

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

November 7, 2023
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, Tyson Begly, Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis, R. Walker Garrett, Bruce Huff (arrived at 9:35 a.m.), 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: Councilor Joanne Cogle was absent from the meeting.

<p><u>The following documents have been included as a part of the electronic Agenda Packet:</u> (1) Judicial Center Design Update Presentation; (2) Judicial Center SPLOST Bonds & Budget Presentation; (3)</p>
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CALL TO ORDER: Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III, Presiding

INVOCATION: Offered by Chaplain (MAJ) Michael Johnson, Brigade Chaplain, 1st Security Force Assistance Brigade, Fort Moore, Georgia

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Henderson

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the October 31, 2023 Council Meeting and Executive Session. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Huff being absent for the vote, and Councilor Cogle being absent from the meeting.

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

1. **Ordinance (23-056) - 2nd Reading-** An ordinance suspending the enforcement of penalties and interest on business and occupational tax due and owing for years 2023 and prior through December 31, 2023; and for other purposes. (Councilors Crabb, Davis and Garrett) Councilor Crabb made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Huff being absent for the vote, and Councilor Cogle being absent from the meeting.
2. **1st Reading-** An Ordinance amending Chapter 17 of the Columbus Code by repealing and replacing Section 17-25 to revise the criteria for promotion to the rank of Sergeant; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem)

Mayor B. H. “Skip” Henderson explained the purpose of this ordinance is to address a Sergeant position that is currently open in the Columbus Police Department and wanting to fill the position from the promotion list. He went on to explain there will be more ordinances in the future as a housekeeping measure for the Public Safety Departments.

3. **1st Reading-** An Ordinance amending Section 3-12(b) of the Columbus Code to revise on premise alcohol licensing requirements for senior living facilities; and for other purposes. (Councilor Thomas)

Councilor Judy W. Thomas explained this ordinance gives permission for the senior living facilities to decide on where their residents can bring their own alcoholic beverages.

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Rev. Johnny Flakes, III, representing Fourth Street Missionary Baptist Church, Re: The purpose for the audit.
2. Mr. Wane Hailes, representing the Courier Eco Latino, Re: The treatment of the City Manager regarding the Executive Summary of the Finance Department and impending internal audit.
3. Mr. Nathan Smith, Re: Public Officials communication with citizens.
4. Mr. Jonathan Carroll, representing Primrose Walk Subdivision, Re: The road resurfacing project in the Primrose Walk Subdivision. *Not Present*

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Variance for Sidewalk Installation at 1760 Williams Road

Resolution (406-23): A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, granting a variance request to the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO), Section 7.10.1 – Required sidewalk, excusing the requirement to install sidewalk along 1760 Williams Road and for other purposes. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Huff being absent for the vote, and Councilor Cogle being absent from the meeting.

2. Columbus Water Works License Agreement

Resolution (407-23): A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a license agreement with Columbus Water Works. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, second by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Huff being absent for the vote, and Councilor Cogle being absent from the meeting.

3. Annual Unused Sick Leave Payment

Resolution (408-23): A resolution authorizing payment to employees for unused sick leave in accordance with 16B-15-6(2) of the Columbus Code or Ordinances. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, second by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members

present, with Councilor Huff being absent for the vote, and Councilor Cogle being absent from the meeting.

4. Development Authority to Transfer Property located at 5 8th Street and 801 Broadway

Resolution (409-23): A resolution request the Development Authority to return property to the City located at 5 8th Street and 801 Broadway. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, second by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Huff being absent for the vote, and Councilor Cogle being absent from the meeting.

5. Georgia Trauma Commission – Georgia Trauma Care Network

Resolution (410-23): A resolution authorizing the acceptance of a grant of \$7,452.05, or as otherwise awarded, from the Georgia Trauma Commission – Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission Grant, 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 Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, second by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Huff being absent for the vote, and Councilor Cogle being absent from the meeting.

6. PURCHASES

A. Mini Excavator for Public Works Department – Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (411-23): A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) mini excavator (Caterpillar 310) from Yancey Brothers (Fortson, GA) in the amount of \$169,826.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Sourcewell Contract #032119-CAT. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, second by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Huff being absent for the vote, and Councilor Cogle being absent from the meeting.

B. Crawler Pipe Inspection Camera for Public Works Department – Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (412-23): A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) crawler pipe inspection camera (Jet-Vac Crawler Camera) from Jet-Vac Equipment Company, LLC (Atlanta, GA) in the amount of \$74,748.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Sourcewell Contract #120721-RVL. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, second by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Huff being absent for the vote, and Councilor Cogle being absent from the meeting.

C. Declaration of Surplus and Donation of One Crown Victoria Vehicle to Muscogee County School District

Resolution (413-23): A resolution authorizing the declaration of the following one (1) Crown Victoria vehicle, from the Police Department, as surplus, in accordance with Section 7-501 of the Charter of Columbus Consolidated Government:

VEHICLE NUMBER	YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	VIN #	MILEAGE
17504	2009	Ford	Crown Victoria	2FAHP71V09X110262	>100,000

And authorizing the donation of the vehicle to the Muscogee County School District to be utilized by the Shaw High School Law & Public Safety Program. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, second by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Huff being absent for the vote, and Councilor Cogle being absent from the meeting.

D. Federal Reimbursement Recovery Services

Resolution (414-23): A resolution authorizing a contract with Justice Benefits, Inc. (Dallas, TX) for Federal Reimbursement Recovery Services. The Muscogee County Sheriff's Office will utilize the services to recover Federal Reimbursements regarding Special Circumstance Inmates. The reimbursements may include expenses for medical, mental health, translator, transportation, food and housing. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, second by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Huff being absent for the vote, and Councilor Cogle being absent from the meeting.

E. Amendment 13 for Construction Manager as General Contractor Services for Columbus Government Center Complex – RFQ No. 20-0002

Resolution (415-23): A resolution authorizing the execution of Amendment 13 in the amount of \$1,687,315.00 with Gilbane Building Company (Atlanta, GA), in association with Freeman & Associates, Inc. for construction manager as general contractor services for the Government Center Complex. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, second by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Huff being absent for the vote, and Councilor Cogle being absent from the meeting.

F. Amendment 14 for Construction Manager as General Contractor Services for Columbus Government Center Complex – RFQ No. 20-0002

Resolution (416-23): A resolution authorizing the execution of Amendment 14 in the amount of \$1,835,294.00 with Gilbane Building Company (Atlanta, GA), in association with Freeman & Associates, Inc., for construction manager as general contractor services for the Government Center Complex. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, second by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Huff being absent for the vote, and Councilor Cogle being absent from the meeting.

G. Cellular Connection Service for Emergency Phones Installed in Parking Garage Elevators at City Hall (Annual Contract) – GSA Cooperative Contract

Resolution (417-23): A resolution authorizing the execution of a contract with Kings, III of America, d/b/a Kings, III Emergency Communications (Coppel, TX) to provide cellular connection services for emergency phones installed in parking garage elevators at City Hall, as follows:

LOCATION	ONE TIME COST	MONTHLY COST	TOTAL YEAR 1 COST	FUTURE YEAR COST
1101 1 st Avenue	\$368.00	\$78.34	\$1,308.08	\$940.00
1111 1 st Avenue	\$736.00	\$156.68	\$2,616.16	\$1,880.16

The purchase will be accomplished via Federal GSA Contract # GS-07F-0420T. Contract execution will be contingent upon approval by the City Attorney's review after certain clauses are rectified by the vendor. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, second by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Huff being absent for the vote, and Councilor Cogle being absent from the meeting.

AMBULANCE BILLING AND COLLECTION SERVICES RFP:

Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge approached the rostrum to respond to a question from Councilor Davis regarding the RFP for ambulance billing and collection services. She explained that she is not familiar with the RFP and invited Fire Chief Scarpa to the podium to explain.

Fire & EMS Chief Sal Scarpa approached the rostrum to explain the RFP and stated the Fire Department has been working with the Finance Department to identify various ways to increase revenue. He stated when a patient is transported by ambulance, the Fire & EMS Department bills the patients for the service and revenue from that service has been stagnant. He explained the best practices around the country are to outsource billing and collection services for EMS transport. He then went on to explain the process in which a patient is currently billed and then how it would be handled with a vendor.

Finance Director Angelica Alexander approached the rostrum to explain when the vendor receives payment from the patient, they would take their fees out and cut a check to CCG, where the payment would then be processed. She went on to explain the Columbus Police Department processes the payments received from the False Alarm Program and she would expect the Fire & EMS Department to do the same for the services they provide.

Councilor Glenn Davis expressed his concerns for the Fire & EMS Department being responsible for processing these payments and recommends the Finance Department to manage the process since this is what they do each day. He also suggested that the collection company send all of the revenue to the city, and the city would verify and send the collection agency their fee.

Councilor Charmaine Crabb explained that it is standard operating procedure for the collection agency to collect the revenue, deduct their fee, and send the remainder to the city. This would be on a commission basis, which incentivizes a higher collection. She maintained the control should stay in the Fire & EMS Department and encouraged Council to approve an additional position to handle these payments if requested in the future. She stated the Fire & EMS Department is the only ones that can reconcile these payments properly.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Bring back the options/resources available to handle the EMS transport service payments. (*Request of Mayor Henderson*)
- See about having someone associated with the Fire & EMS Department handling these payments, but not an actual firefighter. (*Request of Councilor Thomas*)

EMERGENCY PURCHASE

Emergency Purchase – Information Only

POST-ACCIDENT DRUG SCREENING – AFTER HOURS, WEEKENDS AND HOLIDAYS:

On October 16, 2023, the City Manager was notified by Human Resources, that the vendor under contract to perform Employee Physicals will no longer be able to provide services for Post-Accident Drug and Alcohol Screening – After Hours, Weekends and Holidays due to staffing issues.

The City awarded a five (5) year contract to Occupational Medicine of Columbus on April 27, 2021, per Resolution No. 125-21. The original RFP for Employee Physicals was revised to include the services prior to being awarded.

Occupational Medicine of Columbus has worked with Human Resources to identify a vendor who can perform the post-accident screenings. Fastest Labs of Columbus is able to perform the screenings after-hours, as well as on weekends and holidays. The vendor has agreed to charge \$45.00 for the screen and \$50.00 per hour charge (one hour minimum). There may be an additional charge if a Medical Review Officer (MRO) is needed. The number of accidents that occur after-hours/weekends/holidays is minimal and estimated to be approximately twenty-five (25) occurrences or less per year.

For a period of sixty (60) days, ending on December 17, 2023, Occupational Medicine of Columbus will act as a pass-through for Fastest Labs of Columbus. After that date, the City will work directly with Fastest Labs of Columbus to perform the services for a period of ten (10) months, ending December 17, 2024. During this time, Purchasing will prepare an RFP for a contract.

The City Manager approved the emergency purchase on October 16, 2023.

Funds are budgeted each fiscal year for this on-going expense: Various Departments – Pre-employment Physicals.

7. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. Judicial Center Update - Pam Hodge, Deputy City Manager, Finance, Planning & Development, Ryan Pruett, Director, Inspections & Code

Inspections & Code Director Ryan Pruett approached the rostrum to introduce the speakers present from Barnes Gibson Partners Architects, LLC and Gilbane Construction.

Principal Architect Will Barnes, Barnes Gibson Partners Architects, LLC, approached the rostrum to provide a presentation on the new judicial center. He explained the design of the building while various images were shown on the overhead projector.

Senior Project Executive Henry Painter, Gilbane Building Company, approached the rostrum to provide information on the budget for the new judicial center project. He went through the design process from the beginning of the project and how changes were made to the design to stay within budget.

Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge approached the rostrum to provide a presentation on SPLOST bonds and the budget pertaining to the new judicial center. She explained an unusual occurrence is happening where bonds were issued at 1.5% and the City of Columbus is earning 5% in interest, but since these bonds were tax exempt bonds, CCG will be required to rebate some of the revenue back to the IRS.

Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the expanded design option to include additional four shell courtrooms, with funding coming from the General Fund and/or OLOST Infrastructure Reserves, seconded by Councilor Barnes and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Cogle being absent from the meeting.

- B. School Zone Camera Update – Pam Hodge, Deputy City Manager, Finance, Planning & Development

Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge approached the rostrum to provide an update on school zone cameras. She explained a school zone camera license agreement was received from the vendor RedSpeed to install school zone cameras on the city's right-of-way around St. Luke Private School and Brookstone Private School.

Major Jonnie Ellerbee, Muscogee County Sheriff's Office, approached the rostrum to respond to a question from Mayor Pro Tem Allen and explained where citation payments go after a ticket is issued. He explained the vendor would collect a fee and the remainder would go to the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office.

Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the school zone camera license agreement for 11th Street between 2nd Avenue and 3rd Avenue, 3rd Avenue between 11th Street and 10th Street, and Bradley Park Drive between River Road and Bristol Boulevard.

Mr. Lynn Westmoreland, RedSpeed Representative and Former Congressman, approached the rostrum to address the power being terminated from existing cameras, which have been running on a generator. He explained this agreement is a partnership between the vendor and the Muscogee County Sheriff, and the funding received is required to be reserved for public safety by legislation.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Wants to hear from the Muscogee County Sheriff on where the money will be going once received and requests a commitment that the revenue will be shared with the other public safety departments.
(Request of Mayor Pro Tem Allen)

BID ADVERTISEMENT

DATE: November 7, 2023

November 8, 2023

1. 1st Avenue Sidewalk Improvement Project – RFB No. 24-0014
Scope of Bid

The scope of work includes clearing, excavation and removal, earthwork and grading, pavement and miscellaneous site improvements, soil erosion control measures, landscaping and tree planting.

This is a U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funded project, which utilizes Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding. The awarded contractor shall adhere to all HUD and CDBG project requirements, including Section 3. The requirements are listed on pages 15 - 35 of the Request for Bids (RFB) document.

November 17, 2023

1. Ambulance Billing and Collection Services for Columbus Fire & EMS Department
(Annual Contract) – RFP No. 24-0004
Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) invites qualified vendors to provide billing and collection services for the Columbus Fire & EMS Department. The services are required to enhance and develop an internal revenue cycle and will be procured on an as-needed basis.

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

CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

1. **RESOLUTION (418-23)** - A resolution appointing Todd Hammons to the Board of Tax Assessors for a term of office to begin on January 1, 2024, and expires on December 31, 2029. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Cogle being absent from the meeting.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Get signs to show the speed of drivers put on Windsor Drive and Canterbury. (*Request of Councilor Crabb*)

- Speed device by Dawson Elementary School is no longer working. (*Request of Councilor Tucker*)

2. Travel Authorization Request for Councilor Toyia Tucker to attend NACo 2024 Legislative Conference during the month of February 2024. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the ravel request, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Cogle being absent from the meeting.

3. **HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:** Email Correspondence from Attorney Jack Schley, Board Secretary, advising of the selection of Wayne Joiner to succeed Jennings Chester and Warner Kennon, Jr. and Sarah Banks-Lang to serve another term of office. (*Council confirms the appointment.*) Councilor Crabb made a motion confirming the appointment of Wayne Joiner, Warner Kennon, Jr., and Sarah Banks-Lang to serve on the Hospital Authority of Columbus, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Cogle being absent from the meeting.

4. **MEDICAL CENTER HOSPITAL AUTHORITY:** Letter from Tina Etheridge, Assistant Secretary, Board of Trustees, advising of the selection of Dr. John Bucholtz and Fredrick McKnight to serve another term of office. (*Council confirms the appointment.*) Councilor Crabb made a motion confirming the appointment of Dr. John Bucholtz and Fredrick McKnight to serve on the Medical Center Hospital Authority, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Thomas being absent for the vote, and Councilor Cogle being absent from the meeting.

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

457 Deferred Compensation Board, July 20, 2023

Airport Commission, June 21, August 3, and August 23, 2023

Board of Tax Assessors, #35-23 and #36-23

Board of Water Commissioners, September 11, and October 16, 2023

Columbus Golf Course Authority, July 18, 2023

Development Authority of Columbus, September 7, 2023

Hospital Authority of Columbus, September 26, 2023

Planning Advisory Commission, October 4, 2023

Public Safety Advisory Commission, September 21, 2023

Tree Board, October 5, 2023

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

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

6. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS- READY FOR CONFIRMATION:

- A. BOARD OF ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION:** Mr. Edwin Roldan was nominated to serve another term of office. (*Councilor Crabb's nominee*) Term expires: December 31, 2027. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Thomas being absent for the vote, and Councilor Cogle being absent from the meeting.
- B. BOARD OF ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION:** Ms. Diane Scrimshire was nominated to serve another term of office. (*Councilor Crabb's nominee*) Term expires: December 31, 2027. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Thomas being absent for the vote, and Councilor Cogle being absent from the meeting.
- C. BOARD OF ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION:** Ms. Annette Williams was nominated to succeed Ms. Margaret Jenkins. (*Councilor Tucker's nominee*) Term expires: December 31, 2027. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Thomas being absent for the vote, and Councilor Cogle being absent from the meeting.
- D. BOARD OF HEALTH:** Dr. Sylvester McRae was nominated to serve another term of office. (*Councilor Huff's nominee*) Term expires: December 31, 2028. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Thomas being absent for the vote, and Councilor Cogle being absent from the meeting.
- E. BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS:** Mr. Nick Smith was nominated to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Clint W. Cox (*Relocating outside of Muscogee County*). (*Councilor Thomas' nominee*) Term expires: December 31, 2026. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Thomas being absent for the vote, and Councilor Cogle being absent from the meeting.
- F. LAND BANK AUTHORITY:** Mr. Carson Cummings, Jr. was nominated to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Chris Phillips (*Relocating outside of Muscogee County*). (*Councilor Begly's nominee*) Term expires: October 31, 2026. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members

present, with Councilor Thomas being absent for the vote, and Councilor Cogle being absent from the meeting.

G. LIBERTY THEATRE & CULTURAL ARTS CENTER ADVISORY BOARD: Ms. Evelyn “Mimi” Woodson was nominated to serve as a member on the newly created board. (*Councilor Cogle’s nominee*) Term Expires: August 14, 2027. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Thomas being absent for the vote, and Councilor Cogle being absent from the meeting.

H. LIBERTY THEATRE & CULTURAL ARTS CENTER ADVISORY BOARD: Dr. Shikha Shah was nominated to serve as a member on the newly created board. (*Councilor Cogle’s nominee*) Term Expires: August 14, 2027. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Thomas being absent for the vote, and Councilor Cogle being absent from the meeting.

I. TREE BOARD: Ms. Farah Dewsbury was nominated to serve another term of office as the At-Large Member. (*Councilor Crabb’s nominee*) Term expires: December 31, 2026. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Thomas being absent for the vote, and Councilor Cogle being absent from the meeting.

J. TREE BOARD: Mr. Robert Hecht was nominated to serve another term of office as the Commercial or Industrial Development Representative. (*Councilor Crabb’s nominee*) Term expires: December 31, 2026. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Thomas being absent for the vote, and Councilor Cogle being absent from the meeting.

K. TREE BOARD: Ms. Amy J. Spencer was nominated to fill the expired term of Ms. Chris Henson as the Environmental Advocacy Representative. (*Councilor Cogle’s nominee*) Term expires: July 1, 2025. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Thomas being absent for the vote, and Councilor Cogle being absent from the meeting.

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

A. ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of Jayne Dunn (*Not Eligible to succeed*) for a term that expires on October 15, 2023, on the Animal Control Advisory Board (*Council’s Appointment*). Councilor Garrett nominated Nancy A. Anderson to succeed Jayne Dunn.

B. BOARD OF HEALTH:

A nominee for the seat of Dr. James Lopez (*Not Eligible to succeed*) for a term that expires on December 31, 2023, on the Board of Health (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Barnes nominated Dr. Bantwal Baliga to succeed Dr. James Lopez.

C. COOPERATIVE EXTENSION ADVISORY BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of Lawanna Williams (*Does not desire reappointment*) for a term that expires on December 31, 2023, on the Cooperative Extension Advisory Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for a vacant seat for a term that expires on December 31, 2028, on the Cooperative Extension Advisory Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

D. TREE BOARD:

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

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

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Contact the property owner regarding the semitrucks parking at the corner of Woodruff Farm and Forrest Road. (*Request of Councilor Tucker*)

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Henderson entertained a motion to go into executive session to discuss matters of potential litigation as requested by City Attorney Fay earlier in the meeting. Councilor Tucker made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Cogle being absent for the meeting, and the time being 11:07 a.m.

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 11:44 a.m., at which time, Mayor Henderson announced that the Council did meet in executive session to discuss matters of potential litigation; however, there were no votes taken.

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Councilor Tucker to adjourn the November 7, 2023 Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Cogle being absent from the meeting, and the time being 11:44 a.m.

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