

# COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

## CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Columbus Civic Center  
400 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Arena Floor  
Columbus, Georgia 31901

September 8, 2020  
9:00 AM  
Regular Meeting

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### MAYOR'S AGENDA

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**PRESENT:** Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III and Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen and Councilors Jerry "Pops" Barnes, Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis, R. Walker Garrett, John M. House, Judy W. Thomas, Toyia Tucker and Evelyn "Mimi" Woodson (arrived at 9:45 a.m.). City Manager Isaiah Hugley, City Attorney Clifton Fay, Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis and Deputy Clerk of Council Lindsey G. McLemore were present.

**ABSENT:** Councilor Bruce Huff was absent.

<p><b><u>The following documents were distributed around the Council table:</u></b> (1) CCG Quality Control Team Members/Work Schedule; (2)</p>
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**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor B.H. "Skip" Henderson, III, Presiding

**INVOCATION:** Offered by Pastor Adrian Chester of Greater Beallwood Baptist Church

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Mayor Henderson

### MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the August 25, 2020 Council Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the vote, and Councilor Huff being absent for the meeting.

### UPDATES:

2. An update on COVID-19

**Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson** gave an update on COVID-19 by stating the numbers are down but could possibly increase due to the attendance of Labor Day events.

3. Census 2020

**Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson** encouraged the citizens of Columbus to complete their 2020 Census if they have not already done so.

**City Manager Isaiah Hugley** explained the ladies of LINKS, Inc. sponsored four caravans the past weekend to go throughout the city to encourage citizens to complete their 2020 Census.

## UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Quality Control Team Update, Lisa Goodwin - Deputy City Manager.

**Deputy City Manager Lisa Goodwin** gave an update on the CCG Quality Control Team, where she introduced those team members who were present. She briefly explained the purpose and responsibility of the team. (*NOTE: This update was called up as the next order of business as listed on the City Manager's Agenda Item 5 "A"*)

4. Public Safety Advisory Commission (PSAC) Update

**Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson** explained the Mediation Committee for the Public Safety Advisory Commission held their first meeting, which was an organizational meeting. He stated the committee is working to make the meetings held accessible to citizens.

**CRIME PREVENTION GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR APPROVAL-** Director Seth Brown-Office of Crime Prevention.

**Crime Prevention Director Seth Brown** approached the rostrum to present the FY2021 Crime Prevention Grants. He explained in detail the process, funding, requirements of applicants, and function of each organization.

**Crime Prevention Board Chairperson LaRae Moore** came forward to speak on the grants and thanking Director Seth Brown for his work. She also expressed the board's concern in continuing to fund the same organizations year after year.

### **REFERRAL(S):**

#### **FOR THE CRIME PREVENTION DIRECTOR:**

- Provide a quarterly report to the members of Council on the various organizations who receive Crime Prevention Grant funding. (*Request of Councilor Tucker*)

5. **Resolution (238-20): Big Brothers-Big Sisters:** A resolution authorizing a request to enter into a one-year Local Assistance Grant Agreement with Big Brothers-Big Sisters for \$15,000 in Crime Prevention Grant funds. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent for the meeting.

6. **Resolution (239-20): Boy and Girls Club of Columbus:** A resolution authorizing a request to enter into a one-year Local Assistance Grant Agreement with Boys and Girls Club of Columbus for \$30,000 in Crime Prevention Grant funds. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent for the meeting.

7. **Resolution (240-20): BRIDGE of Columbus:** A resolution authorizing a request to enter into a one-year Local Assistance Grant Agreement with BRIDGE of Columbus for \$10,000 in Crime Prevention Grant funds. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent for the meeting.

8. **Resolution (241-20): Building Toward Wellness Community Coalition:** A resolution authorizing a request to enter into a one-year Local Assistance Grant Agreement with Building Toward Wellness Community Coalition of Columbus for \$20,000 in Crime Prevention Grant funds. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent for the meeting.
  
9. **Resolution (242-20): Changing Faces Within:** A resolution authorizing a request to enter into a one-year Local Assistance Grant Agreement with Changing Faces Within for \$15,000 in Crime Prevention Grant funds. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent for the meeting.
  
10. **Resolution (243-20): Chattahoochee Valley Jail Ministry:** A resolution authorizing a request to enter into a one-year Local Assistance Grant Agreement with Chattahoochee Valley Jail Ministry for \$20,000 in Crime Prevention Grant funds. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent for the meeting.
  
11. **Resolution (244-20): Columbus Community Center:** A resolution authorizing a request to enter into a one-year Local Assistance Grant Agreement with Columbus Community Center for \$15,000 in Crime Prevention Grant funds. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent for the meeting.
  
12. **Resolution (245-20): Columbus Museum:** A resolution authorizing a request to enter into a one-year Local Assistance Grant Agreement with Columbus Museum for \$25,000 in Crime Prevention Grant funds. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent for the meeting.
  
13. **Resolution (246-20): Columbus Scholars:** A resolution authorizing a request to enter into a one-year Local Assistance Grant Agreement with Columbus Scholars for \$20,000 in Crime Prevention Grant funds. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent for the meeting.
  
14. **Resolution (247-20): Columbus Symphony Orchestra/Making Music Matter:** A resolution authorizing a request to enter into a one-year Local Assistance Grant Agreement with Columbus Symphony Orchestra/Making Music Matter for \$20,000 in Crime Prevention Grant funds. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent for the meeting.
  
15. **Resolution (248-20): Easter Seals of West Georgia:** A resolution authorizing a request to enter into a one-year Local Assistance Grant Agreement with Easter Seals of West Georgia for \$20,000 in Crime Prevention Grant funds. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent for the meeting.

16. **Resolution (249-20): Family Center of Columbus – F.A.S.T.:** A resolution authorizing a request to enter into a one-year Local Assistance Grant Agreement with Family Center of Columbus – F.A.S.T. for \$15,000 in Crime Prevention Grant funds. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent for the meeting.
  
17. **Resolution (250-20): Flourishing Ladies:** A resolution authorizing a request to enter into a one-year Local Assistance Grant Agreement with Flourishing Ladies for \$20,000 in Crime Prevention Grant funds. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent for the meeting.
  
18. **Resolution (251-20): Fountain City Slam:** A resolution authorizing a request to enter into a one-year Local Assistance Grant Agreement with Fountain City Slam for \$20,000 in Crime Prevention Grant funds. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent for the meeting.
  
19. **Resolution (252-20): Girls Inc. of Columbus:** A resolution authorizing a request to enter into a one-year Local Assistance Grant Agreement with Girls Inc. of Columbus for \$20,000 in Crime Prevention Grant funds. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent for the meeting.
  
20. **Resolution (253-20): Hope Harbour:** A resolution authorizing a request to enter into a one-year Local Assistance Grant Agreement with Hope Harbour for \$23,000 in Crime Prevention Grant funds. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent for the meeting.
  
21. **Resolution (254-20): International Stride Society:** A resolution authorizing a request to enter into a one-year Local Assistance Grant Agreement with International Stride Society for \$20,000 in Crime Prevention Grant funds. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent for the meeting.
  
22. **Resolution (255-20): Lets Grow STEAM:** A resolution authorizing a request to enter into a one-year Local Assistance Grant Agreement with Lets Grow STEAM for \$15,000 in Crime Prevention Grant funds. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent for the meeting.
  
23. **Liberty Theatre:** A resolution authorizing a request to enter into a one-year Local Assistance Grant Agreement with Liberty Theatre for \$20,000 in Crime Prevention Grant funds.

**Crime Prevention Director Seth Brown** explained he would like to delay the resolution for the Liberty Theatre.

24. **Resolution (256-20): Literacy Alliance:** A resolution authorizing a request to enter into a one-year Local Assistance Grant Agreement with Literacy Alliance for \$10,000 in Crime Prevention Grant funds. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent for the meeting.
25. **Resolution (257-20): Micah's Promise:** A resolution authorizing a request to enter into a one-year Local Assistance Grant Agreement with Micah's Promise for \$20,000 in Crime Prevention Grant funds. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent for the meeting.
26. **Resolution (258-20): Neighborhoods Focused on African American Youth, Inc.:** A resolution authorizing a request to enter into a one-year Local Assistance Grant Agreement with Neighborhoods Focused on African American Youth, Inc. for \$30,000 in Crime Prevention Grant funds. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent for the meeting.
27. **Resolution (259-20): Office of Dispute Resolution:** A resolution authorizing a request to enter into a one-year Local Assistance Grant Agreement with Office of Dispute Resolution for \$17,000 in Crime Prevention Grant funds. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent for the meeting.
28. **Resolution (260-20): Open Door Community House:** A resolution authorizing a request to enter into a one-year Local Assistance Grant Agreement with Open Door Community House for \$25,000 in Crime Prevention Grant funds. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent for the meeting.
29. **Resolution (261-20): Overflow Outreach:** A resolution authorizing a request to enter into a one-year Local Assistance Grant Agreement with Overflow Outreach for \$25,000 in Crime Prevention Grant funds. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent for the meeting.
30. **Resolution (262-20): The Protégé Project Inc.:** A resolution authorizing a request to enter into a one-year Local Assistance Grant Agreement with The Protégé Project Inc. for \$20,000 in Crime Prevention Grant funds. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent for the meeting.
31. **Resolution (263-20): Right from the Start:** A resolution authorizing a request to enter into a one-year Local Assistance Grant Agreement with Right from the Start for \$20,000 in Crime Prevention Grant funds. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent for the meeting.

32. **Resolution (264-20): Sexual Assault Support Center:** A resolution authorizing a request to enter into a one-year Local Assistance Grant Agreement with Sexual Assault Support Center for \$10,000 in Crime Prevention Grant funds. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent for the meeting.
33. **Resolution (265-20): Southern Anti-Racism Network/SPICE:** A resolution authorizing a request to enter into a one-year Local Assistance Grant Agreement with Southern Anti-Racism Network/SPICE for \$20,000 in Crime Prevention Grant funds. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent for the meeting.
34. **Resolution (266-20): Springer Opera House/DBA PAIR Program:** A resolution authorizing a request to enter into a one-year Local Assistance Grant Agreement with Springer Opera House/DBA PAIR Program for \$30,000 in Crime Prevention Grant funds. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent for the meeting.
35. **Resolution (267-20): St. Thomas Episcopal Church/Boxwood Ministries:** A resolution authorizing a request to enter into a one-year Local Assistance Grant Agreement with St. Thomas Episcopal Church/Boxwood Ministries for \$20,000 in Crime Prevention Grant funds. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent for the meeting.
36. **Resolution (268-20): Teen Advisors, Inc.:** A resolution authorizing a request to enter into a one-year Local Assistance Grant Agreement with Teen Advisors Inc. for \$15,000 in Crime Prevention Grant funds. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent for the meeting.
37. **Resolution (269-20): Turn Around Columbus:** A resolution authorizing a request to enter into a one-year Local Assistance Grant Agreement with Turn Around Columbus for \$20,000 in Crime Prevention Grant funds. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent for the meeting.
38. **Resolution (270-20): Whole Person Ministries:** A resolution authorizing a request to enter into a one-year Local Assistance Grant Agreement with Whole Person Ministries for \$20,000 in Crime Prevention Grant funds. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent for the meeting.
39. **Resolution (271-20): W.O.R.K.S.:** A resolution authorizing a request to enter into a one-year Local Assistance Grant Agreement with W.O.R.K.S. for \$45,000 in Crime Prevention Grant funds. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent for the meeting.

40. **Resolution (272-20): YMCA of Columbus, Georgia:** A resolution authorizing a request to enter into a one-year Local Assistance Grant Agreement with YMCA of Columbus, Georgia for \$20,000 in Crime Prevention Grant funds. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent for the meeting.
  
41. **Resolution (273-20): Young Life:** A resolution authorizing a request to enter into a one-year Local Assistance Grant Agreement with Young Life for \$20,000 in Crime Prevention Grant funds. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent for the meeting.

## **CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA**

### **ORDINANCES**

1. **2nd Reading** - An ordinance amending Sec. 20-13.11. of the Columbus Code pertaining to parking management districts to create a new parking enforcement district in the downtown historic district to be administered by the Department of Transportation (METRA); and for other purposes. (Councilors Woodson and Thomas)

Councilor Thomas made a motion to delay this item to give the Historic District time to have a meeting, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent for the meeting.

2. **1st Reading - REZN-05-20-1775:** An ordinance rezoning 0.13 acres located at 2900 11th Avenue (parcel id # 015-010-006). The current zoning is SFR4 (Single Family Residential 4). The proposed zoning is RMF1 (Residential Multifamily 1). The proposed use is Triplex. The Planning Advisory Commission recommends denial based on the Staff Report and previous rezonings of the property; and the Planning Department recommends denial based on previous rezonings completed in in 2017 at the request of Waverly Terrace Historic District residents to move towards Single Family Residential Housing. The applicant is Matthew Hagerty. (Councilor Woodson)

**CEO Jason Engleman (Freaky Fast Home Buyers & Investments)** approached the rostrum to explain the proposed use of the property and the quality of work his business does in revitalizing older properties. He explained the property was purchased with the understanding that it was a single-family home, but after entering the property it was realized that the property was divided into a multi-family property.

**Planning Director Rick Jones** came forward to explain the intent of the Waverly Terrace Historic Neighborhood Association in changing the zoning to single-family residential from multi-family residential. He stated it is his understanding that the previous owner rented the property as a single-family residence.

**Applicant Matthew Hagerty (Freaky Fast Home Buyers & Investments)** approached the rostrum to answer questions and to explain the interior layout of the property.

**Mike Johnson (Waverly Terrace Historic Neighborhood Association)** came forward to speak in opposition to the rezoning. He explained the association along with the Planning Department work diligently to get the houses in the area rezoned to single-family residential to clean up the area.

**President Libby Smith (Waverly Terrace Neighborhood Association)** approached the rostrum to speak in opposition to the rezoning. She explained the neighborhood has had problems with the homes in that area being broken up into multiple rental units.

**3. Ordinance (20-044) - 1st Reading:** An ordinance extending a State of Public Health Emergency in Columbus, Georgia through October 10, 2020; providing for public meetings to be held using telephonic or video participation; providing authorization for the Mayor to respond to ongoing COVID-19 developments by Executive Order; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent for the meeting.

**4. 1st Reading - Non-Discrimination Ordinance - DELAYED (Councilor Garrett)**

**Councilor R. Walker Garrett** explained he would like to put together a group much like the group to mediate the subpoena power ordinance, consisting of Councilors in favor, Councilors in opposition, business stakeholders, Recorder's Court Representative and Superior Court Representative. He requested this item be delayed indefinitely.

#### **ORDINANCE 20-043:**

Councilor Davis made a motion for Council to allow him to reconsider his vote for Ordinance 20-043, which was approved on August 25, 2020, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent for the meeting.

**Michael Denehy (Owner of Chattabrewchee Southern Brewhouse)** approached the rostrum to speak in opposition to the mask mandate ordinance that was called up for reconsideration. He expressed his concern in the numbers decreasing yet still having a mask mandate in place.

**Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson** explained there were many variables that caused the City of Columbus to put in place the mask mandate to help control the number of positive cases of COVID-19.

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to allow Councilor Davis' vote to reflect in opposition to Ordinance 20-043, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent for the meeting.

Councilor Davis made a motion that Ordinance 20-043 be amended to allow for the funds collected through the enforcement of the ordinance go to the Police Department instead of the general fund, seconded by Councilor Crabb.

After further discussion, Councilor Crabb rescinded her second to the motion; therefore, the motion dies for the lack of a second.

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

**5. Resolution (274-20) - A Resolution authorizing, approving and ratifying the execution of a Grant Agreement by and among the United States of America, acting through the Federal Aviation Administration, the Columbus Airport Commission and Columbus, Georgia, a Consolidated Government. (Request of the Columbus Airport Commission).** Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent for the meeting.



## **PUBLIC AGENDA**

1. Attorney David Helmick, representing Waldrep Mullin & Callahan, LLC, Re: To permit the (1) direct hiring of police by establishments serving food and alcohol, and (2) expansion of the downtown security detail into the 1200 block of Broadway.

**City Attorney Clifton Fay** explained it has been a longstanding policy of the Columbus Police Department to not allow officers to work off-duty for an establishment that is categorized as a bar or nightclub.

### **REFERRAL(S):**

#### **FOR THE CITY ATTORNEY:**

- Have representatives of the Columbus Police Department to come and explain if there is a salient reason for this policy. (*Request of Councilor Barnes*)

## **CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA**

### **1. Retiree Health Insurance Plan**

**Resolution (275-20)** – A resolution authorizing renewal of the Medicare Eligible Health Plan Benefits and the United Healthcare Medicare Advantage PPO Plan. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent for the meeting.

Approval is requested authorizing renewal of the Medicare eligible healthcare plan benefits and the United Healthcare Medicare Advantage plan. United Healthcare has offered the City a competitive renewal of the Medicare Advantage PPO plan which resulted in 22% reduced premium rates and no plan design changes.

**Columbus, Georgia Retired Employee Association President Larry Campbell** approached the rostrum to thank Human Resources Director Reather Hollowell for her assistance with the renewal process.

### **2. Donation of Two (2) File Cabinets to the cemetery – Riverdale-Porterdale Cemetery Foundation, Inc.**

**Resolution (276-20)** – A resolution authorizing the City of Columbus Cemetery Division to accept two (2) file cabinets from the Riverdale-Porterdale Cemetery Foundation, Inc. for the purpose of storing historic burial records, maps and other documents relevant to four (4) City Cemeteries. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent for the meeting.

Approval is requested to accept two (2) heavy-duty, fire resistant file cabinets to be used to store historic cemetery burial records, maps and other documents relevant to Porterdale, Linwood, Riverdale and East Porterdale Cemeteries. This donation is a gift from Riverdale-Porterdale Cemetery Foundation, Inc. with a value of \$750 each.

### 3. **FY 21 Local Government & Improvement Grant (LMIG)**

**Resolution (277-20)** – A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia authorizing the Mayor to make application and receive the FY 2021 Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant (LMIG) from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT). Councilor House made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent for the meeting.

Approval is requested to submit an application and accept FY 21 Local Government & Improvement Grant (LMIG) from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT). The proposal is to use FY 21 funds toward the Intersection Improvements along Buena Vista Rd. (Columbus Spiderweb Network) Project.

### 4. **PURCHASES**

#### A. Playground Mulch (Annual Contract)

**Resolution (278-20)** – A resolution authorizing an annual contract for the purchase of playground mulch from Bliss Products & Services, Inc. (Lithia Springs, GA), on an “as needed” basis for the estimated contract value \$5,760.00. Councilor House made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent for the meeting.

#### B. Electrical Fixtures, Parts & Supplies (Annual Contract)

**Resolution (279-20)** – A resolution authorizing the purchase of electrical, parts and supplies from Interstate Electrical Supply, Inc. (Columbus, GA) for the estimated annual contract value of \$40,977.63. Councilor House made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent for the meeting.

#### C. Contract Extension for Pest Control Services (Annual Contract)

**Resolution (280-20)** – A resolution authorizing the extension of the Pest Control Services (Annual Contract) with Astro Exterminating Services Inc. d/b/a SWGA Quick Pest Control (Tifton, GA) for Columbus Consolidated Government Buildings through November 30, 2020. Councilor House made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent for the meeting.

#### D. Traffic Sign Materials (Annual Contract)

**Resolution (281-20)** – A resolution authorizing the purchase of traffic sign materials, on an “as needed” basis from Vulcan, Inc. – Vulcan Signs Division (Foley, AL) for the estimated annual contract value of \$50,000.00. Councilor House made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

## 5. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Quality Control Team Update, Lisa Goodwin - Deputy City Manager.

*(NOTE: This update, as provided by Deputy City Manager Lisa Goodwin, was called upon earlier in the meeting during the Mayor's Agenda.)*

B. Georgia Power - Electric Vehicle Charging Stations - Lisa J. Smith, Georgia Power West Region Vice President.

**Georgia Power West Region Vice President Lisa J. Smith** approached the rostrum to introduce a presentation regarding charging stations for electric vehicles.

**Electric Transportation Market Specialist Brad Norman** gave information on the proposed charging station, which would be managed and maintained by Georgia Power.

C. Riverwalk/Gabion Wall Replacement, Donna Newman, Engineering Director and David Bishop – Barge Design Solutions.

**Engineering Director Donna Newman** introduced **Project Manager Scott Thompson** who gave the presentation regarding the gabion wall on the Riverwalk and the proposed design plan for replacement.

D. Sales Tax Update - Angelica Alexander, Finance Director.

**Finance Director Angelica Alexander** approached the rostrum to give an update on the FY2021 Sales Tax. She explained for July 2020, approximately \$3.31 million was received in OLOST and approximately \$3.31 million was received in LOST revenue, which is up 4.6% compared to July 2019.

### **REFERRAL(S):**

#### **FOR THE FINANCE DIRECTOR:**

- Send the remaining items on the FY2021 Add/Delete List to the members of Council within the week, so they can prepare for the September 29, 2020 meeting. *(Request of Councilor Thomas)*

E. CARES Act Update - Pam Hodge, Deputy City Manager.

**Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge** approached the rostrum to give an update on the CCG CARES Act Funding received by the City of Columbus. She explained the balance for Phase II and Phase III is \$24 million, which will be expended to cover not only CCG expenses, but also for the community in the form of grants. She explained the grant categories are medical/health, community assistance and small business/arts organizations.

**President Marquette McKnight (Media, Marketing and More!)** came forward to explain the timeline and the application process for the community grants.

**REFERRAL(S):**

**FOR THE HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR:**

- Provide information to employees and the Council on the Payroll Tax Relief Program. (*Request of Councilor Thomas*)

**Finance Director Angelica Alexander** explained this is not a program that she would recommend the employees to participate in and currently the payroll system is not able to process the feature that is attached to the program.

**BID ADVERTISEMENT**

**September 9, 2020**

1. **COVID-19 Facility Decontamination Services/METRA (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 21-0009**

Scope of Bid

Columbus Consolidated Government is requesting bids from qualified vendors to perform COVID-19 facility decontamination services on an “as needed” basis for the Department of Transportation/METRA.

The contract term shall be for three (3) years with no renewal options.

**September 11, 2020**

1. **Bus Advertising (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 21-0002**

Scope of RFP

The Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia (the City) is soliciting proposals for exterior and/or interior bus advertising for METRA Transit System.

The term of the contract shall be for two (2) years, with the option to renew for three (3) additional twelve-month periods. Contract renewal will be contingent upon the mutual agreement of the City and the Contractor.

**September 23, 2020**

1. **Pest Control Services (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 21-0005**

Scope of Bid

The Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia (the City) is seeking proposals to provide pest control services for one-hundred and one (101) City owned buildings. Contract requirements include the control of pests including mites, ticks, spiders, rodent, roaches, ants, reptiles, bats, fleas, etc.

The term of the contract shall be for two (2) years with the option to renew for three (3) additional twelve-month periods. Contract renewal will be contingent upon the mutual agreement of the City and the Contractor.

**September 30, 2020**

1. **Additional Transit Enhancements (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 21-0002**

Scope of Bid

Provide additional transit enhancement items to METRA Transit System on an as-needed basis. The items include 32-gallon trash receptacles and jumbo horizontal message centers.

The contract term shall be for three (3) years with no renewal options.

# **CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA**

## **ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED**

### **1. Minutes of the following boards:**

Board of Tax Assessors, #29-20 and #30-20

Board of Zoning Appeals, May 6, June 3, and July 1, 2020

Building Authority of Columbus, August 21 and September 24, 2019

Columbus Aquatic Commission, January 30, 2020

Columbus Golf Course Authority, May 26, June 23 and July 21, 2020

Cooperative Extension Advisory Board, September 18, 2019 and January 29, 2020

Downtown Development Authority, August 13, 2019

Housing Authority of Columbus, June 17, 2020

Mayor's Commission on Reentry, January 27, February 17, April 20 and May 18, 2020

New Horizons Behavioral Health- Mental Health, Addictive Diseases and Developmental Disabilities- Community Service Board, January 14, February 11, April 8, May 13, June 10, August 12, September 9 and December 9, 2019

Public Safety Advisory Commission, January 23, February 20, April 16 and May 21, 2020

Region 6 Regional Advisory Council for Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, January 9, March 13, May 8, July 10 and September 11, 2019

Valley Partnership Joint Development Authority, January 17, March 19, May 30 and October 3, 2019

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to receive the minutes, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote, and Councilor Huff being absent for the meeting.

## **BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED**

### **2. MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS- ANY NOMINATIONS MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:**

#### **A. PENSION FUND, EMPLOYEES' BOARD OF TRUSTEES:**

A nominee for the seat of Charles Staples (*Does not desire reappointment*) on the Pension Fund, Employees' Board of Trustees as a Business Community Representative for a term that expired on June 30, 2019 (*Mayor's Appointment*). Mayor Henderson nominated Dusty Wilson to succeed Charles Staples. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote, and Councilor Huff being absent for the meeting.

A nominee for the seat of Liliana McDaniel (*Does not desire reappointment*) on the Pension Fund, Employees' Board of Trustees as a Business Community Representative for a term that expired on June 30, 2020 (*Mayor's Appointment*). There were none.

3. **COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS- READY FOR CONFIRMATION:**

- A. **ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD:** Dr. Jean Waguespack was nominated to serve another term of office. (*Councilor Woodson's nominee*) New Term expires: October 15, 2022. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote, and Councilor Huff being absent for the meeting.
- B. **BOARD OF HONOR:** Judge Bobby Peters was nominated to serve another term of office. (*Councilor House's nominee*) New Term expires: October 31, 2024. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote, and Councilor Huff being absent for the meeting.
- C. **BOARD OF HONOR:** Ms. Barbara Pierce was nominated to serve another term of office. (*Councilor House's nominee*) New Term expires: October 31, 2024. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote, and Councilor Huff being absent for the meeting.
- D. **BOARD OF HONOR:** Mr. Robert Poydasheff was nominated to serve another term of office. (*Councilor House's nominee*) New Term expires: October 31, 2024. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote, and Councilor Huff being absent for the meeting.
- E. **UPTOWN FACADE BOARD:** Mr. Robert Battle was nominated to serve another term of office. (*Councilor Woodson's nominee*) New Term expires: October 31, 2023. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote, and Councilor Huff being absent for the meeting.

4. **COUNCIL DISTRICT SEAT APPOINTMENTS- ANY NOMINATIONS MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:**

A. **PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION:**

A nominee for the seat of Dothel Edwards, Jr. (*Not eligible to succeed*) on the Public Safety Advisory Commission (*District 2- Davis*) for a term that expires on October 31, 2020. There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Geraldine Buckner (*Not eligible to succeed*) on the Public Safety Advisory Commission (*District 4- Tucker*) for a term that expires on October 31, 2020. There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Bill Ward (*Eligible to succeed*) on the Public Safety Advisory Commission (*District 6- Allen*) for a term that expires on October 31, 2020. There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Tyson Begly (*Eligible to succeed*) on the Public Safety Advisory Commission (*District 10- House*) for a term that expires on October 31, 2020. Councilor House nominated Alexander King to succeed Tyson Begly. Councilor House then made a motion for

confirmation, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote, and Councilor Huff being absent for the meeting.

5. **COUNCIL'S APPOINTMENTS- ANY NOMINATIONS WOULD BE LISTED FOR THE NEXT MEETING:**

**A. ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD:**

A nominee for the seat of Dr. Rene LeFranc (*Resigned*) on the Animal Control Advisory Board (*Veterinarian Association*) for a term that expired on October 15, 2019. There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Carla Anthony (*Not eligible to succeed*) on the Animal Control Advisory Board for a term that expires on October 15, 2020. There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Carol Bassett (*Resigned*) on the Animal Control Advisory Board for a term that expires on October 15, 2020. Councilor House nominated Julee Fryer to succeed Carol Bassett.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At the request of Mayor Henderson, Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel and litigation matters, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote and Councilor Huff being absent for the meeting with the time being 1:56 p.m.

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 3:05 p.m., at which time, Mayor Henderson announced that the Council did meet in executive session to discuss personnel, litigation, and a security matter; however, there were no votes taken.

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Councilor Crabb to adjourn the September 8, 2020 Regular Meeting, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Davis absent for the vote, Councilor Huff being absent for the meeting, and the time being 3:06 p.m.

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