

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

June 14, 2022
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 9:05 a.m.), Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis, R. Walker Garrett (arrived at 9:24 a.m.), John M. House, Bruce Huff (arrived at 9:22 a.m.), Judy W. Thomas, Toyia Tucker (arrived at 9:05 a.m.), and Evelyn "Mimi" Woodson (arrived at 9:14 a.m.). 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) Heritage Park: A New Vision for Heritage Park and the Chattahoochee Promenade Presentation; (2) Metra Demand Response Service to the Robert S. Poydasheff Veterans Affairs Clinic Presentation; (3) Central Alabama Veterans Health Care System; (4) Sports Council Update; (5) Dragonfly Trail Network: River Road & Dinglewood Park Alignment Presentation; (6) Animal Care and Control Center Update; (7) 600 8th Street Update; (8) American Rescue Plan Update

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Jonathan Moore at CityScape Columbus of Columbus, Georgia

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Henderson

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. **TAXPAYER BILL OF RIGHTS PUBLIC HEARING:** 9:00 a.m. The budget tentatively adopted by the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, requires a millage rate higher than the rollback millage rate. Therefore, before the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, may finalize the tentative budget and set a final millage rate, Georgia Law requires that three public hearings be held to allow the public an opportunity to express their opinions on this increase.

City Attorney Clifton Fay introduced the Taxpayer Bill of Rights Public Hearing, explain this hearing is required by Georgia Statute 48-5-32.1 when the digest or value of all real property in the county is projected to increase.

Finance Director Angelica Alexander approached the rostrum to explain the Taxpayer Bill of Rights. She explained this was the first of three public hearings, with additional hearings being held on Tuesday, June 14, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. and Tuesday, June 21, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. She stated the Board of Tax Assessors are required to review the values of the properties in the county and when there is an increase in the fair market value of any specific property due to significant improvements or property sales, the board is required to redetermine a value and adjust the assessment, this being a reassessment. She explained when the total digest of all the taxable property is prepared, a rollback

millage rate must be calculated by the Tax Commissioner to determine what the rate would be to produce the same total revenue in the digest had no reassessments occurred. She stated the purpose of this hearing is because what is included in the budget is a millage rate that is higher than the rollback millage rate, but not higher than what it was the previous year.

Mr. Paul Olson came forward to speak during the public hearing as a resident and business owner. He expressed his concerns regarding the budget, millage rate, and indigent care.

Mr. Victor Price came forward to speak during the public hearing as a property owner. He expressed his concerns regarding the increase in the taxes on his rental property from 2021 to 2022.

MINUTES

2. Approval of minutes for the May 31, 2022 Council Meeting and Executive Session. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members present. *(Upon returning to her respective seat, Councilor Woodson requested that her vote be cast in the affirmative.)*

UPDATE:

3. An update on COVID-19

Mayor B. H. “Skip” Henderson provided a brief update on COVID-19 and its impact on the community. He stated the numbers have increased lately due to more gatherings with the summer weather, so he encouraged citizens to stay home when not feeling well.

CITY MANAGER’S AGENDA

6. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. Juneteenth Jubilee Update - Rob Landers, Civic Center Director

Civic Center Director Rob Landers approached the rostrum to provide information on the various events planned all week in celebration of Juneteenth. He thanked the community partners and the various CCG employees that have helped to make the Juneteenth Jubilee a success. *(NOTE: This update was called up as the next order of business as listed on the City Manager’s Agenda Item 6 “A”)*

CITY ATTORNEY’S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

1. **1st Reading-** REZN-04-22-0776: A request to rezone 20.36 acres of land located at 11011 Veterans Parkway from RE1 (Residential Estate 1) to RE10 (Residential Estate10) with conditions. (Planning Department and PAC recommend conditional approval) (Davis).

Principle Planner John Renfro approached the rostrum to respond to questions from the members of Council and explained this rezoning is just to ensure that the property comes in line with the Unified Development Ordinance.

2. **1st Reading and Public Hearing-** An Ordinance adopting an operating and capital improvement budget for the Fiscal Year 2023 beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023, for certain funds of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, and appropriating the amounts

shown in each budget; and for other purposes. (Budget Review Committee) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to amend the ordinance by repositioning Emergency Management and Homeland Security from under Fire and EMS to the Mayor's Office, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the ten members present. Councilor Davis made a motion to have the position of Coroner reviewed and have the salary increased when the new pay plan is implemented, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen. Councilor Thomas made a substitute motion for the City Manager to authorize a pay study on the position of Coroner at his discretion and make a recommendation to Council on the date of implementation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the ten members present. Councilor Tucker made a motion to add \$53,826.00 to the District Attorney's Budget for salary discretionary funds, seconded by Councilor Woodson. Councilor Thomas made a motion to amend the last motion to have the amount of \$53,826.00 to come from the OLOST Reserve, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen being absent for the vote. The motion to add the funding to the District Attorney's FY 2023 Budget was carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen being absent for the vote.

Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen explained his desire to take Emergency Management and Homeland Security out from under the Fire & EMS Department and place it under the Mayor's Office.

Councilor Glenn Davis expressed the need for an adjustment to the Muscogee County Coroner's salary. He stated he wants the City Manager and/or Human Resources Director to have the salary reviewed and have the salary adjusted when the new pay plan is implemented citywide.

City Manager Isaiah Hugley explained how he directed the Human Resources Director to look at what other counties are paying their coroners and determine if there should be an adjustment made for Muscogee County. He stated the recommendation was to increase the Muscogee County Coroner's salary from \$60,000 to \$82,000, which has been included in the budget for FY 2023.

Muscogee County Coroner Buddy Bryan approached the rostrum to thank the members of Council for their support and spoke on his devotion to his position and to serving the citizens of Muscogee County.

City Manager Isaiah Hugley called forward the newly appointed District Attorney, Stacey Jackson, to come forward on another issue that needs to be addressed regarding the FY 2023 Budget. He explained with Mr. Jackson not being appointed until after the budget review process had ended, he met with him to discuss the needs of his office. City Manager Hugley explained that the District Attorney's Office needs \$53,826.00 in discretionary funds to recruit experienced attorneys to handle the caseload.

District Attorney Stacey Jackson approached the rostrum to explain his plan to recruit experienced attorneys to rebuild the District Attorney's Office after being in shambles for a couple of years. He spoke on the importance of the District Attorney's Office having a good and harmonious relationship with local law enforcement agencies, which he plans to rebuild.

Councilor Charmaine Crabb expressed the unique situation that the Council is in with creating this amendment to the budget order so that it could be noted for the record. This statement is to provide clarification as to why the Council is making this exception to the rule, and this exception is not to be regarded as setting a precedent for the budget process in the future.

Finance Director Angelica Alexander explained going forward, this increase in the District Attorney's budget could possibly be covered by increases in revenue next year.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Look into the base salary and benefits for the position of Muscogee County Coroner. (*Request of Councilor Davis*)
- Check to see if the coroner should have received the hazardous pay that was provided to Public Safety. (*Request of Councilor Davis*)

FOR THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY

- Think about coming to Council periodically to provide an update on what the District Attorney's Office is doing. (*Request of Councilor Woodson*)

3. **1st Reading-** An Ordinance adopting non-operating budgets for the fiscal year 2023 beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023, for certain funds of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, and appropriating the amounts shown in each budget. (Budget Review Committee)
4. **1st Reading-** An Ordinance providing for contributions to the Columbus, Georgia General Government Employees' Pension Plan for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023. (Budget Review Committee)
5. **1st Reading-** An Ordinance providing for the governmental contributions to the Columbus, Georgia Pension Plan for employees of the Department of Public Safety for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023. (Budget Review Committee)
6. **1st Reading-** An Ordinance providing for Government funding of a Major Disability Income Plan for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023. (Budget Review Committee)
7. **1st Reading-** An Ordinance providing for Government funding of a Death Benefit Escrow for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023. (Budget Review Committee)
8. **1st Reading-** An Ordinance amending Article VII of Chapter 13 of the Columbus Code Solid Waste Collection and Disposal by updating the guidelines for an offset to the residential rate for low-income households; and for other purposes. (Budget Review Committee)

RESOLUTIONS

9. **Resolution (149-22):** A Resolution setting a travel policy for members of the Columbus, Georgia Council. (Mayor Pro-Tem) Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

ADD-ON RESOLUTION (150-22): A resolution authorizing the city to accept an award in the grant amount of \$2,400 from the Association County Commissioners of Georgia for the ACCG 2022 Internship Grant Program to fund a college intern to work in the City Attorney's Office from the date of hire until but not later than September 1, 2022, to pay up to \$2,400 for up to 200 hours and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the award up to \$2,400. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried by the ten members present.

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Mr. Paul Olson, Re: 1) Clerk of Superior Court -embezzlement and 2) 3 mills in property taxes dedicated for indigent care/Non-Renewal of Columbus/Piedmont Regional Contract.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

6. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

- F. Historic Columbus/Heritage Park Update, Elizabeth Walden, Executive Director

Executive Director Elizabeth Walden (Historic Columbus) approached the rostrum to provide an update on the development plans for Heritage Park. She explained the circulation pumps at Heritage Park have not operated since 2016, and the plan for the property is for residential use. She stated homes would be moved to the site to go along with the other residents in the Historic District and the Chattahoochee Promenade property would be used for additional elements to tell the history of Columbus. . *(NOTE: This update was called up as the next order of business as listed on the City Manager's Agenda Item 6 "F")*

1. Memorandum of Understanding with the Medical Center, Inc. d/b/a Piedmont Columbus Regional Midtown and Columbus, GA

Resolution (151-22): A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Medical Center, Inc. d/b/a Piedmont Columbus Regional Midtown in order to meet the eligibility requirements to buy discounted outpatient drugs under Section 340B of the Public Health Services Act. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

2. CCG 457 Deferred Compensation Plan Custodial Account w/VALIC/AIG

Resolution (152-22): A resolution, whereas, Columbus, Georgia Consolidated Government established Columbus Consolidated Government 457 Deferred Compensation Plan for the benefit of its employees and their beneficiaries. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

3. Lease Agreement with Synovus Bank/ATM Machine

Resolution (153-22): A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a lease renewal agreement with Synovus Bank and allow a walk-up automatic teller machine (ATM) at the Bay Parking Garage. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

4. Elections and Registration - Secure the Vote Precinct Card Postage Grant from the State of Georgia

Resolution (154-22): A resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for and accept, if awarded, a secure the vote precinct card postage grant form the State of Georgia, Secretary of State's Office, for Elections and Registration for the reimbursement of the cost of postage for mailing voter precinct cards, in the amount of \$46,791.45, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match requirement, and to amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the award. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a

motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

5. PURCHASES

- A. Ford Expedition for Fire & EMS Department Emergency Management Homeland Security – Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (155-22): A resolution authorizing the purchase one (1) Ford Expedition SSV for Fire & EMS Department Emergency Management & Homeland Security from Wade Ford (Smyrna, GA) in the amount of \$59,855.00. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via the City of Atlanta, Department of Procurement, Contract #10660-WS-A1. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

- B. Printing Services for Absentee Voting Ballots Required for Board of Elections

Resolution (156-22): A resolution authorizing payment to Tattnall Ballots Solutions d/b/a Tattnall Printing (Reidsville, GA) in the amount of \$28,445.62 for printing services required for absentee voting ballots; and authorize future payments to the vendor for providing printing services for voting ballots. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

6. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. Juneteenth Jubilee Update - Rob Landers, Civic Center Director

(NOTE: This update, as provided by Civic Center Director Rob Landers, was called upon earlier in the meeting during the Mayor's Agenda.)

- B. Engineering Update - Donna Newman, Engineering Director

Finance Director Angelica Alexander approached the rostrum to explain the Engineering Director is appearing before Council pursuant to Ordinance 13-39, requesting an additional \$85,000 for the Engineering Department's FY 2022 Budget for traffic engineering materials. She explained these materials are needed on-hand in case of a disaster or emergency.

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the request for additional funding of \$85,000., seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the vote.

- C. Golf Authority Update - Jim Arendt, Golf Director

Finance Director Angelica Alexander approached the rostrum to explain the Golf Director is appearing before Council pursuant to Ordinance 13-39, requesting an additional \$75,000 for the Bull Creek Golf Course FY 2022 Budget and \$30,000 for the Oxbow Meadow Golf Course FY 2022 Budget for operations.

Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the request for additional funding, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the vote.

D. Robert S. Poydasheff VA Clinic Update - Rosa Evans, Metra Director

Metra Director Rosa Evans approached the rostrum to provide an update on the on-demand transportation services that will be made available by the Metra Transit Department for veterans' appointments at the Robert S. Poydasheff VA Clinic. She explained this on-demand service can be requested one to seven days in advance.

Associate Director Prudence Howard (Central Alabama Veterans Health Care System) came forward to provide an update on the opening of the Robert S. Poydasheff VA Clinic. She stated the soft opening is scheduled for July 11, 2022, with the grand opening scheduled for July 22, 2022.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE METRA DIRECTOR:

- Provide the transportation schedule for the VA Clinic by email. (*Request of Councilor Barnes*)

E. Sports Council Update - Merri Sherman, Sports Council

Executive Director Merri Sherman (Sports Council) approached the rostrum to provide an update on the Sports Council. She explained there has been a total of \$5,996,080.57 invested to date for the renovations and improvements of the South Commons Softball Complex. She also provided information on the other sporting events throughout the community.

G. Dragonfly Trail Update, Becca Zajac, Executive Director

Executive Director Becca Zajac (Dragonfly Trail) approached the rostrum to provide an update on the Dragonfly Trail and the alignment of River Road and Dinglewood Park with the trail. She explained they would bring the alignments back for approval in two weeks and will look to start the construction before the end of 2022.

H. Animal Control Shelter Update - Drale Short, Public Works Director

Public Works Director Drale Short approached the rostrum to provide an update on the Animal Control Shelter. She explained the challenges faced by Animal Care & Control with capacity and inability to hire a veterinarian. She provided details on the Save-A-Pet Program, which was established May 2011, and has helped cut down on the euthanasia rates.

Interim Division Manager Contreana Pearson came forward to respond to questions asked by the members of Council regarding a situation that occurred the week prior. She explained the center was at capacity, they reached out to their rescue partners, and posted the animals on Facebook, but they received no help. As a result, two of the four dogs were euthanized.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- See if a bounty can be put in place to encourage citizens to help identify when codes and/or laws are being broken throughout the city. (*Request of Councilor Garrett*)

I. 600 8th Street Update - Ryan Pruett, Inspections & Codes Director

Inspections & Code Director Ryan Pruett approached the rostrum to provide an update on the property located at 600 8th Street. He explained there has been a case on this property since at least 2008 and the current owner purchased the property in 2018. He stated the initial notices were sent to the property owner in 2019, but they did not receive any contact from the owner until June 2021. He explained the department has attempted to contact the property owner since the structure was approved for demolition by Council on April 12, 2022, but there has been no return correspondence received.

Councilor Crabb made a motion to demolish the structure located at 600 8th Street, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE DEPUTY CITY MANAGER:

- See if Trees Columbus can assist in beautifying Fort Benning Road around the new sidewalks. *(Request of Councilor Woodson)*

FOR THE INSPECTIONS & CODE DIRECTOR:

- Gwen Walker would like an update on 3232 Urban Avenue. *(Request of Councilor Tucker)*

J. ARP Update - Pam Hodge, Deputy City Manager

Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge approached the rostrum to provide an update on funding received from the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021. She provided the status of each project that has been approved by Council and funded with APR funds. She also explained the funding status for small business grants, nonprofit grants, and economic/tourism grants.

BID ADVERTISEMENT

June 15, 2022

1. **Multi-Use Paper, Carbonless Paper and Envelopes for Print Shop (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 22-0039**

Scope of Bid

Provide white and color copy paper, carbonless paper, and envelopes, of various weights and sizes, for use by the Columbus Consolidated Government Print Shop. The items will be procured on an “as needed” basis.

The contract will be for one (1) year with the option to renew for four (4) additional twelve-month periods.

June 17, 2022

1. **Former Georgia State Farmers Market Phase II – Site Remediation – RFP No. 22-0030**
Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) is requesting proposals from qualified contractors to provide services for Phase II of the Former Georgia State Farmers Market project, which is located at 318 10th Avenue in Columbus, GA. Phase II includes providing all labor, materials equipment, permits, and incidentals necessary to complete all tasks associated with 1) removing an underground storage tank system, soil removal, and placement of fill material and 2) demolition of an old towing and recovery building.

June 22, 2022

1. Roofing Services at Metra Lower Maintenance Shop – RFB No. 22-0041
Scope of Bid

Provide all labor, equipment, and materials to remove and replace the existing roofing at the Metra Lower Maintenance Shop in full compliance with the project documents.

2. Trees for Planting on City Right-of-Ways (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 22-0040
Scope of Bid

Provide trees for planting on City Right-of-Ways for Columbus Consolidated Government's Department of Public Works, to be purchased on an "as needed" basis.

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

June 29, 2022

1. Removal of Residual Ground Material & Removal and Disposal/Reuse of Large Tree Trunks (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 22-0037
Scope of Bid

The Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia (City) invites qualified contractors to submit bids to provide the following services on an "as needed" basis:

Option 1: Residual waste removal on an "as needed" basis, for either Pine Grove or Granite Bluff Landfill. Such ground material could be used as fuel, mulch, or some other recyclable commodity.

Option 2: Removal and disposal/reuse of large tree trunks on an "as needed" basis. The contract would be awarded to the vendor that can provide the greatest economic benefit to the City for each option.

The contract term shall be for two years with the option to renew for three additional twelve-month periods. The renewal shall be contingent upon the mutual agreement of the City and the contractor.

2. Side Loader 31-Yard Refuse Truck Bodies (Re-Bid) – RFB No. 22-0042
Scope of Bid

Provide a minimum of thirty (30), but not to exceed forty (40), side loader 31-yard refuse truck bodies. *Bodies will need to be manufactured to fit Peterbilt 520 Dual Steer cab and chassis.*

3. Williams Road at Fortson Road Roundabout – RFB No. 22-0044
Scope of Bid

This project includes roadway construction, drainage, signing and marking, erosion control, landscaping and irrigation, lighting and utility relocations.

CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

1. Email Correspondence from Mr. Robert Anderson resigning from his seat as the Liberty Theater Culture Center representative on the Historic & Architectural Review Board. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to receive the resignation with regrets, seconded by Councilor Woodson

and carried unanimously by the nine members present with Councilor House being absent for the vote.

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

Airport Commission, November 17, 2021, March 23 and May 4, 2022

Board of Tax Assessors, #19-22

Hospital Authority, April 26, 2022

Housing Authority, April 20, 2022

Planning Advisory Commission, March 16, April 6 and May 18, 2022

Uptown Facade Board, February 25 and March 21, 2022

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

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

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

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

A nominee for the seat of Lauren Becker (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term that expires on December 31, 2022 on the Convention & Visitors Board of Commissioners (*Mayor's Appointment*). Mayor Henderson renominated Lauren Becker to serve another term. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the nine members present with Councilor House being absent for the vote.

A nominee for the seat of Miles Greathouse (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term that expires on December 31, 2022 as the Restaurant/Retail Trade Representative on the Convention & Visitors Board of Commissioners (*Mayor's Appointment*). Mayor Henderson renominated Miles Greathouse to serve another term. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the nine members present with Councilor House being absent for the vote.

A nominee for the seat of Donna S. Hix (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term that expires on December 31, 2022 on the Convention & Visitors Board of Commissioners (*Mayor's Appointment*). There were none.

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

A. **BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS:**

A nominee for the seat of Clint W. Cox (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term that expires on December 31, 2022 on the Board of Water Commissioners (*Council's Appointment*). * The appointments are made

in the month of July for terms beginning the following January. Councilor Woodson renominated Clint W. Cox to serve another term on the Board of Water Commissioners.

B. TREE BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of Beautie Moore (*Eligible to succeed – Interested in serving*) for a term that expires on July 1, 2022, on the Tree Board (*Council’s Appointment*). Councilor Woodson renominated Beautie Moore to serve another term on the Tree Board.

A nominee for the seat of Jeremy Cummings (*Eligible to succeed – Interested in serving*) for a term that expires on July 1, 2022, as the Public Utility Representative on the Tree Board (*Council’s Appointment*). Councilor Woodson renominated Jeremy Cummings to serve another term on the Tree Board.

A nominee for the seat of Chris Henson (*Does not desire reappointment*) for a term that expires on July 1, 2022, as the Environmental Advocacy Representative on the Tree Board (*Council’s Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Troy Keller (*Not eligible to succeed*) for a term that expired on December 31, 2020, as the Educator Representative on the Tree Board (*Council’s Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Frank Tommey (*Not eligible to succeed*) for a term that expired on December 31, 2020, as the Residential Development Representative on the Tree Board (*Council’s Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the vacant seat of the Keep Columbus Beautiful Director or Commissioner for a term that expires on December 31, 2020 (*Council’s Appointment*). **Note: It is recommended that the new Keep Columbus Beautiful Director- Sherletha Cutts-Thomas be appointed as the KCBC representative.** Councilor Crabb nominated Keep Columbus Beautiful Director Sherletha Cutts-Thomas to serve on the Tree Board as the Keep Columbus Beautiful Representative.

C. VALLEY PARTNERSHIP JOINT DEVELOPMENT:

A nominee for the seat of Gary Jones (*passed away*) for a term that expires on June 30, 2023, on the Valley Partnership Joint Development Authority (*Council’s Appointment*). Councilor Thomas nominated Mr. Mike Welch for the seat of the late Gary Jones.

Councilor Judy W. Thomas expressed her concerns regarding the Valley Partnership Joint Development Authority. She explained there are no minutes listed on the website and the seat of the late Gary Jones has been vacant for a few years now. She stated whoever the liaison is between the authority and the city should be making sure everything is up to date.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Henderson entertained a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss matters of personnel and security as requested earlier in the meeting by City Attorney Fay. Councilor Woodson made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members present, with the time being 2:14 p.m.

The regular meeting reconvened at 3:56 p.m., at which time, Mayor Henderson announced that the Council did meet in executive session to discuss matters of personnel and security; however, there were no votes taken.

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Councilor Garrett to adjourn the June 14, 2022, Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Barnes, House, Huff and Woodson being absent for the vote, and the time being 3:56 p.m.

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