

COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Columbus Convention & Trade Center
801 Front Avenue, South Hall
Columbus, Georgia 31901

March 9, 2021
9:00 AM
Regular Meeting

MAYOR'S AGENDA

PRESENT: Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III and Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen and Councilors Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis, John M. House, Bruce Huff (arrived at 9:12 a.m.), Judy W. Thomas, Toyia Tucker and Evelyn "Mimi" Woodson. 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 and R. Walker Garrett were absent.

The following documents were distributed around the Council table: (1) Audit Report-Clerk of Municipal Clerk's Office; (2) Women's International League for Peace & Freedom, US Section Brochure; (3) Outdoor Pool Update Presentation; (4) Uptown Pay Station Considerations Update Presentation; (5) Infrastructure Update Presentation;

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Rev. Reggie Williams at South Columbus United Methodist Church of Columbus, Georgia

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Henderson

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA:

8. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Cure Violence Committee Update - Reggie Lewis, Cedric Hill and Dr. Asante' Hilts

Mr. Reggie Lewis approached the rostrum to give a presentation and update on the Cure Violence Columbus Program. (*NOTE: This update was called up as the next order of business as listed on the City Manager's Agenda Item 8"A"*) He explained over the last two years, him along with other colleagues have been investigating the model for the Cure Violence Program, which treats violence as a health epidemic. He stated the program is in ten countries and over one hundred cities.

At the request of Mayor Henderson, Councilor Thomas made a motion to allocate \$25,000 from the Other Local Option Sales Tax (OLOST) to fund an assessment for the Cure Violence Columbus Program, second by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Barnes and Garrett being absent for the meeting.

Mayor Henderson also made a suggestion to identify and appropriate funds up to \$500,000 from the same source previously mentioned in the event the assessment comes back positive, we would then come back to this Council to expend those funds. Councilor Tucker then made a motion to identify and appropriate up to \$500,000 that is to be set aside for the Cure Violence Columbus Program upon completion of the approved assessment, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Barnes and Garrett being absent for the meeting.

Crime Prevention Director Seth Brown came forward and stated this program applied for a Crime Prevention Grant eight years ago. He explained the reason the grant was not awarded at the time was due to funding and crime was not as much of a problem as it is now.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Bring representatives from the Columbus Police Department, Sheriff's Department, Parks & Recreation, Crime Prevention, Mental Health, and Cure Violence Columbus to the next Work Session to discuss what can be done to get the crime in Columbus under control. (*Request of Councilor Tucker*)
- Request for information provided on the charts to be sent to the members of Council. (*Request of Councilor Davis*)

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the February 23, 2021 Council Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Barnes and Garrett being absent for the meeting.

UPDATE:

2. An update on COVID-19

VMA Deputy Director Chance Corbitt approached the rostrum to give an update on the COVID-19 Pandemic and its impact on the community. He explained there have been various COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics setup over Columbus with the partnership of the Department of Public Health. He explained there are three members of GEMA that will be in Columbus throughout the vaccination process.

GEMA Regional Coordinator Jason Ritter came forward to speak on the success of other clinics that have been administered in the region. He stated the Civic Center is one of nine mass vaccination sites approved by Governor Brian Kemp, which will start on Wednesday, March 17, 2021 and plans to administer 1,100 vaccinations a day, 5-days a week. He explained the plan is to increase vaccinations being administered daily to 2,000 a day in about three weeks.

Deputy Site Director Edwin Wentworth approached the rostrum to go over the FAQ information available on the GEMA-funded website, www.myvaccinegeorgia.com, where citizens can go register to receive the vaccination when they meet the requirements of the current phase set by the Governor.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Provide vaccine website information on traffic message board throughout the city. *(Request of Councilor Woodson)*
- Provide vaccine website information to the Ministers Alliance and the Muscogee County School District. *(Request of Councilor Woodson)*

PROCLAMATION:

3. **PROCLAMATION:** Columbus Litter League Day
RECEIVING: Charnae Ware, Executive Director Keep Columbus Beautiful

Councilor Toyia Tucker read the proclamation into the record, proclaiming Saturday, March 6, 2021 as Columbus Litter Day.

Executive Director Charnae Ware approached the rostrum to receive the proclamation and thanked the volunteers that came out to support the event.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

- Find a way to get the information out to the businesses in the areas that are being cleaned up so they can participate. *(Request of Councilor Woodson)*

PRESENTATION:

4. Audit Results of Clerk of Municipal Court. (Presented by Elizabeth Barfield, Forensic Auditor)

Forensic Auditor Elizabeth Barfield approached the rostrum to give a presentation on the results of the transition audit conducted on the Clerk of Municipal Court's Office at the request of the former Clerk of Municipal Court, Vivian Creighton Bishop, and supported by new Clerk of Municipal Court, Reginald Thompson. She stated the overall management of the office is very efficient and runs smoothly. She explained the recommendations she has is for citizens to receive computer generated receipts for transactions, they should have the ability to pay by credit card and for the management team to cultivate banking relationships to save on service charges.

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

1. **Ordinance (21-010) - 2nd Reading:** REZN-12-20-3086 - An ordinance amending the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) for Columbus, Georgia so as to amend certain sections of the Unified Development Ordinance of the Columbus Codes to revise Table 2.1.1. and Table 2.2.2 to delete certain Townhouse and Multifamily property development regulations in the HIST zoning district. (Mayor Pro-Tem). Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the six members

present, with Councilors Davis and Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilors Barnes and Garrett being absent for the meeting.

2. **Ordinance (21-011) - 2nd Reading:** REZN-12-20-3087- An ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at 2730 Manchester Expressway (parcel # 069-014-005 / 005A / 006 / 006A / 007 / 008 / 019 / 020 / 023 / 024) from NC (Neighborhood Commercial) and SFR3 (Single Family Residential 3) Zoning District to GC (General Commercial) Zoning District with conditions. (Councilor Garrett). Councilor Woodson made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Davis and Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilors Barnes and Garrett being absent for the meeting.
3. **Ordinance (21-012) - 2nd Reading:** REZN-12-20-3088- An ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at 2744 Warm Springs Road (parcel # 069-019-009) from RO (Residential Office) Zoning District to GC (General Commercial) Zoning District with conditions. (Councilor Garrett) Councilor Woodson made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Davis and Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilors Barnes and Garrett being absent for the meeting.
4. **Ordinance (21-013) - 2nd Reading:** REZN-12-20-3178 - An ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at 1421 6th Avenue from LMI (Light Manufacturing / Industrial) Zoning District to UPT (Uptown) Zoning District. (Councilor Woodson) Councilor Woodson made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilors Barnes and Garrett being absent for the meeting.
5. **Ordinance (21-014) - 2nd Reading:** REZN-12-20-3180- An ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at 3518 Gentian Boulevard from NC (Neighborhood Commercial) Zoning District to RO (Residential Office) Zoning District. (Councilor Crabb) Councilor Crabb made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilors Barnes and Garrett being absent for the meeting.

RESOLUTIONS:

6. **Resolution (060-21):** Requesting a postage stamp honoring Eugene Jacques Bullard. (Councilor House) Councilor House made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilors Barnes and Garrett being absent for the meeting.

ADD-ON RESOLUTION:

Resolution (061-21): A resolution, whereas, Claimant Melody Palmer has filed a claim for damages based on an injury sustained on November 8, 2018; and whereas, Risk Management and

the City Attorney's Office have investigated this claim and recommend a settlement of \$62,500.00 in exchange for a full release of all claims. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilors Barnes and Garrett being absent for the meeting.

DISTRICTING COMMITTEE:

City Attorney Clifton Fay reminded the Council there are four nominees needed from each of the eight district councilors, and for the names to be provided to him or the Assistant City Attorney by the end of the week or no later than the following Monday.

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Ms. Jennifer Le Denney, Re: Crime and Police pay. *Cancelled*
2. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom was founded in 1915 and there is a branch in Columbus, Georgia.
3. Mr. Edgar Scales, Jr., Re: Weekly garbage collection. *Not Present*
4. Mr. Ivan Quinones or Representative, on behalf of Backyard Butchers, Re: A request for authorization to extend out an event past the 10-day limit to 30 days. The event will directly benefit a nonprofit (Makewell Project), collecting community food donations and donating unsold product at the end of the event. *Not Present*

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Abandonment of a Portion of The Alley Known As 35 1/2 Street East Of 4th Avenue as Requested by Neighborworks Columbus

Resolution (062-21): A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, authorizing the changing of the Official Street Map and Tax Maps of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia by officially closing and abandoning a segment of the alley known as 35½ Street West of 4th Avenue; authorizing the execution of a quit claim deed; reserving utility easements; and for other purposes. Councilor Davis made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Crabb being absent for the vote, and Councilors Barnes and Garrett being absent for the meeting. *(Upon the return to her respective seat, Councilor Woodson gestured to the Clerk to record her vote for all items on the City Manager's Agenda in the affirmative.)*

2. Family Drug Court Accountability Court State Grant Request

Resolution (063-21): 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 \$300,000.00 and if awarded, amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the grant award. There is a 10% local match requirement, and the grant period is from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. Councilor House made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Crabb being absent for the vote, and Councilors Barnes and Garrett being absent for the meeting. *(Upon the return to her respective seat, Councilor Woodson gestured to the Clerk to record her vote for all items on the City Manager's Agenda in the affirmative.)*

3. Adult Drug Felony Court

Resolution (064-21): A resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit and if approved, accept a grant of \$350,708.18 or as otherwise awarded from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council to fund the Muscogee County Adult Felony Drug Court from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 with a 10% local cash match requirement and authorizing Dr. Andrew Cox as the sole provider for evaluation and clinical services for the program for fiscal year 2021/2022 and to amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the award amount. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Crabb being absent for the vote, and Councilors Barnes and Garrett being absent for the meeting. *(Upon the return to her respective seat, Councilor Woodson gestured to the Clerk to record her vote for all items on the City Manager's Agenda in the affirmative.)*

4. Juvenile Drug Court Accountability Court State Grant Request

Resolution (065-21): A resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit an application to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for a grant fund the Muscogee County Juvenile Drug Court in an amount up to \$300,000.00 and if awarded, amended the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the grant award. There is a 10% local match requirement, and the grant period is from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. Councilor Davis made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present with Councilors Barnes and Garrett being absent for the meeting. *(Upon the return to her respective seat, Councilor Woodson gestured to the Clerk to record her vote for all items on the City Manager's Agenda in the affirmative.)*

5. Collecting Donations for a City-Wide Easter Egg Hunt

Resolution (066-21): A resolution authorizing Columbus Parks and Recreation to accept donations in the form of gift certificates, check, gift cards and cash from sponsors and individuals for the purpose of purchasing supplies for a drive through City-Wide Easter Event. Councilor Davis made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present with Councilors Barnes and Garrett being absent for the meeting. *(Upon the return to her respective seat, Councilor Woodson gestured to the Clerk to record her vote for all items on the City Manager's Agenda in the affirmative.)*

6. Donation for Dero Fixit Station

Resolution (067-21): A resolution authorizing the City to approve and accept the donation of a Dero Fixit is Station from River Valley Regional Commission, Bicycle Columbus and Dragonfly Trails, Inc. Councilor Davis made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present with Councilors Barnes and Garrett

being absent for the meeting. *(Upon the return to her respective seat, Councilor Woodson gestured to the Clerk to record her vote for all items on the City Manager's Agenda in the affirmative.)*

7. PURCHASES

A. Compact SUVs for Tax Assessor's Office – Cooperative Contract

Resolution (068-21): A resolution authorizing the purchase of two (2) Compact SUV's (2021 Ford Escape S) from Allan Vigil Ford (Morrow, GA), at a unit price of \$20,892.00, and a total price of \$41,784.00 for two (2) units, by Cooperative Purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-SPD-ES40199373-002. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Barnes and Garrett being absent for the meeting.

B. Mid-Size SUV for Inspections & Code – Cooperative Contract

Resolution (069-21): A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) Mid-Size SUV (2021 Ford Explorer) from Allan Vigil Ford (Morrow, GA), at a unit price of \$27,963.00, by Cooperative Purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-SPD-ES40199373-002. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Barnes and Garrett being absent for the meeting.

C. Inmate Work Van for Parks and Recreation – RFB NO. 20-0014

Resolution (070-21): A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) Inmate Work Van from Wade Ford (Smyrna, GA), at the unit price of \$47,307.00. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Barnes and Garrett being absent for the meeting.

D. Trailer Mounted Attenuators for Public Works – RFB NO. 20-0068

Resolution (071-21): A resolution authorizing the purchase of two (2) Trailer Mounted Attenuators from Guide Services Incorporated (Kingston Springs, TN), at the unit price of \$14,975.00, and a total price of \$29,950.00. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Barnes and Garrett being absent for the meeting.

E. Client Success Management and Consulting Services Agreement for the Upgraded Court Management System

Resolution (072-21): A resolution authorizing the agreement from Tyler Technologies (Dallas, TX), for the Provision of Client Success Management and Consulting Services. The initial fee for the services, in the amount of \$33,333.34, will cover the period from 4/1/21-7/31/21; the first renewal for the period from 8/1/21-7/31/22, and all subsequent terms, will be in the approximate amount of \$100,000 annually. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Barnes and Garrett being absent for the meeting.

F. Automotive Body Repair & Paint Services (Annual Contract) – RFP NO. 21-0027

Resolution (073-21): A resolution authorizing the annual contract services for automotive body repair and paint services, on an "as needed" basis, from MAACO Collision Repair and Auto

Painting (Columbus, GA). The annual usage/contract value is estimated at \$120,000. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Barnes and Garrett being absent for the meeting.

8. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Cure Violence Committee Update - Reggie Lewis, Cedric Hill and Dr. Asante' Hilts

(NOTE: This update, as provided by Mr. Reggie Lewis, was called upon earlier in the meeting during the Mayor's Agenda.)

B. Pools Update - Holli Browder, Parks and Recreation Director

Parks & Recreation Director Holli Browder approached the rostrum to give an update on the community pools and options for future upgrades. She explained the pool operations have been adjusted due to COVID-19, with limited pool capacities and reservation requirements done weekly. She advised that the expectation is to open Rigdon Pool and Double Churches Pool on Wednesday, May 26, 2021; however, Psalmound Road and Shirley Winston will stay closed due to the lack of funding.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR:

- Find an estimate of the costs associated with having pools with slides and other amenities in the areas of Psalmound Road, Rigdon Road and Shirley Winston. *(Request of Councilor Huff)*

C. Uptown Parking Meters Update - Lisa Goodwin, Deputy City Manager

Deputy City Manager Lisa Goodwin approached the rostrum to give an update on the proposal of parking meters in the Uptown Area. She went over the public meeting held on March 2, 2021, where there were fifty-two in attendance to give feedback. She stated based on the feedback from the public, it was determined to delay the consideration of implementing pay stations in the Uptown Area.

D. Infrastructure Update - Pam Hodge, Deputy City Manager

Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge approached the rostrum to give an update on various infrastructure projects currently going on and providing status updates on upcoming projects.

E. Demolition Update - Ryan Pruett, Inspections & Codes Director

Inspection & Codes Director Ryan Pruett approached the rostrum to give a presentation on the demolition process and give an update on properties currently on the demolition list, providing pictures and the addresses of each property.

BID ADVERTISEMENT

March 10, 2021

1. **Roofing Services at Haygood Recreation Center – RFB No. 21-0022**

Scope of Bid

Provide all labor, equipment, and materials to install a standing seam metal roof system at the Haygood Recreation Center.

March 12, 2021

1. **Consulting Services for Employee Benefit Plans (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 21-0028**

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government is soliciting competitive proposals from experienced, qualified benefits management firm to strategically plan, broker, implement, and support its employee benefit programs.

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

March 19, 2021

1. **Fleet Maintenance/Truck Shop Services and Repairs (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 21-0023**

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government is seeking proposals from qualified vendors to provide maintenance and repair services required for the City's truck fleet.

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

March 31, 2021

1. **Tennis Court Supplies (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 21-0026**

Scope of RFB

Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) is requesting bids from qualified vendors to provide tennis court supplies on an "as needed" basis to be utilized by the Parks and Recreation Department.

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

CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

1. **HONORARY DESIGNATION APPLICATION:** An Honorary Designation Application was submitted by Councilor John House to name the field at the A. J. McClung Memorial Stadium the "Veterans Memorial Field" in honor of the local citizens that died in the World Wars and to those who have continued to serve in the military. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to forward application to the Board of Honor for consideration, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilors Barnes and Garrett being absent for the meeting.

2. **BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION:** Letter of Resignation submitted by Ms. Eleanor White resigning from her seat on the Board of Elections and Registration. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to receive the resignation with regrets, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilors Barnes and Garrett being absent for the meeting.

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

Board of Tax Assessors, #05-21 and #06-21

Columbus Board of Health, January 27, 2021

Columbus Golf Course Authority, January 26, 2021

Columbus Ironworks Convention & Trade Center Authority, January 28, 2021

Commission on International Relations & Cultural Liaison Encounters, January 19, 2021

Employee Benefits Committee, February 26, June 24, August 26 and October 28, 2020

Housing Authority of Columbus, January 20, 2021

Retirees' Health Benefits Committee, August 19 and November 18, 2020

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

ADD-ON RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION (074-21): A resolution excusing the absence of Councilor Jerry "Pops" Barnes from the March 9, 2021 Council Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilors Barnes and Garrett being absent for the meeting.

RESOLUTION (075-21): A resolution excusing the absence of Councilor R. Walker Garrett from the March 9, 2021 Council Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilors Barnes and Garrett being absent for the meeting.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

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

A. HOUSING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:

A nominee for the seat of Larry Cardin (*Eligible to serve another term*) on the Housing Authority of Columbus for a term expiring on April 30, 2021 (*Mayor's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of John Sheftall (*Eligible to serve another term; Interested*) on the Housing Authority of Columbus for a term expiring on April 30, 2021 (*Mayor's Appointment*). Mayor Henderson nominated John Sheftall to succeed himself on the Housing Authority of Columbus. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Thomas and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilors Barnes and Garrett being absent for the meeting.

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

A. **BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS:** Ms. Tomeika Farley was nominated to serve another term of office. (*Councilor Woodson's nominee*) New Term expires: March 31, 2024. Councilor Huff made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilors Barnes and Garrett being absent for the meeting.

B. **BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS:** Ms. Kathleen Mullins was nominated to succeed Mr. Terry "Gene" Fields. (*Councilor Crabb's nominee*) New Term expires: March 31, 2024. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilors Barnes and Garrett being absent for the meeting.

C. **BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS:** Mr. Douglas Jefcoat was nominated to succeed Mr. Ty Harrison. (*Mayor Pro Tem Allen's nominee*) New Term expires: March 31, 2024. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilors Barnes and Garrett being absent for the meeting.

D. **HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD:** Mr. Fred Greene was nominated to serve in the Historic District Resident seat to succeed Ms. Leslie Heard Jones. (*Councilor Crabb's nominee*) New Term expires: January 31, 2024. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilors Barnes and Garrett being absent for the meeting.

6. **COUNCIL'S DISTRICT APPOINTMENTS- ANY NOMINATIONS MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:**

A. **CIVIC CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:**

A nominee for the seat of David Cripe (*Eligible to succeed; Does not desire reappointment*) as the District 6 Representative for a term that expired on March 1, 2020 on the Civic Center Advisory Board (*Council District 6- Allen*). There were none.

B. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:

A nominee for the seat of L. K. Pendleton (*Eligible to succeed; Does not desire reappointment*) as the District 7 Representative for a term that expired on March 27, 2020 on the Community Development Advisory Council (*Council District 7- Woodson*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Michael Porter (*Not eligible to succeed*) as the District 9 Representative for a term that expired on March 27, 2020 on the Community Development Advisory Council (*Council District 9- Thomas*). There were none.

C. KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION:

A nominee for the seat of Warren Wagner (*Resigned*) as the District 5 Representative for a term that expires on June 30, 2021 on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (*Council District 5- Crabb*). There were none.

D. RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of John Lawson (*Resigned*) as the District 6 Representative for a term that expired on December 31, 2019 on the Recreation Advisory Board (*Council District 6- Allen*). There were none.

7. COUNCIL'S 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 Rose Spencer (*Not eligible to serve another term*) on the Commission on International Relations & Cultural Liaison Encounters (CIRCLE) for a term expiring on March 1, 2021 (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

B. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS COMMITTEE:

A nominee for the seat of Bill Rawn (*Eligible to serve another term*) serving in the Sworn Officer Position for a term expiring on April 30, 2021 on the Employee Benefits Committee (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Woodson made a motion to renominate Bill Rawn to succeed himself on the Employee Benefits Committee.

C. TREE BOARD:

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

A nominee for the seat of Troy Keller (*Not eligible to succeed*) as the Educator Member on the Tree Board for a term that expired on December 31, 2020 (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Beverly Kinner (*Not eligible to succeed*) on the Tree Board for a term that expired on December 31, 2020 (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis stated for the record, Councilor Woodson requested to have her vote cast in the affirmative for the items she was absent for the vote on the City Manager's Agenda.

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Allen to adjourn the March 9, 2021 Regular Meeting, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Barnes and Garrett being absent for the meeting, and the time being 1:08 p.m.

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