

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 14, 2023
9:00 AM
Regular Meeting

MAYOR'S AGENDA

PRESENT: Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III and Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen and Councilors Jerry "Pops" Barnes, Joanne Cogle, Charmaine Crabb, R. Walker Garrett (via Microsoft Teams), John M. House, Bruce Huff, Judy W. Thomas, and Toyia Tucker (via Microsoft Teams). City Manager Isaiah Hugley, City Attorney Clifton Fay, and Deputy Clerk of Council Lindsey G. McLemore were present.

ABSENT: Councilor Glenn Davis and Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis were absent.

The following documents have been included as a part of the electronic Agenda Packet: (1) Columbus Consolidated Government Financial & Compliance Audit Presentation; (2) Jensen Hughes Presentation; (3) Columbus Police Department Presentation; (4) Public Safety Rapid Access System Presentation; (5) Risk Management Presentation; (6) Ford Drive @ Farr Road Traffic Engineering Study Presentation; (7) Columbus Infrastructure Update Presentation; (8) Critical Vacancies Update Presentation

The following documents were distributed around the Council table: (1) 2023 Best Ranger Competition Presentation

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Herman Ivey, Right from the Start of Columbus, Georgia

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Henderson

PRESENTATIONS:

2. Update on Best Ranger Competition Events in Columbus (Presented by Brigadier General Larry Burris, Commandant of the Infantry School at Fort Benning)

Brigadier General Larry Burris approached the rostrum to introduce the update on the Best Ranger Competition Event that will take place during Infantry Week at the Columbus Civic Center.

Captain Matthew Moher approached the rostrum to provide the specifics on the events to be held on Day 2 of the Best Ranger Competition at the Civic Center.

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the January 31, 2023 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 Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent for the meeting.

PRESENTATIONS (continued):

3. FY22 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) (Presented by David Irwin, External Auditors, Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC)

Finance Director Angelica Alexander approached the rostrum to introduce the external auditor's financial report presentation for Fiscal Year 2022.

External Auditor David Irwin (Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC) approached the rostrum to provide details on the external audit conducted on the FY 2022 Budget. He explained there was one finding this year, with the Tax Commissioner's Office not reconciling the monthly bank statements due to high turnover in personnel.

4. Operational Assessment of the Columbus Police Department (Presented by Staff of Jensen Hughes)

Law Enforcement Consulting Vice President Sydney Roberts (Jensen Hughes) approached the rostrum to introduce the representatives of Jensen Hughes and the presentation. She later provided information on the findings of the assessment and the recommendations for improvement.

Senior Vice President & Global Practice Lead Robert L. Davis (Jensen Hughes) spoke via Microsoft Teams, explaining how the assessment was conducted. He then provided what he referred to as the next steps and keys to success. He explained how important it is for the Columbus Police Department to have a strategic plan and to provide communication within the department.

Vice President Robert Boehmer (Jensen Hughes) spoke via Microsoft Teams, encouraging city officials to continue working with the business community and thanked them for the opportunity to complete the assessment.

5. Update on the Police Department (Presented by Freddie Blackmon, Chief of Police, Columbus Police Department)

Police Chief Freddie Blackmon approached the rostrum to provide an update on the Columbus Police Department. He explained there was a 15% decrease in part one crimes from 2021 to 2022 in Columbus. He also provided information on the turnover rate for sworn personnel and the changes made within the department as were recommended by the CPD Retention Committee.

Councilor Thomas made a motion regarding Councilor House's referral for the Chief of Police to provide a written strategic plan by March 14, 2023 and for quarterly updates, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the meeting.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CHIEF OF POLICE:

- Provide a written strategic plan by March 14, 2023 and provide quarterly updates on how the plan is being implemented. (*Request of Councilor House*)

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

- 1. Ordinance (23-011) - 2nd Reading-** An ordinance providing a moratorium not to exceed 90 days on the consideration or approval of any application for a short-term rental permit submitted pursuant to Section 4.9.4 of the Unified Development Ordinance; that said moratorium shall expire no later than 11:59 on Saturday, April 15, 2023; and for other purposes. (Request of Council) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the meeting.
- 2. 1st Reading-** REZN-11-22-2153: An ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **212 Railroad Street** (parcel # 005-007-010) from GC (General Commercial) Zoning District to UPT (Uptown) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Cogle)

Mr. James Alexander (Applicant) approached the rostrum to thank the Mayor and Councilors for their support.

Attorney Ken Henson (Proponent) approached the rostrum to speak in support of the proposed rezoning.

- 3. 1st Reading-** REZN-12-22-2286: An ordinance adding a new Section 3.2.76 of the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) for Columbus, Georgia to provide standards for a Medical Cannabis Dispensary. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Mayor Pro Tem)

Planning Director Will Johnson approached the rostrum to provide details on the proposed ordinance. He explained the Georgia Access to Cannabis Commission did pass the medical cannabis law, and Council passed the change to the UDO to reflect the law regarding medical cannabis dispensaries and grow sites; however, the commission had not set any rules until now. He stated the State of Georgia suggests these sites to be at least 1,000 feet from a religious institution, school, and daycare.

- 4. 1st Reading-** An ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain portions of a district known as the Conservation Use Valuation Assessment, from RE1 (Residential Estate 1) Zoning District to RE5 (Residential Estate 5) or RE10 (Residential Estate 10) Zoning District. (Mayor Pro-Tem)

Planning Assistant Director John Renfro approached the rostrum to explain the purpose of the proposed rezoning. He explained this rezoning would allow for agricultural conservation.

- 5. 1st Reading-** An ordinance approving prohibition of the download or use of TikTok, WeChat and Telegram on laptops, mobile phones and other devices issued, owned, leased, or otherwise controlled by the Columbus Consolidated Government or used for Columbus Consolidated Government or State of Georgia business as Addendum 5 to the Acceptable and Supportable use of Technology Policy Number 210-1000-004. (Mayor Pro-Tem)

IT Director Forrest Toelle approached the rostrum to explain the proposed ordinance. He explained the use of these particular applications would be prohibited on devices issued by the Columbus Consolidated Government.

- 6. 1st Reading-** An ordinance amending the Budgets for the Fiscal Year 2023 beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023, for certain Funds of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, appropriating amounts shown in each fund for various activities; and for other purposes. (Budget Review Committee)

Finance Director Angelica Alexander approached the rostrum to explain the proposed ordinance, which would amend the FY 2023 Budget for mid-year.

Ms. Theresa El-Amin approached the rostrum to speak on the 1st Reading of this ordinance, where she voiced her concerns on the pension plan.

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Dr. Jonathan Liss, Columbus Memory Center, Re: Update on the success of the partnership known as the “Columbus Memory Project”.
2. Ms. Theresa Collins, Re: Affordable Housing. *Not Present*
3. Ms. Inez Blackmon, representing Affordable Housing Justice Forum, Re: The unfair housing practices. *Not Present*
4. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Slumlords and Reparations.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. TSPLOST Projects, Band 1

Resolution (044-23): 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. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the meeting.

2. Prose Apartments -Variance for Sidewalk Installation at 6700 River Road

Resolution (045-23): A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, granting a variance request to the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO), Section 7.10.1 – Required sidewalk, excusing the requirement to install sidewalk along 6700 River Road and River Knoll Way; and for other purposes. Councilor Thomas made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the meeting.

Engineering Director Donna Newman approached the rostrum to explain the location of the sidewalks.

3. Whatley Oil-Variance for Sidewalk Installation at 5401 Miller Road

Resolution (046-23): A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, granting a variance request to the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO), Section 7.10.1 – Required sidewalk, excusing the requirement to install sidewalk along 5401 Miller Road and Miller Court; and for other purposes. 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 Davis being absent for the meeting.

4. Columbus Police Department: Donation

Resolution (047-23): A resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept donated funds of \$200.00 from Mr. Samir Patel on behalf of the Columbus Police Department, with no additional funds required. Councilor House made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the meeting.

5. Environmental Services Agreement

Resolution (048-23): A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a third amendment to the contract with Columbus Power Producers to develop beneficial uses for landfill gas at Pine Grove and Schatulga Road Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) Landfills. Councilor Thomas made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the meeting.

6. 2023 Legislative Agenda – Add On:

Resolution (049-23): A resolution requesting that the Local Legislative Delegation support the reintroduction of H.B. 867 from the 2022 Legislative Session to lower prescription drug prices for Georgians and assure that more funds go toward direct patient care. 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 Davis being absent for the meeting.

7. Historic Preservation Certified Local Government Grant for Design Guideline Updates

Resolution (050-23): A resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit an application to receive funds in the amount of \$25,000 with required 40% match paid by the Historic Columbus Foundation to update the Board of Historic and Architectural Review and Uptown Facade Board Design Guidelines. 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 Davis being absent for the meeting.

8. Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Grant

Resolution (051-23): A resolution authorizing the application for grant funding for waste diversion and recycling to allow for the expansion of the Columbus Consolidated Government's citizen drop off area and composting program. 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 Davis being absent for the meeting.

9. Georgia County Internship Program (GCIP) Grant

Resolution (052-23): A resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for and accept if awarded a grant of \$2,607.60, or as otherwise awarded, from the ACCG Civic Affairs Foundation for the Georgia County Internship Program (GCIP) and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount awarded. 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 Davis being absent for the meeting.

10. FEMA – Assistance to Firefighter Grant

Resolution (053-23): A resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for and accept if awarded a grant for fitness equipment in the amount of \$347,333.68, or as otherwise awarded, from FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant. Funds with Columbus Fire and Emergency Medical Services paying the 10% match of \$31,575.79. The Multi-Governmental Fund will be amended by the amount of the award. 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 Davis being absent for the meeting.

11. PURCHASES

A. Watershed Fertilization (Annual Contract) RFB No. 23-0023

Resolution (054-23): A resolution authorizing the annual contract for watershed fertilization services from Burts Fertilizer (Columbus, GA) for the estimated annual contract value of \$23,474.00. Councilor House made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the meeting.

B. Pressure Washing Services for Civic Center Roof (Annual Contract) RFB No. 23-0026

Resolution (055-23): A resolution authorizing the annual contract for pressure washing services for the Civic Center roof from Express Pressure Washing, LLC (McDonough, GA) for the estimated annual contract value \$2,8000. Councilor House made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the meeting.

C. Towable Electric Boom Lift for Parks and Recreation – Sourcewell Contract Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (056-23): A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) 2023 34-35' towable electric boom lift (Caterpillar JLG T-350), at a unit price of \$29,500.00, from Yancey Rents (Columbus, GA). The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Sourcewell Contract #062320-CAT. Councilor House made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the meeting.

D. Compact Excavator for Parks and Recreation – Georgia State Contract Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (057-23): A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) 2022 John Deere 60G Compact Excavator at a unit price of \$71,204.81, from Dobbs Equipment Southeast, LLC (Columbus, GA). The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-001-SPD0000177-0023. Councilor House made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded

by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the meeting.

E. Space Planning and Programming & Design Professional Services for Fire Station No. 5 Replacement – RFQ No. 23-0001

Resolution (058-23): A resolution authorizing the execution of a negotiated contract with WSKF Architects (North Kansas City, MO) for space planning and programming & design professional services for the replacement of Fire State No. 5. The total project cost is \$5,000,000.00. Which is inclusive of the fees for the space planning and programming & design services. The recommended form's negotiated cost proposal is within the budgeted amount. Councilor House made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the meeting.

F. Rapid Access System Project – Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (059-23): A resolution authorizing the purchase of the Knox® Rapid Access System (Knox Box) from Knox Company, (Phoenix, AZ), in the amount of \$254,326.96. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via RFP #JA-19-90 and resulting Resolution #R 2020-007, issued by the Town of Davie, Florida. In addition, it is requested that Council authorize the use of OLOST Public Safety Reserve Funds for this purchase, as well as, the installation services amount of #30,090.00, which will be performed by the City's contracted vendor for vehicle build out services, Mobile Communications America (Columbus, GA). It is also requested that City Council approve payment of the annual license fees, after the first year, at approximately \$2,199.00; and the purchase of additional units, at approximately \$1,300-\$1,400, when more vehicles or city buildings are added to the project. Funds will be budgeted in the appropriate fiscal years for these annual payments and additional purchases. Councilor House made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the meeting.

NOTE: The update provided below was presented at this time as listed on the City Manager's Agenda #12 (C)

12. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

C. Knox Box Update – Homeland Security Director Chance Corbett

Homeland Security Director Chance Corbett approached the rostrum to provide a presentation on the Knox Box System. He explained this system would allow emergency personnel to access city buildings and schools in an emergency.

11. PURCHASES (Continued)

G. Prison Management Software for Muscogee County Prison – H-GAC Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (060-23): A resolution authorizing the purchase of prison management software from SmartCop, Inc (Pensacola, FL), in the amount of \$103,508.40 for the installation, configuration, training, and license to use Eagle*Corrections, a cloud-based prison management system. The license will begin at quote execution and extend for one year. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative contract via H-GAC Contract #EC07-20. Approval is also requested for the subsequent annual subscription fee payments for usage of the software. Councilor House made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the meeting.

H. Declaration of Surplus and Donation of Two Crown Victoria Vehicles

Resolution (061-23): A resolution authorizing declaration of the following two (2) Crown Victoria Vehicles, from the Police Department, as surplus, in accordance with Section 7-501 of the Charter of Columbus Consolidated Government:

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| 581 | 17586 | 2009 | Ford | Crown Vic | 2FAHP71V89X108940 | 123,614 |
| 631 | 17386 | 2007 | Ford | Crown Vic | 2FAFP71W87X123516 | 114,442; |

And authorize the donation of the vehicles to the Rochelle Police Department in Rochelle, Georgia. Councilor House made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the meeting.

EMERGENCY PURCHASES

1. Emergency Purchase – Information Only

FORD 2023 FORD EXPLORER FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

On October 27, 2022, the City Manager approved the emergency purchase of one (1) Ford Explorer for Information Technology, due to exigent circumstances related to supply chain issues, per the Procurement Ordinance, Article 3-115, Emergency Procurement.

This vehicle was purchased to replace a vehicle which presented a mold issue while being garaged over the weekend. There is no apparent cause for the mold, which could be a combination of the vehicle age and an unknown hidden issue; it is unsafe to drive. A vehicle ordered nearly two years ago has not been delivered because of supply chain issues. This emergency purchase would not be necessary if the ordered vehicle had been received.

The vehicle was purchased from Rivertown Ford (Columbus, GA) at a unit price of \$44,188.00. Rivertown Ford had an available vehicle on their lot commensurate with existing prices or less. This is a replacement vehicle.

Funding is available in the FY23 Budget via General Fund Reserves. The purchase will be made from: General Fund – Information Technology – Information Technology – Light Trucks; 0101-210-1000-ISS-7722.

12. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS (continued)

A. Risk Management Update - Anne- Marie Amiel, Risk Manager

Risk Manager (Retired) Anne-Marie Amiel approached the rostrum to provide an update on Risk Management. She explained the strides taken over the past ten years to improve the workers compensation program, liability claims without having to be referred to outside counsel, damage recovery service, and various insurance coverage.

B. Ford Rd. /Farr Rd. Traffic Study Update - Keith Strickland, Stantec

Engineering Director Donna Newman approached the rostrum to introduce the presentation and the representative of Stantec, Traffic Engineer Keith Strickland.

Traffic Engineer Keith Strickland (Stantec) approached the rostrum to provide the results from the study conducted on the Ford Road and Farr Road intersection. He explained the short-term recommendations are for all-way stops signs and crosswalks, and the long-term recommendations are to perform an annual evaluation and for the addition of supplemental safety improvements as needed.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- See if a flashing light can be installed at the intersection of Ford Road and Farr Road. (*Request of Councilor Huff*)

- D. Columbus Infrastructure / Roads Update - Pam Hodge, Deputy City Manager of Finance, Planning and Development.

Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge approached the rostrum to provide an update on infrastructure. She provided information on completed projects, upcoming projects, and projects that are still in progress.

- E. Critical Vacancies Update - Reather Hollowell, Human Resources Director

Human Resources Director Reather Hollowell approached the rostrum to provide an update on the critical vacancies in the Columbus Consolidated Government. She defined critical vacancies as positions that have been vacant for six months or longer, positions required for the organization to function effectively, positions that are difficult to fill due to specialized area of work, and positions where the necessary skills are in high demand.

BID ADVERTISEMENT

February 15, 2023

1. Alternator & Starters for METRA (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 23-0031

Scope of Bid

Provide alternators and starters to METRA Transit System on an “as needed” basis. The contract term will be for three (3) years.

February 22, 2023

1. Carbon Dioxide Liquid Bulk and Tank Rentals for City Swimming Pools (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 23-0028

Scope of Bid

Provide carbon dioxide liquid in bulk, and the rental of six (6) 750lb tanks, for City swimming pools.

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

2. Property Clean Up Services (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 23-0027

Scope of Bid

Provide services for the clearing of vacant or unoccupied properties, including cutting and removing grass, weeds, undergrowth and other vegetation, for Columbus Consolidated Government Department of Inspections and Code, as required by law, on an “as needed” basis.

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

March 8, 2023

1. Tire Leasing Services for City Buses (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 23-0029

Scope of Bid

Provide tire leasing services for City buses to the Columbus Consolidated Government Department of Transportation/METRA Transit System on an “as needed” basis.

The contract term will be for three (3) years with no renewal options.

CLERK OF COUNCIL’S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

1. **RESOLUTION (062-23)** - A resolution cancelling the remainder of the FY2023 Proclamation Sessions: March 7, April 4, May 2 and June 6, 2023. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent for the meeting.
2. Email Correspondence from Attorney Jack Schley recommending consideration for the addition of Mr. Charles Hecht as one of the three nominees to succeed Ms. Susan McKnight on the Hospital Authority of Columbus. Councilor Huff made a motion to submit the nomination of Charles Hecht, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent for the meeting.

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

Animal Control Advisory Board, December 13, 2022 & January 17, 2023

Board of Elections & Registration, November 15, 2022

Board of Tax Assessors, #01-23, #02-23 and #03-23

Board of Zoning Appeals, January 4, 2023

Columbus Board of Health, September 28, October 26 & December 7, 2022

Development Authority of Columbus, December 1, 2022 & January 5, 2023

Hospital Authority of Columbus, October 25, 2022

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to receive the minutes of various board, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent for the meeting.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

4. **MAYOR’S APPOINTMENTS- ANY NOMINATIONS MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:**

- A. **BUILDING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:**

A nominee for the seat of Renee Sturkie (*Eligible to succeed – Interested in serving another term*) for a term that expires on March 24, 2023 on the Building Authority of Columbus (*Mayor’s Appointment*). Mayor Henderson renominated Renee Sturkie to serve another term. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the

eight members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent for the meeting.

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

A nominee for the seat of Eric Spear (*Eligible to succeed – Interested in serving another term*) for a term expiring on March 1, 2023 on the Commission on International Relations & Cultural Liaison Encounters (*Mayor's Appointment*). Mayor Henderson renominated Eric Spears to serve another term. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent for the meeting.

A nominee for the seat of Akear Mewborn (*Eligible to succeed – Does not desire reappointment*) for a term expiring on March 1, 2023 on the Commission on International Relations & Cultural Liaison Encounters (*Mayor's Appointment*). There were none.

C. CRIME PREVENTION BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of Assistant Chief Joyce Dent-Fitzpatrick (*Eligible to succeed – Interested in serving another term*) for a term expiring on March 31, 2023 as the Law Enforcement Agency Representative on the Crime Prevention Board (*Mayor's Appointment*). Mayor Henderson renominated Assistant Chief Joyce Dent-Fitzpatrick to serve another term. Councilor Huff made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent for the meeting.

5. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS- READY FOR CONFIRMATION:

A. BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS: Mr. Alfred Hayes, Jr. was nominated to serve another term of office. (*Councilor Davis' nominee*) Term expires: March 31, 2026. Councilor Huff made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent for the meeting.

B. COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS & CULTURAL LIAISON ENCOUNTERS (CIRCLE): Mr. John Jackson was nominated to serve another term of office. (*Councilor Huff's nominee*) Term expires: March 1, 2027. Councilor Huff made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent for the meeting.

C. COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS & CULTURAL LIAISON ENCOUNTERS (CIRCLE): Ms. Mary Quiller was nominated to serve another term of office. (*Councilor Huff's nominee*) Term expires: March 1, 2027. Councilor Huff made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent for the meeting.

D. HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD: Ms. Fran Poole Carpenter was nominated to serve another term of office. (*Mayor Pro Tem Allen's nominee*) Term expires: January 31, 2026. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by

Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent for the meeting.

- E. PLANNING ADVISORY COMMISSION):** Mr. John P. Steed was nominated to serve another term of office. (*Councilor Huff's nominee*) Term expires: March 31, 2026. Councilor Huff made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent for the meeting.

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

A. CIVIC CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of John Boyd (*Not Eligible to serve another term*) for a term expiring on March 1, 2023, as the District 9 Representative on the Civic Center Advisory Board (*District 9-Thomas*). Councilor Thomas nominated Jack Rosenhammer to succeed John Boyd as the District 9 Representative. Councilor Huff made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent for the meeting.

7. COUNCIL'S CONFIRMATION- ORGANIZATION / AGENCY NOMINATIONS MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:

A. HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of Emily Flournoy (*Interested in serving another term- Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on January 31, 2023 as the Uptown Business Association Representative on the Historic & Architectural Review Board (*Council's Appointment*). Deputy Clerk of Council McLemore explained the Uptown Business Association is recommending the reappointment of Emily Flournoy. Councilor House made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent for the meeting.

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

A. BUILDING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:

A nominee for the seat of Leila Carr (*Eligible to succeed – Does not desire reappointment*) for a term expiring on March 24, 2023, on the Building Authority of Columbus (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Vincent Allen (*Resigned*) for a term expiring on March 24, 2023, on the Building Authority of Columbus (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

B. HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of Katie Bishop (*Not Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on January 31, 2023, on the Historic & Architectural Review Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

UPCOMING BOARD APPOINTMENTS

- A. Employee Benefits Committee (Council & Public Safety Employees' selection)
- B. Housing Authority of Columbus (Mayor's Appointment)

PUBLIC AGENDA (continued for additional three minutes)

1. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Slumlords and Reparations.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Henderson entertained a motion to go into executive session to discuss matters of litigation and confidential documents related to ongoing criminal investigations 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 House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote, Councilor Davis being absent for the meeting, and the time being 2:06 p.m.

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 3:15 p.m., at which time, Mayor Henderson announced that the Council did meet in executive session to discuss matters of litigation and confidential documents related to ongoing criminal investigations; 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 February 14, 2023 Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote, Councilor Davis being absent for the meeting, and the time being 3:16 p.m.

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