

COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING **MINUTES**

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

November 10, 2020
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, Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis, R. Walker Garrett (arrived at 9:12 a.m.), John M. House, Bruce Huff (arrived at 9:12 a.m.), 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.

ABSENT: Councilor Judy W. Thomas was absent.

<p><u>The following documents were distributed around the Council table:</u> (1) Columbus Laughs Information Flyer; (2) Internal Audit of Grants Presentation; (3) REACH Presentation.</p>

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Pastor James Lee at Promised Land Christian Ministries of Columbus, Georgia

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Henderson

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the October 27, 2020 Council Meeting and Executive Session. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor House, and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Garrett and Huff being absent for the vote, and Councilor Thomas being absent for the meeting.

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 stated the City of Columbus is experiencing a 7-day rolling average of sixteen positive cases, but the average may increase with more indoor activities due to weather changes and the upcoming holidays.

PROCLAMATION

3. **PROCLAMATION:** The Lambda Iota Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Day

RECEIVING: The Men of the Lambda Iota Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Councilor Jerry “Pops” Barnes read the proclamation for the record, declaring Tuesday, November 17, 2020 as The Lambda Iota Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Day.

Basileus Travis Chambers, Lambda Iota Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. approached the rostrum to thank the Mayor and Council for the recognition on behalf of the members, and he recognized the members present to receive the proclamation.

RESOLUTIONS

10. Resolution (356-20) - A resolution expressing our deep appreciation to all veterans of Columbus, Phenix City and Fort Benning for their service to our nation. (Councilor Barnes) Councilor Barnes made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson, and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Thomas being absent for the meeting.

Councilor Jerry “Pops” Barnes regrettably announced what would have been the 12th Annual Veterans Day Parade is cancelled due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. He read the resolution into the record, thanking all Veterans for their service to our country and thanking all the organizations that made the parade possible each year. (*NOTE: This update was called up as the next order of business as listed on the City Attorney’s Agenda Item 10*)

PRESENTATIONS

4. Columbus Laughs: The Science of Laughter Therapy (Presented by Jonathan L. Liss, M.D.)

Dr. Jonathan L. Liss, Columbus Memory Center approached the rostrum to give a presentation on Columbus Laughs, an initiative promoting Science of Laughter Therapy. He explained the benefits of Laughter Therapy for senior adults with Alzheimer’s and their caregivers.

2020 PEOPLE’S CHOICE AWARD:

City Manager Isaiah Hugley announced the Columbus Riverwalk is the winner of the 2020 People’s Choice Award from the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Property Exchange with the Housing Authority of Columbus

Resolution (357-20): A resolution authorizing the City Manager to transfer property with the Housing Authority and execute all necessary documents. Councilor Woodson made a motion to

approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker, and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote and Councilor Thomas being absent for the meeting.

(NOTE: This resolution was called up as the next order of business as listed on the City Manager's Agenda Item 1)

2. Property Exchange with Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church

Resolution (358-20): A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into negotiations for the exchange of certain properties between the City and the Mount Pilgrim Baptist Church as part of an acquisition of property for an Interstate Interchange. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson, and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote and Councilor Thomas being absent for the meeting.

Reverend David L. Stallion, Sr. came forward to thank the City of Columbus on behalf of the members of the Mount Pilgrim Baptist Church. *(NOTE: This resolution was called up as the next order of business as listed on the City Manager's Agenda Item 1)*

11. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

- D. I-185/Cusseta Road/Old Cusseta Road Interchange Update, Rick Jones, Planning Director.

Planning Director Rick Jones approached the rostrum to give an update on the I-185/Cusseta Road/Old Cusseta Road Interchange. *(NOTE: This update was called up as the next order of business as listed on the City Manager's Agenda Item 11 "D")*

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

- 1. 1st Reading - REZN-07-20-2105:** An ordinance rezoning .81 acre of land located at 1700 10th Avenue (parcel id # 017-007-001). The current zoning is RO (Residential-Office). The proposed zoning is GC (General Commercial). The proposed use is a convenience store with gas sales. The Planning Advisory Commission recommends **denial** based on inconsistency with the City's Comprehensive Plan and Future Land Use. The Planning Department recommends **conditional approval** based on compatibility with existing land uses and adjacent GC (General Commercial) zonings. The applicant is Rob McKenna. (Councilor Woodson)

Attorney Rob McKenna (Application) came forward to explain the reason for the rezoning request. He stated the proposed convenience store and gas station plans to include a fence and 20-foot planted buffer between the building and residents. He also explained the owner has agreed to close the business at midnight.

Councilor Evelyn “Mimi” Woodson explained she is opposed to the rezoning due to the surrounding neighborhood working for years to revive it. She stated the residents in that area are concerned about underground gas tanks being so close to houses and the elements that gas stations can attract.

Attorney Austin Gower came forward to express his opposition to the rezoning as a business owner near to the property in question, as an owner of a property located next to 1700 10th Avenue. In response to a question asked by Councilor Davis, Mr. Gower stated he would agree to rezone his property to Residential Office.

Betty Sue Akin approached the rostrum to express her opposition to the rezoning as a property owner in the area. She stated the neighborhood would suffer if a gas station were to be put at the property in question.

Midtown, Inc. Executive Director Julio Portillo approached the rostrum to speak in opposition of the rezoning. He explained Midtown, Inc. does not support this rezoning, stating their concern is the impact it would have on the neighborhood. He stated the board is concerned this would cause homeowners in the area to sell their homes and cause more blight in the area.

Councilor Glenn Davis asked Mr. Portillo if his organization would assist with getting the residential property more in line with Neighborhood Commercial, to which, Mr. Portillo responded yes.

Kenneth King came forward to speak in opposition of the rezoning as an owner of a property in the area that has been in his family for almost one hundred years. He stated no one wants to live in an area that they feel they must have security cameras on their homes in order to feel safe.

- 2. 1st Reading - REZN-07-20-2248:** An ordinance rezoning .24 acre of land located at 849 Brighton Road (parcel id # 066-036-043). The current zoning is GC (General Commercial). The proposed zoning is SFR3 (Single Family Residential 3). The proposed use is a Personal Care Home, Type I. The Planning Advisory Commission and the Planning Department recommend approval. The applicant is Madalin Brayboy. (Councilor Barnes)

City Attorney Clifton Fay recommended to Council this item move forward to 2nd Reading at the next meeting and Council can vote to deny the rezoning, since the applicant has not been present at the two 1st Reading Public Hearings held.

- 3. 1st Reading - REZN-07-20-2240:** An ordinance rezoning 2.13 acres located at 1821 Whittlesey Road (parcel id #189-018-003). The current zoning is RO (Residential Office). The proposed zoning is GC (General Commercial). The proposed use is Office/Storage. The Planning Advisory Commission and the Planning Department both recommend approval based on compatibility with existing land uses. (Councilor Garrett)

Andrew Krawchyk (Applicant) approached the rostrum to explain the reason for the rezoning request, stating him and his partner are planning to open a retail flooring store. He explained the warehouse located on the back of the property would store supplies that contractors can purchase on site versus having to order online. In response to a question asked by Councilor Davis, he agreed to no billboards being permitted on the property.

Councilor Davis made a motion to amend the ordinance adding a condition of no billboards being permitted on the property subject to rezoning, seconded by Councilor Garrett, and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Thomas being absent for the meeting.

4. **1st Reading - REZN-09-20-2706:** An ordinance amending Table 3.1 of the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) to permit fuel stations in in the HMI zoning district, and to amend Section 9.2.5.D.1(C) to provide that six members of the Uptown Façade Board shall represent the Uptown Business District instead of the Uptown Business Association. (Councilor Woodson)

5. **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) (Continued on 1st Reading from October 27, 2020).

Human Resources Director Reather Hollowell approached the rostrum to give a presentation and explain a proposed amendment to the Grants Policy. She stated the proposed amendments to the Grants Policy include: (1) All grants positions will be classified on the City’s adopted Pay Plan, (2) Pay grades and salary ranges will be established for each grants position, (3) Grants positions not eligible to receive additional grants supplements, (4) Salary for grants employees may be increased when Council approves pay adjustments for General Government employees and there is funding within the grant, (5) Funding for grants positions may be 100% grants funded or a combination of grant funds and General Fund monies, (6) Exceptions to this policy must be approved by the City Manager in accordance with Columbus Code, Section 2-18.7, (7) Administration of grants is the responsibility of the grant receiving department or agency.

City Manager Isaiah Hugley made comments regarding the issue, stating every measure has been taken to ensure the employees who hold these grant positions are treated fairly. He stated every position has been evaluated by Columbus State University and adjusted to their recommended pay grade, and all COLA’s and salary adjustments since 2013 have been applied.

Drug Court Coordinator Dayna Solomon approached the rostrum to express her opposition to the proposed salary changes. She stated she does not have the authority to submit grants to the Federal Government herself. She stated each time her pay was changed, there has been an authorized signature and was submitted by a designee.

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to amend the Grants Policy as suggested by the Human Resources Director, seconded by Councilor Woodson, and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Huff and Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Thomas being absent for the meeting.

6. **1st Reading -** An ordinance creating a moratorium on the use of Shared Electronic Scooters on the public right-of ways within the confines of Columbus, Georgia, through 11:59 pm on May 16, 2021; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem)

- 7. 1st Reading** - An ordinance adopting an updated and restated procurement ordinance for codification as part of the Columbus Code. (Mayor Pro-Tem)

Finance Director Angelica Alexander approached the rostrum to explain the reason for the codification. She explained this change will package all the procurement ordinances together in an electronic format in its entirety.

- 8. 1st Reading** - An ordinance confirming the settlement authority of the City Manager and City Attorney to approve settlements of legal disputes of up to \$25,000 from appropriately budgeted funds; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem)

Councilor Glenn Davis voiced his concerns regarding the proposed ordinance, suggested the members of Council be provided reports during a set period, and stated he would discuss his concerns further with the City Attorney.

- 9. Ordinance (20-048) - 1st Reading:** An ordinance extending a State of Public Health Emergency in Columbus, Georgia through December 9, 2020; providing for public meetings to be held using telephonic or video participation; providing authorization for the Mayor to respond to ongoing COVID-19 developments by Executive Order; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance on 1st Reading, seconded by Councilor Woodson, and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Huff and Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Thomas being absent for the meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

- 10. Resolution** - A resolution expressing our deep appreciation to all veterans of Columbus, Phenix City and Fort Benning for their service to our nation. (Councilor Barnes)

(NOTE: This resolution, as provided by the City Attorney, was called upon earlier in the meeting during the Mayor's Agenda.)

RESOLUTIONS:

- 3. Public Art MOU – 18th Street and 5th Avenue**

Resolution (359-20): 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 Art Project. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to amend the resolution by adding a 2,000 sq ft limit on the area in which art can be displayed, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried by a six-to-three vote, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Crabb, Davis, Garrett, House and Tucker voting yes, and Councilors Barnes, Huff and Woodson voting no. Councilor Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution as amended, seconded by Councilor Woodson, and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Thomas being absent for the meeting.

Professor Hannah Israel, Columbus State University, Sherricka Day, Becca Zajac, Dragonfly Trail and **Amy Bryan, Columbus Chamber of Commerce** approached the rostrum in support of the resolution and to introduce themselves.

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

4. Public Art MOU – 14th Street Roundabout

Resolution (360-20): A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, requesting approval on a memorandum of understanding between the Columbus Consolidated Government (the “City”) and WCB Hospitality, LLC (“WCB”) for a Public Arts Project. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson, and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Thomas being absent for the meeting.

(NOTE: This resolution was called up as the next order of business as listed on the City Manager's Agenda Item 4)

6. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS- READY FOR VOTE TABULATION:

A. AIRPORT COMMISSION:

A nominee for the seat of Thomas Forsberg (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term that expires on December 31, 2020 on the Airport Commission (*Council's Appointment*). The Columbus Airport submitted three nominees for the seat of Thomas Forsberg: Art Guin, Dr. Kamesha Harbison and John P. Steed. A vote was taken for the seat of Thomas Forsberg, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Crabb, Davis and House voting for Art Guin, Councilors Barnes, Huff, Tucker and Woodson voting for Dr. Kamesha Harbison, and Councilor Garrett voting for John P. Steed. A second vote was taken, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Crabb, Davis, Garrett and House voting for Art Guin, and Councilors Barnes, Huff, Tucker and Woodson voting for Dr. Kamesha Harbison. With a five-to-four inconclusive vote on nominees for the seat of Thomas Forsberg, this matter will be listed for a vote at the next meeting.

(NOTE: This board appointment was called up as the next order of business as listed on the Clerk of Council's Agenda Item 6 “A”)

B. BOARD OF TAX ASSESSORS:

A nominee for the seat of Patricia Hunter (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term that expires on December 31, 2020 on the Board of Tax Assessors (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Barnes re-nominated Patricia Hunter to serve another term. Councilor Crabb nominated Lanitra Sandifer for the seat of Patricia Hunter. A vote was taken for the seat of Patricia Hunter, with Councilor Barnes voting for Patricia Hunter to succeed herself, and Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Crabb, Davis, Garrett, House, Huff, Tucker and Woodson voting for Lanitra Sandifer. Councilor Woodson made them made a motion to confirm the appointment of Lanitra Sandifer, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen, and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Thomas being absent for the meeting.

(NOTE: This board appointment was called up as the next order of business as listed on the Clerk of Council's Agenda Item 6 "B")

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Dr. Angela Vickers-Ward and Mr. Brad Bryant, representing REACH Georgia, Re: Information on the benefits of REACH Georgia.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- List presentation on City Manager's Agenda going forward. *(Request of Councilor Tucker)*
2. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern-Anti-Racism Network, Re: City Services, Quality Control and Accountability.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Property Exchange with the Housing Authority of Columbus

Approval is requested to exchange property with the Housing Authority of Columbus. The city is interested in property owned by the Housing Authority located at 375 Farr Road, 4.18 acres. The property was appraised at \$400,000. This property will be utilized as part of a settlement agreement with Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church for the relocation of the church in connection with the Transportation Investment Act (TIA) I-185/Cusseta Road Interchange project.

(NOTE: This resolution, as provided by the City Manager, was called upon earlier in the meeting during the Mayor's Agenda.)

2. Property Exchange with Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church

Approval is requested to enter into an agreement with Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church for the exchange of city property with the church as needed for the construction of a new interstate interchange at I-185 and Old Cusseta Road. In addition to the exchange of properties, the initial offer of \$2 million by GDOT for this project would still be honored by the City, with those funds coming out of the \$58 million TIA budget for this project. The church has also asked for consideration of waving city building permit fees (approximately \$15,000); help with the removal and disposal of trees on the property; and assistance with water and sewer tap fees from the Columbus Water Works (\$3,000).

(NOTE: This resolution, as provided by the City Manager, was called upon earlier in the meeting during the Mayor's Agenda.)

3. Public Art MOU – 18th Street and 5th Avenue

Approval is requested for the approval of an agreement between Columbus Consolidated Government and Columbus State University for an Advocacy thru Arts Mural Project at 18th Street

and 5th Avenue. The City will approve the art plans and design prior to the start of the project. CSU will be financially responsible for all aspects of this project.

(NOTE: This resolution, as provided by the City Manager, was called upon earlier in the meeting after the City Attorney's Agenda.)

4. Public Art MOU – 14th Street Roundabout

Approval is requested of an agreement between Columbus Consolidated Government and WCB Hospitality, LLC for a Public Arts Project at 14th Street Roundabout. The City will approve the art plans and design prior to the start of the project. WCB will be financially responsible for all aspects of this project.

(NOTE: This resolution, as provided by the City Manager, was called upon earlier in the meeting after the City Attorney's Agenda.)

5. Grants Management Policy Update

Resolution (361-20): A resolution revising the current Grants Management Policy to ensure compliance with local, state, and federal rules and/or regulations pertaining to grants administration and oversight. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson, and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Crabb and Davis being absent for the vote, and Councilor Thomas being absent for the meeting.

6. CARES Act Departmental Funding Requests

Resolution (362-20): A resolution authorizing departments to purchase various items in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic in accordance with public health recommendations as a measure to prevent and/or reduce the spread of COVID-19 amongst the workforce and throughout the community. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson, and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Crabb and Davis being absent for the vote, and Councilor Thomas being absent for the meeting.

7. Street Acceptance – That portion of Old Guard Road located and shown on Replat of Tract A, Parcel B and property of Greystone Pointe Columbus, LLC

Resolution (363-20): A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, authorizing the acceptance of a deed to that portion of Old Guard Road located and shown on replat of Tract A, Parcel B and Greystone Pointe Columbus, LLC, on behalf of Columbus, Georgia. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson, and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Crabb being absent for the vote, and Councilor Thomas being absent for the meeting.

8. Donations by Body Evolution Gym for Theo McGhee Park

Resolution (364-20): A resolution authorizing the City Manager to approve an agreement with Body Evolution Gym wherein Body Evolution Gym will help maintain, promote and have fundraisers to raise money for Theo McGhee Park in partnership with the Parks and Recreation Department. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker, and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Crabb being absent for the vote, and Councilor Tucker being absent for the meeting.

9. Donation of Six (6) Stryker Power Pro Stretchers

Resolution (365-20): A resolution authorizing to approve and accept the donation of 6 Stryker Power Pro Stretchers from Fort Benning Fire Department. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker, and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Crabb being absent for the vote, and Councilor Tucker being absent for the meeting.

10. PURCHASES

A. Inspection Service Agreement for PoolPak[®] Units at the Columbus Aquatic Center

Resolution (366-20): A resolution authorizing an Inspection Service Agreement for PoolPak Units from Hesco HVAC Equipment Service Company (Roswell, GA) for the annual amount of \$28,992, 50% payable at the beginning of the agreement and 50% at 6 months from the state date. The agreement will renew on the anniversary date of the agreement with the cost subject to a possible 3% annual escalation and price adjustment. Rate for additional work performed outside of the agreement will be billed at \$135 per hour for normal hours and time and one-half for weekends and holidays, plus parts. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House, and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Crabb being absent for the vote, and Councilor Thomas being absent for the meeting.

B. Roadside Traffic Counters/Recorders (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 20-0016

Resolution (367-20): A resolution authorizing the execution of an annual contract with Metrocount (Fulton, MD) for the provision of roadside traffic counters/recorders to the Traffic Engineering Division on an “as needed” basis. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House, and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Crabb being absent for the vote, and Councilor Thomas being absent for the meeting.

C. Veterinary Services (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 20-0056

Resolution (368-20): A resolution authorizing the annual contract for veterinary services with Dr. Henry J. Hall, DVM (Hamilton, GA), in the amount of \$125.00 per hour, not to exceed \$1,200 per month, as well as, the provision of drugs and other medical supplies, on an “as needed” basis, for the estimated annual contract value of \$20,000.00 per year. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House, and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Crabb being absent for the vote, and Councilor Thomas being absent for the meeting.

D. On-Call Guardrail Installation and Repair Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 20-0027

Resolution (369-20): A resolution authorizing the execution of annual contracts with Gracie Gray Contractors, Inc. (Canton, GA), Solutionsae, Inc. (Atlanta, GA) and Stembridge Custom Metals, Inc. (Fairburn, GA) for guardrail installation and repair services. The Engineering Department will procure the services on an as-needed basis. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House, and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Crabb being absent for the vote, and Councilor Thomas being absent for the meeting.

E. Traffic Control Products and Related Products and Solutions (Alternate Source) – Cooperative Contract

Resolution (370-20): A resolution authorizing the purchase of traffic control products and services from TAPCO (Traffic & Parking Control Co., Inc.) (Brown Deer, WI) by Cooperative Purchasing through Omnia Partners (formerly U.S. Communities), per Contract Number 2020-200. TAPCO will be utilized as an Alternate Source for Driver Awareness and Traffic Calming Purchases for the Engineering Department has several Traffic Calming Accounts in the Capital Improvement Budget. Engineering intends to budget \$50,000.00 for these purchases. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House, and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Crabb being absent for the vote, and Councilor Thomas being absent for the meeting.

F. Surplus Equipment

Resolution (371-20): A resolution authorizing the declaration as surplus the equipment shown on the attached lists, as well as, miscellaneous office equipment and furniture, in accordance with Section 7-501 of the Charter of Columbus Consolidated Government; additionally, approval is also requested to declare any items as surplus which may be added to the list prior to the auction. The equipment has either been replaced or placed out of service due to excess maintenance cost. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House, and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Crabb being absent for the vote, and Councilor Thomas being absent for the meeting.

G. Amendment 1 for Inmate Food Service Management for Muscogee County Jail (Annual Contract); RFP No. 20-0002

Resolution (372-20): A resolution approving the execution of Amendment 1 with Aramark Correctional Services, LLC (Philadelphia, PA), for Inmate Food Service Management at Muscogee County Jail, to utilize a sliding scale for the per-meal cost when there are fluctuations in the inmate population. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House, and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Crabb being absent for the vote, and Councilor Thomas being absent for the meeting.

11. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

A. FY21 Sheriff's Office Update - Donna Tompkins, Muscogee County Sheriff.

Finance Director Anglica Alexander explained this update coincided with the purchase listed as Item 10 "G" on the City Manager's Agenda.

B. CARES Act Update - Lisa Goodwin, Deputy City Manager. *Delayed*

C. Traffic Study Update - Donna Newman, Engineering Director.

Engineering Director Donna Newman approached the rostrum to provide a traffic study update. She went through to explain various traffic calming projects that have been completed throughout the City and others that are still in progress.

D. I-185/Cusseta Road/Old Cusseta Road Interchange Update, Rick Jones, Planning Director.

(NOTE: This update, as provided by Planning Director Rick Jones, was called upon earlier in the meeting during the Mayor's Agenda.)

BID ADVERTISEMENT

November 13, 2020

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

Scope of Bid

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.

November 25, 2020

1. **Transit Bus Wash System**

Scope of Bid

The Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, is seeking vendors to furnish a completely automatic, friction and touchless combination heavy-duty vehicle wash which washes all types of transit vehicles used by fleet owners for front, roof, chassis, rear and both sides in drive-thru mode. The successful vendor will be required to remove the existing bus wash system before installing the new bus wash system.

December 4, 2020

1. **Pre-employment and Fitness-for-Duty Psychological Evaluation Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 21-0020**

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from experienced, qualified individuals or firms to provide pre-employment and fitness-for-duty psychological evaluation services for the Columbus Police Department and the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office.

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

CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

1. **RESOLUTION (373-20):** A Resolution changing the regular meeting schedule by holding a Regular Council Meeting on November 17, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. and to cancel the November 24, 2020 Regular Council Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson, and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Crabb being absent for the vote, and Councilor Thomas being absent for the meeting.

2. **RESOLUTION (374-20):** A Resolution changing the regular meeting schedule by holding a Regular Council Meeting on December 15, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. and to cancel the December 22, 2020 Regular Council Meeting and the December 29, 2020 Consent Agenda / Work Session. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen, and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Crabb being absent for the vote, and Councilor Thomas being absent for the meeting.

3. **RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD:** Letter of Resignation from Mr. Hayden Barnes from his seat as the District Eight Representative. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to receive the resignation with regrets, seconded by Councilor Garrett, and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Crabb being absent for the vote, and Councilor Thomas being absent for the meeting.

4. **Minutes of the following boards:**
 - Board of Tax Assessors, #36-20 and #37-20

 - Commission on International Relations and Cultural Liaison Encounters, September 15, 2020

 - Hospital Authority of Columbus, September 29, 2020

 - Housing Authority of Columbus, September 16, 2020

 - Public Safety Advisory Commission Ordinance Committee, October 20, 2020

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

5. **COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS- READY FOR CONFIRMATION:**

- A. **BOARD OF HEALTH:** Ms. Yasmin Cathright was nominated to serve another term of office. (*Councilor Huff's nominee*) New Term expires: December 31, 2025. Councilor Huff made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor House, and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Crabb being absent for the vote, and Councilor Thomas being absent for the meeting.

B. TREE BOARD: Mr. Robert Hecht (*Commercial and Industrial Development Member*) was nominated to serve another term of office. (*Councilor Thomas' nominee*) New Term expires: December 31, 2024. Councilor Woodson made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen, and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Crabb being absent for the vote, and Councilor Thomas being absent for the meeting.

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

C. AIRPORT COMMISSION:

A nominee for the seat of Thomas Forsberg (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term that expires on December 31, 2020 on the Airport Commission (*Council's Appointment*). The Columbus Airport submitted three nominees for the seat of Thomas Forsberg: Art Guin, Dr. Kamesha Harbison and John P. Steed.

(NOTE: This board appointment, as provided by the Clerk of Council, was called upon earlier in the meeting before the Public Agenda.)

D. BOARD OF TAX ASSESSORS:

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

(NOTE: This board appointment, as provided by the Clerk of Council, was called upon earlier in the meeting before the Public Agenda.)

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

A. CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION:

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*). Councilor Woodson nominated Dominick Michael Perkins as the District 7 Representative on the Charter Review Commission. Councilor Woodson made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Crabb being absent for the vote, and Councilor Thomas being absent for the meeting.

B. RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD:

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 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.

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

A. 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.

B. 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*). Councilor Davis nominated Patricia Flora to succeed Timothy K. Weeks on the Crime Prevention Board as the Senatorial District 29 Representative.

C. 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 Beverly Kinner (*Not eligible to succeed*) as the At-Large Member on the Tree Board for a term that expires on December 31, 2020 (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At the request of Mayor Henderson, Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to go into executive session to discuss matters of personnel and litigation, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Crabb being absent for the vote, Councilor Thomas being absent for the meeting, and the time being 1:04 p.m.

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 1:37 p.m., at which time, Mayor Henderson announced that the Council did meet in executive session to discuss personnel and litigation matters; however, there were no votes taken.

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Allen to adjourn the November 10, 2020 Regular Meeting, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Crabb being absent for the vote, Councilor Thomas being absent for the meeting, and the time being 1:38 p.m.

Sandra T. Davis, CMC
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