

# 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

February 28, 2023  
4:00 PM  
Special Called Meeting

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### **MAYOR'S AGENDA**

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**PRESENT:** Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III and Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen and Councilors Jerry "Pops" Barnes, Joanne Cogle, Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis, R. Walker Garrett, John M. House, Bruce Huff, Judy W. Thomas, and Toyia Tucker. City Manager Isaiah Hugley, City Attorney Clifton Fay, Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis, and Deputy Clerk of Council Lindsey G. McLemore were present.

**The following documents have been included as a part of the electronic Agenda Packet:** (1) Roll with US (Uptown Shuttle) Presentation; (2) Cure Violence Presentation

**The following documents were distributed around the Council table:** (1) Limited-Scope Audit Report – Uptown Columbus, Inc.; (2) Uptown Columbus, Inc. Limited-Scope Performance Audit Presentation; (3) Various Documents from Community Citizen Service Watch Program, Inc.

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

**INVOCATION:** Offered by Mr. Derek Hay, Director of Student Ministries, St. Luke Church of Columbus, Georgia

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

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Councilor Thomas made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Councilor Garrett. Mayor Henderson advised that there has been a motion to go into executive session to discuss matters of real estate disposal and acquisition and personnel, and the motion carried unanimously by the ten members, with the time being 4:04 p.m.

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 5:36 p.m., at which time, Mayor Henderson announced that the Council did meet in executive session to discuss matters of real estate disposal and acquisition and personnel; however, there were no votes taken.

### **MINUTES**

1. Approval of minutes for the February 14, 2023 Council Meeting and Executive Session. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

### **PROCLAMATIONS:**

2. **Proclamation:** Intellectual and Developmental Disability Awareness Month

**Receiving:** Staff of New Horizons

**Councilor Jerry “Pops” Barnes** read the proclamation into the record, proclaiming the month of March 2023, as *Intellectual and Developmental Disability Awareness Month*, recognizing the service of the staff of New Horizons Behavioral Health in bringing awareness to adult developmental disabilities.

3. **Proclamation:** Columbus Arbor Day

**Receiving:** Lisa Thomas-Cutts, Director of the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission

**Councilor Charmaine Crabb** read the proclamation into the record, proclaiming Saturday, February 18, 2023, as *Columbus Arbor Day*, recognizing the Keep Columbus Beautiful and its affiliates in working to keep the City of Columbus beautiful with the planting of trees and cleanup efforts.

### **PRESENTATION:**

4. Limited –Scope Performance Audit: Uptown Columbus, Inc. (Presented by Donna McGinnis, Internal Auditor/Compliance Officer)

**Internal Auditor/Compliance Officer Donna McGinnis** approached the rostrum to provide a report on the limited scope performance audit conducted on Uptown Columbus, Inc. She explained during site visits, processes were reviewed both within the Finance Department and at Uptown Columbus, Inc.; also, historical point of sale records, tax filings, insurance, remittances, maintenance and repair records, lease agreements, and addendums were reviewed at both offices.

### **REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION:**

5. Request of Donna McGinnis, Internal Auditor/Compliance Officer, for authorization to conduct a Transitional Audit for the Columbus Civic Center. Councilor Thomas made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

## **CITY ATTORNEY’S AGENDA**

### **ORDINANCES**

1. **Ordinance (23-012) - 2nd Reading-** REZN-11-22-2153: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **212 Railroad Street** (parcel # 005-007-010) from GC (General Commercial) Zoning District to UPT (Uptown) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Cogle) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

2. **Ordinance (23-013) - 2nd Reading-** REZN-12-22-2286: An ordinance adding a new Section 3.2.76 of the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) for Columbus, Georgia to provide standards for a Medical Cannabis Dispensary. (Planning Department and PAC recommend

approval.) (Mayor Pro Tem) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

3. **Ordinance (23-014) - 2nd Reading-** An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain portions of a district known as the Conservation Use Valuation Assessment, from RE1 (Residential Estate 1) Zoning District to RE5 (Residential Estate 5) or RE10 (Residential Estate 10) Zoning District. (Mayor Pro-Tem) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the ten members present.
4. **Ordinance (23-015) - 2nd Reading-** An Ordinance approving prohibition of the download or use of TikTok, WeChat and Telegram on laptops, mobile phones and other devices issued, owned, leased, or otherwise controlled by the Columbus Consolidated Government or used for Columbus Consolidated Government or State of Georgia business as Addendum 5 to the Acceptable and Supportable use of Technology Policy Number 210-1000-004. (Mayor Pro-Tem) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the ten members present.
5. **Ordinance (23-016) - 2nd Reading-** An Ordinance amending the budgets for the Fiscal Year 2023 by appropriating amounts in each fund for various operational activities. (Budget Review Committee) Councilor Tucker made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

## **RESOLUTION**

6. **Resolution (063-23):** A Resolution appointing Robert Wadkins, Sr. and Robert L. Wilson to a four-year term as Recorders Pro-Tem in the Recorder's Court. (Recorder's Court Advisory and Oversight Committee) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Barnes and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

## **PUBLIC AGENDA**

1. Ms. Shannon Williams, Re: Forgiveness of tax bill.
2. Mr. Isaac Brown, representing Community Citizens Services Watch Program Inc, Re: Announcing the re-established Community Citizen Watch Program.
3. Mrs. Marie Cliatt, representing Tree of Life Healthcare, Re: Theft of HVAC/Air Condition System and Catalytic Converters (businesses and churches) in the North Avenue, Hamilton and Talbotton Road area.
4. Mr. Donald Maeller, Re: Care for veterans in Columbus with PTSD and oral health care.
5. Mr. Paul Olson, Re: The Chief of Police, (2) OLOST sales tax and (3) Insubordination to the Police Chief.
6. Mr. Buford King, Re: Citizens concerned for their safety at Lakebottom Park.

7. Ms. Sally Lasseter, Re: A desire to help our community rebuild the strong family values as done in the 1990's with "United Beyond 2000"; (1) Teen shootings; (2) Our city looks and feels messy; (3) Our children are afraid.
8. Ms. Nadine Moore, Re: Why the 2003 Public Safety Infrastructure (PSIF) failed and the 2008 Public Safety Infrastructure Tax passed, which was renamed OLOST for public safety salaries and hard Infrastructure.
9. Ms. Vickie Williams-Wiley, representing SISTERS United, Re: Public Safety - Strategic Initiative.
10. Mr. Byron Hickey, Re: Violence in the city.
11. Mr. Willie Belfield, Re: Crime in Columbus, attacks on our Police Chief and the Mayor.
12. Pastor Adrian Chester, Re: The Columbus Police Department.
13. Mrs. Pat Hugley Green, Re: CPD Strategic Plan JH Report.
14. Mr. Jerome Williams, representing Fourth Masonic Prince Hall Madons, Re: Support for Police Chief.15. Mr. Timothy Veals, Re: Crime in city and crime prevention. **Not Present**
16. Mr. Wane Hailes, representing NAACP, Re: Questioning the report / Support of Chief of Police.
17. Rev. Johnny Flakes, III, representing Fourth Street Missionary Baptist Church, Re: Support of Police Chief.
18. Mr. Fredrick Small, representing Fourth Street Missionary Baptist Church, Re: Support of Police Chief. **Not Present**

## **CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA**

### **1. Kissel Entertainment**

**Resolution (064-23):** A resolution authorizing the execute a four-year agreement between the Columbus Civic Center and Kissel Entertainment. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Thomas and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote.

### **2. State of Georgia Governor's Office of Highway Safety Pedestrian/Bicycle Safety Grant**

**Resolution (065-23):** A resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant of up to \$375,000, or as otherwise awarded, from the State of Georgia Governor's Office of Highway Safety Pedestrian/Bicycle Safety Grant, with no local match requirement and to amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount awarded. Funds will be utilized for local media services and partnership that will educate the public on pedestrian/driving behaviors and to implement highway safety campaigns and programs by the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote.

### **3. FY24 Holiday Schedule**

**Resolution (066-23):** A resolution whereas, all holidays are established with the exception of the floating holiday; and, whereas, the floating holiday is hereby recommended for Monday, July 3, 2023. Councilor Cogle made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote.

#### 4. **FY2023 Exigent Vehicle Purchases**

**Resolution (067-23):** A resolution authorizing, “off the lot” vehicle purchases, due to on-going supply chain issues, for vehicles that have been approved as part of the budget for FY2023, with the exception of vehicles purchased using Federal Funds, that have been either directly awarded or passed through another entity to CCG. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

#### 5. **PURCHASES**

##### A. Electric Shuttles for METRA – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase

**Resolution (068-23):** A resolution authorizing the purchase of four (4) electric shuttles (2023 Polaris WAEV GEM E6 white) for METRA Uptown Shuttle at a unit price of \$37,077.315, and a total cost of \$148,309.26, from Adrenaline Powersports, Inc. (Griffin, GA). The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-001-SPD0000175-0002. Councilor House made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

##### B. Roofing Consulting Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 23-0008

**Resolution (069-23):** A resolution authorizing the execution of annual contract with Roofing Consulting Services with Edifice Consulting, Inc. (Byron, GA) as the primary contractor and with Terracon Consultants, Inc. (Columbus, GA) as the secondary contractor. The Public Works Department will procure the services on an as-needed basis. In the event the primary contractor is unable to provide the services, the secondary contractor will be used. Councilor House made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

##### C. Architectural and Engineering Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 23-0007

**Resolution (070-23):** A resolution authorizing the execution of annual contract for architectural services with 2WR of Georgia, Inc. (Columbus, GA), Barge Design Solutions (Columbus, GA), Barnes Gibson Partners Architects (Columbus, GA), and Hecht Burdeshaw Architects, Inc. (Columbus, GA); and for engineering services with American Engineers, Inc. (Acworth, GA), Atlas Technical Consulting, LLC (Atlanta, GA), Barge Design Solutions (Columbus, GA), Health & Lineback Engineers, Inc. (Marietta, GA), Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc. (Atlanta, GA), Moon Meeks & Associates, Inc. (Columbus, GA), and Stantec Consulting, Inc. (Atlanta, GA). The Engineering Department will obtain quotes from the forms on an as-needed basis; other departments may also utilize the contracts. The City reserves the right to issue separate solicitations for projects if deemed to be in the best interest of the City and for projects that are funded in whole or in part by state and federal agencies. Councilor House made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

##### D. Concession Food Items, Supplies/Equipment for the Civic Center – Sourcewell Cooperative Contract

**Resolution (071-23):** A resolution authorizing the purchase of concession food items, supplies and equipment from US Foods (Rosemont, IL), by cooperative purchase via Sourcewell Contract Number 040522-USF. Councilor House made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

E. Kitchen Equipment for Muscogee County Prison – GSA Cooperative Purchase

**Resolution (072-23):** A resolution authorizing the purchase of kitchen equipment from Mobile Fixture (Mobile, AL) to include, a convection oven, in the amount of \$26,393.60; and a fryer in the amount of \$7,476.40, for a total amount of \$33,870.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Federal GSA Contract #GS-07F-0154V. Councilor House made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

F. Repair of Off-Road Dump Truck for Public Works

**Resolution (073-23):** A resolution authorizing payment to Yancey Brothers (Fortson, GA), in the amount of \$25,530.58, for the repair of a 207 Caterpillar Off-Road Dump Truck Body, Vehicle #11060. Councilor House made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

G. Weapons and Accessories for Sheriff's Office – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase

**Resolution (074-23):** A resolution authorizing the purchase of weapons for the Sheriff's Office from Clyde Armory (Athens, GA) in the amount of \$99,868.05. The purchase will be made by cooperative purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract # GA SWC 99999-001-SPD0000157-001. Councilor House made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

H. Ambulances with Equipment for Fire & EMS – HGACBUY Cooperative Contract

**Resolution (075-23):** A resolution authorizing the purchase of four (4) ambulances with equipment from Frazier LTD (Houston, TX) at a unit cost of \$386,400.00 each, in the total amount of \$1,545,600.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via HGACBuy Contract #AM10-20. Councilor House made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

I. Fire Service Apparatus with Equipment for Fire & EMS – HGACBUY Cooperative Contract

**Resolution (076-23):** A resolution authorizing the purchase of fire apparatus to include: one (1) rescue pumper with equipment, in the amount of \$910,982.00; one (1) ladder/quint with equipment, in the amount of \$1,341,845.00 and one (1) rural side mount pumper, in the amount of \$544,200.00, for a total purchase amount of \$2,797,027.00, from Fireline, Inc. (Winder, GA) by cooperative purchase, via HGACBuy Contract #FS12-19. Councilor House made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

J. Level 3 Ballistic Vests and Accessories for Sheriff's Office – Sourcewell Cooperative Contract Purchase

**Resolution (077-23):** A resolution authorizing the purchase of Level 3 Ballistic Vests and accessories for the Sheriff's Office from Atlantic Diving Supply, Inc. d/b/a ADS, Inc. (Virginia Beach, VA) in the amount of \$92,487.60. The purchase will be made by cooperative purchase via Sourcewell Contract #011221-ADS. Councilor House made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

K. Truck Vaults and Truck Bed Covers for The Sheriff's Office

**Resolution (078-23):** A resolution authorizing the purchase of ten (10) truck vaults and ten (10) truck bed covers for the Sheriff's Office, from West Chatham Warning Devices (Ellaville, GA), in the amount of \$52,350.00. Councilor House made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

**7. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS**

B. Metra Uptown Shuttle – Rosa Evans, Director of Metra

Metra Director Rosa Evans approached the rostrum to introduce the update on the Metra Uptown Shuttle.

Metra Assistant Director Everett Fleming approached the rostrum to provide a presentation on the Metra Uptown Shuttle. He explained Roll with US (Uptown Shuttle) is a new on-demand public transportation service using 5-passenger solar panel electric trams, where riders will be able to schedule a trip for free using a smartphone app and funded by TSPLOST. He stated the service will cover from Bay Avenue to 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue and 9<sup>th</sup> Street to 13<sup>th</sup> Street.

**6. ADD-ON RESOLUTIONS**

A. **RESOLUTION (079-23)** - A resolution requesting that the local legislative delegation to the Georgia General Assembly support an amendment to HR 157 which is pending in the current 2023 legislative session which will rescind any restrictions on the property described above that were imposed in the 1928 deed pursuant to several prior local legislative acts. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried by a nine-to-one vote, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Barnes, Cogle, Crabb, Garrett, House, Huff, Thomas and Tucker voting in favor, and Councilor Davis voting as opposed.

**B. Veterans Treatment Court**

**Resolution (080-23):** A resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit and if approved, accept a grant of \$132,927.30 or as otherwise awarded from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council to fund the Muscogee County Veterans Treatment Court from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 with a 12% cash local match requirement and also authorizing Dr. Andrew Cox as the sole provider for evaluation and clinical services for the program for Fiscal Year 2023/2024 and to amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the award amount. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

**C. Adult Drug Felony Court**

**Resolution (081-23):** A resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit and if approved, accept a grant of \$358,638.10 or as otherwise awarded from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council to fund the Muscogee County Adult Felony Drug Court from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 with a 12%

cash local match requirement and also authorizing Dr. Andrew Cox as the sole provider for evaluation and clinical services for the program for fiscal year 2023/2024 and to amend the Multi Governmental Fund by the award amount. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

**D. Family Drug Court Accountability Court State Grant Request**

**Resolution (082-23):** A resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit an application to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for a grant to fund the Muscogee County Family Drug Court in an amount up to \$300,000.00 and if awarded, amend the Multi Governmental Fund by the amount of the grant award. There is a 12% local match requirement, and the grant period is from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

**E. Family Drug Court Accountability SAMHSA Grant Request**

**Resolution (083-23):** A resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit an application to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) for a grant to fund the Muscogee County Family Drug Court in an amount up to \$200,000.00 and if awarded, allow for payment of service providers, amend the Multi Governmental Fund by the amount of the grant award. There is a 12% local match requirement, and the grant period is from October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2028. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

**F. Juvenile Drug Court Accountability Court State Grant Request**

**Resolution (084-23):** A resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit an application to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for a grant to fund the Muscogee County Juvenile Drug Court in an amount up to \$170,000.00 and if awarded the Multi Governmental Fund by the amount of the grant award. There is a 12% local match requirement, and the grant period is from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

**EMERGENCY PURCHASES**

1. Emergency Purchase – Information Only

**COMPRESSOR REPAIR/REBUILD SERVICES FOR THE CIVIC CENTER:**

On December 20, 2022, the City Manager was notified of the need for compressor repair/rebuild services required for the Ice Plant at the Civic Center due to exigent circumstances.

The selected vendor, American Refrigeration, has worked on equipment at the Civic Center previously and is available to perform the work. Per the Civic Center, the piston in the #3 compressor of the Ice Plant at the Columbus Civic Center has deteriorated causing a catastrophic failure in the compressor. There are three compressors in this Ice Plant and at least two are required to maintain both sheets of ice located in the Civic Center and the Ice Rink. The compressors rotate as needed and are dependent on each other for a certain amount of run time. Now that there are only two compressors running, there is no back up to the system. If compressor #1 or #2 goes down, for whatever reason,



for more than 28 hours, one or both sheets of ice will be lost. If operations are disrupted due to losing a sheet of ice, this may cause a significant loss in revenue and other unnecessary expenses for the Civic Center. American Refrigeration quoted a cost of \$32,350.00 to perform the services.

The City Manager approved the emergency repair on December 20, 2022.

Funding is available in the Civic Center maintenance budget to cover the cost of the repair.

## **7. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS (continued)**

### **A. Cure Violence Update - Reggie Lewis and Jerome Lawson**

**Mr. Reggie Lewis** approached the rostrum to provide an update on the Cure Violence Columbus (CVC) Program. He explained they have hired Mr. Jerome Lawson as the Director and stated the first Violence Interrupter will start in February. He stated they have established MOUs with several partners, to include Piedmont Hospital to have CVC staff operating inside the Emergency Room and hospital.

**Cure Violence Director Jerome Lawson** approached the rostrum to speak on his efforts in reaching communities within Columbus that are at risk. He spoke on the gang problem in Columbus and how it has impacted the youth, and the importance of having people that are familiar with these communities to be the ones to reach out.

## **BID ADVERTISEMENT**

### **March 8, 2023**

#### **1. Tire Leasing Services for City Buses (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 23-0029** **Scope of Bid**

Provide tire leasing services for City buses to the Columbus Consolidated Government Department of Transportation/METRA Transit System on an “as needed” basis.

The contract term will be for three (3) years with no renewal options.

#### **2. Overhead Door Installation and Maintenance Services (Annual Contract)** **Scope of Bid**

Provide all supervision, labor, tools, equipment, materials and services required for the provision, installation and maintenance of commercial overhead roll-up doors at various City locations.

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

### **March 10, 2023**

#### **1. Legal Representation in Real Estate Matters for the Columbus Consolidated Government (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 23-0018** **Scope of RFP**

Provide Columbus Consolidated Government with professional legal services involving land acquisition and disposition, leases, easements, in addition to other general real estate matters required of the Columbus Consolidated Government on an “as needed basis”.

The contract term will be for two (1) years with an option to renew for three additional twelve-month periods.

## **CLERK OF COUNCIL’S AGENDA**

### **ENCLOSURES - INFORMATION ONLY**

1. Certificate of Need Application submitted on behalf of the Columbus Memory Center to develop a mobile PET imaging service.

### **ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED**

2. **RESOLUTION (085-23)** - A resolution excusing Councilor Glenn Davis from the February 14, 2023, 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 Davis being absent for the vote.
3. Travel Authorization Request for Councilor Bruce Huff to attend the 2023 ACCG Annual Conference in April of 2023. Councilor House made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote.
4. Memorandum of Peter Bowden on behalf of the Columbus Convention & Visitors Board of Commissioners requesting that the seat of Ms. Mamie Pound (*Hotel/Motel Industry Representative*) be declared vacant due to the lack of attendance. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to declare the seat as vacant, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

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

Board of Tax Assessors, #04-23 & #05-23

Columbus Convention & Visitors Board of Commissioners, January 18, 2023

Historic & Architectural Review Board, December 12, 2022 and January 9, 2023

Planning Advisory Commission, January 4, 2023

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

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

6. **MAYOR’S APPOINTMENTS- ANY NOMINATIONS MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:**

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

A nominee for the seat of Mamie Pound (*Seat declared vacant*) for a term expiring on December 31, 2023 as the Hotel/Motel Representative on the Convention & Visitors Board of Commissioners

*(Mayor's Appointment)*. Mayor Henderson nominated Michele Spivey to fill the unexpired term of Mamie Pound. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

**B. HOUSING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:**

A nominee for the seat of Edward Burdeshaw *(Does not desire reappointment)* for a term expiring on April 30, 2023 on the Housing Authority of Columbus *(Mayor's Appointment)*. There were none.

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

**A. BUILDING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:**

A nominee for the seat of Leila Carr *(Does not desire reappointment)* for a term expiring on March 24, 2023, on the Building Authority of Columbus *(Council's Appointment)*. There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Vincent Allen *(Resigned)* for a term expiring on March 24, 2023, on the Building Authority of Columbus *(Council's Appointment)*. There were none.

**B. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS COMMITTEE:**

A nominee for the seat of Timothy Smith *(Eligible to succeed)* for a term expiring on April 30, 2023, in the Sworn Officer Seat on the Employee Benefits Committee *(Council's Appointment)*. Mayor Pro Tem Allen renominated Timothy Smith to serve another term.

**C. HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD:**

A nominee for the seat of Katie Bishop *(Not Eligible to succeed)* for a term expiring on January 31, 2023, on the Historic & Architectural Review Board *(Council's Appointment)*. Councilor Crabb nominated Shea Spencer to succeed Katie Bishop.

**PUBLIC AGENDA (continued)**

17. Rev. Johnny Flakes, III, representing Fourth Street Missionary Baptist Church, Re: Support of Police Chief.

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Allen to adjourn the February 28, 2023 Special Called Meeting, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the ten members present, with the time being 8:41 p.m.

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