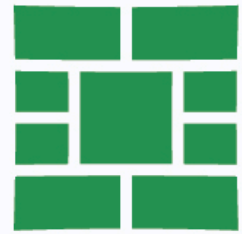


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APRIL 9, 2026 - 10:00 a.m. - SPECIAL CALLED MEETING - MOBILE WORKSHOP

CITY GOVERNMENT

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The special meeting was held at **10:04 a.m.**, aboard a Chatham Area Transit electric bus. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz, called the meeting to order, then recognized Ald. Carolyn H. Bell to offer a prayer.

PRESENT:

Alderswoman Carolyn H. Bell, At-Large, Post 1
 Alderswoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2
 Alderswoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1
 Alderswoman Linda Wilder, District 3 - Vice Chair
 Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4 - Chairman
 Alderswoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5 - Mayor Pro Tem
 Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

ABSENT:

Mayor Van R. Johnson, II
 Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Jay Melder
 Assistant City Manager Taffanye Young
 Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams
 City Attorney Bates Lovett
 Assistant City Attorney Tara Hicks
 Clerk of Council Mark Massey
 Deputy Clerk of Council Gwendolyn Jones

Special Meeting Agenda Items

1. [Mobile Workshop on Housing Toolkit Initiatives](#)
- [City Council Housing Toolkit Tour.pdf](#)
- [Zoning Tools for Housing Presentation.pdf](#)

City Manager Melder recognized Chatham Area Transit's Chairman Detric Leggett and CEO Stephanie Cutter for providing the transit bus for the mobile tour. He then gave an overview of the purpose of the mobile workshop while referencing the handouts provided to council. After the City Manager's presentation, Planning, Zoning & Urban Design Sr. Director Bridget Lidy and her staff, Assistant Director Edward Morrow, Preservation Officer Jessica Baldwin, and Planning Manager John Anagnost facilitated the tour.

The Tour Stops included the following:

1. E. 36th St (Price to Waters)
2. 1109 E. 32nd St
3. 1900 E. Victory Dr
4. 2840 Wicklow St
5. 2822 Bee Rd
6. 310 E. Montgomery Crossroads
7. 33 W. Montgomery Crossroads
8. 10010 Abercorn St
9. 14045 Abercorn St
10. 1132 Mohawk St
11. Grey Oak Court
12. 7804 Abercorn St
13. 5820 White Bluff Rd
14. 131 & 135 Fair St
15. 2601 W. Bay Street

Returned to City Hall

There were three hard stops, along the tour, to which council members exited the tour bus and interacted with presenters at two stops. The first stop was with Brianna Paxton at 1109 E. 32nd Street. Ms. Paxton presented details about the duplex that was still under construction and the benefits of the Affordable Housing Overlay District. The second hard stop was at 131 & 135 Fair Street. This location consisted of two new homes, each having an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU). At both locations council members were able to tour the properties and make further inquiries. The third stop occurred at the Southwest Library in order to take a restroom break where snacks and water were provided.

[2. Executive Session Regarding Personnel, Real Estate and Litigation; As Needed](#)

There was no Executive Session held.

[3. City Manager Updates; As Needed](#)

There was no City Manager's Update held.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz adjourned the special called meeting at 1:02 p.m. There was no action taken.

Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: _____

Signature: _____