

January 2, 2020 Inauguration

**SAVANNAH CITY GOVERNMENT  
SUMMARY/FINAL MINUTES  
INAUGURATION  
January 2, 2020 - 7:00 p.m.**

The Inauguration of the newly elected City Council was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Savannah Civic Center - Johnny Mercer Theatre.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding  
Aldерwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter, Post 1, At-Large  
Aldерwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, Post 2, At-Large  
Aldерwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1  
Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2  
Aldерwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3  
Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4  
Aldерwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5  
Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

Date: Jan 02 2020 (6:30pm)

Special Meeting Agenda Items

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# 2020 Inauguration

JANUARY 2, 2020, 6:30 PM

MUSICAL PRELUDE.....Savannah Philharmonic

SELECTION.....Mime Ministry "Cycle"  
Under New Management for Christ

WELCOME..... Co-Hosts: Dr. Bertice Berry and Mrs. Juanita Adams

INTRODUCTIONS..... Mr. Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS..... Savannah Police and Fire Honor Guard

NATIONAL ANTHEM.....Ms. Danielle Smart

CALL TO ORDER..... Mr. Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

INVOCATION..... Overseer Chief Apostle Dr. Idell Cheever  
*Founder, Pentecostal Miracle Deliverance  
Center International Ministry, Inc.*

MUSICAL SELECTION..... Ms. Emma Huennekens

OATH OF OFFICE – CITY COUNCIL.....(Administered by selected Judges and joined  
with immediate family)

**The Honorable Kesha Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman-elect.....(Oath Administered by  
The Honorable Gregory Hoover, Judge of Magistrate Court, Peach County, GA)**

**The Honorable Alicia Miller Blakely, Alderwoman-elect**

**The Honorable Bernetta B. Lanier, Alderwoman-elect**

**The Honorable Detric Leggett, Alderman-elect**

**The Honorable Kurtis Purtee, Alderman-elect..... (Oaths administered by The Honorable Tammy Stokes,  
Chief Judge, Recorder’s Court, City of Savannah)**

**The Honorable Linda Wilder-Bryan, Alderwoman-elect...(Oath administered by The Honorable Willie T. Yancey,  
Chief Judge, Municipal Court of Thunderbolt)**

**The Honorable Nick Palumbo, Alderman-elect..... (Oath administered by The Honorable William Broker  
Recorder’s Court Judge, Chatham County)**

**The Honorable Dr. Estella E. Shabazz, Alderwoman.(Oath administered by The Honorable Lisa Goldwire Colbert,  
Juvenile Court Judge, Chatham County)**

ACCEPTANCE ON BEHALF OF COUNCIL..... The Honorable Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz  
Alderwoman, District 5

SPECIAL MUSICAL SELECTION..... Ms. Huxsie Scott

OATH OF OFFICE - MAYOR

**The Honorable Van R. Johnson II, Mayor Elect..... (Oath administered by The Honorable John E. Morse, Jr.  
*Superior Court Judge Eastern Judicial Circuit  
of Georgia Chatham County Superior Court)***

THE INAUGURAL ADDRESS..... The Honorable Van R. Johnson, II  
Mayor, City of Savannah

PRAYER FOR THE CITY OF SAVANNAH..... Pastor Charles P. Roberson  
Kingdom Life Christian Fellowship

SELECTION.....“Make Them Hear You”  
Ms. Charlesetta Blake

ECUMENICAL BENEDICTION..... **Reverend William Hester**, Asbury Memorial Methodist Church  
**Father Robert Chaney**, *Resurrection of Our Lord Catholic Church*  
**Rabbi Robert Haas**, *Temple Mickve Israel*  
**Pastor Candace Hardnett**, *Agape Empowerment Ministries*  
**Reverend Michael White**, *Christ Church Savannah*  
**Iman Ibrahim Abdul-Malik**, *Masjid Jihad*  
**Reverend Richard Hall**, *Second Arnold Missionary Baptist Church*  
**Reverend Dr. Andrew Young**, *Mosaic Church (UMC) Savannah*  
**Reverend Susan Karlson**, *Unitarian Universalist Church*  
**Ms. Barbara Rudolph**, *The Bahai' Faith*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT/ADJOURNMENT.....Mayor Van R. Johnson, II

There being no further business, Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

The video recording of the Inauguration can be found by copying and inserting the below link in your url:

<https://youtu.be/z2lehCy5kPE>

Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Initials: \_\_\_\_\_