

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

December 10, 2024
9:00 AM
Regular Meeting

MAYOR’S AGENDA

PRESENT: Mayor B. H. “Skip” Henderson, III and Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen (arrived at 9:01 a.m.) and Councilors Travis L. Chambers, Joanne Cogle, Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis, Byron Hickey, Bruce Huff (arrived at 9:17 a.m.) and Toyia Tucker (arrived at 9:28 a.m.). City Manager Isaiah Hugley, City Attorney Clifton Fay, Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis and Deputy Clerk of Council Lindsey G. McLemore.

ABSENT: Councilors R. Walker Garrett and Judy W. Thomas were absent.

The following documents have been included as a part of the electronic Agenda Packet: (1) GDOT Transportation Investment Act Presentation; (2) Columbus Multimodal Center Park & Ride – Phase II Presentation; (3) Comprehensive Camera Project Update Presentation

The following documents were distributed around the Council table: (1) Documents Submitted by PA#1 Pat Frey; (2) Documents Submitted by PA#2 Veronica Flakes-Jefferson; (3) Documents Submitted by PA#3 Theresa El-Amin; (4) Inclement Weather Policy – Proposed Change

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

NOTE: Mayor Pro Tem Allen arrived at 9:01 a.m.

INVOCATION: Offered by Rev. Colleen Cook of New Hope Presbyterian Church of Columbus, Georgia

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Henderson

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the November 19, 2024 Council Meeting and Executive Session. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Huff and Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilors Garrett and Thomas being absent from the meeting.

CITY ATTORNEY’S AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS

5. **RESOLUTION (461-24):** A resolution appointing Jennifer Elizabeth Dunlap, Shaun Patrick O’Hara, and Stephen Joseph Hodges as Recorder(s) Pro-Tem for the Recorder’s Court of Columbus, Georgia (Recorder’s Court Committee) (*NOTE: This item was called up as the next*

order of business as listed on the City Attorney's Agenda Item 5) Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Huff and Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilors Garrett and Thomas being absent from the meeting.

Chief Judge/Senior Recorder David Ranieri approached the rostrum to share Recorder's Court will began operating three courtrooms full-time starting in January and introduced the new Recorders Pro-Tem once the resolution was approved.

MAYOR'S AGENDA (continued)

PROCLAMATION:

2. **Proclamation:** Rosa L. Evans Day

Receiving: Rosa L. Evans - Director of Transportation (Retirement Appreciation)

Councilor Travis L. Chambers read the proclamation into the record proclaiming Thursday, December 12, 2024, as *Rosa L. Evans Day*, recognizing Director of Transportation Rosa L. Evans for her 36-years of dedicated service as an employee of the Columbus Consolidated Government and wishing her the best on her well-deserved retirement.

NOTE: Councilor Huff arrived at 9:17 a.m.

PRESENTATION:

3. Fountain City Classic 2024 Overview (Presented by Ambassador to the Commonwealth of the Bahamas and Former Georgia State Representative Calvin Smyre)

Ambassador Calvin Smyre (Fountain City Classic Board of Directors Chairman) approached the rostrum to provide an overview of the 2024 Fountain City Classic, an annual event that has for many years been a staple in the community and acknowledged many supporters of the event.

NOTE: Councilor Tucker arrived at 9:28 a.m.

Fountain City Classic Executive Director Robbie Branscomb came forward to thank the Classic Committee, City of Columbus, and the citizens of Columbus for supporting this event for 34-years.

RESOLUTION:

4. **RESOLUTION (462-24):** A resolution authorizing the acceptance of donations in support of "The Dream Lives," Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) Commemoration Event. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Garrett and Thomas being absent from the meeting.

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

1. **1st Reading-** REZN-10-24-2164: An ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **988 Farr Road** parcel # 089-022-002) from General Commercial (GC) Zoning District to Single Family Residential – 4 (SFR4) Zoning District with Conditions. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Huff) (**Public Hearing Held**)

Mr. Ryan Clements, President of Aaron & Clements, Inc., approached the rostrum to address the Council on behalf of NeighborWorks Columbus. He shared the proposed rezoning is the first in developing the property located at 988 Farr Road into something similar to Elliott's Walk.

Ms. Theresa El-Amin came forward to make comments in support of the proposed ordinance on 1st Reading.

2. **1st Reading-** An ordinance amending the budgets for the Fiscal Year 2024 by appropriating amounts in each fund for various operational activities. (Final amendment) (Budget Review Committee) (**Public Hearing Held**)

City Attorney Clifton Fay stated Councilor Thomas, who was not able to attend the meeting today, has expressed a desire as the Budget Chair the opportunity to ask questions at the next meeting when the ordinance is listed on 2nd Reading.

Finance Director Angelica Alexander approached the rostrum to explain this ordinance is the final amendment to the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget, which would reconcile the budget to finish out the annual financial audit. She provided a presentation entitled *FY2024 Fiscal Conditions Report*, reporting the projected revenue versus actuals in revenue received. During the discussion, Director Alexander responded to questions regarding the overages in various departmental budgets and how these overages are covered by savings from other departments, and the monies left over are then added to the Fund Balance.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Add the presentation shown online, as it was not included as part of the online agenda packet.
(Request of Councilor Tucker)

3. **1st Reading-** An ordinance to revise and clarify certain provisions of Chapter 19 of the Columbus Code which provide for business activities not covered by this chapter; to update occupation tax due dates and payment provisions; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem) (**Public Hearing Held**) Councilor Tucker made a motion to allow quarterly occupational tax payments for calendar year 2025 to only those businesses that participated in quarterly payments in 2024, seconded by Councilor Davis and opened for discussion. Councilor Crabb made a substitute motion to amend by removing Section 2 of the proposed ordinance as it pertains to Code Section 19-59 of the Columbus Code, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried by a six-to-two vote, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Chambers, Crabb, Hickey, Huff and Tucker voting in favor, Councilors Cogle and Davis voting in opposition, and Councilors Garrett and Thomas being absent for the meeting.

Finance Director Angelica Alexander approached the rostrum to explain the proposed changes to Chapter 19 of the Columbus Code of Ordinances. She explained the first change is for Code Section 19-57 that addresses the occupation tax exemptions, which has not been updated since 1995 and does not reflect many statewide exemptions, and this amendment to the code would provide a good point of reference for local businesses. She continued by explaining the second change is to Code Section 19-59 that addresses the allowance of quarterly payments for occupation taxes and is a necessary change in preparing to accept online renewals and ensuring the Revenue Division operates more efficiently. Director Alexander went on to explain accepting quarterly payments is not conducive with the online system.

Several councilors expressed concerns in not allowing smaller businesses to make quarterly payments, especially without receiving mailed notification of the policy change for them to make preparations and expressed their desire to continue allowing them to make quarterly payments.

During the discussion, **City Manager Isaiah Hugley** stated that he would strongly encourage that the Administration be allowed to work with the business that currently have quarterly payments, because with the need to be automated, he would asked Council to adopt the ordinance but with a clause that after December 31, 2025, there would no longer be an option other than online renewals.

After **Councilor Charmaine Crabb** recommended a delay to allow the Finance Director to communicate to the vendor the intent of Councilors to allow businesses to continue with quarterly payments, **City Manager Isaiah Hugley** maintained that any delays in this ordinance would cause it to not go into effect on January 1, 2025; thereby, delaying the automation for at least another year.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY ATTORNEY:

- Add more details to Code Section 19-57(14) as it pertains to real estate brokers for clarification. *(Request of Councilors Chambers and Crabb)*
- Check into other companies that can make modifications to the system to accommodate allowing businesses to make quarterly payments. *(Request of Councilor Chambers)*
- Provide a presentation on the various exemptions for business owners to inform current owners and those thinking of opening a business here. *(Request of Councilor Tucker)*

RESOLUTIONS

4. **RESOLUTION (463-24):** A resolution approving a Special Exception to allow for a Daycare Type III, in the existing building located at 2913 Reese Road located in the Single Family Residential – 2 (SFR2) zoning district. (Planning Department and Staff recommend approval.) (Councilor Hickey) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Garrett and Thomas being absent from the meeting.

Pastor Freddie Johnson, Fairview Baptist Church, approached the rostrum to share some of the struggles faced by the church in providing daycare services 2021 due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and the benefits of reopening the daycare for the community.

GOLDEN PARK LEASE AGREEMENT:

Councilor Glenn Davis stated in the lease agreement with Diamond Baseball Holdings, LLC for Golden Park, a complimentary box for the City was included in the terms. He shared his concern with

the statement it makes and stated in his baseball career, he never saw such as this. He asked if the lease agreement could be amended, to which **City Attorney Clifton Fay** stated no, since the lease agreement had already been signed, but Mayor Henderson could speak with the Manager before the start of the season to see if tickets can be provided in lieu of a complimentary box. He also warned if the tickets are worth over \$100 then members of Council could be subject to champaign disclosure.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE MAYOR:

- When he speaks with the Manager, make sure the tickets provided are like the tickets the members of Council receive for the Civic Center and worth less than \$100. (*Request of Councilor Hickey*)

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Ms. Pat Frey, representing United Way / Home for Good, Re: Annual Point in Time Count - HUD.
2. Ms. Veronica Flakes-Jefferson, Re: Support with Gun Violence Awareness Walkathon.
3. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: CPD Training Needs and Why Good Public Policy Matters.
4. Ms. Natalie Nicole, Role Model Academy of Arts, Re: Public Works concerns and the Engineering Department Regarding School Zone Safety.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Check into restriping street crossings in school zones during the school breaks. (*Request of Councilor Cogle*)
- Check on the high grass and trash issues in the Rosehill area. (*Request of Councilor Cogle*)
- See if a notation section can be added to service tickets to explain the action taken on the request instead of the ticket just being closed out since tickets are being closed if they did not have enough information. (*Request of Councilor Tucker*)

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Lease Renewal for the Naval Reserve Center

RESOLUTION (464-24): A resolution to enter into a lease renewal agreement with The Department of the Navy for the Naval Operational Support Command (NOSC) Columbus. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote, and Councilors Garrett and Thomas being absent from the meeting.

2. Assistance to Firefighters Grant

RESOLUTION (465-24): A resolution to apply for and accept if awarded a grant for 26 Lifepak 35 Cardiac Monitors for Columbus Fire and Emergency Medical Services in the amount of \$1,489,341.90, or as otherwise awarded, from the Federal Emergency Management Agency with 10% matching funds required. The Multi-Governmental Fund will be amended by the amount of the award. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote, and Councilors Garrett and Thomas being absent from the meeting.

3. PURCHASES

A. Public Safety Uniforms (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 24-0023

RESOLUTION (466-24): A resolution authorizing the annual contract for the purchase of public safety uniforms from Maneuver Center Supply (Columbus, GA), on an “as needed” basis, for the estimated contract value of \$876,382.35. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote, and Councilors Garrett and Thomas being absent from the meeting.

B. Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Plan – RFP No. 24-0036

RESOLUTION (467-24): A resolution authorizing the execution of a contract with Alfred Benesch & Company (Atlanta, GA) to support the creation of a city-wide Safety Action Plan in accordance with Safe Streets and Roads for all SS4A Guidelines. The SS4A Action Plan will be in accordance with the U.S. Department of Transportation Guidelines. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote, and Councilors Garrett and Thomas being absent from the meeting.

C. Consultant for Grant Application and Construction Project Management Services – RFP No. 24-0026

RESOLUTION (468-24): A resolution authorizing the execution of a contract with Skanska (Atlanta, GA) to develop a grant application for the Federal Transit Administration’s (FTA) 5339(B) Discretionary – Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Program (or other available DOT/FTA competitive infrastructure grants for transit projects such as RAISE) on behalf of METRA Transit System (METRA). Skanska will provide construction project management services for the METRA campus construction. The vendor’s proposed cost is within the amount budgeted for this project. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote, and Councilors Garrett and Thomas being absent from the meeting.

D. Ford Transit 350 HD Van with EVI Conversion for Fire and EMS – H-GACBuy Cooperative Contract Purchase

RESOLUTION (469-24): A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) 2025 Ford Transit 350HD Van with EVI Van Conversion from Emergency Vehicles, Inc. (Lake Park, FL) for Fire & EMS, in the amount of \$122,444.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via H-GACBUY Contract #FS12-23. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with

Councilor Davis being absent for the vote, and Councilors Garrett and Thomas being absent from the meeting.

4. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

A. GDOT Project Update – Kenneth Franks, GDOT State TIA Administrator

State TIA Administrator Kenneth Franks approached the rostrum to begin the update on GDOT Projects explaining the Transportation Investment Act of 2010 (TIA). He explained TIA used Regional Commission boundaries to establish twelve districts that are able to levy a 1% sales tax for 10 years with 75% being used for projects on the approved investment list and 25% being dispersed to counties and cities. He explained the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) is responsible for ensuring the delivery of these projects.

TIA Regional Coordinator William Eastin came forward to provide updates on the various TIA 1 Projects in Columbus. He provided estimated completion of the Buena Vista Road Interchange for Summer 2025, the Old Cusseta Road Interchange for Fall 2026, and the US 27/Veterans Parkway Widening for Winter 2026.

NOTE: Mayor Pro Tem Allen left at 12:59 p.m.

B. Columbus Multimodal Center Update – Allen Cline, Senior Project Manager with 2WR + Partners, Scott Allen, Vice President Architecture, Commercial with 2WR + Partners

Senior Project Manager Allen Cline, 2WR + Partners, approached the rostrum to provide a presentation on the Columbus Multimodal Center. He explained this phase of Metra’s Park & Ride Project will be located on the corner of 16th Street and 9th Avenue, unifying all means of community transportation such as biking, ridesharing, and intercity bus services.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Provide an update on Animal Care & Control. (*Request of Councilor Crabb*)

LIGHTNING POLICY FOR INDOOR POOLS:

Councilor Joanne Cogle stated that she wants to move forward with the changes to the lightning policy for indoor pools that City Attorney Fay emailed to everyone.

City Attorney Clifton Fay stated in response to concerns expressed by **Councilor Bruce Huff**, if something happens and someone is hurt that we can expect that everyone involved including the event manager will be named in a claim. He added this policy does not change county immunity, which protects county funds, or the official immunity of the facility manager that works for the city.

Councilor Cogle made a motion to amend the lightning policy for indoor pools by adding “When lightning or thunder is detected in the area, the facility manager, or in the event of a special event, the manager of that event, shall make the determination of whether to continue normal operations.”, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Mayor

Pro Tem Allen being absent for the vote, and Councilors Garrett and Thomas being absent from the meeting.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Request to have a discussion on the plans for the farmer's market property on the agenda for December 17, 2024. (*Request of Councilor Cogle*)

C. Comprehensive Camera Update – Lisa Goodwin, Deputy City Manager, Current Operations

Deputy City Manager Lisa Goodwin approached the rostrum to provide an update on the Comprehensive Camera System. She explained they are on target for all cameras to be completely installed by the end of the year. She stated the next steps is to purchase additional poles to place in areas where cameras will be needed, purchase additional items such as cameras, batteries and solar panels, and place funding in the FY26 Budget for camera replacement in various parks.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Concerned about the area between St. Mary's Road, Honolulu Drive and N. Oakley where the condos are, there is constant littering. See about getting cameras in this area and Fair Oaks. (*Request of Councilor Hickey*)

BID ADVERTISEMENT

DATE: December 10, 2024

SUBJECT: Advertised Bids/RFPs/RFQs

December 18, 2024

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

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

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

December 20, 2024

1. Stage Curtains for Columbus Civic Center – RFB No. 25-0008
Scope of Bid

The Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia (the City) is requesting bids for a total of twenty-three (23) stage curtains, consisting of fourteen (14) side curtains and nine (9) middle stage curtains for the Columbus Civic Center arena. The curtains will be used as backdrops, to keep out sunlight, and to block backstage activity during shows. ***The curtains must meet or exceed specifications for DD 9919 Nirvana B.O.B.***

CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

1. **RESOLUTION (470-24)** - A resolution changing the Council Meeting schedule for the month of January 2025. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen being absent for the vote, and Councilors Garrett and Thomas being absent from the meeting.

2. **RESOLUTION (471-24)** - A resolution excusing Councilor R. Walker Garrett from the December 10, 2024 Council Meeting. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen being absent for the vote, and Councilors Garrett and Thomas being absent from the meeting.

3. **RESOLUTION (472-24)** - A resolution excusing Councilor Judy Thomas from the December 10, 2024 Council Meeting. **(Add-On)** Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen being absent for the vote, and Councilors Garrett and Thomas being absent from the meeting.

4. Email Correspondence from Airport Director Amber Clark submitting the selection of the Airport Commission of Mr. Philip Badcock to succeed Mr. Carl Rhodes, Jr. Councilor Tucker made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen being absent for the vote, and Councilors Garrett and Thomas being absent from the meeting.

5. Email Correspondence from Mr. Monte Galbraith submitting his resignation from the Valley Partnership Joint Development Authority effective December 20, 2024. Councilor Crabb made a motion to receive the resignation with regrets, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen being absent for the vote, and Councilors Garrett and Thomas being absent from the meeting.

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

Audit Committee, September 18, 2024

Board of Tax Assessors, #38-24 & #39-24

Board of Water Commissioners, November 12, 2024

Convention & Visitors Bureau, Board of Commissioners, October 16, 2024

Planning Advisory Commission, November 6, 2024

Tree Board, November 7, 2024

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

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

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

A. UPTOWN FACADE BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of Libba Dillon (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on October 31, 2024, as an Uptown Columbus, Inc. Representative on the Uptown Façade Board (*Council's Appointment*). Clerk of Council Davis stated the Uptown Business Improvement District and Uptown Columbus is recommending reappointment of Libba Dillon. Councilor Tucker made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen being absent for the vote, and Councilors Garrett and Thomas being absent from the meeting.

A nominee for the seat of Niki Gedroic (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on October 31, 2024, as an Uptown Business Improvement District Representative on the Uptown Façade Board (*Council's Appointment*). Clerk of Council Davis stated the Uptown Business Improvement District and Uptown Columbus is recommending reappointment of Niki Gedroic. Councilor Tucker made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen being absent for the vote, and Councilors Garrett and Thomas being absent from the meeting.

A nominee for the seat of Debbie Young (*Not Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on October 31, 2024, as an Uptown Business Improvement District Representative on the Uptown Façade Board (*Council's Appointment*). Clerk of Council Davis stated the Uptown Business Improvement District and Uptown Columbus is recommending the appointment of Fran Hall to succeed Debbie Young. Councilor Tucker made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen being absent for the vote, and Councilors Garrett and Thomas being absent from the meeting.

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

A. PERSONNEL REVIEW BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of Dennis Walsh (*Not Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on December 31, 2024, as Alternate Member 1 on the Personnel Review Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Willie L. Belfield, Jr. (*Appointed to Regular Member seat*) for a term expiring on December 31, 2024, as Alternate Member 2 on the Personnel Review Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

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

UPCOMING BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

- A. Historic & Architectural Review Board (Organization / Council Confirmation)

PUBLIC AGENDA (continued):

4. Ms. Natalie Nicole, Role Model Academy of Arts, Re: Public Works concerns and the Engineering Department Regarding School Zone Safety.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE MAYOR:

- Have the Sheriff come to speak about the Park Patrol Unit he has conceptually put together. *(Request of Councilor Davis)*

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Look at adding to the FY 2026 Budget additional funding for the mowing of grass in the rights-of-way. *(Request of Councilor Tucker)*
- Consider bringing in youth that want to work during the summer to mow grass. *(Request of Councilor Hickey)*
- Update on the crosswalk in front of Progressive Funeral Home. *(Request of Councilor Hickey)*

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Councilor Davis to adjourn the December 10, 2024 Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen being absent for the vote, Councilors Garrett and Thomas being absent from the meeting, and the time being 2:14 p.m.

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