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BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE

Councilor Judy W. Thomas- Chairperson

Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen

Councilors: Jerry “Pops” Barnes, Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis,
R. Walker Garrett, John M. House, Bruce Huff, Valerie A. Thompson
and Evelyn ‘Mimi’ Woodson



May 12, 2020 / 12:00 PM /Call to Order at 1:35 PM
Council Chambers
Second Floor of City Services Center
3111 Citizens Way, Columbus, GA 31906

- I. CALL TO ORDER - Chairperson Judy W. Thomas
- II. ROLL CALL - Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis

PRESENT: Chairperson Judy W. Thomas and Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen (entered at 1:38 p.m.) and Councilors Jerry ‘Pops’ Barnes (entered at 1:49 p.m.), Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis, R. Walker Garrett, John M. House, Bruce Huff, Valerie A. Thompson and Evelyn ‘Mimi’ Woodson (entered at 1:40 p.m.). Mayor B. H. “Skip” Henderson, III, City Manager Isaiah Hugley, Deputy City Manager Pamela Hodge, City Attorney Clifton Fay, Finance Director Angelica Alexander, Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis and Deputy Clerk Pro Tem Tameka Colbert were present via video conference.

NOTE: *Due to the World Health Organization declaring Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) a world health emergency and pandemic, the Governor has issued a Statewide Executive Order to Shelter in Place. In accordance, this Council Budget Review Committee may alternatively utilize virtual meetings during the period of emergency in accordance with O.C.G.A. 50-14-1(g).*

Finance Director Angelica Alexander, outlined the current add/delete list. **A copy is on file in the Clerk of Council's Office*

A G E N D A

PRESENTATIONS:

BUDGET REVIEW ITEM #1

1. FY21 Transportation Projects Update – Pam Hodge, Deputy City Manager (*Delayed until May 19, 2020 Budget Review Meeting*)

BUDGET REVIEW ITEM #2

2. Sheriff's Office – Donna Tompkins, Sheriff

SHERIFF'S OFFICE:

Sheriff Donna Thompkins, provided an overview of the power point presentation entitled *Muscogee County Sheriff's Office Pay Longevity Plan*. **A copy is on file in the Clerk of Council's Office.*

Request(s)

- Implementation of Longevity Pay Reform

ADD LIST: Request for Longevity Pay Reform for Deputy Sheriffs for a total cost of \$136,414. (*Councilor House placed on the Add List.*)

DELETE LIST: Delete three (3) Deputy Sheriff's positions for a total cost of \$149,778. (*Councilor Davis placed on the Delete List.*)

BUDGET REVIEW ITEM #3

3. Public Defender's Office – Moffett Flournoy, Chief Public Defender & Steve Craft, Asst. Chief Public Defender

PUBLIC DEFENDERS OFFICE:

Assistant Chief Public Defender Steve Craft, came forward with the following request:

Request(s)

- Increase in operating expenses for travel, office supplies and records & documents

ADD LIST: Request for increase in operating expenses for (3) line items: travel, office supplies and records & document for a total cost of \$8,684. (*Councilor Garrett placed on the Add List.*)

BUDGET REVIEW ITEM #4

4. Columbus Convention and Visitor's Bureau – Peter Bowden, President/CEO

COLUMBUS CONVENTION & VISITOR BUREAU:

President/CEO Peter Bowden, provided an overview of the power point presentation entitled *Tourism is Economic Development*. *A copy is on file in the Clerk of Council's Office

Request(s)

- Four (4) options for a partnership between the Columbus Conventions & Visitors Bureau (CVB) and the City of Columbus.

REFERRAL(S):

- A request was made for a recommendation from the City Manager regarding partnership with the CVB. (*Thomas*)
- A request was made for a report on the Pension Plan. (*Thomas*)

With there being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Thomas declared the adjournment of the May 12, 2020 Budget Review Committee Meeting, with the time being 2:57 p.m.

Tameka Colbert
Deputy Clerk Pro Tem