

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

June 11, 2024
9:00 AM
Regular Meeting

MAYOR'S AGENDA

PRESENT: Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III and Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen (*Councilor District 1 Seat – Vacant*) and Councilors Tyson Begly, Joanne Cogle, Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis (arrived at 9:06 a.m.), R. Walker Garrett, Bruce Huff (arrived at 9:15 a.m.) and Judy W. Thomas. City Manager Isaiah Hugley, City Attorney Clifton Fay, Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis, and Deputy Clerk of Council Lindsey G. McLemore.

ABSENT: Councilor Toyia Tucker was absent.

<u>The following documents were distributed around the Council table:</u> (1) Southern Anti-Racism Network 20 th Anniversary Conference Booklet

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Reverend Marcus Gibson, Greater Shady Grove Missionary Baptist Church of Columbus, Georgia

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Henderson

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the June 4, 2024, Council Meeting and Executive Session. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Davis and Huff being absent for the vote, and Councilor Tucker being absent from the meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING:

2. **TAXPAYER BILL OF RIGHTS PUBLIC HEARING:** 9:00 a.m. The budget tentatively adopted by the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, requires a millage rate higher than the rollback millage rate. Therefore, before the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, may finalize the tentative budget and set a final millage rate, Georgia Law requires that three public hearings be held to allow the public an opportunity to express their opinions on this increase.

City Attorney Clifton Fay began the Taxpayer Bill of Rights Hearing by explaining the City Council is required to have a public hearing anytime the projected value of tax digest is expected to increase. He stated though the property values in the county are projected to increase, if a property owner has a Homestead Assessment Freeze, then their property taxes should not be affected.

NOTE: Councilor Davis arrived at 9:06 a.m.

Finance Director Angelica Alexander approached the rostrum to further explain the projected increase. She stated there are two types of increases that may cause some adjustment to the tax digest, inflationary increases with the reassessment of property values based on sales, and changes to the tax digest when there are new and/or improved properties coming onto the tax rolls. She explained the millage rates that were included in the Mayor’s Recommended FY2025 Budget are the same as approved for the prior fiscal year, with Urban Service District #1 at 16.07 mills, Urban Service District #2 at 10.09 mills, and Urban Service District #4 at 9.19 mills. She went on to explain with new and improved properties coming onto the tax digest, the Tax Commissioner is required to calculate what is known as the Rollback Millage Rate, which is a millage that determines what we could assess the property values to collect the same tax revenue as the previous year with those assessed at a lower amount. She stated Urban Service District #2 was advertised with a rollback millage rate increase of 4.52%.

Mr. Marvin Broadwater approached the rostrum to confirm whether citizens should expect an increase in taxes.

Mr. Bryan Jacobson approached the rostrum to express his concerns on the projected increase in property values for property owners that do not qualify for homestead exemption.

City Manager Isaiah Hugley stated for the record that the millage rate has not increased in more than ten years.

NOTE: Councilor Huff arrived at 9:15 a.m.

Mr. Jeremy Hilton approached the rostrum to share his concerns regarding the increase in property values and the financial burden on property owners, who will in turn potentially filter the increase down to renters.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

Muscogee County Sheriff Greg Countryman, Fire & EMS Chief Sal Scarpa, and Police Chief Stoney Mathis approached the rostrum to make a special presentation to Councilor Judy W. Thomas, thanking her for her continued support of the public safety departments and referring to her as the “Queen of Public Safety”.

CITY ATTORNEY’S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

- 1. 2nd Reading-** An ordinance to revise and clarify certain provisions of the Columbus Code which provide for the foreclosure of liens on property for which funds are due and owing to the consolidated government; and for other purposes. (continued on 2nd Reading due to inconclusive vote) (Councilor Begly) Councilor Begly made a motion delay the ordinance until there is a full Council and to change the sponsor to Councilor Garrett, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent from the meeting.

Councilor Tyson Begly stated with July 18, 2024 being his last meeting, he is requesting for Council to delay this ordinance and to transfer sponsorship to Councilor Garrett.

2. **Ordinance (24-027) - 2nd Reading-** An ordinance adopting an operating and capital improvement budget for the Fiscal Year 2025 beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, for certain funds of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, and appropriating the amounts shown in each budget; and for other purposes. (Budget Review Committee) Councilor Thomas made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent from the meeting.
3. **Ordinance (24-028) - 2nd Reading-** An ordinance adopting non-operating budgets for the fiscal year 2024 beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, for certain funds of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, and appropriating the amounts shown in each budget. (Budget Review Committee) Councilor Thomas made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent from the meeting.
4. **Ordinance (24-029) - 2nd Reading-** An ordinance providing for contributions to the Columbus, Georgia General Government Employees' Pension Plan for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025. (Budget Review Committee) Councilor Thomas made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent from the meeting.
5. **Ordinance (24-030) - 2nd Reading-** An ordinance providing for the governmental contributions to the Columbus, Georgia Pension Plan for employees of the Department of Public Safety for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025. (Budget Review Committee) Councilor Thomas made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent from the meeting.
6. **Ordinance (24-031) - 2nd Reading-** An ordinance providing for Government funding of a Major Disability Income Plan for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025. (Budget Review Committee) Councilor Thomas made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent from the meeting.
7. **Ordinance (24-032) - 2nd Reading-** An ordinance providing for Government funding of a Death Benefit Escrow for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025. (Budget Review Committee) Councilor Thomas made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent from the meeting.
8. **Ordinance (24-033) - 2nd Reading-** An ordinance amending Article VII of Chapter 13 of the Columbus Code Solid Waste Collection and Disposal by updating certain fees and the guidelines for an offset to the residential rate for low-income households; and for other purposes. (Budget Review Committee) Councilor Garrett made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent from the meeting.

9. **Ordinance (24-034) - 2nd Reading-** An ordinance adopting new permit fees for Building Code inspections in Section 8-14.4 of the Columbus Code; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem) Councilor Crabb made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent from the meeting.

10. **1st Reading-** An ordinance providing for the establishment of taxing districts, including a county-wide general services district and three (3) urban services districts and three (3) Business Improvement Districts (BID); providing for the levy, assessment, and collection of taxes for Columbus, Georgia within such districts for the year 2024 as provided under the Charter of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia; providing penalties for violations of the provisions of said ordinance; and for other purposes. (Budget Review Committee)

City Attorney Fay requested an executive session to discuss matters of personnel, real estate acquisition, litigation, and potential litigation.

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Ms. Simi Barnes, Re: A message from her late father, Jerry “Pops” Barnes and (2) The appointment of the District 1 Councilor.
2. Mr. Clairmont Barnes, Jr., representing the Barnes Family, Re: A message from his late father, Jerry “Pops” Barnes and (2) The appointment of the District 1 Councilor.
3. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Construction on 13th Avenue. *Not present at this point in the meeting.*
4. Mr. Adrian Chester, IMA (Inter Denominational Ministerial Alliance), Re: Lack of representation for City Council District 1.
5. Mr. Mark Lawrence, IMA (Inter Denominational Ministerial Alliance), Re: Questions about the recent external audit.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. TSPLOST Projects, Band 2

Resolution (193-24): A resolution authorizing the City Manager to proceed with executing and funding the pre-construction requirements for road improvement, safety, and alternative transportation projects funded through the Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST) Funds, 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. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilor Tucker being absent from the meeting.

2. GDOT/Norfolk Southern Agreement for 9th Street Crossing Improvements

Resolution (194-24): A resolution authorizing an agreement with Norfolk Southern Railroad and Georgia Department of Transportation to repair and upgrade the crossing at 9th Street and Veterans Parkway. Councilor Cogle made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilor Tucker being absent from the meeting.

3. Gateway Foundation Agreement

Resolution (195-24): A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia authorizing the execution of an agreement with Gateway Foundation for changing of the letters displayed on the gateway structure at the Fort Moore Interchange. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent from the meeting.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Check on having the gateway pressure washed. (*Request of Councilor Davis*)
- See about pressure washing A.J. McClung Football Stadium. (*Request of Councilor Huff*)

4. Lease of Equipment for City Golf Courses

Resolution (196-24): A resolution authorizing two lease agreements and two lease/purchase agreements with Yamaha Motor Finance Corporation over a 48-month lease period in a total amount of \$168,185.28 and \$24,612.48 respectively, to obtain equipment to be utilized at Oxbow Creek and Godwin Creek Golf Courses. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent from the meeting.

5. Georgia Fund I Investment Pool Signatory Update

Resolution (197-24): A resolution updating the signatories for the Columbus Consolidated Government at the Georgia Fund I Investment Pool which is operated by the State of Georgia Office of Treasury and Fiscal Services. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent from the meeting.

6. Columbus Civic Center: Donation Acceptance

Resolution (198-24): A resolution authorizing the acceptance of donated funds for the Juneteenth Celebration. Councilor Cogle made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent from the meeting.

7. PURCHASES

- A. Used Oil & Antifreeze Recycling Services (Re-Bid) (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 24-0031

Resolution (199-24): A resolution authorizing the annual contract with Transformational Living Coaching and Consulting Services, LLC (Atlanta, GA) for the removal and recycling of used oil at the rate of \$0.73 per gallon, and the removal and recycling of used antifreeze at the rate of \$0.50 per gallon. The contractor will pay the per gallon rate to the City, and this revenue will be deposited into

the Government Wide Revenue Account. Public Works collects approximately 500 gallons to be recycled bi-weekly. Metra collects approximately 250-300 gallons to be recycled every sixty (60) days. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent from the meeting.

B. Amendment 18 for Construction Manager as General Contractor Services for Columbus Government Center Complex – RFQ No. 20-0002

Resolution (200-24): A resolution authorizing the execution of Amendment 18 in the amount of \$227,489.00 with Gilbane Building Company (Atlanta, GA), in association with Freeman & Associates, Inc., for Construction Manager as General Contractor Services for the Government Center Complex. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent from the meeting.

C. Grapple Truck Repair for Public Works

Resolution (201-24): A resolution authorizing payment to Cummins Sales and Services (Albany, GA), in the amount of \$33,220.44, for the repair of a 2014 Freightliner Grapple Truck, Vehicle #19008. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent from the meeting.

D. Tables for Outdoor Pools for Parks and Recreation – OMNIA Partners Cooperative Contract Purchase

Resolution (202-24): A resolution authorizing the purchase of tables for outdoor pools from BCI Burke Company/Playsouth, LLC (Atlanta, GA) in the total amount of \$56,383.50. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase, via Omnia Partners Contract #R220201. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent from the meeting.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Check on putting large dumpsters at known dumping areas, such as Rigdon Park and the area near the Gateway Industrial Park. *(Request of Councilor Crabb)*
- Received a call that the streetscapes at Fort Benning Road are not being maintained. *(Request of Councilor Huff)*
- There is still an issue with the resurfacing on Bunker Hill Road. *(Request of Councilor Huff)*
- Creeks that run behind residents are having issues with trees and limbs falling in the creeks. *(Request of Councilor Huff)*

PURCHASES INFORMATION ONLY:

1. Information Only: Exigent “Off the Lot” Vehicle Purchases – Resolution No. 106-24

1. ONE (1) 2024 FORD EXPLORER FOR PUBLIC WORKS

On May 31, 2024, a purchase order was executed for one (1) 2024 Ford Explorer XLT 4DR 4x2 for the Public Works Department due to exigent circumstances, as approved by Council per Resolution No. 106-24.

The vehicle will be purchased from Rivertown Ford (Columbus, GA) at a unit price of \$43,890.00. The vehicle will be used by Administrative Staff in the performance of Infrastructure duties. This is a new vehicle.

Funds are budgeted in the FY24 Budget: General Fund – Public Works – Public Works – Light Trucks; 0101-260-1000-PSDR-7722.

2. ONE (1) 2024 CHEVROLET TAHOE FOR MUSCOGEE COUNTY PRISON

On May 31, 2024, a purchase order was executed for one (1) 2024 Chevrolet Tahoe for the Muscogee County Prison due to exigent circumstances, as approved by Council per Resolution No. 106-24.

The vehicle will be purchased from Sons Chevrolet (Columbus, GA) at a unit price of \$75,928.00. The vehicle will be used by the Muscogee County Prison for transportation to and from training, off-site training commonly hosted out-of-town. This is a replacement vehicle.

Funds are budgeted in the FY24 Budget: LOST-Public Safety – Muscogee County Prison – Public Safety-LOST - Automobiles; 0102-420-9900-LOST-7721.

3. ONE (1) 2024 FORD 350 15-PASSENGER TRANSIT VAN

On May 31, 2024, a purchase order was executed for one (1) 2024 Ford 350 15-Passenger Transit Van for the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office due to exigent circumstances, as approved by Council per Resolution No. 106-24.

The vehicle will be purchased from Brannen Motors (Unadilla, GA) at a unit price of \$58,000.00. The vehicle will be used by the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office to transport inmates.

Funds are budgeted in the FY24 Budget: 2021 Sales Tax Project Fund – 2021 SPLOST – 21 SPLOST Public Safety – Light Trucks; 0567-696-3111-STIF-7722.

4. TWO (2) 2024 FORD 350 15-PASSENGER TRANSIT VANS

On May 31, 2024, a purchase order was executed for two (2) 2024 Ford 350 15-Passenger Transit Vans for the Parks and Recreation Department due to exigent circumstances, as approved by Council per Resolution No. 106-24.

The vehicles will be purchased from Brannen Motors (Unadilla, GA) at a unit price of \$58,000.00 each and a total cost of \$116,000.00. The vehicles will be used by Parks and Recreation staff to transport program participants.

Funds are budgeted in the FY24 Budget: 2021 Sales Tax Project Fund – 2021 SPLOST – 21 SPLOST Public Safety – Light Trucks; 0567-696-3111-STIF-7722.

8. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. Police Department Briefing - Stoney Mathis, Chief, Columbus Police Department.

Police Chief Stoney Mathis approached the rostrum to introduce an update on the Columbus Police Department, where information on the various divisions will be shared by members of the Command Staff.

Deputy Chief Roderick Graham came forward to provide a presentation on the efforts of the Bureau of Administrative Services in recruiting sworn and civilian personnel for the Columbus Police Department.

Deputy Chief Clyde Dent came forward to share information on the functions of the Bureau of Patrol Services. He stated that currently the bureau is comprised of 205 sworn officers, in contrast to last year being at 175.

Deputy Chief Lance Deaton came forward to share information on the Bureau of Investigative Services and how they addressed the shortage of manpower issue faced by the department. He stated with the increase of manpower, the Bureau of Investigations has been able to get away from prioritizing cases as they were forced to do in the past.

Deputy Chief Ronnie Hastings came forward to share information on the Bureau of Support Services. The information he shared was on the various divisions within the bureau such as, 911 Operations Center, Property & Evidence, Quartermaster Unit, Motor Transport, Records Room, and Desk Services.

Assistant Chief of Operations Debra Kennedy came forward to provide information on the various organizations and entities she works with on behalf of the department to address community issues like homelessness.

Assistant Chief of Administration Joyce Dent-Fitzpatrick came forward to provide information on the administrative side of her duties. She shared her assignment to resolve issues within 911, to include staffing, and shared the importance of 911 and the dispatchers being the first line of communication for those in need of emergency services.

CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

1. **RESOLUTION (203-24)** – A resolution excusing Councilor Toyia Tucker from the June 11, 2024 Council Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent from the meeting.
2. Honorary Designation Application submitted by Dr. Frank Brown to rename the Double Churches Pool in honor of Miss Joni Ressemeyer. *(The Council may vote to forward the application to the Board of Honor.)* Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to forward the application to the Board of Honor, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent from the meeting.

Mayor Henderson advised the Department of Parks & Recreation has indicated that they would request the Council delay this matter for one week to allow the department to have some input with regards to the naming; since, this would be a little different than what has normally been done. *(There was no substitute motion for a delay.)*

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

Board of Tax Assessors, #17-24

Budget Review Committee, May 14, 2024

Development Authority of Columbus, April 4, 2024

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

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

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

A. YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:

A nominee for a seat on the Youth Advisory Council as the District 2 Representative for the 2024-2025 School Year (*Council District 2- Davis*). There were none.

A nominee for a seat on the Youth Advisory Council as the District 4 Representative for the 2024-2025 School Year (*Council District 4- Tucker*). There were none.

A nominee for a seat on the Youth Advisory Council as the District 5 Representative for the 2024-2025 School Year (*Council District 5- Crabb*). There were none.

A nominee for a seat on the Youth Advisory Council as the District 8 Representative for the 2024-2025 School Year (*Council District 8- Garrett*). Councilor Garrett nominated Lauren Robinson. Councilor Thomas made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent from the meeting.

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

A. COLUMBUS AQUATICS COMMISSION:

A nominee for the seat of Timothy Crabb (*Does not desire reappointment*) for a term expiring on June 30, 2024, on the Columbus Aquatics Commission (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Richard Leary (*Eligible to succeed- Does not desire reappointment*) for a term expiring on June 30, 2024, as the Columbus Hurricanes Representative on the Columbus Aquatics Commission (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Janet Bussey (*Not Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on June 30, 2024, on the Columbus Aquatics Commission (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

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

B. KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION:

A nominee for the seat of David Houser (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring June 30, 2024, as a representative of Senatorial District 15 on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Pamela Green Thomas (*Eligible to succeed-Interested in serving*) for a term expiring June 30, 2024, as an At-Large Member on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Crabb nominated Leasa Hastings for the At-Large Representative seat of Pamela Green Thomas.

A nominee for the seat of Eddie Flowers (*Resigned*) for a term expiring June 30, 2026, as a representative of Senatorial District 15 on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Crabb nominated Pamela Green Thomas to serve another term, but for the seat of Eddie Florence as the SD-15 Representative.

C. REGION 6 REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES:

A nominee for the seat of Christopher Posey (*Eligible to succeed- Does not desire reappointment*) for a term expiring on June 30, 2024, on the Region 6 Regional Advisory Council for Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

PUBLIC AGENDA (continued):

3. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Construction on 13th Avenue.
1. Ms. Simi Barnes, Re: A message from her late father, Jerry "Pops" Barnes and (2) The appointment of the District 1 Councilor.
2. Mr. Clairmont Barnes, Jr., representing the Barnes Family, Re: A message from his late father, Jerry "Pops" Barnes and (2) The appointment of the District 1 Councilor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Henderson entertained a motion to go into executive session to discuss matters of personnel, real estate acquisition, litigation, and potential litigation as requested by City Attorney Fay earlier in the meeting. Councilor Garrett made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the meeting, and the time being 12:23 p.m.

NOTE: Councilor Crabb left the meeting during the Executive Session at 12:57 p.m.

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 1:08 p.m., at which time, Mayor Henderson announced that the Council did meet in executive session to discuss matters of personnel, real estate acquisition, litigation, and potential litigation; however, there were no votes taken.

ADD-ON RESOLUTION:

Resolution (204-24): A resolution authorizing payment of \$100,000 to settle all damage claims of Angel King stemming from the incident which occurred on June 15, 2023, and to execute all appropriate settlement documents to this effect. Councilor Thomas made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Garrett abstaining, Councilor Crabb being absent for the vote and Councilor Tucker being absent from the meeting.

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Allen to adjourn the June 11, 2024 Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Crabb being absent for the vote, Councilor Tucker being absent from the meeting, and the time being 1:09 p.m.

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