

**City of Savannah  
ACTION MINUTES  
2020 Budget Workshop  
November 19, 2020 – 8:30 a.m.  
Savannah Civic Center – Johnny Mercer Theater (stage)**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding  
Alderman Kasha Gibson-Carter, Post 1, Chairman  
Alderman Alicia Miller Blakely, Post 2  
Alderman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1  
Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2  
Alderman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3  
Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4, Vice Chairman  
Alderman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5, Mayor Pro-Tem  
Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

**ALSO, PRESENT:**

City Manager Michael B. Brown  
COO Bret Bell  
City Attorney Bates Lovett  
Melissa Carter, Chief Budget Officer  
David Maxwell, Chief Financial Officer  
Clerk of Council Mark Massey  
Roy Minter, Chief of Police  
Lenny Gunther, Assistant Chief of Police  
Taffanye Young, Chief Community Services Officer  
Kerri Reid, Human Services Director  
Manny Dominguez, Economic Development Director  
Stuart Miller, Cultural Resources Director  
Kelly Ledbetter, Recreation and Leisure Services

**Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Alderman Purtee was recognized to offer the Invocation.**

**AGENDA**

8:30 AM	<b>Budget Workshop Opening</b>	<i>(Breakfast served in the Green Room)</i>
9:00 AM	<b>Call to Order &amp; General Comments</b> .....	Van R. Johnson, II, <i>Mayor</i>
9:05 AM	<b>Opening Remarks: Equity Agenda; and, 6 Urgent Issues</b> .....	Michael Brown, <i>City Manager</i>
10:27 AM	<b>Break</b>	
10:40 AM	<b>Issue 1: Poverty and Children; and, Issue 2: Income Inequality</b> .....	Michael Brown, <i>City Manager</i>
11:58 AM	<b>Lunch Break</b>	

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- 1:08 PM **Issue 3: Violent Crime**.....Michael Brown, *City Manager*
- 2:25 PM **Break**
- 2:31 PM **FY20 General Fund Financial Update, and,  
Projected Economic Outlook**.....David Maxwell, *CFO*
- 3:09 PM **Budget Overview**.....Melissa D. Carter, *CBO*
- 3:56 PM **Break**
- 4:10 PM **Advancing Communities Together (A.C.T.)**....City Staff  
Taffanye Young, *Chief CSO*  
Kerri Reid, *Human Services Dir.*  
Manny Dominguez, *Econ Dev Dir.*  
Stuart Miller, *Cultural Resources*  
Kelly Ledbetter, *Recreation Dir.*
- 5:27 PM **Wrap-Up and Review for Next Day**.....Melissa D. Carter, *CBO*

**Mayor Johnson offered final comments and adjourned the meeting at 5:31 p.m.**

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Martin Fretty, Housing & Neighborhood Services Director  
Gene Prevatt, Sanitation Director  
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9:05 AM	<b>Working Together Differently</b> .....	Michael Brown, <i>City Manager</i>
9:50 AM	<b>Housing &amp; Neighborhoods</b> .....	Taffanye Young, <i>Chief CSO</i> Martin Fretty, <i>Housing Director</i>
11:28 AM	<b>Break</b>	
11:50 AM	<b>Code Compliance, Real Estate Services, Greenscapes and Sanitation</b> .....	Gene Prevatt, <i>Sanitation Dir.</i>

