



NOVEMBER 23, 2021, 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 2:04 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Aldерwoman Bernetta B. Lanier to introduce Pastor Vernell Cutter of Jesus Worldwide Ministries, who offered the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

PRESENT: Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding

Aldерwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter, At-Large, Post 1, Chairman

Aldерwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2

Aldерwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1

Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2

Aldерwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3

Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4, Vice-Chairman

Aldерwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5, Mayor Pro-Tem

Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder

Assistant to City Manager 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 Tuesday, November 23, 2021.](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve the agenda as amended to add Item #42, a Resolution in honor of the extraordinary Reverend Matthew Southall Brown, Sr., seconded by Aldерwoman Miller Blakely, Alderman Leggett and Aldерwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session & City Manager's Briefing Held on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 12:00 p.m.](#)

[Agenda Plus_WS DRAFT MINUTES_November 9, 2021 City Council Workshop.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2, #3 and #4, seconded by Aldерwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

[3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.](#)[Agenda Plus_RM DRAFT MINUTES_November 9, 2021 City Council Meeting.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2, #3 and #4, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

[4. Approval of the Minutes for the Special Meeting re: the 2022 Budget \(Retreat\) held on Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.](#)[20211116_MINUTES_BudgetHearing.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2, #3 and #4, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS[5. A Proclamation Recognizing Captain Morgan Winsor, Advanced Firefighter Matthew Spivey, and Advanced Firefighter Andrew Stevenson as Heroes and Public Servants who Saved a Life in the Call of Duty on November 6, 2021 during the Rock 'N' Roll Marathon.](#)[Exhibit 1: Proclamation - SFD Employee Recognition.docx](#)

PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson and READ by Alderman Palumbo. Fire Chief Minter expressed appreciation to the Firefighters quick action and contribution to save a life, and thanked the Council for recognition of their service to the public. City Manager Melder complimented and expressed appreciation to the Fire Department staff for the diligent responses to the City residents.

[6. A Proclamation Recognizing Captain Morgan Winsor, Fire Engineer Michael Greene, Advanced Firefighter Matthew Spivey, and Advanced Firefighter Ronald Strauser as Heroes and Public Servants who Saved a Life in the Call of Duty While Responding to a Call for Service on November 13, 2021.](#)[Exhibit 1: Proclamation - SFD Employee Recognition Nov 13th Event.docx](#)

PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson and READ by Alderman Purtee.

Item #11 was heard after Item #6.

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)[7. Approval of a Class C \(Wine, Liquor\)\(By the Drink\) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Edilma A. Martin Lopez for La Fonda, a Full-Service Restaurant at 310 E. Montgomery Crossroads, Between Bruce Ave. and Aegean Ave. in District 4. No concerns by Police or issues with littering or loitering. Distance measurement met. \(Existing Business/New Request\)](#)[Exhibit 1: Checklist - La Fonda.pdf](#)[Exhibit 2: Density Map - La Fonda.pdf](#)[Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports- La Fonda.pdf](#)[Exhibit 4: Measurement Report- La Fonda.pdf](#)[Exhibit 5: Security Plan - La Fonda.pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings for Items #7, #8, #9 and #10 open.

No speaker(s) were present.

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #7, #8, #9 and #10, seconded by Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #7, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

[8. Approval of a Class C \(Liquor, Beer, Wine\)\(By the Drink\) Alcohol License to Diane M. Boyette for Captain's Lounge, a Bar at 8414 Waters Ave., Between E. Montgomery Crossroads and Shannon Ave. in District 4. No concerns by Police or issues with littering or loitering. Distance measurement met. \(Existing Business/New Owner\)](#)[Exhibit 1: Checklist - Captain's Lounge.pdf](#)[Exhibit 2: Density Map - Captain's Lounge.pdf](#)[Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Captain's Lounge.pdf](#)[Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Captain's Lounge.pdf](#)[Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Captain's Lounge.pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings for Items #7, #8, #9 and #10 open.

No speaker(s) were present.

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #7, #8, #9 and #10, seconded by Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #8, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

[9. Approval of a Class C \(Liquor, Beer, Wine\)\(By the Drink\) Alcohol License to Diane M. Boyette for Candlelight Lounge, A Bar at 8606 White Bluff Rd., Between Wesley St. and Travis St. in District 4. No concerns were noted by the Police or issues with littering or loitering. Distance measurement met. \(Existing Business/New Owner\)](#)[Exhibit 1: Checklist - Candlelight Lounge.pdf](#)[Exhibit 2: Density Map - Candlelight Lounge.pdf](#)[Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Candlelight Lounge.pdf](#)[Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Candlelight Lounge.pdf](#)

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

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings for Items #7, #8, #9 and #10 open.

No speaker(s) were present.

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #7, #8, #9 and #10, seconded by Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #9, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

[10. Approval of a Class C \(Liquor, Beer, Wine\)\(By the Drink\) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales for Jacqueline Somesso for Sloppee Toppee, A Full-Service Restaurant at 416 W. Liberty St., Between Martin L. King Blvd. and Montgomery St. in District 2. No concerns noted by Police or issues with littering or loitering. Distance measurement met. \(New Owner/New Location\)](#)

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

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

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

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

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

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings for Items #7, #8, #9 and #10 open.

No speaker(s) were present.

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #7, #8, #9 and #10, seconded by Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #10, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

[11. First Public Hearing to Receive Comments on the 2022 Proposed Service Program and Budget](#)

Item #11 was heard after Item #6.

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

Speaker(s) present:

- Terry Tolbert, EOA Executive Director – OPPOSED to funding levels
- Adam Solender, EOA Treasurer – OPPOSED to funding levels
- Nicholas Scannell, Georgia Southern University Student Veterans of America (SVA) – SUPPORTED implementation of a municipal internship program
- Anand Rao, Georgia Southern University Student Veterans of America (SVA) – SUPPORTED implementation of a municipal internship program

Mayor Johnson declared the public hearing for Item #11 closed.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter expressed concern over a comment that City Manager Melder was not informed about about the existence and scope of EOA's services. In future allocations for non-profits, she hopes Council will see the need for equity among the non-profit organizations in the City. She acknowledged \$60,000.00 was allocated for interns in the previous year's budget. Currently she is unaware of any Council Member receiving support of an Intern. She is asking for a fiscal report on the \$60,000.00 and how the funds were allocated. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked City Manager Melder to allocate administrative support, supplies and space for Council Members.

Mayor Johnson indicated two (2) staff members, Edith Gregory and Sharonte Turner are available to serve all Council Members upon request. He indicated the City did not hire interns this year and the allocated funds were not used.

Item #42 was heard after Item #11.

ZONING HEARINGS

[12. Petition of Rebecca Holcombe on Behalf of Property Owner Jaki Gatch for a Zoning Map Amendment to Rezone 5313 Skidaway Road \(PIN 20122 02021\) from RSF-10 \(Residential Single Family-10\) to O-I \(Office Institutional\), Aldermanic District 3 \(File No. 21-004900\). MPC Recommends Rezoning to O-I-T \(Office Institutional-Transition\) with Conditions.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Maps -- 5313 Skidaway Road](#)

[Exhibit 2: MPC Recommendation -- 5313 Skidaway Road](#)

[Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance -- 5313 Skidaway Road](#)

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

Speaker(s) present:

- Marcus Lotson, MPC Representative. MPC recommended approval with conditions.
- Rebecca Holcombe, representing the petitioner.

Written comment(s) received:

- Carolyn Gunn - OPPOSED

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #12, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously.

[13. Petition of Wesley Dixon on Behalf of Property Owner Hal Jenkins for a Special Use Permit to Permit Vehicle Sale, Rental, and Leasing at 2301 Montgomery Street \(PIN 20073 14004\) Within the TC-2 Zoning District, Aldermanic District 2 \(File No. 21-004407-ZA\). MPC Recommends Approval with Conditions.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Maps -- 2301 Montgomery Street](#)

[Exhibit 2: MPC Recommendation Packet -- 2301 Montgomery Street](#)

[Exhibit 3: Applicants Improvements to Property for Special Use Permit -- 2301 Montgomery Street](#)

[Exhibit 4: Handicapped Parking Standards](#)

Mayor Johnson declared zoning hearing for Item #13 open.

Speaker(s) present:

- Marcus Lotson, MPC Representative. MPC recommended approval with conditions.
- Omir Benson, representing the petitioner.

a. Alderman Leggett moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #13, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Schabazz and Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderwoman Lanier asked Mr. Lotson, should the project fail, will the zoning automatically revert back to the previous zoning. Mr. Lotson answered, the special use permit is granted to the petitioner/owner. A new owner would need to apply separately for their special use permit but the underlying TC-2 zoning would remain with the property.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #13 with the stated MPC conditions, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

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

[14. Petition of Rebecca Holcombe on Behalf of Property Owner Jaki Gatch for a Zoning Map Amendment to Rezone 5313 Skidaway Road \(PIN 20122 02021\) from RSF-10 \(Residential Single Family-10\) to O-1 \(Office Institutional\), Aldermanic District 3 \(File No. 21-004900\). MPC recommends rezoning to OI-T \(Office Institutional-Transition\) with conditions.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Maps -- 5313 Skidaway Road](#)

[Exhibit 2: MPC Recommendation -- 5313 Skidaway Road](#)

[Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance -- 5313 Skidaway Road](#)

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan requested first reading only to allow time for her due diligence. The second reading will occur on December 9, 2021.

HEARD for FIRST READING ONLY.

ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

[15. Approval of the 2022 Revenue Ordinance](#)

[Exhibit 1: Revenue Ordinance - Cover Memo.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Revenue Ordinance - Redline Version.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Revenue Ordinance - Clean Version.pdf](#)

FIRST READING ONLY.

[16. First Reading of a Resolution to Approve the Proposed 2022 Service Program and Budget and Five-Year Capital Plan.](#)

FIRST READING ONLY.

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

[17. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Purchase of Three Fire Pumps with Sutphen Corporation in the Amount of \\$2,000,000 \(SPLOST-VII Funded\). Savannah Fire Department will use the fire apparatuses to replace fire apparatuses reaching their end-of-service life.](#)

[Exhibit 1- Funding Verification - Fire Pumps.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2- Purchasing Summary - Fire Pumps.pdf](#)

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked for the total amount of SPLOST VII spent to date. Senior Director of Finance David Maxwell did not have the projected amounts readily available but will get the amounts to Alderwoman Gibson-Carter. He does not see any issues with the collections or remaining projects. City Manager Melder will send Council Members an update of the SPLOST VII collections and projects. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter requested the information, given Mayor Johnson stated he used SPLOST VII funds for renovation of the Mayor's office.

Alderman Palumbo called for point of order.

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #17, seconded by Alderwoman Gibson-Carter. The motion passed unanimously.

[18. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Computer Replacement Devices with Dell, Inc. in the Amount of \\$950,000. This agreement will allow for the purchase of end-user devices such as laptops, desktops, monitors, and rugged tablets to replace broken or damaged devices across the City in all user departments.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Dell](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Dell](#)

Alderman Miller Blakely asked what happens to the old equipment, can they be placed at the community centers. City Manager Melder answered the surplus equipment goes to outside vendors but he will look into alternatives. She would like to see the old equipment given to families.

Mayor Johnson asked Attorney Lovett for the protocol for public entities to surplus property. Attorney Lovett indicated when there are surplus items, the City can sell surplus for a nominal amount or place surplus items in various centers.

Alderman Miller Blakely moved to approve Item #18, seconded by Alderman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

[19. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Design of the Savannah Springfield Canal with EMC Engineering, Inc. \(Local\) in the Amount of \\$546,559. First phase will include widening the 100-foot bottom width. The improvements will be the first initial steps toward the Springfield Canal upgrades which will provide 100-year storm conveyance to the Savannah River outfall.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Design of the Savannah Springfield Canal](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Note - Design of the Savannah Springfield Canal](#)

Alderman Lanier asked Mayor Johnson to read each item (#19 - #22) so the public will be aware of the timeline and items being purchased for the final phase of the Enmarket Arena project.

Alderman Lanier moved to approve Items #19, #20, #21 and #22, per City Manager Melder's recommendation, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously.

[20. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Purchase of Food Service Carts/Kiosk for the Enmarket Arena from Stafford-Smith, Inc. in the Amount of \\$530,204. The purchase will include a total of 22 carts and allow patrons to purchase snacks, food, and beverages at multiple locations throughout the arena. \(Expenditure included in Project Budget\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes](#)

[Exhibit 3: Food Service Portables](#)

Alderman Lanier asked Mayor Johnson to read each item (#19 - #22) so the public will be aware of the timeline and items being purchased for the final phase of the Enmarket Arena project.

Alderman Lanier moved to approve Items #19, #20, #21 and #22, per City Manager Melder's recommendation, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously.

[21. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Purchase of Playground Equipment for the Enmarket Arena with Great Southern Recreation in the Amount of \\$297,313. \(Expenditure included in Project Budget\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Playground Equipment](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Playground Equipment](#)

[Exhibit 3: Proposed Playground Equipment](#)

Alderman Lanier asked Mayor Johnson to read each item (#19 - #22) so the public will be aware of the timeline and items being purchased for the final phase of the Enmarket Arena project.

Alderman Lanier moved to approve Items #19, #20, #21 and #22, per City Manager Melder's recommendation, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously.

[22. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for 115 Motorola Handheld Radios for the Enmarket Arena with Mobile Communications America in the amount of \\$69,015. The devices will be used for staff communication in the facility. \(Expenditure included in Project Budget\)](#)

Alderman Lanier asked Mayor Johnson to read each item (#19 - #22) so the public will be aware of the timeline and items being purchased for the final phase of the Enmarket Arena project.

Alderman Lanier moved to approve Items #19, #20, #21 and #22, per City Manager Melder's recommendation, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously.

[23. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Modification for Quality Assurance Services with Atlantic Coast Consulting \(Local\) in the Amount of \\$232,863. Services are for professional engineering, sampling, and testing required to document compliance with the EPD for the Dean Forest Landfill. The modification will cover additional costs associated with known time delays & add'l work items.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #23, #24, #25, #26 #27, #29, #30 and #31, seconded by Alderman Miller Blakely and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

[24. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Modification \(\\$46,000 for FY21\) and Renewal \(\\$150K for FY22\) for Microsoft Enterprise with Insight Public Sector, Inc.](#)

[in the total amount of \\$196,000. The Information Technology Department will be adding the Azure Environment, used for MySavannah and other resources\) to the existing contract.](#)

[Exhibit 1- Funding Verification - Azure Environment.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2 - Purchasing Summary - Azure Environment.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #23, #24, #25, #26 #27, #29, #30 and #31, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

[25. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Utility Access Rings and Covers with Ferguson Facility Supply/DBA Ferguson Enterprises \(Local\) in the Amount of \\$187,097. The equipment will be utilized by Public Works divisions to keep sanitary sewer collection systems free of extraneous inflow and infiltration by preventing rain water from entering the system.](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #23, #24, #25, #26 #27, #29, #30 and #31, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

[26. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract to Upgrade the Existing Internet Connection at the Critical Workforce Shelter \(2 Water Filtration Drive\) and Fire Station #5 \(10 W. 32nd Street\) with Lumen/DBA Level 3 Communications, LLC in the Amount of \\$84,974. This purchase will allow for a more robust and redundant internet service for the City.](#)

[Exhibit 1- Funding Verification - Upgrade Primary Internet Infrastructure.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2- Purchasing Summary - Upgrade Primary Internet Infrastructure.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #23, #24, #25, #26 #27, #29, #30 and #31, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

[27. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Replacement Roll-Off Containers with Lewis Steel Works for up to \\$75,785. The contract is utilized to procure roll-off containers to replace worn and damaged units. Units are used throughout the City and Chatham County to containerize construction project debris by contractors and to assist City departments with cleanups.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Roll-Off Containers](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Roll-Off Containers](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #23, #24, #25, #26 #27, #29, #30 and #31, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

[28. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Modification for Automated Vehicle Location Services \(AVL\) with Cal/Amp for up to \\$73,423. The Savannah Police Department use the AVL Services to track police vehicles.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Automated Vehicle Location Services](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Automated Vehicle Location Services](#)

Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #28, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

[29. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 for the Montgomery Cross Road Stormwater Pump Station Electronic Controls Upgrade with Control Instruments, Inc. in the Amount of \\$65,555. This modification allows for upgrading the Montgomery Cross Roads and The DeRenne Stormwater pumping stations to more stable, user-friendly and less expensive VT SCADA software.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Electrical Upgrades](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Electrical Upgrades](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #23, #24, #25, #26 #27, #29, #30 and #31, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

[30. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Carpeting at 5515 Abercorn Street \(Former Development Services Building\) with Culver Rug Company, Inc. \(Local\) in the Amount of \\$36,498. These services will be used to replace carpet at the facility prior to moving staff from the Human Resources, Budget and Housing Departments into the building.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification](#)

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #23, #24, #25, #26 #27, #29, #30 and #31, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

[31. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Close-Out Modification for the Placentia Canal Drainage Improvements with Griffin Contracting, Inc in the Amount of \\$2,053. Improvement modifications include the installation of additional metal pipe and adjustments to quantities for flatwork, backfill, erosion control, gravel drive, and fencing.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Placentia Canal](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Placentia Canal](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #23, #24, #25, #26 #27, #29, #30 and #31, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION

[32. Recommend Approval of Task Work Order Number 16 with AECOM Technical Services, for Design and Construction Phase Services for the Demo Air Cargo / Construct Apron / Construct SE Taxi lane Project, in the Amount of \\$408,590](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #32, #33, #34, #35 and #36, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

[33. Recommend Approval to Procure a Pavement Marking and Striping System from Sherwin Williams, for Replacement, Calibration and Testing, in the Amount of \\$73,546](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #32, #33, #34, #35 and #36, seconded by

Alderman Miller Blakely and Alderman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

[34. Recommend Approval to Procure Services from Thomas Industrial Coatings, Inc. for the Fuel Tank Interior Coating, in the Amount of \\$66,761](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #32, #33, #34, #35 and #36, seconded by Alderman Miller Blakely and Alderman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

[35. Recommend Approval of the Commission's Agreement Share for City Works License Renewal with the City of Savannah, in the Amount of \\$40,000](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #32, #33, #34, #35 and #36, seconded by Alderman Miller Blakely and Alderman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

[36. Recommend Approval of Executive Recruitment Fee with Steven Baldwin and Associates, in the Amount of \\$41,250.](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #32, #33, #34, #35 and #36, seconded by Alderman Miller Blakely and Alderman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

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

[37. Approval for the Sale of Timber on a Portion of the New Hampstead Conservation Tract \(NHCT\), an 863-Acre Tract of Land Donated to the City in 2020. Tract is situated along New Hampstead Parkway at Little Neck Road in the amount of \\$200,071 \(\\$188K to the City; Remainder to Broker\). Funds will be used to establish & maintain trails, fire breaks, enhance wildlife habitat & replant harvested areas.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Map Attachment - Little Neck Road.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Georgia Forestry Commission Plan.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #37, seconded by Alderman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously.

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

[38. Settlement #1](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #38, authorizing the City Attorney's office to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the State of Georgia and Johnson & Johnson for the settlement of opioid litigation, seconded by Alderman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

[39. Settlement #2](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #39, authorizing the City Attorney's office to settle the claim of Henry Robinson for no more than \$90,000.00, seconded by Alderman Miller Blakely and Alderman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

[40. Settlement #3](#)

City Attorney Lovett requested Item #40 be withdrawn.

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

[41. Approval of a Major Subdivision, Sweetwater Station, Phase 9, which is located southwest of the intersection of Sweetwater Station Drive and Grove Point Road in Aldermanic District 6. This phase will consist of 29 single family lots with varying lot sizes.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Plat of Major Subdivision, Sweetwater Station, Phase 9](#)

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Item #41, seconded by Alderman Miller Blakely, Alderman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

ADD-ON

Item #42 was heard after Item #11.

[42. Resolution honoring Reverend Matthew Southall Brown, Sr.](#)

Mayor Johnson read a portion of a Resolution honoring Reverend Matthew Southall Brown, Sr. to be presented to his family in entirety, and expressed deep condolences on behalf of the Council and staff. As a member of St. John's Baptist Church where Reverend Southall Brown served as pastor for over 45 years, Alderman Gibson-Carter expressed her condolences.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #42, seconded by Alderman Lanier, Alderman Miller Blakely and Alderman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Johnson expressed his gratitude for Council Members and Team Savannah. He is grateful for the many donations of canned food (over 29,000 cans) collected this week for residents.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz invited residents to a vaccination clinic with Georgia Department of Health at the Liberty City Community Center for free COVID-19 shots from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at 1401 Mills B. Lane Blvd.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter expressed thanks for the staff's presentation today on the workshops; however, she would like the previous roster of priority list items for workshops be revisited. Several workshop topics have not been given consideration.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan called for point of order stating it takes five votes to get an item on the agenda.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely thanked City Manager Melder and Assistant to City Manager Daphanie Williams for participating in the End Gun Violence rally on Saturday. The next rally will be at Cann Park honoring an individual from that community for outstanding work. The rally will be repeated across the City.

Alderman Purtee is thankful for people who are working and keeping people safe during the holidays. Most of us will be sitting down to enjoy a Thanksgiving dinner, there are individuals who will be out on the streets keeping us all safe. He is grateful for public safety.

Alderman Leggett gave a shout-out to all the organizations which handed out 500 turkeys yesterday and to all the other organizations continuously feeding people, such as Nancy Heart, Chris Christopher, LB4 and Representative Carl Gilyard.

Mayor Johnson thanked the Anthony Lanier Foundation in Carver Village on Saturday, the Tate Law Group and St. John's Baptist Church for handing out 600 turkeys on Saturday and radio station Love 101.1FM who gave out 200 turkeys this morning.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan is grateful for the City's permanent City Manager (Jay Melder) and she invited Aldermen/Alderwomen from the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 6th Districts to participate in holiday cheer by caroling in the districts.

Alderman Palumbo thanked Team Savannah for the canned food drive this year. He congratulated the service center that donated the highest number of canned goods.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely announced on Waters Street between 36th and 37th Street, Grandma's Diner will be feeding citizens on Thanksgiving Day at 12:00 noon. There will be a food drive and food give-away Port to Port Music Studio, details will follow.

Alderwoman Lanier shared a Southern Belle joke and expressed her gratitude for every day.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter sent shout-outs to all local organizations and groups feeding citizens. Often, senior citizens are overlooked; Latasha Barnes of Save Our Youth Savannah is feeding residents at Summit and Stillwell. Ms. Barnes is also providing cleaning supplies to assist with mold clean-up. Thanks to all the helping hands across Savannah.

Mayor Johnson wished a 'Happy Thanksgiving' to all staff.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 3:21 p.m.

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Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

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