

COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING **MINUTES**

Columbus Civic Center
400 4th Street, Arena Floor
Columbus, Georgia 31901

October 27, 2020
5:30 PM
Regular Meeting

MAYOR'S A G E N D A

PRESENT: Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III and Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen and Councilors Jerry "Pops" Barnes (arrived at 6:01 p.m.), Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis, R. Walker Garrett (arrived at 5:36 p.m.), John M. House, Bruce Huff, Judy W. Thomas, Toyia Tucker and Evelyn "Mimi" Woodson. City Manager Isaiah Hugley, City Attorney Clifton Fay, Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis and Deputy Clerk of Council Lindsey G. McLemore were present.

<p><u>The following documents were distributed around the Council table:</u> (1) Columbus Water Works – Public Hearing FY 2020-21 Rate Update Presentation.</p>
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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

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the October 13, 2020 Council Meeting and Executive Session. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Barnes and Garrett being absent for the vote.

UPDATE:

2. An update on COVID-19

Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson gave an update on COVID-19 and its impact on the community. He explained though the mask mandate has been lifted, he is still encouraging citizens to follow the guidelines set by the CDC. He also addressed the upcoming Halloween Holiday, encouraging citizens to find a safe way to celebrate rather than the traditional door-to-door trick or treating.

Deputy City Manager Lisa Goodwin approached the rostrum to express the success of the Spooktacular Event hosted by the Civic Center and Parks & Recreation Departments. She thanked various CCG Departments, City Councilors, and businesses for their participation in bringing this event to the citizens of Columbus and the surrounding areas.

PROCLAMATIONS:

3. **PROCLAMATION:** Deputy Director Riley Land Day
RECEIVING: Deputy Director Riley Land

Councilor Toyia Tucker read the proclamation for the record, declaring Tuesday, October 27, 2020 as Deputy Director Riley Land Day, congratulating him on his retirement, and thanking him for his many years of dedicated service to the City of Columbus.

Deputy Director Riley Land approached the rostrum to receive the proclamation, thanking the Mayor and Council for the recognition.

- PROCLAMATION:** Deputy Chief James Greg Lang Day
RECEIVING: Deputy Chief James Greg Lang

Councilor Judy W. Thomas read the proclamation for the record, declaring Tuesday, October 27, 2020 as Deputy Chief James Greg Lang Day, congratulating him on his retirement, and thanking him for his many years of dedicated service with the Columbus Fire and EMS to the citizens of Columbus.

Deputy Chief James Greg Lang approached the rostrum with his wife to receive the proclamation, thanking the Mayor and Council for the recognition.

- PROCLAMATION:** Major John “J.D.” Hawk Day
RECEIVING: Major John “J.D.” Hawk

Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen read the proclamation for the record, declaring Tuesday, October 27, 2020 as Major John “J.D.” Hawk Day, congratulating him on his retirement, and thanking him for his many years of dedicated service with the Columbus Police Department to the citizens of Columbus.

Major John “J.D.” Hawk approached the rostrum with his wife to receive the proclamation, thanking the Mayor and Council for the recognition.

AUTHORIZATION REQUEST:

4. Authorization of a Vendor Audit of the Columbus Trade and Convention Center. (Requested by John Redmond, Internal Auditor) Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve authorization for the audit, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

Internal Auditor John Redmond came forward requesting authorization for a vendor audit of the Columbus Trade and Convention Center, as requested by the Director and Finance Manager of the Columbus Trade and Convention Center.

PRESENTATION:

5. Water and Sewer Rate Study. (Presented by Alex Hinton, Secretary to the Board)

President Steve Davis (Columbus Water Works) began the presentation by giving a summary of the rate increase for FY2020 experienced by the customers in Columbus. He explained the Columbus Water Works could have communicated this information to their customers better but follow up actions were taken to get the information out to the customers. He also explained the reason for the rate increase is due to failed infrastructure that was not part of the funded Capital Improvement Program, which would rapidly decrease their capital reserves causing greater increases in the future.

Senior Manager Joe Crea (Raftelis Financial Consultants; Cincinnati, Ohio) approached the rostrum to go over the financial planning results and rate priorities from the study conducted. He explained based on the 5-Year Financial Plan, there is a proposed 3.75% rate increase across the board and waiting a year or two would ultimately lead to higher costs and rates for the customers.

Senior Vice President Alexandra Hinton (Columbus Water Works, Division of Financial Services) came forward to explain there were several payment arrangement options offered to their customers during the COVID-19 Pandemic. She stated the payment plans were extended to six months and there were about 900 customers on the payment plan at the peak.

Several Councilors expressed their concerns about the rate increase and requested the Columbus Water Works consider delaying the increase due to the hardships faced by the citizens in the community due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

1. **Ordinance (20-047) - 2nd Reading** - An ordinance providing for the demolition of structures; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Davis and Huff being absent for the vote.
2. **1st Reading** - An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 20-018, the budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 to reclassify positions in the Superior Court Accountability Court Program and the Solicitor General's Office Victim Witness Program, and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem)

Human Resources Director Reather Hollowell approached the rostrum to briefly go over her presentation from a previous meeting, explaining the recommended Pay Grade changes to several positions as suggested by Columbus State University. She stated a request submitted during the budget process is what initiated the request for an internal audit for grant funded positions in the Accountability Court Program for Superior Court, Solicitor General's Office and the District Attorney's Office.

City Manager Isaiah Hugley explained one fully grant funded position at a Pay Grade 16 was making \$50,000 in January 2013, went to \$55,000 in July 2015, \$71,250 in October 2016, \$90,000 in October 2018, \$95,476 in August 2019, and is currently making \$96,850. He reminded Council this position was classified as a Pay Grade 16 valued at \$38,976, but as more grants were written, this employee continued to increase her salary by receiving supplements with each grant that was written. To compare the salary of this position to other positions within CCG, he explained this position is receiving more pay than the Public Works Director, Finance Director and Human Resources Director. He went on to explain this practice is not permitted within the Columbus Consolidated Government.

Judge Maureen Gottfried came forward to express the objections of several judges to the proposed policy. She explained the grants determine what the duties each program entails are worth. She stated Dayna Solomon holds the position being discussed, and she is listed as the key person under each grant and her duties have expanded with each grant program that has been implemented.

Internal Auditor John Redmond approached the rostrum to explain the main point is who is charged with setting the salaries of personnel within the Columbus Consolidated Government, stating the City Charter charges the City Manager with setting salaries. He explained the salary changes that have been discovered for these grant positions are in violation of the City Charter. He also explained there are about two dozen employees in CCG who write grants for larger amounts and those employees are not receiving compensation for those grants above their set salaries.

Dayna Solomon came forward to explain that the salary increases as described by the City Manager did happen, but these increases were not something she did on her own and there were conversations had regarding these increases. She explained she lacks the ability or the authority to send anything on behalf of the City without approval. She went over the decreases in salaries other grant employees would experience if the proposal was approved.

Councilor Thomas made a motion to continue this item on 1st Reading, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried by a eight-to-one vote, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Barnes, Crabb, Garrett, House, Thomas, Tucker and Woodson voting yes, Councilor Davis voting no, and Councilor Huff being absent for the vote.

REFERRALS:

REQUEST MADE TO HUMAN RESOURCES:

- Change terminology to specify which positions are fully funded by grants and those positions that are partially funded by grants. (*Request by Councilor Thomas*)

3. HEARING:

Request for property tax refund. (Mr. Charles Wiggin)

Mr. Charles Wiggin introduced himself and allowed Mr. Brent Bracewell to speak on his behalf to request a refund for back taxes in the amount of \$4,269.00.

Mr. Brent Bracewell stated Mr. Wiggin purchased the aircraft in 1991 and it was placed on a private airstrip at his residence in Harris County, Georgia. He explained the aircraft was put up for sale in 2019 and an FAA Records Search was conducted, where it was discovered there was a tax lien on the aircraft from Muscogee County for unpaid taxes for 1994 to 2019. He explained they obtained a letter from the Columbus Airport Chief Accountant stating the aircraft had never been stored at the Columbus Airport. He stated when they appeared before the Board of Tax Assessors, they were informed the Board can only waive three years.

Chief Appraiser Suzanne Widenhouse came forward to explain information received from the FAA, which suggests the aircraft in question was returned to Harris County, Georgia for 2018 and 2019, but prior to that the aircraft had never been reported as being in Harris County. She explained since Mr. Wiggin did not exercise his right to appeal, that right expired and is no longer available to him, except for the last three years of ownership.

Mr. Brent Bracewell presented a letter from Attorney Richard Dodelin, Jr. dated November 14, 2019, who resides in Fortson, Georgia, which reads in part that he rides pass the grass airship on Mr. Wiggins' property where he hangs his plane, and believes it has been there continuously for longer than fifteen years. *(The letter was provided to the Clerk of Council for the record.)*

Tax Commissioner Lula Huff approached the rostrum to explain her recommendation for denial is based on her contact with the Tax Commissioner in Harris County, Georgia regarding this issue. She explained the Harris County Tax Commissioner was unaware this aircraft was in the county until Mr. Wiggin came to file the taxes in 2017, and Mr. Wiggin informed the Harris County Office the aircraft was stored in Muscogee County prior to 2017.

Councilor Thomas made a motion to refund the taxes collected incorrectly by Muscogee County in the amount of \$4,269.08, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried by a six-to-two vote, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Crabb, Garrett, House, Thomas and Woodson voting yes, Councilors Barnes and Tucker voting no, and Councilors Davis and Huff being absent for the vote.

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Ms. Sharon Bunn, Re: The Columbus Water Works and the water rates.
2. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern-Anti-Racism Network, Re: Criminal Justice Reform. *Not Present*
3. Mr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr., representing the Silent Majority, Re: Public Safety Advisory Commission Ordinance Committee and non-Partisan vs. Partisan Local Ballot.
4. Ms. Vickie Williams-Wiley, representing Sisters United, Re: Public art.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Public Art MOU – Advocacy thru Art

Resolution (334-20): A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, requesting approval on a memorandum of understanding between the Columbus Consolidated Government and Columbus State University for an Advocacy Thru Arts Project. Councilor Barnes made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

POLICY ON PUBLIC ART RESOLUTION:

Resolution (335-20): A resolution establishing a policy of Council regarding the display of art in or a property of the Columbus Consolidated Government. Councilor Barnes made a motion to approve the policy on public art, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

Councilor Glenn Davis requested an amendment to the policy to allow cancellation of contract if the agreement is not followed.

City Attorney Clifton Fay responded to Councilor Davis' request by stating he would suggest the specifications regarding cancellation be included in the contracts and not the actual policy.

(The following resolution was called up as the next order of business as listed on the City Manager's Agenda Item 3)

3. Grants Management Policy Update

Approval is requested by resolution to update the City's Grants Management Policy. Revisions to the current policy are needed in order to ensure compliance with local, state, and federal rules and regulations pertaining to grants administration and oversight. Minor policy revisions include requiring pay plan classifications for all grant funded positions, prohibition of pay supplements using grant funds, and allowing adopted pay increases as approved by Council if grant funding is available.

City Manager Isaiah Hugley called forward and delayed this item.

2. Midland Commons Tax Allocation District Fund Grant - Midland Commons

Resolution (336-20): A resolution authorizing a grant from the Midland Commons Tax Allocation District Fund to the JMC Flatrock Partners, LLC., to support the construction of improvements to enhance the traffic circulation and on-site infrastructure for the development of the Midland Commons Site and to provide funding for a new Banquet Facility and Science Lab to be constructed at Flat Rock in an amount not to exceed eleven million six hundred and fifteen thousand two hundred and forty-four dollars (\$11,615,244); authorizing the negotiation, execution, and delivery of a development agreement and ancillary documents in connection with such allocation and for other purposes. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

Several Councilors expressed their concerns regarding the proposed Banquet Facility and Science Lab to be constructed at Flat Rock Park.

Mr. Chris Wightman came forward to explain the developers will not be constructing anything in Flat Rock Park, they were merely acting as a volunteer to facilitate a set of plans and a budget on behalf of the City. He also explained that we are only requesting \$8.6 million of the conceivable \$11.6 million budget that the TAD would support. He pointed out the city has some other projects that they would like to do with one being some infrastructure improvements on J. R. Allen Parkway on the other side of the bridge; however, we would not be doing anymore projects on city property other than the right-of-way improvements that we worked out with the city planner, Mr. Rick Jones

4. Contract Extension with Columbus Convention and Visitors Bureau

Resolution (337-20): A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia authorizing a five-year contract extension with the Columbus convention and Visitors Bureau (CCVB) under the same contract terms and conditions set forth previously with the approval of Resolution No. 294-09 and extended by resolution No. 282-15. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

5. Camp David RV Resort Lessor Agreement and Georgia Power Easement

Resolution (338-20): A resolution of the council of Columbus, Georgia requesting approval for the City Manager to execute the lessor agreement, Georgia Power Easement, and any other documents pertaining to Historic Westville, Inc. sublessor, Camp Davis RV Resort. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

6. Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) Request- Weracoba Creek Basin Flood Study

Resolution (339-20): A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, authorizing the City to submit a request for a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) to FEMA for revision to the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) associated with the Weracoba Creek Basin. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

7. FY2022 5303 Grant Application for Planning Assistance

Resolution (340-20): A resolution authorizing the City Manager of Columbus, Georgia to submit an application for, and if awarded, accept a grant from the Department of Transportation, United States of America, and Georgia Department of Transportation, under Title 49 U.S.C., Section 5303. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

8. U.S. Department of Justice, Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant

Resolution (341-20): A resolution authorizing the City Manager or his designee to submit an application for, and if awarded, accept a 2020 Project Safe Neighborhoods Reimbursement Grant from the U.S. Department of Justice in the amount of \$40,000, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match requirement, to amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the award, and to allocate the amount awarded to the Columbus Police Department – Gang Investigations Unit for Criminal Street Gang Investigation, Prosecution and Public Educational Programs supported by the grant. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

9. 2020 Legislative Agenda – Add-Ons

(1) CASINO GAMING REFERENDUM:

Resolution (342-20): A resolution whereas, this Council desires to facilitate the provision of Hope Scholarships to college bound students to insure that a lack of funding does not prevent them from going to college; and, whereas, additional funding sources are necessary to be able to fully implement the Hope Scholarship program. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried by a seven-to-three vote, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Barnes, Garrett, Huff, Thomas, Tucker and Woodson voting yes, and Councilors Crabb, Davis and House voting no.

The Columbus Consolidated Government is requesting the legislative delegation introduce or support legislation to authorize a statewide referendum for a constitutional amendment to allow Georgia citizens to vote as to whether casino gaming should be allowed in Georgia for the purpose of Hope Scholarship funding. Further, if any such constitutional amendment is adopted, this Council requests a local referendum be established for approval or rejection of any such casino gaming in Muscogee County. (*Request of Councilor Evelyn Mimi Woodson/Carry Over from Previous Years*)

(2) **INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS WHERE CASSINOS ARE APPROVED:**

The Columbus Consolidated Government respectfully requests that the local legislative delegation advocate for any legislation authorizing a referendum on the approval of cassino gaming operations in Georgia also require a funding mechanism from the proceeds from such operation to be used to fund county infrastructure serving casino gaming operations, including but not limited to, roads and streets, sewage disposal, trash collection, law enforcement and fire and ems response. (*Request of Councilor Glenn Davis*). Councilor Davis made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and was defeated by a four-to-six vote, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Crabb, Davis and House voting yes, and Councilors Barnes, Garrett, Huff, Thomas, Tucker and Woodson voting no.

(3) **SMALL BUSINESS RELIEF:**

Resolution (343-20): A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia requesting that the Local Delegation to the Georgia General Assembly introduce Legislation to study ways to provide temporary relief for small businesses in Georgia facing closure, foreclosure or bankruptcy as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

The Columbus Council is requesting that the legislative delegation introduce legislation to study and implement ways that programs of temporary loan deferment and forbearance can be implemented in Georgia to provide temporary relief to small businesses facing disruption, closure, foreclosure or bankruptcy as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

(4) **OPPOSE PREEMPTION OF REGULATION OF PET SALES BY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:**

Resolution (344-20): A resolution whereas, over the past several sessions the General Assembly has considered legislation which would preempt local governments from banning the sale by retail of goods or items regulated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture or the Georgia Department of Agriculture. Councilor Davis made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried by a nine-to-one vote, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Barnes,

Crabb, Davis, Garrett, House, Huff, Thomas and Tucker voting yes, and Councilor Woodson voting no.

The Columbus Council is requesting that the local delegation oppose any legislation in the General Assembly which would preempt local governments from regulating the sales of animals to be kept as pets. (*Request of Councilor Davis*)

(5) **RESIDENTIAL DRUG ABUSE TREATMENT CENTERS (*Prompt Notification of Local Authorities Upon Licensing*)**:

Resolution (345-20): A resolution whereas, this council recognizes that the State of Georgia is licensing facilities for the treatment of drug abuse in a residential setting. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

The Columbus Consolidated Government respectfully requests that the local legislative delegation introduce state-wide legislation that will require prompt notification of county and city police and fire departments, licensing departments, and planning and zoning departments upon licensing or licensing changes of residential care centers as defined and used below. (*Request of Councilor Glenn Davis*)

(6) **PUBLIC UTILITIES AND PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM RESERVOIRS:**

Resolution (346-20): A resolution whereas, in recent years, Lake Oliver in Columbus, Georgia has suffered from increased siltation from upstream development and runoff. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

The Columbus Consolidated Government is requesting the following actions of the legislative delegation so as to better protect public water system reservoirs such as Lake Oliver in Columbus, Georgia:

- (1) consider amendments to or removal of exemptions to the Erosion and Sedimentation Act of 1975 for certain public utilities and public water system reservoirs;
 - (2) request that the General Assembly and U.S. Corps of Engineers perform additional environmental studies at appropriate intervals to evaluate water flows, water quality siltation and sedimentation buildup on riverbanks in the Chattahoochee River above Columbus, Georgia; and
 - (3) explore options whereby the State can provide funding necessary for dredging of such local public waterways to mitigate and restore siltation and sedimentation damage.
- (*Request of Councilor Glenn Davis*)

10. **PURCHASES**

A. Dual Axle Utility Trailers with Tool Carrying Cage – RFB No. 20-0022

Resolution (347-20): A resolution authorizing the purchase of six (6) dual axle utility trailers with tool carrying case (Sure-Trac ST8216TAT-B-100) from Chattahoochee Trailer, LLC. (Columbus, GA), at a unit price of \$5,007.00, and a total price of \$30,042.00. Councilor Tucker made a motion

to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

B. Zero-Turn Mowers – Sourcewell Cooperative Contract

Resolution (348-20): A resolution authorizing the purchase of eleven (11) mowers (John Deere Z915E ZTrak) from Deere & company (Cary, NC), Delivering Dealer SunSouth, LLC (Columbus, GA), at a unit price of \$7,897.14, and a total price of \$86,868.54. The purchase will be accompanied by Cooperative Purchase, via Sourcewell Contract #062117-DAC. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

C. Panasonic Toughbook Laptops for Sheriff’s Department

Resolution (349-20): A resolution authorizing the purchase of seventeen (17) Panasonic Toughbook Laptops, with Protection Plus 4-Year Warranty, from Motorola Solutions, Inc., (Atlanta, GA), in the amount of \$58,871.00, by Cooperative Purchase via NASPO/Georgia Statewide Contract #06913. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

ADD-ON RESOLUTION (350-20) – A resolution authorizing each full-time regular employee to receive a one-time COVID-19 bonus of \$650 for those employees on payroll as of 10/30/2020. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

EMERGENCY PURCHASES

Emergency Purchase (Information Only)

SECURITY CAMERAS AND NOTIFICATION SOFTWARE FOR CCG SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS AND EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

During the week of October 12th, two incidents occurred at the Government Center which required notification to City employees and visitors of possible safety threats. Although the incidents were handled professionally by Public Safety, the incidents revealed improvements were needed regarding notification to employees and visitors. This has led the City Manager to act immediately to improve the notification system for the Government Center Complex and other City facilities.

On October 17, 2020, the City Manager approved the purchase of an emergency notification system that will be delivered through the CISCO Desk Phone System of every employee when threats occur. The Sheriff’s Office Security Division will make these calls when needed. Additionally, the City Manager also approved the purchase of several additional cameras and/or the replacement of existing cameras throughout the Government Center and East/West Wings to provide additional coverage in areas that are lacking proper coverage.

The notification software system will be purchased from SingleWire in the amount of \$61,920.50. The Cameras will be purchased from the City’s annual contracted vendor for Security Surveillance Equipment, Adaptosolve, in the amount of \$38,300.00.

Funds are available in the FY21 Budget: General Fund – Miscellaneous – Contingency.

9. 2020 Legislative Agenda – Add-Ons

(7) **PERSONAL CARE HOMES (Prompt Notification of Local Authorities Upon Licensing):**

Resolution (351-20): A resolution whereas, this Council recognizes that the State of Georgia is licensing facilities for various types of assistance for both children and adults in a home-like setting. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

The Columbus Consolidated Government respectfully requests that the local legislative delegation introduce state-wide legislation that will require prompt notification of county and city police and fire departments, licensing departments, and planning and zoning departments upon licensing or licensing changes of child-caring institutions, foster care homes, and personal care homes as defined and used above. *(Request of Councilor Glenn Davis/Carry Over From Previous Years)*

(8) **PERSONAL CARE HOMES (Minimum Staffing Requirement):**

Resolution (352-20): A resolution whereas, this Council has previously requested legislation from the General Assembly to provide notice to counties upon licensing of child-caring institutions, foster care homes, and personal care homes as defined at O.C.G.A. Section 49-5-3, O.C.G.A. Section 49-5-60, and Section 25-2-13. Councilor Davis made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

The Columbus Consolidated Government is requesting the local legislative delegation to the Georgia General Assembly introduce state-wide legislation that will require minimum staffing of two trained supervisors or managers between the hours of 6:00 pm and 6:00 am at child-caring institutions, foster care homes, and personal care homes. We also request that the local delegation to the Georgia General Assembly require that all such child-caring institutions, foster care homes, and personal care homes be accredited by a national accrediting body such as COA or CARF. *(Request of Councilor Glenn Davis/Carry Over From Previous Years)*

11. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. CARES Act Update - Lisa Goodwin, Deputy City Manager. *Delayed*
- B. Traffic Study Update, Donna Newman, Engineering Director. *Delayed*
- C. COVID-19 Bonus Pay – Reather Hollowell, Human Resource Director.

(NOTE: This presentation, as provided by Human Resources Director Reather Hollowell, was called upon earlier during the City Manager’s Agenda.)

BID ADVERTISEMENT

October 28, 2020

1. Emergency Medical Supplies (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 21-0013

Scope of Bid

Provide various emergency medical supplies on an “as needed” basis to include: Airway Supplies, Intravenous Supplies, Oxygen Delivery Supplies, Bandages, Exposure Control Supplies, OB Supplies, First Aid Supplies, Cardiac Supplies, Exam Gloves and Warehouse Stock including PPE Supplies. The contract term will be for two (2) years with the option to renew for three additional twelve-month periods.

October 30, 2020

1. Redevelopment Opportunity for Farmers Market – RFP No. 21-0005

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government is seeking proposals from experienced, creative architects, building and real estate development firms OR a philanthropic individual or nonprofit group to present a redevelopment plan for adaptive reuse of the Former Georgia State Farmers Market. The redevelopment plan shall be consistent with applicable deed restrictions.

November 6, 2020

1. Supplemental Yard Waste Collection Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 21-0018

Scope of RFP

The Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia (the City) is soliciting proposals for supplemental yard waste collection services. The successful contractor(s) shall provide all equipment and personnel to perform yard waste collection services on five (5) of the City's fourteen (14) routes.

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

2. Mobile Technology System for Waste Collection Vehicles – RFP No. 21-0015

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government is seeking proposals from qualified vendors to provide a Mobile Technology System for use by the Department of Public Works/Solid Waste and Recycling Collection Division.

November 13, 2020

1. Paper & Plastic Products (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 21-0016

Scope of RFB

Provide paper and plastic products, of various types and quantities, to Columbus Consolidated Government (the City). The products will be purchased by the Public Works department on an "as needed" basis. This contract may also be utilized by any other City agency requiring the goods.

The term of contract shall be for two (2) years, with the option to renew for three (3) additional twelve-month periods. Contract renewal will be contingent upon the mutual agreement of the City and the Contractor.

CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - INFORMATION ONLY

1. Albright, Fortenberry & Nina, LLP submitted one (1) copy of the Audited Financial Statements and one (1) copy of the Compliance Reports for the Columbus Department of Public Health for the year ended June 30, 2020.

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

2. **RESOLUTION (353-20):** A resolution cancelling the November 3, 2020 and December 1, 2020 Proclamation Sessions. Councilor Garrett made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

3. **RESOLUTION (354-20):** A resolution excusing Councilor Evelyn “Mimi” Woodson from the October 13, 2020 Council Meeting. Councilor Garrett made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

4. **FINANCE REPORT RESOLUTION (355-20):** A resolution receiving the report of the Director of Finance concerning certain alcoholic beverage licenses processed during the month of September 2020 and approving the same. Councilor Garrett made a motion to receive the finance report, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

5. **Minutes of the following boards:**
 - Board of Tax Assessors, #35-20
 - Board of Water Commissioners, August 10, 2020
 - Community Development Advisory Council, May 11, 2020
 - Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission, October 8 and 13, 2020
 - Public Safety Advisory Commission Ordinance Committee, October 6, 2020
 - Uptown Facade Board, May 18 and July 20, 2020

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

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

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

A. CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION:

Nominees for the fifteen seats on the Charter Review Commission appointed by the Mayor. There were none.

B. HOUSING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:

A nominee for the seat of Tiffani Stacy (*Eligible to succeed*) on the Housing Authority of Columbus as the Resident Member for a term that expires on November 16, 2020 (*Mayor’s Appointment*). Mayor Henderson nominated Tiffani Stacy to succeed herself. Mayor Pro Tem Allen moved for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

3. **COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS- READY FOR VOTE TABULATION:**

A. AIRPORT COMMISSION:

A nominee for the seat of Thomas Forsberg (*Eligible to succeed*) on the Airport Commission for a term that expires on December 31, 2020 (*Council's Appointment*). The Columbus Airport Commission submitted three nominees for the seat of Mr. Thomas Forsberg: Mr. Art Guin, Dr. Kamesha Harbison and Mr. John P. Steed. Councilor Garrett made a motion to delay this appointment, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

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

A. CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION:

A nominee for the District 1 seat on the Charter Review Commission (*District 1 Appointment-Barnes*). Councilor Barnes nominated Chris Wightman for District 1 on the Charter Review Commission. Councilor Woodson made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

A nominee for the District 2 seat on the Charter Review Commission (*District 2 Appointment-Davis*). There were none.

A nominee for the District 3 seat on the Charter Review Commission (*District 3 Appointment-Huff*). There were none.

A nominee for the District 7 seat on the Charter Review Commission (*District 7 Appointment-Woodson*). There were none.

A nominee for the District 9 seat on the Charter Review Commission (*District 9 Appointment-Thomas*). There were none. Councilor Thomas nominated John Shinkle for District 9 on the Charter Review Commission. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Tucker, and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

B. PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION:

A nominee for the seat of Geraldine Buckner (*Not eligible to succeed*) on the Public Safety Advisory Commission for a term that expires on October 31, 2020 (*District 4 Appointment – Tucker*). Councilor Tucker nominated Belvin Millner for District 4 on the Public Safety Advisory Commission. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Woodson, and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

C. RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of John Lawson (*Not eligible to succeed*) on the Recreation Advisory Board for a term that expired on December 31, 2019 (*District 6-Allen*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Willie Dickerson (*Not eligible to succeed*) on the Recreation Advisory Board for a term that expires on December 31, 2020 (*District 4-Tucker*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Lonnie Boyd (*Eligible to succeed*) on the Recreation Advisory Board for a term that expires on December 31, 2020 (*District 1-Barnes*). Councilor Barnes nominated Lonnie Boyd to succeed himself on the Recreation Advisory Board. Councilor Barnes then made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

A nominee for the seat of Brantley Pittman (*Eligible to succeed*) on the Recreation Advisory Board for a term that expires on December 31, 2020 (*District 7-Woodson*). Councilor Woodson nominated Brantley Pittman to succeed himself on the Recreation Advisory Board. Councilor Woodson then made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

A nominee for the seat of Hayden Barnes (*Eligible to succeed*) on the Recreation Advisory Board for a term that expires on December 31, 2020 (*District 8-Garrett*). Councilor Garrett nominated Ryan Stanford to succeed Hayden Barnes on the Recreation Advisory Board. Councilor Woodson made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

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

A. BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION:

A nominee for the seat of Linda Parker (*Eligible to succeed herself*) on the Board of Elections and Registration for a term that expires on December 31, 2020 (*Democratic Party Nomination*). There were none.

B. BOARD OF HEALTH:

A nominee for the seat of Yasmin Cathright (*Eligible to succeed herself*) on the Board of Health for a term that expires on December 31, 2020 (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Huff nominated Yasmin Cathright to succeed herself on the Board of Health.

C. BOARD OF TAX ASSESSORS:

A nominee for the seat of Patricia Hunter (*Eligible to succeed herself*) on the Board of Tax Assessors for a term that expires on December 31, 2020 (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Barnes nominated Patricia Hunter to succeed herself on the Board of Tax Assessors. Councilor Crabb nominated Lanitra Sandifer to succeed Patricia Hunter on the Board of Tax Assessors.

D. COOPERATIVE EXTENSION ADVISORY BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of Brenda Foreman (*Not interested in serving another term*) on the Cooperative Extension Advisory Board for a term that expires on December 31, 2020 (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

E. CRIME PREVENTION BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of Timothy K. Weeks (*Resigned*) as the Senatorial District 29 Representative on the Crime Prevention Board for a term that expired on March 31, 2019 (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

F. HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:

A nominee for the seat of Jennings Chester (*Eligible to succeed*) on the Hospital Authority of Columbus for a term that expires on November 14, 2020 (*Council's Appointment*). Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to submit the names of Jennings Chester, Warner Kennon, Jr., and Sarah Banks-Lang to the Authority for selection, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

A nominee for the seat of Warner Kennon, Jr. (*Eligible to succeed*) on the Hospital Authority of Columbus for a term that expires on November 14, 2020 (*Council's Appointment*). Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to submit the names of Jennings Chester, Warner Kennon, Jr., and Sarah Banks-Lang to the Authority for selection, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

A nominee for the seat of Sarah Banks-Lang (*Eligible to succeed*) on the Hospital Authority of Columbus for a term that expires on November 14, 2020 (*Council's Appointment*). Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to submit the names of Jennings Chester, Warner Kennon, Jr., and Sarah Banks-Lang to the Authority for selection, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

G. TREE BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of Robert Hecht (*Eligible to succeed*) as the Commercial and Industrial Development Member on the Tree Board for a term that expires on December 31, 2020 (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Thomas nominated Robert Hecht to succeed himself on the Tree Board.

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

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

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

A nominee for the seat of Beverly Kinner (*Not eligible to succeed*) on the Tree Board for a term that expires on December 31, 2020 (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

RESOLUTION 297-20:

At the direction of City Attorney Fay, Councilor Garrett made a motion to allow Councilor Woodson's vote to be in the affirmative for Resolution 297-20 where she was absent for the meeting, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At the request of Mayor Henderson, Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to go into executive session to discuss matters of real estate, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the ten members present, with the time being 11:45 p.m.

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 11:59 p.m., at which time, Mayor Henderson announced that the Council did meet in executive session to discuss real estate matters; however, there were no votes taken.

CHANGE OF MEETING SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER 2020:

Councilor Tucker made a motion to cancel the 5:30 p.m. meeting on November 24, 2020 and add a meeting at 9:00 a.m. on November 17, 2020, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Allen to adjourn the October 27, 2020 Regular Meeting, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the ten members present, with the time being 12:00 a.m.

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