

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council
FROM: Joseph A. Melder, City Manager
DATE: September 22, 2026
SUBJECT: Additional Information for the September 24th City Council Meeting

PURPOSE: The purpose of this memorandum is to provide City Council with additional information and materials for City Council Workshop, which will begin at **11:00 a.m.**, and the Regular City Council Meeting, which will begin at 2:00 p.m. on September 24th.

I. Council Workshop

The topic(s) for the workshop is as follows:

- Boards, Commissions & Authorities
- Urban Land Institute Southside TAP Briefing
- Legislative Agenda Preparation Discussion
- Closed Executive Session: Litigation, Personnel, and Real Estate (As Needed)
- City Manager's Update (As Needed)

II. Additional Information for Regular Meeting Agenda Items

Please see below additional information on my recommendations for approval for the following agenda items:

AGENDA ITEM	DESCRIPTION	COMMENT
#7	Alcohol License Approval of a Class C (Beer and Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Deep Patel for Pritchard & Co., a Restaurant Located at 207 West Broughton Street.	• This request is for a Restaurant • This request is for a New Applicant/Existing Business • The distance measurements were met to nearest School and Alcohol Treatment Center • This Business is located in the Downtown Neighborhood Association I recommend approval of this item.

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	The Establishment is Located between Jefferson Street and Barnard Street in Aldermanic District 2.	
#8	Alcohol License Approval of a Class G (Beer and Wine) (By the Drink) (Complimentary) Alcohol License to Michelle Hagan for Hey Hunny Blooms & Board, LLC, a Specialty Shop Located at 125 West Duffy Street. The Establishment is Located between Barnard Street and Whitaker Street in Aldermanic District 2.	• This request is for a Specialty Shop • This request is for a New Applicant/Existing Business • This request is for a Complimentary Alcohol License • This Business is located in the Victorian Neighborhood Association • The distance measurements were met to the nearest School and Alcohol Treatment Center I recommend approval of this item.
#9	Alcohol License Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer and Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Connor Schofield for The Montgomery, a Restaurant Located at 1006 East Broad Street. The Establishment is Located between	• This request is for a Restaurant • This request is for a New Applicant/New Business • The distance measurements were met to the nearest Church, School and Alcohol Treatment Center • There is No Active Neighborhood Association within proximity of this location I recommend approval of this item.

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	East Waldburg Street and East Park Avenue in Aldermanic District 2.	
#10	Alcohol License Approval of a Class C (Beer) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Aryana Lopez Gordillo for El Comal Chiapaneco, a Restaurant Located at 2208 East DeRenne Avenue, Suite D. The Establishment is Located between Skidaway Road and Athena Drive in Aldermanic District 3.	• This request is for a Restaurant • This request is for a New Applicant/Existing Business • The distance measurements were met to the nearest School and Alcohol Treatment Center • There is no active Neighborhood Association within proximity of this Location I recommend approval of this item.
#11	Alcohol License Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer and Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Larry O. Jackson for Whiskey Tango Foxtrot Barbecue and Grill, a Restaurant Located at 5509 Montgomery Street. The Establishment	• This request is for a Restaurant • This request is for a New Applicant/New Business • The distance measurements were met to the nearest Church, School and Alcohol Treatment Center • An email of concern was received from Popular Place Neighborhood Association President I recommend approval of this item.

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	is Located between Birchfield Drive and Hampstead Avenue in Aldermanic District 5.	
#12	Zoning Hearing Petition of Ellen Harris for Kay Heritage (Agent) for Maizal, LLC, on behalf of Heath Shelton (Agent) for The912Savannah, LLC for a Special Use Permit to Allow a Hall, Banquet, or Reception Use with Conditions on 0.54 acres at 2018 Habersham Street, Unit C-1 (20064 25015) in the TC-1 (Traditional Commercial-1) Zoning District in Aldermanic District 2 (26-003977-ZA).	***Part One of a Two-Part Request*** • The Petitioner requests approval of a Special Use Permit to allow the Hall, Banquet, or Reception Use. • The property is located in the Starland Historic District and is zoned TC-1. • The Petitioner proposes to operate a coffee shop during the day, which is permitted by right. With the approval of the Special Use Permit, the space would be used for private events held after hours. • This request is being considered in conjunction with a separate Special Use Permit (File No. 26-003978-ZA) to allow on-premises alcohol consumption during catered after-hours events. • The Planning Commission recommended approval of the Special Use Permit to allow the Hall, Banquet, or Reception Use under these conditions: 1. The Special Use Permit shall be non-transferrable. 2. The approved use shall be limited to the approximately 1,334 Square foot tenant space Identified as Building C-1. 3. Any substantial expansion of the venue use, or modification of the operational characteristics reviewed herein shall require review and approval by the City of Savannah. I recommend the Metropolitan Planning Commission's recommendation.
#13	Zoning Hearing Petition of Ellen Harris for Kay Heritage (Agent) for	• The Petitioner requests approval of a Special Use Permit to allow a Retail Consumption Dealer (On-Premises Consumption of Alcohol). • The request is associated with catered private events

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	Maizal, LLC, on behalf of Heath Shelton (Agent) for The912Savannah, LLC for a Special Use Permit to Allow a Retail Consumption Dealer (On-Premises Consumption of Alcohol) with Conditions on 0.54 acres at 2018 Habersham Street, Unit C-1 (20064 25015) in the TC-1 (Traditional Commercial-1) Zoning District in Aldermanic District 2 (26-003978-ZA).	conducted within the tenant space. • This request corresponds with Special Use Permit request (File No. 26-003977-ZA) for the proposed Hall, Banquet, or Reception use. • If approved, the Petitioner will also be required to obtain an Alcohol Beverage License for the on-premises consumption of alcohol. • The Planning Commission recommended approval of the Special Use Permit request for a Retail Consumption Dealer (On-Premises Consumption of Alcohol) under these conditions: 1. This Special Use Permit shall be nontransferable. 2. Alcohol sales shall operate only in conjunction with the approved restaurant and Hall, Banquet, or Reception use. 3. Alcohol sales shall be limited to on-premises consumption only. 4. Alcohol service shall be limited to private catered events occurring within the approved venue space. 5. Any expansion of alcohol service beyond the operational scope represented within the application shall require additional review and approval from the City of Savannah. I recommend approval of the Metropolitan Planning Commission's recommendation.
#14	Ordinances Second Readings Approval to Amend Division II, Part 4, Public Services, Ch 7, International Airport, Article A.	• Proposed airport purchasing amendment. • Airport purchasing authority to increase from \$25,000 to \$50,000, same levels as in the City's general purchasing ordinances. I recommend approval of this item.
#15	Ordinances Second Readings Approval to Amend the Charter of the City of Savannah,	• Proposed Charter amendment to remove provision that airport purchases over \$1,000 be approved by City Council. • Removes requirement that City Council approve airport leases but retains City Council approval for "sale or

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	Section 8-415, Rights in Airport Property.	conveyance” of real property. I recommend approval of this item.
	Purchasing Summary and Local Spend	The total spending proposed to Council is \$19,284,304.78 of which, a total of \$1,646,425.40 or 9% approval on this Council agenda, are to local vendors.
#16	Purchasing Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Voluntary Employee Vision Insurance Renewal with The Standard Insurance Company in an Amount Not to Exceed \$216,101.	• Increase frames/contact allowance per member from \$200 to \$250. • 1,797 Employees enrolled on plan. • No disruption to members. • 100% Employee paid- no cost to the City of Savannah. Vendor: The Standard Contract Amount: \$216,101 I recommend approval of this item.
#17	Purchasing Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Other Post Employee Benefits (OPEB) Medicare Advantage Plan with Part D Renewal with United Health Care (UHC) in an Amount Not to Exceed \$2,026,366.56.	• Decrease of \$547,919 from 2026 premiums. • 784 Retirees (over 65) enrolled • Maximum out-of-pocket is \$2,000. Vendor: United Health Care Contract Amount: \$2,026,366.56 I recommend approval of this item.
#18	Purchasing Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Voluntary Employee Dental Insurance	• 2,706 Employees/Retirees enrolled in plan. • Change to a lifetime versus annual deductible. • No disruption to members. • 100% Employee/Retiree paid- no cost to the City of Savannah.

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	Renewal with The Standard Insurance Company in an Amount Not to Exceed \$2,052,796.	Vendor: The Standard Contract Amount: \$2,052,796 I recommend approval of this item.
#19	Purchasing Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Two TL-3 Towable Trailer Attenuator from CROC Crash Solutions c/o Traffix Devices in the Amount of \$85,080.	• Authorize the City Manager to procure two Towable Attenuators from CROCS Crash Solutions c/o Traffix Devices for \$85,080 through Sourcewell Contract #042225-TFX. • Assign the two units to the Solid Waste Department's Street Cleaning Division to replace units #5700 and #5702 as scheduled under the City's equipment replacement plan. • Improve roadway safety by providing protective barriers that absorb impacts from errant vehicles, helping protect City employees and equipment while allowing Street Cleaning crews to safely and efficiently perform operations in active traffic areas. Vendor: CROCS Crash Solutions c/o Traffix Contract Amount: \$85,080 I recommend approval of this item.
#20	Purchasing Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Four 25 Cubic Yard Rear Loading Garbage Truck Bodies from Sansom Equipment Company, c/o New Way in the Amount of \$687,019.48.	• Authorize the City Manager to procure four 25-cubic-yard truck bodies with flippers from Sansom Equipment Company, c/o New Way, for \$687,019.48 through Contract #28141-NWY. • Assign the four refuse bodies to the Solid Waste Department's Residential Refuse Division, where they will be mounted on Battle Motors rear-loader chassis and replace units #7747, #7748, #7749, and #7750 under the FY26 Equipment Replacement Plan. • Support reliable and efficient residential refuse collection by replacing aging equipment with new refuse bodies designed for the City's rear-loader chassis, helping reduce equipment downtime, improve operational reliability, and maintain consistent collection services for residents. Vendor: Sansom Equipment Company c/o New Way

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		Contract Amount: \$687,019.48 I recommend approval of this item.
#21	Purchasing Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Four Chassis for Rear-Loading Garbage Trucks from Associated Fuel Systems, Inc., c/o Battle Motors in the Amount of \$778,300.	• Authorize the City Manager to procure four chassis for rear-loading garbage trucks from Associated Fuel Systems, Inc., c/o Battle Motors, for \$778,300 through Sourcewell Contract #032824-CRN. • Assign the four chassis to the Solid Waste Department's Residential Refuse Division to replace units #7747, #7748, #7749, and #7750 under the FY26 Equipment Replacement Plan. • Support reliable and efficient daily residential refuse collection by replacing aging equipment, helping reduce maintenance costs and downtime while improving vehicle reliability and ensuring consistent service to City residents. Vendor: Associated Fuel Systems c/o Battle Motors Contract Amount: \$778,300 I recommend approval of this item.
#22	Purchasing Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Street Resurfacing Project with APAC-Atlantic, Inc. in an Amount Not to Exceed \$7,367,449.	• The project includes the milling and resurfacing of 61 street segments throughout the City of Savannah, representing approximately 51 lane miles of roadway. • This project will improve roadway conditions, enhance the overall quality and safety of the City's transportation infrastructure, and extend the useful life of existing streets. • APAC-Atlantic, Inc. was the lowest responsive bidder among five qualified bidders. Vendor: APAC- Atlantic, Inc. Contract Amount: \$7,367,449 I recommend approval of this item.

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#23	Purchasing Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Remotec Andros F6B Bomb Squad Robot Upgrade from Remotec in the Amount of \$50,730.	• Purchase an upgrade for the Savannah Police Department Bomb Squad's Remotec Andros F6B robot to enhance its capabilities and operational effectiveness • The upgrade will support Bomb Squad personnel in safely assessing and handling hazardous devices while reducing risk to officers and the public. • This Purchase is fully Funded through GEMA grant Vendor: Remotec Contract Amount: \$50,730 I recommend approval of this item.
#24	Purchasing Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No.2 for Installation of Field Lights to Include Directional Boring with Musco Sports Lighting, LLC, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$107,154.	• Cost for material storage from 8/3/2023-7/14/2026 • Install 525' of directionally bored conduit and conductors from Georgia Power supply to City electrical panel • Purchased through cooperative purchasing agreement: Sourcewell (#041123-MSL) Vendor: Musco Sports Lighting Contract Amount: \$612,172 I recommend approval of this item.
#25	Purchasing Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Life Insurance Services with Symetra in an Amount of \$1,696,736.	• Three-year cost savings of \$712,011 to City of Savannah. • Three-year rate guarantee. • No increase to employees/retirees for supplemental life policies. Vendor: Symetra Contract Amount: \$1,696,736 I recommend approval of this item.
#26	Purchasing Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Long-Term Disability	• Three-year cost savings of \$486,876. • Three-year rate guarantee. • No cost to Employees.

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	Insurance Services with the Symetra in the Amount of \$204,070.	Vendor: Symetra Contract Amount: \$204,070 I recommend approval of this item.
#27	Purchasing Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Amendment and Renewal for Self-Funded Third-Party Administration Services with Brighton in the Amount of \$530,344.	- Processes medical claims for over 5,000 members. - Administers COBRA to eligible participants. - Improve claim processing and reduce file disruptions. Vendor: Brighton Contract Amount: \$530,344 I recommend approval of this item.
#28	Purchasing Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Final Contract Modification for the City Hall Restoration Project Phase 3 Design and Construction Administration Services with Ethos Preservation, LLC in the Amount of \$50,000.	- Additional design and construction administration services were needed during the third phase of the City Hall restoration project due to added scope and the extension of contract administration. - These services included additional construction administration, an ADA assessment, a fountain assessment, and related design changes. - This final modification will reconcile the additional services provided during the project. Vendor: Ethos Contract Amount: \$50,000 I recommend approval of this item.
#29	Purchasing Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Construction Contract with Rowe Construction for the Liberty City Community Center	- The project will address needed interior and exterior improvements to the facility, including select window replacements, painting, and electrical upgrades. - Deteriorated ceiling, wall, and floor finishes will be replaced with more durable materials, and outdated bathroom and kitchen fixtures will be replaced to improve the facility. - The improvements will provide a more functional facility

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	Interior Refresh in the Amount of \$289,425.40.	while reducing ongoing maintenance needs. Vendor: Rowe Construction Contract Amount: \$289,425.40. I recommend approval of this item.
#30 (Refer to attachment B)	Purchasing Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Landfill Cover Material with SABE, The McGraley Company and ED Trucking, LLC in an Amount Not to Exceed \$1,350,000.	• This contract will provide landfill cover material to support operations at the Dean Forest Road Landfill. • Per EPD requirements, a landfill active working face must be covered at the end of every operating day. • Daily cover key functions include: pest and odor control, fire and litter prevention, leachate reduction, and gas regulation. Vendor: Sabe, McGraley, and ED Trucking Contract Amount: \$1,350,000 I recommend approval of this item.
#31	Purchasing Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No.1 to the Automated Speed Enforcement Agreement with Blue Line Solutions.	• This Amends the existing Automated Speed Enforcement Agreement with Blue Line Solutions to ensure continuity of the City's school zone speed enforcement program. • This modifies the agreement to provide one-year terms with annual extension options at the City's discretion, while clarifying that extensions continue the existing agreement. • This updates the agreement to incorporate current and future statutory changes to administrative processing fees and maintain compliance with Georgia law without requiring additional contract amendments. • Allows for COS to move forward with three additional School zones: • New Hamstead High School • Jenkins High School • Oglethorpe Academy Vendor: BLS solutions Contract Amount: No Cost I recommend approval of this item.

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#32	Purchasing Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Emergency Procurement of Variable-Frequency Drives from GoForth Williamson in an Amount of \$97,485.	• The influent pumps are critical to the operation of the treatment facility because they are responsible for conveying incoming wastewater into the plant for treatment. The VFDs control the speed of the influent pumps and are an integral component of the facility's SCADA control system. • The existing VFDs have been in service since the early 2000s and are reaching the end of their useful service life. • The need for replacement has become critical, as one of the pumps is currently operating with a VFD that does not properly fit within the existing cabinet. As a result, the pump must be operated in manual bypass at 100 percent speed. Vendor: GoForth Williamson Contract Amount: \$97,485 I recommend approval of this item.
#33	Purchasing Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Sole Source Design Contract for Casey South Drainage Improvements with EMC Engineering Services in the Amount of \$571,100.	• EMC Engineering has modeled the Casey South Drainage Basin in the past and recently provided an update to the basin model. EMC has been currently working with City design consultant (Black and Veatch) to provide design input for their Casey South Deep Tunnel project. The Tunnel design is wrapping up but the design is now lacking the near surface design which will feed stormwater runoff to the deep tunnel. • City has currently applied for a FEMA HMGP Grant which if awarded would cover the near surface and deep tunnel drainage improvement construction costs. The City also currently has SPLOST 8 funding for this project although this funding would only partially fund construction without the grant. • EMC Engineering has previously completed the conceptual near surface design and this effort will provide a design and construction drawings ready for construction. Vendor: EMC Engineering Services Contract Amount: \$571,100

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#34	Purchasing Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 for the Pump Station Control Upgrades with Control Instruments, Inc. in the Amount of \$198,283.51.	- Control Instruments, Inc. (C2i) is completing SCADA controls upgrades at all six major Stormwater Pump Stations. C2i is also working currently with other Water Resources departments to upgrade their SCADA controls to VTSCADA. - As Stormwater completes these pump station upgrades, some additional control sensors and monitors were identified as critical for the upgrades and not included in the original contract. - The capital account setup for these control upgrades has the remaining funds needed to make these additional upgrades. Vendor: Control Instruments, Inc. Contract Amount: \$1,419,287.00 I recommend approval of this item.
#35	Purchasing Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for One Tractor with 25ft Boom Mower from Atlantic and Southern Equipment, LLC in the Amount of \$239,864.83.	- Authorize the City Manager to procure one Tractor with a 25-foot Boom Mower from Atlantic and Southern Equipment, LLC., for \$239,864.83 through State of Georgia Contract #99999-001-SPD0000177-0016. - Assign the equipment to the Park & Tree Department's Greenscapes Maintenance Division to replace unit #5284 as scheduled under the City's equipment replacement plan. - Improve the City's ability to maintain ditches, canals, and drainage areas by providing greater reach and cutting capacity for vegetation management, helping keep drainage channels clear and allowing crews to safely and efficiently maintain difficult-to-access areas. Vendor: Atlantix and Southern Equipment Contract Amount: \$239,864.83 I recommend approval of this item.

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#36	Purchasing Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Construction Contract for Structural Repairs at the Historic Grayson Stadium with Rowe Construction in the Amount of \$686,000.	• Structural inspections identified significant deterioration of the concrete beneath the grandstands, including concrete spalling, exposed and corroded reinforcing steel, and structural cracking. • The project will address these deficiencies through concrete spall and crack repairs and structural steel reinforcement to restore the structural integrity of the grandstands. • The repairs are needed to ensure the grandstands can safely support continued use. Vendor: Rowe Construction Contract Amount: \$686,000 I recommend approval of this item.
#47	Resolution Approval of a Resolution Establishing a Committee to Advise on the Future of the Bacon Park Golf Course Located in Aldermanic Districts 3 and 4.	• The Bacon Park Golf Course Advisory Committee will provide strategic guidance and expert insights to help the City of Savannah develop long-term operating recommendations for the Bacon Park Golf Course • The Committee will be tasked with focusing on the goals of affordability, accessibility, and introducing youth to the game of golf, fostering the next generation of golfers through opportunity, inclusion, and mentorship. • The Committee will be a volunteer task force that serves in an advisory capacity only. • The Committee will hold no governance or fiduciary responsibilities. I recommend approval of this item.
#49	Miscellaneous Approval of a Street Renaming for a Portion of Montgomery Street Between Staley Avenue and 5207 Montgomery Street (Berkley Place) to "Bishop James G	• The request is for an honorary street renaming of a portion of Montgomery Street between Staley Ave and 5207 Montgomery St (Berkley Pl) to "Bishop James G. Rodges Interchange". • The street is located in the Tatemville and Sylvan Terrace Neighborhoods. • Bishop Rodges is the pastor of Jonesville Baptist Church located in the section proposed to be renamed. He has led the congregation in faithful devotion since 1988, seeing the church through expansions and growth not

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	Rodges Interchange (26-003772-HM) Located in Aldermanic District 5.	only in its physical structure but also in its civic and community efforts. • The Historic Sites and Monuments Commission recommended approval of renaming to "Bishop James G Rodges Interchange." I recommend approval of this item.

Attachments

Please see attached, the following associated documents:

Attachment A: Utility Discount Programs (Previous Council Meeting Follow-up Item)

Attachment B: Landfill Cover Material Contract Award Process

Attachment C: August 2026 Small Purchase Report



MEMORANDUM

To: City Council
From: Joseph A. Melder, City Manager
Date: September 10, 2026
Subject: Utilities discount program for low-income seniors and disabled residents

The purpose of this memo is to provide information about a City of Savannah program that provides discounts for low-income seniors and disabled residents, as asked by Alderwoman Bryan during the regular Council meeting on September 10, 2026

The City of Savannah has an existing utility discount program, Help to Our Community (H2OC), that provides assistance to qualifying low-income seniors and disabled residents. H2OC provides a discount of up to \$179 per year on a qualifying City of Savannah utility bill. The program is available to qualifying City utility customers regardless of whether they reside inside or outside the City limits.

Eligibility

The program is currently available to:

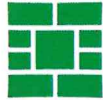
- Low-income seniors age 65 or older whose total household income does not exceed the applicable poverty-level guidelines based on household size; and
- Disabled residents ages 18–64 who receive SSI or SSDI benefits.

The applicant must have a City of Savannah utilities account in their name. Participants must apply and be re-certified annually. The City does not directly process H2OC applications; applications are handled through partner agencies. Senior Citizens, Inc. assists low-income seniors, while L.I.F.E., Inc. assists qualifying disabled residents.

Additional Assistance

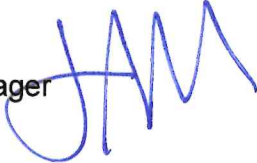
H2OC is not a general utility assistance program available to every low-income household. For residents who do not qualify for H2OC but are having trouble paying their water bill, the City directs customers to community agencies that may provide utility bill assistance, counseling, or advocacy services. Assistance through these agencies is subject to their individual eligibility requirements and available funding.

The City also offers other utility-related assistance, including payment arrangements and, in qualifying circumstances, adjustments for unusually high bills resulting from a water leak. Please let me know if you have any questions.



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To: City Council
From: Joseph A. Melder, City Manager
Date: September 22, 2026
Subject: Agenda Item #30 - Landfill Cover Material Contract Award Process



Purpose

This memorandum provides an overview of how the Landfill Cover Material Contract was awarded and explains the method used to establish the primary, secondary, and tertiary suppliers.

Landfill Cover Material

Landfill cover material is soil or other approved material used to cover and protect waste deposited at a municipal solid waste landfill. Cover material is applied over waste to help control odors, litter, vectors, erosion, and stormwater infiltration, while also helping maintain the operational and regulatory requirements of the landfill.

The City requires a dependable supply of suitable cover material to support the daily operation and management of the landfill. Because the quantity and type of material needed can vary, the solicitation was structured to allow the City to obtain material from qualified suppliers at competitive prices.

Contract Award Method

It is important to emphasize that the contract was not awarded based on the single lowest bidder for the entire contract. Rather, the award was evaluated and made by individual line item.

Each line item represented a particular material, specification, or other requirement identified in the solicitation. Bidders submitted pricing for the applicable line items, and the City evaluated the submitted prices and qualifications in accordance with the solicitation requirements.

Following the evaluation, suppliers were grouped by line item according to their position as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder and designated as primary, secondary, or tertiary suppliers.

The structure can be summarized as follows:

- **Primary:** The lowest responsive and responsible bidder for the applicable line item.
- **Secondary:** The next lowest responsive and responsible bidder for that line item, available when the primary supplier cannot fulfill the City's requirements or when otherwise permitted under the contract.

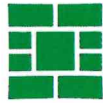
- **Tertiary:** The third-lowest responsive and responsible bidder for that line item, serving as an additional source when the primary and secondary suppliers are unavailable or unable to meet the City's requirements.

Consequently, a vendor may be the primary supplier for one line item while being secondary or tertiary for another, depending upon the prices submitted and the results of the line-item evaluation.

Operational Significance

This approach provides the City with multiple-qualified sources for the materials required to operate the landfill. Establishing primary, secondary, and tertiary suppliers by line item provides continuity of supply and reduces the City's reliance on a single vendor.

The award should therefore be understood as a line-item award with supplier priority established independently for each line item, rather than as an award of the entire contract to one vendor.



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To: City Council
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Subject: Approved Purchases \$50,000 and Under

For your information, attached is a chart of purchases approved between August 1, 2026 – August 28, 2026. This report includes purchases from multiple departments and various funding sources.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Small Purchase Awards – \$5,000.01 to \$50,000.00

Approval Period: August 1, 2026 – August 28, 2026

ITEM	USER DEPARTMENT	SUPPLIER	AMOUNT	FUNDING SOURCE
Cellebrite Subscription 2026 Event No. 12464	Innovation & Technology Services	Cellebrite, Inc.	\$24,800.00	Grants Fund
Traffic Signal Equipment Event No. 12467	Transportation	Temple, Inc.	\$24,982.70	General Fund
GPS Devices Event No. 12474	Mobility & Parking	GeoTab	\$16,236.00	Parking Services Fund
Bryan Street Garage Brake Arms Event No. 12484	Mobility & Parking	TK Elevator	\$16,791.11	Parking Services Fund
Elevator Controller Drive Event No. 12485	Mobility & Parking	TK Elevator	\$49,346.68	Parking Services Fund
Recruitment and Assessment for Sr. Director of Cultural Arts Event No. 12542	Human Resources	Developmental Associates, LLC	\$18,900.00	General Fund
Kit Filter Parts Event No. 12548	Solid Waste Disposal	Yancey	\$ 5,876.25	Sanitation Fund

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Electrical Repairs to Well 26 Event No. 12551	I & D Water Plant	Graybar Electric Company	\$ 5,062.11	Water Supply & Treatment Fund
Prefabricated Storage Shed Daffin Park Event No. 12532	Recreation and Leisure Services	Pineview Buildings, LLC	\$ 6,787.25	Capital Improvements Fund
Ribbon Screw for Belt Press Event No. 12552	President St. Plant	Savannah Rubber & Conveyor	\$ 8,278.00	President St. Plant Fund
Dissolved Oxygen Meters Event No. 12553	President St. Plant	Hach Company	\$26,037.40	President St. Plant Fund
PowerBi Subscription Event No. 12554	Innovation & Technology Services	Insight Public Sector	\$42,537.48	Internal Service Fund
Management Coaching Event No. 12555	Human Resources	Solly Thomas Coaching	\$ 7,200.00	General Fund
Dell ESXI Servers Event No. 12556	Innovation & Technology Services	MGT Impact Solutions	\$ 9,000.00	Capital Improvements Fund
Lot Clearing & Hydroseeding Event No. 12488	Cemeteries	Samjay Services	\$34,760.00	Capital Improvements Fund
Recruitment for Cemetery Director Event No. 12449	Human Resources	Developmental Associates, LLC	\$17,300.00	General Fund
Entrance Columns and Gate for Daffin Park Event No. 12550	Athletic Services	T&T Fencing	\$12,800.00	Capital Improvements Fund
Samsung Galaxy Event No. 12558	I & D Water Plant	SHI International Corp.	\$ 7,102.68	I & D Water Plant Fund
Replacement Trench Box Event No. 12559	Sewer Maintenance	Iron Lot, LLC	\$10,770.64	Sewer Maintenance Fund
Replacement Dumpsters Event No. 12560	President St. Plant	Wastequip	\$10,932.67	President St. Plant Fund
Chain Link Fence Replacement Event No. 12561	President St. Plant	JDH Decks and Fences	\$ 7,146.00	President St. Plant Fund
Door Replacement Event No. 12547	Facilities Maintenance	911 Glass and Door	\$ 6,349.00	General Fund

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EP-Fall Protection Event No. 12563	Facilities Maintenance	Evan Fall Protection	\$29,562.00	Civic Center Operations Fund
Fire/Smoke Restoration Services Event No. 12564	Facilities Maintenance	SERVPRO of Savannah	\$ 9,020.00	General Fund
Touchscreen for Whitaker Garage Event No. 12568	Mobility & Parking	Carolina Time & Parking Group, Inc.	\$ 5,041.90	Parking Services Fund
Limiterque MXB-05 Electric Actuator Event No. 12565	President Street Plant	Chalmers and Kubeck	\$ 8,042.00	President St. Plant Fund
Hudson Hill Community Sign Event No. 12569	Capital Projects	Rowe Construction	\$ 20,400.00	General Fund
Casebook Team Event No. 12571	Innovation & Technology Services	Carahsoft	\$ 5,212.35	Internal Service Fund
Emergency Pump Out Services Event No. 12574	President St. Plant	Fluid Management Systems	\$ 8,265.16	President St. Plant Fund
Annual Ladder Testing for SFD Event No. 12572	Innovation & Technology Services	Structural Technology	\$16,478.00	General Fund
Emergency Pump Out Services Event No. 12575	President St. Plant	Fluid Management Systems	\$14,506.20	President St. Plant Fund
Illuminated Solar Crosswalk System Event No. 12562	Department of Transportation	Utilicom Supply Associates	\$15,432.99	Capital Improvements Fund