

COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING **MINUTES**

Columbus Convention & Trade Center
801 Front Avenue, South Hall
Columbus, Georgia 31901

February 23, 2021
5:30 PM
Regular Meeting

MAYOR'S AGENDA

PRESENT: Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III and Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen and Councilors Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis (arrived at 5:34 p.m.), R. Walker Garrett, John M. House, Bruce Huff, Judy W. Thomas, Toyia Tucker and Evelyn "Mimi" Woodson. 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 Jerry "Pops" Barnes was absent.

<p><u>The following documents were distributed around the Council table:</u> (1) Finance Department Staff Report: Revocation of Alcoholic Beverage License; (2) Coroner's Office Statistics</p>
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CALL TO ORDER: Mayor B.H. "Skip" Henderson, III, Presiding

INVOCATION: Offered by Donald Killins at Hallelujah Praise and Worship Center of SafeHouse Ministries of Columbus, Georgia

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Henderson

UPDATES:

4. Ft. Benning Update
Major General Patrick J. Donahoe, Commanding General

Major General Patrick J. Donahoe approached the rostrum to give an update on Fort Benning and the impact COVID-19 has had on the military installation. He explained the pandemic has caused them to separate the training division from the community, with its 50,000 graduates during the pandemic, and the lack of families visiting Columbus for graduations has impacted the revenue coming into the City. He stated the numbers of positive cases on the installation has been on a steady decline and they are working diligently to administer the vaccination.

REVOCAATION HEARING:

1. The Finance Department- Revenue Division's recommendation to revoke the alcoholic beverage license of Mr. Joseph R. Philippe d/b/a Ayden Lounge Bar and Restaurant.

Finance Director Angelica Alexander explained the timeline of events that brought this revocation hearing before the City Council. She explained in January 2020 the Finance Department presented to Council a recommendation of nonrenewal of the 2020 Alcoholic Beverage License for Ayden Lounge Bar and Restaurant based on a criminal history background check conducted on the owner, and Council approved a 90-day extension pending the outcome of a Food and Beverage Audit, which extended the compliance review to April 13, 2020. She stated due to COVID-19, the business closed in March 2020 and reopened July 2020, at which time, the compliance audit resumed. It was determined that the business did not meet the definition of a restaurant as defined in Code Section 3-1(F), where it states at least 50% of the gross food and beverage income should derive from the sale of such meals prepared and served on the premises, which the business failed to meet this requirement.

Revenue Division Manager Yvonne Ivey approached the rostrum to give the percentages of alcohol sales versus food sales for the business in three different timeframes. She stated from September 2019 to August 2020 the alcohol beverage sales were 60.96% and food sales were 39.04%; October 2019 to September 2020 the alcohol beverage sales were 57.41% and food sales 42.59%; and September 2019 to September 2020 the alcohol beverage sales were 58.91% and food sales 41.09%.

Attorney Travis Hargrove (Finley Law Firm, Columbus, Georgia) approached the rostrum to represent the business owner. He requested the Council to take into consideration the current COVID-19 Pandemic and allow a six-month extension to keep the forty-seven employees of Ayden Lounge Bar and Restaurant employed and keeping the doors open to this business. He explained his client has a plan to increase the food sales for the business.

Columbus Police Chief Freddie Blackmon came forward to provide information on calls made to the Columbus Police Department in and around the Ayden Lounge Bar and Restaurant. He explained there have been over twenty-five incident calls between 2018 and December 2020 in and around the business, ranging from assaults, discharge of firearm incidents to reports of theft.

City Manager Isaiah Hugley clarified with the Finance Director that there was an application submitted on behalf of a new owner, Latrice Luckerson. It was established there was a bill of sale and cancelled checks provided to the Finance Department, showing the business was legitimately sold.

Joseph R. Philippe came forward to explain he feared losing the liquor license for the business, so he was working to get the ownership transferred to someone else.

James Charles Issac approached the rostrum, stating he is the brother of the business owner. He explained previously they had tried to change the name of the business from Ayden to Tundra and it was explained to him and his brother at that time that they would not be able to be on the liquor license. He explained he has invested \$575,000 in the business and the sale of the business as addressed by the City Manager is not final.

Councilor Woodson made a motion to revoke the alcoholic beverage license of Mr. Joseph R. Phillippe d/b/a Ayden Lounge Bar and Restaurant, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

City Attorney Clifton Fay explained due to the action taken by Council, it is prohibited that alcoholic beverages be sold at this business.

MINUTES

2. Approval of minutes for the February 9, 2021 Council Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

UPDATES:

3. An update on COVID-19

Mayor B. H. “Skip” Henderson gave an update on COVID-19 and the impact on the local community. He explained the 7-day average of citizens being hospitalized due to COVID-19 is thirty-three, and there have been around 20,000 vaccinations administered. He stated originally Columbus was not being given the same number of vaccinations as other cities similar in size, but this issue has been addressed.

COLUMBUS GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION:

5. **EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION:** Felton Grant
Planning Department

Mayor B. H. “Skip” Henderson recognized Planning Department Employee, Felton Grant, for his good deed of returning the deposit bag of a local church that had mistakenly been dropped and located.

CITY ATTORNEY’S AGENDA

ORDINANCES:

1. **Ordinance (21-007)- 2nd Reading-** An ordinance amending Human Resources Policy Number 220-506, Alcohol and Drug Free Workplace Policy. (Mayor Pro-Tem) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.
2. **1st Reading:** REZN-12-20-3086 - An ordinance amending the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) for Columbus, Georgia so as to amend certain sections of the Unified Development Ordinance of the Columbus Codes to revise Table 2.1.1. and Table 2.2.2 to delete certain Townhouse and Multifamily property development regulations in the HIST zoning district. (Mayor Pro-Tem)

3. **1st Reading:** REZN-12-20-3087- An ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at 2730 Manchester Expressway (parcel # 069-014-005 / 005A / 006 / 006A / 007 / 008 / 019 / 020 / 023 / 024) from NC (Neighborhood Commercial) and SFR3 (Single Family Residential 3) Zoning District to GC (General Commercial) Zoning District with conditions. (Councilor Garrett)
4. **1st Reading:** REZN-12-20-3088 - An ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at 2744 Warm Springs Road (parcel # 069-019-009) from RO (Residential Office) Zoning District to GC (General Commercial) Zoning District with conditions. (Councilor Garrett)
5. **1st Reading:** REZN-12-20-3178 - An ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at 1421 6th Avenue from LMI (Light Manufacturing / Industrial) Zoning District to UPT (Uptown) Zoning District. (Councilor Woodson)
6. **1st Reading:** REZN-12-20-3180 - An ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at 3518 Gentian Boulevard from NC (Neighborhood Commercial) Zoning District to RO (Residential Office) Zoning District. (Councilor Crabb)
7. **Ordinance (21-008) - 1st Reading:** An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 20-018, the budget for the Fiscal Year 2021, to reclassify certain positions in the Inspections and Code Department of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia; and for other purposes. (Budget Review Committee) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance on 1st Reading, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.
8. **Ordinance (21-009) - 1st Reading:** An ordinance extending the business and occupation tax licensing deadline established by local law for the year 2021; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance on 1st Reading, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

9. **Resolution (044-21) -** A resolution encouraging participation in litter clean-up initiatives and requesting judicial assistance in enforcing anti-littering laws. (Mayor Pro-Tem) 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 Barnes being absent for the meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen read the resolution into the record.

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Ms. Dorcas Woody, representing Georgia Strong Families- Columbus Health Department, Re: Information on Georgia Strong Families that serves the families in Muscogee County.
2. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: The murders in the city.

CARVER PARK: CHANGE OF HOURS

Councilor Toyia Tucker expressed her concerns regarding the recent violent crimes that have occurred in the community, to include Carver Park. She then made a motion to change the hours of Carver Park to 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. by oral resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Garrett and Huff absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Lease Extension Agreement 4505 Buena Vista Road — Synovus Bank

Resolution (045-21): A resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease extension agreement with Synovus Bank to continue to lease the property located at 4505 Buena Vista Road for \$1.00 per year for a period of five (5) years. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Crabb, Garrett and Huff being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

2. Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Housing Authority of Columbus, Georgia, and the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)

Resolution (046-21): A resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Housing Authority of Greater Columbus, Georgia (HACG), and the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) for Archival Photo Recordation to be conducted at Elizabeth Canty Homes Building 704. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Crabb being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

3. FY2022 Family Connection Grant

Resolution (047-21): A resolution authorizing the City Manager to serve as Fiscal Agent, and the City Manager or his designee to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant from the Georgia Department of Human Services in the amount of \$48,000, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, for Fiscal Year 2022, to support the Columbus/Muscogee County Family Connection Collaborative for improving child health and welfare, school performance, family stability, family economic capacity, and to reduce child abuse, neglect, and teenage pregnancy, and to amend the Family Connection Fund 0985 by the amount of the award. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried

unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Crabb being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

4. State Criminal Alien Assistance Program Grant

Resolution (048-21): A resolution authorizing the City Manager, the Mayor, or their designee to submit and accept, if awarded, the Fiscal Year 2022 State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) Funding from the U.S. Department of Justice, in the amount of \$45,690, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the SCAAP Budget by the amount awarded. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Crabb being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

5. FY2022 FTA 5307 Grant Application for Capital and Planning Assistant

Resolution (049-21): A resolution authorizing the Mayor or City Manager of Columbus, Georgia to submit an application for, and if awarded, accept a grant in the amount of \$2,526,077 or otherwise awarded, from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) on behalf of the City should the application receive approval. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Crabb being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

6. Soliciting Interest for Animal Control Services

Resolution (050-21): A resolution authorizing the City Manager to request for qualifications soliciting interest from any Licensed Animal Rescue that has established partnerships with the CCG and has its animal facility/shelter in Muscogee County for the purpose of determining whether the contracting out of Animal Control Services would be feasible to the CCG. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Crabb being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

ADD-ON RESOLUTION:

Community School Strategy MOU – Add On

Resolution (051-21): A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia authorizing Columbus Consolidated Government to participate in a memorandum of understanding and intent regarding a Community School Strategy System. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the add-on resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Crabb being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

7. PURCHASES

- A. Removal & Recycling/Reuse, Scrap Metal, Bulky Items & Similar Material from Columbus Landfill and Other City Locations (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 21-0019

Resolution (052-21): A resolution authorizing the execution of an annual contract with SA Recycling, LLC (East point, GA), for the removal, recycling/reuse of scrap metal, bulky items and similar material from the Columbus Landfill, and other city locations of Columbus Consolidated Government, at a percentage rate of 45% based on the American Scrap Metal Market Scrap Iron and Steel Price. The percentage price will be paid by the contractor to the City and will be deposited in the Government Wide Revenue Account. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Crabb being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

- B. On-Demand On-Site Secure Shredding Services (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 21-0012

Resolution (053-21): A resolution authorizing an annual contract with the Overby Company/Shred-A-Way (Columbus, GA), for on-demand on-site secure shredding services for various city departments on an “as needed” basis, for the annual estimated amount of \$2,874.00. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Crabb being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

- C. Taser Training Cartridges for Police Department

Resolution (054-21): A resolution authorizing the purchase of Taser Training Cartridges from Axon Enterprise, Inc., (Scottsdale, AZ) in the amount of \$30,620.00. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Crabb being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

- D. Traffic Signal Equipment (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 21-0004

Resolution (055-21): A resolution authorizing the purchase of traffic signal equipment from Temple, Inc. (Decatur, AL), Utilicom Supply Associated, LLC (Norcross, GA) and Control Technologies (Cummings, GA) on an “as needed” basis. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Crabb being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

- E. Redevelopment Opportunity for Farmers Market – RFP No. 21-0005

Resolution (056-21): A resolution authorizing the negotiation of a long-term lease agreement with UGROW, Inc. (Columbus, GA), with Development Partner WC Bradley Real Estate Company (Columbus, GA) and in partnership with the Riverdale-Porterdale Cemetery Foundation, Inc. (Columbus, GA), for the redevelopment of the former Georgia State Farmers Market, consistent with applicable deed restrictions. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution,

seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Crabb being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

F. Grab-All Truck for Public Works – Cooperative Contract

Resolution (057-21): A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) Grab-All Truck (PAC-MAC KB-20) from Wastebuilt Environmental Solutions, LLC (Austell, GA), in the amount of \$134,500.00, by Cooperative Purchase via Sourcewell Contract #041217-HMC. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Crabb being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Provide an update and opportunity for the members of Council to discuss the parking meters issue for Uptown Columbus at the next meeting, and then bring back at the following meeting for it to be voted on by Council. *(Request of Councilor Thomas)*

8. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Sports Council Update - Merri Sherman, CSEE

Sports Council Executive Director Merri Sherman approached the rostrum to give an update on the Sports Council and their activities throughout the community. She explained the improvements that have already been completed at the South Commons Softball Complex and the continued improvements.

B. Coroner's Office Update – Buddy Bryan, Coroner.

Finance Director Angelica Alexander approached the rostrum to explain the request from the Coroner's Department for additional funding, as they are expected to exceed their FY-2021 Budget associated with a part-time driver position.

Muscogee County Coroner Buddy Bryan came forward to explain how the Coroner's Office has continued to operate during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Councilor Huff made a motion for an additional \$7,200 in funding for the Coroner's FY 2021 Budget, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Garrett, Tucker and Woodson being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

BID ADVERTISEMENT

February 23, 2021

- 1. Roofing Services at Haygood Recreation Center – RFB No. 21-0022**
A Mandatory Site Visit is scheduled at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, February 23, 2021. Vendors shall convene at the Haygood Recreation Center, which is located at 1100 Cusseta Road,

Columbus, Georgia 31901. *Attendees are required to wear face masks and observe social distancing.*

February 24, 2021

1. Carpet – RFB No. 21-0023

Scope of Bid

Provide carpet (roll and tile and base) and installation services for various offices at the Government Center and other City Facilities. The products and services will be procured on an “as needed” basis. The contract period will be for two (2) years with the option to renew for three (3) additional twelve-month periods.

2. Employee Service Award Pins – RFB 21-0020

Scope of Bid

Columbus Consolidated Government is requesting bids from qualified vendors to provide employee service award pins to the Human Resources Department on an “as needed” basis. The contract term will be for two years with the option to renew for three additional twelve-month periods.

March 10, 2021

1. Roofing Services at Haygood Recreation Center – RFB No. 21-0022

Scope of Bid

Provide all labor, equipment, and materials to install a standing seam metal roof system at the Haygood Recreation Center.

March 12, 2021

1. Consulting Services for Employee Benefit Plans (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 21-0028

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government is soliciting competitive proposals from experienced, qualified benefits management firm to strategically plan, broker, implement, and support its employee benefit programs.

The contract term will be for two (2) years with the option to renew for three (3) additional twelve-month period.

CLERK OF COUNCIL’S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

1. **RESOLUTION (058-21):** A Resolution cancelling the March 2, 2021 Proclamation Session. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Garrett and Woodson being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

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

Animal Control Advisory Board, October 7, 2020

Board of Tax Assessors, #03-21 and #04-21

Building Authority of Columbus, December 03, 2019

Convention & Visitors Board of Commissioners, January 20, 2021

Family & Children Services, January 21, 2021

Housing Authority of Columbus, December 16, 2020

Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission, February 4, 2021

Planning Advisory Commission, December 16, 2020 and January 20, 2021

Uptown Facade Board, December 15, 2020 and January 19 & 29, 2021

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to receive the minutes of various boards, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Garrett and Woodson being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

ADD-ON RESOLUTION:

RESOLUTION (059-21): A resolution excusing the absence of Councilor Jerry "Pops" Barnes from the February 23, 2021 Council Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Garrett and Woodson being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS- ACTION REQUESTED:

2. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS- READY FOR CONFIRMATION:

A. BUILDING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS: Ms. Leila Carr was nominated to serve another term of office. (*Councilor Woodson's nominee*) New Term expires: March 24, 2023. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Garrett and Woodson being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

B. BUILDING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS: Mr. Vincent Allen was nominated to serve another term of office. (*Councilor Woodson's nominee*) New Term expires: March 24, 2023. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

C. COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS & CULTURAL LIAISON ENCOUNTERS: Ms. Samantha Wooden was nominated to serve another term of office. (*Councilor Garrett's nominee*) New Term expires: March 1, 2025. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

D. PLANNING ADVISORY COMMISSION: Mr. James Dudley was nominated to serve another term of office. (*Councilor Woodson's nominee*) New Term expires: March 31, 2024. Councilor Woodson made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem

Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

E. PLANNING ADVISORY COMMISSION: Ms. Pat Weekley was nominated to succeed Mr. Robert Bollinger. (*Councilor House's nominee*) New Term expires: March 31, 2024. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

F. PLANNING ADVISORY COMMISSION: Mr. Brad Baker was nominated to succeed Mr. Joseph Brannan. (*Councilor Crabb's nominee*) New Term expires: March 31, 2024. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

3. **COUNCIL'S APPOINTMENTS- VOTE TABULATION:**

A. BOARD OF HONOR:

A nominee for the seat of the late Robert Poydasheff on the Board of Honor for a term expiring on October 31, 2024 (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor House withdrew his nomination of Seth Harp to fill this unexpired term.

Councilor Charmaine Crabb requested to be recused from the vote on the Board of Honor appointment. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to allow Councilor Crabb to be recused from the vote, seconded by Councilor Garrett and unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Crabb being recused, and Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

Councilor Woodson made a motion to confirm the appointment of Vivian Creighton Bishop to fill the unexpired term of the late Robert Poydasheff, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Crabb being recused, and Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

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

A. BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS:

A nominee for the seat of Tomeika Farley (*Eligible to serve another term*) on the Board of Zoning Appeals for a term expiring on March 31, 2021 (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Huff nominated Tomeika Farley to succeed herself.

A nominee for the seat of Terry "Gene" Fields (*Not eligible to serve another term*) on the Board of Zoning Appeals for a term expiring on March 31, 2021 (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Crabb nominated Kathleen Mullins to succeed Terry "Gene" Fields.

A nominee for the seat of Ty Harrison (*Not eligible to serve another term*) on the Board of Zoning Appeals for a term expiring on March 31, 2021 (*Council's Appointment*). Mayor Pro Tem Allen nominated Douglas Jefcoat to succeed Ty Harrison.

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

A nominee for the seat of Rose Spencer (*Not eligible to serve another term*) on the Commission on International Relations & Cultural Liaison Encounters (CIRCLE) for a term expiring on March 1, 2021 (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

C. HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of Leslie Heard Jones (*Not eligible to serve another term*) as the Historic District Resident on the Historic & Architectural Review Board for a term that expires on January 31, 2021 (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Crabb nominated Fred Greene to succeed Leslie Heard Jones.

D. TREE BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of Frank Tommey (*Not eligible to succeed*) as the Residential Development Member on the Tree Board for a term that expired on December 31, 2020 (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Troy Keller (*Not eligible to succeed*) as the Educator Member on the Tree Board for a term that expired on December 31, 2020 (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Beverly Kinner (*Not eligible to succeed*) on the Tree Board for a term that expired on December 31, 2020 (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

UPCOMING BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

- A. Employees Benefits Committee
- B. Housing Authority of Columbus

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Councilor Garrett to adjourn the February 23, 2021 Regular Meeting, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting, and the time being 7:51 p.m.

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