

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

February 25, 2025
5:30 PM
Regular Meeting

MAYOR'S AGENDA

PRESENT: Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III and Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen and Councilors Travis L. Chambers, Joanne Cogle, Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis, R. Walker Garrett (*via teleconference*) and Toyia Tucker. City Manager Isaiah Hugley, City Attorney Clifton Fay, Deputy Clerk of Council Lindsey G. McLemore and Deputy Clerk Pro Tem Tameka Colbert.

ABSENT: Councilors Byron Hickey, Bruce Huff and Judy W. Thomas were absent.

The following documents have been included as a part of the electronic Agenda Packet: (1) Office of Crime Prevention Presentation; (2) The Mvskoke Project Presentation; (3) Pinegrove Landfill Presentation; (4) Integrated Waste Fund Financial Update Presentation

The following documents were distributed around the Council table: (1) MA#4 Add-On Resolution; (2) MA#5 Add-On Resolution; (3) PA#2 Documents Submitted; (4) Information on the Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board; (5) Liberty Theatre Update Presentation

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Karen Connally- Tri City Prayer Initiative

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Skip Henderson

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for February 11, 2025, Council Meeting and Executive Session. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Garrett attending virtually, and Councilors Hickey, Huff and Thomas being absent from the meeting. (*Deputy Clerk of Council McLemore confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Garrett.*)

PRESENTATIONS

2. Office of Crime Prevention Update – Seth Brown, Director of Crime Prevention and Natre'L Payne, Administrative Assistant to the Mayor

Director Seth Brown, Office of Crime Prevention, approached the rostrum to provide an update on the Office of Crime Prevention. Information was provided on the strides taken by various partners to focus on the five key components to the mission, recreation, education, drug and alcohol prevention, employment, and community policing.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CRIME PREVENTION:

- Provide quarterly updates to keep the Council and community informed. (*Request of Councilor Chambers*)
- Look for programs that focus on the family unit and elementary children. (*Request of Councilor Crabb*)

3. Introduction of Ashley Woitena, CEO of VisitColumbusGA – Pace Halter, Board Chair

Chairman Pace Halter, Convention & Visitors Board of Commissioners, approached the rostrum to introduce the new CEO of VisitColumbusGA, Ashley Woitena, while recognizing the retirement of Peter Bowden after 29-years of service.

4. Muskogee Project Presentation – Paul Pierce, Springer Opera House

Mr. Paul Pierce, Spring Opera House, approached the rostrum to provide a presentation on the history of the Muskogee Creek People in the area and The Mvskoke Project, a play that will be performed at the Springer Opera House.

Resolution (039-25): A resolution declaring friendship and recognizing the historical role of the Muscogee Creek People in present day Columbus/Muscogee County. 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 Garrett attending virtually, and Councilors Hickey, Huff and Thomas being absent from the meeting. (*Deputy Clerk of Council McLemore confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Garrett.*)

5. Introduction of Normae Beecham, Deputy Warden of Administration – Warden Herbert Walker, III, Muscogee County Prison

Warden Herbert Walker, III, Muscogee County Prison, approached the rostrum to introduce the new Deputy Warden of Administration, Normae Beecham, and request confirmation of her appointment.

Resolution (040-25): A resolution confirming the appointment of Normae S. Beecham as the Deputy Warden of administration for Muscogee County Prison. 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 Garrett attending virtually, and Councilors Hickey, Huff and Thomas being absent from the meeting. (*Deputy Clerk of Council McLemore confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Garrett.*)

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE WARDEN:

- Provide a presentation on the reentry program at the March 11, 2025, Council Meeting. (*Request of Councilor Tucker*)

CITY ATTORNEY’S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

1. **Ordinance (25-009): 2nd Reading-** REZN-12-24-2485: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **3114 6th Avenue** (parcel # 014-032-005) from Residential Multifamily – 2 (RMF2) Zoning District to Residential Multifamily – 1 (RMF1) Zoning District with conditions. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Garrett) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Garrett attending virtually, and Councilors Hickey, Huff and Thomas being absent from the meeting.

2. **Ordinance (25-010): 2nd Reading-** REZN-12-24-2514: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **1641 3rd Avenue** (parcel # 005-006-001) from General Commercial (GC) Zoning District to Uptown (UPT) Zoning District with conditions. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval with conditions.) (Councilor Cogle) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Garrett attending virtually, and Councilors Hickey, Huff and Thomas being absent from the meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

4. **Resolution (041-25):** A Resolution approving the issuance of the applicable portion of the Educational Facilities Finance Authority Bonds issued by the Public Finance Authority solely for the purpose of satisfying the requirements of Section 147(f) of the Code, for the applicable portion of the Bonds to finance the portion of a project located in Columbus, Georgia, specifically the purchase of Miller Motte College by Lindenwood Educational System. (Request of Public Finance Authority) 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 Garrett attending virtually, and Councilors Hickey, Huff and Thomas being absent from the meeting.

ORDINANCES (continued)

3. **1st Reading-** An ordinance adopting a new Article XXIII of Chapter 2 of the Columbus Code to create a Sports & Entertainment facilities Authority; and for other purposes. (Continued on 1st Reading from 10-8-24.) (Councilors Cogle, Davis, and Garrett)

Councilor Tucker made a motion to get the substitute ordinance on the table, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried by the six members present, with Councilor Garrett attending virtually, Mayor Pro Tem being absent for the vote, and Councilors Hickey, Huff and Thomas being absent from the meeting. (*Mayor B. H. “Skip” Henderson stated the Council has been authorized by the City Attorney to vote with one councilor voting virtually and five councilors present in the chamber.*)

Interim Director Kanise Wiggins, Civic Center, approached the rostrum with several employees of the Civic Center to express their concerns with the Civic Center going under the proposed Sports & Entertainment Authority.

Director Holli Browder, Parks and Recreation, approached the rostrum with several employees of the Parks and Recreation Department to express their concerns with the various facilities they maintain going under the proposed Sports & Entertainment Authority.

Mr. Wane Hailes who came forward to speak on the proposed ordinance as the Publisher for the Courier Eco Latino Newspaper and a member of the Sports Council. He asked for someone to state on the record who the Liberty Theatre will fall under if the Civic Center goes under the direction of the proposed Sports & Entertainment Authority. **Councilor Glenn Davis** stated in response; the Liberty Theatre falls under the direction of the Council with the advisory board in place.

Former Councilor Evelyn “Mimi” Woodson came forward as the Chair of the Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board to express the concerns of the board in regard to the proposed Sports & Entertainment Authority.

Mr. Nathan Smith came forward commenting on the meaning of an ordinance being on 1st Reading and public comments.

In response to comments made on the meeting held by several members of Council, **Councilor Toyia Tucker** stated questions were taken by the public after a request from Reverend Flakes.

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Mrs. Glendora Dvine, representing Dvine Systems GA, Re: Increasing Mental Health Awareness in the City.
2. Mr. Nathan Smith, Re: The Latest Audit, Grant Funds, and the Charter.
3. Ms. Denise Cambridge, Re: CCG Citizens Government Academy.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

2. FY26 Holiday Schedule

Resolution (042-25): A resolution authorizing approval of the Holiday Schedule for the FY26 Budget Year. It is recommended that Friday, December 26, 2025, be designated as the floating holiday. 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 Garrett attending virtually, and Councilors Hickey, Huff and Thomas being absent from the meeting.

3. Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Grant – Accountability Courts

Resolution (043-25): A resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit and if approved, accept a grant of \$647,499 or as otherwise awarded from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council to fund the Superior Court Accountability Courts from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 with a 15% cash local match requirement and also authorizing Dr. Andrew Cox as the sole provider for evaluation and clinical services for the program for fiscal year 2025/2026 and to amend the multi-governmental fund by the award amount. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Garrett attending virtually, and Councilors Hickey, Huff and Thomas being absent from the meeting.

4. PURCHASES

- A. Multi-Purpose Dog Handler Packages (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 24-0018

Resolution (044-25): A resolution authorizing to rescind resolution no. 371-24 for the annual contract to provide multi-purpose dog handler packages awarded to Custom Canine Unlimited (Gainesville,

Ga), and approve the execution of an annual contract with Von Der King Kennels and Training (Jasper, Ga) to provide multi-purpose dog handler packages. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Chambers and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Garrett attending virtually, and Councilors Hickey, Huff and Thomas being absent from the meeting.

B. Software License Renewal for EVOQ Software for Information Technology

Resolution (045-25): A resolution authorizing payment for the annual software license renewal agreement with Ignite (IgniteTech) Enterprise Software Solution (Austin, Tx), for the EVOQ Content Software in the amount of \$24,964.56. Additionally, it is requested that council approval payment, plus associated cost increases, for future renewals of the software license. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Chambers and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Garrett attending virtually, and Councilors Hickey, Huff and Thomas being absent from the meeting.

C. Parking Lot Striping Services for the Civic Center

Resolution (046-25): A resolution authorizing parking lot striping services for the Civic Center from Qualls Striping Company (Columbus, Ga) in the amount of \$27,988.90. Council approval is required for this purchase as it will be funded via friends of Columbus/Civic Center. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Chambers and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Garrett attending virtually, and Councilors Hickey, Huff and Thomas being absent from the meeting.

D. Contract Amendment and Extension for Inmate Food Management Services for Muscogee County Prison (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 20-0005

Resolution (047-25): A resolution authorizing an amendment to the annual contract for Inmate Food Management Services for Muscogee County Prison with Aramark Correctional Services, LLC (Philadelphia, PA). The amendment includes provisions to initiate a food service training program for offenders and the inclusion of a MicroMarket in the officer dining area. Additionally, it is requested to extend the contract for an additional term of three (3) years, beginning April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2028, 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. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Chambers and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Garrett attending virtually, and Councilors Hickey, Huff and Thomas being absent from the meeting.

EMERGENCY PURCHASES

1. Information Only: Exigent “Off the Lot” Vehicle Purchases – Resolution No. 354-24

5. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. Integrated Waste/Landfill Space and Funding Options for Cell #5 Update - Drale Short, Director, Public Works & Angelica Alexander, Director, Finance

Public Works Director Drale Short approached the rostrum to provide a presentation on the available landfill space and details on the options available. The estimated closing cost for Phases 1 through 4 is \$10 million, with the cost of construction for Phase 5 estimated at \$8 million.

Finance Director Angelica Alexander approached the rostrum to provide information and a presentation on the funding needed for the new landfill cell and the available funding options.

RESOLUTIONS (continued)

1. Pinegrove MSW Landfill

Approval is requested to authorize the funding of the construction cost to open Phase 5/Cell 5A-5C within the Pinegrove MSW Landfill with an estimated construction cost of \$8,134,830, which will be obtained by a loan received through/from the General Fund Reserve.

Councilor Davis made a motion to utilize two (2) Reserve Fund Days (\$1,327,768) to get started on the proposed landfill expansion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Garrett attending virtually, and Councilors Hickey, Huff and Thomas being absent from the meeting. *(Deputy Clerk of Council McLemore confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Garrett.)*

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Provide a list of short-term rental properties and where we are addressing them. *(Request of Councilor Cogle)*

CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - INFORMATION ONLY

1. Board Update – The Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board

Ms. Evelyn “Mimi” Woodson, Chair, and Mr. Oz Roberts, Co-Chair approached the rostrum to provide an update on the Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Get a projected timeline for the work being done. *(Request of Councilor Cogle)*
- Check with Inspections & Code to see if the board members can access the facility with masks on or what other options are available. *(Request of Councilor Davis)*
- Provide project plans, drawings, and schematics to the gala in hopes of attracting the attention of experts. *(Request of Councilor Davis)*

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

2. **RESOLUTION (048-25)** – A resolution appointing Doug Jefcoat to the Board of Tax Assessors. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Garrett attending virtually, and Councilors Hickey, Huff and Thomas being absent from the meeting. *(Deputy Clerk of Council McLemore confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Garrett.)*
3. **RESOLUTION (049-25)** – A resolution excusing Councilor Byron Hickey from the February 25, 2025, Council Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the minutes,

seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Garrett attending virtually, and Councilors Hickey, Huff and Thomas being absent from the meeting. *(Deputy Clerk of Council McLemore confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Garrett.)*

4. **RESOLUTION (050-25)** – A resolution excusing Councilor Judy Thomas from the February 25, 2025, Council Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Garrett attending virtually, and Councilors Hickey, Huff and Thomas being absent from the meeting. *(Deputy Clerk of Council McLemore confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Garrett.)*
5. Honorary Designation Application for Facilities – A request submitted by Superior Court Judge Bobby Peters to name the new Judicial Center in honor of the late Honorable John D. Allen. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to forward the request to the Board of Honor for review, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Garrett attending virtually, and Councilors Hickey, Huff and Thomas being absent from the meeting. *(Deputy Clerk of Council McLemore confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Garrett.)*
6. The Land Bank Authority is nominating Sherrie Aaron, Stephen Anthony and Michelle Williams to serve another term. *(The Land Bank Authority nominates three of the seven members to this authority with confirmation from the Council.)* Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Garrett attending virtually, and Councilors Hickey, Huff and Thomas being absent from the meeting. *(Deputy Clerk of Council McLemore confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Garrett.)*
7. **Minutes of the following boards:**
 - Board of Family & Children Services, January 18 & September 14, 2024
 - Board of Tax Assessors, #04-25 & #05-25
 - Board of Water Commissioners, January 13, 2025
 - Community Development Advisory Council, September 8 & December 8, 2022; June 8, September 14 & December 14, 2023; December 12, 2024
 - Golf Course Authority of Columbus, January 14, 2025
 - Hospital Authority of Columbus, October 29, 2024
 - Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board, July 19, October 16 & November 20, 2024
 - Recreation Advisory Board, March 22, May 24 & July 26, 2023
 - Uptown Façade Board, April 15, May 20, July 23, August 19, September 16, October 21 & November 18, 2024; January 17, 2025

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

virtually, and Councilors Hickey, Huff and Thomas being absent from the meeting. *(Deputy Clerk of Council McLemore confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Garrett.)*

ADD-ON RESOLUTION:

RESOLUTION (051-25) – A resolution excusing Councilor Bruce Huff from the February 25, 2025, Council Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Garrett attending virtually, and Councilors Hickey, Huff and Thomas being absent from the meeting. *(Deputy Clerk of Council McLemore confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Garrett.)*

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

8. MAYOR’S APPOINTMENTS – ANY NOMINATIONS MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:

A. BUILDING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:

A nominee for the seat of Renee Sturkie *(Eligible to succeed – Not interested in serving)* for a term expiring on March 24, 2025, on the Building Authority of Columbus. *(Mayor’s Appointment)*. There were none.

B. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:

A nominee for the seat of Anthony Montgomery *(Eligible to succeed – Interested in serving)* for a term expiring on March 25, 2025, on the Community Development Advisory Council *(Mayor’s Appointment)*. Mayor Henderson nominated Anthony Montgomery to serve another term. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Garrett attending virtually, and Councilors Hickey, Huff and Thomas being absent from the meeting. *(Deputy Clerk of Council McLemore confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Garrett.)*

A nominee for the seat of Denise M. Cambridge *(Eligible to succeed – Interested in serving)* for the term expiring on the March 25, 2025, on the Community Development Advisory Council *(Mayor’s Appointment)*. Mayor Henderson nominated Denise Cambridge to serve another term. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Garrett attending virtually, and Councilors Hickey, Huff and Thomas being absent from the meeting. *(Deputy Clerk of Council McLemore confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Garrett.)*

A nominee for the seat of Benjamin Link *(Eligible to succeed)* for the term expiring on the March 25, 2025, on the Community Development Advisory Council *(Mayor’s Appointment)*. There were none.

C. CRIME PREVENTION BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of Dr. Angela Vickers *(Not Eligible to succeed)* for a term expiring on March 31, 2025, as the Education Community Representative on the Crime Prevention Board *(Mayor’s Appointment)*. Mayor Henderson nominated Dr. Michael Forte to succeed Dr. Angela Vickers as a Representative of the Education Community. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Garrett attending virtually, and Councilors Hickey, Huff and Thomas being absent from the meeting.

(Deputy Clerk of Council McLemore confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Garrett.)

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

9. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS- READY FOR CONFIRMATION:

- A. BUILDING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:** Johnny W. Byrd, III was nominated to serve another term. *(Councilor Huff's nominee)* Term expires: March 24, 2027. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Garrett attending virtually, and Councilors Hickey, Huff and Thomas being absent from the meeting. *(Deputy Clerk of Council McLemore confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Garrett.)*
- B. CRIME PREVENTION BOARD:** Ericka N. Cottingham was nominated to serve another term as the Senatorial District 29 Representative. *(Councilor Crabb's nominee)* Term expires: March 31, 2028. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Garrett attending virtually, and Councilors Hickey, Huff and Thomas being absent from the meeting. *(Deputy Clerk of Council McLemore confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Garrett.)*
- C. COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND CULTURAL LIAISON ENCOUNTERS (CIRCLE):** Natasha Banks was nominated to serve another term. *(Councilor Huff's nominee)* Term expires: March 1, 2027. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Garrett attending virtually, and Councilors Hickey, Huff and Thomas being absent from the meeting. *(Deputy Clerk of Council McLemore confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Garrett.)*

10. COUNCIL'S APPOINTMENTS – ANY NOMINATIONS MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:

A. CIVIC CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of Charles E. Huff, Jr. *(Eligible to succeed)* for a term expiring on March 1, 2025, on the Civic Center Advisory Board. *(District 1 – Hickey)*. There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Daniel T. Woodward *(Eligible to succeed – Interested in serving)* for a term expiring on March 1, 2025, on the Civic Center Advisory Board. *(District 2 – Davis)*. Councilor Davis renominated Daniel T. Woodward to serve another term. Councilor Davis made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Garrett attending virtually, and Councilors Hickey, Huff and Thomas being absent from the meeting. *(Deputy Clerk of Council McLemore confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Garrett.)*

A nominee for the seat of Gregory Blue *(Eligible to succeed – Interested in serving)* for a term expiring on March 1, 2025, on the Civic Center Advisory Board. *(District 3 – Huff)*. There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Romeo Byll (*Eligible to succeed – Interested in serving*) for a term expiring on March 1, 2025, on the Civic Center Advisory Board. (*District 7 – Cogle*). Councilor Cogle renominated Romeo Byll to serve another term. Councilor Davis made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Garrett attending virtually, and Councilors Hickey, Huff and Thomas being absent from the meeting. (*Deputy Clerk of Council McLemore confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Garrett.*)

A nominee for the seat of Johnson Trawick (*Eligible to succeed – Not interested in serving*) for a term expiring on March 1, 2025, on the Civic Center Advisory Board. (*District 8 – Garrett*). There were none.

B. RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of Sherisse Malone (*Eligible to succeed – Interested in serving*) for a term expiring on December 31, 2024, on the Recreation Advisory Board (*Council District 5 – Crabb*). Councilor Crabb renominated Sherisse Malone to serve another term. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Garrett attending virtually, and Councilors Hickey, Huff and Thomas being absent from the meeting. (*Deputy Clerk of Council McLemore confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Garrett.*)

A nominee for the seat of David Miles (*Eligible to succeed – Interested in serving*) for a term expiring on December 31, 2024, on the Recreation Advisory Board (*Council District 6 – Allen*). Mayor Pro Tem Allen renominated David Miles to serve another term. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Garrett attending virtually, and Councilors Hickey, Huff and Thomas being absent from the meeting. (*Deputy Clerk of Council McLemore confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Garrett.*)

A vacant seat for a term expiring on December 31, 2027, on the Recreation Advisory Board (*Council District 2 – Davis*). There were none.

A vacant seat for a term expiring on December 31, 2028, on the Recreation Advisory Board (*Council District 3 – Huff*). There were none.

A vacant seat for a term expiring on December 31, 2028, on the Recreation Advisory Board (*Council District 9 – Thomas*). There were none.

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

A. BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS:

A nominee for the seat of Shaun Roberts (*Eligible to succeed – Interested in serving*) for a term expiring on March 31, 2025, on the Board of Zoning Appeals. (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Doug Jefcoat (*Resigned*) for a term expiring on March 31, 2027, on the Board of Zoning Appeals (*Council's Appointment*). Deputy Clerk McLemore stated Councilor Crabb is nominating Ernie Smallman and Councilor Huff is nominating Zarome Lakey to fill the unexpired

term of Doug Jefcoat. These nominees will be listed for a vote tabulation for the March 11, 2025, Council Meeting.

B. BUILDING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:

A nominee for the seat of Tyler R. Martindill (*Eligible to succeed – Interested in serving*) for a term expiring on March 24, 2025, on the Building Authority of Columbus. (*Council’s Appointment*). There were none.

C. COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND CULTURAL LIAISON ENCOUNTERS (CIRCLE):

A nominee for the seat of Samantha Wooden (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on March 1, 2025, on the Commission on International Relations and Cultural Liaison Encounters. (*Council’s Appointment*). There were none.

D. CRIME PREVENTION BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of Marcus Gibson (*Not Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on March 31, 2025, as the Senatorial District 15 Representative on the Crime Prevention Board (*Council’s Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Lane Jimmerson (*Not Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on March 31, 2025, on the Crime Prevention Board (*Council’s Appointment*). There were none.

E. PLANNING ADVISORY COMMISSION:

A nominee for the seat of Dr. Xavier McCaskey (*Not Eligible to Succeed*) for a term expiring on March 31, 2025, on the Planning Advisory Commission (*Council’s Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Ralph King (*Not Eligible to Succeed*) for a term expiring on March 31, 2025, on the Planning Advisory Commission (*Council’s Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Larry Derby (*Not Eligible to Succeed*) for a term expiring on March 31, 2025, on the Planning Advisory Commission (*Council’s Appointment*). There were none.

F. UPTOWN FACADE BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of James Lewis (*Not Eligible to succeed*) for a term that expired on October 31, 2024, as a Uptown Business Improvement District Representative on the Uptown Facade Board (*Council’s Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Hannah Israel (*Not Eligible to succeed*) for a term that expired on October 31, 2024, as a Uptown Business Improvement District Representative on the Uptown Facade Board (*Council’s Appointment*). There were none.

Deputy Clerk of Council Lindsey G. McLemore explained these expired terms were noticed while reviewing the boards, commissions and authorities. She stated that she would reach out to uptown Columbus and work with Councilor Cogle to identify nominees for these seats.

HONORARY STREET DESIGNATION – APPROVAL REQUEST:

Honorary Designation Application submitted by NiChaundra Brooks requesting street signage to be located at the intersection of St. Marys Road and Longwood Lane in honor of Angiela Tanzie. *(Listed as Clerk of Council Agenda Item #4 at the November 12, 2024, Council Meeting, where Council voted to forward request to the Board of Honor)* Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve this request received in October 2024 and have it ratified by the Board of Honor at a later date, seconded Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Garrett attending virtually, and Councilors Hickey, Huff and Thomas being absent from the meeting. *(Deputy Clerk of Council McLemore confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Garrett.)*

Deputy Clerk of Council Lindsey G. McLemore explained this honorary street designation application was received in October of 2024 and has been scheduled to go before the Board of Honor on multiple occasions. The meetings the request was scheduled for review continued to be cancelled for various reasons.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE DEPUTY CLERK OF COUNCIL:

- Check the Recreation Advisory Board minutes listed on the agenda, where two sets are identical with different dates listed. *(Request of Councilor Davis)*

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Henderson entertained a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss matters of personnel and real estate acquisition as requested by City Attorney Fay earlier in the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Garrett attending virtually, Councilors Hickey, Huff and Thomas being absent from the meeting, and the time being 11:15 p.m. *(Deputy Clerk of Council McLemore confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Garrett.)*

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 11:27 p.m., at which time, Mayor Henderson announced that the Council did meet in Executive Session to discuss matters of personnel and real estate acquisition; 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 February 25, 2025, Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Garrett attending virtually, Councilors Hickey, Huff and Thomas being absent from the meeting, and the time being 11:28 p.m. *(Deputy Clerk of Council McLemore confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Garrett.)*

Lindsey G. McLemore
Deputy Clerk of Council
Council of Columbus, Georgia