

COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Columbus Civic Center
400 4th Street, Arena Floor
Columbus, Georgia 31901

October 13, 2020
9:00 AM
Regular Meeting

MAYOR'S AGENDA

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, Bruce Huff, Judy W. Thomas and Toyia Tucker. 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 Evelyn "Mimi" Woodson was absent.

The following documents were distributed around the Council table: (1) Report for Audit of Grants; (2) Audit of Grants Presentation, Presented by Internal Auditor; (3) Internal Audit of Grants Presentation, Presented by Human Resources; (4) Proposed Memorandum of Understanding between the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia and Columbus State University; (5) Columbus Consolidated Government Monthly Financial Snapshot (Unaudited) FY2021 – September 2020; (6) COVID-19 Related Expense Report for September 2020.

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Pastor Joseph E. Baker of St. James A.M.E Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Henderson

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the September 29, 2020 Council Work Session / Budget Review Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

The following resolution was called upon as the next order of business as listed on the City Attorney's Agenda as Item #5:

RESOLUTIONS

5. **Resolution (297-20)** - A Resolution expressing our support for and request that a Veterans Administration Clinic in Columbus, Georgia be named in honor of former Mayor Robert S. Poydasheff as a fitting memorial for his service to the Columbus, Georgia community, our nation's soldiers and our country. (Columbus Council) Councilor House made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

Councilor John House read the resolution honoring the contribution of former Mayor Robert S. Poydasheff to the City of Columbus and to Veterans in the community

Robert S. Poydasheff, Jr. approached the rostrum to receive the resolution honoring his father on behalf of their family.

COUNCIL BIRTHDAYS:

Mayor B. H. “Skip” Henderson wished Councilor House a happy birthday and wished Mayor Pro Tem Allen a happy early birthday.

UPDATE:

2. An update on COVID-19

Mayor B. H. “Skip” Henderson gave an update on COVID-19 by stating that though the numbers are up, we are doing better with the efforts of the citizens. He urged the citizens to be mindful when planning activities for Halloween.

3. Census 2020

Mayor B. H. “Skip” Henderson the Census is still collecting data until October 31st. He encouraged citizens who have not completed their 2020 Census to take advantage of the extension and be counted.

PRESENTATION:

4. Grants Audit Report. (Presented by John Redmond, Internal Auditor & Compliance Officer)

Internal Auditor John Redmond came forward to give a presentation providing information on the findings of the audit conducted on various grants received by the Columbus Consolidated Government. He stated the findings revealed some cases where compensation of several employees had not been presented to the City Manager for examination, evaluation, and approval, as required by the City Charter, Section 2-18-7. He recommended the City Manager perform the examination, evaluation, and approval process for grant related compensation issues; as well as, direct or take remedial and forward action consistent with his determination and decision on said grants.

The following update was called up as the next order of business as listed on the City Manager’s Agenda Item 14 ‘A’)

14. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Internal Audit of Grant Positions Update - Reather Hollowell, Human Resources Director and Angelica Alexander, Finance Director.

Human Resources Director Reather Hollowell came forward to give a presentation in response to the audit findings reported by the Internal Auditor. She explained the plan of the Human Resources Department is to bring the pay of each of the grant funded positions back in line with the CCG (Columbus Consolidated Government) Pay Plan. She explained there are several positions that are recommended to be reclassified and will be sent to CSU (Columbus State University) for review.

City Manager Isaiah Hugley explained the reclassifications would come back to Council on First Reading, but approval is being requested for the update to the Grants Management Policy. He then called forward the resolution listed as Item # 11 on his agenda, explaining the purpose for the policy update is to put control measures in place to avoid situations such as this in the future.

The following resolution was called up as the next order of business as requested by City Manager Hugley)

RESOLUTIONS:

11. Grants Management Policy Update

Approval is requested by resolution to update the City's Grants Management Policy. Revisions to the current policy are needed in order to ensure compliance with local, state, and federal rules and regulations pertaining to grants administration and oversight. Minor policy revisions include requiring pay plan classifications for all grant funded positions, prohibition of pay supplements using grant funds, and allowing adopted pay increases as approved by Council if grant funding is available.

Councilor Thomas made a motion to delay this item until the members of Council have received the proposed policy, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

- 1. 1st Reading - REZN-07-20-2105:** An ordinance rezoning .81 acre of land located at 1700 10th Street (parcel id # 017-007-001). The current zoning is RO (Residential-Office). The proposed zoning is GC (General Commercial). The proposed use is a convenience store with gas sales. The Planning Advisory Commission recommends **denial** based on inconsistency with the City's Comprehensive Plan and Future Land Use. The Planning Department recommends **conditional approval** based on compatibility with existing land uses and adjacent GC (General Commercial) zonings. The applicant is Rob McKenna. (Councilor Woodson) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to delay this item, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

City Attorney Clifton Fay introduced the ordinance on 1st Reading and stated this item would need to come back to Council on November 10th due to the address being listed incorrectly in the advertisement. He explained the correct address is 1700 10th Avenue.

Mr. Rob McKenna (Applicant) came forward to explain the need for the proposed rezoning. He stated the property will be used as a gas station/convenience store. He explained the developers

have agreed to reduce the parking on the eastside of the building, which is closest to the neighborhood to plant trees and build a fence to serve as a buffer for the neighborhood.

Mr. Joe Denson came forward to speak in opposition of the proposed rezoning, as an employee to an owner that has an adjacent property. He also expressed grievances of various citizens who live close to the proposed gas station/convenience store.

Mr. Ralph Franks came forward to speak in opposition of the proposed rezoning, stating the noise would cause an issue for the residents nearby.

Planning Director Rick Jones approached the rostrum to respond to questions asked by Council, stating the only way the City can regulate the type of business that goes onto a property is if you put a condition on the property for a particular use.

2. 1st Reading - REZN-07-20-2248: An ordinance rezoning .24 acre of land located at 849 Brighton Road (parcel id # 066-036-043). The current zoning is GC (General Commercial). The proposed zoning is SFR3 (Single Family Residential 3). The proposed use is a Personal Care Home, Type I. The Planning Advisory Commission and the Planning Department recommend approval. The applicant is Madalin Brayboy. (Councilor Barnes) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to delay this item until November 10, 2020 due to the applicant not being in attendance, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

3. 1st Reading - An ordinance providing for the demolition of structures; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem)

Ms. Wilhelminia Lewis (201 32nd Avenue) came forward to address Council, requesting a 90-day extension to get her property remodeled. She stated she has had scheduling conflicts with the contractor she plans on using to remodel the property.

Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson suggested that Ms. Lewis get in touch with the Inspections & Code Department and gather all the necessary documents to show she is in the process of getting the property complete before the next Council meeting.

Inspections & Code Director Ryan Pruett came forward to explain to Council the first notice was sent out in May of 2018, the initial demolition hearing was held on July 2, 2018 but has not seen any work being done to the property.

Mr. John Lewis, son of property owner, approached the rostrum to give information on the reason for the delay of getting the house remodeled. He explained the property was purchased through a tax sale with the intention to return it to the previous owners' children. He stated the roof was damaged after a storm, but the contractor got behind when the COVID-19 Pandemic began.

4. Ordinance (20-046) - 1st Reading - An ordinance extending a State of Public Health Emergency in Columbus, Georgia through November 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 Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

Councilor Charmaine Crabb asked if the Council could extend allowing virtual meetings to be held, to which, **City Attorney Clifton Fay** stated this is something that could be discussed with the Local Legislative Delegation; since, it can only be allowed during a State of Emergency.

RESOLUTIONS

- 6. Resolution (298-20)** - A Resolution commending and congratulating Assistant Police Chief Gil Slouchick upon his retirement; and expression of our deep appreciation for his 44 years of service to the citizens of Columbus, Georgia. (Councilor House) Councilor House made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

Councilor John House read the resolution commending and congratulating Assistant Police Chief Gil Slouchick on his retirement after 44 years of service with the Columbus Police Department.

VETERANS DAY PARADE:

Councilor Jerry “Pops” Barnes announced the Veterans Day Parade will not be held this year for the safety of the citizens of Columbus due to COVID-19. He specifically acknowledged the support of the JROTC Cadets and Bands, Military Support Staff, Columbus Parks and Recreation, and Phenix City Parks and Recreation.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY ATTORNEY:

- Request for a resolution thanking the citizens of Columbus, Fort Benning, and Phenix City for their support of the Veterans Day Parade. (*Request of Councilor Barnes*)

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Mr. Farnsworth Coleman, representing Pat’s Place, Re: The noise complaints from train traveling near his Bed and Breakfast.

City Manager Isaiah Hugley stated his staff would get in contact with Norfolk Southern to send the video Mr. Coleman provided.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. 2020 Legislative Agenda

Approval is requested of the resolutions for the 2021 Legislative Session of the Georgia General Assembly, which the Mayor and Council deem appropriate.

- 1) **Resolution (299-20):** A resolution whereas, in recent primary elections, Muscogee County and Georgia voters were forced to choose a particular ballot for local races, including constitutional officers, and were not able to vote for other such candidates listed on another primary party ballot. 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 Barnes and Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

NON-PARTISAN PRIMARY BALLOTS FOR ALL LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS INCLUDING CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS: The Columbus Consolidated Government is requesting to amend state law to provide that all local elected officials, including constitutional officers, be elected on non-partisan primary ballots. *(Request of Councilor John House/Carry Over from Previous Years)*

Councilor Glenn Davis stated he has various resolutions he will be adding to the list, some being carryovers from previous years and some new. He explained he would get with the City Attorney regarding those items.

- 2) **Resolution (300-20):** A resolution requesting that the Local Delegation introduce legislative to amend the County Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) to allow that Consolidated Governments may allocate up to 5% of the tax levied to the maintenance of the Capital Outlay Projects approved by the referendum. 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 Barnes and Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

COUNTY SPECIAL LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX MAINTENANCE RESERVE: The Columbus Council is requesting that the legislative delegation consider amendments to the County Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax imposed by Part 1 of Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the official Code of Georgia Annotation to allow consolidated governments to expend up to 5% of the tax levied to be spent for future maintenance of the capital outlay projects approved by the referendum levying the tax. *(Request of Councilor John House/Carry Over from Previous Years)*

- 3) **Resolution (301-20):** A resolution requesting that the Local Legislative Delegation introduce legislative that would allow an exemption similar to that in Alabama from State Income Tax for Military Retirees. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Thomas and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes and Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

MILITARY RETIREE STATE TAX EXEMPTIONS: The Columbus Consolidated Government is requesting that the legislative delegation support efforts to exempt military retiree pay from state income tax in order to attract military retirees to Columbus, Georgia as recommended by the Greater Columbus, Georgia Chamber of Commerce. *(Request of Councilor John House/Carryover from Previous Years)*

- 4) **Resolution (302-20):** A resolution whereas, Interstate 14 is under construction in Texas, and first officially opened on January 26, 2017 near Killeen, Texas. The request is that the local legislative delegation to the Georgia General Assembly support an extension of I-14 to and through Columbus, Georgia and take any appropriate legislative action concerning this highway extension. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes and Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

INTERSTATE 14: The Columbus Consolidated Government is advocating support to include specific funding in the state budget for this D.O.T. Project, for an extension of I-14 to and through Columbus, Georgia and take any appropriate legislative action concerning this highway extension. *(Request of Councilor John House/Carryover from Previous Years)*

- 5) **Resolution (303-20):** A resolution whereas, House Bill 347 (LC 43 1239ER) was introduced at the 2019 Georgia General Assembly to provide for better incentives such as spending thresholds and tax credits for musical or theatrical production companies in Georgia. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Thomas and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote, and Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE: The Columbus Consolidated Government is requesting the local legislative delegation support HB 347 or similar legislation to amend OCGA Section 48-7-40.33 so as to shorten the original performance period from the current 12 months to 18 weeks; reduce the spending threshold from \$500,000 to \$100,000 in the aggregate during a taxable year; and further clarify parameters that define tier one and tier two counties in said legislation so as to provide additional allowance for the applicable incentive. *(Request of Councilor Judy Thomas and Executive Director of the River Center for Performing Arts/Carryover from Previous Years)*

- 6) **Resolution (304-20):** A resolution requesting that the Local Legislative Delegation support legislative actions that will encourage negotiations with Alabama to provide for Reciprocal Sovereign Immunity. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote, and Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

RECIPROCAL SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY: The Columbus Consolidated Government is requesting that the local legislative delegation encourage all possible legislative actions which would encourage negotiations with Alabama and other neighboring states to provide that the laws of each State would be amended to provide for reciprocal sovereign immunity so that local governmental officials carrying out duties and operating vehicles in neighboring States would have the same or similar sovereign immunity protections that they have under Georgia Law. *(Request of Councilor John House)*

- 7) **Resolution (305-20):** A resolution requesting that the Local Legislative Delegation introduce legislation that will give complete sales tax data to County Tax Officials, County Commission and City Councils, except confidential income and expense information, so that local officials may have this information to use for planning and budgeting purposes. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor

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

SALES TAX ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY USER SAFEGUARD (POINT OF SALES DATA): The Columbus Consolidated Government is requesting that the legislative delegation introduce legislation amending O.C.G.A. § 48-2-15 to allow Georgia cities access to tax information as needed when local governing authorities finance or tax officials have need of said tax information in the discharge of their official duties. (*Request of Mayor Pro Tem Gary Allen/Carry Over from Previous Years*)

- 8) **Resolution (306-20):** A resolution whereas, this Council desires that the local delegation to the Georgia General Assembly consider amendments to or removal of requirements for the hiring of Hospice Administrators in compliance with State of Georgia Hospice Rules – Version 4.0. Section 0802, 290-9-43-08(2). Councilor House made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote, and Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

HOSPICE ADMINISTRATORS: The requirement to be a health care professional or health service administrator is very limiting in the choice that hospices have when hiring administrators. There are many qualified candidates who have backgrounds that would suit them to successfully lead a hospice; some in other areas of health care and some in completely different fields. Leadership qualities can be found in many areas and this requirement excludes qualified candidates. (*Request of Councilor Jerry Pop Barnes/Carry Over from Previous Years*)

The following update was called up as the next order of business as listed on the City Manager's Agenda Item 14 'B')

14. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

- B. Historic Westville Update - Terra Martinez, Chief of Operations - Historic Westville, Inc. and Julian Singer, Executive Director - Historic Westville, Inc.

Historic Westville Executive Director Julian Singer approached the rostrum to give an update on Historic Westville. He explained there are currently fourteen buildings that need to come to the site and fundraising measures have begun to fund that phase of the move from Lumpkin, Georgia.

2. Camp David RV Resort Lessor Agreement and Georgia Power Easement

Approval is requested of a Lessor Agreement, Georgia Power Easement, and any other documents pertaining to Historic Westville, Inc sublessor, Camp David RV Resort. The MOA between the City and Historic Westville, Inc will remain the same. Camp David RV Resort will bring in increased tourism, property taxes, and lease payments for Tract B. The use of this property will relieve the City of responsibility to maintain the property and return a portion to the tax rolls. The Lease for Tract B states that once a certificate of occupancy for an RV Park and on the first day of the first month after the granting thereof, Historic Westville, Inc. shall begin payment of an annual rental of \$1,200.00 per year for each lease year hereunder. Annual rent shall be reviewed every three years thereafter, with Historic Westville, Inc.

Mr. Adam Hunt approached the rostrum to give an overview of the proposed project and requested the City of Columbus help with the repair of the bridge/dock on the property.

Councilor Davis made a motion to delay this item until October 27, 2020, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote, and Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

3. Public Art MOU – Advocacy thru Art

Approval is requested for the approval of an agreement between Columbus Consolidated Government and Columbus State University for an Advocacy thru Arts Mural Project at 18th Street and 5th Avenue. The City will approve the art concept prior to the start of the project. CSU will be financially responsible for all aspects of this project. Councilor Huff made a motion to delay this item for two weeks, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote, and Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

Ms. Hannah Israel, CSU Professor came forward to introduce her team and explained the process in the Department of Arts for Columbus State University, which includes a selection committee and several other levels of approval.

Ms. Becca Zajac, Dragonfly Trail came forward to say the team has every intention of working with the stakeholders and members of the community.

Ms. Sherricka Day came forward to express the importance to the community and the team, stating it coincides with the Chamber of Commerce Columbus 2025 Plan.

Ms. Kayla Sheppard, CSU Student came forward to explain the importance this project means to students of Columbus State in knowing that their voices are being heard by their local government officials.

Mr. Chris Whitty, CSU Art Department Chair came forward to state this type of art is useful to build relationships and start conversations amongst the community.

Councilor Toyia Tucker asked the representatives to clarify if the team is affiliated with the Black Lives Matter Organization, to which they replied no.

Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen stated there have been several proposed amendments to the MOU such as attaching the art to the wall instead of painting, the length of time the artwork would stay on the wall, and in the event of the art being damaged for there to be a specified time of when it must be repaired. He also suggested the traffic plan that is to be conducted by Columbus State University be required to be provided to the City Manager and Traffic Engineer, and a copy of the waivers be provided to the City Manager.

Councilor John House expressed his concern on allowing organizations to paint structures owned by the City and if it is decided to go down that path, a policy needs to be in place.

Mayor B. H. “Skip” Henderson suggested this project needs to stay with Columbus State University in a response to referrals made by several Councilors suggesting members of Council be appointed to a committee for this project.

Councilor Bruce Huff requested that some of the members of Council serve on the committee with them to put the policy together, at which time, Ms. Israel was amenable to the request.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Request for a policy to be adopted for city art before entering a memorandum of understanding. *(Request of Councilor Crabb)*
- Include amendments to limit size to 1,000 square feet, strike the word concept for the City to approve and replace with the word art, add traffic plan must be provided to City Manager and Traffic Engineer, add if the artwork is not in compliance with MOU; then, CSU would have to remove said art at it's own expense within three days, CSU is responsible for maintenance and repair of damage to wall from weather, auto accidents, etc. and the repairs be made within five days. *(Request of Mayor Pro Tem Allen)*
- Take into consideration some of the art that has been seen in other cities on Inter-City Trips. *(Request of Councilor Huff)*
- Representatives from Piedmont and Ronald McDonald House to be included on committee. *(Request of Councilor Crabb)*
- Hold townhall meeting to provide information on the project to the community. *(Request of Councilor Tucker)*

The update provided below was called up as the next order of business as listed on the City Manager's Agenda Item 14 'C')

14. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

- C. Spooktacular Event Update - Rob Landers, Civic Center Director and Holli Browder, Parks and Recreation Director.

Civic Center Director Rob Landers came forward to give a presentation on the Spooktacular Event being given by various Columbus Consolidated Government Departments. He explained this event is to provide a fun but safe event for families in Columbus and the surrounding communities resembling a truck-or-treat.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Request for Councilors to be provided information or flyer to be shared on social media, to include information on how people can donate for the event. *(Request of Councilor House)*

4. Donations for Spooktacular Trunk or Treat & More

Resolution (307-20): A resolution authorizing the City to approve and accept financial and equipment donations from the general public for Trunk or Treat & More Event. Councilor Davis made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried

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

5. 2020 Brownfield Assessment Grant

Resolution (308-20): A resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply, and if awarded, accept, and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount awarded up to \$300,000 from the Environmental Protection Agency to fund Brownfield Assessments of properties within the City of Columbus. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote, and Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

The following two resolutions were called up as the next order of business as listed on the City Manager's Agenda Items 8 and 9)

8. Elections and Registration Grant for Upcoming Election

Resolution (309-20): A resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for and accept a grant award from the Center for Tech and Civic Life in the amount of \$412,245.00, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, for funding to assist elections and registration in responding to needs arising from COVID-19 during the upcoming elections, and to amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount awarded. Councilor Thomas made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote and Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

Elections and Registration Director Nancy Boren approached the rostrum to give information on the grant and early voting.

9. Elections and Registration Grant from USC Schwarzenegger Institute

Resolution (310-20): A resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for and accept a grant award from the USC Schwarzenegger Institute's Democracy Fund Initiative in the amount of \$210,675, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, for funding to assist Elections and Registration in responding to needs arising from COVID-19 during the upcoming elections, and to amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount awarded. Councilor House made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote and Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

6. 2020-21 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Continuation Grant

Resolution (311-20): A resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit an application on behalf of the District Attorney and, if approved, to accept a VOCA Grant of \$417,247 or as otherwise awarded from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council of Georgia along with \$104,312 from the 5% Crime Victim Assistance Surcharge Fund allocated in the FY21 Budget, to provide funding for Crime Victim Assistance in the Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit from October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021, and, amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by like amount. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried

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

7. 2020-21 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Compensation Grant

Resolution (312-20): A resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit an application, on behalf of the District Attorney and, if approved, to accept a VOCA Grant of \$50,049 with no local match required, or as otherwise awarded from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council of Georgia allocated in the FY21 Budget, to provide funding for Crime Victim Assistance in the Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit from October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021, and, amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by like amount. Councilor Thomas made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote, and Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

10. 2020-2021 – Crime Victim Assistance Grant

Resolution (313-20): A resolution authorizing the Solicitor General to accept a VOCA Grant award of \$203,419 or as otherwise awarded and approve funding of \$5,287 from the 5% Crime Victim Surcharge Fund to operate the Solicitor General’s Victim Witness Assistance Program from October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021, and, amend the Multi-Governmental Fund 0216 to reflect these revenue and expenses. Councilor Thomas made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote, and Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

12. Transportation Improvements for the Proposed Redevelopment of Woodland Hills

Resolution (314-20): A resolution requesting the Harris County Commission to require all necessary transportation improvements for the proposed redevelopment of Woodland Hills. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes and Huff being absent for the vote, and Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

13. PURCHASES

A. COVID-19 Facility Decontamination Services for METRA (Annual Contract)

Resolution (315-20): A resolution authorizing the annual contract for Lot COVID-19 Facility Decontamination Services/METRA, on an “as needed” basis for the estimated annual cost as follows: YEAR 1 -Primary Contractor MJ Consulting Services d/b/a Spaulding Decon (Alpharetta, GA), \$11,518.50 and Secondary Contractor J3S Services (Midland, GA), \$12,286.40; Year 2- Primary Contractor J3S Services (Midland, GA), \$12,286.40; YEAR 2 – Primary Contractor MJ Consulting Services d/b/a Spaulding Decon, \$12,286.40 and Secondary Contractor J3S Services, \$12,286.40; and YEAR 3 – Primary Contractor J3S Services \$12,286.40 and Secondary Contractor MJ Consulting Services d/b/a Spaulding Decon, \$13,054.30, for the total estimated three (3) year contract value of \$13,054.30. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes and Huff being absent for the vote, and Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

B. Payment for Canberra Avenue Guardrails

Resolution (316-20): A resolution approving payment to Southeaster Site Development, Inc. (Newnan, GA) in the amount of \$78,280.00 for the installation of guardrails on Canberra Avenue between Neassie Street and Winvelly Drive. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes and Huff being absent for the vote, and Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

Councilor Thomas called forward purchase items #13 'E', 'F' and 'J' for a vote.

E. Pest Control Services (Annual Contract)

Resolution (317-20): A resolution authorizing the execution of an annual contract for pest control services with Astro Exterminating Services, Inc (Tifton, GA) for the estimated annual contract amount of \$19,200.00. Councilor Thomas made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes and Huff being absent for the vote, and Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

F. Traffic Signal Equipment (Annual Contract)

Resolution (318-20): A resolution authorizing the extension of the annual contract for traffic control equipment with Southern Lighting and Traffic (Cummings, GA), Temple, Inc. (Decatur, AL) and Utilicom Supply Associates (Norcross, GA) until January 31, 2021. Councilor Thomas made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes and Huff being absent for the vote, and Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

J. Landscape Materials (Annual Contract)

Resolution (319-20): A resolution authorizing the purchase of landscape materials, on an "as needed" basis, from Siteone Landscape Supply, LLC (Cleveland, OH) as the primary contractor for the estimated annual contract value of \$61,700.00, and Top Quality Straw, INC (Phenix City, AL) as the secondary contractor for the estimated annual contract value of \$66,850.00. Councilor Thomas made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes and Huff being absent for the vote, and Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

C. Payment for Heiferhorn Way Cul-de-Sac

Resolution (320-20): A resolution approving payment to Southeastern Site Development, Inc. (Newnan, GA) in the amount of \$85,919.89 for a cul-de-sac on Heiferhorn Way. Councilor Thomas made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes and Huff being absent for the vote, and Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem requested the remaining purchase items be called forward for a vote, which included Items #13 'D', 'G', 'I' and 'K' through 'Q'.

D. Zero-Turn Mowers – Sourcewell Cooperative Contract

Resolution (321-20): A resolution authorizing the purchase of eleven (11) mowers (John Deere Z915E ZTRAK) from Deere & Company (Cary, NC), Delivering Dealer SunSouth, LLC (Columbus, GA), at a unit price of \$7,729.24, and a total price of \$85,021.64. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase, via Sourcewell Contract #062117-DAC. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes and Huff being absent for the vote, and Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

G. Mott's Green Plaza P. I. #0015287 (Re-Bid) – RFB No. 21-0007

Resolution (322-20): A resolution authorizing the execution of a construction contract with Earth-Scapes, Inc. (Phenix City, AL) in the amount of \$1,137,931.75 for construction of Mott's Green Plaza. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes and Huff being absent for the vote, and Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

H. Dial-A-Ride Buses for METRA – Georgia Statewide Contract

Resolution (323-20): A resolution authorizing the purchase of five (5) 24' Dial-A-Ride Buses (2020 Champion Challenger) from Alliance Bus Group, Inc. (College Park, GA), at a unit price of \$144,233.80, and a total price of \$721,169.00. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase, via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-001-SPD0000138-0002. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes and Huff being absent for the vote, and Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

I. 29' Low Floor Diesel Buses for METRA – Unified Government of Athens – Clark County, Georgia – Heavy Duty Transit Bus Consortium Contract #00943

Resolution (324-20): A resolution authorizing the purchase of four (4) 29' Low Floor Diesel Buses from Gillig, LLC (Livermore, CA), at a unit price of \$483,906.00, and a total price of \$1,935,624.00. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase, via the Unified Government of Athens – Clark County, Georgia – Heavy Duty Transit Bus Consortium Contract #00943. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes and Huff being absent for the vote, and Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

K. Genfare Software Support Agreement for Metra

Resolution (325-20): A resolution authorizing a three (3) year Software Support Agreement from Genfare - A Division of SPX Corporation (Elk Grove Village, IL) for the annual cost as follows: YEAR 1 - \$16,350; YEAR 2 - \$16,840.50 AND YEAR 3 - \$17,345.72. Mayor Pro

Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes and Huff being absent for the vote, and Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

L. Electrostatic Decontamination Sprayers for Fire & EMS

Resolution (326-20): A resolution authorizing the purchase of sixteen (16) CLOROX TOTAL 160 Electrostatic Decontamination Sprayers from The Home Depot Pro Institutional (Jacksonville, FL) in the amount of \$56,007.79 (16 @ \$3,499.99, plus \$7.95 fuel charge). The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase, via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-001-SPD0000170-0002. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes and Huff being absent for the vote, and Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

M. Washer/Extractors and Dryers for Fire & EMS

Resolution (327-20): A resolution authorizing the purchase of twelve (12) washer/extractors and twelve (12) dryers, from CLEC Distribution, LLC (Gulf Breeze, FL) in the amount of \$187,352.00. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via GSA Contract # 47QSHA19D004A, awarded to Alliance Laundry Systems, for whom CLEC Distributor is an authorized distributor. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes and Huff being absent for the vote, and Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

N. Fire Apparatus Maintenance/Repair Services for Fire & EMS and Public Works

Resolution (328-20): A resolution authorizing an agreement with Fireline, INC., (Winder, GA) to provide fire apparatus maintenance/repair services at a labor rate of \$100 to \$105 per hour, plus parts, equipment, and other miscellaneous costs. The agreement is estimated to be for one year. however, approval is also requested to continue the contract, as needed. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes and Huff being absent for the vote, and Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

O. Repair of Caterpillar D7E Bulldozer for Public Works

Resolution (329-20): A resolution authorizing the payment to Yancey Brothers (Fortson, GA), in the amount of \$38,981.44, for the repair of a Caterpillar D7E Bulldozer, Vehicle #11467. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes and Huff being absent for the vote, and Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

P. Used Buses for Public Works

Resolution (330-20): A resolution authorizing the purchase of two (2) used buses from Rush Truck Centers of Georgia, INC./dba Rush Bus Centers (Atlanta, GA) in the total amount of \$53,000; the purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via GEORGIA Statewide Contract #99999-SPD-G20160601-0003. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes and Huff being absent for the vote, and Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

Q. Contract Amendment for the Technical Upgrade of the Finance/Human Resources/Payroll/Budget Software System

Resolution (331-20): A resolution authorizing the negotiation of a contract amendment with CGI (Fairfax, VA) for the technical upgrade of the CGI Advantage360 System to CGI Advantage 4.0. This software is utilized for the operation and maintenance of the Finance, Human Resources/Payroll and Budget Systems. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes and Huff being absent for the vote, and Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

14. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. Internal Audit of Grant Positions Update - Reather Hollowell, Human Resources Director and Angelica Alexander, Finance Director.

(NOTE: This presentation, as provided by Human Resources Director Reather Hollowell, was called upon earlier in the meeting during the Mayor's Agenda.)

- B. Historic Westville Update - Terra Martinez, Chief of Operations - Historic Westville, Inc. and Julian Singer, Executive Director - Historic Westville, Inc.

(NOTE: This presentation, as provided by Historic Westville Executive Director Julian Singer, was called upon earlier during the City Manager's Agenda.)

- C. Spooktacular Event Update - Rob Landers, Civic Center Director and Holli Browder, Parks and Recreation Director.

(NOTE: This presentation, as provided by Civic Center Director Rob Landers and Parks and Recreation Director Holli Browder, was called upon earlier during the City Manager's Agenda.)

- D. Poverty Reduction Committee - Tabettha Getz, Executive Director, Columbus 2025, Ben Moser, President and CEO of United Way of the Chattahoochee Valley, Inc. and Belva Dorsey, CEO of Enrichment Services Program, Inc.

City Manager Isaiah Hugley stated this presentation will be rescheduled.

- E. Tax Allocation District Midland Commons, JMC Flatrock Partners, LLC – Rick Jones, Planning Director.

Mr. Chris Wightman came forward to request \$11.6 million for the Midland Commons Tax Allocation District. He explained \$8.6 million would be used to pay for and reimburse developers for projects that have been completed or are being completed, \$1.5 million to build Jenkins Hall to hold summer camps at Flat Rock Park, \$1.5 million for improvements to J.R. Allen Parkway from bridge going over Manchester Expressway to Kitten Lake.

- F. Notice of Riverwalk Closure - Pam Hodge, Deputy City Manager

Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge came forward to give Council information on the timeline of closures on the Riverwalk for Georgia Power to complete various structure replacements. She explained Phase I would close the Riverwalk between 23rd Street Pavilion to the North Highland Hydro Plant from October 5, 2020 to November 29, 2020; Phase II would close the Riverwalk between the North Highlands Hydro Plant to the 1st Avenue Substation including all access points from November 30, 2020 to March 31, 2021.

- G. Health Department Update - Pam Hodge, Deputy City Manager and Rosa Evans, METRA Director.

Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge gave an update on the Health Department and the transition to the new location at 5601 Veterans Parkway, which they have been in since July 2020. She explained with the move to the new location, the City is saving \$475,000 in rental expenses.

METRA Director Rosa Evans came forward to discuss the shuttle service being provided to the community to access the Health Department's new location.

- H. Monthly Finance Update - Angelica Alexander, Finance Director.

Finance Director Angelica Alexander approached the rostrum to provide Council the monthly finance update for September 2020.

BID ADVERTISEMENT

October 21, 2020

1. **Asphalt Rubber & Sealant (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 21-0015**

Scope of Bid

Columbus Consolidated Government is requesting bids from qualified vendors to provide material for sealing cracks when repairing streets, parking lots and highways, on an “as needed” basis to the Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) to be utilized by Public Works Department.

The contract term will be for two years with the option to renew for three additional twelve-month periods.

October 23, 2020

1. **Refuse Truck Advertising (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 21-0016**

Scope of RFP

The Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia (the City) is soliciting proposals for advertising (body wrapping) of refuse trucks for the Public Works Department.

The term of the contract shall be for two (2) years with the option to renew for three (3) additional twelve-month periods

October 28, 2020

1. Emergency Medical Supplies (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 21-0013

Scope of Bid

Provide various emergency medical supplies on an “as needed” basis to include: Airway Supplies, Intravenous Supplies, Oxygen Delivery Supplies, Bandages, Exposure Control Supplies, OB Supplies, First Aid Supplies, Cardiac Supplies, Exam Gloves and Warehouse Stock including PPE Supplies.

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

October 30, 2020

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

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government is seeking proposals from experienced, creative architects, building and real estate development firms OR a philanthropic individual or nonprofit group to present a redevelopment plan for adaptive reuse of the Former Georgia State Farmers Market. The redevelopment plan shall be consistent with applicable deed restrictions.

November 6, 2020

1. Supplemental Yard Waste Collection Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 21-0018

Scope of RFP

The Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia (the City) is soliciting proposals for supplemental yard waste collection services. The successful contractor(s) shall provide all equipment and personnel to perform yard waste collection services on five (5) of the City’s fourteen (14) routes.

The term of the contract shall be for one (1) year, with the option to renew for four (4) additional twelve-month periods. Contract renewal will be contingent upon the mutual agreement of the City and the Contractor.

2. Mobile Technology System for Waste Collection Vehicles – RFP No. 21-0015

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government is seeking proposals from qualified vendors to provide a Mobile Technology System for use by the Department of Public Works/Solid Waste and Recycling Collection Division.

CLERK OF COUNCIL’S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

- RESOLUTION (332-20):** A resolution excusing Councilor Glenn Davis from the September 29, 2020 Council Work Session / Budget Review. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote, and Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

2. **RESOLUTION (333-20):** A resolution excusing Councilor Judy Thomas from the September 29, 2020 Council Work Session / Budget Review. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote, and Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

3. **CRIME PREVENTION BOARD:** Mr. Timothy K. Weeks submitted email correspondence resigning from his seat on the Crime Prevention Board as the Senatorial District 29 representative. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to receive the resignation with regrets, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote, and Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

4. **Minutes of the following boards:**
 - Animal Control Advisory Board, June 18, 2020
 - Board of Elections & Registration, August 11, 2020
 - Board of Family & Children Services, May 16, 2019 and March 11, 2020
 - Board of Health, August 26, 2020
 - Board of Tax Assessors, #32-20, #33-20 and #34-20
 - Board of Zoning Appeals, August 5, 2020
 - Development Authority of Columbus, September 10, 2020
 - Hospital Authority of Columbus, June 30, July 28 and August 25, 2020
 - Housing Authority of Columbus, August 19, 2020
 - Mayor's Commission on Reentry, June 15, July 20 and August 17, 2020
 - Public Safety Advisory Commission, June 18, July 16 and August 20, 2020

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

BOARD APPOINTMENTS- ACTION REQUESTED:

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

A. CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION:

Nominees for the fifteen seats on the Charter Review Commission appointed by the Mayor. There were none.

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

A. **ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD:** Ms. Channon Emery was nominated to succeed Ms. Carla Anthony. (*Councilor House's nominee*) New Term expires: October 15, 2022. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote, and Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

B. **KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION:** Ms. Tracy Walton-King was nominated to succeed Ms. Ashley Lee (At-Large) seat. (*Councilor Huff's nominee*) New Term expires: June 30, 2022. Councilor Huff made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote, and Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

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

A. **CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION:**

A nominee for the District 1 seat on the Charter Review Commission (*District 1 Appointment-Barnes*). There were none.

A nominee for the District 2 seat on the Charter Review Commission (*District 2 Appointment-Davis*). There were none.

A nominee for the District 3 seat on the Charter Review Commission (*District 3 Appointment-Huff*). There were none.

A nominee for the District 4 seat on the Charter Review Commission (*District 4 Appointment-Tucker*). Councilor Tucker nominated Melvin Tanner, Jr. for District 4 on the Charter Review Commission. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote, and Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

A nominee for the District 5 seat on the Charter Review Commission (*District 4 Appointment-Crabb*). Councilor Crabb nominated Mike Baker for District 5 on the Charter Review Commission. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote, and Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

A nominee for the District 6 seat on the Charter Review Commission (*District 6 Appointment-Allen*). Mayor Pro Tem Allen nominated Bradley Williams for District 6 on the Charter Review Commission. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote, and Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

A nominee for the District 7 seat on the Charter Review Commission (*District 7 Appointment-Woodson*). There were none.

A nominee for the District 8 seat on the Charter Review Commission (*District 8 Appointment-Garrett*). Councilor Garrett nominated Tyson Begley for District 8 on the Charter Review Commission. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote, and Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

A nominee for the District 9 seat on the Charter Review Commission (*District 9 Appointment-Thomas*). There were none.

A nominee for the District 10 seat on the Charter Review Commission (*District 10 Appointment-House*). Councilor House nominated Carmen Rice for District 10 on the Charter Review Commission. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote, and Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

B. PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION:

A nominee for the seat of Dothel Edwards, Jr. (*Not eligible to succeed*) on the Public Safety Advisory Commission for a term that expires on October 31, 2020 (*District 2 Appointment – Davis*). Councilor Davis nominated Pamela Williams to succeed Dothel Edwards, Jr. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote, and Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

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

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

A. KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION- AT-LARGE MEMBERS:

A nominee for the seat of Larry Derby (*Does not desire reappointment*) on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission for a term that expired on June 30, 2020 (*Council’s Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Cortney Laughlin (*Does not desire reappointment*) on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission for a term that expired on June 30, 2020 (*Council’s Appointment*). There were none.

UPCOMING BOARD APPOINTMENTS

- A. Airport Commission
- B. Board of Elections & Registration
- C. Board of Health
- D. Board of Tax Assessors
- E. Cooperative Extension Advisory Board
- F. Hospital Authority of Columbus
- G. Housing Authority of Columbus
- H. Recreation Advisory Board
- I. Tree Board

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At the request of Mayor Henderson, Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to go into executive session to discuss matters of real estate, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote, Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting, and the time being 2:34 p.m.

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 3:36 p.m., at which time, Mayor Henderson announced that the Council did meet in executive session to discuss real estate matters; however, there were no votes taken.

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Allen to adjourn the October 13, 2020 Regular Meeting, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes and Thomas being absent for the vote, Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting, and the time being 3:37 p.m.

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