

# **COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA**

## **CITY COUNCIL MEETING** **MINUTES**

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

July 14, 2020  
9:00 AM  
Regular Meeting

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### **MAYOR'S AGENDA**

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**PRESENT:** Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III and Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen and Councilors Jerry "Pops" Barnes, Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis, R. Walker Garrett, John M. House, Bruce Huff (arrived at 9:03 a.m.), Valerie A. Thompson and Evelyn 'Mimi' Woodson (via Microsoft Teams). 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 Judy W. Thomas was absent.

<p><b><u>The following documents were distributed around the Council table:</u></b> (1) Documents from David Johnson, Re: Traffic Concerns.</p>
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**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor B.H. "Skip" Henderson, III, Presiding.

**INVOCATION:** Offered by Councilor Valerie A. Thompson.

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

### **MINUTES**

1. Approval of minutes for the June 23, 2020 Council Meeting and Executive Session. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Thomas being absent for the meeting.

### **PROCLAMATION: Columbus Counts Census Week**

**RECEIVING:** Gloria Strobe Census Coordinator, Amy Bryan Columbus Chamber of Commerce, Curtis Crocker Metropolitan Baptist Church, Addie Britt Columbus Planning Dept., Marquette McKnight Media Marketing and More, Andy Luker Media Marketing and More, and Bill Becker Volunteer

**Mayor Pro Tem Allen** read the proclamation into the record proclaiming the week of July 20-25, 2020 as Columbus Counts Census Week. (*NOTE: This proclamation was called up as the next order of business as listed on the Mayor's Agenda Item #4*)

**Ms. Gloria Strobe, Census Coordinator** came forward to receive the proclamation on behalf of her team.

**Mr. Bill Becker, Volunteer** came forward to thank the Mayor and Council for the proclamation.

**Ms. Amy Bryan, Columbus Chamber of Commerce** came forward to encourage citizens who have yet to participate in the 2020 Census to take the survey available online.

**REFERRAL(S):**

**FOR THE CITY MANAGER:**

- Provide Census information on CCG-TV. (*Request of Councilor Woodson*)

**UPDATES**

2. An update on COVID-19

**Mayor B. H. “Skip” Henderson** gave a brief update on the increase of COVID-19 cases locally. He explained there have been 2,889 positive cases and 58 deaths in Muscogee County.

**Deputy City Manager Lisa Goodwin** came forward to inform the citizens beginning Thursday, July 16, 2020, the wearing of masks and/or face coverings will be required in Columbus Consolidated Government buildings. She explained if a citizen does not have a mask upon entering a building, one will be provided to them.

3. Census 2020 (*Note: Information was given during the presentation of the Columbus Counts Census Week Proclamation.*)

**RESOLUTION:**

**1. Director of Inspections and Codes**

**Resolution (183-20):** A resolution authorizing the appointment of Mr. Ryan Pruett as Director of the Building Inspections and Code Enforcement Department. Councilor Barnes made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Thomas being absent for the meeting.

Approval is requested for the appointment of Mr. Ryan Pruett as the Director of Inspections and Codes. A resolution is attached.

**City Manager Isaiah Hugley** introduced newly appointed **Inspections and Code Director Ryan Pruett**, who came to the rostrum to introduce his family and thank the City Council and Administration for the opportunity to serve the City of Columbus. (*NOTE: This resolution was called up as the next order of business as listed on the City Manager’s Agenda Item 1*)

**CITY ATTORNEY’S AGENDA**

**ORDINANCES**

**1. Ordinance (20-032) - 2nd Reading** - An ordinance amending Article VII of Chapter 13 of the Columbus Code to revise the method of billing and collection for solid waste fees for commercial purposes; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Thompson and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Thomas being absent for the meeting.

**2. 1st Reading – REZN-05-20-1679:** An ordinance rezoning 1.15 acres of land located at 4204 / 4216 / 4220 Buena Vista Road. The current zoning is NC (Neighborhood Commercial). The proposed zoning is GC (General Commercial). The proposed use is Pawn Shop. The

Planning Advisory Commission and the Planning Department recommend approval. The applicant is DSBV Property, LLC. (Councilor Barnes)

A representative from DSBV Property, LLC. (applicant) was present to respond to any questions; however, there were none.

- 3. 1st Reading – REZN-05-20-1772:** An ordinance rezoning .32 acres of land located at 4228 Buena Vista Road. The current zoning is NC (Neighborhood Commercial). The proposed zoning is GC (General Commercial). The proposed use is Convenience Store, with Gas Sales. The Planning Advisory Commission and the Planning Department recommend conditional approval based on Staff Report and compatibility with existing land uses. The applicant is Rajeshree Shah. (Councilor Thompson)

**Mr. Rajeshree Shah (applicant)** was present to respond to any questions; however, there were none.

- 4. 1st Reading -** An ordinance providing for the levy, assessment, and collection of taxes for the public-school system of Columbus, Georgia; and for other purposes. (Budget Review Committee)

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to amend the ordinance to include the rollback millage rate of 23.404 for the Muscogee County School District, seconded by Councilor House.

Councilor Crabb made a substitute motion to keep the rollback millage rate at 23.321, seconded by Councilor Huff. *(After some additional discussion, Councilor Crabb withdrew her motion.)*

Councilor Huff made a substitute motion to Councilor Crabb's motion, seconded by Councilor Garrett to delay the ordinance on first reading and failed by a two-to-seven vote, with Councilors Garrett and Huff voting yes, Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Barnes, Crabb, Davis, House Thompson and Woodson voting no, and Councilor Thomas being absent for the meeting.

Mayor Henderson called attention to the motion on the floor to amend the ordinance to include the rollback millage rate of 23.404 for the Muscogee County School District and carried by a six-to-three vote, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Barnes, Crabb, Davis, House and Thompson voting yes, Councilors Garrett, Huff and Woodson voting no, and Councilor Thomas being absent for the meeting.

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

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

- Provide legislation information on requirements of approving millage rates regarding the Council and the Muscogee County School District. *(Request of Mayor Henderson)*

- 5. 1st Reading -** An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 11-61 so as to remove the residency and citizenship requirement for two members representing professional sports leagues on the Civic Center Advisory Board; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem)

### **RESOLUTIONS**

- 6. Resolution (184-20) -** A resolution requesting and encouraging each broadband and communications company doing business in Columbus-Muscogee County to make every effort to bring services to the Old River Road corridor from Fire Station 14, 1300 Old River Road, north to the county line, as well as areas of northeast Columbus to the Harris County

and Talbot County lines. (Councilor Davis) Councilor Davis made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Thomas being absent for the meeting.

### **ADD-ON: ORDINANCE**

**Ordinance (20-033)** – An ordinance declaring a State of Emergency in Columbus, Georgia; 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; providing for an effective date, and for other purposes. Councilor Barnes made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen being absent for the vote, and Councilor Thomas being absent for the meeting.

### **ADD-ON: RESOLUTION**

**Resolution (185-20)** – A resolution recommending and encouraging the use of face masks or coverings within the territorial limits of Columbus, Georgia/Muscogee County. Councilor House made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Thomas being absent for the meeting.

## **PUBLIC AGENDA**

1. Mr. David C. Johnson, Re: Traffic concerns regarding Veterans Affairs (VA) Clinic construction at River Road and Mobley Road.
2. Mr. James Wilkoff, Re: The building permits for the Veterans Affairs (VA) Clinic.
3. Mr. Brandt A. Smith, representing CVVC (Chattahoochee Valley Veterans Council), Re: The location of the new Veterans Affairs (VA) Clinic.
4. Mr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr., representing Veterans of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc, Re: No public hearings with input from Veterans on the location of the new Veterans Affairs (VA) Clinic.
5. Ms. Pennie Manigault, representing Samuel G. Cooke American Legion Post 267, Re: The proposed Veterans Affairs (VA) Clinic on the Northside. ***Not Present.***
6. Mr. Joe Waldrep, Re: Veteran Affairs (VA) Clinic.
7. Mr. Rick Baier, representing US Federal Properties, Re: Address Veterans Affairs (VA) Clinic matters, new “state of the art” facility building, vision, zoning, and other related matters.
8. Mr. Vern Wilburn, PE, PTOE, representing Maldino & Wilburn Traffic Engineering Consultants and Mr. Anthony Slaughter, representing Moon Meeks & Associates, Inc., Re: Veterans Affairs (VA) Clinic Traffic Study concerns.
9. Mr. Leroy Davis, Jr., Re: The new Veterans Affairs (VA) Clinic to be located in Columbus, Georgia.
10. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: COVID-19 spread and the need to wear masks and other measures to slow the spread. ***Not Present.***

# **CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA**

## **1. Director of Inspections and Codes**

Approval is requested for the appointment of Mr. Ryan Pruett as the Director of Inspections and Codes. A resolution is attached.

*(NOTE: This resolution, as provided by City Manager Isaiah Hugley, was called upon earlier in the meeting after the Mayor's Agenda.)*

## **2. Termination of Existing Tax Abatement for BD&K Foods, Inc. / Enter a New Tax Abatement Agreement with Chairman Foods, LLC.**

**Resolution (186-20):** A resolution authorizing a 2020 Tax Abatement Agreement between the Columbus Consolidated Government and Chairman Foods, LLC. and accepting the termination of the 2015 Tax Abatement Agreement between the Columbus Consolidated Government and BD&K Foods, Inc. Councilor Barnes made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Thomas being absent for the meeting.

Approval is requested to terminate the 2015 Enterprise Zone tax abatement agreement between the Columbus Consolidated Government and BD&K Foods, Inc. and enter a new tax abatement agreement between the Columbus Consolidated Government and Chairman Foods, LLC.

## **3. Street Acceptance – That portion of Creekrise Drive and that portion of Ripple Ridge located in Section Two, Creekrise and that portion of Lake Bright Drive located in Section Two, The Estates at Creekrise**

**Resolution (187-20):** A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, authorizing the acceptance of a deed to the portion of Creekrise Drive and that portion of Ripple Ridge located in section two, Creekrise and that portion of Lake Bright Drive located in section two, the Estates at Creekrise, on behalf of Columbus, Georgia. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Thomas being absent for the meeting.

Approval is requested for the acceptance of That portion of Creekrise Drive and that portion of Ripple Ridge located in Section Two, Creekrise and that portion of Lake Bright Drive located in Section Two, The Estates at Creekrise. The Engineering Department has inspected said streets and recommends acceptance by same.

## **4. FY21 PUBLIC DEFENDER CONTRACT**

**Resolution (188-20):** A resolution authorizing to enter into an agreement for Indigent Defense Services between Circuit Public Defender Office of the Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit and Muscogee County in the amount of \$2,093,658 from July 2020 to June 2021 and authorize payment to the Georgia Public Defender Standards Council (GPDSC) in the amount of \$1,553,566 paid in monthly installments of \$129,463.86 of which is included in the total amount. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Thomas being absent for the meeting.

Approval is requested to enter into an agreement between the Circuit Public Defender Office of the Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit and Muscogee County for Indigent Defense Services in the

amount of \$2,093,658 and to authorize monthly payments to the Georgia Public Defender Standards Council (GPDSC) for said services in the amount of \$129,463.86 per month. The monthly amount is included in the total contract amount of \$2,093,658 and it covers the cost of personnel services as well as a 5% administrative fee.

## **5. Veterans Court Grant for FY21**

**Resolution (189-20):** A resolution authorizing the City Manager to approve for acceptance a grant from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council to fund the Muscogee County Veterans Court with a grant award of \$123,545 or as otherwise awarded to provide funding from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. This funding will have a state required match of \$13,727, or as otherwise awarded, making the total grant award \$137,272, and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount awarded. This funding amount will provide the operating cost of the Muscogee County Veterans Court for the next fiscal year. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Thomas being absent for the meeting.

Approval is requested to submit and accept a Criminal Justice Coordinating Council grant in the amount of \$137,272 for the purpose of funding the Veterans Court for FY21. The purpose of funding the Muscogee County Veterans Court and amend the Multi-governmental Fund by the amount awarded. This amount includes a cash match in the amount of \$13,727, or as otherwise awarded.

## **6. Mental Health Court Grant for FY21**

**Resolution (190-20):** A resolution authorizing the City Manager or his designee to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council to fund the Muscogee County Mental Health Court with a grant award of \$162,783, or as otherwise awarded, to provide funding from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. This funding will have a state required match of \$18,087, or as otherwise awarded, making the total grant award \$180,870, and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount awarded. This funding amount will provide the operating cost of the Muscogee County Mental Health Court for the next fiscal year. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Thomas being absent for the meeting.

Approval is requested to submit and accept a Criminal Justice Coordinating Council grant in the amount of \$180,870 for the purpose of funding the Mental Health Court for FY21. The purpose of funding the Muscogee County Mental Health Court and amend the Multi-governmental Fund by the amount awarded. This amount includes a cash match in the amount of \$18,087, or as otherwise awarded.

## **7. PURCHASES**

### **A. Oil & Lubricants for Public Works (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 20-0027**

**Resolution (191-20):** A resolution authorizing the contract with Fletcher Oil Company, Inc. (Columbus, GA), for the purchase of various oil and lubricant products, namely, automatic transmission fluid, on an “as needed” basis, for the estimated annual contract amount of \$5,950.00; it is also requested that Council amend Resolution No. 157-20, which previously award the purchase of automatic transmission fluid to Brewer-Hendley Oil. Councilor Barnes made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Thomas being absent for the meeting.

B. Contract Extension for Inmate Commissary Services for Muscogee County Prison (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 13-0028

**Resolution (192-20):** A resolution authorizing the extension of inmate commissary services for Muscogee County Prison (annual contract) with Stewart Distribution (Blackshear, GA) until December 31, 2020. Councilor Barnes made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Thomas being absent for the meeting.

C. Change Order 1 for Roofing Services at Britt David Pottery Studio

**Resolution (193-20):** A resolution authorizing the execution of Change Order No. 1 with American Property Restoration, Inc. (Atlanta, GA) in the amount of \$7,066.19 for additional roofing services at Britt David Pottery Studio. Councilor Barnes made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Thomas being absent for the meeting.

D. Web Hosting Services for the Board of Tax Assessors

**Resolution (194-20):** A resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign an agreement with Schneider Geospatial/*qPublic LLC* (Indianapolis, Indiana) to provide web hosting services for the Board of Tax Assessors. There is no cost to the City for this service. The term of the agreement is from the effective date until June 30, 2021. The City is utilizing Cooperative Purchasing to enter into this agreement via RFP# 1181-P: GIS Website, issued by Fayette County, GA. The agreement shall automatically renew for up to three (3) successive terms which consist of a twelve (12) month period, subject to earlier termination as set forth in the agreement or upon written notification by either party, thirty (30) days prior to the end of a term. If, for any reason, the agreement is terminated prior to the end of a term, a termination fee shall be invoiced by Schneider Geospatial/*qPublic LLC* and paid by the City per the following termination fee schedule: Year 1 – termination effective between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021 - \$12,960.00; Year 2 – termination effective between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022 - \$9,718.50; Year 3 – termination effective between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023 - \$6,477.00; Year 4 – termination effective between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024 - \$3,235.50. Councilor Barnes made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Thomas being absent for the meeting.

E. Upgrade of Security Appliance for Information Technology

**Resolution (195-20):** A resolution authorizing the purchase of an upgrade to the security appliance from PC Solutions & Integrations, Inc. (PCS), (Atlanta, GA) in the total amount of \$514,973.88 payable over a 3-year term as follows: FY21 (due 8/1/20) - \$171,657.96; FY22 (due 8/1/21) - \$171,657.96 and FY23 (due 8/1/23) \$171,657.96. The purchase will be made by Cooperative Contract via State of Georgia NASPO Value Point Master Agreement #AR3229. Councilor Barnes made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Thomas being absent for the meeting.

F. Computer Equipment for Various Departments for the Court Management System Upgrade

**Resolution (196-20):** A resolution authorizing the purchase of computer equipment from CDW-G (Vernon Hills, IL), in the amount of \$84,490.16, required for the Court Management System Upgrade Project. The purchase will be made by Cooperative Purchasing via Sourcewell Contract #081419-CDW. Councilor Barnes made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor

Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Thomas being absent for the meeting.

#### G. Consulting Services for Information Technology

**Resolution (197-20):** A resolution authorizing an agreement with Reginald Thompson (Columbus, GA) to provide consulting services for the Mainframe (CATS) data validation and configuration, business process review, and other tasks as needed for the conversion to the Tyler Odyssey Court System Software, in the estimated amount of \$15,000.00. Councilor Barnes made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Thomas being absent for the meeting.

Councilor House made a motion to reconsider approval, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Thomas being absent for the meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to allow Councilor Thompson to abstain from voting on this item, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Thomas being absent for the meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Thompson abstaining, and Councilor Thomas being absent for the meeting.

#### H. Emergency Purchase: Covid-19/Cares Act Funds Coordinator

**Resolution (198-20):** A resolution authorizing the City Manager to negotiate an emergency purchase contract, as a matter of public health and welfare, with Media, Marketing and More! (Columbus, GA) to provide professional services to coordinate the facilitation of funds received per the COVID-19/CARES Act. Councilor Barnes made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Thomas being absent for the meeting.

## 8. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

#### B. CARES Act Update - Lisa Goodwin, Deputy City Manager.

**Deputy City Manager Lisa Goodwin** came forward to give an update on the CARES Act Funding and how various departments within the Columbus Consolidated Government are utilizing those funds. She explained the various phases of the funding process as set by the State of Georgia. (*NOTE: This presentation was called up as the next order of business as listed on the City Manager's Agenda Item 8"B"*)

**Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge** gave information regarding the next steps on the process. She explained the City Manager is recommending a contract with Marketing Media and More to manage the process and due to the timeline constraints, this RFP is considered an emergency procurement.

#### A. Columbus Convention & Visitors Bureau Quarterly Update - Peter Bowden, President & CEO.

**President & CEO Peter Bowden** gave an update on the Columbus Convention & Visitors Bureau and how COVID-19 has affected the local tourism industry. He also explained the Tourism Recovery Plan, stating Columbus is currently in Phase 2 of the plan.



- C. Court Management System Update - Pam Hodge, Deputy City Manager and Forrest Toelle, Information Technology Director.

**Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge** approached the rostrum to give an update on the Court Management System Project.

**IT Director Forrest Toelle** briefly explained the role of the Information Technology Department in the implementation of all the new systems and the importance of transitioning from the current Mainframe CATS System to the new system.

- D. Transportation Update - Pam Hodge, Deputy City Manager and Donna Newman, Engineering Director.

**Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge** gave a transportation update explaining the status of the active construction projects to include MLK, Jr. Trail/Resurfacing, Calumet Drive Culvert, Ft. Benning Road Streetscapes, Ft. Benning Road Roundabout, River Road/Bradley Park Drive, and the Buena Vista Road/Spiderweb.

**Engineering Director Donna Newman** approached the rostrum to update Council on other projects either currently under development or design.

**REFERRAL(S):**

**FOR THE CITY MANAGER:**

- With a church being built on Britton Road, would like to discuss road improvements in that area. Double Churches Road and Whitesville Road also needs to be part of the discussions on road improvements. (*Request of Councilor Davis*)

**BID ADVERTISEMENT**

**July 24, 2020**

1. **Inmate Commissary Services for Muscogee County Prison (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 20-0026**  
Scope of RFP  
The Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia is seeking proposals from qualified vendors to provide inmate commissary services for the Muscogee County Prison.

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

**August 5, 2020**

1. **Mott's Green Plaza P. I. #0015287 (Re-Bid) – RFB No. 21-0007**  
Scope of Bid  
The Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia (the Owner) invites bids for construction of the proposed trail and landscape improvements along the Columbus Riverwalk. The work primarily involves installation of concrete paving and decorative planters and structures with landscaping, as depicted on the drawings. The DBE goal for this project is 8%.

The Bidder is advised that the governing specifications for this project, including such items as bidding requirements, general conditions, technical specifications and related items, shall be in accordance with the State of Georgia, Department of Transportation

Standard Specifications, 2013 Edition, and applicable Supplemental Specifications and Special Provisions. The Owner assumes the Bidder is a pre-qualified bidder with the Department of Transportation and therefore is familiar with the stated reference documents or has access to same.

## **CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA**

### **ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED**

1. **RESOLUTION (199-20):** A resolution excusing Councilor Judy W. Thomas from the July 14, 2020 Council Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Thomas being absent for the meeting.

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

Animal Control Advisory Board, January 7, 2020.

Board of Tax Assessors, #20-20, #21-20 and #22-20.

Columbus Ironworks Convention & Trade Center Authority, May 28, 2020.

Housing Authority, May 20, 2020.

Pension Fund, Employees' Board of Trustees, January 8, February 12, and March 11, 2020.

Personnel Review Board, June 17, 2020.

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

### **BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED**

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

A. **CONVENTION & VISITORS BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:**

A nominee for the seat of Amish Das (*Eligible to succeed*) as a representative of the Hotel/Motel Industry on the Convention & Visitors Board of Commissioners (*Mayor's Appointment*) for a term expiring on December 31, 2020. Mayor Henderson nominated Amish Das to succeed himself. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to confirm the appointment, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Thomas being absent for the meeting.

A nominee for the seat of Cameron Bean (*Not eligible to succeed*) as a representative of the Restaurant/Retail Trade on the Convention & Visitors Board of Commissioners (*Mayor's Appointment*) for a term expiring on December 31, 2020. Mayor Henderson nominated Dan Gilbert to succeed Cameron Bean. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to confirm the appointment, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Thomas being absent for the meeting.

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

- A. **PLANNING ADVISORY COMMISSION:** Ms. Sheila J. Brown was nominated to succeed Mr. Wallace Davis. (*Mayor Pro Tem Allen's nominee*) New Term expires: March 31, 2023. Councilor Davis made a motion to confirm the appointment, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Thomas being absent for the meeting.

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

A. **BOARD OF WATER OF COMMISSIONERS:**

A nominee for the seat of Rodney Close (*not eligible to succeed himself*) on the Board of Water Commissioners for a term that expires on December 31, 2020. Councilor Huff nominated Rodney Close to succeed himself.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At the request of Mayor Henderson, Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to go into executive session to discuss matters of personnel and litigation, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Thomas being absent for the meeting, and the time being 1:00 p.m.

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 1:53 p.m., at which time, Mayor Henderson announced that the Council did meet in executive session to discuss personnel and litigation matters; however, there were no votes taken.

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Councilor Barnes to adjourn the July 14, 2020 Regular Meeting, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Thomas being absent for the meeting, and the time being 1:53 p.m.

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