

**Savannah City Government
SUMMARY/FINAL MINUTES
COUNCIL WORK SESSION &
CITY MANAGER'S BRIEFING
October 27, 2016 – 10:00 a.m.**

PRESENT: Mayor Eddie W. DeLoach, Presiding
Mayor Pro-Tem Carol Bell (arrived at 10:15 a.m.)
Alderman Julian Miller, Chairman of Council
Alderman Brian Foster, Vice Chairman of Council
Aldermen John Hall, Bill Durrence, Estella Shabazz (arrived at 10:10 a.m.),
Tony Thomas (arrived at 10:15 a.m.), Van Johnson, II (arrived at 12:35 p.m.
during the Executive Session)

City Manager Rob Hernandez
City Attorney W. Brooks Stillwell

ABSENT: Assistant City Attorney William Shearouse

Mayor DeLoach called the 10:00 a.m. Council Work Session to order. City Manager Hernandez asked that the Hurricane Update be moved down on the agenda.

Health Care Update was presented by Joy Wilkinson, Interim Human Resources Director. Ms. Wilkinson stated open enrollment will begin Tuesday, November 1, 2016 and end Tuesday, November 15, 2016. (**Presentation on file in the Office of the Clerk of Council**)

One-Year Housing and Community Development 1-year Action Plan Budget Recommendations was presented by Taffanye Young, Community & Economic Development Bureau Chief, Kerri Reid, Community, Planning & Development Director and Martin Fretty, Housing Director. (**Presentation on file in the Office of the Clerk of Council**)

Alderman Shabazz asked if it is possible to have these programs expanded in other community centers the City of Savannah owns so the same types of programs can be offered. Ms. Reid stated if Council would like the programs to be expanded they can.

Alderman Thomas asked City Manager Hernandez to provide each member of Council a map which shows where programs are being administered throughout their district.

Alderman Hall requested a workshop be done to show Council where the census tracts are located throughout the districts to show the areas of poverty.

Hurricane Update was presented by David Donnelly and Gene Prevatt, Sanitation Bureau Chief

Hotel Development in the Landmark Historic District was presented by Attorney Brooks Stillwell. He stated Council asked a few weeks prior if a moratorium could be done to stop hotels from being built in residential areas and the answer is yes. However, it would have to be done for

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the particular purpose of enacting a particular type of restriction and give the MPC staff direction on drafting it in a certain amount of time. In order for it to be done the Zoning Ordinance would have to be amended at the Metropolitan Planning Commission level first. It would have to go through Public Hearings at the MPC and then come before Council for a recommendation of approval or denial.

Mayor DeLoach stated when he spoke with Attorney Stillwell he suggested the possibility of setting up an area that could be considered for large hotels and an area that could be considered for small hotels and also suggested making Liberty Street (the Historic area mostly) the cutoff point for larger hotels and any area south of that for smaller properties.

Council asked Attorney Stillwell and City Manager Hernandez to meet with MPC staff to determine the best options for hotels in the Downtown area.

In addition, Mayor DeLoach asked them to look into the proliferation of Short Term Vacation Rental properties in the Downtown area as well.

City Manager Hernandez introduced Elizabeth Taschereau, Strategic Initiatives Manager to Council and staff. He stated Ms. Taschereau will be working out of the City Manager's office and will be responsible for strategic planning, coordinating the Performance Excellence Program, and other citywide initiatives.

Executive Session

Upon motion of Alderman Miller, seconded by Alderman Durrence, and unanimously carried the agenda was amended to add Real Estate.

Upon motion of Alderman Shabazz, seconded by Alderman Durrence, and unanimously carried Council went into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Real Estate, Personnel, and Litigation.

Upon completion of the Executive Session, a motion was made by Alderman Miller, seconded by Alderman Durrence, and unanimously carried to come out of the Session.

Mayor DeLoach adjourned this meeting.



Dyanne C. Reese, MMC
Clerk of Council