Good Government
Creation of a New Strategic Plan

City staff worked with hundreds of residents, community stakeholders and City Council to establish new priorities for Savannah, define what success will look like over the next seven years, and create concrete strategies on how to get there.
Adoption and Implementation of Restructuring Plan

Public

Mayor and Aldermen

City Attorney
City Clerk

Boards, Commissions & Authorities

City Manager

City Council Support Services

Police
Fire Rescue
Arena Development District
Management and Budget
Business Opportunity
Public Communications
Performance & Accountability

Municipal Operations (Chief Operating Officer)

Infrastructure & Development (Chief Development Officer)

Community Services (Chief Community Services Officer)

311 Action Center
Special Events, Film & Tourism Management
Sustainability Management
Capital Projects Management
Human Services Department
Arts, Culture & Historical Resources Department

Human Resources Department
Financial Services Department
Public Works & Water Resources Department
Development Services Department
Sanitation Department
Housing & Neighborhood Services Department

Department of Information Technology (DoIT)
Recorder’s Court Administration
Mobility Services Department
Parks & Recreation Department
Code Compliance Department

Fleet Services Department
Real Estate Services Department
Launch of New City Brand

The new City brand aligns our logo with our partners at Visit Savannah and the Savannah Economic Development Authority.
The City of Savannah communicates with our residents in a variety of ways:

- 200,381 Website Visits
- Over 70,000 calls to 311
- New electronic City Council Agenda
- Surveys
- Studies
- Improving Customer Service
- Public Input Meetings
- City Staff Interactions
- Social Media
- Online Billing
Adoption of Parking Matters Plan & Launch of Park Smart App
Public Safety
Savannah Fire

Highlights for the year include:
- Savannah Fire responded to 7,919 incidents in 2017. Of those, 927 were fires
- Validated CFAI International Accreditation
- Completed Fire Training Center construction
- Ground Broken for Sweetwater Fire Station
- Awarded a $20,000 Hartford Fire Safety Education grant in partnership with Savannah-Chatham County Public Schools
- Awarded a $55,000 GEMA grant to support Georgia Search & Rescue
- Initiated installation of Mobile Data Terminals (MDTs) in all response apparatus
The Savannah Police Department is **nationally & state accredited.**

**536** Sworn police officers

**18** New Police officers
   
   Budgeted in 2017

**23** New Police officers
   
   Budgeted in 2018

**25** New Public Safety surveillance cameras installed
Crime Stats and Initiatives

• 6% Reduction in Part 1 Crimes
• 7% Reduction in Violent Crimes
• 30% Drop in Homicides
• 102 End Gun Violence Custom notifications to Groups/Gangs
• 24% Drop in Group/Gang member shootings
• 3,300 Operation Rolling Thunder Citations for DUI, Speeding, No Seat Belts, etc.
Transition to Savannah Police Department and New Facilities
Neighborhood Revitalization
Development of Downtown Streetscape Plans
Construction of Neighborhood Entryway Signs
Alcohol Density and Hotel Overlay Districts
Short Term Vacation Rental Ordinance
Construction Underway on Cultural Arts Center
Infrastructure
Street Maintenance

- 3,548: Miles of rights of way lanes mowed
- 7,542: Feet of new sidewalk constructed
- 597: Number of sidewalk repairs made
- 4,003: Potholes repaired
- 15.9 Miles of lane overgrowth cut back
- 6.07: Miles of street resurfaced
Traffic Engineering

- 6,758: Traffic signs repaired
- 432: New traffic signs installed
- 1,102: Traffic studies performed
- 435: Pedestrian crosswalks installed
- 218: Traffic signal lamps replaced
- 75: Street miles striped
- 65: Traffic calming proposals
- 35: Citizen-requested street lights installed
- 2: Traffic Calming trial measures installed
- 4,186: Number of trees serviced
- 610: Tree stumps removed
- 219: Number of park acres maintained
- 136: Blocks of sidewalk pressure washed
- 1,486 Tree plans reviewed
Stormwater

- 3,557: Inlets cleaned
- 747: Miles of ditches mowed & treated
- 208: Pipe repairs made
- 35: Miles of pipes cleaned
Widening of Bilbo Canal and President Street Rebuild
Completion of Canal District Vision Plan
City produces 19.3 billion gallons of drinking water in 2017
Water Leaks

Water Distribution System Leak Rate / Mile

Leak Rate / Mile

Year


Leak Rate / Mile

0.0 1.0 2.0 3.0 4.0 5.0 6.0 7.0

Leak Rate / Mile

0.0 0.2 0.4 0.6 0.8 1.0 1.2 1.4 1.6 1.8 2.0 2.2 2.4 2.6 2.8 3.0 3.2 3.4 3.6 3.8 4.0 4.2 4.4 4.6 4.8 5.0 5.2 5.4 5.6 5.8 6.0 6.2 6.4 6.6 6.8 7.0

Year
Creation of Greenscapes Division
Launch of $20M Biosolids Project at President Street Water Reclamation Plant
Completed Agreement for 2 New Public Parking Decks at Savannah River Landing
Public-Private Partnership Extending Riverwalk to West River Street
Economic Strength & Poverty Reduction
Creation of Savannah Business Opportunity Program
Housing and Neighborhood Services are changing lives
Enterprise Zones Attracted $20 million in Private Investments in 2017
Implementation of Food Truck Ordinance
Creation of Hire Savannah Program

HIRE SAVANNAH
FOLLOW-UP SESSIONS

The City of Savannah is designing a program to increase hiring of Savannah residents on City contracts.
The Hire Savannah initiative will provide recruitment and training assistance to City contractors.
You are invited to join a follow-up discussion to learn more about the program and provide feedback.

YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT TO US

AUG. 16  5:30PM-7:00PM  WorkSource Coastal
AUG. 30  11:30AM-1:00PM  Moses Jackson Advancement Center
SEPT. 13  11:30AM-1:00PM  Savannah Entrepreneurial Center
SEPT. 28  11:30AM-1:00PM  Armstrong Center
OCT.  5  5:30PM-7:00PM  Savannah Civic Center

Space is limited and light snacks will be provided. Please RSVP: (912) 334-6174

WORK SOURCE GEORGIA  savannah
Hurricane Matthew Recovery: $10.4 million FEMA reimbursement
650 Students Put to Work Since inception of Summer 500 Program
New Debt Issued in 2017

- $2 million in General Obligation Bonds
- $6.58 million in Downtown Savannah Authority Revenue Bonds
Development Services

Annual Construction Cost (Valuation) of Total Permits Issued

-$313.8M AVG YE Total

Valuation of 2017 Permits Still Under Review: $233M

11,793 Permits Issued
55,112 Inspections Conducted
13,606 Code Cases
7,125 Plan Cases
Development Services issued record number of permits in 2017

Exceeded all post-recession levels, excluding 2015 & 2016!
Development Services issued record number of permits in 2017

Exceeded all prior years on record!
State of Our Finances

A significant structural imbalance in the annual budget was addressed in 2017 through a reduction in force and new revenue sources.

Property tax digest increases 5.53%

City of Savannah Net Taxable Digest

- 2013: $4,200,000,000
- 2014: +3.22% to $4,390,000,000
- 2015: +7.29% to $4,740,000,000
- 2016: +0.46% to $4,770,000,000
- 2017: +5.53% to $5,050,000,000
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Sales tax revenue increases $2.7M in 2017
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Hotel/Motel Tax Revenue Tops $20.7M in 2017