

COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Columbus Civic Center
400 4th Street, Arena Floor
Columbus, Georgia 31901

June 23, 2020
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, Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis (arrived at 9:43 a.m.), R. Walker Garrett, John M. House, Bruce Huff (arrived at 9:13 a.m.), Valerie A. Thompson and Evelyn 'Mimi' Woodson (via Microsoft Teams). 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 Judy W. Thomas was absent.

The following documents were distributed around the Council table: (1) New Horizons Packet; (2) FYE 2020 Bull Creek Estimated Cash Flows; (3) CARES Act update Presentation; (4) Monthly Financial Snapshot (Unaudited) FY2020- May 2020.

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Councilor Valerie A. Thompson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Henderson.

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the June 16, 2020 Special Called Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the seven members being present, with Councilors Davis and Huff being absent for the vote, and Councilor Thomas being absent for the meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

4. New Horizons Behavioral Health: Covid-19 and the Mental Health Effects. (Presented by Susan Gallagher, Andrea B. Winston, and Dr. Lowell Cliatt)

Ms. Susan Gallagher gave a presentation entitled *Public Health Crisis: Dramatic Need for Mental Health and Integrated Care*. She explained the mental health effects of COVID-19 in the community due to social distancing and other aspects of the current pandemic. (*NOTE: This presentation was called up as the next order of business as listed on the Mayor's Agenda Item 4*)

New Horizons CEO Andrea B. Winston came forward to thank Mayor Henderson for the opportunity to speak to the community on the stigma surrounding mental illnesses.

Tree of Life Executive Director Dr. Lowell Cliatt thanked the Mayor and Council for allowing them to bring awareness to these issues.

UPDATES:

2. An update on COVID-19

Mayor B. H. “Skip” Henderson explained the New Horizons Behavioral Health Presentation was invited as his update on COVID-19.

3. Census 2020

Mayor B. H. “Skip” Henderson spoke briefly on the 2020 Census, encouraging citizens to complete the survey in order to aid the City of Columbus in receiving grant funding.

RESOLUTION:

1. Director of the Civic Center

Resolution (160-20): A resolution authorizing the appointment of Mr. Robert Landers as Director of the Columbus Civic Center. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote, and Councilor Thomas being absent for the meeting.

Approval is requested for the appointment of Mr. Robert Landers as Director of the Civic Center. A resolution is attached.

City Manager Isaiah Hugley introduced newly appointed **Civic Center Director Robert Landers**, who came to the rostrum to introduce his wife and their two children and thank the City Council and Administration for the opportunity to serve the City of Columbus. (*NOTE: This resolution was called up as the next order of business as listed on the City Manager’s Agenda Item 1)*

PRESENTATIONS

4. New Horizons Behavioral Health: Covid-19 and the Mental Health Effects. (Presented by Susan Gallagher, Andrea B. Winston, and Dr. Lowell Cliatt)

(*NOTE: This presentation, as provided by Susan Gallagher, was called upon earlier in the meeting at the beginning of the Mayor’s Agenda.*)

CITY ATTORNEY’S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

- 1. Ordinance (20-026) - 2nd Reading - REZN-03-20-1330:** An ordinance rezoning 0.38 acres of land located at 4000 Buena Vista Road. The current zoning is NC (Neighborhood Commercial). The proposed zoning is GC (General Commercial). The proposed use is Pawn Shop. The Planning Advisory Commission and the Planning Department recommend approval. The applicant is Dean King. (Councilor Barnes). Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote, and Councilor Thomas being absent for the meeting.
- 2. Ordinance (20-027) - 2nd Reading - REZN-03-20-1331:** An ordinance rezoning 5.44 acres of land located at 4219 Warm Springs Road. The current zoning is GC (General Commercial). The proposed zoning is RO (Residential Office). The proposed use is Affordable Senior Living Apartments. The Planning Advisory Commission and the Planning Department

recommend approval. The applicant is In-Fill Housing, Inc. (Councilor Crabb). Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote, and Councilor Thomas being absent for the meeting.

3. **Ordinance (20-028) - 2nd Reading - REZN-03-20-1464:** An ordinance rezoning 0.31 acres of land located at 4508 Armour Road. The current zoning is NC (Neighborhood Commercial). The proposed zoning is GC (General Commercial). The proposed use is Pawn Shop. The Planning Advisory Commission and the Planning Department recommend approval. The applicant is Steven Daniels. (Councilor Garrett). Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote, and Councilor Thomas being absent for the meeting.
4. **Ordinance (20-029) - 2nd Reading - REZN-03-20-1329:** An ordinance amending the Unified Development Ordinance for Columbus, Georgia, codified in Appendix A of the Columbus Code, (the UDO), so as to revise Table 2.3.8. – Property Development Regulations for the SAC Zoning District; to revise Section 2.3.8.D. – Special Activity and Technical Center; to add a new Section 2.3.8.E; and to revise Table 3.1.1. minimum lot size. The Planning Advisory Commission and the Planning Department recommend approval. The applicant is Timothy Jensen. (Mayor Pro-Tem). Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote, and Councilor Thomas being absent for the meeting.
5. **Ordinance (20-030) - 2nd Reading - REZN-04-20-1648:** An ordinance amending the Unified Development Ordinance for Columbus, Georgia, codified in Appendix A of the Columbus Code, (the UDO), so as to revise Table 3.1.1. for the categories Amusement, Indoor, Farm Equipment Sales and Services, Fuel Station and Massage Therapy; to delete Section 9.2.5.I.3.; and to add a definition for Fuel Station to Chapter 13. The Planning Advisory Commission and the Planning Department recommend approval. Request of Planning Department. (Mayor Pro-Tem). Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote, and Councilor Thomas being absent for the meeting.
6. **Ordinance (20-031) - 2nd Reading** - An Ordinance providing for the establishment of taxing districts, including a county-wide general services district and three (3) urban services districts and three (3) Business Improvement Districts (BID); providing for the levy, assessment, and collection of taxes for Columbus, Georgia within such districts for the year 2020 as provided under the Charter of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia; providing penalties for violations of the provisions of said ordinance; and for other purposes. (Budget Review Committee). Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote, and Councilor Thomas being absent for the meeting.
7. **1st Reading** - An ordinance amending Article VII of Chapter 13 of the Columbus Code to revise the method of billing and collection for solid waste fees for commercial purposes; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem)

RESOLUTIONS

8. **Resolution (161-20)** - A resolution authorizing payment of attorney fees which may be incurred for legal services rendered regarding various City issues during Fiscal Year 2021. (Mayor Pro-Tem). Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with

Councilor Davis being absent for the vote, and Councilor Thomas being absent for the meeting.

9. **Resolution** - A resolution authorizing payment of attorney fees which may be incurred for legal services rendered regarding Risk Management issues during Fiscal Year 2021. (Mayor Pro Tem)

Councilor Walker Garrett requested to hold this item in abeyance until an Executive Session is held later in the meeting to discuss matters of personnel. (*NOTE: This resolution, as provided by the City Attorney, was called upon later in the meeting after an executive session was held.*)

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Juneteenth cancellation.
2. Ms. Tonza Thomas, representing South Columbus Concerned Citizens, Re: To end reinstatement of fired officers and address process for officer misconduct. ***Cancelled Appearance***
3. Ms. Gabrielle Hall, representing Family Reconstruction, Re: Implementation of community policing and police community outreach, and how it will benefit the community and the local Police Department.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE MAYOR AND CHIEF OF POLICE:

- Prepare for a discussion to be held to discuss how Columbus can implement a Community Policing Program. (*Request of Councilor Huff*)

CITY FACILITY RENTALS:

In response to Ms. Theresa El-Amin's appearance before Council regarding the cancellation of a community event, **City Manager Isaiah Hugley** called forward representatives of various CCG (Columbus Consolidated Government) Departments to explain the process in renting CCG Facilities.

Parks & Recreation Deputy Director Becky Summerlin came forward to give specific information on the situation addressed by Ms. El-Amin regarding the cancellation of the Juneteenth Event as it was advertised by members of the community on Facebook. She explained the event was cancelled due to the park not being rented and proper permits were not obtained by the event organizers, as required by the Columbus Consolidated Government for utilization of facilities for events. She went on to explain the procedures for renting facilities within the parks and Parks & Recreation buildings.

Columbus Police Department Sergeant Katina Williams gave information regarding the permits necessary for hosting events with large number of attendants and how to go about obtaining those permits through the Columbus Police Department. She explained there are various permits and the requirements are based on the event, such as Amplified Sound permit, Parade Permit, Festival Permit, Public Demonstration and/or Picketing Permits, Restaurant Viewing Permit and Temporary Street Closure Permit.

Revenue Manager Yvonne Ivey came forward to explain how citizens can apply for a Alcoholic Beverage Special Event Permit, as this permit authorizes the sell and/ or service for consumption of alcoholic beverages on the premises of the private or public event, such as fundraisers, festivals, concerts, grand openings, holiday celebrations, receptions, special occasions, etc.

311 Manager Teasha Johnson presented on the process for renting the CSC Community Room/Grounds at City Services Center and the Government Center Plaza/Grounds. She explained the information to reserve these facilities is on the Columbus Consolidated Government Website.

Gold Course Director Jim Arendt came forward to explain the process in renting courses and/or facilities at Bull Creek Golf Course.

Columbus Ironworks Convention & Trade Center Director Hayley Tillery gave information on how to book an event at the Trade Center. She also explained the strides being taken at the Trade Center to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Deputy City Manager Lisa Goodwin came forward to explain the process for renting facilities at the Columbus Civic Center. She explained the Civic Center Events Team must be contacted first in order to check the availability of the facilities for the date desired, from there the Events Team would assist the renter with the event's needs and cost associated with the event.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Director of the Civic Center

Approval is requested for the appointment of Mr. Robert Landers as Director of the Civic Center. A resolution is attached.

(NOTE: This resolution, as provided by City Manager Isaiah Hugley, was called upon earlier in the meeting during the Mayor's Agenda.)

2. METRA/TIA - Proposed Route Change

Resolution (162-20): A resolution authorizing the adoption of METRA route proposals under the Transportation Investment Act (TIA.) 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 Crabb being absent for the vote, and Councilor Thomas being absent for the meeting.

Approval is requested to adopt the resolution authorizing METRA to make proposed changes to its services.

3. Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP)

Resolution (163-20): A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, authorizing the approval and submittal of a Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) on behalf of the City. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Thomas being absent for the meeting.

Approval is requested for the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) and authorization is requested for the Transportation Director to approve, submit and implement this Safety Plan on behalf of the City and in compliance with federal requirements.

4. CARES Act Stimulus Funding

Resolution (164-20): A resolution authorizing the Department of Transportation/METRA to apply for the CARES Act Stimulus Funding for FY21 in the amount of \$6,987,789.00 or as otherwise awarded, with no local match involved and amend the Transportation Fund Budget by the amount awarded. On March 27, 2020, the CARES Act was signed into law providing \$2 trillion in support for a variety of industries affected by COVID-19, including the Transit Industry. Operating expenses for all recipients, including large urbanized areas. Are eligible beginning January 20, 2020. This approval is also requested to authorize the City Manager or Mayor to accept grant funds if approved and execute contracts with the FTA. 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 Thomas being absent for the meeting.

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5. Lease Agreements – 5601 Veterans Parkway

Resolution (165-20): A resolution authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute all documents related to the lease agreements on the property located at 5601 Veterans Parkway. 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 Thomas being absent for the meeting.

Approval is requested to authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute lease agreements for 5601 Veterans Parkway with the State of Georgia, Piedmont Columbus Regional Retail Pharmacy and the Department of Public Health.

6. Quit Claim Deed – 1st Avenue & 18th Street

Resolution (166-20): A resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a quit claim deed to the Development Authority for tracts located at 1st Avenue and 18th Street. 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 Thomas being absent for the meeting.

Approval is requested to execute a Quit Claim Deed to the Development Authority for the Mercer Medical Project.

7. Street Acceptance – That portion of Frank Houser Avenue, that portion of Spring Daze Drive and That portion of Queen Bee Drive located in Replat For Old Town Atlas Senior Living

Resolution (167-20): A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, authorizing the acceptance of a deed to that portion of Frank Houser Avenue, that portion of Spring Daze Drive and Queen Bee Drive in replat for Old Town Atlas Senior Living, on behalf of Columbus, Georgia. Councilor Barnes made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Thomas being absent for the meeting.

Approval is requested for the acceptance of that portion of Frank Houser Avenue, that portion of Spring Daze Drive and that portion of Queen Bee Drive located in Replat For Old Town Atlas Senior Living. The Engineering Department has inspected said streets and recommends acceptance by same.

8. PURCHASES

A. Integrated Transit System (Annual Contract)

Resolution (168-20): A resolution authorizing the execution of an annual contract with Syncromatics Corporation d/b/a GMV Syncromatics (Los Angeles, CA) for an Integrated Transit System for the current Fixed Route Revenue Fleet and Paratransit Fleet. METRA Transit System will procure the services on an as-needed basis for future vehicle purchases. The recommended firm's cost proposal is within the department's budget. 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 Thomas being absent for the meeting.

B. Compact Track Loader Attachments (Re-Bid) – RFB No. 20-0064

Resolution (169-20): A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) Compact Track Loader with attachments (John Deere 333G Compact Track Loader) from SunSouth, LLC (Columbus, GA), in the amount of \$78,458.92. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase, via through Sourcewell (formally NJPA) Contract #032119-JDC. 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 Thomas being absent for the meeting.

C. Repair Of E-One Fire Truck

Resolution (170-20): A resolution authorizing the payment to Fireline, Inc., (Winder, GA), in the amount of \$34,371.50, for the repair of a 2016 E-One Fire Truck, Vehicle #3622. 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 Thomas being absent for the meeting.

D. Equipment Truck with Modifications (Re-Bid) – RFB No. 20-0070

Resolution (171-20): A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) equipment truck with modifications (Ford F-550 w/Reading U108ADW Classic II) from Wade Ford (Smyrna, GA) in the amount of \$48,131.00. 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 Thomas being absent for the meeting.

E. Full Size Crew Cab Pickup Truck (4WD) with Crane Mount Attachment – RFB No. 20-0074

Resolution (172-20): A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) Full Size Crew Cab Pickup Truck (4WD) with Crane Mount Attachment (2020 Ford W2B Auto Crane EC-2 Electric Crane) from Wade Ford (Smyrna, GA) in the amount of \$40,507.00. 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 Thomas being absent for the meeting.

F. Commercial Logging Loader (Grab-All) (Re-Bid) – RFB No. 20-0066

Resolution (173-20): A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) Commercial Logging Loader (2021 Freightliner 114SD/2020 Barko Hydraulics/Brandon MFG. 80XL#BDR226048) from Fourstar Freightliner (Montgomery, AL) in the amount of \$201,494.00. 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 Thomas being absent for the meeting.

G. State Mandated Solid Waste Disposal Fees

Resolution (174-20): A resolution authorizing payment to Georgia Department of Natural Resources for State Mandated Solid Waste Disposal Fees in the amount of \$59,066.78. 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 Thomas being absent for the meeting.

H. Parking Lot Control Equipment for Bay Avenue Garage and 9th Street Lot – RFP No. 20-0020

Resolution (175-20): A resolution authorizing the purchase of parking lot control equipment for the Bay Avenue Parking Garage and 9th Street Parking Lot from Amano McGann (Alpharetta, GA) for use by the Department of Transportation/METRA. The recommended firm's cost proposal is within the Department's FY20 Budget for the initial purchase of equipment, software and installation for the 9th Street lot only. Funding for the monthly software license/web fee is available in Capital Funds in FY21 and will be budgeted as required in upcoming fiscal years. The Bay Avenue Garage Project will be accomplished when funding becomes available. 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 Thomas being absent for the meeting.

I. Cargo Van with Buildout Unit – Georgia Statewide Contract

Resolution (176-20): A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) Cargo Van with Buildout Unit (S8 T-150/250/350 Cargo Low/Mid/High Roof Van) from Wade Ford, Inc. (Smyrna, GA), in the amount of \$37,943.00. The purchase will be accomplished via Georgia State Contract #99999-SPD-ES40199373-0009. 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 Thomas being absent for the meeting.

J. Guaranteed Maximum Price Amendment – Government Center Life Safety Upgrades

Resolution (177-20): A resolution authorizing a guaranteed maximum price amendment for the Construction Manager At-Risk Contract related to the Government Center Life Safety Upgrades in the amount of \$3,072,954.18 with Principle Construction (Columbus, GA) and to use OLOST Infrastructure Reserves to supplement the project budget by \$482,334.18. 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 Thomas being absent for the meeting.

K. Electronic Validating Fareboxes

Resolution (178-20): A resolution authorizing the purchase of two (2) Odyssey Electronic Validating Fareboxes from Genfare (Elk Grove Village, IL), in the amount of \$30,944.00 (\$15,367.00 each, plus \$210.00 freight), to be installed on two mobility vans. 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 Thomas being absent for the meeting.

9. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

A. CDBG-CV Funding Update - Rob Scott, Community Reinvestment Director

Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge introduced **Community Reinvestment Director Rob Scott** who gave a presentation entitled *COVID-19 HUD Grant Funding Opportunity CDBG-CV*. He explained the allocation for the Community Development Block Grant for the City of Columbus CARES Act is \$981,189 to be utilized to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus and its impact on local communities. Also, he explained the next step is to consider hiring a dedicated organization or individual to manage the process and funding for 6 months or longer.

B. CARES Act Update – Lisa Goodwin, Deputy City Manager

Deputy City Manager Lisa Goodwin came forward to give an update on the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding available to the City of Columbus out of the \$4 billion received by the State of Georgia. She explained that all City Departments and Agencies were asked to provide projected expenses related to COVID-19 for a period from March through December 31, 2020.

In response to a question asked by Councilor Huff, **Finance Director Angelica Alexander** explained the CARES Act is a reimbursement type program, where the City of Columbus would have to expend the funds to receive reimbursement.

C. Tax Assessor's Public Access Update – Suzanne Widenhouse, Chief Appraiser

Chief Appraiser Suzanne Widenhouse came forward to give an update on the online public access that went down due to a ransomware attack on the system. She explained there has been an interim website up and running since June 19th, with limited functionality.

D. FY20 Tax Assessor Update – Suzanne Widenhouse, Chief Appraiser

Finance Director Angelica Alexander, accompanied by **Chief Appraiser Suzanne Widenhouse**, came forward to explain the need for additional funding in the Tax Assessor's FY2020 Budget for training/education and cellphone expenses.

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve additional funding of \$5,000 for the Tax Assessor's FY2020 Budget, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilor Thomas being absent for the meeting.

E. FY20 Tax Commissioner Update – Lula Huff, Tax Commissioner

Finance Director Angelica Alexander came forward to explain the Tax Commissioner has requested to utilize salary savings as reimbursement for bank analysis fees that were incurred.

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the use of salary saving in the amount of \$26,117 to cover bank analysis fees incurred by the Tax Commissioner's Office, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Thomas being absent for the meeting.

REFERRAL INFORMATION ON BULL CREEK AND CIVIC CENTER:

In response to a referral made by Councilor House at a previous meeting, **Finance Director Angelica Alexander** gave additional information regarding the cashflow of Enterprise Funds for

Bull Creek Golf Course and the Columbus Civic Center. She explained the anticipated revenues for Bull Creek is approximately \$100,000, which includes the budgeted subsidy from the General Fund in the amount of \$50,000. With this taken into consideration it was requested for an additional \$125,000 to cover deficits in the FY2020 Budget for Bull Creek.

Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the additional funding from the General Fund to the Enterprise Fund for the Bull Creek Golf Course in the amount of \$125,000 and \$600,000 for the Civic Center, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Thomas being absent for the meeting.

F. FY20 MCSO Update – Donna Tompkins, Muscogee County Sheriff

Finance Director Angelica Alexander, accompanied by **Sheriff Donna Tompkins**, came forward to inform Council of some new revelations regarding the FY2020 Sheriff’s Office Budget. She explained if they proceed in paying the bonuses approved to be paid from salary savings at the June 9, 2020 Council Meeting for employees who worked during the COVID-19 Pandemic, there would be a deficit experienced in the Sheriff’s budget.

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to rescind the \$300 bonus for sworn officers and \$150 bonus for civilian staff in the Sheriff’s Office as approved on June 9, 2020, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Thomas being absent for the meeting.

G. Monthly Finance Update – Angelica Alexander, Finance Director

Finance Director Angelica Alexander gave the monthly finance update for the month of May 2020.

VIRGINIA COLLEGE BUILDING:

Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge came forward to give a brief update on the renovation of the building previously housing Virginia College that will be housing various divisions of the Health Department.

BID ADVERTISEMENT

July 10, 2020

1. On-call Guardrail Installation and Repair Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 20-0027

Scope of RFP

The Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia invites qualified contractors to submit proposals to provide Guardrail Installation and Repair Services, on an as-needed basis, throughout Columbus-Muscogee County.

The contract term shall be for two (2) years, with the option to renew for three (3) additional twelve-month periods. Contract renewal will be contingent upon the mutual agreement of the City and the Contractor.

2. Inmate Commissary Services for Muscogee County Prison (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 20-0026

Scope of RFP

The Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia is seeking proposals from qualified vendors to provide inmate commissary services for the Muscogee County Prison.

The contract term shall be for two (2) years, with the option to renew for three (3) additional twelve-month periods. Contract renewal will be contingent upon the mutual agreement of the City and the Contractor.

CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

1. **RESOLUTION (179-20):** A resolution cancelling the July 7, 2020 Proclamation Session. Mayor Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Thomas being absent for the meeting.
2. **RESOLUTION (180-20):** A resolution excusing Councilor Jerry "Pops" Barnes from the June 16, 2020 Special Called Meeting. Councilor Garrett made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Thomas being absent for the meeting.
3. **RESOLUTION (181-20):** A resolution excusing Councilor Bruce Huff from the June 16, 2020 Special Called Meeting. Councilor Garrett made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Thomas being absent for the meeting.
4. **RESOLUTION (182-20):** A resolution excusing Councilor Judy W. Thomas from the June 16, 2020 Special Called Meeting and June 23, 2020 Council Meeting. Councilor Garrett made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Thomas being absent for the meeting.
5. **Minutes of the following boards:**
 - Airport Commission, April 22, 2020, May 20 and May 27, 2020.
 - Board of Tax Assessors, #18-20 and #19-20.
 - Board of Water Commissioners, May 11, 2020.
 - Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission, June 9, 2020.
 - Planning Advisory Commission, March 18, 2020.

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

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

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

A. COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS & CULTURAL LIAISON ENCOUNTERS:

A nominee for the seat of Merlina Salamanca (*Eligible to succeed herself*) on the Commission on International Relations & Cultural Liaison Encounters for a term that expired on March 1, 2020 (*Mayor's Appointment*). Mayor Henderson nominated Merlina Salamanca to succeed herself. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Thomas being absent for the meeting.

B. CONVENTION & VISITORS BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

A nominee for the seat of Mamie Pound (*Interested in serving another term*) as a representative of the Hotel/Motel Industry on the Convention & Visitors Board of Commissioners (*Mayor's Appointment*) for a term expiring on December 31, 2020. Mayor Henderson nominated Mamie Pound to succeed herself. Councilor Huff made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Thomas being absent for the meeting.

A nominee for the seat of Amish Das (*Eligible to succeed*) as a representative of the Hotel/Motel Industry on the Convention & Visitors Board of Commissioners (*Mayor's Appointment*) for a term expiring on December 31, 2020. There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Cameron Bean (*Not eligible to succeed*) as a representative of the Restaurant/Retail Trade on the Convention & Visitors Board of Commissioners (*Mayor's Appointment*) for a term expiring on December 31, 2020. There were none.

10. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS- READY FOR CONFIRMATION:

A. PLANNING ADVISORY COMMISSION: Ms. Gloria Thomas was nominated to succeed Mr. Michael Greenblatt. (*Councilor Barnes' nominee*) New Term expires: August 31, 2023. Councilor Barnes made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Thomas being absent for the meeting.

B. RETIREES' HEALTH BENEFITS COMMITTEE: Ms. Renee McAneny was nominated to succeed Mr. Jack Kinsman. (*Mayor Pro Tem Allen's nominee*) New Term expires: June 30, 2023. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Thomas being absent for the meeting.

C. RETIREES' HEALTH BENEFITS COMMITTEE: Mr. Mike Massey was nominated to succeed Mr. Lester Massey. (*Mayor Pro Tem Allen's nominee*) New Term expires: June 30, 2023. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Thomas being absent for the meeting.

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

A. BOARD OF WATER OF COMMISSIONERS:

A nominee for the seat of Rodney Close (*not eligible to succeed himself*) on the Board of Water Commissioners for a term that expires on December 31, 2020. Councilor Huff nominated Reverend Ralph Huling to succeed Rodney Close. Councilor Garrett nominated Adrian Chester to succeed Rodney Close. (*Councilor Garrett made the nomination once the Regular Meeting was reconvened following the executive session.*)

B. PLANNING ADVISORY COMMISSION:

A nominee for the seat of Wallace Davis (*Not eligible to succeed himself*) on the Planning Advisory Commission for a term that expires on August 31, 2020. Mayor Pro Tem Allen nominated Sheila J. Brown to succeed Wallace Davis.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At the request of Mayor Henderson, Councilor Garrett made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Thomas being absent for the meeting, and the time being 11:54 a.m.

The Council did meet in executive session to discuss matters of personnel; however, there were no votes taken. The Regular Meeting reconvened at 12:45 p.m.

PERSONNEL PAY ADJUSTMENTS:

At the request of City Manager Hugley, Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to move the Human Resources Director and Planning Director one step within the their current pay grade for an increase of approximately \$2,300.00, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Thomas being absent for the meeting.

RISK MANAGEMENT LEGAL SERVICES:

City Attorney Fay requested a motion to approve an oral resolution extending the attorney fees list for Risk Management Services for FY2020 by thirty days. Councilor Garrett moved approval, seconded by Councilor Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Thomas being absent for the meeting.

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS:

Councilor Garrett nominated Mr. Adrian Chester for the seat of Mr. Rodney Close on the Board of Water Commissioners.

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Councilor Barnes to adjourn the June 23, 2020 Regular Meeting, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Thomas being absent for the meeting, and the time being 12:47 p.m.

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