



FEBRUARY 13, 2025 - 6:00 p.m. - CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

CITY GOVERNMENT

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The regular meeting of the Special Called Meeting was held at **6:18 p.m.**, in the SCCPSS Board of Education Room located at the Eli Whitney Administrative Complex, 2 Laura Avenue, Building G. **Mayor Johnson** called the meeting to order.

PRESENT:

Mayor Van R. Johnson, II

Alderswoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2

Alderswoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1

Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2

Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4 - Chairman

Alderswoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5 - Mayor Pro Tem

Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

ABSENT:

Alderswoman Carolyn H. Bell, At-Large, Post 1

Alderswoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3 - Vice Chair

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Jay Melder

Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams

City Attorney Bates Lovett

Clerk of Council Mark Massey

Assistant to Clerk of Council Renee Osborne

PUBLIC HEARINGS

[1. Public Hearing Regarding the Ability to Opt Out of the State's Version of Homestead Exemption, Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 48-5-44.2.](#)

Mayor Johnson declared the public hearing open for agenda item #1.

No speaker(s).

Ald. Leggett moved to close the public hearing for agenda item #1, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-2. Ald. Bell and Ald. Wilder-Bryan were absent.

RESOLUTIONS

[2. Approval of a Resolution by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah to Opt Out of the Homestead Exemption, Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 48-5-44.2.](#)

[RES HB581 Opt Out.jnh.01312025.docx](#)

No action taken on agenda item #2.

Upon closing the hearing, Mayor Johnson declared the public hearing adjourned at **6:19 p.m.** No action was taken.

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:

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