

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 19, 2024
4:30 PM
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, Judy W. Thomas and Toyia Tucker. City Manager Isaiah Hugley, City Attorney Clifton Fay, Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis, Deputy Clerk of Council Lindsey G. McLemore and Deputy Clerk Pro Tem Tameka Colbert (arrived at 5:25 p.m.).

The following documents have been included as a part of the electronic Agenda Packet: (1) Follow-up to Public Report of Independent Investigation of the Revenue Division of CCG Presentation; (2) Revenue Division Update Presentation; (3) Mobile Integrated Healthcare Program Presentation; (4) The Liberty District Presentation; (5) GDOT Funding Update Presentation

The following documents were distributed around the Council table: (1) Follow up to Public Report of Independent Investigation of the Revenue Division of the Columbus Consolidated Government; (2) Documents Submitted by PA#7 Kathy Tanner

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Pastor Sherryl King- Peters Chapel AME Church of Columbus, Georgia

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Henderson

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Henderson entertained a motion to go into executive session to discuss matters of personnel and litigation. Councilor Tucker made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council, with the time being 4:34 p.m.

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 5:24 p.m., at which time, Mayor Henderson announced that the Council did meet in executive session to discuss matters of personnel and litigation; however, there were no votes taken.

MAYOR'S AGENDA (continued):

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the November 12, 2024 Council Meeting and Executive Session. Councilor Hickey made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor Thomas and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Chambers and Huff being absent for the vote.

PRESENTATIONS:

2. Finance Audit Report Follow-up-Acuitas (Presented by Alyssa Cavanaugh with Troutman Pepper Law Firm and Pamela Hefner from Acuitas, Inc.)

Ms. Pamela Hefner, CPA, CFE (Manager – Acuitas, Inc) approached the rostrum to provide a presentation as a follow-up to the independent investigation conducted on the Revenue Division. She explained they were asked to do a follow-up on the delinquencies identified in the initial report and whether the recommendations made have been implemented. She shared there has been meaningful progress in the Occupational Tax Division; then, outlined specific areas of progress towards clearing the backlog of licenses and the implementation of many of the recommendations identified in the report. She also shared that with assistance from the Inspections & Code Enforcement Division, there were businesses identified that are no longer in operation. She then acknowledged the risk to this progress being the staffing shortages, as well as, other challenges faced by the Revenue Division. She maintained that the Occupational Tax Division is on track to complete all received alcoholic business license renewals by December 31, 2024.

Finance Director Angelica Alexander came forward to respond to a question from **Councilor Judy W. Thomas**, listing seven positions requested by the Finance Department during budget but were not funded. She stated these positions would in some way assist and support the Revenue Division. She later shared a presentation updating Council on the efforts of the Revenue Division to address the backlog of business and alcohol licenses and any other areas of concern shared in the initial audit report.

Councilor Glenn Davis stated for the record, the investigators did not have information on the employee turnover that he was provided, and he believes if they had the information provided in the updated report, it would have reflected something different without so much emphasis being placed on temporary employees.

Councilor Cogle made a motion for the city attorney to bring forward a resolution to create an RFP to outsource the Revenue Division, seconded by Councilor Hickey with further discussion.

City Manager Isaiah Hugley stated he has no objections to an RFP to outsource the Revenue Division with there not being a need to bring forth a resolution requesting it. He advised that in the presentation from Finance Director Angelica Alexander, we also talked about outsourcing the collection piece; so that employees of the Finance Department and Inspections & Code can focus on some of their other duties. He shared that many Inspections & Code employees are having to spend their time knocking on doors and going to court for businesses regarding delinquent business licenses, instead of focusing their efforts addressing issues in the community brought forth by councilors and many citizens.

Councilor Travis Chambers stated in reference to the referral made by **Councilor Glenn Davis** to outsource the Revenue Division, he wants to ensure that the existing employees in that division have opportunities if outsourcing is the chosen route.

Councilor Cogle withdrew her motion.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Put out an RFP to outsource the Occupation Tax Division. (*Request of Councilor Davis*)
- Look into digitizing some of the processes as requested by citizens. (*Request of Councilor Davis*)

RECOGNITION:

4. The local Columbus Cricket Club has been awarded the Georgia Recreation and Parks Association (GRPA) Volunteer of the Year Award for their hard work and dedication to bringing the sport of cricket to the City of Columbus. (Holli Browder - Director of Department of Parks & Recreation)

Parks & Recreation Director Holli Browder approached the rostrum to present the Georgia Recreation and Parks Association (GRPA) Volunteer of the Year Award to Mr. Nadeem Kahn and the Columbus Cricket Club for their efforts in bringing the sport of Cricket to the community.

5. The Georgia Association of Tax Officials has presented Muscogee County Tax Commissioner Lula Huff with the Lifetime Achievement Service Award. (Councilor Travis L. Chambers)

Councilor Travis Chambers recognized **Muscogee County Tax Commissioner Lula Huff** for receiving the Lifetime Achievement Service Award from the Georgia Association of Tax Officials, where she is the first Tax Commissioner to receive this award. He also recognized her upcoming retirement on December 31, 2024, after 28 years serving as the Tax Commission for Muscogee County.

PRESENTATIONS (continued):

3. Mobile Integrated Healthcare (Chief Sal Scarpa- Fire & EMS Chief)

Fire & EMS Chief Sal Scarpa approached the rostrum to provide a presentation on the initiative of the Fire & EMS Department to provide mobile integrated healthcare services to the community. He explained how the implementation of this mobile unit program, Columbus Correct Care, would free up resources within the Fire & EMS Department while enhancing the delivery of healthcare, fulfilling the services needed, and providing support to the underserved parts of the community.

Dr. Asante' Hilts (CEO of Valley Healthcare System, Inc.) came forward explaining the COVID-19 Pandemic helped collaborative healthcare organizations realize the opportunity in removing silos and truly work together. She stated the organizations made a commitment to come up with innovative ways to provide healthcare services for the betterment of the community.

Dr. Grant Scarborough (Founder & CEO of MercyMed) came forward stating MercyMed is excited to be a part of this collaboration and the importance of getting out and meeting the needs of patients where they are. He explained if a society is not healthy then the individuals in that society are not healthy.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Memorandum of Agreement: CFEMS & MercyMed of Columbus

Resolution (449-24): A resolution authorizing the execution of the Memorandum of Agreement related to mobile integrated healthcare services jointly provided by the Columbus Department of Fire & Emergency Medical Services and MercyMed of Columbus. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council. (*NOTE: This item was called up as the next order of business as listed on the City Manager's Agenda Item 1.*)

2. Memorandum of Agreement: CFEMS, CPD & Valley Healthcare System

Resolution (450-24): A resolution authorizing the execution of the Memorandum of Agreement related to mobile integrated healthcare services jointly provided by the Columbus Department of Fire & Emergency Medical Services, Columbus Police Department and Valley Healthcare System. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council. (*NOTE: This item was called up as the next order of business as listed on the City Manager's Agenda Item 2.*)

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

1. **Ordinance (24-066) - 2nd 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.) (As amended on 1st Reading) (Councilor Hickey) Councilor Hickey made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.
2. **Ordinance (24-067) - 2nd 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) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.
3. **Ordinance (24-068) - 2nd 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) Councilor Cogle made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.
4. **Ordinance (24-069) - 2nd 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) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

Planning Director Will Johnson approached the rostrum to respond to a question from **Councilor Toyia Tucker** regarding the rezoning process. He explained that when a developer needs a rezoning for a project, they would come to the Planning Department for a preapplication meeting to ensure

they have everything, then the request goes before the Planning Advisory Commission (PAC), and lastly the rezoning request is listed on 1st Reading.

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: CPD Training Needs and Why Good Public Policy Matters. *Not Present*
2. Rev. Johnny Flakes, III, Re: The status of the Internal City Auditor. *Not Present*
3. Ms. Natalie Nicole, representing Role Model Academy, Re: (1) Crosswalk and road paint safety concern, (2) Public Works and Codes and Inspection requests. *Not Present*
4. Mr. Todd Gibson, Re: Pet permit fees. *Not Present*
5. Mrs. Jennifer Parker, Re: CACC negotiations. *Not Present*
6. Mrs. Sandy Gunnels, Re: Lack of transparency.
7. Mrs. Kathy Tanner, Re: Discuss the playard at CACC and other issues at CACC.
8. Mrs. Lynn Ezzell, Sears Woods Neighborhood, Re: To express opposition to the request to rezone 5201 Macon Road from SFR2 to SFR3 w/conditions +RMF1.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

3. PURCHASES

- A. Additional Sources for Pursuit Vehicle Buildout Services (Annual Contract) – Federal General Services Administration (GSA) Cooperative Contract and TIPS-USA Cooperative Contract

Resolution (451-24): A resolution authorizing the annual contract for the purchase of pursuit vehicle buildout services from Dana Safety Supply, Inc. (Jacksonville, FL) and ProLogic ITS, LLC (Acworth, GA) as additional sources to provide these services. Purchases will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Federal General Services Administration (GSA) Contract GS-07F-0512T (Dana Safety Supply, Inc.) and TIPS-USA Contract #240102 (ProLogic ITS). The public safety departments, and other departments, will obtain quotes from the vendors as the services are needed. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council. *(Clerk of Council Davis announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Garrett, whose vote was not registered in the voting system or provided on the overhead projector.)*

- B. Change Order 4 – Recreation Center Roof Project – RFB No. 24-0001

Resolution (452-24): A resolution authorizing the execution of Change Order 4 with Pittman Waller Roofing Company, LLC (Macon, GA) in the amount of \$160,153.50 for roofing services at Psalmond Road Recreation Center. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council. *(Clerk of Council*

Davis announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Garrett, whose vote was not registered in the voting system or provided on the overhead projector.)

C. Change Order 5 – Recreation Center Roof Project – RFB No. 24-0001

Resolution (453-24): A resolution authorizing the execution of Change Order 5 with Pittman Waller Roofing Company, LLC (Macon, GA) in the amount of \$288,428.40 for roofing services at Shirley Winston Recreation Center. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council. *(Clerk of Council Davis announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Garrett, whose vote was not registered in the voting system or provided on the overhead projector.)*

D. Change Order 6 – Recreation Center Roof Project – RFB No. 24-0001

Resolution (454-24): A resolution authorizing the execution of Change Order 6 with Pittman Waller Roofing Company, LLC (Macon, GA) in the amount of \$254,326.80 for roofing services at Frank Chester Recreation Center. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council. *(Clerk of Council Davis announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Garrett, whose vote was not registered in the voting system or provided on the overhead projector.)*

E. Panasonic Toughbooks (Laptops) with Accessories for Police Department – OMNIA Partners/NCPA Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (455-24): A resolution authorizing the purchase of thirty-one (31) Panasonic Toughbooks with accessories, for the Police Department, from Virtucom (Norcross, GA) in the amount of \$128,904.96. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Omnia Partners/NCPA (National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance) Contract #01-170. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council. *(Clerk of Council Davis announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Garrett, whose vote was not registered in the voting system or provided on the overhead projector.)*

F. Console Computers with Accessories for E-911 – OMNIA Partners/NCPA Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (456-24): A resolution authorizing the purchase of thirty-one (31) console computers with accessories for E-911, from Virtucom (Norcross, GA) in the amount of \$65,232.06. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Omnia Partners/NCPA (National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance) Contract #01-170. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council. *(Clerk of Council Davis announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Garrett, whose vote was not registered in the voting system or provided on the overhead projector.)*

G. Cardiac Monitor/Defibrillator with Accessories for Fire & EMS Department – Sourcewell Cooperative Contract

Resolution (457-24): A resolution authorizing the purchase of six (6) Stryker LifePak 35 Cardiac Monitor/Defibrillator with accessories from Stryker Sales (Chicago, IL) for Fire & EMS, in the amount of \$282,894.25. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Sourcewell Contract #041823-STY. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council. *(Clerk of Council*

Davis announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Garrett, whose vote was not registered in the voting system or provided on the overhead projector.)

H. Power Load System and Power-Pro 2 Ambulance Cot with Accessories for Fire & EMS – Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (458-24): A resolution authorizing the purchase of a Power Load system and Power-Pro 2 Ambulance Cot with accessories from Stryker Sales (Chicago, IL), for Fire & EMS, in the amount of \$63,877.45. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Sourcewell Contract #041823-STY. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council. *(Clerk of Council Davis announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Garrett, whose vote was not registered in the voting system or provided on the overhead projector.)*

I. Amendment 19 for Construction Manager as General Contractor Services for Columbus Government Center Complex – RFQ No. 20-0002

Resolution (459-24): A resolution authorizing the execution of Amendment 19 in the amount of \$44,413,563.00 with Gilbane Building Company (Atlanta, GA), in association with Freeman & Associates, Inc., for construction manager as general contractor services for the Government Center Complex. The City Manager is also authorized to execute future amendments with Gilbane Building Company for amounts not to exceed the bond proceeds. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council. *(Clerk of Council Davis announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Garrett, whose vote was not registered in the voting system or provided on the overhead projector.)*

J. On-Call General Contractor Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 25-0003

Resolution (460-24): A resolution authorizing the execution of annual contracts with Brasfield & Gorrie (Columbus, GA), River City Contractors (Columbus, GA), Thayer-Bray Construction (Phenix City, AL), Prime Contractors, Inc. (Powder Springs, GA), Ben B. Gordy Construction Co., Inc. (Columbus, GA), Principle Construction LLC (LaGrange, GA), Freeman & Associates, Inc. (Columbus, GA) and Lancour Construction, LLC (Seale, AL) for general contracting services on an as-needed basis. The contractors will submit quotes to the requesting department for each project that arises during the course of the contract. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council. *(Clerk of Council Davis announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Garrett, whose vote was not registered in the voting system or provided on the overhead projector.)*

NOTE: Councilor Garrett left the meeting at 8:56 p.m.

4. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Liberty District Master Plan Update - Neil Clark, Hecht Burdeshaw Architects, Inc.

Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge approached the rostrum to introduce the presentation, stating the City of Columbus has contracted with Hecht Burdeshaw Architects, Inc. to come up with a master plan for the Liberty District. She explained that Hecht Burdeshaw VP Neil Clark has been meeting with community stakeholders to establish a plan that can be presented to the public for input, but before doing so they wish to show Council what they have been working on.

Vice President Neil Clark, NCARB (Principal, Architect – Hecht Burdeshaw Architects, Inc.)

came forward to provide a presentation on the Liberty Theatre Master Plan, but with limited time, agreed with comments from **City Manager Isaiah Hugley** that he has met with many stakeholders in the Liberty District and would be available to answer questions from the members of Council after they have had a chance to review the report provided.

B. GDOT Funding - Will Johnson, Planning, Director

Planning Director Will Johnson approached the rostrum to provide a presentation on GDOT funding, where he explained unused funds have been identified in the Y230 Federal Funds, Transportation Alternative (TA) Funds, and in Carbon Reduction (CR) Funds due to CCG utilizing TSPLOST funding to avoid the complex process, lengthy timelines, and red tape of using federal funds. He shared the history of the issue, where he was notified in 2022 that the timeline to access these funds had lapsed to later being notified in 2024 the timeline had in fact not lapsed. He also shared the plans in allocating the funds available to various projects.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- The sound and picture in the Council Chambers are not in sync. *(Request of Councilor Thomas)*
- Check on action taken by Council in 2016 to approve the request to name the gym floor at Comer Gym in honor of Fred Hyder, who was a coach there for many years. *(Request of Councilor Thomas)*

ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL UPDATE:

City Manager Isaiah Hugley responded to a request from **Councilor Judy W. Thomas** to provide a brief update on the negotiations with PAWS to take over operations at Animal Care & Control. He explained they have received the proposal from PAWS and the negotiation team is currently reviewing it. He then provided a projected date based on his hope that they will be ready to provide a presentation to Council no later than December 17, 2024, then maybe present the information in a public setting to receive input from the public, with the goal of bringing it for a vote in January.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Check on putting in a crosswalk in front of Progressive Funeral Home. *(Request of Councilor Hickey)*
- Provide a status update on the plan to extend the METRA route to go through the Brookestone Centre due to the construction. *(Request of Councilor Crabb)*

BID ADVERTISEMENT

DATE: November 19, 2024

SUBJECT: Advertised Bids/RFPs/RFQs

December 18, 2024

1. Muscogee County Jail Roof Project – RFB No. 25-0006
Scope of Bid

Provide all labor, equipment, and materials to remove the existing roof system at the Muscogee County Jail and install a new TPO roof system as specified, in full compliance with the project manual.

A mandatory Site Visit is scheduled for 9:00 AM, Friday, November 22, 2024. Vendors shall convene at the Muscogee County Jail, which is located at 700 E 10th St, Columbus, GA 31901.

CLERK OF COUNCIL’S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - INFORMATION ONLY

- 1. Memorandum from the Historic District Preservation Society Board of Directors, Re: Proposed Parking Deck in the Columbus Historic District.

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

2. Minutes of the following boards:

Planning Advisory Commission, October 16, 2024

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to receive the minutes of various boards, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried by the eight members present, with Councilors Garrett and Hickey being absent for the vote.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

3. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS- READY FOR CONFIRMATION:

A. COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS & CULTURAL LIAISON ENCOUNTERS (CIRCLE): Ms. Mary Kathryn McCray was nominated to fill the unexpired term of Mr. John Jackson. *(Councilor Tucker’s nominee)* Term expires: March 1, 2027. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried by the eight members present, with Councilors Garrett and Hickey being absent for the vote.

B. PERSONNEL REVIEW BOARD: Mr. Willie Belfield, Jr. was nominated to succeed Mr. Torrance Goodwin as **(Regular Member 3)**. *(Councilor Crabb’s nominee)* Term expires: December 31, 2027. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried by the eight members present, with Councilors Garrett and Hickey being absent for the vote.

C. PERSONNEL REVIEW BOARD: Ms. Donna D. Baker was nominated to succeed Ms. Tracy Walker as **(Regular Member 2)**. *(Councilor Crabb’s nominee)* Term expires: December 31, 2027. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor

Pro Tem Allen and carried by the eight members present, with Councilors Garrett and Hickey being absent for the vote.

Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis stated for the record, Tracy Walker was nominated by Councilor Crabb at the last meeting, and she later received an email notifying her that Tracy Walker wished to rotate off the board. Clerk of Council Davis explained since Donna D. Baker was nominated for her Alternate Member 3 seat at the last meeting, she is listed for confirmation as the Regular Member 2 after receiving the recommendation from the Human Resources Director.

4. **COUNCIL'S CONFIRMATION- NOMINATIONS RECEIVED FROM AN ORGANIZATION / AGENCY:**

A. **ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD:**

A nominee for the seat of Kristi Ludy (*Continues in Office*) as the Department of Public Health Member on the Animal Control Advisory Board (*Council's Confirmation*). **Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis** stated the Department of Public Health is recommending the new County Manager – Danielle Saunders to serve as the Public Health Member. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to confirm the appointment of Danielle Saunders, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Garrett and Hickey being absent for the vote.

5. **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*). **Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis** stated Councilor Cogle renominated Ernest Smallman, IV at the last meeting.

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*). **Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis** stated Councilor Cogle renominated John Kingsbury at the last meeting.

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

A. **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 – Appointed to Regular Member seat*) 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 – Appointed to Regular Member seat*) for a term expiring on December 31, 2024, as Alternate Member 3 on the Personnel Review Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Councilor Tucker to adjourn the November 19, 2024 Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members of present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote, and the time being 9:26 p.m.

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