



SPECIAL CALLED MEETING – (State Capitol) Legislative Briefing in Atlanta, GA

The special meeting was called to order at 10:25 a.m., starting at the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) Headquarters (201 Pryor Street). Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order, then recognized City Manager Melder.

PRESENT: Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding
Alderwoman Carolyn H. Bell, Post 1 – At-Large - **ABSENT**
Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, Post 2 – At-Large
Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1
Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2
Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3 – Vice Chair
Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4 – Chairman
Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5 – Mayor Pro Tem
Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Jay Melder
Information and Public Affairs Chief Joe Shearouse
Lida Coleman – City Manager’s Office
David Higdon – Information and Public Affairs
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey
Marty Johnston – Mayor’s Office
Jim Thornton – GMA Director of Government Relations
Rusi Patel – GMA
Noah Roenitz – GMA
DJ Waller – GMA
Ryan Bowersox – GMA
Claire Chan - GMA
Craig Nelson – The Current
Evan Lassetter – Savannah Morning News
Anna Stansfield – WTOC
Megan Leroy - WTOC



SAVANNAH CITY COUNCIL
(Preliminary)
ACTION MEETING MINUTES
Wed., JANUARY 29, 2025

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. 10 a.m.: GMA Legislative Briefing at GMA Headquarters- 201 Pryor St SW, Atlanta, GA 30303. **[PRESENTED by GMA staff]**
2. 12:00 p.m.: Legislative Luncheon at the Capital. **[HELD, along with attending State legislators]**
3. 3:00 p.m.: Community Legislative Meeting with Top State Officials at James H. "Sloppy" Floyd Building – Floyd Room on 20th Floor 200 Piedmont Avenue, SW Atlanta 30334. **[Savannah Area Chamber President & CEO Bert Brantley, Georgia Public Service Commissioner Tim Echols, Georgia Department of Community Affairs Commissioner Christopher Nunn, Third Infantry Division Commanding General Christopher Norrie, City of Savannah City Manager Jay Melder, City of Tybee Island Mayor Brian West, Georgia Insurance Commissioner John King, Chatham County Chairman Chester Ellis, DOT Chair Ann Purcell, and GDOT representative Andrew Heath.]**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m. No action was taken.