cities (NLC) who is celebrating 100 years, and the City of Savannah was the 84th City they visited. She indicated we are celebrating at Stillwell Towers. On Monday at 10:30am, they will be conducting blood pressure and glucose tests, and providing information to the elder babies. On Friday, they will be at the PARC, a social ice cream for the elderly babies there. Shout-out to Taffanye Young and her staff for Recreation Re-imagined. The splash pads are a hit. Rick Ellison will be celebrated on the 28th for receiving the Drum Majors Award from State Representative Carl Gilliard. We want to celebrate Bishop Jermaine Oliver for being newly ordained at the Brampton Baptist Church and the award he is getting for the work done in the neighborhood. She offered condolences for everyone who wears orange in recognition of lives lost to senseless gun violence.

Mayor Johnson thanked everyone who walked to the Savannah River from MLK Jr. Blvd. on Juneteenth, including Council Members, Savannah Police, Savannah Fire, the Mediation Center, and our Trolley Company for helping us out. Secondly, Savannah PM is on this Tuesday at 6pm at the Savannah Civic Center. We will have our entire team and department heads present, if you want to talk to someone at the City. Finally, it was Marty Johnston's birthday, Deputy Assistant to the Mayor.

City Manager Melder thanked Council for the opportunity for him to continue education next month, July. You will be left in very good hands with Assistant City Manager Heath Lloyd.

Mayor Johnson stated we are leaving the chair of Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret Fox empty for the moment. The "Great Margaret Fox" has retired on us. Thank her for her services as well.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Regular Meeting at 4:23 p.m.

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

<https://savannahgovtv.viebit.com/player.php?hash=a93tZBSWoJCowCgy>

Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

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

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

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