

conveying this real property in a manner that conforms with this Resolution.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED, May 14, 2015 upon motion of Alderman Hall, seconded by Alderman Bordeaux and unanimously carried per the City Manager's recommendation. Alderman Johnson recused himself.

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING "BAN THE BOX" POLICY WITHIN THE CITY OF SAVANNAH. Adopt a resolution that would support the national "Ban the Box" policy and affirm its use within City of Savannah employment hiring. Ban the Box is a movement lead by policy and social groups that aims to allow those with criminal convictions in their backgrounds access to all pertinent job opportunities. The group recognizes research that shows the likelihood of someone re-offending is lowered when that person has access to employment and housing. The City of Savannah would affirm its current policy to not have criminal convictions as an automatic disqualifier of employment within the organization. Recommend approval.

Paula Tyson Williams Holiday thanked Mayor Jackson, Council, State representatives and many others for their hard work in getting the resolution approved by the City of Savannah, she stated many people were instrumental in making this very important issue come to life.

Alderman Shabazz stated she is happy to see the day has finally come, she and Alderman Osborne stood as representatives for the State and particularly for the City. Alderman Osborne stated she is glad the City of Savannah is leading by example and everyone deserves a second chance.

Alderman Bordeaux stated he had to give the issue some thought because he wanted to understand what it does and what it doesn't do; it is a shame to make an automatic judgment that because someone has a criminal history they are precluded from a position, job or a position of trust.

Alderman Osborne asked if any consideration has been done on the housing side of the issue. Ms. Reeves stated they are focused primarily on the employment side but they are pushing for President Obama to issue executive orders as it relates to housing and are encouraging people to continue pushing up the ladder so it can be taken on both levels.

Mayor Jackson encouraged them to get Resolutions from the other municipalities in reference to the issue.

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MISCELLANEOUS

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND AUTHORITIES. (Continued from April 30, 2015) Upon motion of Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Sprague and unanimously carried the following appointments were made to various Boards, Commissions and Authorities:

DOWNTOWN SAVANNAH AUTHORITY

Full Term Joseph N. Bell, Jr.
Full Term Charles (Chuck) Feagin