

Meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m.

February 27, 2020 City Council Regular Meeting

**SAVANNAH CITY GOVERNMENT
SUMMARY/FINAL MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
February 27, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.**

The Regular Meeting of the City Council was held at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers of City Hall.

PRESENT: Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding
Alderwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter, At-Large, Post 1, Chairman
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

OTHERS PRESENT:

City Manager Pat Monahan
Assistant City Manager Heath Lloyd
Interim Chief Operating Officer Bret Bell
Assistant to the City Manager Daphanie Williams
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Assistant City Attorney William Shearouse
Clerk of Council Mark Massey
Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret Fox

Mayor Johnson suggested the City Manager move the evening meetings to 6:30 p.m. to allow time to complete/close the Work Session.

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 6:08 p.m. in the City Council chambers at City Hall. Mayor Johnson requested Alderwoman Lanier to introduce Reverend Nathan Saunders, Pastor of Friendship Baptist Church. Pastor Saunders then offered the Invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance which was recited in unison.

Mayor Johnson gave an update of the massive fire at the Eastern

Wharf garage construction site that started earlier today. The fire is still blazing; however there are no injuries reported. The Mayor thanked all of the City's partners for helping the City to distinguish the fire. At the current time, the City has no financial stake in the project.

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to authorize the Mayor to sign an affidavit/resolution indicating that an executive session was held for the purpose of discussing litigation for which no action was taken, Alderwoman Lanier seconded. The motion was not voted upon.

b. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to amend the above motion to authorize the Mayor to sign an affidavit/resolution indicating that an executive session was held for the purpose of discussing litigation and real estate for which no action was taken, Alderwoman Lanier seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Date: Feb 27 2020

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Agenda for the February 27, 2020 City Council Regular Meeting

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt the Agenda for the February 27, 2020 meeting, Alderwoman Miller Blakely seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter moved to have the City of Savannah conduct a forensic audit specific to contracts and real estate sales, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz seconded. The motion was not voted upon.

c. Alderwoman Miller Blakely moved to reconsider (amend) the main motion, to adopt the Agenda for the February 27, 2020 meeting by adding the forensic audit for discussion, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz seconded. The motion failed, 4-5-0, with Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Alderwomen Gibson-Carter, Miller Blakely and Lanier voting yea and Mayor Johnson, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan, and Aldermen Leggett, Palumbo and Purtee voting no. Mayor Johnson instructed the City Manager to add the requested forensic audit to the items scheduled to be discussed by Council in proposed Work Sessions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[2. Approval of the Minutes for the City Council Regular Meeting on February 13, 2020](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2, #3, and #4, Alderwoman Lanier seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

[3. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session & City Manager's Briefing on February 13, 2020](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2, #3, and #4, Alderwoman Lanier seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

[4. Approval of the Minutes for the City Council Special Meetings on January 13 & 14, 2020 \(Visioning Sessions\)](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2, #3, and #4, Alderwoman Lanier seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

[5. Appearance and Recognition of the 2019 Georgia Recreation and Parks Association State Tournament Winners for Youth Football](#)

Mayor Johnson recognized the 2019 Georgia Recreation and Parks Association State Tournament Winners for youth football. City Manager Monahan introduced the new Director of Recreation and Leisure Services, Mr. Kelly Ledbetter. Mr. Ledbetter, introduced the three team coaches, Torri Worlds, Charles Barnwell and Lemeuel Loadholt. The teams were young boys twelve years and under.

[6. Appearance by Savannah Multiple Sclerosis Community Council to Receive a Proclamation Designating March as Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month](#)

Mayor Johnson and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan presented a Proclamation to the Multiple Sclerosis Council designating March as Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month. Ms. Virginia Morrison accepted the Proclamation on behalf of the Multiple Sclerosis Committee. Other members present were Ms. Geneva Golden, Ms. Virginia Clark, and Ms. Fran McCarey.

[7. Appearance by the Georgia Research Environmental Economic Network, Inc. \(GREEN\) to Receive a Proclamation Recognizing the Organization's 31st Anniversary](#)

Mayor Johnson and Alderman Palumbo presented the Georgia Research Environmental Economic Network, Inc. (GREEN), a Proclamation recognizing the Organization's thirty-first Anniversary. Mr. Quan Cutter accepted the Proclamation for GREEN along with appearances by Dr. Wacta, Ms. Veronique Thomas, Ms. Anita Moore-Cutter, Ms. Ida Scott, Ms. Georgia Thomas, Mrs. Julia Cutter-Myles, and Pastor Vernell Cutter.

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.)

[8. Authorize the City Manager to Execute the First Renewal of an Annual Contract for Lawn and Leaf Bags with Paper Chemical Supply, Inc. in the Amount of \\$84,370 \(Event No. 6526\)](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #8, Alderwoman Lanier seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

[9. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 with Johnson-Laux Construction, LLC for the Replacement of the MLK Visitor Center Fire Alarm System in the Amount of \\$15,306.93 \(Event No. 7515\)](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #9, #10, #12, #14, #16, #17, #18, and #19, per the City Manager's recommendation, Alderman Palumbo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

[10. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 2 for Time Only with Kapsch TrafficCom North America for the DeRenne Stormwater Pump Station's Electronic Controls Upgrade in the Amount of \\$0 \(Event No. 6420\)](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #9, #10, #12, #14, #16, #17, #18, and #19, per the City Manager's recommendation, Alderman Palumbo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

[11. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Annual Contract for Towing Services with Yarbrough Enterprise, Inc. in the Amount of \\$90,750 \(Event No. 7486\)](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #11, Alderwoman Lanier seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

[12. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Annual Contract for Odor Controlling Chemicals with Allied Universal Corporation as the Primary Contractor and Colonial Chemical Solutions as the Secondary Contractor in the Amount of \\$62,656.63 \(Event No. 7569\)](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #9, #10, #12, #14, #16, #17, #18, and #19, per the City Manager's recommendation, Alderman Palumbo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

[13. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Annual Contract for Portable and Flush Toilet Rental Services with Blu-Site Solutions in the Amount of \\$60,000 \(Event No. 7364\)](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #13, Alderwoman Lanier seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

[14. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Annual Contract for Asphaltic Concrete with Preferred Materials, Inc. in the Amount of \\$40,000 \(Event No. 7501\)](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #9, #10, #12, #14, #16, #17, #18, and #19, per the City Manager's recommendation, Alderman Palumbo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

[15. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Annual Contract for Catering Services for the St. Patrick's Festival and Parade Days with Barnes Catering in the Amount of \\$30,000 \(Event No. 7687\)](#)

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Item #15, Alderwomen Gibson-Carter and Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

[16. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a One Time Purchase with GameTime c/o Dominica Recreation Products, Inc. for the Barjan Terrace Park Playground Equipment in the Amount of \\$77,833.07 \(Event No. 7670\)](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #9, #10, #12, #14, #16, #17, #18, and #19, per the City Manager's recommendation, Alderman Palumbo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

[17. Authorize the City Manager to Procure 17 Variable Frequency Drives from Goforth Williamson in the Amount of \\$51,523 \(Event No. 7715\)](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #9, #10, #12, #14, #16, #17, #18, and #19, per the City Manager's recommendation, Alderman Palumbo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

[18. Authorize the City Manager to Procure a Small Steam Sterilizer from Steris Corporation in the Amount of \\$39,501.06 \(Event No. 7720\)](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #9, #10, #12, #14, #16, #17, #18, and #19, per the City Manager's recommendation, Alderman Palumbo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

[19. Authorize the City Manager to Procure Roller Head Assembly Equipment from Huber Technology in the Amount of \\$39,121.07 \(Event No. 7714\)](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #9, #10, #12, #14, #16, #17, #18, and #19, per the City Manager's recommendation, Alderman Palumbo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

PURCHASING ITEMS

[20. Authorize the City Manager to Execute the First Renewal of an Annual Contract for Late Night Alternative Transportation with Downtowner in the Amount of \\$588,000 \(Event No. 5816\)](#)

a. Alderwoman Miller Blakely made a motion to terminate the existing contract and do a month-to-month contract and release a new Request For Proposal, "RFP", Alderwoman Gibson-Carter seconded. The motion passed, 8-1-0, with Mayor Johnson voting no.

b. Alderman Palumbo moved to reconsider and recind the previous motion on Item #20 to allow more time before a vote, Alderman Purtee seconded. The motion passed unanimously. ITEM HELD, no action taken.

[21. Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Fourth Renewal of an Annual Contract for Network Managed Services with Layer3 Communications in the Amount of \\$881,953.36 \(Event No. 3886\)](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #21, #23, #24, #27, #28, #29, and #31, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

[22. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Renewal of an Annual License and Maintenance Agreement for ShotSpotter Gunfire Location Services with ShotSpotter, Inc. in the amount of \\$148,837.50 \(Event No. 5991\)](#)

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Item #22, Alderwomen Gibson-Carter and Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

[23. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 with TQ Constructors for the Construction of the Facilities at Interchange Court in the Amount of \\$876,913 \(Event No. 7056\)](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #21, #23, #24, #27, #28, #29, and #31, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

[24. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 with GoForth Williamson for Pump Repair for the President Street and Regional Plants in the Amount of \\$200,000 \(Event No. 7070\)](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #21, #23, #24, #27, #28, #29, and #31, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

[25. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Annual Contract for Street Repair and Resurfacing Services with Savannah River Utilities in the Amount of \\$2,218,699.67 \(Event No. 7496\)](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #25, Alderwomen Lanier and Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

[26. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Annual Contract for Grounds Maintenance for Public Rights-of-Way with J. Corbett Enterprises, Inc. and SamJay Services, Inc. in the Amount of \\$1,572,203 \(Event No. 7452\)](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #26, Alderwoman Lanier seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

[27. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Annual Contract for Brass Distribution Fittings with Ferguson Waterworks in the Amount of \\$273,526.79 \(Event No. 7346\)](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #21, #23, #24, #27, #28, #29, and #31, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

[28. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Annual Contract for Crushed Stone with Martin Marietta Materials in the Amount of \\$120,000 \(Event No. 7500\)](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #21, #23, #24, #27, #28, #29, and #31, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

[29. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for a Parking Access and Revenue Control System with Carolina Time & Aspis Parking in the Amount of \\$1,987,426 \(Event No. 7330\)](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #21, #23, #24, #27, #28, #29, and #31, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

[30. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for City Hall Third Floor Renovations with Landmark Preservation, LLC in the Amount of \\$892,624.73 \(Event No. 7438\)](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #30, Alderwomen Gibson-Carter and Lanier seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked the City Manager if any grant opportunities were explored to help with the financing of the third floor renovations.

[31. Notification of the Emergency Replacement of the City Hall Fire Alarm System by Johnson-Laux Construction, LLC in the Amount of \\$143,013.23 \(Event No. 7723\)](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #21, #23, #24, #27, #28, #29, and #31, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

[32. Board Appointments](#)

Mayor Johnson announced the following nominations, as discussed during the Work Session:

1. Alderman Detric Leggett to serve on the Chatham Area Transit Authority (CAT); Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Purtee to serve on the Chatham-Savannah Authority for the Homeless; Mayor Johnson/Heath Lloyd, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, and Alderman Palumbo to serve on the Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization Board (CORE MPO); Alderman Palumbo to serve on the Pension Board; Alderwoman Miller Blakely to serve on Visit Savannah (Savannah Convention and Visitors Bureau); and, Alderwoman Lanier to serve on the Savannah Resource Recovery Development Authority.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve the nominations (Items a. through f.), as read by Mayor Johnson, Alderman Purtee seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Johnson then presented the two nominations for the United Way Board of Trustees.

Alderman Palumbo made a motion to appoint Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan to the United Way Board of Trustees, seconded by Aldermen Purtee and Leggett. The motion passed, 5-4-0 with Mayor Johnson, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan, and Aldermen Leggett, Palumbo and Purtee voting yea, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, and Alderwomen Gibson-Carter, Miller Blakely, and Lanier voting no.

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS

[33. Approval to Add Sunday Sales to Existing Class C \(Liquor, Beer, Wine\)\(By the Drink\) Alcohol License to Patrick Zimmerman of The Black Rabbit at 1215 Barnard St. \(Aldermanic District 2\)](#)

Mayor Johnson opened the Alcohol License Public Hearing for Items #33 through #39.

There were no speakers.

Alderman Palumbo moved to close the Alcohol License Public Hearing for Items #33 through #39, Alderman Leggett seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #33 through #39 per the City Manager's recommendation, Alderwoman Lanier seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

34. Approval to Add Sunday Sales to Existing Class C (Beer, Wine)(By the Drink) Alcohol License to Jennifer Jenkins of Henny Penny Cafe at 1514 Bull Street. (Aldermanic District 2)

Mayor Johnson opened the Alcohol License Public Hearing for Items #33 through #39.

There were no speakers.

Alderman Palumbo moved to close the Alcohol License Public Hearing for Items #33 through #39, Alderman Leggett seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #33 through #39 per the City Manager's recommendation, Alderwoman Lanier seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

35. Approval to Add Sunday Sales to Existing Class C (Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License to Jennifer Jenkins of The Coffee Fox at 102 West Broughton St. (Aldermanic District 2)

Mayor Johnson opened the Alcohol License Public Hearing for Items #33 through #39.

There were no speakers.

Alderman Palumbo moved to close the Alcohol License Public Hearing for Items #33 through #39, Alderman Leggett seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #33 through #39 per the City Manager's recommendation, Alderwoman Lanier seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

36. Approval of Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine)(By the Drink) Alcohol License to Krishna Patel of Aloft Savannah Downtown at 512 West Oglethorpe Avenue. (Aldermanic District 1)

Mayor Johnson opened the Alcohol License Public Hearing for Items #33 through #39.

There were no speakers.

Alderman Palumbo moved to close the Alcohol License Public Hearing for Items #33 through #39, Alderman Leggett seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #33 through #39 per the City Manager's recommendation, Alderwoman Lanier seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

37. Approval of Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License to Wenzhen Chen of TA CA Restaurant at 513 East Oglethorpe Avenue. (Aldermanic District 2)

Mayor Johnson opened the Alcohol License Public Hearing for Items #33 through #39.

There were no speakers.

Alderman Palumbo moved to close the Alcohol License Public Hearing for Items #33 through #39, Alderman Leggett seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #33 through #39 per the City Manager's recommendation, Alderwoman Lanier seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

38. Approval of Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License to Loan Tran of Madame Butterfly at 110 West Congress Street. (Aldermanic District 2)

Mayor Johnson opened the Alcohol License Public Hearing for Items #33 through #39.

There were no speakers.

Alderman Palumbo moved to close the Alcohol License Public Hearing for Items #33 through #39, Alderman Leggett seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #33 through #39 per the City Manager's recommendation, Alderwoman Lanier seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

39. Approval of Class D (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Package) Alcohol License to Teejal Patel of Prime Fine Liquor and Cigars at 5500 Abercorn Street, Suite 20 (Aldermanic District 4)

Mayor Johnson opened the Alcohol License Public Hearing for Items #33 through #39.

There were no speakers.

Alderman Palumbo moved to close the Alcohol License Public Hearing for Items #33 through #39, Alderman Leggett seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #33 through #39 per the City Manager's recommendation, Alderwoman Lanier seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

[40. Approval of Class C \(Beer, Wine\) \(By the Drink\) Alcohol License to Theodore Darnell of Whitman Mansion at 611 Whitaker St. \(Aldermanic District 2\)](#)

Mayor Johnson opened the Alcohol License Public Hearing for Item #40.

There were no speakers.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the Alcohol License Public Hearing for Item #40, Alderwoman Lanier seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Leggett asked City Manager Monahan what is the procedure for moving an alcohol license from one owner to another owner. Alderman Leggett asked Attorney Harold Yellin and his client/owner, Mr. Bob Vardzel, as to their meetings with the neighborhood associations regarding the noise pollution.

Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #40, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz seconded. The motion passed, 6-3-0, with Mayor Johnson, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan, and Aldermen Leggett, Palumbo and Purtee voting yea, and Alderwomen Gibson-Carter, Miller Blakely and Lanier voting no.

ZONING HEARINGS

[41. Rezone 2818 Bee Road from the B-N \(Neighborhood Business\) and B-C \(Community Business\) Zoning Districts to the TC-1 \(Traditional Commercial\) Zoning District \(Petitioner Jay Maupin on behalf of Bee Hive Studios\)](#)

Mayor Johnson opened the zoning hearings for Items #41 and #42. Marcus Lotson of Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) briefly described Items #41 and #42. MPC recommended approval. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the zoning hearing for Items #41 and #42, Alderwoman Lanier seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Petitioner Mr. Jay Maupin and Ellen Harris of Maupin Engineering spoke on behalf of Bee Hive Studios, describing the project.

[42. Amend the Future Land Use Map Category for 2818 Bee Road from Commercial Suburban to Traditional Commercial \(Petitioner Jay Maupin on behalf of Bee Hive Studios\)](#)

Mayor Johnson opened the zoning hearings for Items #41 and #42. Marcus Lotson of Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) briefly described Items #41 and #42. MPC recommended approval. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the zoning hearing for Items #41 and #42, Alderwoman Lanier seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Petitioner Mr. Jay Maupin and Ellen Harris of Maupin Engineering spoke on behalf of Bee Hive Studios, describing the project.

[43. Amend the Zoning Ordinance to Create a Conservation Overlay District for Historic Carver Village and Flatman Village](#)

Mayor Johnson opened the zoning hearings for Items #43 and #44. Ms. Leah Michalak, Director, Savannah/Chatham County Historic Sites and Monuments Commission, briefly described Items #43 and #44, an Ordinance and zoning map for the establishment of the Conservation Overlay District for Historic Carver Village and Flatman Village. Alderwoman Lanier moved to close the zoning hearing for Items #43 and #44, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

[44. Amend the Zoning Map to Create Historic Carver Village and Flatman Village Conservation Overlay District](#)

Mayor Johnson opened the zoning hearings for Items #43 and #44. Ms. Leah Michalak, Director, Savannah/Chatham County Historic Sites and Monuments Commission, briefly described Items #43 and #44, an Ordinance and zoning map for the establishment of the Conservation Overlay District for Historic Carver Village and Flatman Village.

Alderwoman Lanier moved to close the zoning hearing for Items #43 and #44, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

[45. Amend the Eastern Wharf Planned Development to Include a Sign Ordinance \(Petition of Harold B. Yellin on behalf of SRL Land Venture, LLC\)](#)

Mayor Johnson opened the zoning hearing for Item #45. Mr. Marcus Lotson of MPC described the Eastern Wharf Planned Development Sign Ordinance compared to various other sign districts. The MPC recommended approval.

Ms. Ardis Wood, Chair of Scenic Chatham County requested the following:

1. Remove the right to have digital signs on President Street
2. Do not permit signs higher than the trees (not as large and tall)
3. Every business should be allowed two months annually to display temporary signs, time should be cut in half

Attorney Harold Yellin, on behalf of SRL Land Venture, outlined the signs that are designated for the Eastern Wharf Development.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #45, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCES - FIRST AND SECOND READING

[46. Rezone 2818 Bee Road from the B-N \(Neighborhood Business\) and B-C \(Community Business\) Zoning Districts to the TC-1 \(Traditional Commercial\) Zoning District \(Petitioner Jay Maupin on behalf of Bee Hive Studios\)](#)

- a. After the first reading was considered the second, Mayor Pro-Tem Shabazz moved to approve Items #46 and #47, Alderwoman Lanier seconded. The motion was not voted upon. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan stressed that her constituents disagree with the project.
- b. Mayor Pro-Tem Shabazz withdrew the motion.
- c. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to continue/postpone Items #46 and #47 to March 26, 2020 to allow for additional information and for a neighborhood meeting, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

[47. Amend the Future Land Use Map Category for 2818 Bee Road from Commercial Suburban to Traditional Commercial \(Petitioner Jay Maupin on behalf of Bee Hive Studios\)](#)

- a. After the first reading was considered the second, Mayor Pro-Tem Shabazz moved to approve Items #46 and #47, Alderwoman Lanier seconded. The motion was not voted upon. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan stressed that her constituents disagree with the project.
- b. Mayor Pro-Tem Shabazz withdrew the motion.
- c. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to continue/postpone Items #46 and #47 to March 26, 2020 to allow for additional information and for a neighborhood meeting, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

[48. Amend the Zoning Ordinance to Create a Conservation Overlay District for Historic Carver Village and Flatman Village](#)

After the first reading was considered the second, Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Items #48 and #49, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

[49. Amend the Zoning Map to Create Historic Carver Village and Flatman Village Conservation Overlay District](#)

After the first reading was considered the second, Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Items #48 and #49, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

[50. Amend the Eastern Wharf Planned Development to Include a Sign Ordinance \(Petition of Harold B. Yellin on behalf of SRL Land Venture, LLC\)](#)

Alderwoman Lanier moved to continue/postpone Item #50 to the March 26, 2020 Meeting to allow for further opportunities to have discussions with citizens, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

[51. Resolution to Allow Alcohol Sales on Sunday, March 15, 2020](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #51 and #52, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

[52. Resolution to Extend the Control Zone of the St. Patrick's Festival](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #51 and #52, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

AGREEMENTS

[53. Approval of a Water and Sewer Agreement with BGA Benton Park Owner, LLC, for Aventon Benton Park](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #53 and #54, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

[54. Approval of a Water and Sewer Agreement with the Chatham County Board of Commissioners for Jennifer Ross Soccer Complex Phase 2](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #53 and #54, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

REAL ESTATE ITEMS

[55. Authorize City Manager to Declare Surplus and Available for Sale a Portion of City Right of Way Fronting 10421 Abercorn Street – Petition #180073](#)

At the request of City Manager Monahan, Item #55 was continued/postponed for two weeks, March 12, 2020 Meeting.

[56. Adoption of a Resolution to Transfer Title of Property known as 231, 236, 238 and 242 Cumming Street, West Savannah, to the Land Bank Authority for the Development of Four New Single Family Units](#)

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #56, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

[57. Adoption of a Resolution to Transfer Title of Properties known as 218 and 220 Cumming Street, West Savannah, to the Land Bank Authority for the Renovation of Two Single Family Units](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #57 through #59, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

[58. Adoption of a Resolution to Transfer Title of Property known as 743 East Bolton Street and 2504 Louisiana Avenue, East Savannah, to the Land Bank Authority for the Development of Two Single Family Units](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #57 through #59, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

[59. Adoption of a Resolution to Transfer Title of Property known as 2205 and 2207 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and 620 West 42nd Street, West Savannah, to the Land Bank Authority for the Renovation of Two Single Family Units](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #57 through #59, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

[60. Settlement #1](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to authorize the City Attorney to resolve the Worker's Compensation matter of Thessalonika Mikell, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

City Manager Monahan acknowledged the heroism of firefighters, police officers and other emergency responders for their heroism displayed with regard to the fire at the Eastern Wharf project construction site. The fire is still blazing and the Garden City and Pooler Fire Departments have agreed to provide backup.

Mayor Johnson recognized former Alderman Tony Thomas who was in the audience, and Ms. Lou Phelps who has not been seen in awhile at the meetings.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 9:05 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=V20rzVZy1vlz>

Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: March 12, 2020

Initials: mm