



MAY 9, 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 **Alderman Kurtis Purtee** to introduce **Pastor Lydia Syed of Grace & Deliverance Kingdom Church of Christ**, 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 May 9, 2024.](#)

Mayor Johnson asked all Mothers, Grandmothers, Aunties, or Big Mamas to stand. He saluted all standing for Mother's Day and thanked all mothers for their hard work. He quoted the Fire Chief "A hero begins with HER".

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve the May 9, 2024, meeting agenda, seconded by Ald. Leggett. 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 April 25, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Draft Minutes - April 25, 2024, City Council Workshop.pdf](#)

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

[3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on April 25, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Draft Minutes - April 25, 2024, City Council Regular Meeting.pdf](#)

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

PRESENTATIONS

[4. Presentation of a Proclamation Declaring May 10th, 2024, as Childcare Provider Appreciation Day. The day provides an opportunity to recognize the contributions childcare providers make in their community.](#)

READ and PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson to Community Organizer Frances Gillison of 9 to 5 Georgia. Ms. Gillison thanked City Council for the recognition. At the request of Ald. Miller Blakely, Ms. Gillison explained the Child and Parent Services (CAPS) program, subsidy for daycare services.

Also present were other daycare providers: Felicia Shuman, Felicia's Daycare in Liberty City; Sandra Shepard, Little Shepard's Learning Academy; Tiniki Harris, Tiniki's Learning Center; and Chantel Hester, Smart Starter's Academy.

[5. Presentation of the Employee Engagement Team & Recognition the 2024 First Quarter Employee of the Quarter Winners. \(Continued to the May 23, 2024, Council meeting\)](#)

Continued to the May 23, 2024, City Council Meeting.

[6. A Proclamation Declaring May as Building Safety Month. Building Safety Month is sponsored by the International Code Council to remind the public about the critical role of our communities' largely unknown protectors of public safety who assure us of safe, sustainable, and affordable buildings that are essential to our prosperity.](#)

READ and PRESENTED by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz to Senior Director, Development Services Julie McLean. Ms. McLean thanked Mayor and Council for the recognition, and thanked her development services team for their hard work throughout the year.

The Development Services Department staff in attendance introduced themselves and stated their years of employment at the City of Savannah.

[7. A Proclamation Declaring May 19-25, 2024, as National Public Works Week in Savannah. Public works professionals focus on infrastructure, facilities, and services that are of vital importance to sustainable and resilient communities and to public health, high quality of life, and well-being of the people.](#)

READ and PRESENTED by Ald. Palumbo to Chief, Government Operations Gene Prevatt. Mr. Prevatt thanked Mayor and Council for the support and recognition.

The public works department staff in attendance introduced themselves and identified their respective section of operation.

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

[8. Approval to Add a Class B \(Liquor\) \(Manufacturer\) Alcohol License to the Existing Class B \(Beer\) \(Manufacturer\) Alcohol License to James Massey for Two Tides Brewing Company, LLC. t/a Third Wave Spirits, a Manufacturer Located at 12 West 41st Street between Bull and Whitaker Streets in Aldermanic District 2. \(Continued from the April 25, 2024, City Council Regular Meeting at the request of City Staff.\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Checklist - Two Tides Brewing.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Density Map - Two Tides Brewing.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Two Tides Brewing.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Two Tides Brewing.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Two Tides Brewing.pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings open for Items #8 and #10.

No speaker(s).

a. Ald. Palumbo moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #8 and #10, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz and Ald. Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Ald. Leggett moved to approve Item Item #8, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[9. Approval of a Class C \(Liquor, Beer, Wine\) \(By the Drink\) Alcohol License to Victoria Hill for Bellwether House, a Bed and Breakfast Inn Located at 211 E. Gaston Street. The establishment is located between Abercorn Street and Lincoln Street in Aldermanic District 2. \(Continued to the June 27, 2024, City Council Meeting at the request of City Staff\)](#)

Ald. Palumbo moved to continue Item #9 to the June 27, 2024, City Council meeting, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz and Ald. Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[10. Approval of a Class E \(Beer, Wine\) \(By the Package\) Alcohol License to Blake Greco for Parker's #100, a Convenience Store Located at 1750 Grove Point Road Between Sweetwater Station and Pine Grove Drives in Aldermanic District 6.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Checklist - Parker's #100.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Density Map - Parker's #100.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Parker's #100.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Parker's #100.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Parker's #100.pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings open for Items #8 and #10.

Ald. Miller Blakely asked City Manager Melder the number of like establishments in the City. City Manager Melder will gather the information and send to Council Members.

No speaker(s).

a. Ald. Palumbo moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #8 and #10, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz and Ald. Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Ald. Purtee moved to approve Item Item #10, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

ZONING HEARINGS

[11. Petition of Robert L. McCorkle, Agent for Travis Stringer of Foram Development, LLC on Behalf of 621 Gwinnett, LLC for a Zoning Map Amendment to Rezone 810 E. Broad Street, 613-623 E. Gwinnett Street, and 610-614 E. Bolton Street \(PIN 20043 07001, -04, -05, -06, -13, -15, -18, -19, and -20\) from TC-2 to DX. The item was recommended as a PD-S \(Small Planned Development\) in Aldermanic District 2 \(File No. 23-001408-ZA\). \(Continued from the March 28, 2024, and April 25, 2024, Council Meetings. Recommendation Pending.\)](#)

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[Exhibit 3: PD-S MPC Revisions \(File No. 23-001408-ZA\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 4: Architectural Site Plan and Elevations.pdf \(File No. 23-001408-ZA\)](#)

[Exhibit 5: E. Broad and E. Gwinnett Renderings.pdf](#)

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

Speaker(s):

- Edward Morrow, representing the MPC
- Robert McCorkle, representing the applicant
- Ellie Isaacs (HSF) – OPPOSED
- Dicky (Richard) Mopper – IN SUPPORT
- Denise Flojo – OPPOSED
- Tony Riley – OPPOSED
- Andrew Jones – OPPOSED
- Ed Pynch – OPPOSED
- Mary Anne Gojdics – OPPOSED
- James Hundsrucker – OPPOSED
- Karen Jarrett – OPPOSED

Written comment(s):

- Katie Glusica – OPPOSED
- Nancy Maia (VNA) – IN SUPPORT
- Jason Combs – IN SUPPORT
- Chantel Morton – OPPOSED
- Whitney Shephard – IN SUPPORT
- James (Jim) Hundsrucker) – OPPOSED
- Ed Pynch - OPPOSED

Ald. Miller Blakely asked Mr. McCorkle if the units were for SCAD students (no), and if the units are at market rate (yes). What are the plans for the four historical duplexes on the property (They are not designated as contributing structures). They will be removed from the property. Any/all the historical materials inside the duplexes will be removed, preserved, and stored before demolition of the property).

Ald. Bell stated the community needs affordable as well as market rate housing. She asked Mr. McCorkle where will the trash/dumpsters be placed during construction (inside the structure).

Mayor Johnson asked City Manager Melder if the City had sold any property (lane) in the community. Speaker Mary Anne Gojdics indicated the City had sold a lane. City Manager Melder stated the City has not sold any property in that area/community.

Mayor Johnson and Mr. McCorkle discussed the number of units for the project as it relates to density. Mayor Johnson asked if the project units were reduced from 185 to 140 units would that kill the project. Mr. McCorkle answered , yes. Mayor Johnson stated the petitioner has another project in the City with a promise that was not achieved. Mr. McCorkle stated the project, in Starland, is currently under construction and fully funded. The project was approved pre-covid and there was an

easement issue with Georgia Power. The project sat for a period, but is under construction and what was promised will be delivered.

Ald. Miller Blakely asked Mr. McCorkle if the petitioner/developer also has a project on Broughton Street, 24E (yes).

Ald. Leggett asked Mr. McCorkle was affordable housing initially offered then removed. Mr. McCorkle indicated affordable housing was never considered. Ald. Leggett asked if the construction will cause any damage to current structures in the area. Mr. McCorkle indicated the engineers will use guidelines and the City engineers will have to approve the construction. Parking was discussed and Mr. McCorkle indicated the City requires one space for every unit regardless of the number of bedrooms, which will be supplied. Ald. Leggett expressed concern for retail stores parking, shoppers will have to park on the streets. Ald. Leggett stated no meeting with the community/neighborhood association has taken place.

Ald. Leggett moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #11, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0. See related agenda Item #17.

[12. Petition of Robert L. McCorkle, Agent for Ramsey Khalidi, LLC for a Text Amendment to Section 5.4 to Add the Indoor Amusement Use as a Limited Use in the I-L \(Light Industrial\) Zoning Districts \(File No. 24-000624-ZA\). \(Continued from the March 28, 2024, and April 25, 2024, Council Meetings.\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation \(File No. 24-000624-ZA\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Map of IL \(Light Industrial\) Zoning Districts \(File No. 24-000624-ZA\).pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing open for Item #12.

Speaker(s):

- Edward Morrow, representing the MPC
- Robert McCorkle, representing the applicant
- Roshida Edwards – asked questions concerning the rezoning

Ald. Lanier asked what zoning districts currently have this entertainment zoning. Mr. Morrow identified the locations (business districts). Ald. Lanier asked if the business owner was directed to another zoning district that already allows indoor amusement use. Mr. Morrow explained the individual use. Ald. Lanier indicated there are neighborhoods with an abundance of light industrial zoning in low wealth areas, decreasing the quality of life for residents (Hudson Hill, Woodville, Carver Village, Ogeecheeton and Treemont Park). These areas are experiencing health issues and are not receiving equitable treatment.

Mayor Johnson indicated Item #12 is not location specific, if approved, the petitioner comes back with a location for Council approval.

Ald. Leggett requested a clarification of District. Mr. Morrow indicated a correction was made for the request not to be location specific.

Ald. Miller Blakely asked Mr. Morrow if the petitioner could ask for entertainment zoning. Mr. Morrow stated it is a context specific request.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan asked Mr. McCorkle if there was any housing in the area (no).

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #12, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0. See related agenda Item #18.

[13. Petition of Miles Hansford, LLC on Behalf of J. Underwood for a Zoning Map Amendment to Rezone 279.2 Acres at 100 Little Neck Road \(PIN 21007 02003\) from R-A-CO \(Residential Agriculture-County\) and Planned Community Business-County \(P-B-C-CO\) to Planned Development \(PD\) with Conditions \(File No. 23-003457-ZA\).](#)

[Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation for 100 Little Neck Road \(File No. 24-001058-ZA\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Maps for 100 Little Neck Road \(File No. 24-001058-ZA\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Keller Mixed-Use Development on Little Neck Rd Savannah-DRI-Traffic Impact Study - 03-15-24.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 4: Narrative, General Utility Plan, & Phasing Plan - Savannah.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 5: Keller - Vision Book.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 6: Keller PD Rezoning Master Pod Plan.pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing open for Item #13.

Speaker(s):

- Edward Morrow, representing the MPC

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #13, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[14. Petition of Josh Yellin on Behalf of Starland Bull LLC for a Special Use Permit at 2517 Bull Street \(PIN 20074 07005\) for Accessory Alcohol Sales in Association with a Restaurant, Bar/Tavern, and Wine Specialty Shop Uses in the Traditional Commercial-1 \(TC-1\) within Aldermanic District 2 \(File No. 24-001058-ZA\).](#)

[Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation \(File No. 24-001158-ZA\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Maps for Special Use Permit \(File No. 24-001158-ZA\).pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing open for Items #14 and #15.

Speaker(s):

- . Edward Morrow, representing the MPC
- . Josh Yellin, representing the applicant

Ald. Miller Blakely asked Mr. Yellin if this business is the same as the one called The Krog in Atlanta (no, The Krog was just used as an example). She also asked about the parking (no parking is required for structures under 3,000 s/f).

a. Ald. Leggett moved to close the zoning hearing closed for Items #14 and #15, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Ald. Leggett moved to approve Item #14, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-1-0. Ald. Miller Blakely voted no.

[15. Petition of Josh Yellin on Behalf of Starland Bull LLC for a Special Use Permit at 2517 West 42nd Street \(PIN 20074 07006\) for Accessory Alcohol Sales in Association with a Restaurant, Bar/Tavern, and Wine Specialty Shop Uses in the Traditional Commercial-1 \(TC-1\) within Aldermanic District 2 \(File No. 24-001104-ZA\).](#)

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[Exhibit 2: Maps for Special Use Permit \(File No. 24-001104-ZA\).pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing open for Items #14 and #15.

Speaker(s):

- . Edward Morrow, representing the MPC
- . Josh Yellin, representing the applicant

a. Ald. Leggett moved to close the zoning hearing closed for Items #14 and #15, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Ald. Leggett moved to approve Item #15, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 7-2-0. Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Lanier voted no.

[16. Petition of Patrick Warner on Behalf of J. Eady Enterprises for Juan Eady to Zone Approximately 5.776 Acres at 4 ACL Boulevard \(PIN 10747 05004\) from R-1 \(Residential One\) to R-1-CO \(Residential One-County\) \(File No. 24-002002-ZA\).](#)

[Exhibit 1: Staff Report for 4 ACL Blvd Annexation \(File No. 24-002002-ZA\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Maps for 4 ACL Blvd \(File No. 24-002002-ZA\).pdf](#)

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

Speaker(s):

- . Bridget Lidy, representing Planning & Urban Design
- . Arizona Brown – OPPOSED
- . Khadejah Hicks – asked questions regarding rezoning

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #16, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0. See related agenda Items #21 and #22 on First Reading.

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

[17. Petition of Robert L. McCorkle, Agent for Travis Stringer of Foram Development, LLC on Behalf of 621 Gwinnett, LLC for a Zoning Map Amendment to Rezone 810 E. Broad Street, 613-623 E. Gwinnett Street, and 610-614 E. Bolton Street \(PIN 20043 07001, -04, -05, -06, -13, -15, -18, -19, and -20\) from TC-2 to DX. The item was recommended as a PD \(Small Planned Development\) in Aldermanic District 2 \(File No. 23-001408-ZA\). \(Continued from the March 28, 2024, and April 25, 2024, Council Meetings. Recommendation Pending.\)](#)

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Ald. Leggett moved to deny Item #17, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion to deny passed, 6-3-0. Ald. Bell, Ald. Palumbo, and Ald. Purtee voted against the motion to deny.

[18. Petition of Robert L. McCorkle, Agent for Ramsey Khalidi, LLC for a Text Amendment to Section 5.4 to Add the Indoor Amusement Use as a Limited Use in the I-L \(Light Industrial\) Zoning Districts \(File No. 24-000624-ZA\). \(Continued from the March 28, 2024, and April 25, 2024, Council Meetings.\)](#)

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a. Ald. Lanier moved to deny Item #18, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion to deny 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.

b. After the first reading was considered the second reading and a request that an ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #18, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed, 7-2-0. Ald. Lanier and Ald. Miller Blakely voted no.

[19. Petition of Miles Hansford, LLC on Behalf of J. Underwood for a Zoning Map Amendment to Rezone 279.2 Acres at 100 Little Neck Road \(PIN 21007 02003\) from R-A-CO \(Residential Agriculture-County\) and Planned Community Business-County \(P-B-C-CO\) to Planned Development \(PD\) with Conditions \(File No. 23-003457-ZA\).](#)

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[Exhibit 6: Keller PD Rezoning Master Pod Plan \(File No. 24-001058-ZA\).pdf](#)

After the first reading was considered the second reading and a request that an ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #18, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[20. Ordinance to Require Sound Control Devices on Tour Service Vehicles. This ordinance will regulate unreasonably intrusive levels of sound emanating from tour service vehicles.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Ordinance - Tour Services for Hire Noise Amendments.pdf](#)

City Manager Melder thanked the team working on the issue over the past several months, especially the office of Special Events, Film & Tourism (Susan Broker & Edward Grant). City Manager Melder gave a brief synopsis of the Ordinance.

Ald. Lanier was happy to see the concerns of the residents were being addressed, but she hopes the same concern will be expressed for the low wealth communities she represents.

Mayor Johnson recommended including compliance specific conditions for enforcement to make sure vehicles/businesses are in compliance as follows: (1.) vehicles should display stickers showing they are currently in compliance; and (2.) staff to maintain a Log of vehicles in compliance for public inspection.

At the request of Ald. Miller Blakely, City Manager Melder read the following:

(c) Enforcement. Enforcement officers shall be authorized to inspect open air trolley and open air shuttle tour service vehicles for compliance with this section.

(d) Implementation. The owner and/or operator of each and every open air trolley or open air shuttle tour service vehicle shall ensure compliance with this section pursuant to the following schedule:

(1) 35% of its fleet shall achieve compliance within 12 months of the effective date of this ordinance.

(2) 75% of its fleet shall achieve compliance within 24 months of the effective date of this ordinance.

(3) 100% of its fleet shall achieve compliance within 36 months of the effective date of this ordinance.

(4) Any open air trolley or open air shuttle tour service owner and/or operator not registered with the City upon the effective date of this ordinance shall ensure full compliance with this section prior to commencing operation within the City's jurisdictional limits.

Ald. Miller Blakely asked how much it will cost for one vehicle (\$12,000.00 per vehicle).

Speaker(s):

- David McDonald – IN SUPPORT

Written comment(s):

- Patrick Connell – OPPOSED

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 with the following compliance conditions:

- Vehicle specific - a sticker showing compliance
- Maintain a Log of vehicles/businesses in compliance for public inspection

Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

[21. Approval for the Annexation of 5.776 Acres Located off Gamble Road near ACL Boulevard. The Property Owner desires to develop approximately 21 single family residential lots on the property.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Annexation Petition - Diggs Avenue and ACL Blvd.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Annexation Ordinance - Diggs Avenue and ACL Blvd.pdf](#)

HEARD for FIRST READING ONLY.

[22. Petition of Patrick Warner on Behalf of J. Eady Enterprises for Juan Eady to Zone Approximately 5.776 Acres at 4 ACL Boulevard \(PIN 10747 05004\) from R-1 \(Residential One\) to R-1-CO \(Residential One-County\) \(File No. 24-002002-ZA\).](#)

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HEARD for FIRST READING ONLY.

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

[23. Notification of an Emergency Procurement of a Dan Foss Variable Frequency Drive \(VFD\) Pump and Installation with Goforth Williamson, Inc in the Amount of \\$56,570. The Industrial & Domestic Treatment Plant \(I&D\) will utilize this equipment to replace the outdated VFD pump that drives the booster pump at Lathrop, which blew up and needs to be replaced. \(Industrial & Domestic Water Plant\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Emergency Purchase-Danfoss VFD.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Emergency Purchase - Danfoss VFD.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #23, #24, #26, and #27, seconded by Ald. Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[24. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Automatic Car Washing and Detailing Services with Coastal Properties Unlimited DBA AutoShine Car Wash \(LOCAL\) in an Amount Not to Exceed \\$58,248. This contract will be utilized for cleaning and detailing City Vehicles for all departments. This contract is available for any vehicle currently in the fleet that may require this service. \(Fleet\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Car Washing and Detailing.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Car Washing and Detailing.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #23, #24, #26, and #27, seconded by Ald. Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[25. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Dedicated Network Circuits with Comcast \(LOCAL\) in an Amount Not to Exceed \\$75,000. The Innovation and Technology Services Department will use this contract for consolidating and improving data-dedicated line connectivity for critical infrastructure sites. \(DoIT\)](#)

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

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

Mayor Johnson asked City Manager Melder if Item #25 was time sensitive. City Manager Melder indicated the network is for the City's community centers, fire stations, and police precincts; it is not an emergent need, but would like Council's approval today.

Mayor Johnson moved to approve Item #25, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[26. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Refurbishment, Structural Welding and Fabrication Services of Trash Compactors with Atlantic Commercial Construction, LLC in an Amount Not to Exceed \\$341,089. The refurbishment services will be a cost-effective measure to restore the City's compactors and machinery to a functional state. \(Sanitation Department\)](#)

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

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

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #23, #24, #26, and #27, seconded by Ald. Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[27. Authorized the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Removal of Emergent Aquatic Vegetation with MPW Construction, LLC \(LOCAL\)\(DBE\) in the Amount of \\$1,300,000. The alum sludge pond is located on-site at the Industrial & Domestic water treatment facility and is roughly 10 acres in size. \(Industrial & Domestic Water Plant\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Alum Sludge Pond Vegetation Removal.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Alum Sludge Pond Vegetation Removal.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #23, #24, #26, and #27, seconded by Ald. Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

AGREEMENTS

[28. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Jai Prabhu Investments, LLC for Benton Center Expansion. This is for a development consisting of 6,800 sq. ft. of retail space on Jimmy Deloach Parkway in Aldermanic District 1.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Water & Sewer Agreement - Benton Center Expansion.pdf](#)

Ald. Lanier moved to approve Items #28, #29, and #30, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[29. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Sweetwater Developers of Georgia, LLC for Sweetwater Station Phase 12. This is for a development consisting of 45 single family homes in Aldermanic District 6.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Water & Sewer Agreement - Sweetwater Station Phase 12.pdf](#)

Ald. Lanier moved to approve Items #28, #29, and #30, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[30. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Standard 601 Liberty Owner, LLC for 601 East Liberty Street. This is for a development consisting of a 217-unit apartment complex on East Liberty Street in Aldermanic District 2.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Water & Sewer Agreement - 601 E Liberty Street.pdf](#)

Ald. Lanier moved to approve Items #28, #29, and #30, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

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

[31. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Board of Education for Placement of Playgrounds on Three Board Properties.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Maps - Playgrounds.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Intergovernmental Agreement for Playgrounds - May 2024.pdf](#)

Ald. Miller Blakely expressed concern for other playgrounds throughout the City especially the Yamacraw Playground. City Manager Melder indicated he believes the Yamacraw Playground is owned by the Housing Authority. This item is only dealing with the three playgrounds (Haven Elementary, Brock Elementary, and Hubert Middle School) in the IGA with the Board of Education. City Manager Melder will check on ownership of the Yamacraw Playground and inform Council Members.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz outlined how and when the improvements of the playgrounds would take place and thanked Mayor, Council, and staff for maintaining and updating the IGA with the Board of Education.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #31, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Ald. Purtee recused himself from the discussion and vote for business purposes.

[32. Authorize the City Manager to Accept Donation of a 1.15 Acres Property Located Off East 60th Street \(PIN 20104 24023\).](#)

[Exhibit 1: Maps.pdf](#)

Ald. Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #32, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

MISCELLANEOUS

[33. Approval of Major Subdivision: Tract N Phase 2, a Portion of Parcel 4B at The Highlands at Godley Station. This proposed property totals 5.804 acres and will consist of 46 single family lots with varying lot sizes. The property has its own entrance off Slade Street in Aldermanic District 1.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Plat - Major Subdivision Tract N Phase 2, Portion of Parcel 4B.pdf](#)

Ald. Lanier asked City Manager Melder if the prior two 5-acre lots off Highlands Blvd. donated for recreation purposes is still available. Mayor Johnson answered, the two 5-acre lots are still available for recreation purposes.

Ald. Lanier moved to approve Item #33, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Mayor Johnson entertained a motion authorizing him to sign a resolution and affidavit, thereby indicating that the City Council held an executive session earlier in the day regarding personnel, litigation and real estate, where no votes/action was taken.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Mayor Johnson signing a Resolution and Affidavit of Executive Session for the May 9, 2024, Meeting for the purpose of discussing Real Estate, Personnel, and Litigation, for which no votes were taken, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ald. Miller Blakely encouraged residents to vote during the month of May. A Get Out To Vote Rally on 38th Street Park will be held this Saturday from 4:00-6:00 p.m. She emphasized this is an important election.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan announced on May 9th Mercer Housing Management & Savannah Garden Apartments partnered with several business in the area for a Create a Job Fair which is open to the public: if any businesses would like to participate, contact Ald. Wilder-Bryan or Mercer Housing Management for more information. She sent congratulations to Savannah Housing Authority Executive Director Earline Davis who will be resigning after 22 years on June 24th.

Ald. Leggett sent condolences to the family of DJ Racks of Radio Station V93. Residents can call 912-629-5563 to offer voice condolences (Radio Station V93).

Ald. Lanier announced on Saturday, May 11th Ogeecheeton Community is having an Annual Homecoming, and Friday at 12:00 noon former Grove High School will have a ribbon cutting ceremony.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz shared the March/April Georgia's Cities magazine cover story of Port Wentworth Councilmember, Gabrielle Nelson.

Ald. Miller Blakely congratulated State Representative Carl Gilyard on the housing seminar on last Saturday at the Savannah Mall Library. The State is now offering funds for housing. Interested residents can contact Representative Gilyard on his website or Ald. Miller Blakely.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan congratulated Quinn's Breakfast and Lunch voted Best Restaurant.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Regular Meeting at 4:59 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=A2PdfQtUaGCwTZXi>

Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: _____

Signature: _____

