

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  
Alderwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter, Post 1, At-Large  
Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, Post 2, At-Large  
Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1  
Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2  
Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3  
Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4  
Alderwoman 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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MUSICAL PRELUDE.....  
Savannah Philharmonic  
SELECTION.....  
Mime Ministry "Cycle"  
  
Management for Christ  
Under New  
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  
OATHS 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**..... (Oath 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 Edwards Shabazz, Alderwoman**.....  
(Oath administered by The Honorable Lisa Goldwire Colbert,  
Juvenile Court Judge, Chatham County)  
ACCEPTANCE ON BEHALF OF COUNCIL..... The Honorable Dr.

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 Savannah*

**Reverend Susan Karlson**, *Unitarian Universalist Church*

**Ms. Barbara Rudolph**, *The Bahai' Faith*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT/ADJOURNMENT.....May or 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: January 16, 2020

Initials: mm