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May 28, 2020 City Council Workshop

SAVANNAH CITY GOVERNMENT
SUMMARY/FINAL MINUTES
COUNCIL WORK SESSION & CITY MANAGER'S BRIEFING
May 28, 2020 – 4:00 p.m.

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, the City Council work session and City Manager's Briefing was held at 4:01 p.m., via Zoom video communications. Mayor Johnson recognized Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz who then offered the Invocation.

PRESENT: Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding
Aldерwoman Keshа Gibson-Carter, At-Large, Post 1, Chairman
Aldерwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2
Aldерwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1
Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2
Aldерwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3
Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4, Vice-Chairman
Aldерwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5, Mayor Pro-Tem
Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

OTHERS PRESENT:

City Manager Pat Monahan
Interim Chief Operating Officer Bret Bell
Purchasing Director Frank Garlitz
Mobility & Parking Services Sean Brandon
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey

Mayor Johnson announced that Governor Kemp is in the process of a Press Conference and should any announcements from the Governor impact the City, he will share the information once it is available.

City Manager Monahan gave an update on the steps the City will take going forward during the pandemic for employees and visitors starting in June (next week). There will be additional cleaning measures, masks must be worn, temperatures will be checked and social distancing will be employed.

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Workshop Agenda Items

[1. Savannah First \(Proposal\)](#)

Mayor Johnson gave an in depth description of the Resilient Savannah Initiative Program via a slide presentation.

Following Mayor Johnson's presentation, there was discussion.

Consensus by City Council was reached to direct City Manager Monahan to move forward with the initiative, including a request to provide regular updates to Council.

2. Purchasing 101

City Manager Monahan gave background information on Purchasing Director Frank Garlitz's experience. Mr. Garlitz presented information on the Purchasing Process.

Following a discussion/question period by Council, the Council requested that Mr. Garlitz create a link on the web page for the purchasing process/procedures, include any purchasing ordinances. Businesses are encouraged to register as a vendor (Supplier Registration), in each commodity code with the City of Savannah at <http://www.savannahga.gov/491/Purchasing>.

3. Arena Parking Options

Parking for the New Arena was presented by Interim Chief Operating Officer Bret Bell. Mr. Bell outlined the two parking options for the new Savannah Arena: 1.) 1,952-space surface parking lot, \$5.9 million; and 2.) 400-space parking garage, \$12.5 million.

Mr. Bell is requesting Council to approve an amendment of the previous lease agreement of November 2019, ending May 31, 2020. The amendment would lower the rent amount from \$696,000/year to \$525,000/year with a 3% CPI escalator (\$601,778 average over ten years), and the term would be extended to ten years.

No decision was reached during the work session. A related agenda item was listed on the regular meeting agenda.

Hearing no further business, Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 6:21 p.m.

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Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: June 11, 2020

Initials: mm