

Special Meeting to Consider the Use of Eminent Domain
Meeting Begins at 5:30pm

September 26, 2019 Special City Council Meeting

SAVANNAH CITY GOVERNMENT
SUMMARY/FINAL MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
September 26, 2019 – 5:30 p.m.

The Special Meeting of the City Council was held at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers of City Hall.

PRESENT: Mayor Eddie W. DeLoach, Presiding
Mayor Pro-Tem Carolyn H. Bell
Alderman Julian Miller, Chairman of Council
Alderman Bill Durrence, District 2
Alderman John Hall, District 3

ABSENT: Alderman Brian Foster, Vice Chairman of Council
Alderman Van R. Johnson, II, District 1
Alderman Dr. Estella E. Shabazz, District 5
Alderman Tony Thomas, District 6

OTHERS PRESENT:
City Manager Patrick C. Monahan
Assistant to the City Manager Bret Bell
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Assistant City Attorney Denise Cooper
Clerk of Council Mark Massey
Eric Chin, Real Estate Officer

Upon calling the meeting to order, Mayor DeLoach recognized Mayor Pro-Tem Bell to make the first motion.

Date: Sep 26 2019 (5:30pm)

Special Meeting Agenda Items

[1. Motion to Continue Resolution to Authorize the Use of Eminent Domain to Acquire a Portion of 1302 West Gwinnett Street.](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved to approve collectively, as a consent agenda, Items #1 (continued), #2 (approved), #3 (approved), #5 (approved), #6 (approved), #7 (approved) and #8 (approved), as presented by staff. Alderman Hall seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

[2. Motion to Approve Resolution to Authorize the Use of Eminent Domain to Acquire a Portion of 1215 Delesseps Avenue.](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved to approve collectively, as a consent agenda, Items #1 (continued), #2 (approved), #3 (approved), #5 (approved), #6 (approved), #7 (approved) and #8 (approved), as presented by staff. Alderman Hall seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

[3. Motion to Approve Resolution to Authorize the Use of Eminent Domain to Acquire a Portion of 1905 Delesseps Avenue.](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved to approve collectively, as a consent agenda, Items #1 (continued), #2 (approved), #3 (approved), #5 (approved), #6 (approved), #7 (approved) and #8 (approved), as presented by staff. Alderman Hall seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

[4. Motion to Approve Resolution to Authorize the Use of Eminent Domain to Acquire a Portion of 1307 Delesseps Avenue.](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved to continue Item #4, Alderman Durrence and Hall seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

[5. Motion to Approve Resolution to Authorize the Use of Eminent Domain to Acquire a Portion of 2205 Delesseps Avenue.](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved to approve collectively, as a consent agenda, Items #1 (continued), #2 (approved), #3 (approved), #5 (approved), #6 (approved), #7 (approved) and #8 (approved), as presented by staff. Alderman Hall seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

[6. Motion to Approve Resolution to Authorize the Use of Eminent Domain to Acquire a Portion of 2215 Delesseps Avenue.](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved to approve collectively, as a consent agenda, Items #1 (continued), #2 (approved), #3 (approved), #5 (approved), #6 (approved), #7 (approved) and #8 (approved), as presented by staff. Alderman Hall seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

[7. Motion to Approve Resolution to Authorize the Use of Eminent Domain to Acquire a Portion of 2224 E. 59th Street.](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved to approve collectively, as a consent agenda, Items #1 (continued), #2 (approved), #3 (approved), #5 (approved), #6 (approved), #7 (approved) and #8 (approved), as presented by staff. Alderman Hall seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

[8. Motion to Approve Resolution to Authorize the Use of Eminent Domain to Acquire a Portion of 2319 LaRoche Avenue.](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved to approve collectively, as a consent agenda, Items #1 (continued), #2 (approved), #3 (approved), #5 (approved), #6 (approved), #7 (approved) and #8 (approved), as presented by staff. Alderman Hall seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

For the benefit of the public, Mayor Pro-Tem Bell asked staff to identify the next steps.

City Attorney Lovett advised that the City Council has now authorized staff to proceed with eminent domain (taking) with six (6) properties, excluding agenda items #1 and #4 which were continued, so staff can continue working and talking with the property owners. Once the last remaining issues are worked out, staff will present the items to the City Council for their authorization to proceed with the condemnation process.

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell also asked about sales agreements which have been signed.

Assistant City Attorney Cooper indicated that all property owners have signed purchase sale agreements, but they are unable to go-forward with the closing due to a lien or some other mortgage issue.

City Attorney Lovett indicated that the property under #4 could be delayed beyond the next meeting, 10/10/2019.

Alderman Durrence asked how many properties are left, with respect to DeLesseps.

Mr. Chin indicated there are 120 properties and 86 have been signed at this moment.

Alderman Miller moved to adjourn the meeting, Alderman Hall seconded.

Hearing no objections, the meeting adjourned at 5:35 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=aRYvd5vMy8uB>

Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: October 10, 2019

Initials: mm