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**JULY 14, 2022, 12:00 p.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 12:01 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Purtee to offer a prayer.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding

Alderswoman Kesha Gibson-Carter, At-Large, Post 1  
 Alderswoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2  
 Alderswoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1  
 Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2  
 Alderswoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3  
 Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4, Vice-Chairman  
 Alderswoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5, Mayor Pro-Tem  
 Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

**ALSO, PRESENT:**

City Manager Joseph A. Melder  
 Chief of Staff, Daphanie Williams  
 City Attorney Bates Lovett  
 Clerk of Council Mark Massey  
 Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret Fox

**Workshop Agenda Items**

[1. Boards, Commissions, and Authorities](#)

[UPDATED Available Appointments to Boards-2021 as of 07-08-2022.pdf](#)

Mayor and Council reviewed the lists and made recommendations for reappointment or appointment to each Board/Commission. The designated candidates will be placed on the regular meeting agenda for approval:

**Chatham County – City of Savannah Land Bank Authority (four-year term):**

- Tomeca McPherson(D3) - Wilder-Bryan/Leggett
- Lauren M. Boles(D1) - Lanier/Gibson-Carter & Miller Blakely

**Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization Citizens Advisory Committee [CAC] (two-year term):**

- Darnell L. Johnson (D6) - Miller Blakely/Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz
- Yolandra Shipp (D3) - Palumbo/Wilder-Bryan
- Armand Turner - reappointment - unanimously

**Keep Savannah Beautiful (three-year term):**

- Patricia C. McLeod(County) - Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz/Wilder Bryan
- Cheri Dean(D1) - Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz/Wilder Bryan
- Steven C. Morgan(D2) - Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz/Wilder Bryan
- Debra Caldwell(D2) - Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz/Wilder Bryan
- Kelly Morris(Garden City) - Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz/Wilder Bryan

**Savannah Airport Commission (five-year term):**

- Darnell L. Johnson(D6) - Miller Blakely/Lanier
- Stephen Green(D2) - Leggett/Wilder-Bryan
- Sabrina E. Kent(County) Gibson-Carter/Miller Blakely

**Savannah-Chatham Council on Disability Issues (two-year term):**

- Darnell L. Johnson(D6) - Miller Blakely/Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz
- Montana L. Tohm(D1) - Lanier/Palumbo
- Stanley M. Walthour II(D5) - Wilder-Bryan/Leggett
- Jessica Auner(D6) - Purtee/Palumbo

**Traffic Calming Committee (three-year term):**

- Pastor Marsha Buford (Mayor Johnson's appointee) - Mayor Johnson/Wilder-Bryan
- David Minor (Alderwoman Miller Blakely's appointee – Post 2) - Miller Blakely/Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz

[2. FY22 Mid-Year Financial Update](#)[Exhibit 1: FY22 Mid-Year Financial Update.pptx](#)

City Manager Melder gave an overview of the mid-year financial status of the City. Senior Finance Director David Maxwell and Director of Management & Budget Melissa Carter gave the PowerPoint presentation. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board has changed the term Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) to Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR).

Mayor and Council discussed the City's financial update. Including, but not limited to, the following topics were discussed:

- contributions to pension fund, retirees cost of living adjustment.
- percentage of grant funds received.
- status of any/all proceeds received from the Enmarket Arena including parking revenue.
- city expenses per district, service increase in proportion to tax base, service delivery being equitable across the city.
- the staff addition of a diversity officer.
- all aspects of the millage rate was discussed; instituting a PILOT (Payment In Lieu of Taxes) or ordinances for collecting taxes from non-profit agencies; and extending bond issuance for local businesses.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Workshop at 1:42 p.m.

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

<https://savannahgovtv.viebit.com/player.php?hash=UV3lItBaNfWv>

Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

**Date Minutes Approved:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

