

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

July 27, 2021
5:30 PM
Regular Meeting

MAYOR'S AGENDA

PRESENT: Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III and Councilors Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis, R. Walker Garrett, John M. House, Bruce Huff (arrived 5:37 p.m.), Judy W. Thomas, Toyia Tucker, and Evelyn "Mimi" Woodson (arrived at 5:44 p.m.). City Manager Isaiah Hugley, City Attorney Clifton Fay, Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis, and Deputy Clerk of Council Lindsey G. McLemore were present.

ABSENT: Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen and Councilor Jerry "Pops" Barnes were absent.

The following documents were distributed around the Council table: (1) Demolition Properties Presentation; (2) Timeline Document, Re: Shirley B. Winston Park Reservation; (3) Yard Waste Update Presentation; (4) River Center Update Presentation; (5) Enrichment Services Programs Booklet; (6)

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Rev. Thad Haygood at St. Luke Church of Columbus, Georgia

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Henderson

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the July 13, 2021 Council Meeting and Executive Session. Councilor Garrett made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Huff and Woodson being absent for the vote, and Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

UPDATE:

2. An update on COVID-19

Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson gave a brief update on COVID-19. He explained we are experiencing our fourth surge in positive COVID cases, stating we have about sixty-two hospitalizations. He encouraged citizens to get vaccinated and explained how those who are not vaccinated should follow the direction of the CDC where those who are unvaccinated should be wearing masks.

GMA MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT HALL OF FAME:

Mayor B. H. “Skip” Henderson requested that all Department Heads and the City Manager stand at the podium, where he recognized their hard work for keeping the citizens and the employees of the Columbus Consolidated Government safe during the COVID-19 Pandemic. He stated at the 2021 Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) Annual Conference the second week of August, City Manager Isaiah Hugley will be formally inducted into their Municipal Government Hall of Fame.

City Manager Isaiah Hugley approached the rostrum to thank the Mayor, Council and Department Heads for the recognition. He explained how fortunate he is to have served the City of Columbus for sixteen years as City Manager and thirty-seven years as an employee of the Columbus Consolidated Government.

CITY ATTORNEY’S AGENDA

RESOLUTION

- 6. Add-On Resolution (226-21):** EXCP-05-21-1002 – A resolution authorizing a special exception to operate a used auto sales in excess of 0.50 acre but less than two (2) acres located at **3072 Victory Drive**. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval) (Councilor Woodson) Councilor Thomas made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

ORDINANCES

- 1. Ordinance (21-045) – 2nd Reading-** REZN-05-21-0891: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **0 Whittlesey Road** (parcel # 190-050-001) from LMI (Light Manufacturing / Industrial) Zoning District to RO (Residential Office) & GC (General Commercial) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval) (Councilor Davis) Councilor Davis made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.
- 2. Ordinance (21-046) - 2nd Reading-** REZN-05-21-1003: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **2458 Martha’s Loop** (parcel # 085-054-026 / 085-054-017A) from SFR4 (Single Family Residential 4) Zoning District to RMF2 (Residential Multifamily 2) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval) (Councilor Barnes) Councilor Crabb made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.
- 3. Ordinance (21-047) - 2nd Reading-** An ordinance providing for the demolition of various structures located at: 1) **4720 Sentry Street** (Lillian E C Howard & Kenneth Allen, Owner) 2) **4131 2nd Avenue** (Cash King, LLC, Owner) 3) **2908 Beacon Avenue** (Donna J Peddicord, Owner); 4) **3626 Irwin Way** (Robert F Kirby, Jr, Owner); 5) **222 28th Avenue** (Hattie Bass, Owner); 6) **345 Liberty Avenue** (Abby Bridgon, Owner); 7) **220 Kelly Avenue** (Morgan Vickie Moore, Owner); 8) **2125 South Andrews Circle** (Accessory Structure) (William & Catherine E Bowden, Owner); 9) **906 Brooks Road** (Richard B & Elouise White, Owner); 10)

1337 20th Street (Larry W Bussey, Owner); 11) **1025 42nd Street** (Travis E Jackson, Owner); 12) **6800 Macon Road** (Alberi Properties, LLLP ,Owner);13) **37 Mason Drive** (Jessie McCray, Owner) 14) **1209 Carmel Court** (Deborah Burns, Owner); and for demolition services for the Inspections and Code Department in accordance with the attached Tabulation of Bid sheet. (Mayor Pro Tem) Councilor Tucker made a motion to adopt the ordinance as amended, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

Inspections and Code Director Ryan Pruett came forward stating sufficient work has been completed on the property located at 220 Kelly Avenue, and he requested for this property to be removed from the demolition list.

Councilor Woodson made a motion to amend the ordinance to remove **220 Kelly Avenue** from the demolition list, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

Councilor Thomas made a motion to allow Mr. Richard Saunders to speak regarding his property at 6800 Macon Road, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

Mr. Richard Saunders, Alberi Properties, LLLP approached the rostrum to request a two-month extension for his property located at 6800 Macon Road.

Councilor Garrett made a motion to authorize the two-months extension, seconded by Councilor Davis.

Attorney Cameron Saunders came forward representing Alberi Properties, LLLP to address the Council. He stated they are requesting the two-month extension, so they can prepare the property for potential sale in the future.

Inspections and Code Director Ryan Pruett came forward stating this property has been on the list since 2017, with little to no work completed to improve the condition. In response to a question from Councilor Huff, he explained that his preference would be to keep the property on the demolition list to avoid having to repeat the three-month process, but that he would work with the owner administratively.

Councilor Garrett then withdrew his motion for an extension.

4. Ordinance (21-048) - 2nd Reading- An Ordinance amending the FY22 Budget of the Consolidated Government so as to provide a fee waiver in the amount of one month's solid waste collection fee per residential property in Columbus, Georgia; and for other purposes. (Councilor Davis) Councilor Davis made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried by a seven-to-one vote, with Councilors Crabb, Davis, Garrett, House, Huff, Thomas and Tucker voting yes, Councilor Woodson voting no, and Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

Councilor Evelyn "Mimi" Woodson explained her reason for voting in opposition to the fee waiver. She stated she is concerned for the future expenses that may be inevitable if Public Works is unable to hire enough drivers.

Councilor Judy W. Thomas stated as the Chair for the Budget Review Committee, she hopes this fee waiver shows the community that the Columbus Consolidated Government recognizes we have been having problems with waste pick up and we will continue to find a solution. She explained the cost for this fee waiver would come from the Integrated Waste Fund and not the General Fund.

Councilor R. Walker Garrett expressed his concerns in voting on an item that could be viewed as beneficial to elected officials. He requested for elected officials to be excluded but agreed that elected officials could pay the money back to the City of Columbus.

5. **1st Reading-** An ordinance amending Ordinance No.14-41 which renewed Business Improvement Districts in Columbus, Georgia through December 31, 2024; and for other purposes. (Request of Uptown Columbus BID, Inc.)

President and CEO Ed Wolverton, Uptown Columbus, Inc. approached the rostrum to explain the request for the expansion of allocations to some of our BID management plan to allow for further growth. Funding for special events, street light improvements, and landscape improvements.

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Dr. Rocky Marsh, representing Local Organizer, Re: The inability to request a venue through the Department of Parks & Recreation.
2. Mr. Paul Olson, Re: Government Center elevators, TSPLOST Projects, referendum and River Valley Region. *Not Present*

HONORARY DESIGNATION REQUEST:

Councilor Woodson made a motion to send honorary designation request for the late Mayor Pro Tem Evelyn Turner Pugh on Forrest Road to the Board of Honor for consideration, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax Intent for Election on November 2, 2021

Resolution (227-21): A resolution imposing a special one percent sales and use tax, subject to the requirement of referendum approval, and requesting that the Election Superintendent call an election for November 2, 2021; to provide the form of the notice to be published of said election describing the purposes for which said tax is to be imposed; to authorize the issuance of General Obligation Sales Tax Bonds in connection with the imposition of said tax; to prescribe the form of the question to be submitted to the voters on the imposition of said tax and the maximum amount to be raised therefrom; to authorize the Election Superintendent and other officials of Columbus, Georgia to take all appropriate actions required for the proper conducting of said election and for other purposes. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Provide information and a presentation to various groups or entities that are interested in getting educated on the election. (*Request of Councilor Thomas*)
- Request to provide information in a more prominent spot on the website and include a frequently asked questions section. (*Request of Councilor Crabb*)

2. Property Acquisition of properties on 8th Avenue and 9th Avenue

Resolution (228-21): A resolution authorizing the City Manager to acquire multiple properties on 8th Avenue and 9th Avenue and execute all necessary documents. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

3. Dragonfly Connection – River Road/Bradley Park and Lake Oliver Marina to the Riverwalk

Resolution (229-21): A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, approving the Dragonfly Trail Connection that will connect River Road/Bradley Park and Lake Oliver Marina to the Riverwalk. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

4. Columbus Ice Rink Donations for United We Play: Columbus Urban Hockey Program

Resolution (230-21): A resolution authorizing the City to approve and accept financial and equipment donations from the Community Members for United We Play: Columbus Urban Hockey Program. Councilor Davis made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

5. Memorandum of Agreement with Faith Tabernacle Community Church

Resolution (231-21): A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia authorizing the installation of signal equipment and material; authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Agreement with Faith Tabernacle Community Church for the installation and maintenance of adding an additional phase to the existing signal system at the Floyd Road and Luna Drive Intersection. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

6. Lease Agreement – Liberty Theatre Cultural Center - 823 8th Ave

Resolution (232-21): A resolution authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute all documents related to the lease agreement on the property located at 823 8th Ave, Parcel ID# 019 020 017. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

7. 2021-2025 Consolidated Plan, 2021 Annual Action Plan, Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice, NRSA Study and FY21 Annual Action Plan Amendment Submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Resolution (233-21): A resolution authorizing the filing of the 2021-2025 Consolidated Plan, 2021 Annual Action Plan, Analysis of Fair Housing Choice, NRSA Study and FY21 Annual Action Plan Amendment to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

Associate Planner Kimberly Mitchell, Mosaic Community Planning gave an overview of the housing needs they have identified. She explained the housing needs for our community are affordability, improved housing quality and blight removal, home rehab and repair, and rental and utility assistance. She also gave information on the other analyses that were conducted to identify some of the other community needs.

Community Reinvestment Director Rob Scott came forward to provide information on the plan of the Community Reinvestment Department to address the needs that were identified in the analyses. He explained the resolution listed will authorize his department to provide the action plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

8. PURCHASES

- A. Fleet Maintenance/Truck Shop Services and Repairs (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 21-0023

Resolution (234-21): A resolution authorizing the execution of an annual contract for fleet maintenance/truck shop services and repairs with Four Star Freightliner (Montgomery, AL) as the primary contractor, and with Associated Fuel Systems (Conley, GA) as the secondary contractor. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

- B. Brokers for General Insurance Placement (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 21-0033

Resolution (235-21): A resolution authorizing the execution of an annual contract with Yates Insurance Agency, Inc. d/b/a Yates, Woolfolk & Turner (Columbus, GA) for general insurance placement, including but not limited to, property & casualty insurance for all city facilities, crime insurance and cyber insurance. The Human Resources Department/Risk Management will procure the service on an as-needed basis. The recommended vendor's cost proposal is within budget. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

- C. Protective Fire Clothing and Accessories (Annual Contract)

Resolution (236-21): A resolution authorizing the purchase of protective fire clothing and accessories on an "as needed" basis from NAFECO, North America Fire Equipment Co., Inc (Decatur, GA) for the estimated annual contract value of \$87,405.60. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

D. Customization Services for the Court Management System

Resolution (237-21): A resolution authorizing the execution of the agreement for customization services for the Court Management System from Tyler Technologies (Dallas, TX) in the amount of \$39,790.00. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

E. Additional Software Licenses for GIS – Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (238-21): A resolution authorizing the purchase of additional software licenses, for the GIS Division, from ESRI (Environmental Systems Research Institute), Inc., (Redlands, CA) in the amount of \$29,309.00, via Cooperative Purchase, utilizing the Georgia Statewide # 99999-AWP02242017-0001. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

F. Consulting Services for Employee Benefits Plans (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 21-0028

Resolution (239-21): A resolution authorizing the execution of an annual contract with NFP Corporate Services (SE), inc. (Marietta, GA) for planning, brokering, implementing, and supporting the city's employee benefits plans. The Human Resources Department will procure the services on an as-needed basis. The recommended vendor's cost proposal is within budget. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

G. Storage Facility Rental Payment for the Sheriff's Office

Resolution (240-21): A resolution authorizing the payment to River Mill Storage, LLC (Columbus, GA) for the annual storage facility rental fee, in the amount of \$32,700.00, for FY22. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

H. Add-On – Amendment 1 for Supplemental Yard Waste Collection Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 21-0018.

Resolution (241-21): A resolution authorizing the execution of amendment with Amwaste of Georgia, LLC (LaGrange, GA) for supplemental yard waste collection services for a monthly rate of \$148,150.00 with an annualized total of \$1,777,800.00. Councilor House made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

9. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

D. Yard/Bulk Waste Update - Michael Criddle, Public Works Director

Public Works Director Michael Criddle came forward to give an update on yard and bulk waste pick up. He explained the different types of waste and which trucks would pick up the various types. He explained the reasons for the other struggles that contributed to the delays.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- See how many apartment complexes in District 7 are using dumpsters as required. (*Request of Councilor Woodson*)

A. River Center Update - Norman Easterbrook, Executive Director/CEO

River Center Executive Director/CEO Norman Easterbrook approached the rostrum to give an update on how COVID-19 has impacted the operations and events at the River Center. He explained some of the creative ways to provide entertainment and announced their upcoming events.

B. Enrichment Service Update - Belva Dorsey, CEO

Enrichment Services CEO Belva Dorsey approached the rostrum to introduce an update and briefly provide information on the positive impact the Enrichment Services Program, Inc. has had on the community by addressing some of the core needs of the citizens.

Dr. Darcy Tiers, COIU, came forward to provide information on the Chattahoochee Valley Poverty Reduction Coalition. She explained the mission of the coalition and the strides being taken to help families to become self-sufficient without the aid of government funding.

C. Tax Commissioner Update - Lula Huff, Tax Commissioner

Deputy Tax Commissioner David Britt approached the rostrum to announce the locations of the new tag renewal kiosks. He explained they will be available at Publix locations on Macon Road and Bradley Park Drive around the third week of August.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Let's put the tag renewal information on CCG-TV. Also, send the information to members of Council to put on their social media sites. (*Request of Councilor Huff*)

E. American Rescue Plan Update - Pam Hodge, Deputy City Manager

Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge approached the rostrum to provide an update on the funding for the American Rescue Plan. She explained there were 332 requests submitted by departments for a total of \$108,272,539.12.

BID ADVERTISEMENT

August 4, 2021

- 1. Sports/Uniform Active Apparel (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 22-0003**
Scope of Bid

Provide sports/uniform active apparel to include t-shirts, sweatshirts, polo shirts, hats, caps, jackets, etc. to Public Works, Columbus Fire and EMS, Parks and Recreation, METRA and other Departments on an “as needed” basis. The contract term will be for two years with the option to renew for three additional twelve-month periods.

2. Asbestos Abatement for Former Georgia State Farmers Market – RFP No. 22-0001

A Mandatory Site Visit is scheduled for 1:00 PM on Wednesday, August 4, 2021. Contractors shall convene at the Georgia State Farmers Market entrance that is closest to the corner of 10th Ave and 4th St in Columbus, GA; the Georgia State Farmers Market is located at located at 318 10th Ave in Columbus, GA. Attendees will be required to wear face masks and observe social distancing.

August 18, 2021

1. Service Contract for Various Types of Engines (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 22-0001
Scope of Bid

The Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia is requesting bids to repair/rebuild various types of engines for METRA Transit System. The services will be procured on an as-needed basis. The contract term shall be for three (3) years.

2. Uniform Dress Shoes and Boots (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 22-0003

Scope of Bid

Columbus Consolidated Government is requesting bids from qualified vendors to provide uniform dress shoes and boots for various City Departments on an “as needed” basis. To accommodate walk-in service on some occasions, the successful bidder shall have a business located within a 25-mile radius of Muscogee County. The contract term shall be for two (2) years with the option to renew for three (3) additional twelve-month periods.

August 20, 2021

1. Asbestos Abatement for Former Georgia State Farmers Market – RFP No. 22-0001

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) is requesting proposals from qualified asbestos abatement contractors to provide all labor, materials, equipment, permits, and incidentals necessary to complete all tasks associated with remediating asbestos-containing building materials identified in structures located at the former Georgia State Farmers Market.

CLERK OF COUNCIL’S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

1. **RESOLUTION (242-21)** - A Resolution excusing Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen from the July 27, 2021 Council Meeting. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting. *(Upon returning to her respective seat, Councilor Tucker requested that her vote be cast in the affirmative.)*
2. **RESOLUTION (243-21)** - A Resolution excusing Councilor Jerry “Pops” Barnes from the July 27, 2021 Council Meeting. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution,

seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting. (*Upon returning to her respective seat, Councilor Tucker requested that her vote be cast in the affirmative.*)

3. Email Correspondence from Mr. John Jackson, Chairman of the Commission on International Relations & Cultural Liaison Encounters (CIRCLE) advising that SarahAnn Arcila is resigning from her seat. Councilor Woodson made a motion to receive the resignation with regrets, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting. (*Upon returning to her respective seat, Councilor Tucker requested that her vote be cast in the affirmative.*)

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

Board of Tax Assessors, #22-21 and #23-21

Historic & Architectural Review Board, June 14, 2021

Hospital Authority of Columbus, May 25, 2021

Pension Fund, Employees' Board of Trustees, January 13, February 10 and March 10, 2021

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

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

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

A. **CONVENTION & VISITORS BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:**

A nominee for the seat of Marianne Richter (*Not eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on December 31, 2021, as a representative of the Restaurant/Retail Industry on the Convention & Visitors Bureau Board of Commissioners (*Mayor's Appointment*). There were none.

B. **YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:**

A nominee for the Youth Advisory Council (*Mayor's Appointment*). There were none.

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

A. **KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION:**

A nominee for the seat of Sheila Mitchell (*Not eligible to succeed*) as the District 3 Representative for a term expiring on June 30, 2021, on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (*Council District 3- Huff*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Patricia Thomas (*Not eligible to succeed*) as the District 4 Representative for a term expiring on June 30, 2021, on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (*Council District 4- Tucker*). Councilor Tucker nominated Eddie Florence to succeed Patricia Thomas as the District 4 Representative. Councilor Woodson made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote, and Councilors Barnes and Thomas being absent for the meeting.

A nominee for the seat of Warren Wagner (*Resigned*) as the District 5 Representative for a term expiring on June 30, 2021, on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (*Council District 5- Crabb*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Susan Gallagher (*Does not desire reappointment*) as the District 7 Representative for a term expiring on June 30, 2021, on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (*Council District 7-Woodson*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Mark McCollum (*Not eligible to succeed*) as the District 8 Representative for a term expiring on June 30, 2021, on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (*Council District 8- Garrett*). Councilor Garrett nominated Rex Brady to succeed Mark McCollum as the District 8 Representative. Councilor Garrett made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting. (*Upon returning to her respective seat, Councilor Tucker requested that her vote be cast in the affirmative.*)

B. PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION:

A nominee for the seat of Friar Noel Danielewicz (*Seat Declared Vacant*) as the District 3 Representative for a term expiring on October 31, 2022, on the Public Safety Advisory Commission (*Council District 3- Huff*). There were none.

C. YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:

A nominee for the Youth Advisory Council for the District 1 Representative. (*Council District 1- Barnes*). There were none.

A nominee for the Youth Advisory Council for the District 2 Representative. (*Council District 2- Davis*). There were none.

A nominee for the Youth Advisory Council for the District 3 Representative. (*Council District 3- Huff*). There were none.

A nominee for the Youth Advisory Council for the District 4 Representative. (*Council District 4- Tucker*). There were none.

A nominee for the Youth Advisory Council for the District 5 Representative. (*Council District 5- Crabb*). There were none.

A nominee for the Youth Advisory Council for the District 6 Representative. (*Council District 6-Allen*). There were none.

A nominee for the Youth Advisory Council for the District 7 Representative. (*Council District 7-Woodson*). There were none.

A nominee for the Youth Advisory Council for the District 8 Representative. (*Council District 8-Garrett*). There were none.

A nominee for the Youth Advisory Council for the District 10 Representative. (*Council District 10- House*). There were none.

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

A. BOARD OF FAMILY & CHILDREN SERVICES:

A nominee for the seat of Dr. Deepali Agarwal (*Not eligible to succeed*) for a term that expires on June 30, 2021, on the Board of Family and Children Services (*Council's Appointment*). There were none. Clerk of Council Davis explained there are specific categories that members of this board must fall under to serve.

A nominee for the seat of Charonda Huff (*Resigned*) for a term that expires on June 30, 2022, on the Board of Family and Children Services (*Council's Appointments*). There were none.

B. KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION:

A nominee for the seat of David Goldberg (*Moving out of the county*) as an At-Large Member for a term expiring on June 30, 2021, on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Arsburn "Oz" Roberts (*Not Eligible to succeed*) as an At-Large Member for a term expiring on June 30, 2021, on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Dr. William Kendall (*Not Eligible to succeed*) as an At-Large Member for a term expiring on June 30, 2021, on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Fran Fluker (*Not Eligible to succeed*) as an At-Large Member for a term expiring on June 30, 2021, on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Orlean Baulkmon (*Not Eligible to succeed*) as an At-Large Member for a term expiring on June 30, 2021, on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Larry Derby (*Did not desire reappointment*) as an At-Large Member for a term expiring on June 30, 2021, on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

C. TREE BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of Frank Tommey (*Not eligible to succeed*) as the Residential Development Member on the Tree Board for a term that expired on December 31, 2020 (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Troy Keller (*Not eligible to succeed*) as the Educator Member on the Tree Board for a term that expired on December 31, 2020 (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

UPCOMING BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

- A. Animal Control Advisory Board
- B. Board of Honor
- C. Columbus Ironworks Convention & Trade Center Authority
- D. Uptown Facade Board

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Mayor Henderson announced that a local resident- Amber English, who lives in Phenix City, Alabama and is in the military has won the gold medal during the Olympics in skeet shooting. There will be a joint celebration with Ft. Benning and the surrounding communities.

PUBLIC AGENDA (3 Minutes):

Councilor Davis requested that Ms. Johnson be allowed to speak at this time. Councilor Davis then made a motion for Ms. Johnson to be heard, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by those eight members present with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

Mrs. Angela Johnson came forward to express her concerns with the yard waste that is piling up in front of her home and around the community. She also briefly mentioned the reason citizens are leaving this city is due to the lack of a livable wage.

REDISTRICTING PUBLIC HEARING:

Councilor Thomas announced the Redistricting Meeting with State Representative Richard Smith, who is part of the legislative body that would be involved with the redistricting plan. City Manager Hugley expounded further by informing that the Columbus Redistricting Public Hearing will be held tomorrow, July 28, 2021, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Cunningham Center for anyone that is interested in attending.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At the request of Mayor Henderson, Councilor Woodson made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss matters of litigation, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting, and the time being 9:26 p.m.

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 9:34 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:

Resolution (244-21): A resolution authorizing the City Attorney, Risk Manager, Finance Director and their representatives to make payment of \$55,000.00 to settle all claims, including attorney's fees, of John Reginald Lewis. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

Resolution (245-21): A resolution authorizing the City Attorney, Risk Manager, Finance Director and their representative to make payment of \$110,000.00 to settle all damage claims, including attorney's fees, of Derick Maize. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote, and Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Councilor Woodson to adjourn the July 27, 2021, Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting, and the time being 9:36 p.m.

Sandra T. Davis, CMC
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