

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

February 8, 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 Jerry "Pops" Barnes, Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis (arrived at 9:15 a.m.), R. Walker Garrett, John M. House, Bruce Huff (arrived at 9:03 a.m.), Judy W. Thomas, Toyia Tucker and Evelyn "Mimi" Woodson. City Manager Isaiah Hugley, City Attorney Clifton Fay, Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis, and Deputy Clerk Pro Tem Tameka Colbert were present.

The following documents were distributed to the members of Council: (1) FY21 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR); (2) FY21 ACFR Finance Response; (3) Infrastructure Update; (4) 2021 SPLOST Update; (5) TSPLOST Update; (6) Districting Commission Presentation

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Rev. Earnestine Campbell at Epworth United Methodist Church of Columbus, Georgia

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Henderson

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the January 25, 2022 Council Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Davis and Huff being absent for the vote.

UPDATE:

2. An update on COVID-19

Mayor B. H. Skip" Henderson gave an update on COVID-19 and its impact on our community. He announced that the numbers are trending downward; even though, there were not as many people needing critical care, there were still up to 180 to 190 hospitalized on any given day. Now, we are down to approximately 150 people hospitalized. He thanked the citizens of this community for taking precautions and being careful as we continue to work our way through this.

PROCLAMATIONS:

3. **PROCLAMATION:** David M. Helms Day

RECEIVING: David M. Helms

Mayor Pro Tem Allen read the proclamation into the record, proclaiming Tuesday, February 8, 2022 as *David M. Helms Day*, in Columbus, Georgia.

Pastor David M. Helms offered his prayer for peace and harmony for our city and affirmed his great respect for the Mayor and Council.

4. **PROCLAMATION:** Will Johnson Day

RECEIVING: Will Johnson

Before the reading of the proclamation, **Mayor Henderson** announced that Mr. Will Johnson would be leaving the employment of the City of Columbus for a new opportunity.

Councilor Judy Thomas read the proclamation into the record, proclaiming Friday, February 11, 2022 as *John William Johnson, III Day*, in Columbus, Georgia.

Will Johnson thanked the Mayor and members of Council for this proclamation and introduced the staff members from the Planning Department that were standing with him.

RECOGNITION:

City Manager Isaiah Hugley recognized and commended an employee from the Engineering Department- Mr. John Kennedy. He shared the information he had received from Councilor Barnes regarding the outstanding work of Mr. Kennedy, who was off-duty at the time he received a QAlert about a pothole on Gantian Boulevard. Mr. Kennedy made contact with the Public Works Department and staff responded in record time to repair the problem.

RESOLUTION

5. **Resolution (030-22)** - A Resolution authorizing the acceptance of donations in support of “The Dream Lives,” Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) Commemoration Event. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the eight members present with Councilors Huff and Woodson being absent for the vote.

REQUESTS FOR AUTHORIZATION:

6. Request Authorization for Departmental Audit of the Public Works Department from Donna McGinnis, Forensic Auditor. Councilor Crabb made a motion for approval, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present with Councilors Huff and Woodson being absent for the vote.

PRESENTATIONS:

7. FY21 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) (Presented by Miller Edwards, External Auditors, Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC)

Mr. Miller Edwards- External Auditor with Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC, came forward to present a broad overview of the audit. He pointed out that \$877 million of combined revenue came through this governmental entity with \$705 million in expenditures. He then outlined the contributory factors for the general fund revenues with property taxes and sales tax being the top two. In conclusion, Mr. Edwards offered five management points and are provided as follows: 1) Tax Commissioner- Balancing of accounts; 2) Superior Court, Probate Court and Sheriff’s Office- hold more cash than related liabilities; 3) Magistrate, Municipal and Probate Courts- Segregation of duties; 4) Pooled cash reconciliation- Segregation of duties and timely preparation needed and 5) Real Estate Transfer Tax and Intangible Tax- taxes distributed incorrectly.

Angelica Alexander- Finance Director, came forward to respond to the management points as outlined by Mr. Edwards and briefly explained how each matter has been addressed.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE MAYOR:

- Present a proclamation to recognize Jody Davis for 38 years of service. (*Request of Councilor Thomas*)

8. Columbus Celebrates AARP Age-Friendly Designation (Presented by Kay Sibetta, AARP Georgia State Office)

Ms. Kay Sibetta- AARP Representative presented via virtually the AARP Age-Friendly Designation to the City of Columbus. Deputy City Manager presented the certificates to Mayor Henderson and City Manager Isaiah Hugley.

Deputy City Manager Lisa Goodwin recognized **Holli Browder- Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation** who submitted the application for the designation.

GEORGIA MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION DISTRICT 8 OFFICER 2022-2023:

Councilor Judy Thomas offered a motion for an oral resolution authorizing the Columbus City Council to support the recommendation of Councilor Toyia Tucker for a position on the District 8 Officer's slate of the Georgia Municipal Association. Councilor Thomas then moved approval, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members with Councilor Woodson being absent for the vote.

9. Cure Violence Assessment Summary Review (Presented by Dr Asante Hilts, Reggie Lewis, Keith Dunnigan, Jerome Lawson, Cedric Hill and Cedric Hill II) *Not Presented*

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

City Attorney Clifton Fay announced the rezoning for Old Guard Road that was advertised for today has been delayed and would be readvertised and brought back at a later date. He then asked if anyone was present today regarding this rezoning petition; however, no one indicated that they were present for this matter.

ORDINANCES

1. **Ordinance (22-006) - 2nd Reading-** REZN-11-21-2094: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **1163 Henry Avenue** (parcel # 184-024-013) from NC (Neighborhood Commercial) Zoning District to GC (General Commercial) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Continued from 1-25-22) (Councilor Huff) Councilor Huff made a motion to amend the ordinance, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present with Councilor Woodson being absent for the vote. Councilor Huff then moved to adopt the ordinance as amended, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present with Councilor Woodson being absent for the vote.

Councilor Bruce Huff requested to amend the ordinance to add the condition as follows: No motorized vehicles will be parked or stored on the premises for display or sale.

2. **Ordinance (22-007) - 2nd Reading-** An Ordinance amending the budgets for the Fiscal Year 2022 by appropriating amounts in each fund for various operational activities. (Budget Review Committee) Mayor Pro Tem Allen moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor House

and carried unanimously by the nine members present with Councilor Woodson being absent for the vote.

3. **Ordinance (22-008) - 2nd Reading-** An Ordinance granting to Liberty Utilities (Peach State Natural Gas) Corp., its successors and assigns, a franchise to provide the consolidated government of Columbus, Muscogee County, Georgia, with natural gas service, and the right to construct, maintain, and operate a system of gas mains and service pipes for the purpose of transmitting and distributing gas in, upon, across, along and under the highways, streets, avenues, roads, alleys, lanes, ways, utility easements, parkways and other public grounds of the consolidated government of Columbus, Muscogee County, Georgia; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro Tem) Mayor Pro Tem Allen moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the nine members present with Councilor Woodson being absent for the vote.
4. **1st Reading-** REZN-11-21-2151: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **1104 Leslie Drive / 3276 Victory Drive** (parcel # 044-001-007 / 044-001-010 / 045-001-002 / 045-001-017) from RMF1 (Residential Multifamily 1) & GC (General Commercial) Zoning Districts to PUD (Planned Use Development) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval. (Councilor Woodson)

City Attorney Clifton Fay recognized the presence of the applicant- Mr. Ryan Clements who was seated in the audience.

Mr. Ryan Clements with Aaron & Clements, Inc. on behalf of NeighborWorks Columbus approached the rostrum. He said this rezoning is in conjunction with the Elliott's Walk development project to provide affordable housing units off Victory Drive.

At this time, no one came forward to speak in favor or in opposition to the rezoning request; therefore, City Attorney Fay declared the public hearing as being held.

5. **1st Reading-** REZN-11-21-2155: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **7217 Warm Springs Road** (parcel # 109-001-008A) from GC (General Commercial) Zoning District to RMF2 (Residential Multifamily 2) Zoning District.(Planning Department and PAC recommend approval) (Mayor Pro Tem) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to amend the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Thomas and carried unanimously by the eight members with Councilors Huff and Woodson being absent for the vote.

Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen requested to add the following condition that has also been agreed upon by the developer and reads as follows: The developer and successors in interest shall maintain an evergreen buffer along Warm Springs Road of at least ten feet with a certain amount of canopy trees, understory trees and shrubs / ornamental grasses per 100 linear feet as specified by the City Arborist.

Mr. Marty Flournoy came forward to explain that a local family wants to build an investment property to own and manage 80 units on almost six acres of property. The Floyd family has already conceded to the buffers and has reconfigured the site plan to accommodate these buffers.

Mayor Pro Tem Allen advised that the site plan has been revised, which also includes the buffer and requested the revised version be included to replace the initial version.

City Attorney Fay then asked if anyone wanted to speak in favor or in opposition to the rezoning request. After no one came forward, City Attorney Fay declared the public hearing as being held with the ordinance being listed on second reading for the next meeting.

6. **1st Reading-** REZN-12-21-2347: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **2807 Bradley Circle** (parcel # 007-006-015) from RMF2 (Residential Multifamily 2) Zoning District to SFR4 (Single Family Residential 4) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval) (Councilor Woodson)

City Attorney Clifton Fay recognized the presence of the applicant- **Mr. Justin Krieg with Historic Columbus Foundation, on behalf of the owners** who approached the rostrum to provide a brief comment on the proposed project for this property.

City Attorney Fay then asked if anyone wanted to speak in favor or in opposition to the rezoning request. After no one came forward, City Attorney Fay declared the public hearing as being held with the ordinance being listed on second reading for the next meeting.

7. **1st Reading-** REZN-12-21-2348: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **5339 Thomason Avenue** (Parcel # 188-017-007) from SFR2 (Single Family Residential 2) Zoning District to NC (Neighborhood Commercial) Zoning District with conditions. Planning Department recommends conditional approval. PAC recommends approval) (Councilor Garrett)

City Attorney Clifton Fay recognized the presence of the representative for the applicant- LR Partners, LLC; however, he did not come forward since there were no questions.

City Attorney Fay then asked if anyone wanted to speak in favor or in opposition to the rezoning request. After no one came forward, City Attorney Fay declared the public hearing as being held with the ordinance being listed on second reading for the next meeting.

8. **1st Reading-** An Ordinance enacting a districting plan for Columbus, Georgia’s Council seats; and for other purposes. (continued on 1st Reading from 12-07-21 and 1-11-22) (Columbus Districting Commission) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made the motion to amend the ordinance to include the substituted maps, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by nine members with Councilor Woodson being absent for the vote.

City Attorney Clifton Fay advised that the maps have been tentatively approved at the State level. He then called on Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge to offer a presentation.

5. **UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS**

F. Redistricting Update - Pam Hodge, Deputy City Manager

Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge came forward to explain that there was a meeting with the State Reapportionment Office to discuss some of the concerns of Council from the last meeting. As a result, the State did agree to make two adjustments to the maps. She then provided an overview of the two changes and are listed as follows: 1) To move the Airport from District 8 to District 5; To move Midland Commons from District 5 to District 6. (*NOTE: This update was called up as the next order of business as listed on the City Manager’s Agenda Item 5 “F”*)

City Attorney Clifton Fay advised that if the maps are adopted when presented in two weeks, it would be used after the May election cycle and not during the upcoming election.

RESOLUTIONS

9. **Resolution (031-22)** - A Resolution authorizing Sunday sales of alcoholic beverages at all on-premises locations within Columbus on Sunday, February 13, 2022. (Mayor Pro-Tem) Councilor Thomas moved approval, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by nine members with Councilor Woodson being absent for the vote.
10. **Resolution (032-22)** - A Resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia authorizing the preparation of a Notice of Sale, a Preliminary Official Statement, the acceptance of bids for the sale of General Obligation Sales Tax Bonds, Series 2022, and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem) Councilor Thomas moved approval, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by seven members with Councilors Barnes, Davis and Woodson being absent for the vote.

5. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

D. SPLOST Update - Pam Hodge, Deputy City Manager

Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge returned to the rostrum to offer a brief presentation on the SPLOST. She reminded of the timeline and outlined the SPLOST projects. *(The presentation was called up as the next order of business as listed on the City Manager's Agenda Item #5 "D".)*

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Have someone who works regularly with startup companies that are in need of obtaining business license, occupation license, etc. to walk through the design process to make sure that we have all of the offices that are needed in that building within close proximity to one another. *(Request of Councilor Thomas)*

11. Resolution (033-22) - A Resolution authorizing the execution of Federal Aviation Administration Airport Rescue Grant NO. 3-13-0035-052-2022. (Request of Columbus Airport Commission) Councilor Crabb moved approval, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by seven members with Councilors Barnes, Davis and Woodson being absent for the vote.

12. Resolution (034-22) - A Resolution authorizing execution of FAA Concessions Rent Relief Airport Rescue Grant No. 3-13-0035-053-2022 (Request of Columbus Airport Commission) Councilor Crabb moved approval, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by seven members with Councilors Barnes, Davis and Woodson being absent for the vote.

City Attorney Clifton Fay requested an executive session to discuss matters of litigation.

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Mr. William Fry, representing Columbus Community Orchestra, Re: Information on the Martin Luther King, Jr. Tribute Concert.
2. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Crime Prevention Department and Cure Violence accountability.
3. Ms. Cynthia Stubbs, Re: Community gang stalking.
4. Mr. Bobby Jones, Re: Difference in fees in yard waste collection (in bulk) when delivering to landfill compared to fee charged for yard waste collection (in bulk) at residence.

Drale Short- Director of Public Works approached the rostrum to explain the difference in when the city does the pickup versus a resident taking it to the landfill. The Trees for Fees is \$50 per load plus \$34; however, if a resident takes it to the landfill, the cost is \$34 a ton.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. FY2023 Family Connection Grant

Resolution (035-22) - A Resolution authorizing the Columbus Consolidated Government to serve as Fiscal Agent, submit an application, and if approved, accept funds from the Georgia Department of Human Services for a Family Connection grant in the amount of \$50,000, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and to amend the Family Connection Fund 0985 by the amount of the grant awarded. Mayor Pro Tem Allen moved approval, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by nine members with Councilor Woodson being absent for the vote.

2. GEMA Emergency Management Performance Grant and American Rescue Plan Act award

Resolution (036-22) - A Resolution authorizing the acceptance of a grant in the amount of \$25,000, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, from GEMA/HS from the Emergency Management Performance Grant and American Rescue Plan Act (EMPG-ARPA) for Emergency Management, amend the Multi-governmental Fund by the amount of the award, and allocate funding for the upgrade of the Emergency Management warning siren system software. Councilor Tucker moved approval, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by nine members with Councilor Woodson being absent for the vote.

3. Lease Agreement with Family Holdings Sub, LLC for 31,501+/- square feet at 2100 Comer Ave. for the Superior Court of Muscogee County

Resolution (037-22) - A Resolution authorizing to enter into a lease agreement with Family Holdings Sub, LLC for 31,501+/- square feet at 2100 Comer Ave. for the Superior Court of Muscogee County. Councilor Tucker moved approval, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by nine members with Councilor Woodson being absent for the vote.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Let's keep the members of Council updated on this matter. (*Request of Councilor Thomas*)

4. PURCHASES

A. Bomb Robot for Sheriff's Office (GSA Cooperative Purchase)

Resolution (038-22): A resolution authorizing the purchase of a bomb robot from ICOR Technology (Ottaway Ontario, Canada), in the amount of \$79,816.12, by Cooperative Purchase via Federal GSA Contract #GS-07F-0430V. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by nine members with Councilor Woodson being absent for the vote.

B. Preventative Maintenance for the Fingerprint/Mugshot Livescan Plus Hardware and Software System for Sheriff's Office

Resolution (039-22): A resolution approving payment to Dataworks Plus (Greenville, SC), in the amount of \$25,698.50, for the annual preventive maintenance of the fingerprint/mugshot LiveScan Plus hardware and software system. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by nine members with Councilor Woodson being absent for the vote.

C. Small Asphalt Truck (Mini Patcher) for Public Works – Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (040-22): A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) small asphalt truck (Model BC-1.8 Mini Patcher) for the Public Works Department, from Environmental Products Group, Inc. (Atlanta, GA), at a unit price of \$174,700.00, via Sourcewell Contract #080521-PBL. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by nine members with Councilor Woodson being absent for the vote.

D. Reimbursement to the Housing Authority of Columbus, Georgia for Termite Damage Repairs at Legacy Terrace Apartments

Resolution (041-22): A resolution authorizing reimbursement payments to the Housing Authority of Columbus, Georgia in the estimated amount of \$91,000, plus the cost of any unforeseen repair issues, for architectural and construction services required to repair the termite damage at Legacy Terrace Apartments. This is done in accordance with the agreement with the Housing Authority to manage

Legacy Terrace per Resolution #129-09. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by nine members with Councilor Woodson being absent for the vote.

- E. Add-On - Anchor Tenants for Concession & Retail Services/Columbus Civic Center II (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 22-0012

Resolution (042-22): A resolution authorizing the execution of an annual contract with Mt. Pleasant Properties, LLC dba The Pizza Place (Fortson, GA) to provide concessionaire services for Concession Location B, and with Chester’s Ribs & BBQ, Inc. (Columbus, GA) to provide concessionaire services for Concession Location A, within the Columbus Civic Center. The Contractors (anchor tenants) will pay an annual lease payment for the exclusive use of their Concession Locations, including the use and maintenance of the existing equipment. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by nine members with Councilor Woodson being absent for the vote.

5. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. Crime Prevention Program Update - Seth Brown, Crime Prevention Director

Seth Brown- Crime Prevention Director approached the rostrum to provide an update on the crime prevention programs. He stated that there is funding of \$750,000 with 32 programs. He provided some statistical information regarding the number of repeat teen pregnancies, school dropouts, children living in poverty or foster care, etc. He then focused on some of the programs that specifically work with children and reported the benefits of each program to included but not limited to: (PAIR) Program out of the Springer that mentors children and teaches conflict resolution, Young Life that mentors young teenage mothers; Turnaround Columbus feeds families and provide scholarships; Boyz 2 Men works with kids suspended from school to enhance positive behavior, etc. He also highlighted some of programs that works with adults that mainly focuses on individuals in jail.

Mayor Henderson recalled that City Manager Hugley suggested that we try to get videos from some of these programs to see the work that is involved and the impact on the community.

- B. Uptown Parking Pay Stations - Lisa Goodwin, Deputy City Manager

Deputy City Manager Lisa Goodwin came forward to provide an update on the Uptown Parking Pay Stations. She reminded that Uptown requested the parking pay stations in 2020; therefore, we started this discussion at their request. The first public meeting was held on January 26, 2022 with the second public meeting being held on February 2, 2022. She said based on the comments from both public meetings, the businesses have determined that this just is not the right time for this. She noted what did come out of the meeting with is for the city to assess the Uptown area to determine the relevancy of the timed parking limits. We will not bring this forward again until Uptown is ready.

- C. Infrastructure Update - Pam Hodge, Deputy City Manager

Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge came forward to provide an update on some of the infrastructure projects that are occurring within the city. First, she noted the transportation funding sources for the projects. She then identified each of the projects and outlined the status. Deputy City Manager Hodge also provided an update on other projects that are under development.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Provide an email contact for the I-185 / Old Cusseta Road Project to ask questions concerning the piece at Farr Road and Ford Drive for a traffic light. (*Request of Councilor Huff*)

- Look into investing in a piece of equipment; such as, a skid steer with drum mulchers to resolve the overgrown right-of-way issues. *(Request of Councilor Davis)*
- Let's check into the Bunker Hill Road resurfacing project to correct the concerns from the residents of the hole at the end of the driveway that is sinking and the resurfacing that never did connect to St. Mary's Road. *(Request of Councilor Huff)*

D. SPLOST Update - Pam Hodge, Deputy City Manager

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

E. 2022 TSPLOST Update - Pam Hodge, Deputy City Manager

Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge remained at the rostrum to provide an update on the 2012 TSPLOST projects that have been completed and an overview of the projects that are under design or construction. She also provided a listing of the 2022 Proposed TSPLOST Projects, which would be on the May 24, 2022 ballot for a total amount of \$303 million for consideration by the citizens to continue that TSPLOST sales tax starting in January 2023; the current one will end in December 2022.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Let's look at the different areas to see signs posted that read similarly to "Paid for by TSPLOST dollars". *(Request of Councilor Tucker)*

F. Redistricting Update - Pam Hodge, Deputy City Manager

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

BID ADVERTISEMENT

February 9, 2022

1. Double Churches Pool Resurfacing – RFB No. 22-0028

A Mandatory Site Visit is scheduled at 11:00 A.M. on Wednesday, February 9, 2022. Vendors shall convene in the parking lot at the entrance to Double Churches Pool, which is located at 2300 Double Churches Road, Columbus, Georgia 31904. Attendees are required to wear face masks and observe social distancing.

2. Radar Certification for Public Safety Departments (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 22-0023

Scope of Bid

Provide radar re-certification services for the 430 radars and 25 speed lasers currently installed in the Columbus Consolidated Government Public Safety Department Fleet.

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

February 11, 2022

1. Real Estate Appraisal Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 22-0018

Scope of RFP

Provide real estate appraisal services on an “as needed” basis for various projects involving land acquisition and disposition services for Columbus Consolidated Government.

The contract term shall be for one year with the option to renew for four additional twelve-month periods. Contract renewal shall be contingent upon the mutual agreement of the City and the Contractor.

2. Emergency Clean-Up and Debris Removal (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 22-0015

Scope of RFP

Provide services for emergency clean-up and removal of debris that may result from natural (storms, fallen trees, etc.) or man-made disasters (terrorism, remnants of destroyed buildings, etc.) on an “as needed” basis.

The contract term shall 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.

February 23, 2022

1. Double Churches Pool Resurfacing – RFB No. 22-0028

Scope of Bid

Provide all labor, equipment and materials to resurface the pool at Double Churches Park. Time is of the essence; the work must be completed by April 26, 2022.

2. Side Loader 31-Yard Refuse Trucks – RFB No. 22-0027

Scope of Bid

Provide a minimum of thirty (30), but not to exceed forty (40), side loader 31-yard refuse trucks with RFID Tag readers installed on the trucks.

March 2, 2022

1. Stretcher Preventative Maintenance for Fire & EMS Dept (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 22-0029

Scope of RFB

Upon notification by Columbus Fire and EMS, the successful vendor shall provide preventive maintenance service on an annual basis for the department stretchers, stair chairs and cot fastening systems, to include future implementation of the Stryker powerload system. Costs for labor for repairs outside of preventive maintenance shall include price listing of replacement parts related to the stretchers, stair chairs and cot fastening systems, both manual and powerload.

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

March 4, 2022

1. Supplemental EMS Coverage (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 22-0022

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government, on behalf of the Columbus Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department, is requesting proposals for supplemental EMS coverage on a continual basis.

The contract term shall 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. Management Services for Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 22-0024
Scope of RFP

Consolidated Government seeks proposals from experienced governmental Management Entities (ME) to develop and oversee an evidence-based continuum of care within Muscogee County. This continuum of care will reduce recidivism by addressing the criminogenic needs of youth under the custody and/or supervision of the Court and by strengthening family supports. The services shall commence on July 1, 2022.

CLERK OF COUNCIL’S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

1. **Resolution (043-22):** A Resolution cancelling the March 1, 2022 and April 5, 2022 Proclamation Sessions. Mayor Pro Tem Allen moved approval, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by seven members with Councilors Crabb, Huff and Woodson being absent for the vote.
2. Travel Authorization Request for Councilor Toyia Tucker to attend the 2022 ACCG’s Legislative Breakfast. Mayor Pro Tem Allen moved approval, seconded by Councilor Barnes and carried unanimously by seven members with Councilors Crabb, Huff and Woodson being absent for the vote.
3. Letter from Susan McWhirter, Chairperson Board of Trustees advising that the Medical Center Hospital Authority voted to elect Mr. Rodney Mahone to fill the unexpired term of Dr. Michael Gorum. (*The Council may confirm this appointment.*) Mayor Pro Tem Allen moved approval, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by eight members with Councilors Crabb and Woodson being absent for the vote.

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

Board of Tax Assessors, #01-22 and #02-22

Building Authority, October 13 and November 4, 2021

Columbus Golf Authority, January 25, 2022

Housing Authority of Columbus, December 15, 2021

Mayor’s Commission on Reentry, January 20, 2022

Public Safety Advisory Commission, December 16, 2021

River Valley Regional Council, November 27, 2021

Mayor Pro Tem Allen moved to receive the minutes of various boards, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by eight members with Councilors Crabb and Woodson being absent for the vote.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS- ACTION REQUESTED:

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

A. **COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS & CULTURAL LIAISON ENCOUNTERS (CIRCLE):**

A nominee for the seat of Akear Mewborn (*Does not desire reappointment*) for a term expiring on March 1, 2022, on the Commission on International Relations & Cultural Liaison Encounters (*Mayor's Appointment*). There were none.

B. **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:**

A nominee for the seat of Reverend Joseph Baker (*Not eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on March 27, 2022, on the Community Development Advisory Council (*Mayor's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Christy Lemieux (*Not eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on March 27, 2022, on the Community Development Advisory Council (*Mayor's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Tricia Llewellyn Konan (*Not eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on March 27, 2022, on the Community Development Advisory Council (*Mayor's Appointment*). Mayor Henderson nominated Ms. Tamika McKenzie to succeed Ms. Tricia Llewellyn Konan. Mayor Pro Tem Allen moved approval, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by eight members with Councilors Crabb and Woodson being absent for the vote.

Clerk of Council Sandra Davis briefly explained that Ms. Tamika McKenzie was confirmed to serve as the District 5 representative at the last meeting; however, Ms. McKenzie advised that she no longer resides in District 5; therefore, she is not eligible to serve in this seat. However, Ms. McKenzie is eligible to serve another term and has now been confirmed to serve as one of the Mayor's appointments.

C. **CRIME PREVENTION BOARD:**

A nominee for the seat of Lane Jimmerson (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on March 31, 2022, on the Crime Prevention Board (*Mayor's Appointment*). Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by nine members with Councilor Woodson being absent for the vote.

A nominee for the seat of LaRae Moore (*Not eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on March 31, 2022, on the Crime Prevention Board (*Mayor's Appointment*). Mayor Henderson nominated Mr. Danny Arencibia to succeed Ms. LaRae Moore. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by nine members with Councilor Woodson being absent for the vote.

A nominee for the seat of Joseph M. LaBranche (*Not eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on March 31, 2022, as the Fort Benning Liaison on the Crime Prevention Board (*Mayor's Appointment*). There were none.

6. **COUNCIL'S APPOINTMENT- READY FOR CONFIRMATION:**

A. **BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS:** Mr. Shaun Roberts was nominated to serve another term of office. (*Councilor Woodson's nominee*) Term expires: March 31, 2025. Mayor Pro Tem

Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by nine members with Councilor Woodson being absent for the vote.

- B. BUILDING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:** Ms. Olive Vidal-Kendall was nominated to serve another term of office. (*Councilor Huff's nominee*) Term expires: March 24, 2024. Councilor Huff made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by nine members with Councilor Woodson being absent for the vote.
- C. BUILDING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:** Mr. Christopher Smith was nominated to serve another term of office. (*Mayor Pro Tem Allen's nominee*) Term expires: March 24, 2024. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by nine members with Councilor Woodson being absent for the vote.
- D. HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD:** Mr. Alex Griggs was nominated to serve another term of office as the (**Architect Representative**). (*Mayor Pro Tem Allen's nominee*) Term expires: January 31, 2025. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by nine members with Councilor Woodson being absent for the vote.
- E. PERSONNEL REVIEW BOARD:** Mr. Willie Belfield, Jr. was nominated to succeed Ms. Tracy Walker as the (**Alternate Member Two**). (*Councilor Tucker's nominee*) Term expires: December 31, 2024. Councilor Tucker made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by nine members with Councilor Woodson being absent for the vote.
- F. PLANNING ADVISORY COMMISSION:** Mr. Larry Derby was nominated to serve another term of office. (*Councilor Woodson's nominee*) Term expires: March 31, 2025. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by nine members with Councilor Woodson being absent for the vote.
- G. PLANNING ADVISORY COMMISSION:** Mr. Ralph King was nominated to serve another term of office. (*Mayor Pro Tem Allen's nominee*) Term expires: March 31, 2025. Councilor Huff made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by nine members with Councilor Woodson being absent for the vote.

7. **COUNCIL'S APPOINTMENT- READY FOR CONFIRMATION:**

A. ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of Dr. Rene LeFranc (**Veterinary Association**) (*Resigned*) for a term expired on October 15, 2019, on the Animal Control Advisory Board (*Council's Confirmation*). Councilor Tucker made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by nine members with Councilor Woodson being absent for the vote.

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

A. CIVIC CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of Spencer Cantrell (*Eligible to serve another term*) for a term expiring on March 1, 2022, as the District 2 Representative on the Civic Center Advisory Board (*District 2 – Davis*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Roaster Coles (*Not eligible to serve another term*) for a term expiring on March 1, 2022, as the District 3 Representative on the Civic Center Advisory Board (*District 3 – Huff*). There were none.

B. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:

A nominee for the seat of Tamika McKenzie (*Eligible to serve another term*) for a term expiring on March 27, 2022, as the District 5 Representative on the Community Development Advisory Council (*District 5 – Crabb*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of John Partin (*Eligible to serve another term*) for a term expiring on March 27, 2022, as the District 6 Representative on the Community Development Advisory Council (*District 6 – Mayor Pro Tem Allen*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Barbara Chambers (*Not eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on March 27, 2022, as the District 1 Representative on the Community Development Advisory Council (*District 1 – Barnes*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Johnson Trawick (*Not eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on March 27, 2022, as the District 8 Representative on the Community Development Advisory Council (*District 8 – Garrett*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Danny Arencibia (*Not eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on March 27, 2022, as the District 10 Representative on the Community Development Advisory Council (*District 10 – House*). Councilor House nominated Evan Collins to succeed Mr. Danny Arencibia. Councilor House then made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by nine members with Councilor Woodson being absent for the vote.

C. RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of Lonnie Boyd (*Seat declared vacant*) for a term expiring on December 31, 2025, as the District 1 Representative on the Recreation Advisory Council (*District 1 – Barnes*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Latshia Stephens-Archibald (*Seat declared vacant*) for a term expiring on December 31, 2023, as the District 3 Representative on the Recreation Advisory Council (*District 3 – Huff*). There were none.

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

A. ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of Lindsay Ellis (*No longer a resident*) for a term expiring on October 15, 2023, on the Animal Control Advisory Board (*Council’s Appointment*). There were none.

B. COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS & CULTURAL LIAISON ENCOUNTERS (CIRCLE):

A nominee for the seat of Harry Underwood (*Does not desire reappointment*) for a term that expires on March 1, 2022, on the Commission on International Relations & Cultural Liaison Encounters (*Council’s Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Rose Spencer (*Not Eligible to serve another term*) for a term that expired on March 1, 2021, on the Commission on International Relations & Cultural Liaison Encounters (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of SarahAnn Arcila (*Resigned*) for a term that expires on March 1, 2024, on the Commission on International Relations & Cultural Liaison Encounters (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

C. HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of Brian Luedtke (*Eligible to succeed*) as the Historic District Preservation Society Representative for a term that expires on January 31, 2022, on the Historic & Architectural Review Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Cathy Williams (*Not Eligible to succeed*) as the Historic Columbus Foundation Representative for a term that expires on January 31, 2022, on the Historic & Architectural Review Board (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Woodson nominated Toney Johnson to succeed Cathy Williams as the Historic Columbus Foundation Representative.

A nominee for the seat of William Bray (*Not Eligible to succeed*) as the Columbus Homebuilders Association Representative for a term that expires on January 31, 2022, on the Historic & Architectural Review Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

D. PERSONNEL REVIEW BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of Darlene Small (*Not Eligible to succeed*) as Alternate Member 3 for a term that expires on December 31, 2021, on the Personnel Review Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

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.

E. PLANNING ADVISORY COMMISSION:

A nominee for the seat of Dr. Xavier McCaskey (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term that expires on March 31, 2022, on the Planning Advisory Commission (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Garrett nominated Kyle Albright to succeed Dr. Xavier McCaskey.

PUBLIC AGENDA- (Additional 3 Minutes)

1. Ms. Cynthia Stubbs, Re: Community gang stalking.
2. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Crime Prevention Department and Cure Violence accountability.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Henderson entertained a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss matters of litigation 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 Tucker and carried unanimously by nine members, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the vote and the time being 1:18 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 1:31 p.m., at which time, Mayor Henderson announced that the Council did meet in executive session to discuss matters of litigation; however, there were no votes taken.

RESOLUTIONS (Add-Ons):

Resolution (044-22): A Resolution authorizing to settle all damage claims, including attorney's fees of Thomas Johnson stemming from an incident that occurred on July 28, 2017, in the amount of \$20,000.

Resolution (045-22): A Resolution Authorizing payment to settle all damage claims, including Attorney's fees of Charisse Smith stemming from the incident which occurred on April 13, 2019, in the amount of \$85,000.

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Allen to adjourn the February 8, 2022 Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Councilor Barnes and carried unanimously by nine members, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the vote and the time being 1:32 p.m.

Sandra T. Davis, CMC
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