

# 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

May 14, 2024  
9:00 AM  
Regular 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 Tyson Begly (arrived at 9:02 a.m.), Joanne Cogle, Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis, R. Walker Garrett, Judy W. Thomas and Toyia Tucker. City Manager Isaiah Hugley, City Attorney Clifton Fay, Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis, Deputy Clerk of Council Lindsey G. McLemore, and Deputy Clerk Pro Tem Tameka Colbert were present.

**ABSENT:** Councilor Bruce Huff was absent.

**The following documents have been included as a part of the electronic Agenda Packet:** (1) Golden Park Improvements Presentation; (2) Muscogee County Jail Mold Remediation Project Presentation

**The following documents were distributed around the Council table:** (1) New Horizons Needs Assessment; (2) Document provided by Claire Thomas;

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

**INVOCATION:** Offered by Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen

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

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*NOTE: Councilor Begly arrived at 9:02 a.m.*

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### **MINUTES**

1. Approval of minutes for the April 30, 2024 Consent Agenda / Work Session and Executive Session. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

### **PROCLAMATION:**

2. **Proclamation:** National Correctional Officers Week

**Receiving:** Warden Herbert Walker

**Councilor Toyia Tucker** read the proclamation into the record, proclaiming the week of May 5-11, 2024, as *National Correctional Officers Week*, recognizing the dedication of correctional officers as members of the law enforcement community.

**PRESENTATION:**

3. Police Department / Public Safety Briefing (Presented by Police Chief Stoney Mathis).  
*DELAYED*

**Mayor B. H. “Skip” Henderson** stated the presentation from the Columbus Police Department will be delayed due to members of the Command Staff currently being out of town. He explained there will be quarterly updates provided by all the public safety entities going forward.

**CITY ATTORNEY’S AGENDA**

**ORDINANCES**

1. **1st Reading-** An ordinance to revise and clarify certain provisions of the Columbus Code which provide for the foreclosure of liens on property for which funds are due and owing to the consolidated government; and for other purposes. (continued on 1st Reading from 2-27-24)  
(Councilor Begly)

Councilor Crabb made a motion to table the ordinance indefinitely, seconded by Councilor Tucker and resulted in an inconclusive five-to-three vote, with Councilors Cogle, Crabb, Davis, Thomas and Tucker voting in favor; Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Begly and Garrett voting in opposition, and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

**Mr. Reynolds Bickerstaff** approached the rostrum to speak in support of the proposed ordinance. He explained these provisions would be a benefit to his clients and the community, it will help with properties being vacant for many years, reduce the crime that vacant properties attract, and will increase revenue for the City of Columbus.

**PUBLIC AGENDA**

5. Mrs. Katrina Long, representing Reese Road Leadership Academy, Re: An update by the Students at Reese Road Leadership Academy on the Carver Park STEAM Project Based Learning Initiative. (*NOTE: This presentation was called up as the next order of business as listed on the Public Agenda Item 4*)

**CITY ATTORNEY’S AGENDA (continued)**

2. **1st Reading-** An ordinance adopting a new Article XXIII to Chapter 2 of the Columbus Code to create a Civic Center and Ice Rink Authority; repealing Ordinance No. 01-72; and for other purposes. (Councilor Begly)

Councilor Cogle made a motion to delay this ordinance indefinitely, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

3. **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)

Engineering Director Donna Newman approached the rostrum to explain the Engineering Department in conjunction with the Columbus Police Department and Muscogee County School District developed this ordinance to address the school zones throughout the community.

## **PUBLIC AGENDA**

1. Ms. LaKaren Rickman, representing New Horizons Behavioral Health, Re: The results from recent Community Mental Health Needs Assessment.
2. Mrs. Claire Thomas, representing Animal Advocacy, Re: CACC Veterinary Vaccine Protocols and Practices & Microchips.
3. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, Re: East Wynnton neighborhood blight and speeding.
4. Mrs. Sue Goldman, representing Columbus Regional Tennis Association, Inc., Re: Tennis courts at Benning Park / Frank Chester Recreation Center.
5. Mrs. Katrina Long, representing Reese Road Leadership Academy, Re: An update by the Students at Reese Road Leadership Academy on the Carver Park STEAM Project Based Learning Initiative. (*NOTE: This item was called upon earlier in the meeting during the City Attorney's Agenda.*)

## **REFERRAL(S):**

### **FOR THE CHIEF OF POLICE:**

- Add a detail to address the speeding concerns on Schaul Street and Amber Drive. (*Request of Councilor Tucker*)

## **MAYOR'S AGENDA (continued)**

### **ADD-ON PROCLAMATION:**

**Proclamation:** Mental Health Awareness Month

**Receiving:** Dr. Pamela Shaw, New Horizons

Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen read the proclamation into the record, proclaiming May 2024, as *Mental Health Awareness Month*, recognizing the crucial importance of mental health for one's overall wellbeing and providing mental health awareness and resources to the community.

## **CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA**

### **1. Payment of Attorney Fees for the Sheriff's Office**

**Resolution (164-24):** A resolution authorizing payment of attorney fees to Balch Law Group (Atlanta, GA), in the amount of \$19,777.30; and approve payment of future legal fees for the provision of legal services for the Sheriff's Office in reference to a pending CCG investigation. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Thomas and

carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

## **2. Georgia Emergency Management Agency/ Homeland Security State of Georgia Gang Activity Prosecution Grant**

**Resolution (165-24):** A resolution authorizing the application and acceptance of a grant, if awarded, of \$60,433 or as otherwise awarded, from the Georgia Emergency Management Agency/Homeland Security State of Georgia Gang Activity Prosecution Grant, with no local match requirement and to amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount rewarded. Funds will be utilized for the purchase of smart technology by the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office for efficacious investigations that will lead to the successful prosecution of criminal street gang activity. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

## **3. PURCHASES**

### **A. Confiscated Firearms for Credit or Swap II for Police Department – RFB No. 23-0039**

**Resolution (166-24):** A resolution authorizing the swap of three hundred (300) confiscated firearms from the Columbus Police Department for eighteen (18) Rock River LE2020M Rifles and accessories provided by King's Firearms (Columbia, TN). There will be no cost to the City for the swap of firearms. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

### **C. Professional Surveying Services for Finance Department/Revenue Division and Engineering Department (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 24-0002**

**Resolution (167-24):** A resolution authorizing the execution of annual contracts with Moon Meeks & Associates, Inc. (Columbus, GA), primary contractor, and EMC Engineering Services, Inc. (Columbus, GA), secondary contractor, to provide professional surveying services for the Finance Department/Revenue Division and Engineering Department. The services will be utilized on an "as needed" basis. The estimated annual usage for this contract is \$48,735.00. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

### **E. Thermal Imagers with Feature Pack for Fire & EMS Department – North Carolina Sheriffs Association Cooperative Contract Purchase**

**Resolution (168-24):** A resolution authorizing the purchase of fourteen (14) Bullard QXT Pro Thermal Imagers with feature packs for the Fire & EMS Department from C.W. Williams & Company, LLC (Rocky Mount, NC) in the total amount of \$92,568.42. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via the North Carolina Sheriff's Association, 24-01-0524. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

### **G. Declaration of Surplus and Donation of the Scotty Fire Safety House Trailer for Fire & EMS**

**Resolution (169-24):** A resolution authorizing to declare the Scotty Fire House Trailer (Serial # 1SSTT35TXB11SS358, Shop # 3207), as surplus, in accordance with Section 7-501 of the Charter of Columbus Consolidated Government and authorize the donation of the trailer to the Harris Coury Consortium of Fire Chiefs. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

H. Surplus Vehicles

**Resolution (170-24):** A resolution authorizing to declare the following two (2) vehicles as surplus, in accordance with Section 7-501 of the Charter of Columbus Consolidated Government and authorize the crushing the vehicles as scrap:

VEHICLE NUMBER	MAKE	MODEL	VIN NUMBER
10318	Chevrolet	Silverado	1GBJC33UX3F245339
10319	Chevrolet	CC25903	1GBHC24UX3E355899

Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

I. On-Call Project Management Services for Capital Improvement Projects (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 24-0023

**Resolution (171-24):** A resolution authorizing the execution of annual contracts with Aaron & Clements, Inc. (Columbus, GA), BDR Partners, LLC (Atlanta, GA), Procon Consulting, LLC (Tucker, GA), Skanska USA Building, Inc. (Atlanta, GA), Turner & Townsend Heery (Atlanta, GA), and EC Bradley Real Estate, LLC (Columbus, GA) for on-call project management services for capital improvement projects. The services will be procured on an as-needed basis. For each project, the responsible department will develop a scope of work and will obtain written quotes from the awarded vendors. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

B. Contract Extension for Auditing Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 13-0021

**Resolution (172-24):** A resolution authorizing the extension of the annual contract for auditing services with Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC (Macon, GA) for an additional one-year period. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

**Finance Director Angelica Alexander** approached the rostrum to respond to questions from Councilor Tucker. She explained this proposed contract extension is to ensure that the Finance Department can meet the required timeline with the external audit report due by December 31, 2024. She also advised that the RFP has already been drafted and she will send it out to the members of Council.

**REFERRAL(S):**

**FOR THE CITY MANAGER:**

- Wants the Audit Committee to discuss awarding the contract to a different external auditing firm each year. (*Request of Councilor Crabb*)

- Let's take a look at the selection committee for the external auditor so that the Finance Director is not a member of that committee. (*Request of Councilor Thomas*)

D. Ambulance Billing and Collection Services for Columbus Fire & EMS Department (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 24-0004

**Resolution (173-24):** A resolution authorizing the execution of an annual contract with EMS Management & Consultants, Inc. (Winston-Salem, NC) for ambulance billing and collection services. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Begly and Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

**Finance Director Angelica Alexander** approached the rostrum to respond to questions from the members of Council. She explained the difficulty of handling billing and collection of this magnitude for the staff in the Finance Department, who already have many other duties they are responsible for.

**Fire & EMS Chief Sal Scarpa** came forward to explain the position being added to his department is someone that is already in the Finance Department and has the experience and knowledge necessary when dealing with Medicare and Medicaid.

F. Household Garbage Carts for Public Works – Sourcewell Cooperative Contract Purchase

**Resolution (174-24):** A resolution authorizing the purchase of 96-gallon carts from Rehrig Pacific Company (Lawrenceville, GA) in the amount of \$39,405.00 (702 units @ \$55.00 each, plus freight in the amount of \$795.00). The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Sourcewell Contract #041521-REH. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Begly and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Davis and Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

**Public Works Director Drale Short** approached the rostrum to explain the need in implementing brown carts to clearly identify that it is an additional purchased cart for household waste and deter citizens from taking carts from vacant homes and other instances.

### **EMERGENCY PURCHASES**

1. Information Only: Six (6) Pursuit Vehicles for Muscogee County Sheriff's Office

**SIX (6) PURSUIT VEHICLES FOR MUSCOGEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE:**

On April 23, 2024, the Muscogee County Sheriff's office notified the City Manager of the need to purchase six (6) pursuit vehicles required to carry out the functions of the Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff cited the vehicles were desperately needed because of a lack of patrol vehicles for new hires.

Six (6) vehicles were purchased from Carville Chrysler Dodge Jeep RAM (Greenville, TN): one (1) 2023 Dodge Challenger at a unit price of \$48,515.00, one (1) Dodge Challenger at a unit price of \$50,735.00, and four (4) Dodge Durango pursuit vehicles at a unit price of \$46,500.00 each, for a grand total price of \$285,250.00. The Sheriff's Office located these vehicles that were available on the vendor's lot.

The City Manager approved the emergency request on April 24, 2024.

Funds are budgeted in the FY24 Budget: 2021 Sales Tax Project Fund – 2021 SPLOST – 21 SPLOST Public Safety – Light Trucks - Heavy Equipment/Vehicles Public Works; 0567 – 696 – 3111 – STPS – 7722 – 54153 – 20240.

#### **4. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS**

A. Golden Park Update - Wes Kelley, Division Manager, Brassfield & Gorrie

**Brasfield & Gorrie Vice President & Division Manager Wes Kelley** approached the rostrum to introduce the update on Golden Park and to call forward the project team to offer the presentation.

**Populous Associate Principal, Senior Architect Tucker English** came forward to provide information on the visual design drivers for the project and explained the site plans, which they have geared to attract community and family involvement.

**Brasfield & Gorrie Senior Project Manager Tyler Martindill** came forward to provide information on the construction that is currently taking place and a timeline going forward.

B. Jail Update - Drale Short, Director, Public Works

**Health, Safety & Environmental Consultant Milton Bonner (MLB EnviroHealth & Safety, LLC)** came forward to provide a presentation on the mold remediation project that is ongoing at the Muscogee County Jail. During the presentation, there were images displayed to show the findings from the inspection and the improvements that have been made.

**Public Works Director Drale Short** came forward to share the challenges faced by the Facility Maintenance Division when addressing the plumbing issues in the Muscogee County Jail.

**Muscogee County Sheriff Greg Countryman** came forward to speak on the mold issue at the jail. He explained in the past there was a full-time maintenance worker in the Muscogee County Jail, but there is no longer a designated person.

#### **UPTOWN – WOODRUFF PARK SPLASHPAD & PLAYGROUND:**

Councilor Cogle made a motion to amend the funding source identified during the April 23, 2024, Council Meeting from the Uptown TAD for \$250,000 to General Fund Reserves for the splashpad and playground at Woodruff Park, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

At the request of the City Manager Hugley with Uptown Columbus not being a CCG department but a non-profit entity, Councilor Cogle made a motion to amend the funding source from the General Fund Reserve to grant funding for the splashpad and playground at Woodruff Park, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

#### **REFERRAL(S):**

##### **FOR THE CITY MANAGER:**

- Provide an update to Council on the waiving of business license penalty interest. (*Request of Mayor Pro Tem Allen*)
- Provide a compliance update on the processing of business licenses and send out another curiosity notice to businesses with expired licenses. (*Request of Councilor Davis*)



**BID ADVERTISEMENT**

**DATE:** May 14, 2024

**May 15, 2024**

**1. Baker Center Driveway Project – RFB No. 24-0039**

Scope of Bid

Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia (the City) is requesting bids for the Baker Center Driveway project. The Community Reinvestment Department is requesting the services on behalf of Girls, Inc. of Columbus & Phenix-Russell.

No later than five (5) business days before the bid due date, bidders desiring to do so may schedule a site visit by contacting Danita Lloyd at [dlloyd@girlsinc-columbus.org](mailto:dlloyd@girlsinc-columbus.org) or 706-683-0809. Attendance is not required, but bidders are strongly encouraged to visit the site. Questions/concerns resulting from the Site Visit must be submitted in writing to the Purchasing Division, as specified on pages 9 and 10 of the RFB document. The project location is 3535 Levy Road, Columbus, GA 31903.

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

Scope of Bid

Provide uniforms for Columbus Consolidated Government Public Safety Departments on an “as needed” basis.

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

**May 29, 2024**

**1. PI 0011436 Muscogee County Buena Vista Road Improvements at Spiderweb Phase II (Re-Bid) – RFB No. 24-0029**

Scope of Bid

Phase II of the Buena Vista Road Improvements at the Spiderweb includes the construction of two (2) bridges, one (1) of which requires Norfolk Southern permitting; construction of a roundabout at Illges Road and Aceway Drive; construction of Buena Vista Road east of the intersection with Annette Avenue, Martin Luther King Boulevard north of Brewer Elementary School, Illges Road, Lindsay Drive, Andrews Road, Morris Road and Ace Way Drive, as well as the installation of traffic signals. This Re-Bid includes an alternative for maintaining traffic throughout construction and an alternative for complete closure.

Utilities were relocated in Phase I of the project. The Annette Ave. roundabout at MLK and Annette Ave. were constructed in Phase I.

**REFERRALS:**

**CLERK OF COUNCIL’S AGENDA**

**ENCLOSURES – ACTION REQUESTED**

1. **RESOLUTION (175-24)** – A resolution changing the meeting schedule for the month of June 2024. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.
2. **RESOLUTION (176-24)** – A resolution to change the meeting location for the May 21, 2024 Budget Review Committee Meeting, as well as, the regularly scheduled Council Meetings on



July 23, 2024 and the July 30, 2024 Work Session to the Muscogee County School Board Chambers. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

3. Email Correspondence from Dr. Walter Taylor, Chairperson, recommending the seats of Ms. Sandra Ellison (*District 3 Rep*) and Mr. Daniel Street (*District 5 Rep*) on the Public Safety Advisory Commission be declared vacant due to a lack of attendance. Councilor Crabb made a motion to declare the seat of Sandra Ellison vacant and allow Daniel Street to continue serving on the Public Safety Advisory Commission, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.
4. Email Correspondence from Attorney Jack Schley, Board Secretary, submitting the selection from the Hospital Authority of Columbus for Mr. Darrell “Tony” Floyd to fill the unexpired term of Ms. Cynthia Williams Jordan. (*Council would confirm the selection.*) Councilor Tucker made a motion to confirm the appointment of Darrell “Tony” Floyd on the Hospital Authority of Columbus, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.
5. Email Correspondence from Attorney Jack Schley, Board Secretary, forwarding the resignation of Ms. Betty Tatum from her seat on the Hospital Authority of Columbus. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to receive the resignation of Betty Tatum with regrets, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

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

Airport Commission, March 27, 2024

Board of Health, September 27, October 25 and November 29, 2023; February 28 and March 27, 2024

Board of Tax Assessors, # 13-24, and # 14-24

Columbus Golf Course Authority, March 26, 2024

Planning Advisory Commission, April 17, 2024

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

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED**

7. **MAYOR’S APPOINTMENTS MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:**

A. **PENSION FUND, EMPLOYEES’ BOARD OF TRUSTEES:**

A nominee for the seat of Crystal Shahid (*Does not desire reappointment*) for a term expiring on June 30, 2024, as a Business Community Representative on the Pension Fund, Employees’ Board of Trustees (*Mayor’s Appointment*). There were none.

**B. YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:**

A nominee for a seat on the Youth Advisory Council for the 2024-2025 School Year (*Mayor's Appointment*). Mayor Henderson nominated Kona Cogle. Councilor Tucker made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

**8. COUNCIL'S DISTRICT SEAT APPOINTMENTS- ANY NOMINATIONS MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:**

**A. YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:**

A nominee for a seat on the Youth Advisory Council as the District 2 Representative for the 2024-2025 School Year (*Council District 2- Davis*). There were none.

A nominee for a seat on the Youth Advisory Council as the District 3 Representative for the 2024-2025 School Year (*Council District 3- Huff*). There were none.

A nominee for a seat on the Youth Advisory Council as the District 4 Representative for the 2024-2025 School Year (*Council District 4- Tucker*). There were none.

A nominee for a seat on the Youth Advisory Council as the District 5 Representative for the 2024-2025 School Year (*Council District 5- Crabb*). There were none.

A nominee for a seat on the Youth Advisory Council as the District 6 Representative for the 2024-2025 School Year (*Council District 6- Allen*). Mayor Pro Tem Allen nominated Lauren Robinson. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

A nominee for a seat on the Youth Advisory Council as the District 7 Representative for the 2024-2025 School Year (*Council District 7- Cogle*). Councilor Cogle nominated Kael LeDenney. Councilor Tucker made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

A nominee for a seat on the Youth Advisory Council as the District 8 Representative for the 2024-2025 School Year (*Council District 8- Garrett*). There were none.

A nominee for a seat on the Youth Advisory Council as the District 9 Representative for the 2024-2025 School Year (*Council District 9- Thomas*). There were none.

A nominee for a seat on the Youth Advisory Council as the District 10 Representative for the 2024-2025 School Year (*Council District 10- Begly*). Councilor Begly nominated Bryce Knight. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

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

**A. BOARD OF FAMILY & CHILDREN SERVICES:**

A nominee for the seat of Jennifer Melvin (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on June 30, 2024, on the Board of Family & Children Services (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Tucker nominated Jennifer Melvin to serve another term.

**B. COLUMBUS AQUATICS COMMISSION:**

A nominee for the seat of Timothy Crabb (*Does not desire reappointment*) for a term expiring on June 30, 2024, on the Columbus Aquatics Commission (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Jensen Melton (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on June 30, 2024, on the Columbus Aquatics Commission (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Donald Wayne Hoffman (*Eligible to succeed- Interested in serving*) for a term expiring on June 30, 2024, on the Columbus Aquatics Commission (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Crabb nominated Donald Wayne Hoffman to serve another term.

A nominee for the seat of Richard Leary (*Eligible to succeed- Does not desire reappointment*) for a term expiring on June 30, 2024, as the Columbus Hurricanes Representative on the Columbus Aquatics Commission (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Janet Bussey (*Not Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on June 30, 2024, on the Columbus Aquatics Commission (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Bruce Samuels (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term that expired on June 30, 2022, on the Columbus Aquatics Commission (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

**C. COLUMBUS GOLF COURSE AUTHORITY:**

A nominee for the seat of Richard Mahone (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on June 30, 2024, on the Columbus Golf Course Authority (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of James Houston, Jr. (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on June 30, 2024, on the Columbus Golf Course Authority (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Richard Wright (*Not Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on June 30, 2024, on the Columbus Golf Course Authority (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Crabb nominated Stephanie Leohr and Mayor Pro Tem Allen nominated Karen Stewart to succeed Richard Wright.

**D. KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION:**

A nominee for the seat of David Houser (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring June 30, 2024, as a representative of Senatorial District 15 on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Pamela Green Thomas (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring June 30, 2024, as an At-Large Member on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Tracy Walton-King (*Not Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring June 30, 2024, as an At-Large Member on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Eddie Florence (*Resigned*) for a term expiring June 30, 2026, as a representative of Senatorial District 15 on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee to fill a vacant seat with a term expiring on June 30, 2026, as a representative of Senatorial District 29 on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

**E. REGION 6 REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES:**

A nominee for the seat of Marianne Young (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on June 30, 2024, on the Region 6 Regional Advisory Council for Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (*Council's Appointment*). Mayor Pro Tem Allen nominated Marianne Young to serve another term.

A nominee for the seat of Christopher Posey (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on June 30, 2024, on the Region 6 Regional Advisory Council for Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (*Council's Appointment*). Mayor Pro Tem Allen nominated Christopher Posey to serve another term.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Mayor Henderson entertained a motion to go into executive session to discuss matters of potential litigation and property acquisition and disposal as requested by City Attorney Fay earlier in the meeting. Councilor Tucker made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting, and the time being 12:27 p.m.

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*NOTE: Councilor Begly left the meeting at 12:27 p.m.*

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The Regular Meeting reconvened at 1:48 p.m., at which time, Mayor Henderson announced that the Council did meet in executive session to discuss matters of potential litigation and property acquisition and disposal; however, there were no votes taken.

**ADD-ON RESOLUTION:**

**Resolution (177-24):** A resolution authorizing a payment of \$195,000 to settle all damage claims of Claimant Cheryl Flowers stemming from an incident which occurred on December 11, 2020. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Begly being absent for the vote, and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

**ADD-ON RESOLUTION:**

**Resolution (178-24)** - A resolution excusing Councilor Bruce Huff from the May 14, 2024 Council Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Begly being absent for the vote, and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Allen to adjourn the May 14, 2024 Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Begly being absent for the vote, Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting, and the time being 1:49 p.m.

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