

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 07, 2021
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 (arrived at 9:25 a.m.), Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis, R. Walker Garrett, John M. House, Bruce Huff (arrived at 9:09 a.m.), 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 to the members of Council: (1) Proposed Ordinance Amendment for City Attorney's Agenda Item #4; (2) 2021 Districting Plan for Council District Boundaries; (3) 2021 Columbus Districting Commission Presentation; (4) FY2021 Fiscal Conditions Report Presentation; (5) The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom Generations of Courage Booklet; (6) First Annual Fannie Lou Hamer Human Rights Conference Flyer; (7) Open Letter to Wilson Residents from Southern Anti Racism Network Board Chair Theresa El-Amin; (8) Quarterly Escalation Report for City Manager's Agenda Item #9; (9) Comprehensive Camera Project Update Presentation

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Rev. Neil Richardson at SafeHouse Ministries of Columbus, Georgia

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Henderson

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the November 30, 2021, Consent Agenda / Work Session. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the minutes, 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.

UPDATE:

2. An update on COVID-19

Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson gave a brief update on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the community. He explained officials expected there to be a surge in positive cases after the Thanksgiving Holiday like last year, but the numbers continued to stay flat. He stated 44% of the

community has received at least one dose of the vaccine, and he encouraged citizens that may be on the fence to contact their primary care physician.

GUN VIOLENCE AND OTHER VIOLENT CRIMES:

Mayor B. H. “Skip” Henderson stated two people in our community lost their lives last night to gun violence, one was killed while going on about his daily activities and was shot outside of a business. He stated gun violence and other violent crimes are occurring all over the country to include our community. He encouraged citizens to give thanks and pray for our local law enforcement for the job they do every day to keep the citizens of Columbus, Georgia safe.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Director of Public Works

Resolution (433-21): A resolution authorizing the appointment of Ms. Aundrahlia Short as Director of the Public Works Department. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, 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. (*NOTE: This resolution was called up as the next order of business as listed on the City Manager’s Agenda Item 1)*

Public Works Director Drale Short approached the rostrum to accept the appointment as the new Director of the Public Works Department. She thanked her family, City Manager Hugley, City Council, and the employees of Public Works for their support.

11. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. Georgia Municipal Association EMBRACE Program - Freddie Broome, Director of Equity and Inclusion

Director of Equity and Inclusion Freddie Broome (GMA) came forward to give a presentation on the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) EMBRACE Program. He provided the mission, goals and priorities of the program, focusing on embracing differences, fostering relationships to promote community engagement, equity and inclusion. He explained the EMBRACE Program will offer various training classes to member cities. (*NOTE: This presentation was called up as the next order of business as listed on the City Manager’s Agenda Item 11 “A”*)

CITY ATTORNEY’S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

- 1. **1st Reading-** REZN-08-21-1522: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **6500 / 6516 Lynch Road** (parcel # 129-001-001 / 129-001-002) from SFR2 (Single Family Residential 2) Zoning District to GC (General Commercial) Zoning District with conditions. (Planning recommends conditional approval and PAC recommends approval.) (Mayor Pro-Tem) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to delay this ordinance until the January 25, 2022 Council Meeting,

seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen explained he and Councilor House have received many calls from citizens regarding the proposed rezoning. He explained they would like to delay the 1st Reading of the ordinance until the January 25, 2022 Council Meeting, allowing citizens an opportunity to meet with the developer and to gain an understanding of the plans for the property and to express their concerns, and possibly have someone from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) present to discuss the round-a-bout.

Mr. William H. Ward came forward to express his opposition to the proposed rezoning. He explained his concerns stem from the accidents that already occur at the intersection of Lynch Road, Technology Parkway and Macon Road. He stated he believes the more development in the area, the more accidents will occur.

President and Operating Manager Harlan Price (Architectural Innovations Design Group, LLC) came forward stating he is the Project Architect for this development. He explained the planned round-a-bout should slow down traffic and result in less accidents at the intersection. He stated they have met with the Engineering Department, as well as, GDOT to ensure they are meeting the condition requirements for that road.

2. **1st Reading- REZN-09-21-1841:** An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **4020 Jay Street** (parcel # 086-003-012) from NC (Neighborhood Commercial) Zoning District to GC (General Commercial) Zoning District. Planning Department and PAC recommend approval. (Councilor Barnes) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to delay 1st Reading of ordinance until the December 14, 2021 Council Meeting due to the petitioner's absence, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.
3. **1st Reading- REZN-10-21-1929:** An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **877 Farr Road** (parcel # 089-011-004) from RMF2 (Residential Multifamily 2) Zoning District to GC (General Commercial) Zoning District. Planning Department and PAC recommend approval. (Councilor Huff) Councilor Huff made a motion to delay the 1st Reading of this ordinance until January 25, 2022 Council Meeting, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

Mr. Tim Deese (877 Farr Road, Owner) approached the rostrum as the petitioner of the rezoning. He explained he has owned the property located at 877 Farr Road for forty years.

Ms. Aretha Richards (Property Manager of Farrfield Manor) stated she has not decided to be in opposition or in favor of the proposed rezoning since she does not have much information. She explained though she is worried about traffic increasing in the area and the danger that poses to her senior residents with mobility issues and would be in favor of a grocery store that would be accessible to the residents.

Ms. Linda Parker (Opposition) came forward to express her concerns for a store to be developed in between two apartments in such a high traffic area.

Mr. Derrick Bradford (Opposition) came forward to express his opposition to the proposed rezoning. He expressed his concern for the types of people that another grocery store, convenience store, or package store would attract to the area.

Ms. Mary J. Quiller (Opposition) came forward to speak in opposition of the proposed rezoning. She explained there are more than enough stores in the area for the residents to utilize.

Ms. Olive Vidal-Kendall (Opposition) came forward to speak in opposition of the proposed rezoning. She explained she is opposed to there being an additional grocery store, convenience store, or any other commercial business to the area, due to the people in that area are usually seen loitering outside these establishments.

4. **1st Reading-** REZN-10-21-1932: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **6672 Billings Road** (parcel # 101-031-002) from NC (Neighborhood Commercial) Zoning District to GC (General Commercial Zoning District) with conditions. Planning Department recommends conditional approval, PAC recommends approval. (Mayor Pro-Tem) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to amend the proposed amendment to remove Condition (1) a 50-foot landscape buffer with wall/fence shall be required along Southern and Eastern property lines and add Conditions (2) A minimum 30-foot undisturbed natural buffer shall be maintained by the storage unit business, or any successor in interest, facing homes in Heritage Place, (3) On the lot where the natural buffer does not meet 30 feet, the owner or successor in interest shall add and maintain plants to reach the minimum of 30 feet (No pine trees shall be added), (4) Owner or successor in interest shall maintain a 3-foot berm on the edge of the detention pond with evergreen shrubbery planted facing the homes in Heritage Place, (5) All plantings shall be approved by the City Arborist, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

Attorney Chandler Riley (Page, Scrantom, Sprouse, Tucker & Ford) approached the rostrum to represent All Good Storage Solutions, LLC. for the proposed rezoning. He explained the plans for a storage facility on the property located at 6672 Billings Road and the conditions to the rezoning.

5. **1st Reading-** An ordinance amending the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) for Columbus, Georgia so as to revise Section 6.4.4.C – Other Minimum Lot Requirements. (Mayor Pro-Tem)

Planning Manager Will Johnson approached the rostrum to explain the purpose of this section of the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO). He explained when a developer brought in plans for the Inspections & Codes Department, it was noticed that this part of the ordinance is not realistic; therefore, they are proposing the amendment as presented.

6. **1st Reading-** An Ordinance enacting the districting plan submitted by the Columbus Consolidated Government Districting Commission according to Section 6-102 of the Charter of Columbus, Georgia reapportioning Council District boundaries; and other purposes. (Columbus Consolidated Government Districting Commission) will include presentation of the report and plan adopted by the Commission at its meeting held in the Council Chambers at 10:00 am on Saturday December 4th, 2021.

Probate Judge Marc D'Antonio came forward to present the District Maps developed by the 2021 Districting Commission. He explained the process followed by the commission within the constraints of the Columbus Consolidated Government Charter.

Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge approached the rostrum to provide specific information on the demographics of each district based on the proposed changes. She explained District 8 was impacted the most out of all the districts.

Ms. Theresa El-Amin came forward to speak on the uniqueness of the City of Columbus and commended the Planning Department and the City Manager's Office for their great works. She stated that the Council districts are racialized and this was an opportunity to address that.

7. **1st Reading-** An Ordinance imposing a moratorium on the issuance of business licenses or Certificates of Occupancy for any new convenience store with or without gas sales for a period of ninety (90) days; and for other purposes. (Councilors Barnes, Tucker, and Woodson)

Councilor Toyia Tucker explained this proposed moratorium is being presented to allow time for a 90-day study to be conducted to identify those convenience stores that are facilitating illegal gambling by the use of machines and to see what can be done legislatively to stop the illegal activity. She stated these establishments pose safety issues for citizens patronizing those stores with the questionable persons they attract.

Councilor Glenn Davis expressed his concerns in the City Government trying to regulate aspects of businesses that fall under the jurisdiction of the State of Georgia.

Councilor Charmaine Crabb stated she is worried this moratorium would deter future businesses from coming to the City of Columbus. She explained that she agrees the illegal gambling is something that needs to be investigated, but she believes this is not the appropriate route to take.

Councilor Bruce Huff stated for the record, that City Attorney's Agenda Item #3 proposed rezoning for property located at 877 Farr Road is not for the development of a convenience store with lotto machines.

Mr. Chetan Desai (Opposition) came forward to express his concern that this proposed moratorium would impact current applications that are still going through the process.

Revenue Manager Yvonne Ivey approached the rostrum to explain the gaming machines are required to display a sticker received annually from the State of Georgia. She mentioned that the State of Georgia Gaming Commission regulates these machines, and they would contact the Revenue Division to see what type of business license the facility holds if a business were under investigation.

City Manager Isaiah Hugley explained his suggestion is for the members of Council to put the owners of the business facilitating illegal gambling on notice that a study will be conducted over the next ninety days and all laws will be strongly enforced.

8. **1st Reading-** Adoption of an ordinance listing the roadways approved for use of speed detection devices (radar) on all GDOT Routes and non-GDOT Routes in Columbus-Muscogee County. (Mayor Pro-Tem)

9. **1st Reading-** An Ordinance regulating vehicular traffic in Columbus, Georgia, establishing a "No Parking" along the north and south sides of Double Churches Road beginning at the northwesterly corner of the intersection of Northfield Drive with Double Churches Road and running thence westerly along the line of Double Churches Road to a point located on the northerly extension of the westerly line of Peppercorn Drive with the northerly margin of Double Churches Road; authorizing the erection of appropriate "No Parking" signs along said area where

parking is prohibited by this ordinance; providing penalties for violations thereof; repealing conflicting ordinances; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem) Councilor Davis made a motion to delay this proposed ordinance until the January 25, 2022 Council Meeting, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Huff being absent for the vote, and Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

- 10. 1st Reading-** An ordinance regulating vehicular traffic in Columbus, Georgia; regulating the time within which vehicles may be ranked or parked on the south side of Wynnton Road running east from the east line of Britt Avenue for 196 feet; on the south side of Linwood Boulevard running west from the west line of 12th Avenue for 50 feet; on the south side of Linwood Boulevard. running west from the west line of Dudley Avenue for 145.3 feet; on the south side of Wynnton Road beginning at a point 300 feet east of the east line of Henry Avenue and running east 58 feet; providing penalties for violations hereof; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem)

Engineering Director Donna Newman approached the rostrum to explain this ordinance would remove the parking restriction on 12th Avenue, just north of Linwood Boulevard. She explained when the restriction was put into place, there was a parking conflict that was affecting two businesses that are no longer there. She stated the current business owners have requested the restriction be removed.

- 11. 1st Reading-** An Ordinance amending the budgets for the fiscal year 2020 beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021, for certain funds of the consolidated government of Columbus, Georgia, appropriating amounts shown in each fund for various activities; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem)

Finance Director Angelica Alexander approached the rostrum explaining this ordinance is a normal housekeeping matter, where a final budget amendment is presented to Council to account for the overages in departmental budgets. She stated the City Attorney's Office was over budget due to litigation, the Fire Department due to auto parts and supplies, the Coroner's Office due to temporary labor and wages, and the non-departmental balances for various reasons.

11. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

C. FY21 Fiscal Conditions Report - Angelica Alexander, Finance Director

Finance Director Angelica Alexander approached the rostrum to provide a report of the fiscal conditions of the FY21 Budget. She explained the annual audit is almost at completion, leaving Fiscal Year 2021 at 67.67 days in the General Fund and 50.24 days in the OLOST Fund, for a total of 117.91 days in the Fund Balance.

Ms. Theresa El-Amin approached the rostrum to speak in regards to the 1st Reading of Item #11 on the City Attorney's Agenda. She commented on the outstanding work of the City Manager and his staff. She explained the importance of property taxes and how it impacts low-income areas.

Ms. Jennifer Le Denney approached the rostrum to speak regarding the 1st Reading of Item #11 on the City Attorney's Agenda. She stated the administrative employees of the City Government need to benefit from the positive financial standing of the budget.

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Mr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr., Re: Organizational Structure of Tax Assessors Office / Military Liaison Officer (All Disabled Veterans Related)
2. Ms. Jennifer Le Denney, Re: The action taken against three officers for assisting a parent disciplining her child.

Police Chief Freddie Blackmon approached the rostrum to explain the investigation that Ms. Le Denney addressed is standard protocol for situations such as this. He stated there are two parts to these investigations, one being the Georgia Bureau of Investigations (GBI) and the Office of Professional Standards within the Columbus Police Department.

3. Mr. Ronzell Buckner, representing Turn Around Columbus, Re: (1) Littering in his community, (2) Request change in Code Enforcement Regulations with regards to the issuance of citations.

PUBLIC AGENDA (Events):

1. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Women's International League for Peace and Freedom Fannie Lou Hamer Branch Human Rights Conference via Zoom on December 11th, 1pm-5pm.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

2. 2022 Legislative Agenda – Georgia Music Investment Act (Add-On)

RESOLUTION (434-21): A resolution urging the Georgia General Assembly to support legislation to update and improve the Georgia Music Investment Act to make Georgia and our communities across the State more competitive globally. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Crabb and Davis being absent for the vote, and Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

RiverCenter Executive Director Norman S. Easterbrook approached the rostrum to thank Council for the approval of this resolution and explain the impact this legislation would have on the local entertainment industry.

Arreasha “Z” Lawrence, Music & Entertainment Council also approached the rostrum to request the Council support this resolution. She pointed out that we want to bring larger productions to the city.

3. Georgia Exceptional Main Streets Memorandum of Understanding

RESOLUTION (435-21): A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a memorandum of understanding with Georgia Department of Community Affairs Office of Downtown Development, the Local Main Street Program Board of Director, and the Downtown Manager (Uptown Columbus) for the community. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

4. Acquisition of 463 Brennan Road

RESOLUTION (436-21): A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a purchase and sale agreement with the estate of Floyd P. Redding and Richard D. Redding to purchase 463 Brennan Road. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

5. Columbus Police Department: Donation

RESOLUTION (437-21): A resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept donated funds of \$6,000.00 from an anonymous donor on behalf of the Columbus Police Department, with no additional funds required. Councilor House made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

6. Bright from the Start – Snack Grant

RESOLUTION (438-21): A resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant of \$67,989.60, or as otherwise awarded, from the Georgia Department of Early Childcare and Learning Bright from the Start to continue the Child and Adult Care Food Program and amend the Multi-Governmental Grant Funds by the amount awarded. The grant will cross over 2022 and 2023. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Barnes and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

7. Georgia Statewide Afterschool Network Building Opportunities for Out-of-School Time (BOOST) Grant

RESOLUTION (439-21): A resolution authorizing the city to apply for the grant and if awarded, accept the monies granted by the Georgia Statewide Afterschool Program Network “Building Opportunities for Out-of-School Time” (BOOST) Grant. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

8. 2021 Homeland Security Grant Program

RESOLUTION (440-21): A resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant of \$21,030.00 or as otherwise awarded, from the 2021 Homeland Security Grant Program and if needed, amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by like amount. These funds will be utilized for the maintenance of equipment received as part of the West Central Georgia Search and Rescue (GSAR) Team. This team was formed to improve responses to heavy rescue emergencies to the citizens of Columbus and surrounding counties. Heavy search-and-rescue involves the location, rescue (extrication), and initial medical stabilization of victims trapped in confined spaces. Structural collapse is most often the cause of victim being trapped, but victims may also be trapped in transportation accidents, mines and collapsed trenches. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

9. Uptown Tax Allocation District Fund Grant – Amendment to the High Market Side Mixed-Use Development Initial Request 211 13th, LLC as Owner and Cotton Development, LLC as Developer

RESOLUTION (441-21): A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an amendment for the agreement with 211 13th, LLC (Owner) and Cotton Development, LLC (Developer) for the purposes of allocating Uptown Tax Allocation District Funds for the construction of certain public infrastructure improvements to develop a mixed-use redevelopment of a blighted area located in the clock between 13th and 14th Street and 2nd and 3rd Avenue to be known as Highside Market to increase the maximum total reimbursement costs and the maximum annual requisition/invoice. Councilor Tucker 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.

President Chris Woodruff (The Cotton Companies) came forward to speak on the expansion of the original development plan for the Highside Market Project and request for additional Tax Allocation District Funding. He briefly explained the increase in material costs as listed on the Quarterly Escalation Report that was provided.

10. PURCHASES

- A. A-1 One D7 Tractor for Pine Grove Landfill - Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase / A-2 GMA Lease for One D7 Tractor for Pine Grove Landfill

RESOLUTION (442-21): A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) D7 Tractor for Pine Grove Landfill, from Yancey Brothers Co. (Austell, GA), at a unit price of \$650,342.00. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-001-SPD0000177-0024. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

RESOLUTION (443-21): A resolution to authorize and direct the City Manager to execute one or more lease supplements for One (1) D-7 Tractor for a lease or leases under the GMA Direct Leasing Program; to designate such leases as qualified tax-exempt obligations; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

- B. B-1 One 330 Hydraulic Excavator for Pine Grove Landfill - Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase / B-2 GMA Lease for One 330 Hydraulic Excavator for Pine Grove Landfill

RESOLUTION (444-21): A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) 330 Hydraulic Excavator for Pine Grove Landfill, from Yancey Brothers Co. (Austell, GA), at a unit price of \$311,872.00. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-001-SPD0000177-0024. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

RESOLUTION (445-21): A resolution to authorize and direct the City Manager to execute one or more lease supplements for One 330 Hydraulic Excavator for Pine Grove Landfill for a lease or leases under the GMA Direct Leasing Program; to designate such leases as qualified tax-exempt obligations; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

- C. C-1 One Loader 950M for Pine Grove Landfill - Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase / C-2 GMA Lease for One Loader 950M for Pine Grove Landfill

RESOLUTION (446-21): A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) Loader 950M for Pine Grove Landfill, from Yancey Brothers Co. (Austell, GA), at a unit price of \$358,035.00. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-001-SPD0000177-0024. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

RESOLUTION (447-21): A resolution to authorize and direct the City Manager to execute one or more lease supplements for One Loader 950M for Pine Grove Landfill for a lease or leases under the GMA Direct Leasing Program; to designate such leases as qualified tax-exempt obligations; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

- D. D-1 One Aljon Series 525N Landfill Compactor for Pine Grove Landfill - HGACBUY Cooperative Purchase / D-2 GMA Lease for One Aljon Series 525N Landfill Compactor for Pine Grove Landfill

RESOLUTION (448-21): A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) Aljon Series 525N Landfill Compactor for Pine Grove Landfill, from C&C Manufacturing, LLC. (Ottumwa, IA), at a unit price of \$1,031,145.00. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via HGACBuy contract #SM10-20. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

RESOLUTION (449-21): A resolution to authorize and direct the City Manager to execute one or more lease supplements for One Aljon Series 525N Landfill Compactor for Pine Grove Landfill for a lease or leases under the GMA Direct Leasing Program; to designate such leases as qualified tax-exempt obligations; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

- E. E-1 Four Z920M ZTrak Mowers for Pine Grove Landfill - Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase / E-2 GMA Lease for Four Z920M ZTrak Mowers for Pine Grove Landfill

RESOLUTION (450-21): A resolution authorizing the purchase of four (4) Z920M ZTrak Mowers for Pine Grove Landfill, from Deere & Company, (Cary, NC), at a unit price of \$9,836.72, and a total price of \$39,346.72. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Sourcewell Contract #031121-DAC. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

RESOLUTION (451-21): A resolution to authorize and direct the City Manager to execute one or more lease supplements for Four Z920M ZTrak Mowers for Pine Grove Landfill for a lease or leases under the GMA Direct Leasing Program; to designate such leases as qualified tax-exempt obligations; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

- F. F-1 One John Deere Gator XUV855M for Pine Grove Landfill - Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase / F-2 GMA Lease for One John Deere Gator XUV855M for Pine Grove Landfill

RESOLUTION (452-21): A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) John Deere Gator XUV855M for Pine Grove Landfill, from Deere & Company, (Cary, NC), at a unit price of \$16,759.68. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Sourcewell Contract #031121-DAC. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

RESOLUTION (453-21): A resolution to authorize and direct the City Manager to execute one or more lease supplements for One John Deere Gator XUV855M for Pine Grove Landfill for a lease or leases under the GMA Direct Leasing Program; to designate such leases as qualified tax-exempt obligations; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

- G. One 2022 Ford Expedition for Information Technology – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase

RESOLUTION (454-21): A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) 2022 Ford Expedition for the Information Technology Department from Speedway Ford (Griffin, GA), at a unit price of \$53,777.00. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-SPD-ES40199373-004. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

- H. One 2022 Ford Expedition for the Sheriff's Office – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase

RESOLUTION (455-21): A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) 2022 Ford Expedition for the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office from Speedway Ford (Griffin, GA), at a unit price of \$48,706.00. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-SPD-ES40199373-004. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

- I. Roofing Services at Boxwood Recreation Center – RFB No. 22-0016

RESOLUTION (456-21): A resolution authorizing the execution of a contract with Pittman Waller Roofing Company, Inc. (Macon, GA) in the amount of \$27,125.00 for roofing services at Boxwood Recreation Center. The unit prices for any unforeseen work will be \$9.75 per board foot to replace deteriorated wood blocking, nailers, and framing; \$65.00 per square foot for replacement of existing wood deck; and \$2.25 per square foot for additional self-adhered leak barrier underlayment. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

J. Roofing Services at Carver Park Gym – RFB No. 22-0018

RESOLUTION (457-21): A resolution authorizing the execution of a contract with Southeast Roofing Solutions, Inc. (Macon, GA) in the amount of \$160,910.00 for roofing services at Carver Park Gym. The unit prices for any unforeseen work will be \$6.75 per board foot to replace deteriorated wood blocking and nailers; \$7.75 per board foot for rehabilitation of existing wood roof decking and wall sheathing; and \$15.00 per square foot for rehabilitation of existing cementitious wood fiber deck. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

K. Property Damage Recovery Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 22-0008

RESOLUTION (458-21): A resolution authorizing the execution of a contract with Peachtree Recovery Services, Inc. (Suwanee, GA) for property damage recovery services on an as-needed basis. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

L. Provision and Installation of Wedge Locks at the Muscogee County Jail

RESOLUTION (459-21): A resolution authorizing the provision and installation of wedge locks from Unique Security, Inc. (Montgomery, AL), in the approximate amount of \$355,563.00, at the Muscogee County Jail. This purchase will be made via the City’s annual contract awarded to Unique Security, per Resolution No. 102-20, for security locking system/door hinges maintenance services. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

M. Replacement of the South Tower and Central Control Security Control System at the Muscogee County Jail

RESOLUTION (460-21): A resolution authorizing the replacement of the South Tower and Central Control Security Control System at the Muscogee County Jail from Unique Security, Inc. (Montgomery, AL), in the approximate amount of \$291,775.00. This purchase will be made via the City’s annual contract awarded to Unique Security, per Resolution No. 102-20, for security locking system/door hinges maintenance services. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

11. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Georgia Municipal Association EMBRACE Program - Freddie Broome, Director of Equity and Inclusion

(NOTE: This presentation, as provided by Director of Equity and Inclusion Freddie Broome, was called upon earlier in the meeting after the Mayor’s Agenda.)

B. J. R. Allen Safety Improvements Update - Donna Newman, Engineering Director

Engineering Director Donna Newman approached the rostrum to provide a brief update on the safety improvements that are being made to J. R. Allen Parkway. She stated the Georgia Department of Transportation are placing cabling guardrails along J. R. Allen Parkway, which is used to prevent a vehicle that may lose control from crossing over into the other side of the highway into oncoming traffic. She explained this will impact the pampas grass and the aesthetics, so the landscaping will be reevaluated after the project is complete.

C. FY21 Fiscal Conditions Report - Angelica Alexander, Finance Director

(NOTE: This presentation, as provided by Director Angelica Alexander, was called upon earlier in the meeting during the City Attorney's Agenda.)

E. Liberty Theatre 2022-2024 Strategic Plan - Kaseem Ladipo, KAL Firm

Founder Kaseem Ladipo (KAL Firm) approached the rostrum to provide a presentation on the 2022-2024 Strategic Plan for the Liberty Theatre. He provided information on the rich history of the Liberty Theatre in the community. He explained the findings of the evaluation stage of the plan and the recommendation to revitalize the theatre.

Liberty Theatre Board President Delois "Dee" Carr came forward to thank the Mayor, Council and City Manager for allowing them to present, and thanked those City Officials that attended their meeting at the Liberty Theatre in November.

D. Comprehensive Camera Plan Update - Lisa Goodwin, Deputy City Manager

Deputy City Manager Lisa Goodwin approached the rostrum to briefly provide an update on the security sensitive manner of the Comprehensive Camera Plan. She explained the various capabilities of the cameras to include tag reading capabilities, mobile cameras, 360-degree camera, utilization of the same software for all cameras, will aid in infrastructure improvements to ensure continuity and improve reliability.

BID ADVERTISEMENT

December 10, 2021

1. **Vending Machine Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 22-0007**

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government is seeking proposals from qualified vendors to provide vending machine services for various City Departments. The contract term shall be for two (2) years, with the option to renew for three (3) additional twelve-month periods.

December 17, 2021

1. **Real Estate Appraisal Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 22-0017**

Scope of RFP

Provide real estate appraisal services on an "as needed" basis for various projects involving land acquisition and disposition services for Columbus Consolidated Government.

CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

1. **RESOLUTION (461-21)** - A Resolution excusing Councilor Bruce Huff from the November 30, 2021, Consent Agenda / Work Session. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

2. **RESOLUTION (462-21)** - A Resolution excusing Councilor Judy Thomas from the November 30, 2021, Consent Agenda / Work Session. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

3. **RESOLUTION (463-21)** - A Resolution excusing Councilor Evelyn "Mimi" Woodson from the December 7, 2021, Council Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

4. **RESOLUTION (464-21)** - A Resolution approving Ms. Kathy Jones to serve on the Board of Tax Assessors for a term beginning January 1, 2022 and expiring on December 31, 2027. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

5. **Minutes of the following boards:**
 - Board of Tax Assessors, #38-21, #39-21 and #40-21
 - Columbus Board of Health, October 27, 2021
 - Convention & Visitors Bureau Board of Commissioners, October 20, 2021
 - Housing Authority of Columbus, September 15, 2021
 - Mayor's Commission on Reentry, October 18, 2021
 - Personnel Review Board, November 17, 2021
 - River Valley Regional Commission, October 27, 2021

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to receive the minutes of various boards, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

6. **MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS- ANY NOMINATIONS MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:**
 - A. **PENSION FUND, EMPLOYEES' BOARD OF TRUSTEES:**

A nominee for the seat of Jack Kinsman (*Resigned*) for a term that expires on June 30, 2022, as the Retired City Employee Representative on the Pension Fund, Employees' Board of Trustees (*Mayor's Appointment*). There were none.

7. **COUNCIL'S APPOINTMENT- READY FOR CONFIRMATION:**

A. **ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD:** Mr. Raymond "Robbie" Culpepper was nominated to fill the unexpired term of Ms. Christy Noullet. (*Councilor Crabb's nominee*) Term expires: April 11, 2022. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

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

A. **PERSONNEL REVIEW BOARD:**

A nominee for the seat of Tracy Walker as Alternate Member 2 for a term that expires on December 31, 2021, on the Personnel Review Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none. (*Ms. Walker has been confirmed to serve as a regular member; therefore, her alternate seat is open for nominations.*)

A nominee for the seat of Darlene Small (*Not Eligible to succeed*) as Alternate Member 3 for a term that expires on December 31, 2021, on the Personnel Review Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Dr. Shanita Pettaway (*Resigned*) as Alternate Member 5 for a term that expires on December 31, 2022, on the Personnel Review Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

At the request of Mayor Henderson, Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to go into executive session to discuss matters of litigation, personnel, and security, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote, Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting, and the time being 1:49 p.m.

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 2:23 p.m., at which time, Mayor Henderson announced that the Council did meet in executive session to discuss litigation, personnel, and security matters; however, there were no votes taken.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Check into the grooves being cut into the roadway at the railroad crossing on 54th Street and River Road. (*Request of Councilor Davis*)

- Address the signs being put in the ground and left for extended periods of time at intersections and other parts of the city. (*Request of Councilor Davis*)

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Councilor Garrett to adjourn the December 7, 2021 Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present with Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting, and the time being 2:29 p.m.

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