

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

October 26, 2021
5:30 PM
Regular Meeting

MAYOR'S AGENDA

PRESENT: Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III, and Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen and Councilors Jerry "Pops" Barnes (arrived at 5:51 p.m.), Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis (arrived at 5:41 p.m.), R. Walker Garrett, John M. House, Bruce Huff, Judy W. Thomas, and Toyia Tucker. Deputy City Manager Lisa Goodwin, City Attorney Clifton Fay, and Deputy Clerk of Council Lindsey G. McLemore were present.

ABSENT: Councilor Evelyn "Mimi" Woodson, City Manager Isaiah Hugley, and Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis were absent.

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Rabbi Shmuel Polin at Temple Israel of Columbus, Georgia

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Henderson

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the October 12, 2021, Council Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the seven members present with Councilors Barnes and Davis being absent for the vote, and Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

UPDATE:

2. An update on COVID-19

Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson gave a brief update on COVID-19 and its impact on the community. He explained they continue to focus on the hospitalization rate, which continues to decline, with fifty-two currently in the hospital making it manageable for hospital staff. He explained the administration will keep the public updated as more information and opportunities to receive the boosters become available.

RECOGNITION:

3. To recognize Boy Scout Troop 555 as partial fulfillment of their Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge.

Mayor B. H. “Skip” Henderson recognized the presence of Boy Scout Troup 555, who was attending the meeting to fulfill the duties necessary to earn their Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge.

HALLOWEEN 2021:

Mayor B. H. “Skip” Henderson explained the Columbus Consolidated Government is asking the citizens to celebrate Halloween on Saturday, October 30, 2021, between the hours of 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. He explained this decision was made after numerous requests were received from parents and teachers suggesting this schedule would lessen the impact on students attending school on Monday.

CITY ATTORNEY’S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

- 1. Ordinance (21-054) - 2nd Reading-** REZN-08-21-1520: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia changing certain boundaries of a district located at **6565 Talokas Lane** (parcel # 110-002-068) from PMUD (Planned Mixed Use Development) Zoning District to GC (General Commercial) Zoning District. (Planning and PAC recommend approval) (Mayor Pro-Tem) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote, and Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.
- 2. Ordinance (21-055) - 2nd Reading-** REZN-08-21-1523: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia by changing certain boundaries of a district located at **1309 Wildwood Avenue** (parcel # 185-041-006) from RO (Residential Office) Zoning District to RMF2 (Residential Multifamily 2) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval) (Councilor Garrett) Councilor Garrett made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote, and Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.
- 3. Ordinance (21-056) - 2nd Reading-** An ordinance providing for the demolition of various structures located at: 1) 4009 Young Avenue (Brion Folarin & Omotayo Folarin, Owner); 2) 3313 7th Avenue (Albert G. & Betty Jean Currington, Owner); 3) 2937 Colorado Street (Yong Kook Pak & Yeon Ho & Family Value Realty, LLC, Owner); 4) 2443 Wise Street (Paz G Pedrozo Trust, Owner); 5) 2215 1st Avenue (Clinton D Hammond II & Joel D Hammond, Owner); 6) 1102 Winston Road (Frank A & Edna E Turman, Owner); 7) 378 Clover Avenue (Henry & Ozella Edwards, Owner); 8) 370 28th Avenue (3 Port Investments, LLC, Owner); and 9) 33 Eddy Drive (Miguel H Villar, Owner) (Mayor Pro-Tem) (as amended). Councilor Tucker made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote, and Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.
- 4. Ordinance (21-057) - 2nd Reading-** An Ordinance amending Articles I and III of Chapter 4 of the Columbus Code to provide that the City Manager in consultation with the Chief of Police may change the hours of any public park or playground when warranted by public safety or public health concerns; and for other purposes. (Councilor Tucker) Councilor Tucker made a motion to

amend the ordinance to include “each administrative order issued pursuant to this paragraph shall clearly state the parks or playgrounds to which it applies and its duration and shall be promptly furnished to the Councilor for the District in which the affected park or playground is located”, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote, and Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance as amended, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote, and Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

5. **1st Reading-** REZN-08-21-1617: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **1400 17th Street** (parcel # 027-009-001) from RO (Residential Office) Zoning District to GC (General Commercial) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval) (Councilor Woodson)

Ms. Georgina Asante came forward to speak in opposition of the rezoning, as an owner of property located on 18th Street. She stated it is her concern and that of other property owner’s that the transition of this area from residential to commercial will negatively impact the area.

Mr. Shaun Bussey came forward to speak for the property owner and applicant, Mr. Larry Bussey. He explained the planned use for the property is for a self-service storage unit.

Councilor R. Walker Garrett expressed he was originally a skeptic of having self-storage facilities come into residential areas, but he was pleasantly surprised that home values have increased, and he believes there has been a reduction in crime of those areas. He explained though this property is not in his district, he would like to see this property be put to good use especially since it has sat vacant for so many years.

6. **1st Reading-** An Ordinance amending Chapter 8 and Chapter 13 of the Columbus Code by establishing minimum guidelines for fines imposed for various building code, nuisance and solid waste violations in those chapters; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem)

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Mr. Harry C. Underwood, representing Fountain City Fairness Coalition, Re: The Non-Discrimination Ordinance. (*Mr. Underwood was not present when initially called upon; however, he was recognized at the end of the Clerk of Council’s Agenda to speak before the Council.*)
2. Ms. Starlet Kissam, Re: The Non-Discrimination Ordinance. ***Not Present***
3. Mr. Nathaniel Sanderson, Re: Yard Waste pickup.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. **Road Improvement, Safety and Alternative Transportation Projects**

Resolution (385-21): A resolution authorizing the City Manager to proceed with executing and funding the pre-construction requirements for road improvement, safety, and alternative transportation projects totaling \$4,649,124 funded through the Other Local Option Sales Tax (OLOST), Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST) Discretionary Funds, or State of Georgia, Department of Transportation Z230, and Paving Fund to include right-of-way acquisition, permanent and temporary construction easements, utility relocation, environmental mitigation and other necessary agreements to prepare the projects for construction. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

2. Columbus Police Department: Donation Receipt

Resolution (386-21): A resolution authorizing the Columbus Police Department to accept a donation of 215 medical pouches for the Columbus Police Department. Councilor Garrett made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

3. Donation of Fire Truck

Resolution (387-21): A resolution authorizing the donation of (1) fire truck to Oakland Fire and Rescue, Mauk, Georgia. Councilor Garrett made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

4. Acquisition of 230 North Oakley Drive

Resolution (388-21): A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a purchase and sale agreement with Midtown Village LLC for the acquisition of 230 North Oakley Drive. Councilor Barnes made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

5. Housing Authority of Columbus Georgia License Agreement

Resolution (389-21): A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a license agreement with Housing Authority of Columbus, Georgia to utilize 11 parcels as a lay down area for construction of Mill Village. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

6. PURCHASES

- A. Change Order 2 for PI 0011436 – Muscogee County Buena Vista Road Improvements at Spiderweb 1 - Phase I – RFB No. 20-0035

Resolution (390-21): A resolution authorizing the execution of Change Order 2 with Robinson Paving Company (Columbus, GA) in the amount of \$365,517.08 for the Buena Vista Road Spiderweb Project. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

- B. Two 2022 Ford Explorer Mid-Size SUVs For Public Works – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (391-21): A resolution authorizing the purchase of two (2) pool cars (2022 Ford Explorer Mid-Size SUVs) for the Public Works Department, from Allan Vigil Ford (Morrow, GA), at a unit price of \$28,560.00, and a total price of \$57,120.00. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-SPD-ES40199373-002. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

- C. One Forklift for METRA – RFB No. 22-0008

Resolution (392-21): A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) Forklift (Hyundai Model 70D-9B) from Advanced Material Handling, LLC (Lithia Springs, GA) in the amount of \$69,466.00. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

7. Future Payments to Court Reporters Connie Montgomery and Kim Raines for Services Rendered – ADD-ON

Resolution (393-21): A resolution authorizing special exception to Columbus Code Section 19-36 (B) in order to process future payments to Court Reporters Connie Montgomery and Kim Raines for services rendered relative to Case No. SU 2021 CR 001819, State of Georgia vs. Mark Preston Jones pursuant to forthcoming court orders. 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 Woodson being absent for the meeting.

8. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. Evictions Update - Lisa Goodwin, Deputy City Manager

Deputy City Manager Lisa Goodwin provided an update on evictions. She explained there was a meeting held with around sixty landlords and other interested parties on October 18, 2021, to gather their input and provide information on the options that were presented to Council earlier in the month. She stated it was concluded that Option II was found to be the preferred option, whereas the City will pay bulk waste vendor \$500 to clean up after the 25th hour and will invoice the landlord for payment to be paid within 10 days; if not paid, the landlord will be subject to enforcement action for violation of city ordinance and be subject to a lien placed on the property.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Wants the City to consider no longer picking up bulk waste and treating this waste the same as the “Tree for Fee” and give other companies the opportunity to gain the business for the services.
(Request of Councilor Crabb)

BID ADVERTISEMENT

October 27, 2021

1. **Roofing Services at Boxwood Recreation Center – RFB No. 22-0016**

Scope of Bid

Provide all labor, equipment, and materials to remove the existing roof system at Boxwood Recreation Center and replace with an asphalt shingle roof system, in full compliance with the project manual.

2. **Roofing Services at Gallops Senior Center/Linwood Tillis Park – RFB No. 22-0017**

Scope of Bid

Provide all labor, equipment, and materials to replace designated roofs and repair designated roofs, in full compliance with the project manual, at Gallops Senior Center and other structures in Linwood Tillis Park.

3. **Roofing Services at Carver Park Gym – RFB No. 22-0018**

Scope of Bid

The Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) is seeking bids from qualified vendors to provide fourteen (14) full-size, four-door sedans.

4. **Sedans – RFB No. 22-0007**

Scope of Bid

Provide all labor, equipment, and materials to remove the existing roof at the Carver Park Gym and replace with a ketone ethylene ester (KEE) roof system, in full compliance with the project manual.

October 29, 2021

1. **Inmate Telephone System/Muscogee County Prison (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 22-0003**

Scope of Proposal

The Columbus Consolidated Government (The City) is seeking proposals from qualified vendors to provide a turnkey, fully operational, secure and reliable inmate telephone system designed to improve the management and control of inmate telephone usage in the Muscogee County Prison. The telephone system should include the provision of a mobile for isolation units, and a video visitation system for dorm units.

November 3, 2021

1. **Fiber Contractor Services (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 22-0019**

Scope of Bid

Provide outdoor fiber runs, both overhead and underground, or a combination, to various locations of the Columbus Consolidated Government.

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

2. **Basketball Uniforms for Parks & Recreation Leagues (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 22-0013**

Scope of Bid

Provide basketball uniforms for various Parks & Recreation leagues on an “as needed” basis.

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

November 5, 2021

1. Comprehensive Inmate Healthcare Services for Muscogee County Jail (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 22-0016

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government, on behalf of the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office, is seeking proposals for the provision of healthcare services for offenders incarcerated at the Muscogee County Jail. The requested services consist of medical, dental, and mental health, as well as healthcare personnel. Medical services include but are not limited to x-ray, laboratory, and prescription drug services for an average daily population of approximately 975 inmates.

The contract term shall be for two years with the option to renew for three additional twelve-month periods.

November 12, 2021

1. Professional Services for Remediation and Disposal of Environmental Hazardous Chemicals and Waste (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 22-0011

Scope of RFP

The Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia (the City) is soliciting proposals from qualified firms to provide professional consulting, construction, equipment, labor and transport services on an "as needed" basis for the remediation and disposal of environmental hazardous chemicals and waste. The contract period shall be for two (2) years with the option to renew for three (3) additional twelve-month periods.

CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

1. **RESOLUTION (394-21)** - A Resolution excusing Councilor Evelyn "Mimi" Woodson from the October 26, 2021, Council Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.
2. Copy of Email correspondence from Board Secretary Mr. Kenneth Henson, Jr. advising that the Hospital Authority of Columbus has re-elected Mr. Ernie Smallman, Mr. Mike Welch and Dr. John Kingsbury to serve another term of office. *(The Council may confirm the selection of the three board members.)* Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to confirm the appointment of Mr. Ernie Smallman, Mr. Mike Welch and Dr. John Kingsbury to the Hospital Authority of Columbus, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.
3. Resignation Letter of Mr. Jack Kinsman from his seat on the Pension Fund, Employees' Board of Trustees. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resignation, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.
4. **Minutes of the following boards:**

Board of Tax Assessors, #34-21

Development Authority of Columbus, September 2 and 23, 2021

Mayor's Commission on Reentry, September 20, 2021

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

5. **ADD-ON:** Correspondence from Board Secretary Ms. Katherine Kelly, advising of Ms. Lisa Smith's resignation from the Development Authority. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to receive the resignation with regrets, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

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

A. RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD:

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

A nominee for the seat of Latisha Stephens-Archibald (*Seat declared vacant*) for a term that expires on December 31, 2023, on the Recreation Advisory Board (*Council District 3-Huff*). There were none.

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

A. AIRPORT COMMISSION:

A nominee for the seat of Tana McHale (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term that expires on December 31, 2021, on the Airport Commission (*Council's Appointment*). The Columbus Council fills the vacancy from the commission's nominee. There were none.

B. ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of Christy Noullet (*Seat Declared Vacant*) for a term that expires on April 11, 2022, on the Animal Control Advisory Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

Councilor Charmaine Crabb requested information on whether the Animal Control Advisory Board would change when and if the RFP that is currently out for animal control services is approved.

Assistant City Attorney Lucy Sheftall came forward to explain the composition and duties of the Animal Control Advisory Board would not change. She stated the board would remain in the ordinance, as it is deemed necessary by the State of Georgia to conduct hearings on animals classified as vicious, but the changes would be seen as it pertains to staff support.

C. BOARD OF ELECTION & REGISTRATION:

A nominee for the seat of U. D. Roberts (*Eligible to succeed*) as the Republican Party Representative for a term that expires on December 31, 2021, on the Board of Election & Registration (*Council's Appointment*). Mayor Pro Tem Allen nominated Mr. U. D. Roberts as submitted by the Republican Party Chair. Councilor Thomas made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

D. BOARD OF HEALTH:

A nominee for the seat of Dr. Rajinder Chhokar (*Not Eligible to succeed*) for a term that expires on December 31, 2021, on the Board of Health (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

E. BOARD OF TAX ASSESSORS:

A nominee for the seat of Chester Randolph (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term that expires on Board of Tax Assessors (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor House nominated Alice Grantham and Councilor Davis nominated Kathy Jones to succeed Chester Randolph.

F. COOPERATIVE EXTENSION ADVISORY BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of Margaret Higdon (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term that expires on December 31, 2021, on the Cooperative Extension Advisory Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

G. DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:

A nominee for the seat of the late Jacki Lowe (*Passed away*) for a term that expires on April 30, 2022, on the Development Authority (*Council's Appointment*). There were none. Deputy Clerk of Council McLemore stated Mayor Pro Tem Allen would be delaying his nomination of Dallis Copeland and Councilor Barnes would be delaying his nomination of Geniece Granville until the November 9, 2021, Council Meeting.

H. PERSONNEL REVIEW BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of Torrance Goodwin (*Eligible to succeed*) as Regular Member 3 for a term that expires on December 31, 2021, on the Personnel Review Board (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Huff nominated Torrance Goodwin to succeed himself.

A nominee for the seat of Dennis Walsh (*Eligible to succeed*) as Alternate Member 1 for a term that expires on December 31, 2021, on the Personnel Review Board (*Council's Appointment*). Mayor Pro Tem Allen nominated Dennis Walsh to succeed himself.

A nominee for the seat of Tracy Walker (*Eligible to succeed- Interested in serving another term*) as Alternate Member 2 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 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 John F. Rowe, Jr. (*Resigned*) as Regular Member 2 for a term that expires on December 31, 2021, on the Personnel Review Board (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Crabb nominated Tracy Walker to succeed John F. Rowe, Jr., changing her position as an Alternate Member to a Regular Member as recommended by the Human Resources Director.

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.

I. UPTOWN FACADE BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of Alan Udy (*Eligible to succeed*) as the Uptown Business Improvement District Representative for a term that expires on October 31, 2021 (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

PUBLIC AGENDA (continued)

1. Mr. Harry C. Underwood, representing Fountain City Fairness Coalition, Re: The Non-Discrimination Ordinance.

At the request of Mayor Henderson, Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to go into executive session to discuss matters of personnel, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting, and the time being 6:46 p.m.

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 6:54 p.m., at which time, Mayor Henderson announced that the Council did meet in executive session to discuss personnel matters; however, there were no votes taken.

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Allen to adjourn the October 26, 2021, Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present with Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting, and the time being 6:55 p.m.

Lindsey G. McLemore
Deputy Clerk of Council
Council of Columbus, Georgia