

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

January 23, 2024
5:30 PM
Regular Meeting

MAYOR'S AGENDA

PRESENT: Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III and Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen and Councilors Tyson Begly, Joanne Cogle, Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis, R. Walker Garrett, Bruce Huff, Judy W. Thomas and Toyia Tucker. 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: Councilor Jerry "Pops" Barnes was absent.

The following documents have been included as a part of the electronic Agenda Packet: (1) Recorder's Court 2023 Annual Report Presentation

The following documents were distributed around the Council table: (1) Public Report of Independent Investigation of the Revenue Division of CCG Presentation & Report; (2) Finance Response to Investigative Report of CCG Revenue Division Presentation; (3) Internal Audit of the Finance Department (Document provided by the Internal Auditor on December 5, 2023); (4) 2023 Annual Report for Recorder's Court; (5) FY24 Mid-Year Budget Amendment Agenda Report; (6) 2023 Annual Report for the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Pastor Ralph Huling, St. James Baptist Church of Columbus, Georgia

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Henderson

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the January 9, 2024 Council Meeting and Executive Session. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

PRESENTATION:

2. External Audit - (Presented by Charlie Peeler with Troutman Pepper)

Mr. Charlie Peeler, Partner with Troutman Pepper, approached the rostrum to provide a presentation on the investigation conducted by Troutman Pepper and Acuitas, Inc. into the publicly reported issues in the Finance Department Revenue Division as it pertains to a backlog of business and alcohol beverage license renewals. He stated in conducting the investigation they wanted to identify the cause of the backlog, the number of licenses backlogged, and the amount of money the backlog has cost the City of Columbus. As the presentation went on, Mr. Peeler shared the findings and recommendations from the investigation, and responded to questions from the members of Council.

During the discussion, **City Manager Isaiah Hugley** stated for the record his stance on the investigation is to get signed affidavits and subpoena text messages that have been sent regarding the

Revenue Division. He stated he is all about transparency and with Mr. Peeler being paid in excess of \$400,000 for this investigation, he believes everyone should be completely transparent.

For the record, **Councilor Glenn Davis** stated the report that was received at this meeting only pertains to business and alcohol licenses, but the Internal Auditor checked across the board for revenue streams.

Councilor Charmaine Crabb read excerpts from Page 4 of the original draft they were provided on December 5, 2023. She then read “combined the potential revenue if collect for active and closed delinquent businesses licenses is approximately \$22,846,000 and \$31,871,000 using the average actual gross receipts and average estimated cost methods respectively”.

Mayor B.H. “Skip” Henderson, III said it has been stated several times that he asked Mr. Peeler to look into some things, which he did after consulting with the City Attorney. He stated the citizens of Columbus deserve to know the truth and Mr. Peeler was asked to take a look at the information that was provided by the Internal Auditor.

Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge approached the rostrum to make comments on the internal audit, the investigation, and the lockbox spreadsheet that was provided to Council for the meeting. She explained the 102 transactions that have been referenced on several occasions can be found in this spreadsheet and documentation can be provided on all these transactions.

Finance Director Angelica Alexander approached the rostrum to provide a response from the Finance Department on the investigative report of the Revenue Division. During the presentation, she gave details on the issues identified in the past on processes and lack of personnel, the progress that has been made to handle those issues identified, and the plan going forward to ensure that the Revenue Division is successful.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR TROUTMAN PEPPER:

- Would like to know when the 102 checks were banked. (*Request of Councilor Crabb*)
- Wants supporting documentation for supplemental investigation requested by Mayor Henderson on the Internal Auditors findings. (*Request of Councilor Davis*)

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- As part of the Action Plan, we need to make sure there are cameras in the Revenue Division and any other area where money is being processed. (*Requested by Councilor Davis*)

CITY MANAGER’S AGENDA

8. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Recorders Court Update - David Ranieri, Chief Judge, Recorder's Court

Recorder’s Court Chief Judge David Ranieri approached the rostrum to provide an update on Recorder’s Court. (*NOTE: This update was called up as the next order of business as listed on the City Manager’s Agenda Item 8“A”*) During the presentation Chief Judge Ranieri shared the progress they have made in making the functions of Recorder’s Court more efficient. After the presentation, he responded to questions from the members of Council.

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

- 1. Ordinance (24-002) - 2nd Reading-** An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **4228 3rd Avenue** (parcel # 013-001-041) from Light Manufacturing/Industrial (LMI) Zoning District to Residential Multifamily - 1 (RMF1) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Garrett) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Thomas and Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting. *(Upon returning to his respective seat, Councilor Davis requested to be listed in the affirmative.)*
- 2. Ordinance (24-003) - 2nd Reading-** REZN-10-23-2056: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **3300 6th Avenue** (parcel # 014-019-010A) from Residential Multifamily- 2 (RMF2) Zoning District to Residential Multifamily - 1 (RMF1) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Garrett) Councilor Crabb made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Thomas and Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting. *(Upon returning to his respective seat, Councilor Davis requested to be listed in the affirmative.)*
- 3. Ordinance (24-004) - 2nd Reading-** An Ordinance amending the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) of the Columbus Code to revise the text of a section in Chapter 6 pertaining to the application process for Resource Conservation Subdivisions. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Mayor Pro-Tem) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Thomas and Tucker being absent for the meeting, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting. *(Upon returning to his respective seat, Councilor Davis requested to be listed in the affirmative.)*
- 4. Ordinance (24-005) - 2nd Reading-** An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain portions of a district known as the Conversation Use Valuation Assessment, from RE1 (Residential Estate 1) Zoning District to RE10 (Residential Estate 10) Zoning District. (Planning Department recommends approval.) (Mayor Pro Tem and Councilor Davis) Councilor Crabb made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Thomas and Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting. *(Upon returning to his respective seat, Councilor Davis requested to be listed in the affirmative.)*
- 5. 1st Reading-** REZN-11-23-0218: An ordinance amending the text of the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) for Columbus, Georgia to add a new Section 4.2.25 pertaining to key lockboxes and to add a new Article X to Chapter 4 pertaining to Electric Vehicle Infrastructure. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (as amended) (Mayor Pro-Tem) **(continued on 1st Reading from 12-5-23)** (Public Hearing Held)

6. **1st Reading** - An ordinance providing for the demolition of various structures located at: **2937 10th Street** (Robin Thompson & Robert J. Holston, Owner); **2928 10th Street** (Hardy Williams, Owner); **480 Timberlane Drive** (Estate of Kathryn/Jacquelyn Wiggins, Owner); **406 17th Avenue** (Lamroz LLC, Owner); **4131 2nd Avenue** (Jonnie L. General, Owner); **5210 Forrest Road** (Premium Oil Station No. 6, Owner); **5912 Gleneden Drive** (Willie C. Smith, Owner); and **2904 9th Street** (Malissa Hall, Owner) and for demolition services for the Inspections and Code Department in accordance with the attached Tabulation of Bid sheet. (Mayor Pro-Tem) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to amend the ordinance to remove properties located at 2928 10th Street and 5912 Gleneden Drive due to change in ownership, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Garrett, Thomas and Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting. (Public Hearing Held)

Inspections & Code Director Ryan Pruett approached the rostrum to present the properties on the demolition list. Before beginning the presentation, he requested an amendment to remove the properties at 2928 10th Street and 5912 Gleneden Drive as their owners have changed.

Ms. Audrey Holston approached the rostrum to speak in opposition to two properties listed on the demolition list, 2928 10th Street and 2937 10th Street. She claims to be one of the heirs to the property at 2928 10th Street and that the owners listed for 2937 10th Street is incorrect.

7. **1st Reading-** An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 23-038 which adopted the Fiscal Year 2024 Salary and Wages Pay Plan for the Consolidated Government to provide a \$5,000.00 pay increase to Sworn Officers and Emergency 911 Technicians effective February 3, 2024; to incorporate a new payscale for the Public Safety Personnel of the Columbus Police Department; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem) (Public Hearing Held)

8. **1st Reading-** An Ordinance amending the budgets for the Fiscal Year 2024 by appropriating amounts in each fund for various operational activities. (Budget Committee) (Public Hearing Held)

Finance Director Angelica Alexander approached the rostrum to explain the mid-year budget amendment being presented. She explained this is usually done to incorporate all prior year purchases, work orders, and carryovers that utilize fund balance and were not adopted as part of the original budget. She added that this amendment also incorporates the pay plan adjusts for departments.

9. **1st Reading-** An Ordinance amending Section 2-68 of the Columbus Code to provide that the internal auditor/compliance officer shall be solely subject to the direction of the Columbus Council; and for other purposes. (Councilor Tucker) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to delay the 1st Reading of the ordinance for thirty days, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Garrett, Thomas and Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

City Attorney Clifton Fay explained that Councilor Tucker has asked for a delay on the 1st Reading of this ordinance since her and Councilor Begly may be suggesting different wording.

RESOLUTIONS

10. **Resolution (016-24):** A Resolution authorizing Sunday sale of alcoholic beverages at all on-premises locations within Columbus, Georgia on Sunday March 17, 2024. (Councilor Cogle) Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Davis and

carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Garrett, Thomas and Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

- 11. Resolution (017-24):** A Resolution authorizing variance for Wasserman Group, LLC for Subdivision located off 2045 Old Guard Road. (Request of Wasserman Group, LLC) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Garrett, Thomas and Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

Engineering Director Donna Newman approached the rostrum to respond to questions from Councilor Davis. She shared that the Engineering Department is working with the Columbus Police Department on traffic calming.

- 12. Resolution (018-24):** A Resolution concerning the Northwest Georgia Housing Authority's issuance of bonds to finance facilities to be located in Columbus, Georgia (Request of Wasserman Group, LLC) Councilor Davis made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Garrett, Thomas and Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Ms. Pat Frey, representing GA 505 Continuum of Care, Re: 2024 Point in Time Count.
2. Mr. Mick Etchison, representing St. Thomas Episcopal Churches Creation Keepers, Re: A request for the Columbus City Council to join with other Georgia cities in voicing opposition to the mining proposal of our State's national treasure, the Okefenokee Swamp. (*Note: Mr. Arthur France spoke on behalf of Mr. Mick Etchison, who accompanied him at the rostrum.*)
3. Mr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr., Re: Professional Baseball in Columbus, Georgia.
4. Mr. Nathan Smith, Re: Baseball. ***Not Present***
5. Rev. Richard Jessie, representing The Friends of Historic Clafin, Inc., Re: To announce the return of the FHC and to present our plan to help restore social order.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Street Acceptance

Resolution (019-24): A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, authorizing the acceptance of a deed to Brownie Lane, that portion of Elliotts Avenue and that portion of Providence Lane located in Phase Two, Elliotts Walk, on behalf of Columbus, Georgia. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Garrett, Thomas and Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

2. Memorandum of Understanding with Columbus Youth Soccer Association (CYSA) for 2024

Resolution (020-24): A resolution authorizing to execution of a memorandum of understanding with Columbus Youth Soccer Association wherein Columbus Youth Soccer Association will equip, maintain and manage soccer play at Woodruff Farm Soccer Complex in partnership with the Parks and Recreation Department. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Garrett, Thomas and Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

3. FY24 HUD Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendment

Resolution (021-24): A resolution authorizing the filing of the FY24 Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendment to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Garrett, Thomas and Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

4. FY25 Holiday Schedule

Resolution (022-24): A resolution, whereas all holidays are established with the exception of the floating holiday; and, whereas, the floating holiday is hereby recommended for Thursday, December 26, 2024. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Garrett, Thomas and Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

5. Firehouse Subs Grant

Resolution (023-24): A resolution authorizing the Fire and EMS Department to apply for a grant award of \$27,015 funded by Firehouse Subs. The Multi-Governmental Fund will be amended by the amount if awarded. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Garrett, Thomas and Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

6. International Associations of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) Donation of Equipment

Resolution (024-24): A resolution authorizing the Fire and EMS Department to accept the donation of three (3) Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) Kits valued at approximately \$14,285 from the International Association of Fire Chiefs. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Garrett, Thomas and Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

7. PURCHASES

A. Firefighter Cancer Insurance Policy Renewal

Resolution (025-24): A resolution authorizing payment to Apex Insurance Agency, LLC (Atlanta, GA), with National Union Fire Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, PA as the carrier, for legislatively required cancer insurance for firefighters, in the amount of \$53,280.00. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the six

members present, with Councilors Garrett, Thomas and Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

C. One (1) 2024 Ford F-150 Police Responder Pursuit Rated for Muscogee County Prison – Georgia State Contract Cooperative Contract

Resolution (026-24): A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) 2024 Ford F-150 Police Responder Pursuit rated from Allan Vigil Ford, Inc. (Morrow, GA) in the amount of \$47,095.00 for the Muscogee County Prison. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-SPD0000183-005. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Garrett, Thomas and Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

D. Facial Recognition Software (Afix Face) and Maintenance for Police Department

Resolution (027-24): A resolution authorizing the purchase of Facial Recognition Software (Afix Face) and maintenance from Amware (Burlington, MA) in the amount of \$71,007.00. It is also requested that Council approve future payments for the annual maintenance which will be budgeted in the appropriate fiscal years. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Garrett, Thomas and Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

B. Mott’s Green Plaza P.I. #0015287 (Re-Bid) – RFB No. 21-0037

Resolution (028-24): A resolution authorizing the execution of a construction contract with JHC Corporation, Inc. (Peachtree City, GA) in the amount of \$1,423,636.25 for the Mott’s Green Plaza Project. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Garrett, Thomas and Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

Engineering Director Donna Newman approached the rostrum to respond to questions from Council.

8. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Records Court Update - David Ranieri, Chief Judge, Recorder's Court

(NOTE: This update, as provided by Chief Judge David Ranieri, was called upon earlier in the meeting after the Mayor’s Agenda.)

BID ADVERTISEMENT

DATE: January 23, 2024

January 24, 2024

1. Design and Construction Services for Golden Park Improvements – RFP No. 24-0019

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) is requesting proposals from qualified contractors to engage a Design-Builder to design and construct improvements to Golden Park in order to bring it up to standards required by Major League Baseball. Applicants should have experience in designing and building baseball facilities. The estimated project cost is \$50

million. Project must be completed by April 2025. The selected Design-Builder will be responsible for all programming, design, and construction.

January 31, 2024

2. Swim Gear and Lifeguard Accessories (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 24-0021

Scope of RFB

It is the intent of the Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) to secure an annual contract with a vendor to provide various types of swimming gear and lifeguard accessories, on an “as needed” basis, to the Columbus Parks and Recreation Division of the City of Columbus, Georgia.

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

February 2, 2024

1. Multi-Purpose Dog Handler Packages (K-9) (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 24-0018

Scope of RFP

The Columbus GA Police Department (CPD) is seeking proposals for the provision of Multi-Purpose Dog Handler Packages (K-9) to assist in providing added public safety for the City of Columbus, Georgia, on an “as needed” basis. The CPD requires a vendor with the capability of providing quality and healthy canines, handler training, equipment, vehicle upfitting and full support. An initial purchase of two (2) packages is anticipated. The contract term shall be for one (1) year with the option to renew for four (4) additional twelve-month periods.

February 7, 2024

1. Used Oil & Antifreeze Recycling Services (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 24-0020

Scope of RFB

Vendor will pay a fee for the contractual right to remove and recycle used oil & Antifreeze, at the following locations: 1011 Cusseta Road, 3950 Schatulga Road and 814 Linwood Blvd, Columbus, Georgia. The initial term of this contract shall be for three years, with the option to renew for two additional twelve-month periods.

REFERRALS:

Referrals 01.23.24

CLERK OF COUNCIL’S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - INFORMATION ONLY

1. Certificate of Need Application submitted on behalf of Southeastern Cardiology Associates, P.C. to establish a Positron Emission Service in Columbus, Georgia.

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

2. **RESOLUTION (029-24)** - A resolution excusing Councilor Jerry "Pops" Barnes from the January 23, 2024 Council Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb Mayor and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Garrett, Thomas and Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.
3. Travel Authorization Request for Councilor Bruce Huff to attend the ACCG Annual Conference during the month of April 2024. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors

Garrett, Thomas and Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

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

Board of Tax Assessors, #43-23

Board of Water Commissioners, January 8, 2024

Board of Zoning Appeals, November 1, and December 6, 2023

Employees' Pension Fund, Board of Trustees, August 16 and September 13, 2023

Housing Authority of Columbus, October 18, 2023

Land Bank Authority, December 13, 2023

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to receive the minutes of various boards, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Garrett, Thomas and Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

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

A. CIVIC CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of Jed Harris, Jr. (*Not Eligible to succeed*) for a term that expired on March 1, 2023, on the Civic Center Advisory Board (*Mayor's Appointment*). There were none.

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

A nominee for the seat of Aaron Guest (*Eligible to succeed – Interested in serving another term*) for a term expiring on March 1, 2024, on the Commission on International Relations & Cultural Liaison Encounters (*Mayor's Appointment*). Clerk of Council Davis stated Mayor Henderson is renominating Aaron Guest to serve another term. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Garrett, Thomas and Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

A nominee for the seat of Merrill Rushin (*Eligible to succeed – Does not desire reappointment*) for a term expiring on March 1, 2024, on the Commission on International Relations & Cultural Liaison Encounters (*Mayor's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the vacant seat formerly held by Akear Mewborn (*Does not desire reappointment*) for a term that expired on March 1, 2022, on the Commission on International Relations & Cultural Liaison Encounters (*Mayor's Appointment*). There were none.

6. **COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS- READY FOR CONFIRMATION:**

A. BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS: Ms. Kathleen Mullins was nominated to serve another term of office. (*Councilor Crabb's nominee*) Term expires: March 31, 2027. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried

unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Garrett, Thomas and Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

- B. BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS:** Mr. Douglas M. Jefcoat was nominated to serve another term of office. (*Councilor Crabb's nominee*) Term expires: March 31, 2027. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Garrett, Thomas and Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.
- C. BUILDING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:** Ms. Olive Vidal-Kendall was nominated to serve another term of office. (*Councilor Huff's nominee*) Term expires: March 24, 2026. Councilor Huff made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Garrett, Thomas and Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.
- D. BUILDING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:** Mr. Christopher Smith was nominated to serve another term of office. (*Councilor Thomas' nominee*) Term expires: March 24, 2026. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Garrett, Thomas and Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.
- E. COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS & CULTURAL LIAISON ENCOUNTERS (CIRCLE):** Mr. Pythias "Pete" Temesgen was nominated to serve another term of office. (*Councilor Garrett's nominee*) Term expires: March 1, 2028. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Garrett, Thomas and Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.
- F. COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS & CULTURAL LIAISON ENCOUNTERS (CIRCLE):** Ms. Chie Canady was nominated to serve another term of office. (*Councilor Huff's nominee*) Term expires: March 1, 2028. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Garrett, Thomas and Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.
- G. PLANNING ADVISORY COMMISSION:** Mr. Brad P. Baker was nominated to serve another term of office. (*Councilor Crabb's nominee*) Term expires: March 31, 2027. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Garrett, Thomas and Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.
- H. PLANNING ADVISORY COMMISSION:** Ms. Lakshmi Karthik was nominated to succeed Ms. Patricia A. Weekley. (*Councilor Davis' nominee*) Term expires: March 31, 2027. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Garrett, Thomas and Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.
- I. PLANNING ADVISORY COMMISSION:** Mr. Michael Ernst was nominated to succeed Mr. James Dudley. (*Councilor Crabb's nominee*) Term expires: March 31, 2027. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Garrett, Thomas and Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

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

A. **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:**

A nominee for the seat of Mary B. Garcia (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on March 27, 2024, as the District 7 Representative on the Community Development Advisory Council (*Council District 7- Cogle*). Clerk of Council Davis stated Mary B. Garcia is no longer eligible to serve on this board due to her accepting a position with the Columbus Consolidated Government. There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Glenn Kyle Albright (*Eligible to succeed- Does not desire reappointment*) for a term expiring on March 27, 2024, as the District 8 Representative on the Community Development Advisory Council (*Councilor District 8- Garrett*). Clerk of Council Davis advised that Councilor Garrett is nominating Julio Portillo to succeed Glenn Kyle Albright. Councilor Huff made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Garrett, Thomas and Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

A nominee for the seat of Evan M. Collins (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on March 27, 2024, as the District 10 Representative on the Community Development Advisory Council (*Councilor District 10- Begly*). Councilor Begly nominated James Jordan to succeed Evan M. Collins. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Garrett, Thomas and Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

A nominee for the vacant seat of the District 2 Representative for a term expiring on March 27, 2024, on the Community Development Advisory Council (*Council District 2- Davis*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Virginia Dickerson (*Not Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on March 27, 2024, as the District 3 Representative on the Community Development Advisory Council (*Council District 2- Davis*). There were none.

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

A. **BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS:**

A nominee for the seat of Tomeika Farley (*Not Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on March 31, 2024, on the Board of Zoning Appeals (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Huff nominated Angela Strange to succeed Tomeika Farley.

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

A nominee for the seat of Alia Teetshorn (*Not Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring March 1, 2024, on the Commission on International Relations & Cultural Liaison Encounters (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

C. **HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD:**

A nominee for the seat of Libby Smith (*Not Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring January 31, 2024, as the Historic District Resident on the Historic & Architectural Review Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

D. TREE BOARD:

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

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CLERK OF COUNCIL:

-Request to nominate Mr. Will White for a seat that will be available soon on the Development Authority of Columbus. (*Request of Councilor Davis*)

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Check the roadway that is cracking on Bunker Hill Road near the 4-way stop. (*Request of Councilor Huff*)

- Take a look at the patch work recently done on Armour Road near the hotel and gas station. (*Request of Councilor Crabb*)

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Henderson entertained a motion to go into executive session to discuss matters of personnel as requested by City Attorney Fay earlier in the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Garrett, Thomas and Tucker being absent for the vote, Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting, and the time being 9:50 p.m.

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 9:58 p.m., at which time, Mayor Henderson announced that the Council did meet in executive session to discuss matters of personnel; 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 January 23, 2024 Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Garrett, Thomas and Tucker being absent for the vote, Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting, and the time being 9:59 p.m.

Sandra T. Davis, CMC
Clerk of Council
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