

COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council Chambers
C. E. "Red" McDaniel City Services Center- Second Floor
3111 Citizens Way, Columbus, GA 31906

November 12, 2024
9:00 AM
Regular Meeting

MAYOR'S AGENDA

PRESENT: Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III and Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen and Councilors Travis L. Chambers, Joanne Cogle, Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis, R. Walker Garrett, Byron Hickey, Bruce Huff (arrived at 9:05 a.m.), Judy W. Thomas and Toyia Tucker (via teleconference). City Manager Isaiah Hugley, City Attorney Clifton Fay, Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis and Deputy Clerk of Council Lindsey G. McLemore.

The following documents have been included as a part of the electronic Agenda Packet: (1) 5th Avenue Trail Connector Presentation; (2) Infrastructure City Facilities Quality of Life Update Presentation

The following documents were distributed around the Council table: (1) Documents Submitted by PA#2 Theresa El-Amin; (2) Documents Submitted by PA#3 Carl Latini

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III, Presiding

INVOCATION: Offered by Chaplain Emilio Rosa – Love in Action Outreach of Columbus, Georgia

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Henderson

VIRTUAL MEETING ATTENDANCE:

Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson announced that Councilor Toyia Tucker is attending virtually due to being called out of town but will be present to vote and for discussion.

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the October 22, 2024 Council Meeting and Executive Session. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Tucker.)*

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

1. **Ordinance (24-064) - 2nd Reading-** An ordinance establishing and implementing a Paid Maternity and Paternity Leave Policy to enable and support employees in the bonding and caregiving of a child, following birth or adoption. (Councilor Chambers) Mayor Pro Tem Allen

made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council. *(Mayor Henderson confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilors Davis and Huff, whose votes were not registered in the voting system or provided on the overhead projector.)*

2. **Ordinance (24-065) - 2nd Reading-** An ordinance amending Section 5-3 of the Columbus Code, to amend certain provisions regarding the Animal Control Advisory Board; and for other purposes. (as amended on 1st Reading) (Councilors Cogle, Crabb, Garrett, Hickey, and Tucker) Councilor Crabb made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council. *(Mayor Henderson confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilors Davis, Thomas and Huff, whose votes were not registered in the voting system or provided on the overhead projector.)*
3. **1st Reading-** REZN-08-23-0146: An ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **3160 Primrose Road** (parcel # 085-010-008) from Planned Unit Development (PUD) Zoning District to Residential Office (RO) Zoning District. (Planning Department recommends denial. PAC recommends approval.) (Councilor Hickey) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to amend the ordinance to include a 50-foot natural undisturbed buffer between the multi-family residential development and Parcels 15 and 22, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried by a seven-to-three vote, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Chambers, Cogle, Davis, Garrett, Huff and Thomas voting in favor, and Councilors Crabb, Hickey and Tucker voting in opposition. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the opposing vote of Councilor Tucker.)*

Mr. Euron Wright (Applicant) approached the rostrum to respond to questions from the members of Council regarding his plans for 160-unit townhome development. During the discussion he agreed to provide a 20-foot natural undisturbed buffer between the multi-family residential development and Parcels 11 and 13 at the request of Mayor Pro Tem Allen, which **City Attorney Clifton Fay** later stated would be specified in the ordinance in the conditions with the amendment changing the buffer for two of the other adjacent parcels.

Planning Director Will Johnson came forward to explain the reasons for their recommendation for denial. He stated that it is the concern of the Planning Department on the number of units, which has changed several times, and Primrose Road being a narrow local road and the potential congestion it may cause on Macon Road when drivers turn left onto Primrose Road.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY ATTORNEY:

- Provide a recent list of all rezoned properties with a condition requirement being a 50-foot buffer. *(Request of Councilor Hickey)*

4. **1st Reading-** REZN-08-24-1865: An ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **4012 Buena Vista Road** (parcel # 087-028-003) from Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District to General Commercial (GC) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Hickey)

Ms. Kyra Cottle (Applicant) approached the rostrum to respond to questions from the members of Council regarding her application to rezone property at 4012 Buena Vista Road. She explained that the property is currently being used for automotive services and is zoned as Residential Commercial. She stated the request to be rezoned as General Commercial is to be consistent with the adjacent parcels with the hope to develop a gas station and car wash in the future, if space allows.

Planning Director Will Johnson came forward to share that this property is located right on the Buena Vista Road Diverging Diamond and is one that the Planning Department would support to eliminate left turns that would disrupt the flow of traffic.

5. **1st Reading-** REZN-09-24-2020: An ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **411 21st Street** (parcel # 016-013-004) from General Commercial (GC) Zoning District to Residential Multifamily - 1 (RMF1) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Cogle)

Mr. Robert Montgomery (Applicant) was present for the 1st Reading of the ordinance requesting to rezone property located at 411 21st Street. No discussion was held.

6. **1st Reading-** REZN-9-24-2015: An ordinance amending Section 3.2.22. of the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) for Columbus, Georgia, to add additional provisions pertaining to convenience stores with gas sales. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Tucker and Mayor Pro-Tem)

Planning Director Will Johnson approached the rostrum to explain the proposed changes to the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) as it pertains to convenience stores with gas sales, with the distance requirements effective January 1, 2025, if adopted.

RESOLUTIONS

7. **Resolution (430-24):** A resolution approving a Special Exception to allow for a Tattoo and Body Piercing Shop in the existing building located at 1234 Broadway Street located in the Central Riverfront District (CRD) zoning district. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Cogle) Councilor Cogle made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council. *(Mayor Henderson confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Chambers, whose vote was not registered in the voting system or provided on the overhead projector.)*
8. **Resolution (431-24):** A resolution approving a Special Exception to allow for a Club or Lodge, Membership in the existing building located at 1300 Big Eddy Road located in the Residential Estates – 1 (RE1) zoning district. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Davis) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to allow Councilor Garrett to recuse himself from voting on this item, seconded by Councilor Thomas and carried unanimously by the nine members of Council. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Tucker.)* Councilor Davis made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Thomas and carried unanimously by nine members, with Councilor Garrett abstaining.

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Mr. David Young, Re: Speed Zone Cameras.
2. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Reducing poverty, animal control and East Wynnton.
3. Mr. Carl Latini, Re: An ongoing issue with vehicle accidents to the house and property and discuss possible resolutions.
4. Mrs. Erin Bouthillier, representing the Rose Hill Neighborhood, Re: To provide an update on the Rose Hill Neighborhood.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Annual Unused Sick Leave Payment

Resolution (432-24): A resolution authorizing payment to employees for unused sick leave in accordance with 16B-15-6 (2) of the Columbus Code of Ordinances. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

2. FY 25 Local Government & Improvement Grant (LMIG)

Resolution (433-24): A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, authorizing the application and acceptance of the FY 2025 Local Maintenance & improvement Grant (LMIG) from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT). Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council. *(Mayor Henderson confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Thomas, whose vote was not registered in the voting system or provided on the overhead projector.)*

3. Bright from the Start Snack Grant – Parks & Recreation

Resolution (434-24): A resolution authorizing the application and if awarded, acceptance of a grant for \$67,989.00 or as otherwise awarded, from the Georgia Department of Early Childcare and Learning Bright from the Start to continue the Child and Adult Care Food Program and amend the Multi-Government Grant Funds by the amount awarded. The grant will cross over 2024 and 2025. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council. *(Mayor Henderson confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Thomas, whose vote was not registered in the voting system or provided on the overhead projector.)*

4. Family Fun Day Donation – Police Department

Resolution (435-24): A resolution authorizing the acceptance of donated funds in the amount of \$5,000.00 from TSYS (d/b/a Global Payments), on behalf of the Columbus Police Department. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

5. Donation Acceptance - Columbus Police Department

Resolution (436-24): A resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept donated funds of \$6,000.00 from one anonymous donor within the City of Columbus, Georgia, with no additional funds required. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

6. PURCHASES

A. Household Trash Carts for Public Works – Sourcewell Cooperative Contract Purchase

Resolution (437-24): A resolution authorizing the purchase of 95-gallon black trash carts from Rehrig Pacific Company (Lawrenceville, GA) in the amount of \$78,830.00 (1,404 units @ \$55 each, plus freight in the amount of \$1,610.00). The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Sourcewell Contract #041521-REH. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council. *(Mayor Henderson confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilors Davis and Thomas, whose votes were not registered in the voting system or provided on the overhead projector.)*

B. Tasers and Accessories for Police Department – Sourcewell Cooperative Contract

Resolution (438-24): A resolution authorizing the purchase of tasers and accessories for the Police Department from Axon Enterprises (Scottsdale, AZ), in the amount of \$52,731.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Sourcewell Contract #092722-AXN. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council. *(Mayor Henderson confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilors Davis and Thomas, whose votes were not registered in the voting system or provided on the overhead projector.)*

C. HVAC System Replacement for Columbus Convention and Trade Center – Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (439-24): A resolution authorizing the contract with Prime Contractors, Inc. (Powder Springs, GA) in the amount of \$2,304,133.78, plus contingencies, for the replacement of the HVAC system for the Columbus Convention and Trade Center. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Sourcewell Contract #GA-ST02-040820-PCI. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council. *(Mayor Henderson confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilors Davis and Thomas, whose votes were not registered in the voting system or provided on the overhead projector.)*

D. HVAC System Replacement at the Liberty Theater – Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (440-24): A resolution authorizing the contract with Prime Contractor, Inc. (Powder Springs, GA) in the amount of \$907,775.23, plus contingencies, for the replacement of the HVAC system at the Liberty Theater. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Sourcewell Contract #GA-ST02-040820-PCI. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council. *(Mayor Henderson confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilors Davis and Thomas, whose votes were not registered in the voting system or provided on the overhead projector.)*

E. Annual Maintenance for Energov Licensing and Permitting Software

Resolution (441-24): A resolution authorizing payment to Tyler Technologies (Plano, TX) in the amount of \$270,032.69, for the FY25 annual maintenance for the EnerGov Software and services used for the Business Licensing/Occupation Tax, permit management system, and other related services. Additionally, payment is further authorized for the annual maintenance in subsequent fiscal years with an approximate 5% increase. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council. *(Mayor Henderson confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilors Davis and Thomas, whose votes were not registered in the voting system or provided on the overhead projector.)*

F. Two (2) Brush Chippers for Public Works – Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (442-24): A resolution authorizing the purchase of two (2) brush clippers from Vermeer Southeast (Marietta, GA) at a unit price of \$96,365.16 and a total cost of \$192,720.32. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Sourcewell Contract #031721-VRM. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council. *(Mayor Henderson confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilors Davis and Thomas, whose votes were not registered in the voting system or provided on the overhead projector.)*

G. Declaration of Surplus and Donation of One (1) Vehicle to Harris County Sheriff’s Office

Resolution (443-24): A resolution authorizing the declaration of the following one (1) vehicle as surplus in accordance with Section 7-501 of the Charter of Columbus Consolidated Government:

VEHICLE NUMBER	YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	VIN/SERIAL#	MILEAGE
3168	2002	Blue Bird	Deluxe Shell Bus	1BDJNCP782F205461	16,312

And authorize donation of the vehicle to the Harris County Sheriff’s Office. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council. *(Mayor Henderson confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilors Davis and Thomas, whose votes were not registered in the voting system or provided on the overhead projector.)*

H. PI 001436 – Muscogee County Buena Vista Road Improvements at Spiderweb – Phase II (Re-Bid) – RFB No. 24-0029

Resolution (444-24): A resolution authorizing the execution of a construction contract with C.W. Matthews Contracting Company, Inc. (Marietta, GA) in the amount of \$45,800,000.00 for PI 001436 – Muscogee County Buena Vista Road Improvements at Spiderweb – Phase II (re-bid). Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council. *(Mayor Henderson confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilors Davis and Thomas, whose votes were not registered in the voting system or provided on the overhead projector.)*

I. Investigative Analytics Software for The Sheriff’s Office

Resolution (445-24): A resolution authorizing the purchase of Investigative Analytics Software from Cognyte/Falconet (Bohemia, NY), in the amount of \$800,000.00, for the Sheriff’s Office. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried

unanimously by the ten members of Council. *(Mayor Henderson confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilors Davis and Thomas, whose votes were not registered in the voting system or provided on the overhead projector.)*

J. Contract Extension for Temporary Staffing for the Civic Center

Resolution (446-24): A resolution authorizing the extension of the annual contract for temporary staffing for the Civic Center with Global Personnel Services (Columbus, GA), Primary Contractor, and Labor Finders (Columbus, GA), secondary contractor thru March 31, 2025. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council. *(Mayor Henderson confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilors Davis and Thomas, whose votes were not registered in the voting system or provided on the overhead projector.)*

EMERGENCY PURCHASES

1. Information Only: Exigent “Off the Lot” Vehicle Purchases – Resolution No. 354-24

Off the Lot Purchase – Information Only

ONE (1) 2024 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 1500 CREW CAB

On October 23, 2024, a purchase order was executed for one (1) 2024 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Crew Cab for the Public Safety Department due to exigent circumstances, as approved by Council per Resolution No. 354-24.

The vehicle will be purchased from Alan Jay Fleet Sales (Columbus, GA) at a unit price of \$52,380.00. This vehicle replaces a vehicle that was totaled.

Funds are budgeted in the FY25Budget: LOST-Public Safety – MCP– Public Safety-LOST – Light Trucks; 0102-420-9900-LOST-7722.

7. **UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS**

A. 5th Ave. TSPLOST Update - Mitchell Greenway PE, Principal, Stantec

Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge approached the rostrum to introduce the presentation on the 5th Avenue Trail Connector, which would go from 14th Street to 10th Street.

Principal Engineer Mitchell Greenway, Stantec, came forward to provide an update on the 5th Avenue Trail Connector. He explained this project will construct 0.5 miles of multi-use paths to connect the 14th Street Connector to the Linwood Connector. During the presentation, he outlined the various conflicts identified at each intersection during the data collection process, which would impact the connector, and the potential costs associated with addressing those conflicts.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Provide a projected cost comparison to address the conflicts outlined for the east and west sides of the connector. *(Request of Councilor Cogle)*

- B. Infrastructure Update - Pam Hodge, Deputy City Manager, Finance, Planning & Infrastructure, Vance Beck, Director, Engineering, Ryan Pruett, Director, Inspections & Code, Drale Short, Director, Public Works

Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge approached the rostrum to begin the presentation, where she shared a summary on the infrastructure investments and projects from 2010 to 2024, to include completed projects and approved budgeted funds for future projects, for a total of \$1,202,954,972.

Engineering Director Vance Beck came forward to provide information on the status of various roadway projects to include TIA and GDOT projects.

Inspections & Code Director Ryan Pruett came forward to provide an update on the Judicial Center, Rigdon Park Pool, Shirley B. Winston Pool, Psalmound Road Pool, Fire Station #5, City Hall, Sheriff's Administration Building, Synovus Park, and various upcoming projects.

Public Works Director Drale Short came forward to provide an update on the Muscogee County Jail to address life safety issues such as mold remediation, roof replacement, plumbing leak repairs, and the facade of the facility.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Bring a presentation on the gateway signage options. *(Request of Councilor Crabb)*
- Consider putting up a sign at the upcoming Fire Headquarters. *(Request of Councilor Thomas)*

BULLDOG BAIT & TACKLE:

Councilor Byron Hickey inquired about letters received by the long-term tenants of 1300 Victory Drive from the Director of Community Reinvestment, with the first listing the lease expiration date of December 31, 2024, and the second extending the date to July 31, 2025, with the option to renew for two one-year renewals. He expressed his concerns regarding the situation and his desire for staff to consider extending the lease for another 5-year period as has been done since 1999.

Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge approached the rostrum to explain the details of the situation, stating Mr. and Mrs. Williams informed the Parks and Recreation Department that they possibly would not be able to continue to operate the business. She explained that after several discussions with staff, Mr. and Mrs. Williams expressed an interest in continuing operations in the city owned building.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Look into extending the lease for another 5-years. *(Request of Councilor Hickey)*
- See if there is a past agreement between CCG and Mr. and Mrs. Williams, granting them ownership of the building after 15-years and investment in the building. *(Request of Councilor Hickey)*
- Ask Community Reinvestment Director Rob Scott to provide an update on the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). *(Request of Councilor Hickey)*
- Keep Council updated on the negotiations with PAWS on taking over Animal Care & Control. *(Request of Councilor Thomas)*

CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

1. **RESOLUTION (447-24)** - A resolution changing the meeting time for the November 19, 2024 Council Meeting. Councilor Cogle made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Hickey being absent for the vote. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Tucker.)*

Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis announced with the approval of this resolution, the meeting time for the November 19, 2024 Council Meeting will change from 5:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

2. Travel Authorization Request for Councilor Travis L. Chambers to attend the 2025 Newly Elected Officials Training. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Tucker.)*
3. Letter from the Muscogee County Democratic Committee Chair, Vivian Creighton Bishop advising of the recommendation to reappoint Ms. Linda Parker for another term of office on the Board of Elections & Registration. *(The Council would vote to confirm the appointment.)* Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Tucker.)*
4. Honorary Designation Application submitted by NiChaundrea Brooks requesting street signage to be located at the intersection of St. Mary's Road and Longwood Lane in honor of Angiela Tanzie. *(The Council may vote to forward to the Board of Honor.)* Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to forward the request to the Board of Honor for review, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Tucker.)*

5. **Minutes of the following boards:**

Board of Tax Assessors, 35-24, #36-24 & #37-24

Columbus Golf Course Authority, September 24, 2024

Convention & Visitors Board of Commissioners, August 21, & September 18, 2024

Hospital Authority of Columbus, August 27, & September 24, 2024

Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board, November 15, 2023

Planning Advisory Commission, September 18, 2024

River Valley Regional Commission, September 25, 2024

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to receive the minutes of various boards, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Tucker.)*

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

6. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS- READY FOR CONFIRMATION:

A. **ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD:** Mr. Matthew Gilbert was nominated to fill the unexpired term of Ms. Nancy Anderson (*Resigned*). (*Councilor Crabb's nominee*) Term expires: October 15, 2025. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council. (*Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Tucker.*)

B. **ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD:** Ms. Elizabeth Kirven Boyce was nominated to fill the unexpired term of Ms. Lori Turner (*Resigned*). (*Councilor Crabb's nominee*) Term expires: October 15, 2025. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council. (*Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Tucker.*)

7. COUNCIL NOMINATIONS- THREE NOMINEES ARE SENT TO THE AUTHORITY FOR SELECTION:

A. HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:

A nominee for the seat of Ernest Smallman, IV (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on November 14, 2024, on the Hospital Authority of Columbus (*Council's Nomination*). Councilor Cogle renominated Ernest Smallman, IV.

A nominee for the seat of Mike Welch (*Not Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on November 14, 2024, on the Hospital Authority of Columbus (*Council's Nomination*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of John Kingsbury (*Rotating off the authority*) for a term expiring on November 14, 2024, on the Hospital Authority of Columbus (*Council's Nomination*). Councilor Cogle renominated John Kingsbury.

Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis explained the authority has advised that in accordance with their bylaws, Mr. Mike Welch is not eligible to serve another term of office and requesting three nominees for this seat, and Mrs. Kelsea Garrett has withdrawn from consideration.

B. THE MEDICAL CENTER HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:

A nominee for the seat of Max Brabson (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on December 31, 2024, on The Medical Center Hospital Authority (*Council's Nomination*). Councilor Thomas nominated Max Brabson, Travis Wade and Tracy L. Sayers for the seat of Max Brabson.

A nominee for the seat of Mike Burns (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on December 31, 2024, on The Medical Center Hospital Authority (*Council's Nomination*). Councilor Thomas nominated Mike Burns, Travis Wade and Tracy L. Sayers for the seat of Mike Burns.

A nominee for the seat of T. Fredrick McKnight (*VACANT – Passed away*) for a term expiring on December 31, 2028, on The Medical Center Hospital Authority (*Council's Nomination*). Councilor

Thomas nominated Allen McMullen, Travis Wade and Tracy L. Sayers for the vacant seat formerly held by the late T. Fredrick McKnight.

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to forward the nominations for each of the three seats to the authority for selection, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Tucker.)*

Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis explained the Council submits three (3) nominees to The Medical Center Hospital Authority for each seat and The Medical Center Hospital Authority selects the successor for Council's confirmation.

8. **COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS- ANY NOMINATIONS WOULD BE LISTED FOR THE NEXT MEETING:**

A. **COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS & CULTURAL LIAISON ENCOUNTERS (CIRCLE):**

A nominee for the seat of John Jackson *(No longer serving)* for a term expiring on March 1, 2027, on the Commission on International Relations & Cultural Liaison Encounters *(Council's Appointment)*. Clerk of Council Davis stated Councilor Tucker is nominating Mary Kathryn McCray to fill the unexpired term of John Jackson.

B. **PERSONNEL REVIEW BOARD:**

A nominee for the seat of Dennis Walsh *(Not Eligible to succeed)* for a term expiring on December 31, 2024, as Alternate Member 1 on the Personnel Review Board *(Council's Appointment)*. There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Willie L. Belfield, Jr. *(Eligible to succeed)* for a term expiring on December 31, 2024, as Alternate Member 2 on the Personnel Review Board *(Council's Appointment)*. There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Donna D. Baker *(Eligible to succeed)* for a term expiring on December 31, 2024, as Alternate Member 3 on the Personnel Review Board *(Council's Appointment)*. Councilor Crabb renominated Donna D. Baker to serve another term.

A nominee for the seat of Tracy Walker *(Eligible to succeed)* for a term expiring on December 31, 2024, as Regular Member 2 on the Personnel Review Board *(Council's Appointment)*. Councilor Crabb renominated Tracy Walker to serve another term.

A nominee for the seat of Torrance Goodwin *(Not Eligible to succeed)* for a term expiring on December 31, 2024, as Regular Member 3 on the Personnel Review Board *(Council's Appointment)*. Councilor Crabb nominated Willie L. Belfield, Jr. to succeed Torrance Goodwin as recommended by the Human Resources Department.

PUBLIC AGENDA (continued):

2. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Reducing poverty, animal control and East Wynnnton.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Henderson entertained a motion to go into executive session to discuss matters of litigation as requested by City Attorney Fay earlier in the meeting, with the addition of matters of personnel and property acquisition and disposal. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Hickey being absent for the vote, and the time being 11:28 a.m. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Tucker.)*

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 11:57 a.m., at which time, Mayor Henderson announced that the Council did meet in executive session to discuss matters of litigation, personnel, and property acquisition and disposal; however, there were no votes taken.

ADD-ON RESOLUTION:

Resolution (448-24): A resolution authorizing payment of \$282,500 to settle all damage claims of Roberto Aron stemming from the incident which occurred on February 3, 2022, and to execute all appropriate settlement documents to this effect. Councilor Garrett made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Tucker.)*

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Allen to adjourn the November 12, 2024 Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council, with the time being 11:58 a.m. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Tucker.)*

Sandra T. Davis, CMC
Clerk of Council
Council of Columbus, Georgia