

City of Savannah
ACTION MINUTES
2021 Budget Retreat
November 16, 2021 – 8:30 a.m.
Savannah Civic Center – Ballroom (3rd Floor)

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

ALSO, PRESENT:
City Manager Joseph A. Melder
Assistant to the City Manager Joe Shearouse
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Assistant City Attorney Denise Cooper
Clerk of Council Mark Massey
Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret Fox
Nick Zoller, Senior Director, Office of Marketing & Communications

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Purtee to offer the Invocation.

The following agenda was used to conduct the Budget Retreat, as provided by the Office of Management & Budget noting the additional City officers and employees who were present.

8:30 AM **Budget Workshop Opening** (*Breakfast will be served*)

9:00 AM **Call to Order** Van R. Johnson II, *Mayor*

9:05 AM **FY22 Proposed Budget Overview** Jay Melder, *City Manager*

9:30 AM **FY21-22 Financial Update** David Maxwell, Melissa Carter, *Finance & Budget*

9:50 AM **Morning Break**

10:00 AM **American Rescue Plan Spending Framework** Jay Melder, *City Manager*

10:20 AM **Going Big on Housing, Homelessness & Family Supports** Martin Fretty, *Sr. Director, Housing & Neighborhood Services* & Kerri Reid, *Sr. Director, Human Services*

- Proposing Historic Investments in Housing Affordability
- Funding Solutions to Homelessness
- Adding More Capacity Through Community Partnerships

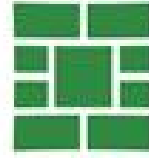
11:30 AM **Keeping Savannah Safe** Taffanye Young, *Chief Community Services*

- Bringing a Whole-of-Government Approach to Eradicating Gun Violence
- Making the Investments We need in SPD, Chief Roy Minter
- Making the Investments We need in SFD, Chief Derik Minard

12:15 PM **Lunch**

1:30 PM **Investing in Our Neighborhoods** Taffanye Young, *Chief Community Services*

- Re-Imagining Recreation...in every Park, in every District



- Creating New and Improved Community Centers
- Going Further with Tide-To-Town, Nick Deffley, *Director, Sustainability* & Sean Brandon, *Director, Mobility*

2:00 PM **Getting Back-to-Basics** Heath Lloyd, *Assistant City Manager*

- Building & Maintaining Critical Infrastructure,
- Up-sizing Sanitation Services, Gene Prevatt, *Sr. Director, Sanitation*
- Modernizing our Water Meter Services and Operations
- Knowing Who to Call...SAV-311, Daphanie Williams, *Asst. to the City Manager*

2:40 PM **Investing in Team Savannah**..... Bret Bell, *Chief Operations Officer*

- Investing in Our People, Jeff Grant, *Sr. Director, Human Resources*
- Getting the Technical Tools We Need, Tim Moody, *Sr. Director, ITS*

3:00 PM **Afternoon Break**

3:15 PM **Next Steps** Jay Melder, *City Manager*

3:20 PM **Wrap-Up: Council Discussion & Direction**Van R. Johnson II, *Mayor*

4:00 PM **Adjournment**

Mayor Johnson asked the City Manager to make himself available for individual conversations pertaining to the proposed budget with City Council Members, prior to the next budget retreat scheduled to take place on Tuesday, November 30, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 3:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted (action minutes),

Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: _____

Signature: _____