

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

December 6, 2022
9:00 AM
Regular Meeting

MAYOR'S AGENDA

PRESENT: Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III and Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen and Councilors Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis (arrived at 9:04 a.m.), R. Walker Garrett (via Microsoft Teams), John M. House, Bruce Huff (via Microsoft Teams), Judy W. Thomas, Toyia Tucker (via Microsoft Teams), and Evelyn "Mimi" Woodson. City Manager Isaiah Hugley, City Attorney Clifton Fay, Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis, and Deputy Clerk of Council Lindsey G. McLemore were present.

ABSENT: Councilor Barnes was absent.

The following documents have been included as a part of the electronic Agenda Packet: (1) Highside Market Entertainment District Presentation; (2) Tour Service Vehicles Presentation; (3) IIMC Region III Conference 2024 Presentation; (4) Metra: Linwood Park & Ride Project Presentation; (5) Comprehensive Camera Project Presentation; (6)

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Pastor Mario Ray, Salt Church of Columbus, Georgia

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Henderson

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the November 29, 2022 Council Meeting and Executive Session. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

PRESENTATION:

2. Reese Road Elementary School (Presented by Reese Road Elementary School Staff Member).
Not Present

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

12. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. Columbus Airport City Staff Appreciation - Amber Clark, Airport Director

Airport Director Amber Clark approached the rostrum to recognize and express gratitude to employees of the Public Works Department in removing trees what were deemed obstacles of the main runway at the Columbus Airport. (*NOTE: This update was called up as the next order of business as listed on the City Manager's Agenda Item 12"A"*)

1. Restoring Locks and Dams on the Apalachicola Chattahoochee Flint (ACF) Rivers System

Resolution (386-22): A resolution requesting Georgia Congressional Delegations to work with neighboring state delegations and collectively direct the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to obligate Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Funds to make necessary repairs on the Apalachicola Chattahoochee Flint Rivers Systems locks and dams. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting. (*NOTE: This item was called up as the next order of business as listed on the City Manager's Agenda Item 1*)

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

- 1. 1st Reading-** An Ordinance amending Chapter 3 of the Columbus Code pertaining to alcoholic beverages to insert a new code section creating entertainment district(s) in which open containers of alcoholic beverages are permitted in certain circumstances; and for other purposes. (Councilors Woodson and Garrett) Councilor Woodson made a motion to amend the ordinance adding to Section 2 any ownership change would require a new designation of a responsible party approved by Council, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge approached the rostrum to provide information on the requirements of entertainment districts and the creation of the Highside Market Entertainment District as proposed in the ordinance. She explained there would be a responsible party for each entertainment district to designate the containers allowed for alcoholic beverages outside of the businesses within the specified entertainment district.

Assistant City Attorney Lucy Sheftall approached the rostrum to respond to questions regarding who would be designated as the responsible parties for entertainment districts.

- 2. 1st Reading-** An Ordinance amending Chapter 3 of the Columbus Code pertaining to alcoholic beverages to define Tour Service Alcohol Permits; to provide conditions for their operation and establish exceptions to the code sections pertaining to open containers and brown bagging of alcoholic beverages, and for other purposes. (Councilor Woodson) Councilor Thomas made a motion to amend the ordinance to change the number of allowed offenses from five to three, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge approached the rostrum to provide a presentation on the proposed Tour Service Alcohol Permits. She explained the ordinance was changed to include the definition of a tour service vehicle, which is to include the purpose of such a vehicle is not for transportation, but for touring and sight-seeing. She provided a map identifying the route within the Uptown Zoning District that Pedal Pub would be allowed to operate with alcohol.

Assistant City Attorney Lucy Sheftall approached the rostrum to explain in the State of Georgia passengers of chauffeured vehicles are allowed to consume alcoholic beverages while in operation.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Include a probationary period and come back with an update. (*Request of Councilor Davis*)

- 3. 1st Reading- FY22 FINAL BUDGET AMENDMENT:** Approve an Ordinance amending the budgets for the Fiscal Year 2022 by appropriating amounts in each fund for various operational activities. (Budget Review Committee)

Finance Director Angelica Alexander approached the rostrum to briefly explain this is an annual process that is done to reconcile the proceeding fiscal year. She explained they were able to cover all the overages in the FY 2022 departmental budgets with reallocations.

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Mrs. Veronica Hardman, Re: The unsanitary conditions of the neighbor's property in the Northwind community.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Have the Code Enforcement check to see if the neighbor is piling up grass clippings and tree cuttings on the city's right-of-way. (*Request of Councilor Davis*)

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Restoring Locks and Dams on the Apalachicola Chattahoochee Flint (ACF) Rivers System

Approval is requested for a resolution encouraging the Congressional Delegations to request the US Army Corps of Engineers dedicate Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funds to make necessary repairs to the ACF System. (*NOTE: This item was called upon earlier in the meeting during the Mayor's Agenda.*)

2. Uptown Decorative Lighting Upgrade

Resolution (387-22): A resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a lighting service agreement with Georgia Power for the replacement of the Uptown Decorative Lighting Upgrade. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

3. Request to purchase the property at 1116 Brown Ave. Columbus, Georgia 31906

Resolution (388-22): A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a sale agreement with Mr. and Mrs. Meadows for the acquisition of the property at 1116 Brown Avenue for the expansion and upgrade of Fire Station 6. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

4. National Park Service, Save America's Treasures Grant – Liberty Theatre Cultural Center

Resolution (389-22): A resolution authorizing the City Manager or his designee to apply for, and if awarded, accept a Save America's Treasures Grant from the National Park Service for improvements to the Liberty Theatre, and to amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the award. Councilor House made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

5. National Park Service, Save America's Treasures Grant – Ma Rainey House

Resolution (390-22): A resolution authorizing the City Manager or his designee to apply for, and if awarded, accept a Save America's Treasures Grant from the National Park Service for improvements to the MA Rainey House, and to amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the award. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

6. National Trust for Historic Places, African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund Grant – Liberty Theatre Cultural Center

Resolution (391-22): A resolution authorizing the City Manager or his designee to apply for, and if awarded, accept an African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund Grant from the National Trust for Historic Preservation for improvements to the Liberty Theatre, and to amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the award. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

7. National Trust for Historic Places, African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund Grant – Ma Rainey House

Resolution (392-22): A resolution authorizing the City Manager or his designee to apply for, and if awarded, accept an African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund Grant from the National Trust for historic preservation improvement of the Ma Rainey House, and to amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the award. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

8. Homeland Security GSAR (Georgia Search and Rescue) Grant

Resolution (393-22): A resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant for equipment in the amount of \$39,000.00 or as otherwise awarded, from the Homeland Security Georgia Search and Rescue (GSAR) Grant Program. These funds will be utilized for the purpose of new rescue equipment. This team was formed to improve responses to heavy rescue emergencies to the citizens of Columbus and surrounding counties. Heavy search and rescue involves the location, rescue, and initial medical stabilization of victims. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

9. 2022 Homeland Security Hazmat Grant

Resolution (394-22): A resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant for equipment in the amount of \$20,000.00 or as otherwise awarded, from the Homeland Security Hazmat Grant

Program. These funds will be utilized for the purchase of new hazardous materials equipment. The team responds to hazardous material emergencies in Muscogee County as well as surrounding communities to provide hazardous material containment to include chemical, radiological and biological incidents. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

10. Lease of Equipment for City Golf Courses - Add On

Resolution (395-22): A resolution authorizing two lease agreements and two lease/purchase agreements with Yamaha Motor Finance Corporation over a 48-month lease period in a total amount of \$267,570.72 and \$2,800 respectively, to obtain equipment to be utilized at Bull Creek Golf Course. Councilor House made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

11. PURCHASES

- A. Drill Field Maintenance and Inspections for Fire & EMS Department (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 23-0014

Resolution (396-22): A resolution authorizing the execution of an annual contract with KFT Fire Trainer, LLC (Allendale, NJ) to provide annual drill field maintenance, inspection services and the purchase of replacement parts and related accessories as needed for the Columbus Fire & EMS Department for the estimated annual contract value of \$17,554.00. Councilor House made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

- B. Firefighter Cancer Insurance Policy Renewal

Resolution (397-22): A resolution authorizing payment to Apex Insurance Agency, LLC (Atlanta, GA), with ACE American Insurance Company as the carrier, for legislatively required cancer insurance for firefighters, in the amount of \$69,375.00. Councilor House made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

- C. Fourteen (14) Zero-Turn Mowers for Parks and Recreation – Georgia State Contract Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (398-22): A resolution authorizing the purchase of fourteen (14) Zero-Turn Mowers (John Deere Z930M), at a unit price of \$9,016.16, and a total price of \$126,226.24, from Deere & Company (Cary, NC). The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-001-SPD0000177-0026. Councilor House made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

- D. 30' Low Floor Trolley Heavy Duty Bus (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 23-0017

Resolution (399-22): A resolution authorizing the annual contract to purchase 30' low floor trolley heavy duty buses from Gillig, LLC. (Livermore, CA). The unit price, per contract year, is as follows: Year 1: \$631,335.00; Year 2: \$671,633.00; Year 3: \$714,503.00. Metra anticipates purchasing approximately 3-4 buses during the contract term, as needed, to replace older buses. Councilor House

made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

E. John Deere Sprayer for Oxbow Creek Golf Course

Resolution (400-22): A resolution authorizing the purchase of a used John Deere Sprayer in the amount of \$18,500.00 from Greenville Turf & Tractor (Piedmont, SC). Councilor House made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

F. Confiscated Firearms for Credit or Swap for Police Department – RFB No. 23-0003

Resolution (401-22): A resolution authorizing the swap of five hundred (500) confiscated firearms from the Columbus Police Department for sixty-one (61) Rock River LE2020M Rifles provided by King’s Firearms (Columbia, TN). There will be no cost to the city for the swap of firearms. Councilor House made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

CLERK OF COUNCIL’S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

1. **RESOLUTION (402-99)** – A resolution changing the meeting dates in January 2023 and cancelling the February 7, 2023 Proclamation Session. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.
2. Email Correspondence from Mr. Jud Richardson resigning from his seat on the Uptown Facade Board. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to receive the resignation with regrets, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.
3. **Minutes of the following boards:**

Board of Tax Assessors, #35-22

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to receive the board minutes, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

4. **ADD-ON RESOLUTION (403-22)** - A resolution excusing Councilor Jerry “Pops” Barnes from the December 6, 2022, Council Meeting. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

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

A. PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION:

A nominee for the seat of Pete Temesgen (*Vacant seat*) for a term that expires on October 31, 2023, on the Public Safety Advisory Commission (*Mayor's Appointment*). There were none.

6. COUNCIL'S DISTRICT SEAT APPOINTMENT- ANY NOMINATIONS MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:

A. PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION:

A nominee for the seat of Stan Swiney (*Passed away*) for a term that expires on October 31, 2023, on the Public Safety Advisory Commission (*Council District 6- Allen*). There were none.

B. RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of Carl Brown (*Not Eligible to succeed*) for a term that expires on December 31, 2022, on the Recreation Advisory Board (*Council District 9- Thomas*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of James "Jay" Wilkoff (*Does not desire reappointment*) for a term that expired on December 31, 2021, on the Recreation Advisory Board (*Council District 2- Davis*). There were none.

A nominee for vacant seat of the District 3 Representative for a term that expires on December 31, 2023 (*Council District 3-Huff*). There were none.

A nominee for vacant seat of the District 1 Representative for a term that expires on December 31, 2025 (*Council District 1- Barnes*). There were none.

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

A. ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of Patricia Montgomery (*Resigned*) for a term that expires on October 15, 2023, on the Animal Control Advisory Board (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Crabb nominated Alexander Caldwell to fill the unexpired term of Patricia Montgomery on the Animal Control Advisory Board.

B. BUILDING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:

A nominee for the seat of Vincent Allen (*Resigned*) for a term that expires on March 24, 2023, on the Building Authority of Columbus (*Council's Appointment*). Clerk of Council Davis stated Councilor Huff is nominating Gerald Miley to fill the unexpired term of Vincent Allen on the Building Authority of Columbus.

C. COLUMBUS AQUATICS COMMISSION:

A nominee for the seat of Barbara Cummings (*Not eligible to succeed*) for a term that expired on June 30, 2022, on the Columbus Aquatics Commission (*Council's Appointment*). Clerk of Council Davis stated Councilor Crabb is nominating Don Hoffman to succeed Barbara Cummings on the Columbus Aquatics Commission.

A nominee for the seat of David Helmick (*Not eligible to succeed*) for term a that expired on June 30, 2022, on the Columbus Aquatics Commission (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Bruce Samuels (*Not eligible to succeed*) for a term that expired on June 30, 2022, on the Columbus Aquatics Commission (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for a vacant seat with a term that expired on June 30, 2022, on the Columbus Aquatics Commission (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

D. HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of Fred Greene (*Resigned*) for a term that expires on January 31, 2024, as the Historic District Resident on the Historic & Architectural Review Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CLERK OF COUNCIL:

- Check with the Historic & Architectural Review Board to see if they have a recommendation for the Historic District Resident Seat formerly held by Fred Greene. (*Request of Councilor Woodson*)

E. LAND BANK AUTHORITY:

A nominee for the seat of Tyler Pritchard (*Does not desire reappointment*) for a term that expired on October 31, 2022, on the Land Bank Authority (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

F. PERSONNEL REVIEW BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of Dr. Shanita Pettaway (*Resigned*) as Alternate Member 5 for a term that expires on December 31, 2022, on the Personnel Review Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

G. TREE BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of Chris Henson (*Does not desire reappointment*) for a term that expired on July 1, 2022, as the Environmental Advocacy Representative on the Tree Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

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

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA (continued)

12. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. Columbus Airport City Staff Appreciation - Amber Clerk, Airport Director.

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

- B. IIMC Region III Conference Update - Sandra Davis, Clerk of Council

Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis approached the rostrum to provide a presentation on the 2024 IIMC Conference. She stated the City of Columbus has been chosen for the first time ever to host the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC) Region III Conference for 2024.

Convention & Visitors Bureau Director Peter Bowden came forward to share that the CVB has been working for multiple years to get this conference to be held in Columbus and we are thankful for this opportunity.

- C. Linwood Park and Ride Project - Rosa Evans, METRA Transit Director and Robert Sheridan, METRA Transit Compliance Officer

METRA Transit Director Rosa Evans approached the rostrum to introduce Mr. Sheridan, who would be making the presentation.

METRA Transit Compliance Officer Robert Sheridan approached the rostrum to provide the presentation on the Linwood Park and Ride Project. He explained they were able to purchase property located at 1646 9th Avenue for a park and ride, which would be beneficial to the community and increase the METRA ridership. He stated the park and ride would include two electric vehicle charging stations, bicycle amenities, and direct access to a METRA bus stop and the Dragonfly Trail.

- D. Comprehensive Camera Update - Lisa Goodwin, Deputy City Manager of Operations

Deputy City Manager Lisa Goodwin approached the rostrum to provide a brief update on the comprehensive camera system. She explained the project is progressing and provided a list of the locations where cameras would be installed. She stated the mobile cameras would be focused on high crime areas, to be determined by the Police Chief, and areas where illegal dumping is taking place, which would be determined by the Public Works Director.

- E. Honorary Street Naming Update - Lisa Goodwin, Deputy City Manager of Operations

Deputy City Manager Lisa Goodwin approached the rostrum to provide an update on the honorary street naming process. She explained the current process for honorary street designations and provided the recommended changes to that process. She stated it is recommended that those honored should have provided creditable service to the community and there be a period of five years, with a renewal option for two five-year periods, for all honorary street designations.

BID ADVERTISEMENT

December 7, 2022

1. Watershed Fertilization (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 23-0023

Scope of Bid

The Columbus Consolidated Government is seeking bids from vendors to provide erosion control at various watershed lakes.

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.

2. Metal Storage Shed for METRA – PQ No. 23-0007

Scope of Quote

The Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) is seeking quotes from qualified vendors to provide one (1) metal storage shed (complete set) of commercial grade metal, for outdoor use at the Department of Transportation/METRA Transfer Center.

3. Protective Driver Door Shields for Mass Transit Buses – RFB No. 23-0022

Scope of Bid

The Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, is seeking bids from qualified vendors to provide and install twenty-two (22) protective driver door shields for mass transit buses operated by the METRA Transit System.

4. Dumpster/Roll Off Container Rental and Servicing (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 23-0016

Scope of Bid

The Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia (the City) is seeking vendors to provide dumpsters/roll-off containers on a rental basis, to include servicing the equipment on an “as needed” basis. Services will be procured both during the week and on weekends.

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

5. PI 0011435 – Metra Park and Ride Facility – RFB No. 23-0019

Scope of Bid

Provide a park and ride facility for METRA Transit System. The project consists of grading a vacant lot and installing a parking lot and features for METRA Transit System. The project location is 1646 9th Avenue in Columbus, GA.

December 9, 2022

1. Grounds Maintenance Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 23-0013

Scope of RFP

Provide routine grounds maintenance services on a weekly, monthly and yearly basis, to include fertilizing, weekly mowing, edging, weed control, irrigation, pruning, mulching, disease and insect control, etc. The Public Works Department manages one hundred and eleven (111) grounds maintenance sites within nine contract areas in Muscogee County. These areas enhance the appearance of major road arteries and high visibility areas and improve the quality of life for citizens.

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.

2. **Court Reporter Services for Recorder's Court (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 23-0014**
Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) is requesting proposals for court reporter services for all preliminary felony hearings at Recorder's Court. The court reporter shall also provide services for Advisement of Rights sessions that are held at 8 A.M. on Saturdays and some holidays. The services will be procured on an as-needed basis, and the contract shall commence on February 1, 2023 (date subject to change). **Existing City employees are prohibited from providing court reporting services for Recorder's Court.**

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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Henderson entertained a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss matters of litigation and personnel as requested earlier in the meeting by City Attorney Fay. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting, and the time being 11:46 a.m.

There were no votes taken during the Executive Session.

With there no longer being a physical quorum present, the meeting was declared adjourned at 12:46 p.m. with Councilor Davis having left the meeting and Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

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