

**CITY GOVERNMENT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA
July 23, 2015**

The regular meeting of Council was held this date at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall. The Invocation was given by Dyanne Reese, Clerk of Council followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PRESENT: Mayor Edna Jackson, Presiding
Mayor Pro-Tem Van Johnson, II
Alderman Tony Thomas, Chairman of Council
Alderman Mary Osborne, Vice-Chairman of Council
Aldermen Carol Bell, John Hall, Estella Shabazz,
Mary Ellen Sprague, Tom Bordeaux

City Manager Stephanie Cutter
City Attorney W. Brooks Stillwell
Assistant City Attorney William Shearouse

MINUTES

Upon motion of Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Thomas, and unanimously carried the summary/final minutes for the City Manager's briefing of July 9, 2015.

Upon motion of Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Thomas, and unanimously carried the summary/final minutes for the City Council meeting of July 9, 2015.

APPEARANCES

Attorney Carolyn Battle Thomas, Esq., Director of The Consortium of Doctors Ltd., appeared to announce the organization's 24th annual conference in Savannah, and recognize the Consortium's founder, Dr. Abigail Jordan. Attorney Thomas outlined the events that will take place at the conference and invited the Mayor and Council to attend.

Canaan Land Union invited the community to Canaan Land Union Prayer Day, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, August 1, in Forsyth Park.

Joyce Piersanti appeared to invite the community to an October 5 event in Savannah organized by Georgia Attorney General Sam Olens to raise awareness about child sex trafficking.

LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE HEARINGS

As advertised, the following alcoholic license petitions were heard. No one appeared in objection to the issuance of these licenses.

Michael A. Vaudrin for The Ordinary Pub, LLC, requesting liquor, beer and wine (drink) license with Sunday sales at 217 West Broughton Street, which is located between Barnard Street and Jefferson Street in District 2. The applicant plans to operate as a full-service restaurant. (New ownership/management/new business). **Recommend approval.** Alderman Osborne asked Mr. Vaudrin if he operated a pub previously. He replied yes, and stated he has been in the restaurant business since he was 14 years of age. Alderman Osborne asked Mr. Vaudrin if he understood having an alcohol license is a privilege and not a right and comes with certain rules and regulations that he must abide by; if he doesn't abide by those rules and regulations the license can be revoked; if he promised to comply with those rules and regulations. Mr. Vaudrin responded yes to all questions. Hearing closed upon motion of Alderman Hall, seconded by Alderman Sprague and unanimously carried. Approved upon motion of Alderman Bell, seconded by Alderman Thomas and unanimously carried per the City Manager's recommendation.

Eden Geib for Corleone's Trattoria Savannah, requesting to transfer liquor, beer and wine (drink) license from Stephen Gordon at 44 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, which is located between Broughton Street and Congress Street in District 2. The applicant plans to continue to operate as a full-service restaurant. (New ownership/management) **Recommend approval.** Alderman Osborne asked Ms. Geib if she understood having an alcohol license is a privilege and not a right and comes with certain rules and regulations that she must abide by; if she doesn't abide by those rules and regulations the license can be revoked; if she promised to comply with those rules and regulations. Ms. Geib responded yes to all questions. Hearing closed upon motion of Alderman Osborne, seconded by Alderman Hall and unanimously carried. Approved upon motion of Alderman Osborne, seconded by Alderman Sprague and unanimously carried per the City Manager's recommendation.

Ramesh Patel for Mahdu Ramesh, LLC, requesting to transfer beer and wine (package) license from Dashami Patel at 2511 Skidaway Road, which is located between 41st Street and 42nd Street, in District 3. The applicant plans to continue to operate as a convenience store. (New ownership/management) **Recommend approval.** Hearing closed upon motion of Alderman Hall, seconded by Alderman Sprague and unanimously carried. Approved upon motion of Alderman Hall, seconded by Alderman Thomas and unanimously carried per the City Manager's recommendation.

Ordinances

First and Second Reading

Ordinance read for the first time in Council July 23, 2015, then by unanimous consent of Council read a second time, placed upon its passage, adopted and approved upon a motion by Alderman Thomas, seconded by Alderman Sprague and unanimously carried.

Edgewater Resorts, Inc., Petitioner, Spartan Hutch Island Investments, LLC, Owner, and Harold B. Yelling, Agent.

AN ORDINANCE REZONING 165 HUGH TRACY BOULEVARD FROM R-I-P-C (RESIDENTIAL MEDIUM DENSITY) AND I-H (CO) (HEAVY INDUSTRIAL, ANNEXED) BASE DISTRICT ZONING CLASSIFICATIONS TO A B-B (BAYFRONT-BUSINESS) BASE DISTRICT ZONING CLASSIFICATION WITH THE “UNUSUAL AND EXTRAORDINARY” PROVISION OF SECTION 8-3031(D)(1)(A) THAT REQUIRES A ZONING MASTER PLAN.

AN ORDINANCE
To Be Entitled

AN ORDINANCE TO REZONE CERTAIN PROPERTY FROM ITS PRESENT R-I-P-C (RESIDENTIAL MEDIUM DENSITY) AND I-H-CO (HEAVY INDUSTRIAL-ANNEXED) ZONING CLASSIFICATIONS TO A B-B (BAYFRONT BUSINESS) ZONING CLASSIFICATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 8-3031(D)(1)(a) OF THE CODE; TO APPROVE A GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 8-3030(D)(1)(a) OF THE CODE; TO REPEAL ALL OTHER ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES:

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah, Georgia, in a regular meeting of Council assembled and pursuant to lawful authority thereof:

SECTION 1: The following described property be rezoned from its present R-I-P-C and I-H-CO zoning classifications to a B-B zoning classification:

Commencing from a point [X: 988864.564883 Y: 762657.440867], located at the approximate intersection of the centerlines of Hutchinson Island Road and Hugh Tracy Boulevard,

Thence proceeding in a SW direction along the centerline of Hugh Tracy Boulevard for approximately 959.182 ft. to a point [X: 988230.926426 Y: 761937.348505], said point also being, THE POINT OF BEGINNING,

Thence proceeding in a SE direction [S 82-1-57 E] along a line for approximately 463.36 ft. to a point [X: 988689.813321, Y: 761873.12156]

Thence proceeding in a SW direction [S 41-27-20 W] along a line for approximately 1139.66 ft. to a point,

Thence proceeding in a NW direction [N 42-16-27 W] along a line for approximately 67.00 ft. to a point,

Thence proceeding in a SW direction [S 32-1-6 W] along a line for approximately 225.24 ft. to a point [X: 987770.821309 Y: 760877.575552] said point being located along the approximate high water line of the Savannah River,

Thence proceeding in a NW direction [N 36-34-48 W] along a line located along the northern bank of the Savannah River for approximately 1047.661.00 ft. to a point,

Thence proceeding in a NE direction [N 34-24-15 E] along a line for approximately 409.498 ft. to a point,

Thence proceeding in a SE direction [S 82-1-59 E] along a line for approximately 409.498 ft. to a point, said point also being, THE POINT OF BEGINNING,

P.I.N. 2-0436-01-027

SECTION 2: The zoning master plan/general development plan entitled “Edgewater Resorts” dated June 3, 2015, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof by this reference is approved upon recommendation of the Metropolitan Planning Commission and after a public hearing and findings in accordance with Section 8-3031(D)(1)(a) of the Zoning Ordinance, subject to the following conditions:

1. Allowed uses are those permitted in the B-B district.
2. A traffic study is to be provided that complies with the required scope of work.
3. The amount of off-street parking required is to be based on the minimum off-street parking requirements in Sec. 8-3089 of the Zoning Ordinance.
4. Parking plans for the parking lots proposed at ground level beneath each building are to be provided to verify compliance with the Zoning Ordinance.
5. A plan for sanitation and recycling is to be provided that complies with Sec. 8-3031(F)(3), Dumpster/Compact Enclosures.
6. A Lighting Plan is to be provided that shows all proposed exterior lighting (site and building) and that includes a photometric plan and cut sheets.
7. All buildings shall setback at least 15 feet from roads (private or public) and access easements.
8. If the wetlands on the property are affected by state waters, a 25 foot setback will be required. MPC and/or City of Savannah staff will need to verify the setback along the Savannah River to determine if the State requirements for river corridor protection apply.
9. The maximum building height for the property shall be 115 feet.
10. The maximum dwelling unit density is 70 units per gross acre.
11. Should residential lots be proposed in the future, residential lots standards will need to be developed and approved by the Mayor and Aldermen.

12. A Sign Plan must be approved by the Metropolitan Planning Commission
13. Building elevations must be approved by the Metropolitan Planning Commission.
14. Any comments by applicable City of Savannah review departments must be addressed on the Specific Development Plan.
15. With the exception of residential lot development standards, subsequent amendments to this zoning master plan/general development plan or an approved specific development plan will not require review by the Mayor and Aldermen unless recommended by the Metropolitan Planning Commission.

SECTION 3: That the requirements of Section 8-3182(f)(2) of said Code and the law in such cases made and provided has been satisfied. An opportunity for a public hearing was afforded anyone having an interest or property right which may have been affected by this zoning amendment, said notice being published in the Savannah Morning News, on the 16th day of June, 2015, a copy of said notice being attached hereto and made a part hereof.

SECTION 4: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This ordinance shall be effective as of the date hereof.

ADOPTED and APPROVED July 23, 2015.

RESOLUTIONS

Quit Claim of interests in a 6-foot Strip of Land to the Adjoining Property Owner as requested by Petition 140710. Mark Shaw of Weiner, Shearouse, Waits, Greenberg & Shaw, LLP (Petitioner) has submitted a petition on behalf of Noble Boykin (Adjoining Property Owner) requesting the City quit claim any interest in a narrow +/- 6 foot wide strip of land (PIN 2-0064-25-017). Mr. Boykin owns the parcels adjoining either side of this strip and has a deed of adjoining property that includes this strip. However, a title company has informed Mr. Boykin of title concerns and to cure these title concerns, the Petitioner is requesting the City quit claim any interest in the strip. The Chatham County Board of Assessors reports the 2015 assessed market value of this strip at \$2,000.00. Mr. Boykin has agreed to pay \$2,000 for the quit claim of rights.

Recommend approval to declare surplus and available for sale to the sole adjoining property owner a narrow strip of land identified by the Chatham County Board of Assessors as PIN 2-0064-25-017, and approval of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign a quit claim deed transferring said property to Mr. Boykin for consideration of \$2,000. **Recommend approval.**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A QUITCLAIM DEED TRANSFERRING A 6-FOOT STRIP OF LAND (PIN 2-0064-25-017) TO NOBLE BOYKIN (ADJOINING PROPERTY OWNER) FOR CONSIDERATION AS DESCRIBED BELOW:

WHEREAS: O.C.G.A. § 32-7-1 authorizes a municipality to abandon any public road under its jurisdiction and O.C.G.A. § 36-37-6(g) authorizes the governing authority of a municipal corporation to sell and convey parcels of narrow strips of land, so shaped or so small as to be incapable of being used independently as zoned, to abutting property owners; and

WHEREAS: City Ordinance (Section 6-105) authorizes the Mayor and Alderman of the City of Savannah to offer surplus right-of-way property for sale to abutting property owners for such compensation as The Mayor and Alderman of the City of Savannah deem reasonable; and

WHEREAS: on July 23, 2015, the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah (the “City”) agreed in a regular meeting assembled, with more than two-thirds of the Aldermen present and voting in the affirmative, to declare surplus the narrow 6-foot wide strip of land (PIN 2-0064-25-017) and available for sale to the sole adjoining property owner; and

WHEREAS: the Chatham County Board of Assessors reports the 2015 assessed market value of said property is \$2,000; which Mr. Boykin has agreed to pay for the quit claim of rights.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah, in a regular meeting assembled, with more than two-thirds of the Aldermen present and voting in the affirmative, approve to declare surplus the narrow 6-foot wide strip of land (PIN 2-0064-25-017); and made available for sale to Petitioner for \$2,000.

The Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah do also hereby authorize the City Manager to execute and deliver to Petitioner a quitclaim deed conveying the land that conforms to this Resolution, and the Clerk of Council shall attest said Deed and affix the City’s seal.

ADOPTED and APPROVED July 23, 2015.

MISCELLANEOUS

Utility Easement to Georgia Power Company (“GPC”). GPC is requesting an underground easement across City-owned real property located at the Coffee Bluff Marina to provide an electrical service upgrade to the Marine Rescue Squadron. The service will be extended via a bore underneath the parking lot. Recommend approval of this requested easement and authorization for the City Manager to sign the final easement document. **Recommend approval.** Approved upon motion of Alderman Thomas, seconded by Alderman Sprague, and unanimously carried per the City Manager’s recommendation.

Grayson Stadium Lease Agreement with Fans First Entertainment. The City of Savannah and Fans First Entertainment have come to terms on an agreement for use of Grayson Stadium for a Coastal Plain League expansion franchise baseball team. The agreement would begin October 1, 2015, and last three years, with the option of two one-year renewals. Rent is \$20,000 per year. This agreement does not commit the City to any capital improvements to Grayson Stadium at this time. **Recommend approval.** Joe Shearouse, Leisure Services Bureau Chief came forward to briefly explain the lease agreement. Jesse Cole, Owner of Fans First Entertainment briefly explained the history of how the team was started. Approved upon motion

of Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Sprague, and unanimously carried per the City Manager's recommendation.

TRAFFIC ENGINEERING REPORTS

Change of Parking Restrictions on Sutlive Street. The Traffic Engineering Department received a request to investigate parking conditions on Sutlive Street, between East 65th and East 66th Streets. This section of Sutlive Street is situated in the northern end of the Medical Arts neighborhood. The block is bordered on the east by the new Memorial Hospital Employee Credit Union and on the west by the Southside Professional Building. The Southside Professional Building has some off-street parking but it is insufficient to accommodate both employees and patients' vehicles.

Because the streets in this area are narrow, parking must be restricted to only one side. Sutlive Street has parking on the west side only, resulting in no on-street parking between East 65th and East 66th Streets. Previously, the business that occupied the building east of Sutlive Street had a driveway in the middle of the block and the south half of the block had no curb and gutter. To better serve customers, the new credit union closed the mid-block driveway and there is now contiguous curb on the east side of the street.

Allowing parking on the east side of Sutlive Street between East 65th Street and East 66th Street would provide employees and patients convenient access and provide some relief to the area.

Recommend that the parking prohibition on the east side of Sutlive Street, between East 65th Street and East 66th Street, be lifted to allow parking. **Recommend approval.** Approved upon motion of Alderman Bell, seconded by Alderman Sprague, and unanimously carried per the City Manager's recommendation. **Ordinance to cover will be drawn up for presentation at the next meeting of Council.**

BIDS, CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS

Upon a motion by Alderman Thomas, seconded by Alderman Osborne and unanimously carried, the following bids, contracts and agreements were approved per the City Manager's recommendations:

Coach and Paint Shop Windows – Sole Source – Event No. 2647. Recommend approval to procure windows from Bliss Nor-Am in the amount of \$46,081.00. The funding for the windows will be provided by a grant from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), which has been awarded to the Coastal Heritage Society (CHS). These windows are part of the restoration of the 1925 Coach Shop by CHS. The project requires all the building's windows to have the same configuration, rhythm, and arrowhead profile as the original history sash. CHS solicited quotes from nine companies. Seven of these companies could not meet the specifications. One company could not meet the quantity required. Bliss Nor-Am is the only company able to provide the exact specifications and quantity needed.

S.S. Bliss Nor-Am (Jamesville, NY) (D)

\$ 46,081.00

Funds for this purchase will be provided through a HUD grant and any required matches are available in the 2015 Budget, Capital Improvements Fund/Capital Improvement Projects/Other Costs/Roundhouse Site Improvement/Battlefield Park (Account No. 311-9207-52842-OP0336/OP0208). A Pre-Proposal Conference was not conducted as this is a sole source procurement. (D)Indicates non-local, non-minority owned business. **Recommend approval.**

TOC/TN Analyzer with Sampler – Emergency Purchase – Event No. 3412. Notification of an emergency procurement of a TOC/TN analyzer with sampler from Skalar Inc. in the amount of \$42,835.00. This item is used for extracting samples prior to analysis by the Water Reclamation Department.

This was an emergency procurement because the TOC/TN analyzer previously in use at the President Street Plant was inoperable and could not be repaired. This equipment is necessary to conduct analysis of water in accordance with EPA standards.

This vendor was selected because it was the first vendor that could immediately supply the necessary equipment. Delivery: Immediately. Terms: Net 30 Days. The vendor is:
E.P. Skalar, Inc. (Buford, GA) (D) \$ 42,835.00

Funds are available in the 2015 Budget, Water and Sewer Fund/President Street Plant/Equipment (Account No. 521-2553-51520). A Pre-Proposal Conference was not conducted as this was an emergency procurement. (D)Indicates non-local, non-minority owned business. **Recommend approval.**

Yard Waste Management – Annual Contract Renewal – Event No. 3421. Recommend renewing an annual contract for yard waste management services from ELP Landscape Service in the amount of \$222,000.00. This contract will be used by the Refuse Disposal Department to process yard trimmings collected or generated by City operations, including residential yard waste and urban forestry debris.

This is the last of two renewal options available.

The method used for this procurement was the Request for Proposal (RFP), which evaluates criteria in addition to costs. The criteria evaluated as part of this RFP were qualifications and experience, methodology, references, and fees.

Proposals were originally received on September 25, 2012. Delivery: As Needed. Terms: Net 30 Days. The proposers were:

B.P. ELP Landscape Services (Pooler, GA) (D)	\$ 222,000.00
TAG Grinding Services (D)	\$ 240,000.00
Waste Management of Georgia (D)	\$ 270,000.00

Funds are available in the 2015 Budget, Sanitation Fund/Refuse Disposal/Other Contractual Services (Account No. 511-7103-5295). A PreProposal Conference was not conducted as this is

Jacobsen AR3 Finishing Mower, City of Savannah Event No. 3213 - \$28,279.00 – Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport. The Savannah Airport Commission requests approval to purchase one (1) Jacobsen AR3 Finishing Mower from Jacobsen Division of Trexton in the amount of \$28,279.00. The mower features rear rollers to create an appealing striping effect for precision trimming performance for the desired striped professional appearance. The unit was budgeted as a life-cycle replacement for Unit 366. Two bids were received:

L.B.	Jacobsen Division of Textron, Norcross, GA (D)	\$28,279.00
	Jerry Pate Turf and Irrigation, Inc., Atlanta, GA (D)	\$30,428.06 (D)

Indicates non-local, non-minority owned business. **Recommend approval.**

Jacobsen Cushman Spray Tek DS-175, City of Savannah Event No. 3214 - \$29,065.80 – Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport. The Savannah Airport Commission requests approval to purchase one (1) Jacobsen Cushman Spray Tek DS-175 from Jacobsen Cushman in the amount of \$29,065.80. This is a new vehicle purchase required to support landside operations. The unit features 4 flow-based computer boom control options to provide consistent coverage and maintain proper agitation. Two bids were received for riding sprayers:

L.B.	Jacobsen Cushman, Lakeland, FL (D)	\$29,065.80
	Jerry Pate Turf & Irrigation, Inc. Atlanta, GA (D)	\$32,812.98

(D)Indicates non-local, non-minority owned business. **Recommend approval.**

Atlantic Mall LED Lighting Phase I – Event No. 3309. Recommend approval to procure construction services from RWB Electrical, LLC in the amount of \$254,495.00. The work includes installation of new walkway lighting along the walkways of Atlantic Mall from East 41st Street to East 46th Street. The project will include the installation of electrical panels, walkway lights, underground conduit, wiring, and convenience outlets. It will also include the installation of an electrical panel and walkway lights within Tiedeman Park.

The project includes an overall MWBE goal of 10%, with the breakdown of 7% MBE and 3% WBE. Based on the proposed schedule of M/WBE participation submitted by the low bidder, the overall M/WBE participation will be 10%, with 7% MBE and 3% WBE being performed by Pioneer Construction and C.S. Hurd, respectively.

This bid was advertised, opened, and reviewed. Delivery: As Needed. Terms: Net 30 Days. The bidders were:

L.B.	RWB Electrical, LLC (Savannah, GA) (B)	\$ 254,495.00
	Pace Electrical Contractors, Inc. (B)	\$ 305,979.00
	Dayenesi, Inc. (D)	\$ 508,873.00

Funds are available in the 2015 Budget, Capital Improvements Fund/Capital Improvement Project/Other Costs/Atlantic Mall Lighting (Account No. 311-9207- 52842-SQ0806).

(B)Indicates local, non-minority owned business. (D)Indicates non-local, non-minority owned business. **Recommend approval.** Alderman Sprague stated she is pleased this will be taking place as the residents in the area have been awaiting improvements to lighting for quite some

time. Approved upon motion of Alderman Sprague, seconded by Alderman Hall and unanimously carried per the City Manager's recommendation.

Transportation Services for Golden Age – Annual Contract Renewal – Event No. 3424.

Recommend approval to renew an annual contract for transportation services for senior citizens from JLM Services in the amount of \$134,787.50. The services are needed to provide transportation for the elderly to various Golden Age Centers for participation in the Leisure Services Golden Age programs.

This is the last of two renewal options available.

Bids were originally received March 12, 2013. Delivery: As Needed. Terms: Net 30 Days. The bidders were:

L.B. JLM Transportation Services, Inc. (Savannah, GA) (B)	\$134,787.50
MLB Transportation, Inc. (D)	\$369,000.00

Funds are available in the 2015 General Funds/Senior Services/Other Contractual Services (Account No.101-6117-51295). (B)Indicates local, nonminority owned business. (D)Indicates non-local, non-minority owned business. **Recommend approval.** Approved upon motion of Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Hall and carried per the City Manager's recommendation. Alderman Shabazz recused herself from the vote.

The following announcements were made:

Mayor Jackson received the Gold Award on behalf of the City of Savannah from United Way for outstanding service and support with the Liv United program.

City Manager Cutter reminded citizens of the second Public Hearing scheduled for 6 p.m. today regarding the final Millage Rate.

There being no further business, Mayor Jackson declared this meeting of Council adjourned.



Dyanne C. Reese, MMC
Clerk of Council