

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 21, 2023
9:00 AM
Special Called Meeting

MAYOR'S AGENDA

PRESENT: Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III and Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen and Councilors Jerry "Pops" Barnes (via teleconference), Tyson Begly, Joanne Cogle, Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis (arrived at 9:03 a.m.), R. Walker Garrett, Bruce Huff and Judy W. Thomas. 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 Toyia Tucker was absent.

The following documents were distributed around the Council table: (1) Add-On Resolution

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

Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss acquisition and disposal of real estate.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Henderson entertained a motion to go into executive session to discuss matters of property acquisition and disposal as listed on the agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent from the meeting, and the time being 9:03 a.m.

RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 10:40 a.m., at which time, Mayor Henderson announced that the Council did meet in executive session to discuss matters of property acquisition and disposal; however, there were no votes taken.

ADD-ON RESOLUTION:

1. **Resolution (463-23)** - A Resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, requesting that the Columbus Building Authority (the "**Authority**") issue its lease revenue bonds, series 2024 in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$50,000,000 (the "**Series 2024 bonds**"); to authorize the execution of a lease contract between Columbus, Georgia ("**Columbus**") and the Authority; to authorize the transfer of property; to declare the official intent of Columbus to reimburse

planned expenditures from proceeds of the Series 2024 bonds; to authorize the preparation and distribution of a preliminary official statement and to authorize the execution of a final official statement containing information on the governmental and financial affairs of Columbus; to designate certain firms and professionals to work and assist with the issuance of the Series 2024 bonds; to authorize the Mayor and other officials of Columbus to take such further actions as are necessary; and for other purposes. Councilor Garrett made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent from the meeting.

Councilor Glenn Davis clarified for the record that the approval of this resolution is not approving the development being proposed. He stated in his view, this gives Council an opportunity to continue the discussion to gain an understanding of the proposed development as a whole and the funding opportunities available.

THE RECOMPETE PILOT PROGRAM:

Councilor Judy W. Thomas stated Senator Jon Ossoff announced yesterday that Columbus was selected as one of the twenty-two finalists to receive grant funding for the first phase of a pilot program that will bring training to the area.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- At the January 2024 Work Session, let's have someone from the program come and provide information on the terms of the grant. *(Request of Councilor Thomas)*

ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Allen to adjourn the December 21, 2023 Special Called Council Meeting, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent from the meeting, and the time being 10:48 a.m.

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