

**Columbus Consolidated Government**

**Minutes of the Virtual Quarterly Meeting of the Animal Control Advisory Board**

**June 8, 2021**

**6:00 pm**

**Location of Meeting:**

Virtual Teams Meeting via Animal Care & Control Division Facebook

Columbus, GA, 31907

**Present at Meeting:**

Contreana Pearson

Jayne Dunn

Sabine Stull

Patricia Montgomery

Kristi Ludy

Channon Emery

**Absent from Meeting:**

Lindsey Ellis

Christy Noullet

Mike Criddle

Dr. Jean Waguespack

The quarterly virtual meeting of the Animal Control Advisory Board of Columbus Consolidated Government was called to order at 6:15 pm on Tuesday, June 8, 2021 by the chairperson Sabine Stull via Teams through the Animal Care & Control Center Facebook Page.

Approval for the minutes from virtual board meeting on 03/09/2021; Patricia Montgomery made a motion to approve the minutes and Jayne Dunn second the motion. **\*\*\*ACTION TAKEN: ALL VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT APPROVAL MINUTES FROM BOARD MEETING 03.09.21**

Approval for the minutes from the Standing Operating Procedure (SOP) Sub Committee meeting on 03/22/2021. Patricia Montgomery made a motion to approve the minutes and Jayne Dunn second the motion. **\*\*\*ACTION TAKEN: SOP SUBCOMMITTEE VOTING MEMBERS APPROVAL MINUTES FROM SUBCOMMITTEE BOARD MEETING 03.22.21**

Approval for the minutes from the in-person board meeting for a Dangerous Dog hearing on 05/10/2021; Jayne Dunn made a motion to approve the minutes and Sabine Stull second the motion. **\*\*\*ACTION TAKEN: ALL VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT APPROVAL MINUTES FROM BOARD MEETING 05.10.21**

**Agenda Items**

1. Animal Control - Monthly Report – Monthly Revenue Report

Contreana Pearson directed the Board Members to their Animal Control packets to go over the monthly report and revenue. Jayne Dunn inquired about the citations report. Ms. Pearson explained the citations are written twice a month, for the first and third Wednesday of each month. Ms. Dunn inquired about the number of citations written and was it a true count. Ms. Pearson advised all citations written do not receive a disposition because some individuals are not showing up. Bench warrants are issued for Individuals that are contempt.

## 2. Discussion Ordinance Addition/Amendment – Protective Custody

Sabine Stull discussed an ordinance amendment for animals' to go into protective custody at the Animal Care and Control Center once the Animal Control Officer has cited the citizen with cruelty. The ordinance would entail the animal being held at animal control until the owner goes to court and released back to owner if found innocent. Contreana Pearson told the Board this would be detrimental to the space at the Animal Care & Control Center, and this would take up a lot of kennel runs for incoming strays. She advised the Board a large number of citations being written are for animal cruelty charges. Sabine Stull stated that is when the community must step in. **\*\*\*ACTION TAKEN: ALL VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED TO SEND PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOR LANGUAGE AND LEGAL REVIEW**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 pm. The next virtual quarterly meeting is Tuesday, September 14, 6:00 pm via Animal Care & Control Center Facebook page.

C: Clerk of Council, ACAB Members