

**CITY GOVERNMENT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 12, 2009
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA**

The regular meeting of Council was held this date at 2:00 p.m. in Council Chambers of City Hall. Alderman Mary Osborne introduced and thanked Father Christian Alimaji, M.S.P, Pastor of St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church for the opening prayer which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The minutes from the meeting of January 28, 2009 were approved upon motion of Alderman Jackson, seconded by Alderman Felser and carried.

Upon motion of Alderman Jones, seconded by Alderman Johnson, the summary minutes of the City Council Workshop and the City Manager's Briefing of January 28, 2009 were approved.

PRESENT: Mayor Otis S. Johnson, Presiding
Mayor Pro-Tem Edna B. Jackson
Alderman Tony Thomas, Chairman of Council
Alderman Van Johnson, II, Vice-Chairman of Council
Aldermen Clifton Jones, Jeff Felser, Mary Osborne, Mary Ellen Sprague
and Larry Stuber

City Manager Michael B. Brown
City Attorney James B. Blackburn

Asst. City Attorney Lester B. Johnson, III
Asst. City Attorney William W. Shearouse

PRESENTATIONS

An appearance by Mary Jo Fayoyin, Library Services Director for Savannah State University, and Louise Wyche, Librarian for Access Services, to announce the kick-off of Big Read activities on Sunday, February 15, 2009. Mayor Johnson stated we will now have an appearance from representatives of the Big Read activities which combines the wonderful Savannah State University, the City of Savannah and other bodies. This is something which is very important to the city so will the representatives of Savannah State please come forward. Please introduce yourselves. Ms. Mary Jo Fayoyin, the Library Director at Savannah State University and Mrs. Louise Wyche, Librarian for Access Services introduced themselves to the council members. Ms. Fayoyin thanked them for the opportunity to address city council to tell them about the Big Read. We think that the Big Read which is sponsored by the NEA is a very important endeavor. We believe for people to be educated they need to be able to read and we think they need to be able to read for pleasure; that is the whole idea behind the Big Read, to read for pleasure. She is breathless because she ran up the steps. She thought she was late so she ran. They believe that the Big Read is very important. They have chosen as the common reader, *The Maltese Falcon*. This is the book. She sees council members nodding their heads; they are familiar with it. They deliberately chose that book because they think it is a book that young men would like to read. Now they do not think that reading is going to cure our nation's ills but they do believe that if children are reading they won't be stealing so they are very hopeful that all of their school partners, the YMCA, the Boys and Girls Club, the St. Paul's Academy and all of their partners have received books from the grant and they will be reading. The kickoff will be Sunday, February 15, 2009 at 3:00p.m. at Savannah State University in the ballroom. They have some gifts for them and a program. They think it is going to be a wonderful

event. *The Maltese Falcon* is set in the thirties and the forties. They are going to have dancing and singing from that era. They are going to have reading from dignitaries throughout the city. They are going to have a wonderful time. They hope council will come and invite others to come to the Big Read. There will be free giveaways such as *The Maltese Falcon* and other things so please come out and join us. They thank them for their support of the Big Read. Mayor Johnson stated "Reading is Fundamental" as the slogan says and the more we can encourage it the better off we will all be. He thinks it was Jefferson or someone else said, "to have a good democracy you have to have an informed and enlightened citizenry" because if you are going to look to them to make decisions then they certainly need to be informed and my God they sure need to be enlightened. Every time we can encourage reading among our citizens he thinks we ought to do it. This Big Read is an annual event. Each year they have a book that everybody reads all across the country and this year it is *The Maltese Falcon*. The first year it was *There Eyes Were Watching God*. Last year it was *Fahrenheit 451*. He read it. This year it is *The Maltese Falcon*. Ms. Fayoyin stated to the audience they have copies of *The Maltese Falcon* that will be available. They have about one hundred copies that they will give away to the first one hundred people who show up. They have reader's guides, a CD and a bookmark. Please come out. They have many of these things. In closing they are very proud that Savannah State received this grant. This grant cycle there were only three universities that received it in Georgia, the University of Georgia, the Georgia College and State University and Savannah State University. Savannah State received the largest grant. Alderman Osborne stated you left one thing out; there are some of us on city council that really need this. Mayor Johnson stated the good thing is it is not long. It is not thick. Sometimes you see a big book and it scares you because it has so many pages. This does not. It should not scare you. Thank you so much. He certainly hoped that people will participate.

An appearance by the Savannah Youth Council. Mayor Johnson stated we have with us today as usual members of the city's youth council. Today we have and he asked them to stand and come to the microphone. Matthew Jackson, a sixth grader at Mercer Middle School, Simone Green, a sixth grader at Mercer Middle School, Kirsten James, a seventh grader at Oglethorpe Charter School, Sha'Kira Bush, an eighth grader at Mercer Middle School, Jasmine Jackson, an eighth grader at Mercer Middle School and Malorie Holmes, an eighth grader at Savannah Christian Preparatory School. These are all members of the youth council and they are here today to fulfill a part of their requirement of membership and that is to attend a council meeting to see how their city council conducts business on behalf of the citizens. We welcome you and thank you for participating in the youth council. Applause was given.

Consideration of pursuing an Economic and Environmental Collaborative Agreement between the City of Savannah and the City of Vaxjo, Sweden. (See "RESOLUTIONS".) Alderman Stuber stated there were visitors for agenda item 3.1. Mayor Johnson apologized and thanked Alderman Stuber for bringing the item to his attention. He asked the visitors from Armstrong Atlantic State University to come forward and introduce themselves. Mr. Jim Anderson, the Head of International Programs at Armstrong Atlantic State University and his guests with him today are two of our students from Sweden. We regularly have exchange students from the country of Sweden with us. We have Anja Nilsson and Johanna Persson. They are with us today. Our main topic to talk with you today is to support the collaborative agreement that you have been discussing. As many of you know one of the primary goals of the Board of Regents right now for the university system is that we need to educate our college students to be prepared for the 21st century and to be global citizens. It is our feeling that anything you as the city can do to bring international guests and trade and economic expertise to the city ends up benefiting not only Armstrong but the other universities in the city. We would hope to work with these individuals from Sweden and work in our economics classes, guest lecturers and also about culture. He thought he would give one of the young ladies just a little chance to talk to you a moment about the importance of a Swedish-American agreement. The student representative stated it is very important to talk with Swedish students and international students and to work together with Americans and international students because so many American students do not know about different countries and their cultures so she thinks it would be really good to work together. Mayor Johnson thanked them and stated you may have seen it on television

already but it was in the paper on Wednesday that this council is going to do all it can to establish international relationships. Today they will move forward in that direction with her country. The student representative thanked Mayor Johnson. Mayor Johnson asked did he cover the item? Alderman Stuber asked do we move for approval of the proposed agreement? Mayor Johnson stated no not yet.

An appearance by Mary Nelson Adams, United States Service Organization (USO) Council of southeast Georgia's volunteer and the 2008 USO National Volunteer of the Year, accompanied by other USO members to receive a proclamation designating February 12, 2009 as "Mary Nelson Adams Day" in Savannah.

Mayor Johnson stated Alderman Tony Thomas will present a proclamation to Mrs. Mary Nelson Adams who is a volunteer with the USO and was the 2008 USO National Volunteer of the Year. Alderman Thomas thanked Mayor Johnson and he asked Mrs. Adams and members of her group to come forward and introduce herself to the council members. Mrs. Adams stated her name and she represents the USO, United Service Organization. Alderman Thomas stated he had a proclamation issued by our mayor and it reads as follows: Whereas, Mary Nelson Adams was born in the mid 1930s in Savannah, Georgia the only daughter of the late Gordon and Eileen Nelson, she attended the public school system of Chatham County and Armstrong Junior College now Armstrong Atlantic State University and Whereas, as a young lady Mary Nelson Adams married a young military soldier whom she met through the USO. They traveled and lived throughout the world during his thirty-three years of service to America. All throughout those years, Mrs. Adams remained committed to the USO Organization and the needs of our service men and women. And, Whereas, after the death of her husband, Mary Nelson Adams eventually relocated back to Savannah, the city of her birth and continued her dedicated efforts to public service by serving in a variety of civic and social organizations that promote a better quality of life for our residents. And Whereas, upon relocating back to Savannah, Mrs. Adams became a volunteer for the USO Georgia-Savannah Council where she presently serves on its Board of Directors and is the Volunteer Director. She serves the USO centers at the Savannah-Hilton Head International Airport, Hunter Army Airfield and Fort Stewart and is accredited for her tremendous efforts in recruiting other USO volunteers. And, Whereas, throughout the decades of service rendered by Mary Nelson Adams, she was awarded the Navy Leaguer of the Year Award by the United States Navy League, the Incredible Service Award by the Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce, the Prestigious Jefferson Award, Department of the Army's Distinguished Service Volunteer Award, the Outstanding Award from the Military Order of the Purple Heart and numerous other awards, recommendations, certifications and citations. And, Whereas, in last September, President George W. Bush invited Mary Nelson Adams to the White House and recognized her as the USO World Volunteer of the Year for 2008. And, Whereas, Mary Nelson Adams personifies the ideal volunteer whose hard work and commitment to service over the past decades has set the standard for philanthropic efforts. Now, Therefore, Alderman Thomas on behalf of Otis S. Johnson, Mayor of the City of Savannah do hereby proclaim Thursday, February 12, 2009 as "Mary Nelson Adams Day" in Savannah and commend and acknowledge her extraordinary achievement in recognition as a 2008 USO World Volunteer of the Year. Applause was given. Mrs. Adams thanked everyone. Mayor Johnson stated Mrs. Adams you have brought extremely important recognition to Savannah for yourself and for those other communities. It is a pleasure to present to you today on behalf of the City of Savannah. Mrs. Adams thanked Mayor Johnson, Alderman Jackson, Alderman Thomas and other members of the city council. It is an overwhelming honor for her to stand with them today and receive this prestigious award especially on Georgia Day and also on Abraham Lincoln's 200th Birthday. She proudly represents a wonderful organization, our USO, some 40,000 volunteers worldwide with approximately 250 in the Savannah area. They are the wind beneath her wings. Founded some sixty eight years ago to provide civilian response for the morale, welfare and entertainment for our military and our families. USO Georgia is a chartered council of the USO World. It is a 501 (c) 3 charity. USO receives no federal funding. It relies on special events, fundraisers and the generosity of our private individuals, groups, corporations to fund its programs. USO Georgia Council includes the entire state of Georgia, a region which is one of the largest concentrations of military in this country. Yearly over 150,000 armed service members pass through our care in four locations at Atlanta, Warner Robbins, Savannah and Columbus. Operations

here include Fort Stewart, Hunter Army Airfield, the 165th Georgia Air National Guard, United States Coast Guard, the 48th Brigade of our Georgia National Guard; she wanted to note that they are going to deploy in the next two or three months. The second beach and terminal operation of the United States Marine Corp and Marine Corp Reserves and a counter and recreation area at the Savannah-Hilton Head International Airport. Some of her recognitions as Alderman Thomas has already told you there were several in here that were not mentioned and that was being a guest on NBC Nightly News with Bryan Williams. As Coordinator and Director of the Volunteers, she has had the opportunity to stand and assist our courageous men and women in the military and their families, seeing them deploy into harms way and for some never to return; just being there a handshake and a hug and to say thank you. We have our Hug-A-Bee grandmother right here because she is there to hug each individual that redeploys. No matter what time of the day or night, it is always gratifying not to mention the joyous return when they redeploy and come back to their duty stations after being gone for a year and reunite with their family and loved ones. She owes her sincere gratitude to Mary Lou Austin, President and CEO USO – Georgia. Ray Gaster, Board Chairman-USO Savannah Council for his trust in allowing her to chair the operation out at Hunter Army Airfield along with Mitchell Bush, President for his unwavering support, Colonel Daniel Whitney, Post Commander at Hunter Army Airfield, also Jack Dibrell, Airport Operations and Bill Phipps, Airport Manager and his staff at the airfield on at Hunter. Being a USO volunteer has enriched her life as she just told the news media that she was raised between Sandfly and Bethesda on what we call Moon River now in a little area which is called Cedar Hammock. She would have never had the inkling idea that all of this would have ever happened to her. She had the awesome opportunity in being a guest of Congressman Jack Kingston and had the opportunity to visit our wounded at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. As she visited through and watch them rehabilitate, there was one young gentleman that she talked with and it was incredible to talk with him because she found out that he was from Baltimore, Maryland. He had come from an indigent family and his family could not come to see him that they should but it was really incredible as she started to walk away from him; he took her hand and both of legs were gone. He took her hand and said “ma’am no matter what sacrifice he made for his country, he was just proud to be an American.” Today she stands and she says the same thing. She is extremely proud that she is an American and that she is associated with one of the world’s finest, United Service Organization. Keep our service men in your thoughts and prayers. God bless you all. Thank you so much. Applause was given. Mayor Johnson stated we have two persons that were not introduced. Please introduce yourselves, young man and young lady. Ms. Naomi Havens stated her name and she is one of the volunteers out at the airport. Mrs. Angela Hines stated she is the Hug-A-Bee Grandma. Mr. Taylor Johnson stated he is the treasurer with the board. Mayor Johnson stated we know Mitchell Bush. Thank you. Mrs. Adams stated there was one other thing she wanted to do and she gave gifts to the council members.

LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

As advertised, the following alcoholic license petitions were approved upon motion of Alderman Thomas, seconded by Alderman Osborne and carried:

Mayor Johnson stated now we will have the alcohol beverage license recommendations from the city manager. Alderman Thomas stated he was going to move for approval of items five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten and eleven unless there be any questions on any these licenses. City Manager Brown stated on agenda item number five, it was their recommendation that it be delayed for two meetings from now. Alderman Johnson stated it would be March 12, 2009. Alderman Felser asked for agenda item number seven to be pulled because it has a different hearing date. City Manager Brown stated it does not need any special action other than to note that it would be a hearing. Alderman Thomas made a motion to approve items six through eleven, seconded by Alderman Osborne. The motion carries.

Roslind S. Brown d/b/a Montgomery Beverages, requesting a liquor, beer and wine (package) license at 802 Montgomery Street, which had a 2006 liquor, beer and wine (package) license and is located between Gwinnett and Bolton Streets in District 1. (New application. Continued from January 28, 2009. **The application has been withdrawn by petitioner.**)

Myrtice Morrison d/b/a Peg Leg Pete's, requesting a liquor, beer and wine (drink) license at 303 W. River Street, which is located in District 1.

Denise L. White Pipkin for Sweet Melissa's, LLC, d/b/a Sweet Melissa's I, requesting a liquor, beer and wine (drink) license at 35 Whitaker Street, which is located between Congress and Broughton Streets in District 1. (New location.) Recommend continuing the hearing to February 26, 2009 in order for an administrative review to address Police Department concerns about the operation of the business and crowd control.

Eric Richards for Garibaldi, Inc. d/b/a Garibaldi's Escape, requesting a liquor, beer and wine (drink) license with Sunday sales at 315 W. Congress Street, which is located between Montgomery and Jefferson Streets in District 1.

Eric Richards for Garibaldi, Inc. d/b/a Bistro-Savannah, requesting a liquor, beer and wine (drink) license with Sunday sales at 309 W. Congress Street, which is located between Montgomery and Jefferson Streets in District 1.

Eric Richards for The Olde Pink House, Inc. d/b/a The Olde Pink House Restaurant, requesting a liquor, beer and wine (drink) license with Sunday sales at 23 Abercorn Street, which is located between St. Julian and Bryan Streets in District 1.

Daryl Jerome Thompson for Logan's Road House, Inc. d/b/a Logan's Road House, requesting a liquor, beer and wine (drink) license with Sunday sales at 11301 Abercorn Street, which is located between Deerfield Road and Largo Drive in District 6. The B-N (Neighborhood-Business) zoning permits a sit-down restaurant or cafeteria to serve alcoholic beverages only as a part of a meal.

Alderman Johnson stated after talking with the Cuyler-Brownsville Neighborhood Association they respectfully request that the city council delays agenda item number five date certain to March 12, 2009 to give them an opportunity to meet with the applicant, seconded by Alderman Felser. The motion carries.

Kundan Patel for Yashasvi, Inc., d/b/a Yash Food Mart, requesting a beer and wine (package) license at 701 W. 37th Street, which had a 2008 beer and wine (package) license and is located between Florance and Harden Streets in District 1. (Renewal with change in ownership and management. Continued from January 28, 2009.)

Alderman Osborne stated on agenda items twelve and thirteen, she moved that they be delayed until the administrative hearings are held, seconded by Alderman Jackson. City Manager Brown stated Mr. Mayor, on those items what he would like to do is to ask to work with the city attorney on the Tiger's Den which is 4429 Skidaway Road and Wild Wings Café which is at 27 Barnard Street in City Market. They have conducted administrative reviews. In both of these cases, they have been incidents at the locations. In the case of Tiger's Den, there were drug sales that were made at that location and prosecutions that are pending although we can move ahead regardless of those prosecutions. At Wild Wings, there were two or three cases of underage drinking. So Mr. Mayor he would ask that he works with the attorney on getting a date set for each of those. Mayor Johnson stated he had a motion and a second. Alderman Felser asked for a point of clarification, is he saying they will be back to us before St. Patrick's Day or after? City Manager Brown stated that would be before. Alderman Felser thanked City Manager Brown for his response. Mayor Johnson stated he had a motion and a second that items twelve and thirteen be continued until such time as the city manager brings back a recommendation. The motion carries.

Tiger's Den. Recommend scheduling a hearing for Susan D. Lingenfelter to show cause why her liquor, beer and wine (drink) license with Sunday sales at 4429 Skidaway Road should not be revoked due to several instances of illegal drug sales that calls into question the diligence of the management, and authorizing the City Attorney to give notice.

Wild Wings Café. Recommend scheduling a hearing for William C. Crowley to show cause why his liquor, beer and wine (drink) license with Sunday sales at 27 Barnard Street should not be revoked due to several instances of underage sales, and authorizing the City Attorney to give notice.

ZONING HEARINGS

Harold B. Yellin, Agent for Roberts Management, Inc., Owner (Z-081216-56078-2), requesting to rezone 1 – 20 Dana Avenue from R-6 (One Family Residential) to P-B-G (Planned General Business). The Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) recommends approval because the proposed rezoning, while incompatible with the Tri-Centennial Comprehensive Land Use Map, will establish a zoning district that is more compatible with the surrounding properties along Abercorn Street than the current R-6 zoning. The abutting properties along Abercorn are in intense business zoning districts and are developed with business/commercial uses. The current single family subdivision is inconsistent with the surrounding heavy commercial development. (The City has received a petition for the abandonment of Dana Avenue which is directly associated with this rezoning petition.)

Mayor Johnson stated zoning hearings. Mr. Jim Hansen of the Metropolitan Planning Commission stated today we have one zoning petition for your consideration. It is a request from Mr. Harold Yellin on behalf of Roberts Management Inc. This request is for a rezoning of approximately 3.62 acres located at and including 1 through 20 Dana Avenue. This is a piece of land consisting of twenty individual properties. It fronts on Abercorn located between Savannah Toyota and Uncle Bob's Self Storage to give you a perspective it is near where the proposed Truman Parkway will intersect with Abercorn. The property in question has been purchased by the Savannah Toyota dealership. They own all of the properties in question and are requesting that the property be rezoned so they might expand their dealership. There is as he mentioned commercial on two sides. The property though it is not planned for commercial; it is certainly consistent with and compatible with the development that is occurring and has occurred in the area. They have recommended and has the MPC approval of this request. Mayor Johnson stated the city manager has also recommended approval of this request. This is a hearing. Is there anyone here to speak on behalf of the hearing. The recommendation is to approve. Alderman Johnson made a motion to close the hearing, seconded by Alderman Thomas. The motion carries. Alderman Felser made a motion to approve the recommendation, seconded by Alderman Thomas. The motion carries. Alderman Thomas stated he just wanted to make one comment and he knows that Mr. Roberts is here but if demolition for us in the city moved as quick as they moved on those houses we would not have blighted houses in this community. City Manager Brown stated they don't have to go through the hoops we do. Mayor Johnson thanked them and wished them good luck on their expansion.

PETITIONS

BE IT RESOLVED AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah in regular meeting of Council assembled, that the foregoing recommendation is hereby adopted and approved upon motion of Alderman Jackson, seconded by Alderman Thomas and carried.

John Rule for Royal Church of Christ, Inc. - Petition 12075, requesting to encroach onto the Rodgers (a/k/a Rogers) Street right-of-way at 1902 Rodgers Street (PIN 2-0021-11-005) for the construction of a ramp and steps. The property is located at the northwest

corner of the intersection of Rodgers and Nettles Streets in the Hudson Hill/Bayview neighborhood. The petitioner is constructing sidewalk steps to replace the current entrance on Rodgers Street as well as a separate handicapped-accessible ramp. The project will utilize the existing curb cut for the steps, and a section of the curb and gutter will be removed for the placement of the ramp. Facilities Maintenance, Water and Sewer, Sanitation and Development Services reviewed the petition. No water or sanitary sewer lines or storm water lines or structures are located in the subject area, and Sanitation services will not be affected. The proposed ramps and step plans meet the guidelines for existing buildings and have been approved by Development Services. Traffic Engineering recommends approval provided that the petitioner applies for a right-of-way permit for the construction of the ramp. In addition, the tactile warning devices on the ramp must meet City standards. Recommend advising the petitioner that the proposed work requires a right-of-way permit and must comply with City standards in the construction of the structures. Recommend also advising the petitioner that the encroachments grant no ownership rights to the property and that, if ever required, the structures must be removed at petitioner's expense.

Mayor Johnson stated now we will go to petitions. We have a petition from John Rule for the Royal Church of Christ. City Manager Brown stated this is a just a case of wanting to add some steps and some other building features in the right-of-way which we see no problem with and we recommend approval. Alderman Jackson made a motion for approval, seconded by Alderman Thomas. The motion carries.

BE IT RESOLVED AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah in regular meeting of Council assembled, that the foregoing recommendation is hereby adopted and approved upon motion of Alderman Thomas, seconded by Alderman Felser and carried.

Bill Manson for First Cousins Realty & Development, LLC – Petition 11981, requesting that the City quit claim the unopened right-of-way behind his property at 3125 Skidaway Road, PIN 2-0100-02-007. This right-of-way is an unpaved alley east of Skidaway Road between Dasher (a/k/a Dascher) Street on the north and an unnamed right-of-way on the south. Most of the alley appears to have been encroached upon and fenced by the adjacent property owners. Staff has contacted all of the other adjacent property owners along the length of the lane in the hopes of disposing of the entire right-of-way. Facilities Maintenance, Water and Sewer, Sanitation and Development Services reviewed the petition. There is a sanitary sewer main within the right-of-way. If the lane is to be quit claimed, the City will require either a 15' minimum width non-obstructive easement for the maintenance and operation of the sewer main or the relocation of the existing main. Recommend that the City declare the right-of-way surplus and offer the lane to the interested adjoining property owners. Any conveyance will be subject to the granting of a 15' non-obstructive easement for the maintenance and operation of the existing sewer main.

City Manager Brown stated likewise Mr. Mayor, this is Bill Mason for First Cousins to quit claim an unopened right-of-way of 3125 Skidaway Road. Alderman Thomas made a motion for approval of the recommendation, seconded by Alderman Felser. The motion carries.

BE IT RESOLVED AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah in regular meeting of Council assembled, that the foregoing recommendation is hereby adopted and approved upon motion of Alderman Thomas, seconded by Alderman Osborne and carried.

Craig Adams for Beharry Construction, Inc. – Petition 12113, requesting to redeem the property known as 0 Mosley Street and identified as PIN 2-0039-07-003, Lot 31 and the Eastern 12 feet of Lot 30, Block 10, Jenkins Ward, Savannah, Chatham County, Georgia. The petitioner has ownership interest in the property. There is a 1968 Marshal's Deed. No taxes, fees or assessments are due. (See "RESOLUTIONS".) Recommend approving the petition and a resolution authorizing a Quit Claim Deed.

Mayor Johnson stated agenda item 16.1. City Manager Brown stated he recommended approval of this because the property can be redeemed after the payment of taxes. Alderman Thomas made a motion for approval, seconded by Alderman Osborne. The motion carries.

ORDINANCES

First Readings and Second Readings

No Parking – Coffee Bluff Villa Road West of Crusader Park. An ordinance to prohibit parking on the south side of Coffee Bluff Villa Road in front of the neighborhood center and for an additional 200 feet beyond Crusader Park; and to update the code to reflect the current parking prohibition and the correct street name. (Traffic Engineering Report approved January 28, 2009.)

City Manager Brown stated at the last meeting we had No Parking on Coffee Bluff Villa Road. We could probably do this on first and second, if you want to but it is the establishment of no parking zones in that area around the center. Alderman Thomas stated he would do it on first and second with the council's permission. Mayor Johnson stated he needed a motion. Alderman Thomas made the motion that the first reading be considered the second and the ordinance placed upon its passage and passed, seconded by Alderman Jackson. The motion carries.

Ordinance read for the first time in Council, February 12, 2009, then by unanimous consent of Council, read a second time, placed upon its passage, adopted and approved upon motion of Alderman Thomas, seconded by Alderman Jackson and carried.

AN ORDINANCE

To Be Entitled

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND APPENDIX I, SECTION 219 OF
THE CODE OF THE CITY OF SAVANNAH, GEORGIA (2003)
PERTAINING TO SECTION 7-1091 OF SAID CODE TO
PROVIDE THAT THE STREET NAMED HEREIN SHALL
PROHIBIT STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING AT ALL
TIMES: TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT
HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1: That Appendix 1, Section 219 of the Code of the City of Savannah, Georgia (2003), pertaining to Section 7-1091 of said Code, as amended, shall be amended as follows:

AMEND SECTION 219, STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING
PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES TO INCLUDE
DELETE
COFFEE VILLA ROAD

On the north side of Coffee Villa Road beginning at the west curb of Coffee Bluff Road and extending approximately 200 feet to the west.

SECTION 2: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED: FEBRUARY 12, 2009.

AN ORDINANCE

To Be Entitled

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND APPENDIX I, SECTION 219 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF SAVANNAH, GEORGIA (2003) PERTAINING TO SECTION 7-1091 OF SAID CODE TO PROVIDE THAT THE STREET NAMED HEREIN SHALL PROHIBIT STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING AT ALL TIMES: TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1: That Appendix 1, Section 219 of the Code of the City of Savannah, Georgia (2003), pertaining to Section 7-1091 of said Code, as amended, shall be amended, by adding thereto the following:

AMEND SECTION 219, STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING
PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES TO INCLUDE
COFFEE BLUFF VILLA ROAD

On the south side of Coffee Bluff Villa Road beginning at the west curb of Coffee Bluff Road and extending approximately 350 feet west to the eastern property line of Crusader Park, then for the thirty-five feet between the existing driveways for the community center, and then beginning at the western driveway of Crusader Park for an additional two hundred and seventy feet.

SECTION 2: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED: FEBRUARY 12, 2009.

Festival Ordinance – Hours of Alcohol Sales and Closing of Alcohol Establishments.

An ordinance to amend Section 6-2426, *Restricting hours or alcohol sales*, to provide that on the day following St. Patrick's Day, all establishments licensed to dispense alcoholic beverages within the Festival Area shall be closed from 3:00a.m. to 7:00a.m.; and to provide that sites licensed by the City to dispense alcoholic beverages within the city limits shall not dispense alcoholic beverages between the hours of 3:00a.m. and 7:00a.m. on the day following the day of the St. Patrick's Day parade.

Mayor Johnson stated now we go to first and second readings. He would like the city manager to lay this out for the public so they will understand what we are doing here. City Manager Brown stated in January, some recommendations were made about the alteration of St. Patrick's Day. The intent being to try to have both a festive and fun-

filled occasion especially at the festival which is the nighttime not the parade but the nighttime. You instructed that a town hall meeting be held so that there could be considerable citizen input. Subsequent to that we received a letter from the Waterfront Association saying that they wish to cooperate with city council and try to organize the event as appropriate and according to council's wishes therefore in our workshop this morning we discussed several specific changes to the event but with the same intent to have a good event. Those changes were specifically first to change the closing time which before has been at 1:00a.m. to make that the normal closing time which would be at 3:00a.m. He thinks this would be both good for the revelers; they get to stay a little longer. It would be good for business. Finally it would probably be helpful for the police because at 1:00a.m. we almost sort of have a mass exodus which the police had to manage and participate in and this will sort of allow us to have a normal closing. So in order to do that Mr. Mayor that closing time was specified in our festival ordinance. That is why item 17.1 is an ordinance and he is recommending that it be done on first and second reading and it specifies that the festival time period would be until 3:00a.m. City Manager Brown continued to explain the other ones and everyone would know all three of them and then you could take action individually. During the workshop, the mayor said okay, he wanted to have two other changes associated with the recommendations with St. Patrick's Day. One of them is in the designation of the 2009 festival zone and time that gating would not be required. Of course that festival rules in accordance with the ordinance would be until 3:00a.m. So item 17.2 really specifies that but he would like to add some language and it was his intent to do that but he would add the following language at the end of 17.2 where it says, "and to set the wristband fee of \$ 5.00", he is going put, "and that such control zone should not include gating", that would be one of the items and that the other one is that the Waterfront would prepare and the city would monitor and audit wristband sales and revenues with such report to be provided by May 15th so those would be the changes to the festival policy for this year, the festival zone. Finally item 17.3 which does not apply between now and this year's St. Patrick's Day per se but we will go ahead and organize and we will follow up with a report of some recommendations about participants but we will set up a festival review group like we had several years ago with stakeholders and citizens. They shall report back to the Mayor and Aldermen by October 1st and they shall prepare a long range plan, we say five years for safety and the fun of the event going forward. We have three items Mr. Mayor, the modification to the ordinance which is necessary for the 3:00a.m. The modification to the festival rules for 2009 which will not provide for gating but will provide as is required under the agreement, the auditing and monitoring of the wristbands. Alderman Thomas asked do all of them have to be first and second reading? City Manager Brown stated no. Only one which is an ordinance. The festival zone designation every year is really already provided for in the ordinance we just make the designation but it is the actual 3:00a.m. that is hard wired into the present ordinance and would need to be changed. Alderman Felser publicly thanked Mayor Johnson for our town hall meeting the other night when he allowed the public to come forward and devote over an hour to hearing public comments. As they all found out as per usual, there is always two sides to every story and it truly was a good delay in the effort because they saw and heard from the public a different aspect of what they might always not hear up here. He apologized for not being at the workshop this morning due to a legal family matter that is upcoming but he did want to say that he thinks today is a compromise between the do something crowd and the do nothing crowd. He thinks whenever you have two sides in opposition such a compromise is going to be a healthy one and he thinks that this review committee in the future will be able to continue to tweak what goes right and what goes wrong. He thanked Mayor Johnson again for letting democracy work at its best. Alderman Felser made a motion for approval on item 17.1, for the first reading to be considered the second and the ordinance placed upon its passage and passed, seconded by Alderman Jackson. Mayor Johnson stated he had a motion and a second that the ordinance establishing the hours for alcohol sales and closing of alcohol establishments for St. Patrick's Day that the first reading of the ordinance be considered the second reading and the ordinance placed on its passage and passed. All in favor say aye. All opposed. The motion carries.

Ordinance read for the first time in Council, February 12, 2009, then by unanimous consent of Council, read a second time, placed upon its passage, adopted and approved upon motion of Alderman Felser, seconded by Alderman Jackson and carried.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF SAVANNAH CODE OF ORDINANCE, PART 6, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE CC, ENTITLED “FESTIVALS”; TO REMOVE CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE FESTIVAL ORDINANCE GOVERNING DISPENSING OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN FESTIVAL AREAS; TO ESTABLISH AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

Section 1. The City of Savannah Code of Ordinances, Part 6, Chapter 1, Article CC, entitled “Festivals”, shall be amended by deleting Section 6-2426 and Section 6-2427 of the ordinance.

Section 2. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 3. This ordinance shall become effective upon passage by the Mayor and Aldermen.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED: FEBRUARY 12, 2009.

RESOLUTIONS

BE IT RESOLVED AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah in regular meeting of Council assembled, that the foregoing recommendation is hereby adopted and approved upon motion of Alderman Thomas, seconded by Alderman Felser and carried.

St. Patrick’s Day Festival 2009. A review has been conducted of the night time activities associated with St. Patrick’s Day. Based on this review and based on public input, recommend approval of a resolution to designate March 16 and March 17 as the festival days for the St. Patrick’s Day Festival 2009; to designate the area bounded by the Savannah River on the north, Factors Walk on the south, Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard on the west, and East Broad Ramp on the east as the River Street Controlled Zone; to designate the nonprofit Savannah Waterfront Association to organize and manage festival activities within the Controlled Zone; to authorize the City Manager to implement regulations and controls for the River Street Controlled Zone during the hours of 8:00a.m. on March 16 to 3:00a.m. on March 17 and 8:00a.m. on March 17 to 3:00a.m. on March 18; and to set the wrist band fee at \$5.00.

A RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE MARCH 16TH AND MARCH 17TH AS THE FESTIVAL DAYS FOR THE ST. PATRICK’S DAY FESTIVAL 2009; AND TO DESIGNATE THE AREA BOUNDED BY THE SAVANNAH RIVER ON THE NORTH, FACTORS WALK ON THE SOUTH, MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BOULEVARD ON THE WEST, AND EAST BROAD RAMP ON THE EAST AS THE RIVER STREET CONTROLLED ZONE.

WHEARAS, the Festival Ordinance of 1999, Section 6-2423, provides that on the recommendation of the City Manager, the Mayor and Aldermen may designate and name certain community festival days, including the “St. Patrick’s Day Festival, “ and during such festival days authorize cultural and entertainment events and initiate the regulatory provision of the ordinance within the festival area.

WHEREAS, the Festival Ordinance of 1999, Section 6-2425, provides that upon recommendation of the City Manager, the Mayor and Aldermen may designate one or more Controlled Zones within the Festival Area, and may authorize the City Manager to implement regulations and controls which will be specific for each designated Controlled Zone and the Mayor and Aldermen may

designate and authorize a non-profit tax-exempt organization or similar entity to organize and manage festival activities within the Controlled Zone.

AND WHEREAS, the City Manager has recommended designation of the St. Patrick's Day Festival 2009 and designation of a River Street Controlled Zone.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that March 16th and March 17th are designated as the festival days for the St. Patrick's Day Festival 2009 and that the Savannah Waterfront Association is designated and authorized to organize and manage festival activities within the Controlled Zone.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the River Street area bounded by the Savannah River on the north, Factors Walk on the south, Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard on the west, and East Broad Ramp on the east is designated as a Controlled Zone; and that the City Manager is authorized to implement regulations and controls for the River Street Controlled Zone during the hours of 8:00 a.m. on March 16 to 3:00 a.m. on March 17 and 8:00 a.m. on March 17 to 3:00 a.m. on March 18.; and that such Control Zone not include gating; and that the fee as authorized by Section 6-2425 shall be \$5.00; and that the City will monitor and audit wrist band sales and report by May 15; and that entertainment on Rousakis Plaza will end at 12 a.m. on March 16th and 17th.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED: FEBRUARY 12, 2009.

BE IT RESOLVED AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah in regular meeting of Council assembled, that the foregoing recommendation is hereby adopted and approved upon motion of Alderman Thomas, seconded by Alderman Jackson and carried.

St. Patrick's Day Festival Review Committee. A resolution to provide that a special St. Patrick's Day Festival review committee shall be established and shall include community stakeholders to make findings and recommendations for St. Patrick's Day festivals for at least a five (5) year period into the future with the requirement that such committee shall report by October 1, 2009.

Alderman Thomas asked for a point of clarity on item 17.3 Mr. Mayor, will you be establishing that committee or will the council. Will we be establishing it as the council or will the City Manager's Office establish it. Mayor Johnson stated he has asked that the city manager provides to him a list of the constituent groups that were represented on the previous review committee. We will review that, see if other constituents need to be approved then this council will nominate people to serve on that committee.

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A ST. PATRICK'S DAY FESTIVAL REVIEW COMMITTEE.

WHEREAS: The Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah desire to improve long range planning for St. Patrick's Day Festivals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah, that a special St. Patrick's Day Festival Review Committee shall be established to make findings and recommendations for St. Patrick's Day festivals for at least a five-year period into the future.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that the St. Patrick's Festival Review Committee shall include community stakeholders appointed by the Mayor and Aldermen.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the St. Patrick's Festival Review Committee shall submit a long range plan containing its findings and recommendations to the Mayor and Aldermen by October 1, 2009.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED: FEBRUARY 12, 2009.

BE IT RESOLVED AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah in regular meeting of Council assembled, that the foregoing recommendation is hereby adopted and approved upon motion of Alderman Jones, seconded by Alderman Jackson and carried.

Quit Claim Deed - Bonnie and Hollis Scoville. A resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign the quit claim deed transferring the unopened portion of Hale Lane lying adjacent to Lot 133, Hulin Ward to the adjoining property owners, Bonnie and Hollis Scoville. On May 21, 2008, Council approved Petition 11097 in which Bonnie Scoville requested that the City quit claim two unopened lanes adjacent to her property at 604 Atkinson Avenue, PIN 2-0040-14-004. One of these rights-of-way is Hale Lane, five feet in width, according to Tax Assessor records, running between Atkinson Avenue on the west and Vinson Avenue on the east. The other is Atkinson Lane, a 15 foot lane which runs from Hale Street on the north to the afore-mentioned Hale Lane. The lanes are partially blocked by fences and portable buildings and are currently used only as additional driveway and parking areas for the residents. Council declared the unopened rights-of-way surplus to the needs of the City and approved the request to quit-claim either or both of these lanes to the interested adjoining property owners. Staff has received responses from two of the three other property owners, who have waived their interest in the rights-of-way, but has been unable to contact the owner of the property adjacent to Atkinson Lane. At this time, staff is requesting that Council approve deeding only that portion of Hale Lane lying adjacent and to the south of the petitioner's property. Staff will continue its attempts to contact the remaining property owner in the hope of disposing of the entire right-of-way.

City Manager Brown recommended approval of this quit claim deed at Hale Lane.

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE GRANTING OF A DEED TO BONNIE B. SCOVILLE AND HOLLIS G. SCOVILLE FOR THAT PORTION OF THE UNOPENED RIGHT-OF-WAY KNOWN AS HALE LANE LYING ADJACENT TO 604 ATKINSON AVENUE.

WHEREAS, the within described property was declared surplus to the City's needs on the 21st day of May, 2008; and

WHEREAS, under O.C.G.A. section 32-7-4, the City of Savannah may offer such property for sale to the adjacent owners; and

WHEREAS, Bonnie B. Scoville and Hollis G. Scoville are the owners of the adjacent property on the north side of the subject portion of the right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, the adjoining property owners on the south side of said right-of-way have waived their interest in the property; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah have approved the transfer of the property to Bonnie B. Scoville and Hollis G. Scoville; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah in regular meeting of Council assembled, that the City Manager is authorized to execute a Quit Claim Deed to Bonnie B. Scoville and Hollis G. Scoville, to the property described herein, and the Clerk of Council to attest said Deed and affix the City's seal.

All that certain lot, tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the City of Savannah, Chatham County, Georgia, known on a map or plan of said City as that portion of unopened Hale Lane lying adjacent to Lot 133, Hulin Ward, Twickenham Annex Subdivision, as shown on a plat of said subdivision prepared by Percy Sugden, C.E., dated February 25, 1920, and recorded in Map Book 1, Page 189, Chatham County

records, said parcel being bounded on the north by Lot 133. Hulin Ward, on the west by Atkinson Avenue, on the south by Lots 31, 32, 33, and 34, Hulin Ward, and on the east by the remainder of said Hale Lane.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 12TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2009.

BE IT RESOLVED AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah in regular meeting of Council assembled, that the foregoing recommendation is hereby adopted and approved upon motion of Alderman Stuber, seconded by Alderman Sprague and carried.

Economic and Environmental Collaboration Agreement with the City of Vaxjo, Sweden. A resolution agreeing to pursue an Economic and Environmental Collaborative Agreement between the City of Savannah and the City of Vaxjo, Sweden. Both cities have committed to reducing their carbon emissions by taking specific actions. The City of Savannah is a leader in the southeast on climate change initiatives and is the first city in the State of Georgia to accept the Governor's Challenge to reduce energy consumption by 15% by 2020. Likewise, the City of Vaxjo, Sweden is a leader in climate change in Europe. Vaxjo has reduced carbon emissions 32% per capita between 1993 and 2007 using an Environmental Management System and has been named the "Greenest City in Europe." The Collaboration Agreement supports and encourages opportunities for mutually beneficial practical exchanges in the fields of innovation, economic development and environmental sustainability.

City Manager Brown stated Mr. Mayor this is the item that was previously discussed about our Swedish partnership. This is actually an economic and environmental collaboration agreement with Vaxjo, Sweden. He recommended approval. Alderman Stuber made a motion for approval, seconded by Alderman Sprague. Mayor Johnson asked Alderman Stuber if he would like to make a comment. Alderman Stuber stated he wanted to repeat what he told the mayor in the workshop that our international initiatives in China, Chile, Nigeria and now Sweden are great ways to step out in front as most new investments in this country and particularly in Georgia. Over half of it comes from outside of the United States so this he believes puts us in a position to be proactive in the international community and global economy.

**City of Savannah, Georgia
And
Vaxjo, Sweden
Economic & Environmental Collaboration Agreement**

The Cities of Savannah, Georgia and Vaxjo, Sweden do hereby proclaim the following:

WHEREAS, the Cities of Savannah, Georgia and Vaxjo, Sweden share core values of quality of life, innovation, entrepreneurship, economic opportunity, and environmental sustainability, and

WHEREAS, the Cities of Savannah, Georgia and Vaxjo, Sweden are committed to reducing their respective carbon footprints over a designated period of time, and

WHEREAS, the Cities of Savannah, Georgia and Vaxjo, Sweden are recognized as leading municipalities within the State of Georgia and Sweden, respectively, in energy conservation and sustainable development, and

WHEREAS, we encourage greater friendship and understanding between the City of Savannah and Vaxjo through direct personal contact and commerce, and

WHEREAS, in order to work strategically towards shared goals, the people of Savannah and Vaxjo, in a gesture of friendship and goodwill, agree to collaborate for the mutual benefit of their communities by exploring innovation, economic development opportunities and environmental sustainability, and

WHEREAS, we agree to support and encourage opportunities for mutually beneficial practical exchanges in the fields of innovation, economic development, and environmental sustainability,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Savannah and Vaxjo hereby proclaim this collaboration agreement and declare their intent to abide by these principles.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 12TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2009.

BE IT RESOLVED AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah in regular meeting of Council assembled, that the foregoing recommendation is hereby adopted and approved upon motion of Alderman Jackson, seconded by Alderman Thomas and carried.

Quit Claim Deed – Beharry Construction, Inc. A resolution to authorize granting a Quit Claim Deed to Beharry Construction, Inc. for the property known as 0 Mosley Street and identified as PIN 2-0039-07-003, Lot 31 and the Eastern 12 feet of Lot 30, Block 10, Jenkins Ward, Savannah, Chatham County, Georgia, in consideration of all taxes and assessments having been satisfied and the petitioner’s ownership interest. (See “PETITIONS”.)

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE GRANTING A QUIT CLAIM DEED TO BEHARRY CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 0 MOSLEY STREET AND IDENTIFIED AS PIN 2-0039-07-003, LOT 31 AND THE EASTERN 12 FEET OF LOT 30, BLOCK 10, JENKINS WARD, SAVANNAH, CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA.

WHEREAS, on the 12th day of February, 2009, the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah, upon petition of Beharry Construction, Inc, to redeem the property identified as PIN 2-0039-07-003, Lot 31 and the Eastern 12 feet of Lot 30, Block 10, Jenkins Ward, Savannah, Chatham County, Georgia, and that said property be conveyed to Beharry Construction, Inc., upon the payment of all taxes and/or assessments due; and

WHEREAS, the granting of said conveyance by Quit Claim Deed is approved upon evidence that all taxes and assessments have been satisfied on said property; and the petitioner has ownership interest in said property.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved and approved by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah assembled that a Quit Claim Deed be executed conveying PIN 2-0039-07-003, Lot 31 and the Eastern 12 feet of Lot 30, Block 10, Jenkins Ward, situated in the City of Savannah, Chatham County, Georgia, and the City Manager and Clerk of Council are hereby authorized and directed to execute such a Quit Claim Deed as is necessary to effectuate the transfer of all or the rights, title, interest and equity the City of Savannah has in and to said property.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 12TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2009.

TRAFFIC ENGINEERING REPORTS

BE IT RESOLVED AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah in regular meeting of Council assembled, that the foregoing recommendation is hereby adopted and approved upon motion of Alderman Thomas, seconded by Alderman Felser and carried.

Speed Limit Reduction – Coffee Bluff Road South of Back Street. We received a citizen complaint about the excessive speed of traffic entering the marina in the last block of Coffee Bluff Road south of Back Street. The request was for a stop sign to be posted

on Coffee Bluff Road, resulting in a multi-way stop for this intersection. However, volumes at this intersection are extremely low, and there is no history of any reported accidents, so multiway stop signs are not warranted. However, due to the site being a recreation area, Traffic Engineering is recommending reducing the posted speed limit to 15 MPH, which is consistent with other roadways in recreation areas of the City, such as River Street and Daffin Park. The current posted speed limit for Coffee Bluff Road north of Back Street is 30 MPH, and south of Back Street it is 25 MPH. Sight line concerns for the intersection have already been addressed. An “intersection advance” warning sign will be posted, in addition to the existing “reduced speed ahead” sign for southbound traffic, which will be relocated. Recommend reducing the posted speed limit on Coffee Bluff Road south of Honeybee Road to 15 MPH.

BIDS, CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS

Upon the motion of Alderman Thomas, seconded by Alderman Felser and carried, the following **bids, contracts and agreements** were approved:

Forsyth Fort Restoration – Contract Modification 1 – Project No. PB-412. A great deal of progress has been made on the very challenging restoration of Forsyth Fort. When completed – projected in June 2009 – this project will not only restore a significant historic landmark, but will also provide a year-round venue for numerous events, and add important amenities such as bathrooms and visitor information to one of the most enjoyed parks in the City. While progress has been made, we have run into some problems that need to be addressed to bring the project to full completion:

- The extent of the substandard work and materials on this 1904 building are forcing us to demolish more walls than was originally estimated.
- As work progressed, the ancient brick drainage line directly under the north wall of the fort was in danger of collapse, forcing the contractor to remove the pipe and replace the substandard soils below the north wall.
- We determined it was better to relocate the existing electrical service to the Drayton side of the fort.

Recommend approval of a \$274,844 contract modification to Southeastern Sales Enterprises. The additional work is 5.9% of the original \$4,585,000 contract amount and is less than the \$5.1 million second lowest bid. (Also, it should be noted that this same contract modification for the additional work and materials would have been needed with the second low bidder.) The overall project cost is still within the budget presented to the Mayor and Aldermen. Funds are available in Account No. PB412.

Motorola Service Contract – One Time Purchase – Requisition No. 09174785. Approved to procure a six month service contract for maintenance and repair of radio and dispatching equipment associated with the Metro dispatch center, Fire Dispatch, the four radio sites owned by the City and County (Kerry Street, South Side, Pooler, Tybee) and the master computer site jointly owned by the City and County located at the County Courthouse. The Motorola contract is set up for six month intervals because it is a shared contract with the County. The \$60,614.76 is the City portion of the six month total of \$121,229.52. The offer was opened and reviewed. Delivery: As Needed. Terms: Net-30 Days.

The bidder was:

S.S.(D) Motorola

\$ 60,614.76

Funds are available in the 2009 Budget, Account No. 611-1140-51251. A Pre-Bid Conference was not conducted as this is a sole source purchase. (D)Indicates non-local non-minority owned business.

Parts for Digital Parking Meters – Sole Source Purchase – Requisition No. 09171469. Approved to procure 315 coin and card mechanisms and various other parts for digital parking meters from POM, Inc. in the amount of \$40,163.60. The parts will be used by Parking Services to repair parking meters. The reason for the sole source is that POM, Inc. is the manufacturer and sole distributor of the parts. The offer was received January 29, 2009. Delivery: 2 Weeks. Terms: Net-30 Days.

The bidder was:

S.S.(D) POM, Inc. \$ 40,163.60

Funds are available in the 2009 Budget, Account No. 561-1113-51335. A Pre-Bid Conference was not conducted as this is a sole source purchase. (D)Indicates non-local non minority owned business.

Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus – Annual Contract – Bid No. 09.001. Awarded an annual contract to procure 16 self-contained breathing apparatus from International Safety Instruments, Inc. in the amount of \$51,090.00. The breathing apparatus will be used by Savannah Fire and Emergency Services for hazardous conditions. Although several solicitations were made, only one bid was received. The bid was received January 27, 2009. This bid has been advertised, open and reviewed. Delivery: As Needed. Terms: Net-30 Days.

The bidder was:

L.B.(D) International Safety Instruments, Inc. \$ 51,090.00

Funds are available in the 2009 Budget, Account No. 101-5140-51250. A Pre-Bid Conference was conducted and no vendors attended. (D)Indicates non-local non-minority owned business.

Severe Duty Rear Loader Refuse Bodies – One Time Purchase – Requisition No. 09188149. Approved to procure seven rear loader refuse bodies from Consolidated Disposal Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$408,800.00. The bodies will be used by Sanitation to replace units 2710, 2711, 2712, 2713, 6712, 6714 and 6715 which are no longer economical to operate or repair. In October 2006, Consolidated Disposal was awarded Bid No. 06.280 for rear loader refuse bodies. Due to the increase in the cost of raw materials, the price offered for this purchase is 7.8% higher than the 2006 bid price but is less than the second low bid. Bids were received August 25, 2006. This bid has been advertised, opened and reviewed. Delivery: 60-90 Days. Terms: Net-30 Days.

The bidders were:

L.B.(D) Consolidated Disposal Systems, Inc.	\$ 408,800.00
Mark Equipment, LLC	\$ 409,080.00
Nu-Life Environmental	\$ 444,318.00
McNeilus	\$ 450,737.00
Heil Environmental Industries, Ltd.	\$ 454,825.00

Funds are available in the 2009 Budget, Account No. 613-9230-51515. A Pre-Bid Conference was not conducted. (D)Indicates non-local non-minority business.

Roll-off Trucks – One Time Purchase – Requisition No. 09188150. Approved to procure 4 roll-off trucks from Savannah Freightliner Sterling in the amount of \$487,564.00. Three of the trucks will replace 2716, 3706 and 3707 for Commercial Refuse and one will replace 2717 for Refuse Disposal. All of the vehicles were scheduled for replacement because they are no longer economical to repair or operate. In September 2008 Freightliner of Savannah was awarded Bid No. 08.196 and they have

offered to hold the bid price for this purchase. The reason for not originally selecting the low bidder, EnviroWaste Equipment, is that the equipment that they offered did not meet specifications in several areas. Bids were received September 11, 2008. This bid has been advertised, opened and reviewed. Delivery: 90-120 Days. Terms: Net-30 Days.

The bidders were:

L.B.(D) Freightliner of Savannah	\$ 487,564.00
+ EnviroWaste Equipment, Inc.	\$ 441,256.00
Roberts International Truck	\$ 515,505.96
Asbell Truck Center	\$ 516,756.00
Bunch Truck and Equipment	\$ 519,944.00
Volvo and GMC Truck Center of Georgia	\$ 539,940.00

Funds are available in the 2009 Budget, Account No. 613-9230-51515. A Pre-Bid Conference was not conducted. (D)Indicates non-local non-minority owned business; +Indicates low bidder did not meet specifications.

Revolving Broom Sweepers – One Time Purchase – Requisition No.09188205.

Approved to procure 2 revolving broom sweepers from Tractor & Equipment Company in the amount of \$241,000.00. The sweepers will be utilized by the Street Sweeping Department to replace 4710 and 4711 which are no longer economical to operate or repair. In June 2007, Tractor & Equipment was awarded Bid No. 07.122 and they have offered to hold the bid price for this purchase. Pricing was solicited from all known sources, but only one bid was received. The bid was received May 22, 2007. Delivery: 90 Days. Terms: Net-30 Days.

The bidder was:

L.B.(D) Tractor & Equipment Company	\$ 241,000.00
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Funds are available in the 2009 Budget, Account No. 612-9230-51515. A Pre-Bid Conference was not conducted. (D)Indicates non-local non-minority owned business.

Dean Forest Road 24" Water Transmission Main Project No. WT-925-05 (Formerly WT-905-96).

Approved of Contract Modification 1 to Hussey, Gay, Bell & DeYoung in the amount of \$89,044.00. The original project included design and construction services for a proposed 24" water transmission main along Dean Forest Road. The proposed water transmission main will connect the Industrial and Domestic (I&D) surface water system at Travis Field to the Southbridge water system, which is supplied by groundwater. The support, design and bidding services were completed under this agreement; however, construction and closeout services were not performed because the proposed Daimler/Chrysler development did not proceed. The water transmission main is now needed to expand the service area for the I&D surface water system to comply with State mandated reductions in withdrawals from the groundwater supply. The original engineering agreement was approved by City Council in March, 2003. The contract modification includes engineering services including surveying services, updated utility locations, redesign where necessary, permitting, and bidding services. The original design of these facilities was performed in order to serve the Mega Site. Even though this did not proceed the infrastructure along this corridor still needs to be improved. The fees for construction and closeout services will be increased based on the updated hourly rates for these services. Recommend approval of Contract Modification 1 to Hussey, Gay, Bell and DeYoung in the amount of \$89,044.00. Funds are available in Account No. 311-9207-52842-WT925-05.

Strain Poles and Mast Arms – One Time Purchase – Quotation No. 09.010.

Approved to procure three steel strain poles from Southern Lighting & Traffic Systems in the amount of \$34,660.00. The poles will be used by Traffic Engineering to install new signals at Chatham and Southern Boulevard and to replace stock utilized for the W. River Street signal. Bids were received January 21, 2009. This bid has been advertised, opened and reviewed. Delivery: 90 Days. Terms: Net-30 Days.

The bidders were:

L.B.(D) Southern Lighting & Traffic Systems	\$ 34,660.00
Hagemeyer	\$ 36,871.00
(E) Mayer Electric Supply Co., Inc.	\$ 42,975.00
J Moore Electrical Contractors	\$ 45,058.00
Savannah Winlectric Co.	\$ 46,337.00

Funds are available in the 2009 Budget, Account No. 311-9207-52842-TE103 and OP327. A Pre-Bid Conference was not conducted as this is a request for quotation. (D)Indicates non-local non-minority owned business; (E) Indicates local woman owned business.

WaterSmart Landscape Challenge. Approved to procure landscape design services for a demonstration garden in the amount of \$35,000.00 through a waterSmart Landscape Challenge competition. The competition and demonstration garden will promote public awareness of water-efficient landscaping and irrigation techniques. The City of Savannah has partnered with the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) to create a new outdoor water conservation campaign. Landscape designers have been invited to submit proposals to install a sustainable, water-efficient public demonstration garden for Bryan Square on Hutchinson Island. The project budget is \$35,000.00.

The waterSmart demonstration garden project’s main objectives are to:

- Promote water conservation and education;
- Highlight the creative potential of waterSmart landscape principles;
- Help homeowners realize that water-efficient landscapes can be beautiful, easily maintained, and cost effective; and
- Promote the City’s commitment to water conservation which will assist with new EPD water permits requirements.

In order to maximize public awareness, proposals will be evaluated in a two rounds. In the first round, a panel of nine landscaping professionals, City officials and staff, and knowledgeable personalities will select between two and four top designs that meet all criteria as specified in the Request for Proposal. In the second round, residents of Savannah and across the state will select the final design by voting online. Announcement of the winning design and completion of the installation will occur by May 31, 2009. Recommend approval to contract in the amount of \$35,000.00 with the winner of the competition. Funds are available from Park and Tree (\$10,000.00) and Water and Sewer (\$25,000).

Baseball Scoreboards for Paulson Softball Complex – One Time Purchase – Bid No. 08.333. Approved to procure five scoreboards from Electro-Mech Scoreboard in the amount of \$26,750.00. The scoreboards will be used by Buildings and Grounds to replace broken and outdated scoreboards. Bids were received January 13, 2009. This bid has been advertised, opened and reviewed. Delivery: 4 Weeks. Terms: Net-30 Days.

The bidders were:

L.B.(D) Electro-Mech Scoreboard	\$ 26,750.00
Daktronics, Inc.	\$ 36,850.00

Funds are available in the 2009 Budget, Account No. 311-9207-52842-PB324. A Pre-Bid Conference was conducted and two vendors attended. (D)Indicates non-local non-minority owned business.

FAA Grant Offer – Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport. The Savannah Airport Commission approved an Airport Improvement Program (AIP) grant offer in the amount of \$ 1,305,111.00 from the FAA (Federal Aviation Administration) for the Taxiway “A” Extension Phase I; Rehabilitate Taxiways B North, B2, C3, and E1;

Taxiway “B” Extension Phase II; Runway Redesignation project at the Airport. The signed Grant is due back to the FAA by February 20, 2009.

Rehabilitate Taxiways B North, B2, C3, and E1 FAA Grant Offer – Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport. The Savannah Airport Commission is authorized to enter into a contract with R.B. Baker Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$733,686.25 for the Rehabilitate Taxiways B North, B2, C3 and E1 project, which will be funded by a FAA grant.

Bids were opened on Tuesday, February 10, 2009. The bidders were:

L.B.	R.B. Baker Construction, Inc.	\$ 733,686.25
	Carroll & Carroll	\$ 863,589.00
	APAC-Southeast	\$ 980,479.00
	Ellis Wood Contracting, Inc.	\$ 994,410.15
	J. Malever Construction Co., Inc.	\$ 1,023,177.30

Integrated Perimeter Security Intrusion Detection System- Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport. The Savannah Airport Commission has been authorized to enter into a contract with Reynolds, Smith and Hills, Inc.(RS&H) in the amount of \$ 169,379.00 to design the Integrated Perimeter Security Intrusion Detection System for the Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport.

RS&H has submitted a proposal for \$ 169,379.00 to design, oversee installation and integrate a comprehensive intrusion detection alarm and access control system around the perimeter of the Air Operations Area (AOA). This system will enhance the security and safety of the AOA by identifying, alarming and tracking unauthorized personnel and vehicles approaching or attempting to enter the AOA area. The system will also identify and alarm for wildlife activity in and around the AOA area. RS&H has a 5-year contract with the SAC for engineering services as needed.

Water and Sewer Agreement – America’s Best Value Inn. Gokul Lodging, LLC has requested a water and sewer agreement for America’s Best Value Inn. The water and sewer systems have adequate capacity to serve this 26-equivalent residential unit development on Ogeechee Road. The agreement is consistent with policy directives given by the Mayor and Aldermen and has been reviewed and approved by the City Attorney for legal format.

Water and Sewer Agreement-Chatham Parkway Lexus. Pittman REH, LLC has requested a water and sewer agreement for Chatham Parkway Lexus. The water and sewer systems have adequate capacity to serve this 27-equivalent residential unit development Chatham Parkway. The agreement is consistent with policy directives given by the Mayor and Aldermen and has been reviewed and approved by the City Attorney for legal format.

Mayor Johnson asked City Manager Brown is there anything else on the agenda today. City Manager Brown stated no sir. Mayor Johnson asked is there anything else on the agenda today? City Attorney Blackburn stated no sir. Mayor Johnson asked did any council members want to make a final statement? Alderman Thomas wanted to announce for those who had not seen it in the paper on May 7th through 9th, the City of Savannah has been selected by the National League of Cities Community and Economic Development National Steering Committee to host its spring meeting here in Savannah. We will be welcoming about seventy-five representatives from around the country to discuss community and economical development. Mayor Johnson stated that is the result of our traveling and participating in these various national organizations. It has payback and you have got to invest to get a dividend and when we move up to leadership positions in these organizations it is customary that meetings be held in the cities of the leaders of

these groups. We get the hotel/motel taxes and whatever else comes with seventy-five people coming, that is what we are going to get. Another meeting is going to take place this week and Mr. Johnson is gone but the National Association of Black Public Administrators is having their meeting here. In May, he is the Chairman of the Council of the National League of Cities Council on Youth Education and Families. They will be meeting here. Alderman Jackson has had the WIMG group with how many people. Alderman Jackson stated about the total is about forty or fifty. Mayor Johnson stated Alderman Osborne is working with NBC-LEO, sooner or later, they are going to have a meeting here. Alderman Osborne asked to make a comment if she could, NBC-LEO had its winter meeting in Washington. She came directly from the airport to their meeting here today. It is very exciting because their February meeting is lobbying on the hill so while they hardly got to see anybody because they were there battling over the stimulus package. They saw the Chiefs of Staff. Senator Clyburn from South Carolina hosted them in his office with his Chief of Staff. They divided up into groups. She had the privilege of meeting with Senator Murray's Chief of Staff, Gerry Fialo. She was very pleased because they are very dedicated to funding of the Workforce Reinvestment Act and that is a very important thing for us in our community because if you don't train people you do not have workers. We need the skilled workers here in the community. She was very impressed and the money is going to be there. The good thing about it is the way to write waivers so that we can get the money the way we want it. Thank you. Mayor Johnson asked Alderman Johnson how many people are going to be coming to the city? Alderman Johnson stated we have about 125 folks from all over the country that are in city and county management. He stepped out because he got a phone call from some that are checking in as we speak and his goal is to have them to buy real estate in the City of Savannah and have them spend as much money as they possibly can in the City of Savannah because Savannah is the best secret that they have never known about. After they leave this weekend they will know about Savannah. Thank you Mr. Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem for your support and also the City Manager and the Assistant City Manager, Rochelle Small Toney because again this is how we showcase our city by bringing people here. Mayor Johnson stated he just wanted to make sure our citizens understand that when we are attending these meetings that we are not on a junket or a holiday. We are working on many of the important issues of the day and because we are there and we attend and participate, we get the payback in having those constituent groups come to our city and contribute to our economic wellbeing. Is there anything else? Alderman Felser stated we had a very successful book fair that was well attended. He thinks we are well on our way to establishing another successful annual festival. Alderwoman Mary Ellen Sprague and he attended. It was a nice crowd. Thank God the weather was good but it was wonderful and maybe other councilmen as well but he thinks that we have several festivals that are really soaking up and growing. That is a good thing. Alderman Johnson stated he would be remised if he did not mention the Black Heritage Festival and he knew he was there and Mayor Johnson was there and several other council members as well. It is growing particularly the Savion Glover event on Wednesday which was very well received. As a matter of fact well after eleven o'clock, Mr. Glover was still there talking to young kids who all of the sudden now really want to be able to dance. The reality is when we expose our young people and change their experiences we can expect different outcomes. Thank you particularly the City of Savannah on behalf of the Black Heritage Festival because it is getting better every year. Alderman Osborne stated to the City Manager, she and Alderman Johnson share mutual boundaries sometimes in the district, District 1 and District 2. We are very pleased that the Alice-Tattnall Drainage Project is a done deal. It benefits both the residents in that area as well as residents on the Eastside. For that reason she had Mr. Sidney J. Johnson as her guest to represent the Eastside of Savannah because the water will now flow east to west and west to east. We are thankful Mr. City Manager. Keep on draining. Mayor Johnson thanked all of the council members for their commitment and participation. We do great credit to our community to be a city of this size and to have the national presence that they have. Alderman Stuber is on an international environmental group. We are just all over the place. Our citizens need to know that and they need to have some appreciation of the fact that any other city in the country would be hard pressed to have the level of leadership among its members that they have on these national and international groups so without any further back slapping. Alderman Jackson thanked the council members and staff with her mother having a stroke for being there for her and she is in Savannah now and she is recovering. Thank you very much for all of your support.

Mayor Johnson stated we continue to lift up our prayers for our clerk and we hope to see her soon back on the job.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Dyanne C. Reese", written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Dyanne C. Reese
Clerk of Council