



SEPTEMBER 14, 2023, 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 Nick Palumbo who introduced Adam Solender, Chief Executive Officer of Jewish Educational Alliance and Savannah Jewish Federation to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

PRESENT:

Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding
Alderwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter, 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
Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4, Vice-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 September 14, 2023.](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve the agenda for Thursday, September 14, 2023, as amended to add-on a Resolution to celebrate the life of former sanitation employee Jomell Williams, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing Held on August 24, 2023, at 4:30 p.m.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Draft Minutes - August 24, 2023 City Council Workshop.pdf](#)

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

[3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on August 24, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Draft Minutes - August 24, 2023 City Council Regular Meeting.pdf](#)

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

PRESENTATIONS

[4. A Proclamation Recognizing September 15, 2023 - October 15, 2023 as Hispanic Heritage Month and Appearance by HOLA Savannah in Observance of National Hispanic Heritage Month. The City of Savannah honors and celebrates the contributions of Hispanic Americans in our history across the nation, as well as celebrating the contributions of Hispanic Americans who currently serve our communities here in Savannah.](#)

READ and PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson to members of the Savannah Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and HOLA Savannah, with Savannah Special Projects Coordinator Myriam Baker speaking in Spanish on behalf of HOLA Savannah. Also in attendance were staff members, members of the Savannah Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, HOLA, and Hispanic and Latino residents who introduced themselves.

Ms. Baker invited the City to the Hispanic Heritage celebrations: Friday, September 15th El Grito (The Scream), 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at Forsyth Park; and Saturday, September 16th at 9:00 a.m., the Hispanic Heritage Parade followed by the Sabor Latino Festival at the Park at the Eastern Wharf.

ADDED:

[4A. Resolution to Celebrate the Life of Jomell Williams, Senior Sanitation Worker and Valued Member of Zone B.](#)

READ and PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson. Sanitation Director Quhannah Andrews offered words of appreciation for Jomell Williams service to the City, and words of condolences to the Williams family. Mayor Johnson requested a moment of silence in honor of Mr. Williams.

Alderman Palumbo moved to accept the Resolution as read, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[5. Appearance By and Recognition of the City of Savannah Human Resources Staff in Recognition of Human Resources Professional Day.](#)

READ and PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson and City Manager Melder. Mayor Johnson praised the Human Resources Department on the accomplishments over the years and it's service to staff and the community. Human Resources Senior Director Jeff Grant introduced the members of the human resources team.

[6. Recognition of National Tradesmen Day and Appearance by City of Savannah Skilled Tradespeople. The City of Savannah takes great pride in its association with some of the most skilled tradespeople in the region, spanning various fields such as water and conveyance, stormwater management, building maintenance, fleet services, water treatment and supply, water reclamation, and countless others.](#)

READ and PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson to Assistant City Manager Heath Lloyd. Mr. Lloyd expressed his gratitude and praised the team members on their outstanding 'behind the scenes' on-going work to residents of the City. Assistant City Manager Lloyd asked team members to introduce themselves.

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

[7. Approval of a Class C \(Beer, Wine\) \(By the Drink\) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales and Class A \(Beer, Wine\) \(Caterer\) Alcohol License to Ryan Williamson for Strangebird, a Restaurant located at 1220 Barnard Street. The establishment is located between West Henry and West Duffy Streets in Aldermanic District 2.](#)

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

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

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

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

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

HEARD after Items #30 and #31.

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearing open for Item #7.

No speaker(s).

a. Alderman Leggett moved to close the alcohol hearing for Item #7, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #7, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[8. Approval of a Class G \(Wine\) \(Complimentary\) \(By the Drink\) Alcohol License to Sydney Newsome for Syd Nichole, a Specialty Shop Located at 301 Passage Way Suite A-203. The establishment is located between Port and Pilot Streets in Aldermanic District 2.](#)

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

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

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

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

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

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

No speaker(s).

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #8, #9 and #10, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #8, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[9. Approval of a Class C \(Beer, Liquor, and Wine\) \(By the Drink\) Alcohol and a Class K \(Beer, Liquor and Wine\) \(Transitional Permit\) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Ruth Threath for Sey Hey Restaurant and Lounge, a restaurant Located at 2505 Bull Street. The establishment is located between West 41st and West 42nd streets in Aldermanic District 2.](#)

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

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

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

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

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

[Exhibit 6: Security Plan - Transitional Permit.pdf](#)

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

No speaker(s).

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #8, #9 and #10, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #9, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[10. Approval of a Class E \(Beer, Wine\) \(By the Package\) Alcohol License to ShivKumar Patel for 7-11 Minit Store, a Convenience Store Located at 3700 Waters Avenue. The establishment is located between East 53rd and East 54th Streets in Aldermanic District 3.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Checklist - 7-11 Minit Store.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Density Map- 7-11 Minit Store.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - 7-11 Minit Store.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - 7-11 Minit Store.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 5: Security Plan - 7-11 Minit Store.pdf](#)

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

No speaker(s).

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #8, #9 and #10, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #10, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

ZONING HEARINGS

[11. Recommendations by the Historic Preservation Commission for a Text Amendment to the City of Savannah Zoning Ordinance Section 7.9. Victorian District Contributing Resources Map for 1001 Whitaker Street \(20044 25001\), 124 West Park Avenue \(20044 24003\), and 1015 Whitaker Street \(20044 25002\) which Are All Zoned TN-1 \(Traditional Neighborhood-1\). Aldermanic District 2 \(File No. 23-003955-ZA\). Recommend Denial.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Historic Preservation Commission Recommendation \(File No. 23-003955-ZA\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Map of Subject Properties.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Photos of Subject Properties.pdf](#)

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

Speaker(s):

- Melanie Wilson, MPC representative
- Leah Michalak, MPC representative
- Andrew Jones – IN SUPPORT
- Nancy Maia – OPPOSED
- Ronald Motyka – OPPOSED
- Gary Guthrie – OPPOSED

- Robin Williams – IN SUPPORT
- Kathy Ledvina – IN SUPPORT
- Michael Brown – OPPOSED
- Rebecca Fenwick – OPPOSED
- Harold Yellin – representing the applicant

Mayor Johnson asked for the dates of each property. Ms. Michalak answered: 1001 Whitaker Street was built in 1961, 1015 Whitaker Street was built in 1957, and 124 West Park Avenue was originally constructed prior to 1888, but was modified in the 1960's.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan asked for the specific renovations for 124 West Park Avenue building. Ms. Michalak indicated in the 1960's the two individual buildings were joined and fully skinned (covered) in brick.

Alderman Palumbo expressed concern why the structures were not added in 2018 as contributing structures. City Manager Melder indicated the structures were viewed as not being contributing in 2018, and Ms. Michalak stated it was not until the Council adopted the new zoning ordinance in 2019 that allowed the ability to add structures of exceptional importance. Alderman Palumbo, Ms. Wilson and Ms. Michalak discussed MPC's ability and timing to list structures as historic, contributing or Victorian.

Alderman Leggett asked Attorney Yellin if Campbell & Son's Funeral Home Director was in favor of making the structure non contributing (yes, he favored the decision of the City Manager to not add the three structures to the contributing map). Alderman Leggett asked if there was anything in the deed paperwork to eliminate these buildings from any historic registry (there is nothing to that effect). After Alderman Leggett inquired about the alternatives, if Item #19 is not approved, Attorney Yellin indicated the one-story buildings would be the norm in the community. When those building were constructed there were no zoning requirements/restrictions. Now that NewZo is in effect, the community would have restrictions on size and style of any new buildings.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked Attorney Yellin when the building was purchased by the new owners: 1001 Whitaker Street in 2010; 1015 Whitaker Street approximately 2016; and 124 West Park Avenue approximately 2008. Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if MPC is recommending the three buildings be added as contributing structures. Ms. Wilson answered the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) is recommending the buildings be added as contributing structures. Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked what would be the impact on the infrastructure if the buildings were demolished. Ms. Wilson stated, if the buildings are demolished, new buildings according to NewZo would be constructed. The infrastructure would not be effected.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked if there were any other factors contributing to the designation of a contributing structure such as history, use and people associated with the building. Ms. Wilson indicated the criteria is not limited to the physical structure. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Attorney Yellin discussed possible purposes of the buildings (office space and underground parking). Alderwoman Gibson-Carter identified the petitioner as a contributor to candidates campaigns.

Alderman Palumbo and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan raised a point of order. Mayor Johnson acknowledged the point of order.

Mayor Johnson indicated contributions to all City Council Members campaigns can be found at www.savannahga.gov under Clerk of Council for viewing by the public. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated the information is not available to citizens without access to the internet, and the information is hard to locate on the site. Mayor Johnson indicated the information is readily available to the public and thanked Clerk of Council for making the information prominent to citizens.

Mayor Johnson expressed concern for the Campbell & Son's Funeral Home Letter stating the building needs extensive repairs and making the structure a contributing structure would make it more difficult to maintain operations. Ms. Wilson stated Mr. Campbell would need to submit any improvements/repairs for approval to HPC.

After extensive due diligence, Alderwoman Lanier stated her concern for how the community will benefit or how it would impact the community. There is nothing in writing. Alderwoman Lanier has recommended establishing a community benefits ordinance for developers and community groups. In this particular case, the area residents and developers need to meet (and they might have already done so) to establish some type of community benefits for the residents.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan stated there needs to be an economic driver and what Mr. Campbell has requested is an economic driver. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan expressed campaign contribution information is available to citizens. Candidates live in Savannah, contributions come from residents of Georgia, not Florida or South Carolina. Constituents are satisfied with her performance and she is committed to the residents of Savannah.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter raised a point of order. Mayor Johnson acknowledged.

Alderman Palumbo moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #11, seconded by Alderman Leggett

and Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0. See related Agenda Item #19.

[12. Petition of Joshua Yellin on Behalf of Michael Condon, Vintage Home Restoration, LLC, for a Zoning Map Amendment of the 0.04-Acre Property Located at 222 West Duffy Street \(PIN 20052 16013\) from TN-1 \(Traditional Neighborhood-1\) to TC-1 \(Traditional Commercial-1\). Aldermanic District 2 \(File No. 23-003454-ZA\). \[Continued from the August 24, 2023 Council Meeting at the Petitioner's Request\]](#)

[Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet \(File No. 23-003454-ZA\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Maps for 222 West Duffy Street \(File No. 23-003454-ZA\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Site Visit for 222 West Duffy Street \(File No. 23-003454-ZA\).pdf](#)

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

Speaker(s):

- Edward Morrow, MPC representative
- Ms. Pearl Reddick – OPPOSED
- Ms. Doris Fogle – OPPOSED
- Josh Yellin, representing applicant

Mayor Johnson asked Ms. Reddick if she was an authorized speaker/representative of the Church (yes). Alderman Leggett indicated notification of the restaurant serving alcohol was received two days ago and there was no opportunity for meetings.

Attorney Yellin indicated there was a meeting with the neighborhood association and a good neighbor agreement was signed. The petitioner met with the Church last evening and discussed hours of operation.

Mayor Johnson, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Attorney Yellin and Ms. Fogle discussed the parking, prior restaurants, restaurants next to churches serving alcohol, and meetings with members of the Church.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan requested a listing of all establishments requesting special use permits since January 2020. City Manager Melder will provide Council with the list.

Alderman Leggett moved to close the zoning hearing for Items #12 and #13, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0. See related Agenda Items #13 and #20.

[13. Petition of Joshua Yellin on Behalf of Michael Condon, Vintage Home Restoration, LLC, for a Special Use Permit with Conditions to Allow on Premises Consumption of Alcohol in Association with a Restaurant Located at 222 West Duffy Street \(PIN 20052 16013\). Aldermanic District 2 \(File No. 23-003455-ZA\). \[Continued from the August 24, 2023 Council Meeting at the Petitioner's Request\]](#)

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

Speaker(s):

- Edward Morrow, MPC representative
- Ms. Pearl Reddick – OPPOSED
- Ms. Doris Fogle – OPPOSED
- Josh Yellin, representing applicant

a. Alderman Leggett moved to close the zoning hearing for Items #12 and #13, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0. See related Agenda Items #12 and #20

b. Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #13, Special Use Permit, seconded by Alderman Leggett. The motion failed, 2-7-0. Mayor Johnson, Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderwoman Lanier, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, and Alderman Purtee voted no. (FAILED)

[14. Petition of Patrick Shay on Behalf of Live Oak Living, LLC, for a Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map Amendment Changing the Category from Residential Suburban Single Family to Traditional Commercial for the 0.18-Acre Property Located at 20 West 60th Street \(PIN 20093 27003\). Aldermanic District 5 \(File No. 23-003919-ZA\).](#)

[Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet \(File No. 23-003919-ZA\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Concepts for 4307 Bull Street.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Site Plan for 20 West 60th Street \(File No. 23-003919-ZA\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 4: Draft Traffic Engineering Study for 4307 Bull Street.pdf](#)

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

Speaker(s):

- Edward Morrow, MPC representative
- Patrick Shay, applicant

Alderwoman Miller Blakely requested the names of the side streets, owners name, and status of neighborhood agreement. Mr. Morrow indicated the side streets are Bull and 59th Streets, the owners are Live Oak, LLC, and the neighborhood association is requesting a traffic impact study.

Alderwoman Lanier expressed concern for the housing market in Savannah and the rising cost of housing. The City has a responsibility to protect the current citizens by keeping housing affordable.

Mayor Johnson stated the City has established Housing Savannah to monitor housing affordability. There are laws governing how a landlord accepts payment for rent.

Alderman Palumbo commended the petitioner on meeting with all the surrounding neighborhood associations to inform them of the project. The project would help alleviate the shortage of housing in the City.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz if there was a meeting with the president of the Feiler Park Neighborhood Association (yes and the neighborhood association is opposed to any apartments). Alderwoman Gibson-Carter discussed the density of housing in the 5th District and how the City needs to partner with developers on the number of housing units in a community.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan raised a point of order.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter continued discussing affordable housing units and the City's ability to enforce gentrification of neighborhoods.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the zoning hearing for Items #14 and #15, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0. See related Agenda Item #21.

[15. Petition of Patrick Shay on Behalf of Live Oak Living, LLC, for a Zoning Map Amendment to Rezone 20 West 60th Street from RTF \(Residential Two-family\) to TC-1 \(Traditional Commercial -1\) with Conditions. Aldermanic District 5 \(File No. 23-003824-ZA\).](#)

[Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation for 20 West 60th Street \(File No. 23-003824-ZA\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Concepts for 4307 Bull Street.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Site Plan for 20 W. 60th Street \(File No. 23-003824-ZA\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 4: Draft Traffic Engineering Study for 4307 Bull Street.pdf](#)

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

Speaker(s):

- Edward Morrow, MPC representative
- Patrick Shay, applicant

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the zoning hearing for Items #14 and #15, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0. See related Agenda Item #21.

[16. Petition of Dolly Chisolm, Agent, on Behalf of Christian Sottile, Property Owner, and Ralston College on Behalf of Pelican Funds, LLC, Petitioner, for a Special Use Permit with Conditions to Establish an Educational Building Used by a College, University, or Seminary for the 0.13-acre Property at 115 West Bolton Street \(PIN 20044 18001\). Aldermanic District 2 \(File No. 23-003820-ZA\).](#)

[Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation for 115 West Bolton Street \(File No. 23-003820-ZA\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Maps for 115 West Bolton Street \(File No. 23-003820-ZA\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Site Visit for 115 West Bolton Street \(File No. 23-003820-ZA\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 4: Zoning Confirmation Letter for 115 West Bolton Street \(23-003820-ZA\).pdf](#)

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

Speaker(s):

- Edward Morrow, MPC representative
- Elizabeth T. Hollis – IN SUPPORT
- Dolly Chisolm, representing the applicant
- Stephen Blackwood, college president

Mayor Johnson asked for more information on Ralston College. Ms. Chisolm indicated Ralston is a small college for masters in arts and humanities. Last year eighteen students graduated, this year 24 students are attending classes. Most students are older (ages 26-29) and more serious about their studies.

a. Alderman Leggett moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #16, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed, 7-0-2. Alderman Palumbo and Alderman Purtee were not present during the vote.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked Ms. Chisolm if the College was non-profit (yes, but this building will be the only building owned by the College designated tax exempt, the other four buildings are in the name of an LLC and are listed on the City tax records). Alderwoman Gibson-Carter recommended the City Manager reach out to the College for community benefits in lieu of property tax payments. City Manager Melder indicated there is on-going dialogue with Ralston College.

Alderman Wilder-Bryan asked how long they have been opened, how long is the program, what is the price base. President Blackwood answered, they opened in 2022, the program is a 1-year program, and the average cost would be \$55,000, but no student has ever paid. There have been 22 graduates this year and four have found employment in Savannah. Alderman Wilder-Bryan and President Blackwood discussed various aspects of the college and any future growth and partnerships with local universities and businesses.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #16, Special Use Permit, seconded by Alderman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 7-2-0. Alderman Gibson-Carter and Alderman Miller Blakely voted no.

[17. Petition of Russell Goeken on Behalf of Habersham Development, LLC, for a Special Use Permit with Conditions to Establish Accessory Alcohol Sales within a Restaurant for the 0.06-Acre Property Located at 3129 Bull Street \(20088 03001\), Aldermanic District 5 \(File No. 23-003790-ZA\).](#)

[Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation for 3129 Bull Street \(File No. 23-003790-ZA\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Maps for 3129 Bull Street \(File No. 23-003790-ZA\).pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing open for Item #17.

Speaker(s):

- Edward Morrow, MPC representative
- Russ Goeken, representing applicant

Mayor Johnson requested specific information on the type of restaurant. Mr. Goeken indicated this is a cafe/coffee shop opened between 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m., with some service in an outside area. Mayor Johnson asked if the outside service has been approved for accessory use. Mr. Goeken was not certain if it was approved. Mayor Johnson requested City Manager Melder to follow-up for approval of accessory use for the business.

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #17, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Alderman Lanier asked how long has the petitioner owned the property. Mr. Goeken indicated he is leasing the space. She expressed concern for Council's approval of extending the historic boundary to include this building and asked how it impacted this property. City Manager Melder indicated this was not the property in question for the prior extension of the historic boundary.

Alderman Miller Blakely asked Mr. Goeken if the establishment will be similar to Late Air. Mr. Goeken indicated four small round tables are planned for the outside area.

City Manager Melder indicated the petitioner has not applied for accessory use for the business and will need to make application through real estate services before outside seating will be permitted.

Alderman Miller Blakely asked City Manager Melder if Late Air was approved for outside seating and service. Mr. Melder will check and let Council know if Late Air applied for accessory use.

Alderman Gibson-Carter asked Mr. Goeken for hours of operation (7:30am - 7:00pm, M-T and 7:30am - 9:00 or 10:00pm Friday & Saturday). Alderman Gibson-Carter indicated specific hours of operation will be necessary before Council approval. For approval, City Manager Melder indicated operating hours are not required. She asked if there will be a kitchen on the premises. Mr. Goeken indicated there will be a small kitchen and all necessary applications and approvals will be followed. City Manager Melder discussed and explained the special use permit versus an alcohol license approval.

Mayor Johnson requested the special use permit conditions. City Manager Melder read the conditions (hours of operation): 1) Monday through Thursday from 7:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m.; and 2) Friday through Saturday from 7:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m.

b. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #17, Special Use Permit with conditions, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderman Miller Blakely voted no.

PETITIONS

[18. Approval of an Honorary Street Designation for "Coach Ronald Booker Way" Located on Hopkins Street between Victory Drive and West 48th Street.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Coach Ronald Booker Way Petition](#)

HEARD after Items #11 and #19.

Mayor Johnson explained the process for naming public property. He gave a brief background of Coach Ronald Booker Way's contribution to the youth and residents of the City of Savannah.

Priscilla Swindell, a coach and friend of Coach Booker from Beach High School, invited Mayor and Council to Coach Booker's ceremony and his 78th surprise birthday party.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #18, seconded by Alderman Wilder-Bryan

and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Alderman Gibson-Carter acknowledged a street naming opportunity for Rev. Matthew Southall Brown was removed from the agenda. She asked if members of the Brown family and his congregation could speak.

Mayor Johnson indicated members of the Brown family were advised the item would not be on the agenda today and they understood there would be no opportunity to speak.

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

[19. Recommendations by the Historic Preservation Commission for a Text Amendment to the City of Savannah Zoning Ordinance Section 7.9, Victorian District Contributing Resources Map for 1001 Whitaker Street \(20044 25001\), 124 West Park Avenue \(20044 24003\) and 1015 Whitaker Street \(20044 25002\) which Are All zoned TN-1 \(Traditional Neighborhood-1\), Aldermanic District 2 \(File No. 23-003955-ZA\), Recommend Denial.](#)

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Alderman Palumbo stressed the importance of this item as it relates to all districts and future decisions on historic structures. Alderman Palumbo expressed his deep concern for the outcome and he indicated that there will be some disappointments. He has wrestled with this item and lost sleep trying to make a decision.

Mayor Johnson stated the decision of Council will not be easy. This is an opportunity for another level of review, time for discussion, placed another set of eyes on the project to receive facts and opinions.

Alderman Gibson-Carter discussed a prior decision by City Council on the Weeping Time land and she doesn't remember any statements of losing sleep or a struggle to make a decision. She stated there was no other decision as egregious as that vote. The Bethel AME Church was built in the 1800's at the corner of Gwinnett and East Broad Street that was demolished. Alderman Gibson-Carter stated you didn't hear much from the Council and no one lost sleep over the decision.

Alderman Wilder-Bryan raised a point of order.

Alderman Gibson-Carter discussed the rich environment of Savannah and how the residents and retirees enjoy the cultural and many benefits the City has to offer. She stated history is what the residents love about Savannah.

Alderman Wilder-Bryan raised a point of order.

Alderman Gibson-Carter stated the fabric of society in Savannah is inclusive of the history, the stories, and memories are what the residents hold as valuable. She stated, when it comes to this Council, time and time again rules can be changed.

Alderman Wilder-Bryan raised a point of order.

Alderman Gibson-Carter stated this decision could be used as a teachable moment for Council not to create division, drama, and challenges in the communities.

Mayor Johnson stated Alderman Gibson-Carter conveniently forgot that this Council did struggle with the Weeping Time land decision. The Council instructed the City Manager to secure/hire an independent preservationist to determine if the land in question was indeed the Weeping Time land. Right now the Council has a decision to make, it will not be an easy decision.

a. Alderman Gibson-Carter moved to continue Items #11 and #19 to October 26, 2023 City Council meeting to allow Council and the community an opportunity to continue deliberation. The motion failed for a lack of a second.

b. Alderman Miller Blakely moved to approve Item #19 as recommended by the MPC as it relates to the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) to include the three buildings as exceptions, seconded by Alderman Gibson-Carter. No vote taken.

c. After the first reading was considered the second reading and a request that an ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, Alderman Leggett moved to deny Item #19 as recommended by the City Manager to make the three buildings non contributing structures, seconded by Alderman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 7-2-0. Alderman Gibson-Carter and Alderman Miller Blakely voted no.

Alderman Gibson-Carter raised a point of information. While this Council does not vote on demolition, the action taken will mean that the three buildings could be demolished. Mayor Johnson answered yes.

[20. Petition of Joshua Yellin on Behalf of Michael Condon, Vintage Home Restoration, LLC, for a Zoning Map Amendment of the 0.04-Acre Property Located at 222 West Duffy Street \(PIN 20052 16013\) from TN-1 \(Traditional Neighborhood-1\) to TC-1 \(Traditional Commercial-1\), Aldermanic District 2 \(File No. 23-003454-ZA\). \[Continued from the August 24, 2023 Council Meeting at the Petitioner's Request\]](#)

[Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet \(File No. 23-003454-ZA\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Maps for 222 West Duffy Street \(File No. 23-003454-ZA\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Site Visit for 222 West Duffy Street \(File No. 23-003454-ZA\).pdf](#)

After the first reading was considered the second reading and a request that an ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #20, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 6-3-0. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no.

[21. Petition of Patrick Shay on Behalf of Live Oak Living, LLC, for a Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map Amendment Changing the Category from Residential Suburban Single Family to Traditional Commercial for the 0.18-acre Property Located at 20 W. 60th Street \(PIN 20093 27003\). Aldermanic District 5 \(File No. 23-003919-ZA\).](#)

[Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for 20 W. 60th Street \(File No. 23-003919-ZA\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit Concepts for 4307 Bull Street.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3 Site Plan for 20 W. 60th Street \(File No. 23-003919-ZA\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 4: Draft Traffic Engineering Study for 4307 Bull Street.pdf](#)

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to deny the City Manager's recommendation for Items #21 and #22, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion failed, 4-5-0. Mayor Johnson, Alderman Leggett, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan, Alderman Palumbo, and Alderman Purtee voted no. (FAILED)

During the vote, Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked Mayor Johnson if there was an opportunity for consideration of appeal. Mayor Johnson indicated tht is the motion on the floor.

Alderman Purtee raised a point of order.

b. After the first reading was considered the second reading and a request that an ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Items #21 and #22, seconded by Alderman Purtee. The motion passed, 5-4-0. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely, and Alderwoman Lanier voted no. (PASSED)

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked Mr. Shay if the apartments would be market rate. Mr. Shay answered the units will be market rate. The developer was interested in participating in the inclusionary zoning, but this area was not designed in the ordinance to be included in the inclusionary zoning area.

[22. Petition of Patrick Shay on Behalf of Live Oak Living, LLC, for a Zoning Map Amendment to Rezone 20 West 60th Street from RTF \(Residential Two-family\) to TC-1 \(Traditional Commercial -1\) with Conditions. Aldermanic District 5 \(File No. 23-003824-ZA\).](#)

[Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation for 20 West 60th Street \(File No. 23-003824-ZA\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Concepts for 4307 Bull Street.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Site Plan for 20 W 60th Street \(File No. 23-003824-ZA\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 4: Draft Traffic Engineering Study for 4307 Bull Street.pdf](#)

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to deny the City Manager's recommendation for Items #21 and #22, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion failed, 4-5-0. Mayor Johnson, Alderman Leggett, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan, Alderman Palumbo, and Alderman Purtee voted no. (FAILED)

During the vote, Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked Mayor Johnson if there was an opportunity for consideration of appeal. Mayor Johnson indicated tht is the motion on the floor.

Alderman Purtee raised a point of order.

b. After the first reading was considered the second reading and a request that an ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Items #21 and #22, seconded by Alderman Purtee. The motion passed, 5-4-0. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely, and Alderwoman Lanier voted no. (PASSED)

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked Mr. Shay if the apartments would be market rate. Mr. Shay answered the units will be market rate. The developer was interested in participating in the inclusionary zoning, but this area was not designed in the ordinance to be included in the inclusionary zoning area.

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

[23. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 for Scrap Tire Disposal with Quality Tire Recycling, Inc. in the Amount of \\$55,000. This annual contract provides scrap tire disposal services for the following City locations: Dean Forest Road Landfill, Bacon Park Convenience Center, and Fleet Services.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Scrap Tire Disposal.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Scrap Tire Disposal.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #23 and #24, seconded by Alderman Leggett, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[24. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Water and Sewer Manhole Adjustment with SamJay Services \(LOCAL\) in an Amount Not to Exceed \\$125,000. This service will be used to lower and raise water valve manholes, boxes, and sanitary sewer manholes on Victory Drive between Ogeechee Road and Downing Avenue. \(Water & Sewer\)](#)

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

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #23 and #24, seconded by Alderman Leggett, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[25. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Modification of Water, Sewer, and Stormwater Line Repair from Southern Champion Construction in an Amount Up to \\$2,000,000. The purpose of this increase is for labor and material service to support the successful operation of the City's Water Resources Department's infrastructure in compliance with regulatory guidelines. \(Water & Sewer\)](#)

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

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

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked City Manager Melder if the agenda item is consistent with the plan to not roll back the millage rate to support drainage projects. City Manager Melder indicated it is consistent with meeting the City's water and sewer goals. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked City Manager Melder if this was a modification before work is complete (yes).

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Item #25, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion was approved unanimously, 9-0-0.

[26. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Circulatory Transit Services with Chatham Area Transit \(LOCAL\) in an Amount Not to Exceed \\$7,227,524. The transit services will provide public transportation within the City of Savannah's downtown area, Carver Village and Cloverdale to encourage public transportation to ease congestion of vehicle traffic. \(Parking & Mobility\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification- Circulator Service](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Note- Circulator Service](#)

Mayor Johnson indicated the City is trying to create equity opportunities for citizens and help to keep them self-sufficient in employment and childcare. Transportation is a huge part of that process, especially the DOT shuttle. The circulatory transit services (fare free) will allow increased services to residents. City Manager Melder agreed with Mayor Johnson and thanked CAT Board Member Alderman Leggett for his support in the increased services to residents.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked City Manager Melder who participated in the decision for increased fare free services. City Manager Melder indicated CAT Board and City purchasing department. She asked for data from Westside residents for the service. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter indicated her conversations with residents indicate this is a service not requested. She expressed concern for big-ticket items on the agenda that residents were not included in the decision to acquire. The residents on the Southside also need transportation. City Manager Melder indicated the DOT service is provided by CAT through the City. The plan is to expand the service (routes) in the future as CAT continues increased services. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked for the contribution of CAT.

Chatham Area Transit (CAT) Executive Director/CEO Faye DiMassimo indicated CAT leverages the federal dollars to increase services to residents. CAT will be bringing Micro Service in East Savannah next year. CAT brings the funding for capital, brings funding for the overall system, and an ability to leverage local dollars. Ms. DiMassimo discussed the rider survey from DOT's on-board riders, between January and March 2023: 56% are work, appointments and shopping related and 44% is for visiting and recreation.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter recommended expanding the service to the Southside residents. City Manager and Mayor Johnson agreed.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if other communities are added to the route will the amount increase. City Manager Melder indicated the \$7,227,524 is for three years for indicated communities. The DOT is not the only service provided by CAT, the City will continually explore additional transportation service opportunities (fare free) for residents.

Alderman Purtee indicated some residents of the Windsor Forest community expressed no interest in the CAT buses in their area. At some point in the future, the DOT service may expand to the Southside. The Southside residents are pleased with the expanded CAT service they do receive. Alderman Purtee thanked Ms. DiMassimo, CAT Board Member Leggett and City Manager Melder for their continued efforts to provide transportation services to residents.

Alderman Leggett discussed current and future CAT area services. He discussed the on-going CAT conversations with the board of education for students, services into Pooler, and to the warehouses.

Alderwoman Lanier expressed concern for the intent to provide free transportation in the high-wealth downtown area. Her policy position is completely opposite this model. Why should high-wealth individuals and tourists ride free when some senior residents are waiting up to 3-4 hours for a CAT connection. The leadership of Cloverdale indicated the ridership is down; downtown hotel and restaurant workers from the Westside are walking over the bridge (viaduct) daily to get to work. Alderwoman Lanier disagreed with the free ride policy; leadership from the Westside communities

have indicated by survey the free ridership is not a top priority. She would like to see the data from CAT showing that residents of Carver Village and Cloverdale connected with opportunities by using the DOT. Alderwoman Lanier stated, it's not good public policy.

As a prior representative of the Westside, Mayor Johnson indicated transportation has always been an issue, especially for seniors, individuals without cars and without a driver's license. The DOT and CAT system is a way for self-sufficiency. As a resident of Cloverdale, Mayor Johnson indicated he sees the residents waiting and riding the buses daily.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz expressed her gratitude for the DOT and the many services, prior, new and future services of CAT.

Mayor Johnson thanked Ms. DiMassimo and the CAT team for all the wonderful services provided to the residents of the City.

CAT Chief Operating Office Dr. Emmanuel Twumasi spoke briefly about the proposed CAT senior services (Chatham Connect program).

Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #26, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 6-1-2. Alderwoman Lanier voted no, and Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely were not present during the vote.

Alderman Leggett thanked CAT for assisting residents in Veranda and Live Oak with multiple buses when there was a power failure in the communities.

SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION

[27. Approval of Amendment No. 3 to Task Order No. 3 with Pond & Company, for Redesign Fees Associated with the Air Cargo Facility Project, in the Amount of \\$1,541,319.](#)

HEARD after Item #6.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #27, #28, and #29, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[28. Approval to Purchase New Airfield Sign Panels from Allen Enterprises, in the Amount of \\$94,343.](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #27, #28, and #29, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[29. Approval of Conde Nast Promotional Campaign Partnership with the Hilton Head Island – Bluffton Chamber of Commerce, in the Amount of \\$300,000.](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #27, #28, and #29, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

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

[30. Resolution Ratifying the Mayor's August 29, 2023 Emergency Declaration.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Resolution Ratifying Mayor's Idalia Emergency Order.pdf](#)

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Items #30 and #31, seconded by Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

[31. Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Submit the FY 2023 Continuum of Care \(CoC\) Application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development \(HUD\) and to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding and Grant Agreement with the Subrecipient, Chatham Savannah Authority for the Homeless, Inc., for Federal Assistance as the Project Sponsor.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Resolution Authorizing FY23 CoC Application.docx](#)

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Items #30 and #31, seconded by Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

AGREEMENTS

[32. Approval of the Emergency Shelter Facilities License Agreement with St. Joseph's and Candler Hospitals.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Emergency Shelter Facilities License Agreement - Final.pdf](#)

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #32, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed, 7-0-2. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely were not present during the vote.

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

[33. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Quitclaim Deeds to the Georgia Department of Transportation to Resolve Title Issues on Properties Along State Route 17-A.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Map - Parcels 8, 24, & 34.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: GDOT QCD Parcel 8 220385.09 Chatham OT Bridge Property - Final.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: GDOT QCD Parcel 24 2200385.09 Chatham OT Bridge Property - Final.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 4: GDOT QCD Parcel 34 2200385.09 Chatham OT Bridge Property - Final.pdf](#)

Alderwoman Lanier requested City Manager Melder to have staff communicate with the residents in Ogeecheeton and Treemont Park with any and all updates to the area/community with the signs

returning to the communities.

Alderman Lanier moved to approve Items #33 and #34, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed, 7-0-2. Alderman Gibson-Carter and Alderman Miller Blakely were not present during the vote.

[34. Authorize the City Manager to Approve Quit Claim Deeds for Sewer Easement to Victory Drive Investors, LLC, and Victory Apartments Owner, LLC](#)

[Exhibit 1: Map - VDI Sewer Easement QCD.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Survey - VCI Sewer-Easement QCD.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: QCD to VDI Sewer Easement.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 4: QCD to VOA - VDI Sewer Easement.pdf](#)

Alderman Lanier moved to approve Items #33 and #34, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed, 7-0-2. Alderman Gibson-Carter and Alderman Miller Blakely were not present during the vote.

[35. Authorize the City Manager to Enter into a Partnership Agreement with the Galvan Foundation and Appropriate Up to \\$500,000 for the Acquisition and Renovation of the Kiah House Located at 505 W. 36th Street](#)

[Exhibit 1: Map & Street Scene - Kiah House.pdf](#)

City Manager Melder discussed the importance of the City partnering with the Kiah House. He thanked Alderman Lanier and staff for their support. He thanked Eric Galloway of the Galvin Foundation, and CHSA Director Anita Smith-Dixon for their support, they were unable to attend the meeting.

Historic Savannah Foundation Chief Executive Officer Sue Adler thanked City Manager Melder, Dr. Debra Simon-Johnson of Savannah State, and Historic Savannah Foundation Board Chair Austin Hill for their support on the project, and introduced Director of Historic Properties Ryan Jarles to discuss the revolving fund. Board Chair Mr. Hill explained the total process of acquiring the building and expressed appreciation of the City and Galvin Foundation for the support.

Alderman Lanier, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Wilder-Bryan expressed gratitude to the Historic Savannah Foundation and others who played a part in contributing to the project.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #35, seconded by Alderman Lanier, Alderman Leggett, Alderman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 7-0-2. Alderman Gibson-Carter and Alderman Miller Blakely were not present during the vote.

MISCELLANEOUS

[36. \(Added Item\) Petition of John D. Northrup III, Agent for Capital Development Partners, for a Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map \(FLUM\) Amendment from Residential - Suburban Single Family to Industry Light for ~52.86 Acres Located at 343 and 339 Buckhalter Road \(10942 01003 & -01002A\), 335 Buckhalter Road \(10942 01002B\), 331 Buckhalter Road \(10942 01002C\), 325 Buckhalter Road \(10942 01002D\), 323 Buckhalter Road \(10942 01002F\), 315 Buckhalter Road \(10942 01002E\), 309 Buckhalter Road \(10942 01007 & -01008\), and 311 Buckhalter Road \(10942 01009\). \(File No. 23-002328-ZA\). \(Continued to the October 12, 2023, Council Meeting at the request of the petitioner.\)](#)

City Manager Melder requested Items #36 and #37 held/continued at the request of the petitioner.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to continue/postpone Items #36 and #37 to the November 21, 2023, City Council Meeting, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 7-0-2. Alderman Gibson-Carter and Alderman Miller Blakely were not present during the vote.

[37. \(Added Item\) Petition of John D. Northrup III, Agent for Capital Development Partners, for a Zoning Map Amendment to Rezone ~52.86 Acres Located at 343 and 339 Buckhalter Road \(10942 01003 & -01002A\), 335 Buckhalter Road \(10942 01002B\), 331 Buckhalter Road \(10942 01002C\), 325 Buckhalter Road \(10942 01002D\), 323 Buckhalter Road \(10942 01002F\), 315 Buckhalter Road \(10942 01002E\), 309 Buckhalter Road \(10942 01007 & -01008\), and 311 Buckhalter Road \(10942 01009\) from R-A-CO \(Residential Agricultural\) to IL \(Light Industrial\) with Conditions. \(File No. 23-000304-ZA\). \(Continued to the October 12, 2023, Council Meeting at the request of the petitioner.\)](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to continue/postpone Items #36 and #37 to the November 21, 2023, City Council Meeting, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 7-0-2. Alderman Gibson-Carter and Alderman Miller Blakely were not present during the vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Johnson announced this is the second year anniversary for City Manager Melder with the City of Savannah. Mayor and Council congratulated Mr. Melder.

Alderman Wilder-Bryan announced she attended William Tell in Pooler and a meeting with one of the last Red Tail Tuskegee Airmen. On Monday, she attended a celebration of Dundee Village where veterans were honored with food, haircuts, and pedicures in observance of 911. On Wednesday, she attended an ice cream sundae at The Parc.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz announced on September 30th, there will be Seniors Night hosted by the men of Liberty City at Liberty City Community Center beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:36 p.m.

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

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Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: _____

Signature: _____

