

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 12, 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 Tyson Begly, Joanne Cogle, Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis, Bruce Huff (arrived at 9:05 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: Councilors Jerry "Pops" Barnes and R. Walker Garrett were absent.

The following documents have been included as a part of the electronic Agenda Packet: (1) Demolition Update Presentation; (2) Columbus Animal Care and Control Presentation

The following documents were distributed around the Council table: (1) Finance Department Internal Audit Follow Up Presentation; (2) Documents Submitted by Allie Johnson PA#1; (3) Presentation Submitted by Sandy Gunnels PA#3

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Dr. Jimmy Elder, First Baptist Church of Columbus, Georgia

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Eagle Scout Kevin Green, Jr.

PROCLAMATION:

2. **Proclamation: Paul Pierce Day**

Receiving: Danielle Varner, Springer Opera House

Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen read the proclamation into the record, proclaiming December 12, 2023, as *Paul R. Pierce Day*, recognizing the forty-six-year theatrical production career of Mr. Paul Pierce and his leadership in theatre arts at the Springer Opera House.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

6. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

C. Finance Department Internal Audit Follow-Up - Pam Hodge, Deputy City Manager, Finance, Planning & Development

(NOTE: This update was called up as the next order of business as listed on the City Manager's Agenda Item 6 "C")

Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson addressed the press release that went out yesterday regarding the internal audit conducted on the Finance Department. He stated he is calling forward a presentation

listed on the City Manager's Agenda because he feels it is imperative for the internal audit to be addressed by Deputy City Manager of Finance, Planning & Development Pam Hodge.

Councilor Thomas made a motion to hold this presentation off until the January 9, 2024 Council Meeting, seconded by Councilor Crabb and there was an inconclusive vote of five-to-three, with Councilors Cogle, Crabb, Davis, Thomas and Tucker voting in favor, Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Begly and Huff voting in opposition, and Councilors Barnes and Garrett being absent from the meeting.

Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge approached the rostrum to provide a presentation as a follow up to the internal audit report presented at the December 5, 2023 Council Meeting on the Finance Department. She stated that this follow-up is to address only the finding presented by the Internal Auditor claiming \$45.1 million of unprocessed transactional activity that has been catalogued in Excel known as CCG Lockbox and has not been banked. She maintained that every dollar of the \$45.1 million can be documented with a deposit slip, bank statement, cash receipt and cancelled check. She further expounded on the lack of validation of the information that was presented by the internal auditor. She explained that for any audit, transactional data should be sampled and tested. She then outlined the process that is used for the lockbox account.

In conclusion, Deputy City Manager Hodge reiterated this presentation is only responding to the one finding of the \$45.1 million, which is in the bank and has been documented; the receipts have been produced and provided to the internal auditor. She emphasized there is no missing money or unrealized revenue liability.

MAYOR'S AGENDA (continued)

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the December 5, 2023, Council Meeting and Executive Session. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Barnes and Garrett being absent from the meeting.

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

1. **Ordinance (23-059) - 2nd Reading** - REZN-09-23-0171: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **301 42nd Street** (parcel # 013-001-043) from Light Manufacturing/Industrial (LMI) Zoning District to Single Family Residential – 1 (SFR1) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval) (Councilor Garrett) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Barnes and Garrett being absent from the meeting.
2. **Ordinance (23-060) - 2nd Reading** - REZN-10-23-1964: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **4070 Macon Road** (parcel # 085-051-014) from Single Family Residential –

2 (SFR2) Zoning District to Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Barnes) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Barnes and Garrett being absent from the meeting.

3. **Ordinance (23-061) - 2nd Reading** - REZN-10-23-1989: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **3914, 3922 Buena Vista Road** (parcel # 087-028-007/008) from Neighborhood Commercial (NC) to General Commercial (GC) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Barnes) Councilor Crabb made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Barnes and Garrett being absent from the meeting.
4. **Ordinance (23-062) - 2nd Reading** - An Ordinance amending Chapter 11, Article II of the Columbus Code to revise the criteria for promotional eligibility and promotional procedures for the Columbus Fire and EMS Department; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Barnes and Garrett being absent from the meeting.
5. **Ordinance (23-063) - 2nd Reading** - An Ordinance revising Muscogee County Prison Policy, Number 420-100, Muscogee County Prison Promotion Policy. (Mayor Pro-Tem) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Barnes and Garrett being absent from the meeting.
6. **1st Reading** - An Ordinance providing an increase to the Local Supplement for Muscogee County Sheriff Gregory Countryman effective January 1, 2024; and for other purposes. (Councilor Tucker)

Councilor Tucker made a motion to amend the proposed ordinance to reflect the local supplement total as \$50,963.53 to align the salary of the Muscogee County Sheriff with that of the Columbus Police Chief, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Barnes and Garrett being absent from the meeting.

Councilor Toyia Tucker explained it was the wishes of Council for the Muscogee County Sheriff to be paid the same salary as the Columbus Police Chief. She stated the plan is to use the information requested as a referral during the FY2025 Budget Sessions to address the pay issues in public safety as expressed by the leaders of those departments.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Get an update in January 2024 on salary savings. (*Request of Councilor Tucker*)

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Ms. Allie Johnson, representing Columbus Animal Allies, Re: The Columbus Animal Care & Control.
2. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Evictions and lack of affordable housing.
3. Mrs. Sandy Gunnels, Re: Columbus Animal Control.
4. Rev. Johnny Flakes, III, representing Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance (IMA), Re: Observations and concerns related to the Council Meeting of December 5, 2023.
5. Mr. Melvin Tanner, representing NAACP, Re: Audit Information.
6. Rev. Joseph Baker, Re: The recent internal audit report and response.
7. Mr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr., Re: Appointed Officers.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with NeighborWorks Columbus

Resolution (444-23): A resolution authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding with NeighborWorks Columbus for the development of workforce housing at Elliott's Walk utilizing State of Georgia Department of Community Affairs Equity Fund Rural Workforce Housing Initiative Funding. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Thomas and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Barnes and Garrett being absent from the meeting.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Take a closer look at trying to settle the financial mechanism that is out there. Concerned about the compounding aspect of it all with inflation the way it is. (*Request of Councilor Davis*)
- Look at bringing in our community partners with affordable housing to the next Work Session. (*Request of Mayor Henderson*)

2. GDOT Roadside Enhancement and Beautification Council Grant Program

Resolution (445-23): A resolution authorizing the Gateways Foundation to apply for GDOT Roadside Enhancement and Beautification Council Grant Program. Councilor Huff 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 Garrett being absent from the meeting.

3. 2023 Comprehensive Plan Update Adoption

Resolution (446-23): A resolution, whereas, the Columbus Planning Department has completed the 2023 update to the 2028 Columbus Comprehensive Plan. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Barnes and Garrett being absent from the meeting.

Assistant Planning Director John Renfro approached the rostrum to explain Council approved the 2023 Comprehensive Plan on October 19, 2023, but DCA required several changes to the document and then approval by Council.

4. Hawks Foundation Grant

Resolution (447-23): A resolution of the Council of Coumbus, Georgia, to authorize Parks and Recreation Department to apply for grants available through the Hawks Foundation and Georgia Recreation and Parks Association to accept any funds if awarded and to amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the award. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Barnes and Garrett being absent from the meeting.

5. PURCHASES

- A. Lead-Based Paint/Asbestos and Clearance Testing Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 23-0011

Resolution (448-23): A resolution authorizing the execution of an annual contract with Terracon Consultants, Inc. (Columbus, GA). The contractor will provide lead-based paint/asbestos and clearance testing services on an “as needed” basis for the Community Reinvestment Department. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Barnes and Garrett being absent from the meeting.

- B. Water Management Services (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 24-0005

Resolution (449-23): A resolution authorizing the annual contract for provision of water management services from Ben-Con Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Superior Water Services (Marietta, GA) for the estimated annual contract value of \$29,400.00. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Barnes and Garrett being absent from the meeting.

- C. Agricultural Chemicals – BuyBoard Cooperative Contract Purchase

Resolution (450-23): A resolution authorizing the purchase of agricultural chemicals from SiteOne Landscape Supply (Cleveland, OH), by cooperative purchasing via BuyBoard National Purchasing Cooperative Contract No. 705-23 and No. 706-23. Parks and Recreation budgets approximately \$55,000.00 annually for the purchase of agricultural chemicals. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Barnes and Garrett being absent from the meeting.

- D. Emergency/Non-Emergency Notification System (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 23-0028

Resolution (451-23): A resolution authorizing the execution of an annual contract with Rave Wireless, Inc. (Framingham, MA) to provide emergency/non-emergency notification services. The annual usage for this contract is approximately \$40,000.00. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Barnes and Garrett being absent from the meeting.

- E. Contract Extension for Debt Collection Services (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 18-0007

Resolution (452-23): A resolution authorizing extension of an annual contract with Automated Collection Services, Inc. (Nashville, TN) for debt collection services on an “as needed” basis. The contract extension will be for a period of six (6) months, beginning January 1, 2024, through June 30, 2024. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Barnes and Garrett being absent from the meeting.

- F. One 2024 Ford F-250 4x2 Super Duty Pick-up Truck for Public Works Rainwater Division – Georgia Statewide Cooperative Contract Purchase

Resolution (453-23): A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) 2024 Ford F-250 4X2 Super Duty Pick-Up Truck for Public Works/Rainwater Division, from Allan Vigil Ford-Lincoln (Morrow, GA) at a unit price of \$56,321.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-SPD-ES40199373-002. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Barnes and Garrett being absent from the meeting.

- G. Declaration of Surplus Vehicles by Fleet Maintenance

Resolution (454-23): A resolution authorizing as surplus the two vehicles show below in accordance with Section 7-501 of the Charter of Columbus Consolidated Government. The vehicles have either been replaced or placed out of service due to excess maintenance costs.

VEHICLE NUMBER	MAKE	MODEL	VIN NUMBER
17803	Chevrolet	Tahoe	1GNLC2E03CR226629
11020	Chevrolet	C2500	1GCHC23U87F113996

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Barnes and Garrett being absent from the meeting.

- H. Annual Membership Dues for Association County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG)

Resolution (455-23): A resolution authorizing payment to the Association County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG) in the amount of \$27,321.62 for the annual membership dues. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Barnes and Garrett being absent from the meeting.

- I. Construction Services for Williams Road at Fortson Road Roundabout – RFB No. 24-0007

Resolution (456-23): A resolution authorizing the execution of a contract with Robinson Paving Company (Columbus, GA) in the amount of \$5,066,958.10 for the construction of Williams Road at Fortson Road roundabout. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Barnes and Garrett being absent from the meeting.

- J. Recycling Services for Public Works

Resolution (457-23): A resolution authorizing an agreement with AmWaste of Georgia, LLC (West Point, GA) to provide recycling services for the Public Works Department for a one-year period. AmWaste will occupy the City’s Recycling Center and operate the facility as a transfer point with minimal processing. Once material is received at the Recycling Facility, recyclables will be immediately loaded and transported to a processing facility. The major terms of the agreement will include, but not limited to, the following:

- The agreement is a 12-month commitment as an emergency purchase. As soon as practicable, an RFP will be issued for a longer-term agreement. AmWaste will have the opportunity to participate in that process.
- AmWaste will be responsible for labor costs.
- AmWaste will be responsible for all utility costs.
- AmWaste will bear the operational cost at the facility.

- The City will receive a host fee of \$2.00 per ton for all non-city volumes or 3rd party haulers.
- The City will pay AmWaste a flat fee of \$245.74 per ton for collected recycling material.
- The City will divert all C & D from the MSW Landfill to the Recycling Center and will receive a host fee of \$2.00 per ton. AmWaste will require additional time to prepare to receive C & D. The priority is to ensure the recycling operations are fully operational. AmWaste will inform the CCG of a date when C & D will be accepted.

After City Manager Hugley explained the reasons for requesting consideration to approve an agreement for recycling services, Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Barnes and Garrett being absent from the meeting.

Public Works Director Drale Short approached the rostrum to respond to questions from Council on City Manager's Agenda Items CM#5(K) and CM#5(L).

- K. Additional Assembly and Delivery Services for Household Garbage and Yard Waste Carts for Public Works

Resolution (458-23): A resolution authorizing payment to IPL North America, Inc. (Forsyth, GA), in the amount of \$50,634.78 to cover the additional cost for assembly and delivery of household garbage and yard waste carts, which were delivered to the citizens of Columbus, Georgia. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Barnes and Garrett being absent from the meeting.

Public Works Director Drale Short approached the rostrum to respond to questions from Council on City Manager's Agenda Items CM#5(J) and CM#5(K).

- L. Household Waste Carts for Public Works Department – Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (459-23): A resolution authorizing the purchase of 702 household waste carts from Rehrig Pacific Company (Lawrenceville, GA) in the amount of \$40,510.00 (702 units @ \$55 each, plus branding fee in the amount of \$1,100.00 and freight in the amount of \$800.00). The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Sourcewell Contract #041521-REH. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Barnes and Garrett being absent from the meeting.

INDIGENT MEDICAL CARE:

(NOTE: Councilor Begly immediately left the Council Chambers at the onset of discussions regarding Piedmont Medical Hospital.)

City Manager Hugley provided a recap of the chronology of events that occurred after the expiration in June of 2022 of the 30-year indigent care contract with the Medical Center now operating as Piedmont Medical. The RFP process began for medical services professionals and two were identified; however, this Council rejected any and all bids. Therefore, Piedmont Medical has continued providing medical indigent care services and has incurred expenses. Piedmont Medical is seeking reimbursement for services provided from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 in an amount up to \$3.5 million.

(NOTE: A resolution was passed around the table for consideration, but no action was taken.)

Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge approached the rostrum to explain the services provided by the medical professional at the jail and the process of rendering payment for validated services.

In addition, Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge explained the RFP process for underserved and indigent medical services once the bid closes on December 15, 2023.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Get an update on the reimbursement of citizens that handle maintenance at athletic facilities. *(Request of Councilor Davis)*

6. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Demolition of Property - Ryan Pruett, Director, Inspections & Code

Inspections & Code Director Ryan Pruett approached the rostrum to provide a presentation on the demolition of properties. During the presentation Director Pruett provided an outline of the demolition process and circumstances that could cause delays in that process. He stated there are currently 105 properties remaining on the demolition list, with 66 properties placed on the list in 2023, 22 properties in 2022, and 17 properties prior to 2022.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Check the property located at 490 Pinecrest Drive. *(Request of Councilor Tucker)*
- Check the property at 2922 10th (Approximate address) to check the status of it. *(Request of Councilor Crabb)*
- Go back to property on Hardegree Drive. *(Request of Councilor Huff)*
- Check the property with fire damage on 29th Street and 10th Avenue. *(Request of Councilor Thomas)*

B. Animal Control Audit Update - Drale Short, Director, Public Works

Public Works Director Drale Short approached the rostrum to address a statement made during the Public Agenda and to introduce the update.

Animal Control Manager Canita Hardnett-Johnson approached the rostrum to provide an update on the audit conducted on Animal Care & Control earlier in the year. She provided information on the staffing issues, processes, shelter recommendations, social media, and the need for software for shelter reporting.

Dr. Hank Hall, DVM, approached the rostrum to provide information on the euthanasia process at Columbus Animal Control. He responded to questions from the members of Council regarding euthanasia and the medical care of animals at the Columbus Animal Control facility.

C. Finance Department Internal Audit Follow-Up - Pam Hodge, Deputy City Manager, Finance, Planning & Development

(NOTE: This update, as provided by Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge, was called upon earlier in the meeting during the Mayor's Agenda.)

BID ADVERTISEMENT

DATE: December 12, 2023

December 15, 2023

1. Underserved and Inmate Healthcare Consultant – RFP No. 24-0009

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government is seeking a third-party advisory firm, with experience establishing community-funded networks of care for underserved and inmate populations. The firm shall assist the City with developing a fair, inclusive and equitable plan to service the target populations' medical needs.

December 27, 2023

1. Touch Screen Information Kiosks for METRA (Re-Bid) – RFB No. 24-0019

Scope of RFB

The Columbus, Georgia Metropolitan (METRA) Transit System is soliciting bid responses for the procurement of one (1) Outdoor Double-Sided Touch Screen Information Kiosk and one (1) Indoor Single-Sided Information Kiosk for use at METRA's bus station, the METRA Transfer Center.

REFERRALS:

Referrals 12.5.23

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Henderson entertained a motion to go into executive session to discuss matters of property acquisition and disposal as requested by City Attorney Fay earlier in the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Cogle being absent for the vote, Councilors Barnes and Garrett being absent from the meeting, and the time being 1:43 p.m.

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 3:57 p.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.

CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

1. **RESOLUTION (460-23)** - A resolution excusing Councilor Jerry "Pops" Barnes from the December 5, and December 12, 2023 Council Meetings. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilors Barnes and Garrett being absent from the meeting.
2. **RESOLUTION (461-23)** - A resolution excusing Councilor R. Walker Garrett from the December 12, 2023 Council Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilors Barnes and Garrett being absent from the meeting.

3. **RESOLUTION (462-23)** - A resolution cancelling the Proclamation Sessions for January 2, February 6, and March 5, 2024. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilors Barnes and Garrett being absent from the meeting.

4. Email Correspondence from Mr. David Rohwedder resigning from his seat as the District 8 Representative on the Public Safety Advisory Commission. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to receive the resignation with regrets, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilors Barnes and Garrett being absent from the meeting.

5. **Minutes of the following boards:**
 - Board of Tax Assessors, #38-23, #39-23 and #40-23
 - Board of Water Commissioners, November 13, 2023
 - Columbus Golf Course Authority, July 18, 2023 and September 26, 2023
 - Columbus Ironworks Convention & Trade Center Authority, February 23, April 27, June 29 and August 24, 2023
 - Convention & Visitors Board of Commissioners, October 18, 2023
 - Development Authority, October 5, 2023
 - Historic & Architectural Review Board, February 13, March 13, April 13, May 8, June 12, July 10, August 14, September 11, October 10 and November 13, 2023
 - Land Bank Authority, October 11, 2023
 - River Valley Regional Commission, October 25, 2023
 - The Medical Center Hospital Authority, July 26, 2023

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

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

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

A. **HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD:**

A nominee for the seat of Marjorie “Mollie” Smith (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term that expires on January 31, 2024, as the Historic District Resident on the Historic & Architectural Review Board (*Council’s Appointment*). Mayor Pro Tem Allen renominated Marjorie “Mollie” Smith to serve another term.

A nominee for the seat of Libby Smith (*Not Eligible to succeed*) 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.

A nominee for the seat of Reverend Curtis West (*No longer a resident of Muscogee County*) for a term that expires on January 31, 2024, as the Liberty Cultural Center, Inc. on the Historic & Architectural Review Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis explained the process to make changes to the Historic & Architectural Review Board would be accomplished by an ordinance change to the position designation as the Liberty Cultural Center, Inc. representative.

Councilor Bruce Huff suggested that nominees for this seat should be submitted by the new Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board.

B. 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*). Councilor Cogle nominated Clifton Ruehl to succeed Troy Keller.

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.

UPCOMING BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

- A. Board of Zoning Appeals (Council Appointments)
- B. Building Authority of Columbus (Council Appointments)
- C. Commission on International Relations & Cultural Liaison Encounters (CIRCLE) (Mayor & Council Appointments)
- D. Civic Center Advisory Board (Council Appointment)
- E. Community Development Advisory Council (Council Appointments)
- F. Planning Advisory Commission (Council Appointments)

PUBLIC AGENDA (continued)

- 3. Mrs. Sandy Gunnels, Re: Columbus Animal Control.
- 2. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Evictions and lack of affordable housing.
- 7. Mr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr., Re: Appointed Officers.
- 1. Ms. Allie Johnson, representing Columbus Animal Allies, Re: The Columbus Animal Care & Control.

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 12, 2023 Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote, Councilors Barnes and Garrett being absent from the meeting, and the time being 4:20 p.m.

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