



AUGUST 14, 2025 - 11:00 a.m. - WORKSHOP and CITY MANAGER'S BRIEFING
CITY GOVERNMENT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The work session and City Manager's briefing was held at **11:10 a.m.**, in Council Chambers. **Mayor Johnson** called the meeting to order. **Alderman Purtee** offered a prayer.

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Aldерwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2

ALSO, PRESENT:

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

Workshop Agenda Items

[1. City Manager's Update](#)

There was no City Manager's Update.

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

Mayor Johnson welcomed everyone back to City Hall and to the renovated Media Room.

City Manager Melder recognized several Aldermen/Aldерwomen by presenting them with their 5 Years of Service pin.

Mayor Johnson indicated that an executive session regarding personnel, litigation, and real estate was needed, so he asked for a motion.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the work session and enter into a closed executive session regarding personnel, litigation, and real estate, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0-0. Ald. Miller Blakely, Ald. Lanier, Ald. Leggett, and Ald. Wilder-Bryan were absent during the vote.

Mayor Johnson recessed the work session for the executive session to be held on the 3rd Floor in the City Attorney’s conference room at 11:07 a.m. No action was taken.

Ald. Palumbo moved to end the executive session/work session, seconded by Ald. Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-0. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the workshop and executive session at 1:25 p.m.

Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: _____

Signature: _____

The video recording of the Workshop can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

<https://www.youtube.com/@cityofsavannah/videos>

