

January 2, 2024, Inauguration

JANUARY 2, 2024
SAVANNAH CITY GOVERNMENT
SUMMARY/FINAL MINUTES
INAUGURATION
January 2, 2024 - 7:00 p.m.

The Inauguration of the newly elected City Council was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Savannah Civic Center - Johnny Mercer Theatre.

PRESENT: Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding
Aldерwoman Carolyn H. Bell, Post 1, At-Large
Aldерwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, Post 2, At-Large
Aldерwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1
Aldерman Detric Leggett, District 2
Aldерwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3
Aldерman Nick Palumbo, District 4
Aldерwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5
Aldерman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

Date: January 02 2024 (7:00 p.m.)
Special Meeting Agenda Items

[1. Program](#)

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MISTRESSES OF CEREMONIES.....Mrs. Juanita Adams
Dr. Bertice Berry

MUSICAL PRELUDETeddy Adams and the Savannah Jazz Hall of Fame All Stars
Eric Brack

WELCOME.....Savannah Youth Ambassadors
Savannah Youth Council

INVOCATIONBishop Jacquelyn Gilbert- Grant
Sanctuary of Praise Christian Assembly

INTRODUCTIONS /CALL TO ORDER.....Mr. Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

PRESENTATION OF THE COLORSSavannah Police and Fire Honor Guard

NATIONAL ANTHEM.....SCAD Bee Sharps

MUSICAL SELECTION.....Ms. Kerry Fergus

OATH OF OFFICE – CITY COUNCIL

Administered by selected Judges and joined with immediate family

Carolyn H. Bell Retired Chatham County State Court Judge Ronald Ginsberg

Alicia Miller Blakely.....Chatham County Recorder's Court Judge Harris Odell, Jr

Bernetta. B. LanierChatham County Superior Court Judge Tammy Stokes

Detric LeggettChatham County Superior Court Judge Tammy Stokes

Linda Wilder-Bryan.....Municipal Court of Thunderbolt Chief Judge Willie T. Yancey

Nick PalumboChatham County Recorder's Court Judge Pro Tem William Broker

Estella Edwards ShabazzChatham County Superior Court Judge Lisa Goldwire Colbert

Kurtis PurteeChatham County Superior Court Judge Tammy Stokes

SPECIAL MUSICAL SELECTION..... Ms. Huxsie Scott

INTRODUCTION OF THE MAYOR..... Ms. Bashiah McNutt
Chairperson, Chatham County Youth Commission

OATH OF OFFICE:

Van R. Johnson IIChatham County Superior Court Judge John E. Morse, Jr.

THE INAUGURAL ADDRESSThe Honorable Van R. Johnson, II,
Mayor, City of Savannah

PRAYER FOR THE CITY OF SAVANNAHBishop Matthew M. Odum
Temple of Glory Community Church

ECUMENICAL BENEDICTION:

Pastor Ricky Temple, Overcoming By Faith Ministries
The Reverend Cam Huxford, Compassion Christian Church
Bishop Stephen D. Parkes, Diocese of Savannah
Executive Pastor Yolanda Roberson, Kingdom Life Christian Fellowship
The Reverend John G. Ruehl, White Bluff Presbyterian
Rabbi Robert Haas, Temple Mickve Israel
Pastor Candace Hardnett, Agape Empowerment Ministries
Pastor Joseph Wong, Chinese Baptist Church

Reverend Nelle Bordeaux, Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church
Pastor Samuel Rodriguez, Primera Iglesia Bautista Hispana de Savannah
The Reverend Dr. Bernard Clarke, St. Philip Monumental AME Church
Ms. Constance (Khani) Morgan, Balla'i Unity Center
Imam Ibrahim Abdul-Malik, Masjid Jihad

ADJOURNMENTMayor Van R. Johnson, II

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Ma Hanna
Thrive Catering
A Nickel Bag of Funk
Johnson's Florist

DJ Trazz (Alton Peterson)
Clerk of Council's Office
Mayor's Office
Savannah Civic Center
Stage Front
Office of Communications

There being no further business, Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 10:07 p.m.

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

<https://savannahgovtv.viebit.com/player.php?hash=n1DHpiNbhTgzJvKb>

Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: _____

Initials: _____