

# COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

## CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council Chambers  
C. E. "Red" McDaniel City Services Center- Second Floor  
3111 Citizens Way, Columbus, GA 31906

February 27, 2024  
5:30 PM  
Regular Meeting

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### MAYOR'S AGENDA

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**PRESENT:** Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III and Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen (arrived at 5:34 p.m.) and Councilors Jerry "Pops" Barnes (via teleconference), Tyson Begly, Joanne Cogle (via Microsoft Teams), Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis (arrived at 5:39 p.m.), 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.

**The following documents have been included as a part of the electronic Agenda Packet:** (1) 2024 Best Ranger Competition Presentation; (2) River Valley Regional Commission Presentation; (3) Golden Park / South Commons Redevelopment Presentation; (4) State of Tourism Presentation

**The following documents were distributed around the Council table:** (1) River Valley Regional Commission FY 2023 Report; (2) Public Demonstration Documents (Submitted by Jackson Turner); (3) CACC Veterinary Protocols and Practices (Submitted by Claire Thomas); (4) Indigent Care – 3 Mills Property Tax History – Columbus, GA (Submitted by Paul Olson); (5) CACC Smooch a Pooch Adoption Event Information (Submitted by Allie Johnson); (6) Southern Anti-Racism Network Flyer (Submitted by Theresa El-Amin); (7) Critical Changes Needed at CACC (Submitted by Kathy Tanner);

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

**INVOCATION:** Offered by Pastor Sherryl Sneed, Peters Chapel AME Church of Columbus, Georgia

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Mayor Henderson

### MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the February 13, 2024 Council Meeting and Executive Session. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote.

### CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

#### **9. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Best Ranger Competition - COL Christopher C. Hammonds and MAJ Phillip B. Clark

**Colonel Chris Hammonds, Airborne and Ranger Training Brigade Commander,** approached the rostrum to begin the update on the 2024 Best Ranger Competition and events. (*NOTE: This update was called up as the next order of business as listed on the City Manager's Agenda Item 9 "A"*)

He explained they wish to bring awareness to the United States Infantry Week, April 7-14, 2024, where several competitions will be held, one being held in Uptown Columbus.

**Lieutenant Colonel Aaron Billingsley, Maneuver Center of Excellence MCoE Operations Officer (G3)**, came forward to share how the events were planned to be bigger and better for the community. He explained two events will be held in Columbus, with the addition of the 75<sup>th</sup> RR Static Display, concerts, and food trucks. He also shared that they have invited national and local leaders, national and local media, over 600 high schools, 40 universities, Boys & Girls Club, social media influencers, and we will have participation from an Atlanta Falcons player.

**Major Phil Clark, Airborne and Ranger Training Brigade Operations Officer**, came forward to share information on the schedule of events for the week.

### **PROCLAMATION:**

2. **Proclamation:** National School Breakfast Week

**Receiving:** Jada Bone, Nutrition Specialist, School Nutrition Department, Muscogee County School District

**Councilor Tyson Begly** read the proclamation into the record, proclaiming March 4-8, 2024, as *National School Breakfast Week*, recognizing the dedicated employees of the Muscogee County School District's School Nutrition Department for providing nutritious meals to the students in the community.

### **PRESENTATION:**

3. River Valley Regional Commission Update (Presented by Jim Livingston, River Valley Regional Commission)

**RVRC Executive Director Jim Livingston** approached the rostrum to provide an update on the efforts of the River Valley Regional Commission to support and partner with communities in planning and development.

## **CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA**

### **ORDINANCES**

1. **Ordinance (24-010) - 2nd Reading-** REZN-11-23-2304: An ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **1323 Munro Avenue** (parcel # 185-029-006) from Single Family Residential -2 (SFR2) 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 ten members of Council.

2. **Ordinance (24-011) - 2nd Reading-** REZN-12-23-2400: An ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **7505 Veterans Parkway** (parcel # 073-029-001) from Light Manufacturing/Industrial (LMI) Zoning District to General Commercial (GC) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval) (Councilor Davis) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

3. **Ordinance (24-012) - 2nd Reading-** REZN-01-24-0063: An ordinance amending the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) of the Columbus Code to revise the text of Section 9.3.4 to provide for representation of the Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board on the Board of Historical and Architectural Review. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval) (Mayor Pro-Tem) Councilor Huff made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.
4. **Ordinance (24-013) - 2nd Reading-** An ordinance to revise and clarify certain provisions of Chapter 2 of the Columbus Code which provide for meeting dates and procedures for the Columbus Council and for other purposes. (Councilor Thomas) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.
5. **Ordinance (24-014) - 2nd Reading-** FY23 FINAL BUDGET AMENDMENT: An ordinance amending the budgets for the Fiscal Year 2023 by appropriating amounts in each fund for various operational activities. (Budget Review Committee) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.
7. **1st Reading-** An ordinance to provide for a levy of increase on ad valorem taxes for blighted property; to provide for identification of blighted property; to provide for remediation; to provide for a decrease on ad valorem taxes on property; and for other purposes. (continued of 1st Reading from 1-13-24) (Councilor Begly) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to continue this ordinance on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading as requested by Councilor Begly, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.
6. **1st Reading-** An ordinance to revise and clarify certain provisions of the Columbus Code which provide for the foreclosure of liens on property for which funds are due and owing to the consolidated government; and for other purposes. (continued on 1st Reading from 2-13-24) (Councilor Begly)

**Muscogee County Tax Commissioner Lula Huff** approached the rostrum to provide her input on the proposed provisions. She explained that state law supersedes local law and she agrees with comments made by Councilor Crabb that this ordinance, if adopted, only duplicates the state law. She stated if it is the desire of Council for her department to go after more abatement liens with fewer delays, then she would need additional personnel.

Councilor Tucker made a motion to bring City Attorney Agenda Items #6 and #7 back during the work session agenda on April 30, 2024, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

**REFERRAL(S):**

**FOR THE CITY MANAGER:**

- When this discussion comes forward on the April 30, 2024, Work Session Agenda, have the Tax Commissioner and Community Reinvestment Director present. (*Request of Councilor Tucker*)

## RESOLUTION

8. **Resolution (051-24):** A resolution concerning the Housing Authority of Columbus, Georgia's issuance of bonds to finance a residential housing project to be located at 1200 Warren Williams Road in Columbus, Georgia (Request of Housing Authority of Columbus, Georgia) Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council. (*Upon returning to his respective seat at the table, Councilor Begly requested that his vote be cast in the affirmative.*)

Chief Real Estate Officer Laura Johnson, Housing Authority of Columbus, approached the rostrum to provide information on the housing project on Warren Williams Road.

After the conclusion of the City Attorney's Agenda, City Attorney Fay requested an executive session on potential litigation and litigation and the end of the agenda.

## PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Mr. Mick Etchison, representing Revolution Project, Re: The Muscogee County Jail.
2. Mr. Jackson Turner, Re: Permit to Picket.
3. Mrs. Claire Thomas, representing Animal Advocacy, Re: Columbus Animal Control and Care Center rabies vaccination protocols.
4. Mr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr., Re: A request for City Council to attend more diversified Cultural Events.
5. Mr. Paul Olson, Re: (1) Baseball Stadium, (2) Property Tax Mill Rollback to finance Stadium, (3) Property Tax Relief and (4) Referendum.
6. Ms. Allie Johnson, representing Columbus Animal Allies, Re: Animal welfare, veterinary care and animal shelter operations.
7. Mrs. Mimi Steger, representing Columbus Animal Allies, Re: Columbus Animal Control and Care Center with rescues, adoptions and reunions.
8. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: The 2028 Bicentennial and Municipal Court staffing.
9. Mrs. Kathy Tanner, Re: Columbus Animal Control and Care Center.
10. Rev. Johnny Flakes, III, representing Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance (IMA), Re: Baseball Park Initiative.
11. Rev. Ralph Huling, representing St. James Baptist Church, Re: Support of the baseball team and the economic impact that it will bring to South Columbus.
12. Mr. Melvin Tanner, representing the NAACP Columbus Branch, Re: Support of the expansion baseball team and the economic impact that it will bring to South Columbus.
13. Mr. Jerome Williams, representing A Call to Talk-A Community to Take Action, Re: Economic development on the Southside of Columbus with the expansion of the baseball team and improvement of A. J. McClung Stadium.
14. Mrs. Sandy Gunnels, Re: The dangers of not deworming puppies appropriately. ***Not Present***

15. Ms. Anna-Claire Daniels, representing Animal SOS, Re: Columbus Animal Care and Control.

16. Mrs. Sherry Jones, Re: Medical Care at Columbus Animal Control.

## **CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA**

### **8. PURCHASES**

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

**Resolution (052-24):** A resolution authorizing the execution of a contract with Brasfield & Gorrie, LLC (Columbus, GA) for the design and construction improvements to Golden Park in order to bring it up to standards required by Major League Baseball; and authorize the City Manager, or designee, to provide a notice to proceed to the contractor for up to \$750,000.00 and provide another notice to proceed after closing of the bonds for the balance of the contract. The contractor's cost proposal falls within the amount included in the overall project budget of \$50 million. Councilor Garrett made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried by a six-to-four vote, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Barnes, Begly, Garrett, Huff and Thomas voting in favor, and Councilors Cogle, Crabb, Davis and Tucker voting in opposition.

**Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge** approached the rostrum to provide information in a presentation pertaining to the redevelopment of Golden Park and South Commons. In the presentation, a timeline of the redevelopment efforts and financing options were provided and information on the design build contract listed for approval.

**City Manager Isaiah Hugley** stated the goal for the budget he plans on presenting to the Mayor for consideration will not include a millage increase to fund this redevelopment project.

**Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis** read a statement from **Councilor Joanne Cogle**, stating her concerns with the lack of transparency in this process and with recent projects, the lack of opportunity for citizen engagement, and lack of commitment on how these bonds are to be serviced. She read the expressed concerns of Councilor Cogle regarding the state of the community's parks, facilities, and departments. She encouraged citizens, whether they agree with the development or not, to support this team and the impending 2025 events because this is how it will succeed.

In response to a question regarding the amount of funding in the TAD, City Manager Hugley conveyed that the amount is \$1.6 million. Councilor Tucker then made a motion to allocate \$1.6 million of available TAD funding to the A.J. McClung Memorial Stadium, seconded by Councilor Garrett. City Manager Hugley requested that it be the amount that is available as of today in the approximate amount of \$1.6 million. The motion carried by a nine-to-one vote, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Barnes, Begly, Cogle, Davis, Garrett, Huff, Thomas and Tucker voting in favor, and Councilor Crabb voting in opposition.

**Councilor Charmaine Crabb** advised that her vote is in opposition, because she would like to keep the option open that we dissolve the TAD before some of this economic development begins. She explained that we can have the monies in the general fund and use that funding in South Commons without it being in a TAD. Also, we could use the monies in other areas and not just in that specific area.

**Mayor Henderson** reminded that this is the 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue / Liberty District TAD, and there are people that may want to invest in that district; therefore, this TAD may be something valuable to them and in that instance, there would be no TAD monies in that area.

**Executive Vice President Shea Guinn, Diamond Baseball Holdings, LLC**, approached the rostrum to thank the Council for their support and to express the team's eagerness to come to Columbus.

**REFERRAL(S):**

**FOR THE CITY MANAGER:**

- Make sure the Joathan Hatcher Skateboard Park is addressed and keep it at its current location if possible. (*Request of Councilor Thomas*)

**1. Dragonfly Connection**

**Resolution (053-24):** A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, approving the Dragonfly Trail Connection that will connect Lakebottom Park from 13<sup>th</sup> Street to Garrard Street along Cherokee Avenue. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

**4. FY2025 Family Connection Grant**

**Resolution (054-24):** A resolution authorizing the City Manager or his designee to continue to serve as fiscal agent and to submit an application and, if approved, accept a grant from the Georgia Department of Human Services in the amount of \$52,500, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match requirement, for Fiscal Year 2025, to support the Columbus/Muscogee County Family Connection Collaborative for Improving Child Health and Welfare, School Performance, Family Stability, Family Economic Capacity, and to Reduce Child Abuse, Neglect, and Teenage Pregnancy, and to amend the Family Connection Partnership Fund (Fund 985) by the amount of the award. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

**5. Georgia County Internship Program (GCIP) Grant**

**Resolution (055-24):** A resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for and accept if awarded a grant of \$3,259.50, or as otherwise awarded, from the ACCG Civic Affairs Foundation for the Georgia County Internship Program (GCIP) and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount awarded. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

**6. Family Drug Court State Grant Request**

**Resolution (056-24):** A resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit an application to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for a grant to fund the Muscogee County Family Drug Court in an amount up to \$100,000.00 and if awarded, amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the grant award. There is a 15% local match requirement, and the grant period is from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

## 7. Juvenile Drug Court State Grant Request

**Resolution (057-24):** A resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit an application to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for a grant to fund the Muscogee County Juvenile Drug Court in an amount up to \$170,000.00 and if awarded, amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the grant award. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

## 2. Riverwalk Public Art Addition – (11<sup>th</sup> Street to 12<sup>th</sup> Street)

**Resolution (058-24):** A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, requesting approval to execute a memorandum of understanding between the Columbus Consolidated Government (the “City”) and Dragonfly Trails, Inc. (“DFI”) for a public arts project and approve the additional design of the mural located on the Riverwalk between 11<sup>th</sup> Street and 12<sup>th</sup> Street. Councilor Davis made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent for the vote.

## 3. Integrated Waste One-Time Cart Fee

**Resolution (059-24):** A resolution authorizing the charge of a one-time cart fee of \$55.00 or the current cost per additional cart plus applicable sales tax for this purchase for customers who need an additional black or green cart for the purpose of eliminating ground trash with the goal of improving and enhancing the residential collections service. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried by a nine-to-one vote, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Barnes, Begly, Cogle, Crabb, Davis, Garrett, Huff and Tucker voting in favor, and Councilor Thomas voting in opposition. (*Upon returning to his seat, Councilor Davis requested to cast his vote in the affirmative.*)

**Public Works Director Drale Short** approached the rostrum to answer questions from the members of Council regarding the proposed one-time cart fee.

## 8. PURCHASES

### A. Bulk Mailing Services for Various Departments (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 23-0012

**Resolution (060-24):** A resolution authorizing the execution of an annual contract with All Purpose Professional Services, LLC (Fayetteville, GA), primary contractor, and Infinite Concepts and Solutions, LLC (Fayetteville, GA), secondary contractor, to provide bulk mail services for projects exceeding one thousand (1,000) pieces. The services will be utilized by various departments on an “as needed” basis. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

### B. Commercial Electric Food Cutter and Commercial Convection Oven for Muscogee County Jail – BuyBoard Cooperative Purchase

**Resolution (061-24):** A resolution authorizing the purchase of a commercial electric food cutter and commercial convection oven, for the Muscogee County Jail, from 1<sup>st</sup> Choice Restaurant Equipment (San Antonio, TX) in the total amount of \$31,650.15 (commercial electric food cutter @ \$10,253.15 and commercial convection oven @ \$21,397.00). The purchase will be made by cooperative purchase via BuyBoard Contract #683-22. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

C. Five-Year Service Agreement for Automatic License Plate Recognition (ALPR) Security Camera System

**Resolution (062-24):** A resolution authorizing the five-year service agreement for the Automatic License Plate Recognition (ALPR) Security Camera System, for the Police Department, from the Flock Group, Inc. d/b/a Flock Safety (Atlanta, GA), in the annual amount of \$60,500.00, for the total cost of \$302,500.00. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

E. Columbus Targeted Housing Market Needs Assessment

**Resolution (063-24):** A resolution authorizing payment to United Way in the amount of \$11,384.00 to cover the City’s share for the preparation of the Columbus Housing Market Needs Assessment. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

F. Declaration of Surplus and Donation of Four Crown Victoria Vehicles for the Police Department

**Resolution (064-24):** A resolution authorizing declaration of four (4) Crown Victoria vehicles, from the Police Department, as surplus, in accordance with Section 7-5801 of the Charter of Columbus Consolidated Government, as follows:

VEHICLE NUMBER	YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	VIN#	MILEAGE
17572	2009	FORD	CROWN VICTORIA	2FAHP71VX9X128087	152,000
17584	2009	FORD	CROWN VICTORIA	2FAHP71VX9X108938	95,000

And authorize the donation of the two vehicles cited above to the Columbus Technical College. As well as:

VEHICLE NUMBER	YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	VIN#	MILEAGE
17618	2010	FORD	CROWN VICTORIA	2FABP7BV9AX101214	144,012
17551	2009	FORD	CROWN VICTORIA	2FAHP71V49X128098	148,138

And authorize the donation of the two vehicles cited above to the City of West Point, Georgia. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

G. Amendment 16 for Construction Manager as General Contractor Services for Columbus Government Center Complex – RFQ No. 20-0002

**Resolution (065-24):** A resolution authorizing the execution of Amendment 16 in the amount of \$1,100,000.00 with Gilbane Building Company (Atlanta, GA), in association with Freeman & Associates, Inc., for construction manager as general contractor services for the Government Center Complex. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.



## 9. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. Best Ranger Competition - COL Christopher C. Hammonds and MAJ Phillip B. Clark  
(NOTE: *This item was called upon earlier in the meeting during the Mayor's Agenda.*)
  
- B. State of Tourism Update - Peter Bowden, President-CEO, VisitColumbus

**VisitColumbus President/CEO Peter Bowden** approached the rostrum to provide an update on the state of the tourism industry in Columbus. He shared the impact that tourism has on economic development in a community and the various social media outlets used by generations when choosing a vacation designation.

### **REFERRAL(S):**

#### **FOR THE CITY MANAGER:**

- A citizen in Benning Hills expressed concerns regarding the grass along the trail from the roundabout to the entrance of Fort Moore. (*Request of Councilor Huff*)
  - Organize a meeting to discuss lighting, etc. (*Request of Councilor Davis*)
  - Check on the condition of the repaving of Sweetwater Drive. (*Request of Councilor Tucker*)
  - Potholes reported on Carmel Drive. (*Request of Councilor Tucker*)
  - Check on the new school traffic pattern by Dawson Estates. (*Request of Councilor Tucker*)
  - Install hand blowers and stall locks in the restrooms at little league fields. (*Request of Councilor Crabb*)
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- C. Fiscal Conditions Update - Angelica Alexander, Director, Finance. ***Delayed by the City Manager.***
  - D. Comprehensive Camera Update - Lisa Goodwin, Deputy City Manager, Current Operations. ***Delayed by the City Manager.***

### **BID ADVERTISEMENT**

**DATE:** February 27, 2024

#### **March 1, 2024**

1. **Temporary Staffing for the Columbus Consolidated Government (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 24-0006**  
Scope of RFP  
The Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia (the City) invites proposal submissions from qualified vendors to provide temporary staffing for various positions within the Columbus Consolidated Government on an “as needed” basis.

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

#### **March 6, 2024**

1. **Stage Curtains – RFB No. 24-0026**  
Scope of Bid

The Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia (the City) is requesting bids for a total of twenty-three (23) stage curtains, consisting of fourteen (14) side curtains and nine (9) middle stage curtains for the Columbus Civic Center arena. The curtains will be used as backdrops, to keep out sunlight, and to block backstage activity during shows. The curtains must meet or exceed specifications for DD 9919 Nirvana B.O.B.

**REFERRALS:**

Referrals 2.27.24

**CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA**

**ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED**

1. RESOLUTION - A resolution excusing Councilor Jerry "Pops" Barnes from the February 27, 2024 Council Meeting. *Withdrawn by the Clerk of Council.*
2. RESOLUTION - A resolution excusing Councilor Joanne Cogle from the February 27, 2024 Council Meeting. **(Add-On)** *Withdrawn by the Clerk of Council.*

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

Board of Elections & Registration, December 7, 2023

Board of Tax Assessors, #04-23

Commission on International Relations & Cultural Liaison Encounter (CIRCLE) February 20, 2024

Columbus Iron Works Convention & Trade Center Authority, October 19, 2023

Housing Authority of Columbus, December 13, 2023

Land Bank Authority, January 10, 2024

Retirees' Health Benefits Committee, August 16, 2023

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to receive the minutes of various boards, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED**

4. **COUNCIL APPOINTMENT- READY FOR CONFIRMATION:**

A. **HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD:** Mr. Michael Moore was nominated as the *Historic District Resident* to succeed Ms. Libby Smith. (*Councilor Cogle's nominee*) Term expires: January 31, 2027. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

5. **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 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 3- Huff*). There were none.

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

**A. 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*). Councilor Begly nominated Inna Russell to succeed Alia Teetshorn.

**UPCOMING BOARD APPOINTMENT:**

- A. Animal Control Advisory Board (Council Appointments & 2 Representative Seats)

**PUBLIC AGENDA - Continued (3 Additional Minutes):**

- 2. Mr. Jackson Turner, Re: Permit to Picket.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Mayor Henderson entertained a motion to go into executive session to discuss matters of potential litigation and litigation 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 Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council, with the time being 10:15 p.m.

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 10:52 p.m., at which time, Mayor Henderson announced that the Council did meet in executive session to discuss matters of potential litigation and litigation; however, there were no votes taken.

**ADD-ON RESOLUTIONS:**

**Resolution (066-24):** A resolution repealing and replacing paragraph 5 of Resolution No. 206-21, with all other provisions remaining in full force and effect. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Thomas being absent for the vote.

**Resolution (067-24):** A resolution authorizing the Mayor to file a notice of appeal to contest the revised collection order issued by the Department of Revenue to the Board of Tax Assessors and the Tax Commissioners dated January 24, 2024, and received February 5, 2024, in accordance with the steps outlined in the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Section 418-5-349.2. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Thomas being absent for the vote.

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Councilor Tucker to adjourn the February 27, 2024, Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Thomas being absent for the vote, and the time being 10:53 p.m.

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