

**Meeting Begins at 2:00pm**

August 29, 2019, City Council Regular Meeting

**SAVANNAH CITY GOVERNMENT  
SUMMARY/FINAL MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
August 29, 2019 – 2:00 p.m.**

The Regular Meeting of the City Council was held at 2:00 p.m. in Council Chambers of City Hall.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Eddie W. DeLoach, Presiding  
Mayor Pro-Tem Carolyn H. Bell  
Alderman Brian Foster, Vice-Chairman of Council  
Alderman Van R. Johnson, II, District 1  
Alderman Bill Durrence, District 2  
Alderman John Hall, District 3  
Alderwoman Dr. Estella E. Shabazz, District 5  
Alderman Tony Thomas, District 6

**ABSENT:** Alderman Julian Miller, Chairman of Council

**OTHERS PRESENT:**  
Interim City Manager Patrick C. Monahan  
Assistant to the City Manager Bret Bell  
City Attorney Bates Lovett  
Deputy City Attorney Jen Herman  
Assistant City Attorney William Shearouse  
Clerk of Council Mark Massey

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, which was recited in unison, Mayor Pro-Tem Bell offered the invocation.

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved to authorize the Mayor to sign an Affidavit and a Resolution indicating an Executive Session was held today for the purpose of litigation and personnel where no votes were taken, seconded by Alderwoman Dr. Shabazz. The motion carried unanimously.

Date: Aug 29 2019 (2:00PM)

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

### 1. Motion to Adopt the Agenda for the August 29, 2019 City Council Regular Meeting

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved to adopt the Agenda for the August 29, 2019, City Council Regular Meeting, Alderwoman Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Hall seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSENT AGENDA** - (This section shall include all routine items for which it is anticipated there will be no debate or requests for public input. Any Alderman can remove consent items for discussion or separate consideration.)

### 2. Approval of Minutes for the Work Session & City Manager's Briefing on August 15, 2019

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved to approve the Consent Agenda, Items #2, #3 and #5, Alderwoman Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Foster seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### 3. Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting on August 15, 2019

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved to approve the Consent Agenda, Items #2, #3 and #5, Alderwoman Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Foster seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### 4. Confirmation of Memorandum of Understanding for Intersection Improvements at Benton Boulevard and Spring Lakes Boulevard

Alderman Johnson requested Interim City Manager Monahan to give an explanation of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for public record. Mr. Monahan provided the specifics: BGA Benton Park Owner, LLC contributed \$42,000 toward the costs of the required traffic signal at the intersection.

Alderman Johnson moved to approve of Item #4, seconded by Alderman Thomas. The motion carried unanimously.

### 5. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Revenue Neutral Contract with Southeast Corrections for Probation Services in the Recorder's Court (Event No. 7365)

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved to approve the Consent Agenda, Items #2, #3 and #5, Alderwoman Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Foster seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

## PURCHASING ITEMS

### 6. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Renew and Execute Contract Modification No. 2 with Southern Champion Construction for On-Call Water, Sewer, and Stormwater Line Repair in an Amount Not to Exceed \$3,500,000 (Event No. 5512)

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved to approve Item #6, Alderman Thomas seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

[7. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract with Ruby Collins, Inc for a New Water Reclamation Facility at Travis Field in the Amount of \\$39,355,812 \(Event No. 7169\)](#)

Alderman Thomas moved to approve Item #7, Alderwoman Dr. Shabazz seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

[8. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Annual Contract with Savannah River Utilities for Heavy Equipment Rental in the Amount of \\$300,000 \(Event No. 7209\)](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved to approve Item #8, Alderman Thomas seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

[9. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract with Pioneer Construction, Inc. for Barnard Street Ramp Repairs in the Amount of \\$191,071 \(Event No. 7091\)](#)

Alderman Thomas moved to approve Item #9, Mayor Pro-Tem Bell seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

[10. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract with Georgia Power to Repair Switches at the President Street Plant in the Amount of \\$113,714.29 \(Event No. 7360\)](#)

Alderman Hall moved to approve Item #10, Alderman Thomas seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

[11. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract with Baker Tilly Virchow Krause; Developmental Associates; The Mercer Group.; and Ralph Andersen & Associates. for Executive Recruitment Services on an As Needed Basis in an Amount Not to Exceed \\$100,000 \(Event No. 7198\)](#)

After questions from Aldermen Johnson, Shabazz and Bell, Director of Human Resources Jeffrey Grant explained the reasoning for acquiring recruitment contracts.

Alderman Johnson moved to approve Item #11, Alderman Durrence seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

[12. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Procure 80 Portable Replacement Radios from Motorola Solutions in the Amount of \\$460,723.30 \(Event No. 7367\)](#)

Alderman Johnson moved to approve Item #12, Alderman Foster and Durrence seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

[13. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Procure a Front Loader Truck from Wastebuilt c/o New Way in the Amount of \\$268,262.92 \(Event No. 7322\)](#)

Alderman Hall moved to approve Item #13, Mayor Pro-Tem Bell seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

[14. Motion to Approve a Class C \(Liquor, Beer, Wine\) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Mases Vera Jr. of Oh! Mexico Bar and Grill at 492 Jimmy Deloach Parkway, Suite 103 \(Aldermanic District 1\)](#)

a. Alderman Hall moved to open the public hearing, Alderman Johnson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

No speakers.

b. Alderman Johnson moved to close the hearing, Alderman Hall seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

c. Alderman Johnson moved to approve Item #14, Alderman Hall seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

[15. Motion to Approve a Class E \(Beer, Wine\) \(By the Package\) Alcohol License to Pravin Patel of Abercorn BP at 7202 Abercorn Street \(Aldermanic District 4\)](#)

a. Alderman Hall moved to open the public hearing, Mayor Pro-Tem Bell seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

No speakers.

b. Alderman Hall moved to close the hearing, Alderman Thomas seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

c. Alderman Hall moved to approve Item #15, Alderman Thomas seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

[16. Motion to Approve a Class E \(Beer, Wine\) \(By the Package\) Alcohol License for Shaun M. O'Keefe of ALDI #88 at 14070 Abercorn Street \(Aldermanic District 6\)](#)

Mayor DeLoach opened the public hearing.

No speakers.

a. Alderman Thomas moved to close the hearing, Mayor Pro-Tem Bell seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

b. Alderman Thomas moved to approve Item #16, Alderman Foster seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

[17. Public Hearing and Second Reading of the Downtown Savannah Authority Bond Application for Approximately \\$10 million to Fund the West River Street Parking Garage](#)

Mayor DeLoach opened the public hearing.

No speakers.

a. Alderman Foster moved to close the hearing, Durrence seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

b. Alderman Foster moved to approve Item #17, Alderman Hall seconded. The motion carried, 7-1-0. Alderwoman Dr. Shabazz voted no.

[18. Public Hearing and Second Reading of the Downtown Savannah Authority Bond Application for Approximately \\$45 million to Partially Fund the New Savannah Arena](#)

Mayor DeLoach opened the public hearing.

No speakers.

a. Alderman Durrence moved to close the hearing, Foster seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

b. Alderman Foster moved to approve Item #18, Alderman Hall seconded. The motion carried, 7-1-0. Alderwoman Dr. Shabazz voted no.

#### **ORDINANCES - FIRST AND SECOND READING**

##### [19. Motion To Approve Annexation of 661.3 acres off Old River Road near Interstate 16](#)

After the first reading was considered the second, Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved to approve Item #19 with a contingency that municipal services be paid for in lieu of taxes, Alderman Thomas seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Durrence read into the record if it becomes tax exempt, municipal services to be paid for in lieu of taxes and the landowners will participate in providing for payment of storm water.

For the record, Alderwoman Dr. Shabazz requested Interim City Manager Monahan to give an overview of the plan for the parcels and the City's requirements for payment in lieu of taxes for its participation.

##### [20. Motion to Provide a Zoning Designation for 661.3 Acres on I-16 and Old River Road \(Petitioner: James Gerard for the Morgan Family and Thomas Gray for Savannah Economic Development Authority\)](#)

After the first reading was considered the second, Alderwoman Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #20, Alderman Thomas and Hall seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

##### [21. Motion to Adopt a Resolution Supporting Locally Established Building Design Standards for Residential Dwellings](#)

Alderman Durrence moved to approve Item #21, seconded by Alderwoman Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Foster. The motion was not carried.

At the request of Interim City Manager Monahan, Item #21 is postponed for two weeks.

Alderman Durrence withdrew the original (main) motion and moved to continue Item #21 for two weeks at the request of the Interim City Manager, Alderwoman Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Foster seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **AGREEMENTS**

[22. Motion to Accept PY2019 WIOA Adult and Dislocated Worker Grant Awards in the Amount of \\$507,067](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved to approve Items #22, #23 and Items #26 through #29 per the Interim City Manager's recommendation, Alderman Foster seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

[23. Motion to Accept PY2019 WIOA Youth Grant Awards in the Amount of \\$1,365,219](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved to approve Items #22, #23 and Items #26 through #29 per the Interim City Manager's recommendation, Alderman Foster seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

[24. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Agreement with OVG Facilities Inc. for Civic Center Management Services](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell recused herself from the discussion and vote. Alderman Johnson spoke in relation to the fees for tickets to events. He is concerned about citizens being priced out.

Speaker: Mr. Monty Jones, OVG Director of Facilities Development assured the Mayor and Council that ticket sales will be according to the Savannah area cost of living. He also assured Council that the current employees would remain in their current positions.

Alderman Johnson moved to approve Item #24, Alderman Foster seconded. The motion carried, 5-2-1. Alderwoman Shabazz and Alderman Thomas voted no and Mayor Pro-Tem Bell recused herself.

[25. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Agreement with Competitor Group for the Rock n' Roll Savannah Marathon](#)

Alderman Durrence opposed paying a fee and he indicated his displeasure with scheduling the date on the last weekend of the Film Festival.

Speaker: Mr. Joseph Capello of Business Savannah informed Mayor and Council of the financial gains for the City at prior Rock'n'Roll Marathons, the inclusion of children during the event and the positive marketing for the City of Savannah.

Alderman Johnson moved to approve Item #25, Mayor Pro-Tem Bell seconded. The motion carried, 7-1-0. Alderman Durrence voted no.

[26. Motion to Approve a Water and Sewer Agreement with Land Pros Southeast, LLC. for Highland Falls Phase 6](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved to approve Items #22, #23 and Items #26 through #29 per the Interim City Manager's recommendation, Alderman Foster seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

[27. Motion to Approve a Water and Sewer Agreement with North Godley Industrial Park, LLC. for Spring Lakes Phase V](#)



Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved to approve Items #22, #23 and Items #26 through #29 per the Interim City Manager's recommendation, Alderman Foster seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

[28. Motion to Approve a Water and Sewer Agreement with Enmark Stations, Inc. for Two New Enmarket Corporate Office Facilities](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved to approve Items #22, #23 and Items #26 through #29 per the Interim City Manager's recommendation, Alderman Foster seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

[29. Motion to Approve a Water and Sewer Agreement with Bradley Lot Developers, LLC. for Bradley Point Phase 6](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved to approve Items #22, #23 and Items #26 through #29 per the Interim City Manager's recommendation, Alderman Foster seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**REAL ESTATE ITEMS**

[30. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Lease with Tenenbaum Inc. for 0 West Gwinnett Street \(PIN: 2-0046-03-011\).](#)

For the record, Alderman Thomas and Alderwoman Dr. Shabazz stated they were voting no but the no vote was not a reflection of their opinion of the Tennebaum Family.

Alderman Durrence moved to approve Item #30, Alderman Foster seconded. The motion carried, 6-2-0. Alderwoman Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Thomas voted no.

[31. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with Chatham County for the Use of Jenkins High School Pool at 1800 DeRenne Avenue](#)

As requested by staff, Item #31 was withdrawn. The Agreement is no longer needed.

[32. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute a 5-Year Lease Extension with Galaxy Cafe', Inc. for the Olympia Café at 210 East Bay Street](#)

Alderman Johnson moved to approve Item #32, Mayor Pro-Tem Bell seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

[33. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Purchase and Sale Agreement with Chatham Steel for an Easement at 0 West Gwinnett Street \(PIN 20046 03013\)](#)

Alderman Johnson moved to approve Item #33, Mayor Pro-Tem Bell seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS**

#### 34. Personnel Action #1

Alderman Johnson moved to approve Item #34, to execute an amended and restated employment agreement between the Mayor and Alderman of the City of Savannah and Patrick Monahan, Mayor Pro-Tem Bell seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### ADD

35. Motion to direct the City Attorney to serve notice on Marathon Gas Station (Dharmisthaben Patel) at 1816 Montgomery Street (District 2) to show cause for why the alcohol beverage license should not be revoked.

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved to approve Item #35, Alderman Thomas seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor DeLoach announced Alderman Julian Miller was not present because he was attending a family wedding.

Mayor DeLoach also read into the record two letters from a Summer 500 participant (Reuel J. Allen) and the parents (Matthew and Nadine Allen), thanking the City for the program.

Alderman Thomas indicated he had one issue which he is requesting the Interim City Manager's assistance. Georgia Power is cutting and butchering trees in the Windsor Forest community and throughout the southside, and causing them to die. He would like the City Manager to contact Georgia Power and have a meeting before this goes any farther. Alderman Hall indicated that it is happening all over the City. He requested that they just take the damaged and dying trees down.

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell asked Heath Lloyd to check into a request for speed bumps on Amaranth Avenue. Alderwoman Shabazz indicated that she, members of Heath Lloyd's team and citizens in the area of Hopkins and Amaranth have been working on this issue. She requested Heath Lloyd to give them additional information on the resident related to the request. Alderman Johnson announced there is a Special Called Meeting (to authorize the use of eminent domain) later today at 5:30 p.m.

With no further business coming before the assembly, Mayor DeLoach adjourned the meeting at 3:13 p.m.

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

<https://savannahgovtv.viebit.com/player.php?hash=xLuALaEI6kh8>

Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: September 12, 2019

Initials: mm