



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Aldermen

FROM: Michael Brown, City Manager *Michael*

SUBJECT: Upcoming City Council Workshop on Poverty

DATE: March 5, 2021

The City Council workshop on March 11, 2021 will include a presentation on Poverty and the City's efforts to address long-standing barriers that prevent families from advancing to economic self-sufficiency. This workshop is a follow-up to the adoption 2021 Budget and Policy Document which identified five top priorities moving forward

- Poverty, especially childhood poverty
- Income Inequality
- Violent Crime
- Affordable Housing
- Blight Eradication

I can affirm that previous City Councils have been extremely concerned and have taken significant steps to address the above challenges. Moving forward, we must work toward a plan to advance a partnership between citizens and the City of Savannah to appropriately address areas of focus and make sure everyone understands, is involved, and takes responsibility for their role.

Next week's workshop presentation will be the first in a two-part series addressing the issues of poverty in our community. Attached for your information are City Council's 2021 Policy Document and the PowerPoint presentation.