



AUGUST 14, 2025 - SPECIAL MEETING - HEARING RE: ALCOHOL LICENSE
CITY GOVERNMENT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The special meeting was held at **6:52 p.m.**, in Council Chambers. **Mayor Johnson** called the meeting to order.

PRESENT:

- Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding
- Alderwoman Carolyn H. Bell, At-Large, Post 1
- Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2
- Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1
- Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2
- Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3 - Vice Chair
- Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4 - Chairman
- Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5 - Mayor Pro Tem
- Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

ALSO, PRESENT:

- City Manager Jay Melder
- Assistant City Manager Taffanye Young
- City Attorney Bates Lovett
- Assistant City Attorney Denise Cooper
- Clerk of Council Mark Massey
- Deputy Clerk of Council Gwendolyn Jones

Special Meeting Agenda Items

- [1. Show Cause Hearing for Henry Street Bistro, 1308 Montgomery Street To Show Cause Why Your Alcohol License Should Not Be Revoked.](#)
 - [Exhibit 1: Show Cause Notice Hearing Notification -Henry St. Bistro](#)
 - [Exhibit 2: Security Plan - Henry St. Bistro](#)
 - [Exhibit 3: Henry Street Bistro Summary Report](#)

Mayor Johnson provided an overview regarding the purpose for the show cause hearing and the process that would be exercised.

Assistant City Attorney Denise Cooper represented the city, and Attorney Courtney Gilchrist represented the Henry Street Bistro.

The following witnesses took an oath, administered by Mayor Johnson, to provide testimony during the hearing.

- Judee Jones, Revenue Director
- David Williams, owner/manager

After both attorneys presented their case, made statements and completed their questioning, members of the City Council asked questions and deliberated.

City Manager Melder made his recommendation.

Mayor Johnson moved to accept the City Manager’s recommendation to take no action at this time in good faith based upon the testimony, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Shabazz and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

There was no action taken. Mayor Johnson adjourned the special meeting at 8:11 p.m.

Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: _____

Signature: _____

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