

COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council Chambers
C. E. "Red" McDaniel City Services Center- Second Floor
3111 Citizens Way, Columbus, GA 31906

September 12, 2023
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, Tyson Begly, Joanne Cogle, Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis (arrived at 9:27 a.m.), R. Walker Garrett, Bruce Huff (arrived at 9:02 a.m.), Judy W. Thomas and Toyia Tucker. City Manager Isaiah Hugley, Assistant City Attorney Lucy Sheftall, Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis, and Deputy Clerk Pro Tem Tameka Colbert were present.

ABSENT: City Attorney Clifton Fay was absent from the meeting.

<p><u>The following documents have been included as a part of the electronic Agenda Packet:</u> (1) Metra Dial-A- Ride Premium Service Expansion Update -Presentation; (2) Judicial Center Update Presentation</p>

<p><u>The following documents were distributed around the Council table:</u> (1) Community Reinvestment Transitional Audit; (2) Petition for No Kill Plan; (3) Photos of Smith Roadway & Railroad Tracks</p>

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Chief Mark Burnett, Battalion Chief, Columbus Fire & EMS

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Public Safety Personnel

PROCLAMATIONS:

2. **Proclamation:** Public Safety Week

Receiving: Wayne Anthony, Pastor, St. Peter United Methodist Church

Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen read the proclamation into the record, proclaiming the week of September 3, 2023, through September 11, 2023, as *Public Safety Week*, recognizing all Public Safety Officials for their sacrifice and dedication to protect and serve the community.

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the August 29, 2023, Consent Agenda/ Work Session. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the minutes Mayor Pro Tem Allen, seconded by and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote.

PROCLAMATIONS (continued):

3. **Proclamation:** Help the Hooch Days

Receiving: Lisa Thomas-Cutts, Executive Director, Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission

Councilor Cogle read the proclamation into the record, proclaiming October 6, 2023 and October 7, 2023, as *Help the Hooch Days*, recognizing the various members of the Help the Hooch Committee in promoting the importance of the maintenance and clean-up of the Chattahoochee River.

4. **Proclamation:** National Recovery Month

Receiving: Chloe Landreth, Marketing and Outreach Representative, New Horizons Behavioral Health

Councilor Crabb read the proclamation into the record, proclaiming the month of September 2023, as *National Recovery Month*, recognizing New Horizons Behavioral Health for their dedication in providing education to the community on addiction and creating treatment programs that aid in sustaining long-term recovery from addiction.

5. **Proclamation:** Direct Support Professional Recognition Week

Receiving: Chloe Landreth, Marketing and Outreach Representative, New Horizons Behavioral Health

Councilor Begly read the proclamation into the record, proclaiming the week of September 10, 2023, through September 16, 2023, as *Direct Support Professional Recognition Week*, recognizing New Horizons Behavioral Health for providing services and opportunities to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, allowing these individuals to participate fully as valued members of the community.

6. **Proclamation:** Constitution Week

Receiving: Faye Wells, Oglethorpe Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution

Councilor Thomas read the proclamation into the record, proclaiming the week of September 17, 2023, through September 23, 2023, as *Constitution Week*, recognizing the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution in celebrating the anniversary of the framing of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention.

PRESENTATION:

7. Transitional Audit Report for Community Reinvestment (Presented by Donna McGinnis, Internal Auditor/Compliance Officer)

Internal Auditor/Compliance Officer Donna McGinnis approached the rostrum to present the transitional audit report for Community Reinvestment. She said the audit was authorized by City Council on December 10, 2019, but there were some delays in the execution of the audit due to the pandemic. She went on to explain the audit process along with the scope of the audit. After which, she offered recommendations to correct the existing conditions and improve operations. These recommendations include compensation rate adjustments, engagement of a forensic consultant, review of service delivery models and expanded activities with the Land Bank Authority.

Jonathan Smith- Forensic Auditor approached the rostrum to provide additional information regarding the audit in relation to federal funding rates of our sister cities and the increase in the number of beneficiaries served.

Benjamin Meadow- Forensic Auditor approached the rostrum to provide additional information regarding the audit in relation to the Land Bank Authority to include delinquent properties, marketing issues, the underutilization of the Land Bank Authority.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Would like to hear what the vision is to remedy the underutilization of the Land Bank Authority.
(Request of Councilor Tucker)

CITY ATTORNEY’S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

1. **Ordinance (23-049) - 2nd Reading-** REZN-06-23-0160: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to changes certain boundaries of a district located at **3610 and 3744 Woodruff Road** (parcel # 187-001-021) from Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District to General Commercial (GC) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (1st Reading delayed from 8-8-23) (Councilor Garrett) Councilor Davis made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen being absent for the vote.
2. **1st Reading-** REZN-06-23-0111: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **119 Bascom Court** (parcel # 073-027-003) from Residential Office (RO) Zoning District to General Commercial (GC) Zoning District with conditions. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Davis) Councilor Davis made a motion to delay the ordinance on 1st Reading for two weeks, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the ten members present.
3. **1st Reading-** An ordinance amending the Columbus, Georgia Pension Plan for General Government Employees, and the Columbus, Georgia Pension Plan for Employees of the Department of Public Safety, and the Columbus, Georgia Employees Deferred Retirement Option Plan (collectively, the “Plans”) to clarify that the Plans will not recognize Qualified Domestic Relations Orders. (Recommendation of Pension Board)

RESOLUTIONS

4. **Resolution (329-23)** – A resolution authorizing the execution of a Federal Aviation Administration Grant, Airport Improvement Program (AIP) GRANT NO. 3-13-0035-057-2023 (Request of Columbus Airport Commission) Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members present.
5. **Resolution (330-23)** - A resolution authorizing the execution of a Federal Aviation Administration Grant, Airport Improvement Program (AIP) GRANT NO. 3-13-0035-058-2023 (Request of Columbus Airport Commission) Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Could we start making sure that we receive updates from the Airport Commission. (*Request of Councilor Davis*)

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Ms. Sherre Harris, Re: Animal Welfare.
2. Mrs. Leah Braxton, Re: Smith Road condition with railroad crossing and roadway debris.

City Manager Hugley thanked Ms. Braxton for coming. He said we will make sure that staff receives a copy of the photos and look at the concerns that she has pointed out. He said in the past few weeks he has met with representatives from Norfolk Southern on various railroad crossings that have been mentioned. He said they have put the 9th Street crossing in motion. He said they will most likely have to shut down the whole crossing.

3. Mr. Johnathan Cole, representing Coles Towing & Recovery, Inc., Re: Laws regarding Non-Consensual Stolen Vehicles.
4. Mr. Ben Hecht, representing AmWaste of Georgia, Re: Yard waste services.
5. Mr. Edris Hayes, representing AmWaste of Georgia, Re: Yard waste services.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

2. PURCHASES

- I. 90-Day Termination Period for Supplemental Yard Waste Collection Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 21-0018 (**Add-On**)

A resolution approving a 90-day termination period, beginning September 1, 2023, with AmWaste, LLC (West Point, GA) for supplemental yard waste collection services in the monthly amount of \$439,600.00, for a total amount of \$1,350,200.00. (*NOTE: This item was called up as the next order of business as listed on the City Manager's Agenda Purchase Item I*)

City Manager Hugley said the supplemental yard waste services provided by AmWaste is approximately \$439,600.00 for a total of \$1,350,200.00 for a three-month period. He said with the monthly billing rate, we cannot afford to keep what we have in-house and contract out. He said with the new trucks that have been received, and additional drivers being hired, Public Works is ready to resume service on December 1, 2023.

Public Works Director Drale Short approached the rostrum to respond to questions asked by Councilor Crabb, stating a total of forty trucks have been purchased and currently ten of those trucks have been received. She said ten additional trucks are expected to arrive this week. She said there are currently 56 drivers on staff. She said the waste management program has been adjusted to ensure that we are able to do everything that we did pre-pandemic.

Finance Director Angelica Alexander approached the rostrum to respond to a question asked by Councilor Thomas, stating there was a phase out approach included in the budget, which was voted on and approved by Council. She said as far as the contract, the pricing that AmWaste has agreed to for this 90-day termination period is the pricing that was approved as a part of the first amendment. She said the pricing will not increase during this 90-day period. She said if we continue to use AmWaste to provide services, the funds to cover the expense would come from the general fund reserves.

After several minutes of discussion regarding this matter, there was no motion on the floor for action.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Requesting a financial analysis that shows the expected internal expense verses the AmWaste service cost. (*Request of Councilor Begly*)

1. Retiree Health Insurance Plan

Resolution (331-23): A resolution authorizing the renewal of the Medicare-eligible healthcare plan benefits and the United Healthcare Medicare Advantage plan. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Begly and Thomas being absent for the vote.

Larry Cambell approached the rostrum to thank Council for their involvement with the health benefits package for the retirees. He also thanked several other individuals for their contributions.

2. PURCHASES (continued)

A. Ambulance with Equipment for Fire & EMS – HGACBUY Cooperative Contract

Resolution (332-23): A resolution authorizing the purchase of two (2) ambulances with equipment from Frazer Ltd (Houston, TX) at a unit cost of \$374,425.00 each, in the total amount of \$748,850.00. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative purchase via HGACBuy Contract #AM10-20. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

B. Declaration of Surplus Equipment

Resolution (333-23): A resolution authorizing declaration as surplus the equipment shown on the attached lists, as well as, miscellaneous office equipment and furniture, as surplus, in accordance with Section 7-501 of the Charter of Columbus Consolidated Government; additionally, approval is also requested to declare any items as surplus, which may be added to the list prior to the auction. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

C. Stryker Lifepak 15 Monitor Defibrillator and Accessories for Fire & EMS Department

Resolution (334-23): A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) Stryker Lifepak 15 Monitor Defibrillator and accessories from Stryker Medical (Chicago, IL) in the amount of \$45,346.29.

Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

D. Maintenance Service Agreement for Lifepak 15 Cardiac Monitors for Fire & EMS Department

Resolution (335-23): A resolution authorizing the execution of the agreement from Stryker Medical (Chicago, IL) in the amount of \$37,974.82 to provide maintenance services for Lifepak 15 Cardiac Monitors. The agreement will cover the period from July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024. The City Manager is further authorized to make payment for future maintenance agreements, with possible cost increases, for the Lifepak 15 Cardiac monitors utilized in the Department's fleet, which will be budgeted per fiscal year. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

E. Repair of Motor Grader for Public Works Department

Resolution (336-23): A resolution authorizing the payment to Yancey Brothers (Fortson, GA), in the amount of \$27,362.21, for the repair of a 2008 Caterpillar 12M-BR Motor Grader, Vehicle #11102. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

F. Closed-Circuit Television Camera Truck for Engineering Department

Resolution (337-23): A resolution authorizing the purchase of a Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) Camera Truck from Jet-Vac Equipment Company, LLC (Atlanta, GA)/Rapidview IBAK North America (Rochester, IN) in the amount of \$337,550.02. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Sourcewell Contract #120721. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

G. Contract Extension for Pursuit Vehicle Buildout (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 13-0017

Resolution (338-23): A resolution authorizing the extension of the contract for Pursuit Vehicle Build Out with Mobile Communications America, Inc., (Columbus, GA), (formally Columbus Communications, Inc., Columbus, GA) for an additional two-month period. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

H. Right-of-Way Acquisition Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 23-0026

Resolution (339-23): A resolution authorizing the execution of annual contracts for right of way acquisition services with Gresham Smith (Atlanta, GA), THC, Inc. (Duluth, GA), and Croy Engineering, LLC (Marietta, GA), on an "as needed" basis, based on cost and availability at the time services are needed. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

3. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Metra Dial-A-Ride Service Update - Rosa Evans, Director, Metra

Metra Director Rosa Evans approached the rostrum to provide an update on the Metra Dial-A-Ride premium service expansion. During the presentation, she explained that Metra is federally funded and must comply with federal mandates. She said Metra must adhere to the federal guidelines of the FTA and ADA. She also presented a timeline that reflects the dates that the consultants would meet with the public, develop a study/draft report, receive public input/comments, and present the study findings to Council. In addition to the Dial-A-Ride service expansion, she also provided information regarding the On-Demand/Microtransit service, as well as, an update on Metra's current status.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- While we are doing this study, can we capture how many people ride Dial-A-Ride. (*Request of Councilor Tucker*)

B. Judicial Center Update - Ryan Pruett, Director, Inspections & Code Enforcement and Douglas Kleppin, AIA – Principal, The S/L/A/M Collaborative & Henry Painter – Senior Project Executive, Gilbane Building Company

Director of Inspections & Code Enforcement Ryan Pruett approached the rostrum to provide an update on the design process of the Judicial Center. He advised that a design team through the S/L/A/M Collaborative and a Construction Manager through Gilbane Building Company has been at the table through this whole process. He advised that these teams are making great progress in efforts to design a facility that would serve the needs of users.

Douglas Kleppin, AIA - Principal approached the rostrum to provide additional information regarding the design process of the Judicial Center. During the presentation, he provided information on the courthouse build area, site parking and the construction budget and estimate.

Senior Project Executive Henry Painter approached the rostrum to provide further explanation in regards to the budget.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Requesting that updates concerning the Judicial Center happen on a regular basis. (*Request of Councilor Thomas*)

BID ADVERTISEMENT

DATE: September 12, 2023

September 27, 2023

1. **Transmissions & Transmission Services for Public Works (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 24-0009**

Scope of Bid

Provide repair/rebuild services for various types of transmissions for Public Works Department – Fleet Maintenance Shop on an “as needed” basis.

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

REFERRALS:

Referrals 8.29.23

CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

1. **RESOLUTION (340-23)** - A resolution canceling the Proclamation Sessions for October 3, November 7, and December 5, 2023. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members present for the meeting.

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

Board of Tax Assessors, #27-23, #28-23 and #29-23

Convention & Visitors Board of Commissioners, June 21, 2023

Development Authority of Columbus, July 13, 2023

Employee Benefits Committee, June 28, 2023

Housing Authority of Columbus, July 19, 2023

Land Bank Authority, April 13, June 8, August 3, October 5, and December 14, 2022; February 8, March 8, April 12, May 17, and June 14, 2023

River Valley Regional Commission, June 28, 2023

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to receive the minutes of various boards, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the ten members present for the meeting.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

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

A. COLUMBUS IRONWORKS CONVENTION & TRADE CENTER AUTHORITY:

A nominee for the seat of Jonathan Payne (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term that expires on October 24, 2026. Mayor Henderson nominated Mr. Jonathan Payne to serve another term of office. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the ten members present for the meeting.

B. PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION:

A nominee for the seat of Charles A. McClure, Jr. (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term that expires on October 31, 2026. Mayor Henderson nominated Mr. Charles A. McClure, Jr. to serve another term of

office. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the ten members present for the meeting.

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

- A. **ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD:** Ms. Lori Turner was nominated to serve another term of office. (*Councilor Davis's nominee*) Term expires: October 15, 2025. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the ten members present for the meeting.
- B. **BOARD OF HONOR:** Mr. David Ebron was nominated to serve another term of office. (*Councilor Huff's nominee*) Term expires: October 31, 2027. Councilor Huff made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the ten members present for the meeting.
- C. **LAND BANK AUTHORITY:** Ms. Alston Auten was nominated to fill the unexpired term of Ms. Lauren Chambers. (*Councilor Begly's nominee*) Term expires: October 31, 2026. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the ten members present for the meeting.
- D. **LIBERTY THEATRE & CULTURAL ARTS CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:** Ms. Gloria Strode was nominated to serve as a member on the newly created board. (*Councilor Crabb's nominee*) Term Expires: August 14, 2025. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the ten members present for the meeting.
- E. **LIBERTY THEATRE & CULTURAL ARTS CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:** Ms. Arreasha Z. Lawrence was nominated to serve as a member on the newly created board. (*Councilor Begly's nominee*) Term Expires: August 14, 2025. Councilor Barnes made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the nine members present with Councilor Thomas being absent for the vote.
- F. **LIBERTY THEATRE & CULTURAL ARTS CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:** Mr. Cletus Richardson was nominated to serve as a member on the newly created board. (*Mayor Pro Tem Allen's nominee*) Term Expires: August 14, 2025. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present with Councilor Thomas being absent for the vote.
- G. **LIBERTY THEATRE & CULTURAL ARTS CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:** Ms. Carolyn Star-Ross was nominated to serve as a member on the newly created board. (*Councilor Barnes's nominee*) Term Expires: August 14, 2026. Councilor Barnes made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the nine members present with Councilor Thomas being absent for the vote.
- H. **LIBERTY THEATRE & CULTURAL ARTS CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:** Mr. Terrance Flowers was nominated to serve as a member on the newly created board. (*Councilor Tucker's nominee*) Term Expires: August 14, 2026. Councilor Huff made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present with Councilor Thomas being absent for the vote.
- I. **LIBERTY THEATRE & CULTURAL ARTS CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:** Mr. Fernando Verdree was nominated to serve as the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) member on the newly created board. (*Councilor Huff's nominee*) Term Expires: August 14, 2026. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the nine members present with Councilor Thomas being absent for the vote.
- J. **LIBERTY THEATRE & CULTURAL ARTS CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:** Mr. Arsburn "Oz" Roberts was nominated as the Civic Center Director's recommendation to serve as a member on the newly created board. (*Civic Center Director's nominee*) Term

Expires: August 14, 2027. Councilor Tucker made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present with Councilor Thomas being absent for the vote.

5. **COUNCIL APPOINTMENT- VOTE TABULATION:**

A. **CRIME PREVENTION BOARD:**

A nominee for the seat of Patricia Flora (*passed away*) for a term that expires on March 21, 2025. Clerk of Council Davis advised that Councilor Tucker has nominated Ms. Erika Cottingham and Councilor Davis is nominating Mr. Marty Wynn. Councilor Davis then withdrew his nomination of Mr. Marty Wynn. Clerk of Council Davis advised that since Ms. Cottingham was nominated at the last meeting, she may be confirmed. Councilor Tucker made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present with Councilor Thomas being absent for the vote.

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

A. **ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD:**

A nominee for the seat of Jayne Dunn (*Not Eligible to succeed*) for a term that expires on October 15, 2023, on the Animal Control Advisory Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

B. **BOARD OF HONOR:**

A nominee for the seat of Bob Hydrick (*passed away*) for a term that expired on October 31, 2022, on the Board of Honor (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis explained all the members serving on the board must be former elected officials of Muscogee County.

C. **COLUMBUS GOLF COURSE AUTHORITY:**

A nominee for the seat of Stephanie Callahan (*Seat declared vacant*) for a term that expires on June 30, 2026 on the Columbus Golf Course Authority (*Council's Appointment*). Clerk of Council Davis announced that Councilor Crabb is nominating Ms. Karen Stewart. Councilor Davis nominated Gerald Miley.

D. **LAND BANK AUTHORITY:**

A nominee for the seat of Lance Hemmings (*Not Eligible to succeed*) for a term that expires on October 31, 2023, on the Land Bank Authority (*Council's Appointment*). Clerk of Council Davis advised that Councilor Tucker is nominating Ms. Jackie Leonard to succeed Mr. Lance Hemmings.

E. LIBERTY THEATRE & CULTURAL ARTS CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:

A nominee for a new member for a term that expires on August 14, 2027, on the Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board (*Council's Appointment*). Clerk of Council Davis advised that Councilor Huff is nominating Ms. Ku'Wonna Ingram for the new seat.

A nominee for a new member for a term that expires on August 14, 2027, on the Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board (*Civic Center Director's Recommendation*). Clerk of Council Davis stated the Civic Center is nominating Ms. Delois Carr as the Civic Center Director's recommendation.

UPCOMING BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

- A. Hospital Authority of Columbus (Council Nomination/Authority Selection)
- B. Housing Authority of Columbus (Mayor's Appointment)

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Henderson entertained a motion to go into executive session to discuss matters of personnel, potential litigation and litigation as requested earlier in the meeting by Assistant City Attorney Sheftall. Councilor Tucker made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present with Councilor Crabb being absent for the vote, with the time being 2:08 p.m.

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 3:40 p.m., at which time, Mayor Henderson announced that the Council did meet in executive session to discuss matters of personnel, potential litigation, and litigation; 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 September 12, 2023, Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the seven members present with Councilors Barnes, Cogle and Garrett being absent for the vote, with the time being 3:40 p.m.

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