

VISION SAVANNAH PLAN – CITY COUNCIL CHAMPIONS

Good Government Champion

Fiscal Responsibility	Present an extended City Council workshop to review the 2020 adopted budget.	Gibson-Carter
	Review the City's prior real estate transactions, including policies, metrics, procedures and legal requirements used to surplus/dispose of property.	Gibson-Carter, Leggett
	Review and prepare for Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) negotiations.	Palumbo
Municipal Workforce Development	Successfully manage the City Manager hiring process, including: securing a search firm, developing a job description, defining the candidate search/interview process, city manager selection and onboarding/orientation.	Johnson, Gibson-Carter
	Review the City Council Ethics Policy.	Johnson, Purtee
High Performing Government	Request proposals for a new Lobbyist.	Blakely
	Recruit citizens through an open application process and complete the appointment process to fill open seats on boards, commissions and authorities.	Johnson, Blakely
Open & Inclusive Government	Promote 2020 Census participation.	Johnson
	Review City Council meeting times to improve participation.	Johnson
	Form an advisory committee for "Savannah 2033".	Palumbo

Public Safety Champion

Readiness	Explore funding strategies to achieve staffing levels of at least 2.5 Police Officers per 1,000 residents.	Palumbo
Response	Improve responsiveness to sex crimes (i.e. bar bystander program).	Gibson-Carter
Partnerships	Reinstitute the Savannah Impact Program (SIP), a program for high-risk ex-offenders on probation who receive substance abuse counseling, work training/experience and other support services.	Johnson
Education & Prevention	Work with State legislators to advocate for the destruction of confiscated weapons.	Wilder-Bryan
	Develop a comprehensive plan to expand public safety cameras citywide.	Wilder-Bryan

Economic Strength and Poverty Reduction Champion

Business & Job Creation	Expand programming to offer a full-service Entrepreneurial Center.	Lanier, Shabazz
	Develop strategies to increase the number of certified childcare centers (Childcare centers must be licensed by the Georgia Dept. of Early Care and Learning)	Wilder-Bryan
Resilient, Diversified Economy	Champion the Logistics and Technology Corridor.	Shabazz
	Diversify economic sectors and align economic development with state strategic industries.	Shabazz
	Review the Special Events Policy with City Council.	Johnson, Wilder-Bryan
Workforce Readiness	Restructure and rebrand the Summer 500 youth employment program (e.g. elimination of drug tests, etc.).	Blakely
	Increase the skill-base of local citizens in technology (e.g. coding, film and tourism).	Shabazz
Commercial Reinvestment Inclusive Economic Growth	Develop a policy that improves access to healthy food for citizens living in food deserts (e.g. grocers, markets).	Johnson
	Review and amend the Small Business Enterprise (SBE) and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) programs.	Shabazz
	Undertake an Economic Development Assessment that takes a data-driven approach and includes a community assessment and smart growth.	Lanier, Shabazz
	Present a City Council workshop on issues associated with vacation rentals, including history, permitted areas, enforcement and state legislative activity.	Blakely

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Vibrant Neighborhoods Champion

Housing	Develop and implement a Housing Plan that addresses housing availability and affordability and includes transitional housing along with permanent housing, financing strategies and incentives, and proposed changes to local ordinances and state law.	Johnson, Purtee, Gibson-Carter, Lanier
	Reinstate the fair housing program.	Johnson
	Review Chatham County/City of Savannah Land Bank Authority policies and opportunities to partner with additional organizations to undertake more housing development activities.	Lanier
Culture & Recreation	Research the feasibility of developing a multi-use recreation facility/complex.	Blakely, Purtee
	Review community center hours, programs and staffing and change community center hours of operation based on community needs/preference.	Purtee, Leggett
Community Development	Develop and strengthen the capacity of neighborhood associations and non-profits. (501c3).	Wilder-Bryan
Neighborhood Livability	Create and administer a citywide Neighborhood Livability Index which assesses/rates physical and socio-economic neighborhood conditions, such as litter, sidewalks, housing recreation, crime, Census data, etc.	Johnson
	Explore developing a Community Benefit Agreement Strategy.	Lanier

Infrastructure and Development Champion

Planning & Zoning	Evaluate zoning code for citywide conservation overlays.	Lanier
	Work in partnership with local economic, development and planning authorities/agencies to help fund development of a 2033 Community Plan.	Palumbo
Mobility & Connectivity	Develop and provide a comprehensive list of transportation priorities to the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), which sets regional, long-term transportation policy and prioritizes projects for federal funding. (e.g. Project DeRenne)	Shabazz
Public Land & Facilities	Assess SPLOST projects and develop a plan to complete unfinished capital projects.	Leggett
	Ensure Sanitation operations and personnel are located in safe City buildings/facilities.	Blakely, Leggett
Public Infrastructure	Complete an inventory and assessment of City-owned buildings.	Shabazz
	Assess water and sewer infrastructure to track conditions and plan necessary improvements.	Shabazz
	Complete an assessment of roads, bridges and sidewalks to identify needs and develop an improvement plan.	Shabazz

Health and Environment Champion

Storm Water Management	Develop a comprehensive drainage plan for Savannah.	Shabazz
Sustainability & Resilience	Develop a Comprehensive Sustainability Plan (including tree survey, energy use, sea level rise, etc.).	Palumbo