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**BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE**



Councilor Judy W. Thomas- Chairperson

Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen

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

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May 11, 2021 / 12:00 PM /Call to Order at 1:48 PM  
North Hall of Columbus Convention & Trade Center  
801 Front Avenue  
Columbus, GA 31901

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I. CALL TO ORDER - Chairperson Judy W. Thomas

**PRESENT:** Chairperson Judy W. Thomas, Vice Chairperson John M. House and Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen and Councilors Charmaine Crabb, R. Walker Garrett, Toyia Tucker and Evelyn ‘Mimi’ Woodson. Mayor B. H. “Skip” Henderson, III, City Manager Isaiah Hugley, Deputy City Managers Lisa Goodwin and Pamela Hodge, City Attorney Clifton Fay, Assistant City Attorney Lucy Sheftall, Finance Director Angelica Alexander, Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis and Deputy Clerk Pro Tem Tameka Colbert.

**ABSENT:** Councilor Jerry ‘Pops’ Barnes, Glenn Davis and Bruce Huff

**A G E N D A**

**PRESENTATIONS:**

**BUDGET REVIEW ITEM #1**

1. Parks and Recreation – Holli Browder, Parks & Recreation Director

**PARKS & RECREATION:**

Parks & Recreation Director Holli Browder provided an overview of the power point presentation entitled *Columbus Parks and Recreation Budget Presentation*. \*A copy is on file in the Clerk of Council's Office.

**Request(s)**

- Cost for Recreation Services Division
- Reopening Tillis Gym

City Manager Hugley said normally we would not recommend adding on-going operating expenses such as personnel. He said what he would recommend is looking at the current FY21 budget to see if there are enough funds available to purchase those needed items (*Digital Pottery Kilns, Scoreboards, Electric Pottery Kiln, Mid-size SUV totaling \$122,775*). He said after looking at the current budget, these items would be brought before Council as a part of the purchase agenda. He said the Finance Director has indicated that she is comfortable with allocating up to \$300,000 out of the current budget for Parks & Recreation capital.

After Finance Director Alexander asked for clarification, it was determined that the request for the cost for Recreation Services Division in the amount of \$122,775 and the reopening of the Tillis Gym in the amount of \$123,433.60 made by Councilor Tucker was to be removed.

**REFERRAL(S):**

- A request was made to revisit adding the extra requested employees during midyear. (*Woodson*)

**BUDGET REVIEW ITEM #2**

2. Internal Audit - John Redmond, Internal Auditor

**INTERNAL AUDIT:**

Internal Auditor John Redmond provided an overview of the power point presentation entitled *Internal Audit Budget Presentation* \*A copy is on file in the Clerk of Council's Office.

**Request(s)**

- Additional Forensic Auditor position

City Manager Hugley advised Internal Auditor Redmond that the requested Forensic Auditor position has already been included in the budget.

### **BUDGET REVIEW ITEM #3**

3. Probate Court - Marc D'Antonio, Probate Court Judge

#### **PROBATE COURT:**

Probate Court Judge Marc D'Antonio, provided an overview of the power point presentation entitled *Muscogee County Probate Court*\*A copy is on file in the Clerk of Council's Office.

#### **Request(s)**

- Reclassification of Senior Clerk's position from a G-14 B to a G-15B.

ADD LIST: Request for the reclassification of a Senior Clerk from G14B to G15B in the amount of \$2,189. (*Councilor Garrett placed on the Add List.*)

### **BUDGET REVIEW ITEM #4**

4. Public Works - Mike Criddle, Public Works Director

#### **PUBLIC WORKS:**

Public Work Director Mike Criddle provided an overview of the power point presentation entitled *Public Works Budget Add Request*. \*A copy is on file in the Clerk of Council's Office

#### **Request(s)**

- General Fund capital needs
- Integrated Waste Fund capital needs
- FT Car Shop Supervisor position G17
- Reclassify Assistant Fleet Manager G19E to Financial Operations Administrator G20E

ADD LIST: Request to add full-time Car Shop Supervisor position G17 in the amount of \$54,802 and reclassify Assistant Fleet Manager G19E to Financial Operations Administrator G20E in the amount of \$3,019. (*Councilor Garrett placed on the Add List.*)

DELETE LIST: Delete three Fleet Maintenance Tech I position and Fleet Maintenance Tech III position for a total cost of \$87,128. (*Councilor Garrett placed on the Delete List.*)

City Manager Hugley said after speaking with the Mayor and Finance Director regarding what could be available in the Public Works budget for FY21 based on the current spending, the Finance Director has indicated that she is comfortable with allocating up to \$250,000 out of the current budget for Public Works. City Manager Hugley proposed that the Public Works Director be allowed to use \$250,000 out of the current budget to purchase the items that are high priority.

### **BUDGET REVIEW ITEM #5**

5. Finance - Angelica Alexander, Finance Director

#### **FINANCE DEPARTMENT:**

Finance Director Angelica Alexander, provided an overview of the power point presentation entitled *Finance Department Budget Request*. \*A copy is on file in the Clerk of Council's Office

#### **Request(s)**

- One Full-Time Payroll Specialist G16

ADD LIST: Request for one full-time Payroll Specialist G16 in the amount of \$54,802 (*Councilor Crabb placed on the Add List.*)

### **BUDGET REVIEW ITEM #6**

6. Coroner - Buddy Bryan, Coroner

#### **CORONER'S OFFICE:**

Chief Deputy Coroner Freeman Worley & Administrative Assistant Malika Hampton provided an overview of the power point presentation entitled *Budget Requests Muscogee County Coroner's Office*. \*A copy is on file in the Clerk of Council's Office

**Request(s)**

- Reclassify Deputy Coroner 16A to Deputy Coroner 16E
- Reclassify Coroner \$66,140 to \$82,140
- Reclassify Deputy Coroner 16A to Deputy Coroner 16I
- Reclassify Administrative Assistant G12 to Executive Assistant G14

ADD LIST: Request to reclassify the Administrative Assistant G12 to Executive Assistant G14 in the amount of \$3,013. (*Councilor House placed on the Add List.*)

**BUDGET REVIEW ITEM #7**

7. Elections - Nancy Boren, Elections & Registration Director

**ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION:**

Elections & Registration Director Nancy Boren came forward with the following request.

**Request(s)**

- Reclassify Elections Technician II G13 to Election Operations Manager G17

ADD LIST: Request to reclassify an Election Technician II from G13 to Election Operations Manager G17 in the amount of \$7,767. (. (*Councilor Tucker placed on the Add List.*)

With there being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Thomas declared the adjournment of the May 11, 2021 Budget Review Committee Meeting, with the time being 3:52 p.m.

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Tameka Colbert  
Deputy Clerk Pro Tem