

# **COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA**

## **CITY COUNCIL MEETING** **MINUTES**

Columbus Convention & Trade Center  
801 Front Avenue, South Hall  
Columbus, Georgia 31901

April 13, 2021  
9:00 PM  
Regular Meeting

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### **MAYOR'S AGENDA**

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**PRESENT:** Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III and Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen and Councilors Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis (arrived at 9:18 a.m.), R. Walker Garrett, John M. House, Bruce Huff, Judy W. Thomas, and Toyia Tucker. 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:** Councilors Jerry "Pops" Barnes and Evelyn "Mimi" Woodson were absent.

<p><b><u>The following documents were distributed around the Council table:</u></b> (1) Spiderweb Project Presentation; (2) Civic Center 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 March 30, 2021 Council Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote, and Councilors Barnes and Woodson being absent for the meeting.

### **UPDATE:**

2. An update on COVID-19

**Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III** gave a brief update on COVID-19 and the impact on the community. He explained the number of positive cases of COVID-19 are staying stagnant at nineteen (19) cases on the rolling 7-day average. He stated though the Governor has relaxed some of the mandated precautions, the citizens of Columbus are still being vigilant and taking precautions to protect one another. He urged citizens to get vaccinated, stating the vaccine is the key to get things back to normal.

## **PROCLAMATION:**

3. **PROCLAMATION:** National Safe Digging Month

**RECEIVING:** Carolyn Bermudez

*(NOTE: This proclamation was called upon later in the meeting after the City Attorney's Agenda.)*

## **CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA**

### **RESOLUTIONS**

5. **Resolution (098-21):** A resolution commending the Pacelli Basketball Team for Region Championship. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote, and Councilors Barnes and Woodson being absent for the meeting.

**Councilor Bruce Huff** read the resolution into the record, recognizing the Pacelli High School Basketball Team for their win in the Region Championship.

**Athletic Director Corry Black** thanked the Mayor and Council for having the team present to recognize them for their hard work.

**President & High School Principal Ronie Collins** came forward to thank the Mayor and Council and to commend the students for their accomplishment. She expressed her gratitude to Councilor Garrett being a Pacelli Alumni and to the parents of Pacelli Students, Councilors Huff and Tucker.

### **ORDINANCES**

1. **1st Reading-** An ordinance providing for the demolition of various structures; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem)

**Mr. Danny Redding** came forward to request a delay of six months in the demolition of various properties. He explained he took over his grandfather's estate at the end of 2019, and since then, he has been working to get the estate resolved by selling properties, paying back taxes and handling demolitions. He stated he is currently working with Robert Scott- Director of Community Reinvestment, to work out something to address the property located at 2631 Cusseta Road and another property on Brennan Road. He also addressed the property located at 1014 Calvin Drive, which is also owned by Richard D. Redding & the Estate of Floyd P. Redding.

**City Manager Isaiah Hugley** explained he has been actively addressing blighted properties throughout the city, and he is adamantly opposed to even a one-day extension on any of the properties listed for demolition. He explained that oftentimes the City of Columbus acquires these properties because the owners do not come back to claim the property when the liens against the property are for more than what the property is worth.

**Councilor Glenn Davis** made various comments, to include stating the City Manager has always been fair in working with citizens regarding the properties listed for demolition.

## **REFERRAL(S):**

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

- Provide information on what the city does with a property after the building has been demolished, such as with various properties on 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. (*Request of Councilor Thomas*)
- Provide information on how many properties are actually redeemed by the owners after the dwelling has been demolished. (*Request of Mayor Henderson*)

### **FOR THE CITY ATTORNEY:**

- Encourage a more aggressive stance by judges in the Environmental Court. (*Request of Mayor Henderson*)
- See if there is a punitive fee that can be apportioned on the property owner if the city must go through the foreclosure process. (*Request of Mayor Henderson*)
- Update on the options available to Council on condemnations, specifically regarding the Ralston Towers to prevent shell corporations from handling properties the way this property has been handled in the past. (*Request of Councilor Garrett*)

- 2. 1st Reading-** An ordinance amending Human Resources Policy Number 220-201, Overtime and Compensatory Time Policy, Human Resources Policy Number 220-502 Disciplinary Action Policy and Procedure and approving Social Media Policy and Procedure as Addendum 2 to the Acceptable and Supportable Use of Technology Policy Number 210-1000-004. (Mayor Pro-Tem)
- 3. 1st Reading-** An ordinance amending Chapter 3 of the Columbus Code pertaining to Alcoholic Beverages to create a new category of on-premises license for a Private Dog Park; and for other purposes. (Councilor Woodson)

## **RESOLUTIONS (continued)**

- 4. Resolution (099-21):** A resolution pertaining to requested amendment to the variance from the U.S. HIGHWAY 80 OVERLAY DISTRICT authorized by Resolution No. 409-18; and for other purposes. (Request of JNC Flatrock Partners LLC) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Barnes and Woodson being absent for the meeting.

**City Attorney Fay** advised that included in the resolution is the condition that JNC Flatrock Partners LLC shall make payment of \$5,000.00 to the Columbus, Georgia Tree Replacement Fund has been.

**Mr. Chris Wightman** came forward on behalf of JNC Flatrock Partners LLC to affirm the agreeance with the condition.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**City Attorney Fay** requested the Council meet in an executive session on litigation.

**PROCLAMATION:**

3. **PROCLAMATION:** National Safe Digging Month

**RECEIVING:** Carolyn Bermudez

**Councilor Bruce Huff** read the proclamation into the record, proclaiming April as *National Safe Digging Month*.

**Chairman Darryl Bailey, Liberty Utilities** approached the rostrum to receive the proclamation on behalf of Ms. Carolyn Bermudez, thanking the Mayor and Council for recognizing them for National Safe Digging Month.

**PUBLIC AGENDA**

1. Ms. Lashaunda Daniel, representing All Family Matters, Inc., Re: To provide information on All Family Matters, Inc. *Not Present*

2. Ms. Jennifer Anthony, representing Columbus Black Business Owners, Re: The CARES Act in regards to Columbus Black Business Owners.

**City Manager Isaiah Hugley** explained there was to be approximately six million dollars allocated to help small businesses in the community who have suffered due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. He explained the funding was originally thought to be coming from the State of Georgia by means of the CARES Act. He stated the State then redirected that funding to unemployment insurance. He offered Ms. Anthony an opportunity to meet with the Administration to get all of their questions answered and for the Administration to hear of their struggles.

**Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge** came forward to give a brief presentation on the CARES Act and the American Rescue Plan (ARP). She explained the first phase of the CARES Act Funding was received in the amount of \$10,248,054.26, which was used for teleworking laptops, payroll for Public Safety, personal protective equipment, and facility modifications. She stated Phases II and III, which was to be \$24,000,000.00, was not received and was allocated by the State of Georgia to replenish the Unemployment Fund. She then gave information on other opportunities for small local businesses to apply for loans.

**REFERRAL(S):**

**FOR THE CITY MANAGER:**

- Contact the thirty small business owners she recently met with to be included in the meeting the City Manager offered. *(Request of Councilor Tucker)*
- Request for information on the opportunities for small businesses owners to be provided in a document and provide on the CCG website. *(Request of Councilor Davis)*
- Request to include the Columbus Chamber of Commerce and other business advocates throughout the community in the meeting. *(Request of Mayor Henderson)*

# **CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA**

## **1. Chattahoochee River Conservancy Trash Trap Agreement**

**Resolution (100-21):** A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia authorizing the City Manager to enter into a letter of agreement with the Chattahoochee River Conservancy to install, maintain and operate trash collection devices (tributary trash traps) on tributaries of the Chattahoochee River. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Barnes and Woodson being absent for the meeting.

After **City Manager Hugley** provided some additional information on the following resolutions listed as Agenda Items 2 – 4, he called on Deputy City Manager Hodge to offer a brief presentation.

**Deputy City Manager Hodge** came forward to give a presentation on the Spiderweb Project. She provided information on the spiderweb acquisitions for the completion of the project as it pertains to properties located at 624 Andrews Road, 650 Andrews Road, and 3100 Buena Vista Road with the funds coming from TSPLOST.

Parcel 28, 3100 Buena Vista Road \$546,500.00

Parcel 40, 624 Andrews Road \$11,900.00

Parcel 41, 650 Andrews Road \$263,700.00

## **2. Declaration of Taking of Parcel 28 for the Intersection Improvements along Buena Vista Road (Columbus Spider Web Network) Muscogee County P.I. # 0011436**

**Resolution (101-21):** A resolution declaring that there is a need and necessity to immediately acquire property interests in and to lands under the provisions of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, authorizing the Mayor to order the acquisition of said lands for county road and/or municipal street purposes, and authorizing the filing of a Declaration of Taking by the City Attorney or his representatives for the acquisition of said lands under the authority of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, Section 32-3-1, et. Seq. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Barnes and Woodson being absent for the meeting.

## **3. Declaration of Taking of Parcel 40 for the Intersection Improvements along Buena Vista Road (Columbus Spider Web Network) Muscogee County P.I. # 0011436**

**Resolution (102-21):** A resolution declaring that there is a need and necessity to immediately acquire property interests in and to lands under the provisions of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, authorizing the Mayor to order the acquisition of said lands for county road and/or municipal street purposes, and authorizing the filing of a declaration of taking by the City Attorney or his representatives for the acquisition of said lands under the authority of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, Section 32-3-1, et. Seq. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Barnes and Woodson being absent for the meeting.

## **4. Declaration of Taking of Parcel 41 for the Intersection Improvements along Buena Vista Road (Columbus Spider Web Network) Muscogee County P.I. # 0011436**

**Resolution (103-21):** A resolution declaring that there is a need and necessity to immediately acquire property interests in and to lands under the provisions of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, authorizing the Mayor to order the acquisition of said lands for county road and/or

municipal street purposes, and authorizing the filing of a declaration of taking by the City Attorney or his representatives for the acquisition of said lands under the authority of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, Section 32-3-1, et. Seq. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Barnes and Woodson being absent for the meeting.

**5. Lease Agreement – 16 11th Street, Parcel B (Rankin Square) Parcel ID# 004 017 006A**

**Resolution (104-21):** A resolution authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute all documents related to the lease agreement on the property located at 16 11<sup>th</sup> Street Parcel B (Rankin Square). Councilor Davis made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Barnes and Woodson being absent for the meeting.

**6. Street Acceptance – Long Branch Court located in Long Branch Subdivision**

**Resolution (105-21):** A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, authorizing the acceptance of a deed to Long Branch Court located in Long Branch Subdivision on behalf of Columbus, Georgia. Councilor Davis made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Barnes and Woodson being absent from the meeting.

**7. FY 21 Local Government & Improvement Grant (LMIG)-Safety Action Plan (SAP)**

**Resolution (106-21):** A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, authorizing the Mayor to make application and receive the FY 2021 Local Maintenance & improvement Grant (LMIG) Safety Action Plan (SAP) Funds from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT). Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Barnes and Woodson being absent for the meeting.

**8. Columbus Civic Center - Shuttered Venue Operators Grant**

**Resolution (107-21):** A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, authorizing the City Manager, on behalf of the Columbus Civic Center to apply for and accept, if awarded, a Shuttered Venue Operations Grant (SVOG) from the Small Business Administration, as funded by the American Rescue Plan Act, in the approximate amount of \$1,000,000, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the Civic Center Fund by the amount of the award. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Barnes and Woodson being absent for the meeting.

**9. Donation Request for Permanent Sign at Riverwalk's Homicide Brick Memorial**

**Resolution (108-21):** A resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept a \$2,500 donation from anonymous donors to be used for the purchase of a permanent sign to properly identify the Homicide Brick Memorial located at the Riverwalk. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Barnes and Woodson being absent for the meeting.

## 10. Georgia Trauma Commission – Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission Grant

**Resolution (109-21):** A resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant of \$7,879.30, or as otherwise awarded, from the Georgia Trauma Commission – Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission, with no local match requirement and to amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount awarded. Funds will be utilized for the purchase of trauma equipment to aid the citizens of Columbus and surrounding counties. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Barnes and Woodson being absent for the meeting.

## 11. PURCHASES

### A. Roofing Services at Haygood Recreation Center – RFB No. 21-0022

**Resolution (110-21):** A resolution authorizing the execution of a contract with McCallum Metal Works, Inc. (Macon, GA) in the amount of \$137,862.50 for roofing services at Haygood Recreation Center. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Barnes and Woodson being absent for the meeting.

### B. Refuse Truck Advertising (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 21-0016

**Resolution (111-21):** A resolution authorizing the execution of an annual contract with Renaissance Marketing, Inc. (Savannah, GA) to obtain clients to place body wrap advertisements on city-owned refuse trucks for the Public Works Department. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Barnes and Woodson being absent for the meeting.

### C. Carpet - Annual Contract

**Resolution (112-21):** A resolution authorizing the execution of an annual contract with Huckaby Brothers Floor Covering (Phenix City, AL) for carpet. Based on previous year's purchases, the Facilities Maintenance Division estimates an annual contract value of \$84,000.00. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Barnes and Woodson being absent for the meeting.

### D. Surplus Equipment: Decommissioned Mainframe and Peripheral Equipment

**Resolution (113-21):** A resolution authorizing the declaration as surplus the Decommissioned IBM Mainframe and Peripheral Equipment, housed in the Information Technology Department, in accordance with Section 7-501 of the Charter of the Columbus Consolidated Government. Additionally, it is requested that Council authorize the City Manager to sign the sales agreement and statement of work from Mainline Information Systems (Tallahassee, FL), the Certified IBM Vendor, to dis-mantel, and remove the equipment in the amount of \$6,250.00; and eradicate all data on the equipment in the amount of \$18,560.00. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Barnes and Woodson being absent for the meeting.

E. Tahoes For Police Department – Cooperative Contract

**Resolution (114-21):** A resolution authorizing the purchase of eight (8) 2021 Chevrolet Tahoes from Hardy Fleet Group (Dallas, GA), at a unit price of \$39,418.00, and a total price of \$315,344.00 for eight (8) units, by Cooperative Purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-ES40199409-0002. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Barnes and Woodson being absent for the meeting.

### **EMERGENCY PURCHASES**

1. Emergency Purchase – Information Only: Public Defender Services

On March 22, 2021, Muscogee County State Court Judges notified the City Manager of the need for an additional Public Defender due to the backlog of cases as a result of COVID.

The Judges have identified a significant constriction to quickly process cases in the large Civic Center venue. There are currently only two public defenders handling the unprecedented number of back-logged cases, with significant time constraints. The ability to handle cases would be greatly enhanced with an additional public defender.

The Judges are requesting temporary funding for a public defender for one year at a cost of \$40,000.00.

The City Manager approved the emergency purchase on April 6, 2021.

Funding is available as: General Fund – Public Defender - Muscogee County – Public Defender; 0101-520-2000-PBDF-6313.

## **12. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS**

A. Tax Commissioner Update - Lula Huff, Tax Commissioner.

**Tax Commissioner Lula Huff** approached the rostrum to give an update on the progress of providing citizens the convenience of motor vehicle kiosks being made available throughout the community. She explained the locations of the kiosks will be up to the State of Georgia, and they anticipate this method will drastically reduce wait times.

B. Trees Columbus/Park Planning Project - Dorothy McDaniel, Trees Columbus.

**Ms. Dorothy McDaniel** came forward to give an update on the ongoing canopy restoration project. She explained this project began five years ago as a cooperative effort between Trees Columbus and the Public Works Division of the Columbus Consolidated Government, where a grant was received to develop a mechanism for renewing the declining tree canopy across Muscogee County. She stated the pilot for the project began in the Lakebottom area and within the park itself. She explained the strides going forward to branch out to the rest of the community.

C. Update on Waste Pick Up - Michael Criddle, Public Works Director.

**Public Works Director Michael Criddle** approached the rostrum to give an update on waste pick up. He explained the crews are working six days a week and they foresee this continuing since



they are short on inmates daily due to various reasons. He stated the solution is automation across the board and they will not be able to continue with only 39% of labor. In response to a question asked by Councilor Crabb, he explained Public Works needs twenty-four trucks for household waste, fourteen for yard waste, and two more recycling trucks for a fully automated system.

**Councilor Glenn Davis** expressed his concerns on the garbage pickup being behind and the citizens not receiving the services they pay for. He stated the Council needs an explanation from the Administration that they can take back to their constituents.

**City Manager Isaiah Hugley** explained that 100% of services cannot be expected with only 39% of the labor available. He explained there is the need to have an automated system like he has seen in Phenix City, Alabama and in Florida.

**REFERRAL(S):**

**FOR THE CITY MANAGER:**

- Provide information more frequently to the Council and the citizens. (*Request of Mayor Henderson*)
- Provide the potential cost of contracting these duties out to catch up and help until a solution is realized. (*Request of Mayor Henderson*)
- Pursue a scenario where we have a much more automated system. (*Request of Mayor Henderson*)

D. Civic Center Update - Rob Landers, Civic Center Director.

**Civic Center Director Rob Landers** came forward to give an update on the Civic Center. He explained various event operations that have been implemented for safety, to include improvements guest communication. He stated the Civic Center is looking toward a successful future by meeting their strategic goals, providing a world class experience to their guests, achieving operational excellence, implementing a 21<sup>st</sup> Century marketing and branding strategy, and providing service to the community. He gave information on future upgrades and the potential for an increase in revenue.

E. Columbus Convention & Trade Center Update - Hayley Tillery, Trade Center Director.

**Trade Center Director Hayley Tillery** approached the rostrum to give an update on the Columbus Convention & Trade Center. She gave various examples of the innovative ways the Trade Center has continued to operate while being safe for its employees and guests.

**BID ADVERTISEMENT**

**April 16, 2021**

**1. Emergency Operations Center – Technology Upgrade – RFP No. 21-0030**

**Scope of RFP**

The Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia (the City) is seeking proposals from qualified vendors to provide a full turn-key technology upgrade of the emergency operations center for the Columbus Fire & EMS/Office of Emergency Management & Homeland Security.

**April 21, 2021**

**1. On-Call Low Voltage Wiring Services (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 21-0030**

Scope of RFB

The Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia (City) invites qualified electrical contractors to submit bids to provide electrical services for low voltage wiring services at City locations on an “as needed” basis. The contact will be utilized by the Information Technology Department and other City departments.

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

**2. Replacement Audio/Visual System for Freedom Express Bus Museum – PQ No. 21-0008**

Scope of PQ

Provide, deliver and install a complete audio/visual system, which will replace the current system, for the Department of Transportation/METRA Freedom Express Bus Museum.

**3. Utility Service Barge – PQ No. 21-0007**

Scope of PQ

Provide one (1) utility service barge to be used by staff of the Stormwater Management Division in the maintenance of all watershed lakes maintained by the Columbus Consolidated Government.

**April 23, 2021**

**1. 457 Deferred Compensation Plan – Recordkeeping, Administration, and Participant Education (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 21-0029**

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government is soliciting competitive proposals for an experienced, qualified firm to provide recordkeeping, administration, and participant education services for the City’s 457 Deferred Compensation plan.

The initial term of the contract will be for two (2) years with the option to renew for five (5) additional twelve-month periods.

**2. Inmate Food Service Management for Muscogee County Jail (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 21-0026**

Scope of RFP

It is the intent of Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) to enter into an annual contract with a qualified Contractor to provide inmate food service management for the Muscogee County Jail. Inmate Food Service Management includes, but is not limited to, the furnishing of all required labor, food, beverages, materials, supplies, and chemicals necessary to provide food services for the inmates and staff at the Jail.

The initial term of the contract will be for two (2) years with the option to renew for five (5) additional twelve-month periods.

**April 28, 2021**

**1. Trailers – RFB No. 21-0031**

Scope of RFB

The Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) is seeking bids from qualified vendors to provide the following trailers:

- (1) Livestock Trailer for Animal Control and Care Division
- (1) Gooseneck Lowboy Trailer for Rainwater Division
- (1) Hydraulic Dump Trailer for Recycling Division
- (1) 8.5' x 16' Tandem Axle Trailer for Columbus Civic Center

**2. Inmate Supplies - RFB No. 21-0021**

**Scope of RFB**

Provide inmate clothing, mattresses, mattress covers, linens, toiletries and dinnerware to the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia (the City) on an “as needed” basis. Inmates at Muscogee County Jail **and** Muscogee County Prison will use these items. The contract term will be for three (3) years.

## **CLERK OF COUNCIL’S AGENDA**

### **ENCLOSURES - INFORMATION ONLY**

1. Memorandum from Clerk of Council Davis, Re: 2021 Districting Commission.

### **ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED**

2. **RESOLUTION (115-21):** A resolution excusing Councilor Jerry “Pops” Barnes from the March 30, 2021 and April 13, 2021 Council Meetings. 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 being absent for the vote, and Councilors Barnes and Woodson being absent for the meeting.
3. **RESOLUTION (116-21):** A resolution excusing Councilor Bruce Huff from the March 30, 2021 Council Meeting. 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 Garret being absent for the vote, and Councilors Barnes and Woodson being absent for the meeting.
4. **TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST:** A Request for Travel Authorization for Councilor Toyia Tucker to attend the ACCG May 2021 Leadership Institute.

**Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis** stated she is withdrawing this travel authorization request at this time.

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

Board of Elections and Registration, March 4, 2021

Board of Tax Assessors, #09-21 #10-21 and #11-21

Columbus Ironworks Convention & Trade Center Authority, February 23, 2021

Pension Fund, Employees’ Board of Trustees, October 14 and November 18, 2020

Public Safety Advisory Commission, January 21 and February 18, 2021

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

**ADD-ON RESOLUTION:**

**Resolution (117-21):** A resolution excusing Councilor Evelyn "Mimi" Woodson from the April 13, 2021 Council Meeting. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Garret being absent for the vote, and Councilors Barnes and Woodson being absent for the meeting.

**6. MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS- ANY NOMINATIONS MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:**

**A. CRIME PREVENTION BOARD:**

A nominee for the seat of Captain Herman Miles (*Not eligible to serve another term*) on the Crime Prevention Board as a Law Enforcement Agency Representative for a term that expired on March 31, 2021 (*Mayor's Appointment*). There were none.

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

**A. BOARD OF ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION:** Dr. Edwin Roldan was nominated to fill the unexpired term of Ms. Eleanor White (*resigned*). (*Mayor Pro Tem Allen's nominee*) Term expires: December 31, 2023. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilors Barnes and Woodson being absent for the meeting.

**B. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS COMMITTEE:** Fire Marshal Jonathan Kevin Lott (Fire & EMS) was nominated to succeed Capt. Bill Rawn (**Sworn Officer Seat**). (*Mayor Pro Tem Allen's nominee*) Term expires: April 30, 2023. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilors Barnes and Woodson being absent for the meeting.

**C. COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS & CULTURAL LIAISON ENCOUNTERS (CIRCLE):** Ms. Marva Barritow was nominated to succeed Ms. Rose Spencer. (*Councilor Woodson's nominee*) Term expires: March 1, 2025. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilors Barnes and Woodson being absent for the meeting.

**D. TREE BOARD:** Ms. Farah Dewsbury was nominated to succeed Ms. Beverly Kinner as the At-Large member. (*Councilor Tucker's nominee*) Term expires: December 31, 2023. Councilor Tucker made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilors Barnes and Woodson being absent for the meeting.

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

**A. CIVIC CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:**

A nominee for the seat of David Cripe (*Eligible to succeed; Does not desire reappointment*) as the District 6 Representative for a term that expired on March 1, 2020 on the Civic Center Advisory Board (*Council District 6- Allen*). There were none.

**B. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:**

A nominee for the seat of L. K. Pendleton (*Eligible to succeed; Does not desire reappointment*) as the District 7 Representative for a term that expired on March 27, 2020 on the Community Development Advisory Council (*Council District 7- Woodson*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Michael Porter (*Not eligible to succeed*) as the District 9 Representative for a term that expired on March 27, 2020 on the Community Development Advisory Council (*Council District 9- Thomas*). There were none.

**C. COUNCIL DISTRICTING COMMISSION:**

**Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis** explained each District Councilor must choose a nominee from the list provided by the Grand Jury, and the Mayor also chooses a total of eight nominees from the same listing.

A nominee for the seat of the representative for Council District 1 (*Council's Appointment*). Clerk of Council Davis stated Councilor Barnes has requested to nominate Byron Hickey for District 1. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilors Barnes and Woodson being absent for the meeting.

A nominee for the seat of the representative for Council District 2 (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Davis nominated Pete Robinson for District 2. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilors Barnes and Woodson being absent for the meeting.

A nominee for the seat of the representative for Council District 3 (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Huff nominated Reverend Oscar Daise for District 3. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilors Barnes and Woodson being absent for the meeting.

A nominee for the seat of the representative for Council District 4 (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Tucker nominated Wane Hailes for District 4. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the seven members

present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilors Barnes and Woodson being absent for the meeting.

A nominee for the seat of the representative for Council District 5 (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Crabb nominated Thomas Bush for District 5. Councilor House made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilors Barnes and Woodson being absent for the meeting.

A nominee for the seat of the representative for Council District 6 (*Council's Appointment*). Mayor Pro Tem Allen nominated Rick Boren for District 6. Councilor Davis made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilors Barnes and Woodson being absent for the meeting.

A nominee for the seat of the representative for Council District 7 (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of the representative for Council District 8 (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

#### **COUNCIL DISTRICTING COMMISSION: MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS**

A nominee for the seat of the representative for Council District 1 (*Mayor's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of the representative for Council District 2 (*Mayor's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of the representative for Council District 3 (*Mayor's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of the representative for Council District 4 (*Mayor's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of the representative for Council District 5 (*Mayor's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of the representative for Council District 6 (*Mayor's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of the representative for Council District 7 (*Mayor's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of the representative for Council District 8 (*Mayor's Appointment*). There were none.

**D. KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION:**

A nominee for the seat of Warren Wagner (*Resigned*) as the District 5 Representative for a term that expires on June 30, 2021 on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (*Council District 5-Crabb*). There were none.

**E. RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD:**

A nominee for the seat of John Lawson (*Resigned*) as the District 6 Representative for a term that expired on December 31, 2019 on the Recreation Advisory Board (*Council District 6- Allen*). Mayor Pro Tem Allen nominated David Miles to fill the vacant seat of the District 6 Representative. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilors Barnes and Woodson being absent for the meeting.

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

**A. 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 expired 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 expired on December 31, 2020 (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

**UPCOMING BOARD APPOINTMENTS:**

- A. Board of Family and Children Services
- B. Columbus Aquatics Commission
- C. Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission
- D. Pension Fund, Employees' Board of Trustees
- E. Region Six Regional Advisory Council for Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities
- F. Retirees' Benefits Committee

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At the request of Mayor Henderson, Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss matters of litigation, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote, Councilors Barnes and Woodson being absent for the meeting, and the time being 1:16 p.m.

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 1:46 p.m., at which time, Mayor Henderson announced that the Council did meet in executive session to discuss a litigation matter; 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 April 13, 2021 Regular Meeting, seconded by Councilor Thomas and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Crabb and Garrett being absent for the vote, Councilors Barnes and Woodson being absent for the meeting, and the time being 1:47 p.m.

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