

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

October 12, 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 Jerry "Pops" Barnes, Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis (arrived at 9:04 a.m.), R. Walker Garrett (attended virtually), John M. House, Bruce Huff, Judy W. Thomas, Toyia Tucker, and Evelyn "Mimi" Woodson (arrived at 9:03 a.m.). 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 were distributed to the members of Council: (1) Eviction Clean Up Recommendations Presentation; (2) Length of Council Meetings Presentation; (3) Animal Care and Control Services Update Presentation; (4) Spooktacular Trunk or Treat Event Flyer

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Rev. Danny Dieth at First Presbyterian Church of Columbus, Georgia

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Henderson

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the September 28, 2021 Council Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the ten members present with Councilor Garrett casting his yea vote virtually.

UPDATE:

2. An update on COVID-19

Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson gave a brief update on the impact of COVID-19 on the community. He stated the local number of positive cases have improved, just as they have throughout the State of Georgia and the rest of the country, due to people continuing to get vaccinated. He explained the community has lost 513 citizens, and many families have been impacted by this pandemic.

PROCLAMATIONS:

3. **PROCLAMATION:** Community Planning Month

RECEIVING: Planning Department

Councilor Evelyn “Mimi” Woodson read the proclamation into the record, proclaiming the month of October 2021 as *Community Planning Month*, recognizing the Planning Department for their commitment and dedication to the City of Columbus.

4. **PROCLAMATION:** Georgia Cities Week

RECEIVING: Aron Torbert, Human Resources Department

Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen read the proclamation into the record, proclaiming the week of October 3-9, 2021, as *Georgia Cities Week*, recognizing the positive impact local governments have on the lives of its citizens.

PUBLIC AGENDA

5. Dr. Shain Shapiro, representing Sound Diplomacy, Re: The Music and Entertainment Council.
(*NOTE: This speaker was called up as the next order of business as listed on the Public Agenda Item 5*)

CITY ATTORNEY’S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

1. **Ordinance (21-053) - 2nd Reading-** REZN:07-21-1337: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia by changing certain boundaries of a district located at **1305 Hilton Avenue** (parcel # 185-048-007) from RMF2 (Residential Multifamily 2) Zoning District to RO (Residential Office) Zoning District with conditions. Planning Department and PAC recommend conditional approval. (Councilor Huff) Councilor Huff made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members present with Councilor Garrett casting his yea vote virtually.
2. **1st Reading-** REZN-08-21-1520: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia changing certain boundaries of a district located at **6565 Talokas Lane** (parcel # 110-002-068) from PMUD (Planned Mixed Use Development) Zoning District to GC (General Commercial) Zoning District. (Planning and PAC recommend approval) (Mayor Pro-Tem)
3. **1st Reading-** REZN-08-21-1523: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia by changing certain boundaries of a district located at **1309 Wildwood Avenue** (parcel # 185-041-006) from RO (Residential Office) Zoning District to RMF2 (Residential Multifamily 2) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval) (Councilor Garrett)
4. **1st Reading-** An ordinance providing for the demolition of various structures located at: 1) 4009 Young Avenue (Brion Folarin & Omotayo Folarin, Owner); 2) 3313 7th Avenue (Albert G. &

Betty Jean Currington, Owner); 3) 3001 4th Avenue (Timothy Jabari Mackey, Owner); 4) 2937 Colorado Street (Yong Kook Pak & Yeon Ho & Family Value Realty, LLC, Owner); 5) 2443 Wise Street (Paz G Pedrozo Trust, Owner); 6) 2215 1st Avenue (Clinton D Hammond II & Joel D Hammond, Owner); 7) 1102 Winston Road (Frank A & Edna E Turman, Owner); 8) 378 Clover Avenue (Henry & Ozella Edwards, Owner); 9) 370 28th Avenue (3 Port Investments, LLC, Owner); and 10) 33 Eddy Drive (Miguel H Villar, Owner) (Mayor Pro-Tem)

Inspections & Codes Director Ryan Pruett approached the rostrum to provide a presentation on the properties listed in the proposed ordinance for demolition.

Mr. Timothy Jabari Mackey came forward to provide an update on his property located at 3001 4th Avenue, Columbus, Georgia. He explained to the Mayor and Council that as of yesterday, the dwelling on the property has been demolished. He stated he is currently waiting on dumpsters to dispose of the remains.

5. **1st Reading-** An Ordinance amending Articles I and III of Chapter 4 of the Columbus Code to provide that the City Manager in consultation with the Chief of Police may change the hours any public park or playground when warranted by public safety or public health concerns; and for other purposes. (Councilor Tucker)

Councilor Toyia Tucker explained the necessity of adopting this ordinance to address issues that may arise throughout the community that threaten the safety of the citizens. She explained this is the best way to be proactive to handle health and safety issues in a timely manner. She thanked her fellow Councilors for their support with this matter.

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Mr. Alex Balkcum, representing American Red Cross, Re: A safer smoke detector installation program in conjunction with the Columbus Fire Department.
2. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Cure Violence. ***Not Present***
3. Mr. Paul Olson, Re: The purchase and renovation of Synovus Building (2) Georgia Municipal Association Guidelines. ***Cancelled***
4. Dr. Jonathan Liss, representing Columbus Memory Center, Re: The new Alzheimer's Medication- Aduhelm.
5. Dr. Shain Shapiro, representing Sound Diplomacy, Re: The Music and Entertainment Council. (***NOTE: This speaker was called upon earlier in the meeting during the Mayor's Agenda.***)

PUBLIC AGENDA (Event):

1. Ms. Katie Evans, representing Columbus State University, Re: Information on upcoming Homecoming Festivities and how the community can be involved. (***NOTE: This speaker was called up as the next order of business as listed on the Public Agenda (Event) No. 1***)

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. 2022 Legislative Agenda

Approval is requested of the resolution for the 2022 Legislative Session of the Georgia General Assembly, which the Mayor and Council deem appropriate.

1. COUNTY SPECIAL LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX MAINTENANCE RESERVE

Resolution (352-21): A resolution requesting that the Local Legislative Delegation introduce legislation to amend the County Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) to allow that Consolidated Governments may allocate up to 5% of the tax levied to the maintenance of the capital outlay projects approved by the referendum. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the ten members present with Councilor Garrett casting his yea vote virtually.

2. RECIPROCAL SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY

Resolution (353-21): A resolution requesting that the Local Delegation support legislative actions that will encourage negotiations with Alabama to provide for reciprocal sovereign immunity. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the ten members present with Councilor Garrett casting his yea vote virtually.

3. REQUESTING THAT THE LOCAL LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION INTRODUCE A LOCAL ACT THAT WILL UPDATE AND REDEFINE HEALTHCARE PURPOSES FOR THE HEALTH CARE LEVY OF UP TO THREE MILLS OF AD VALOREM TAX

Resolution (354-21): A resolution requesting that the Local Legislative Delegation introduce a local act that will update and redefine healthcare purposes for the health care levy of up to three mills of ad valorem tax. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the ten members present with Councilor Garrett casting his yea vote virtually.

4. RESCHEDULING OF PRIMARY AND NONPARTISAN ELECTIONS

Resolution (355-21): A resolution supporting the request of the Georgia Association of Voter Registrar and Election Officials to reschedule the 2022 Primary and Nonpartisan Elections. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the ten members present with Councilor Garrett casting his yea vote virtually.

Councilor Bruce Huff expressed his concerns regarding the potential of district lines being changed so close to election time. He stated there was more time allotted in the past for Councilors to prepare to reach out to the citizens in their respective districts.

Elections & Registration Director Nancy Boren approached the rostrum to provide an explanation that there was a delay in receiving the census data, but it has now been received and the Districting Commission would be meeting this week. She stated the census delay has been a state-wide issue, this being the reason for so many counties and cities requesting the primary election be delayed from May to June.

5. FUNDING FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, ADDICTIVE DISEASES AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Resolution (356-21): A resolution requesting the support of funding for behavioral health, addictive diseases, and developmental disabilities. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the ten members present with Councilor Garrett casting his yea vote virtually.

6. MAKE THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 11TH PUBLIC SAFETY WEEK

Resolution (357-21): A resolution requesting the designation of the week of September 11th as Public Safety Week. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the ten members present with Councilor Garrett casting his yea vote virtually.

7. CALL FOR STATE-WIDE NON-DISCRIMINATION LEGISLATION

Resolution (358-21): A resolution requesting the adoption of a statewide non-discrimination ordinance. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the ten members present with Councilor Garrett casting his yea vote virtually.

8. SUPPORT FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS ASSISTING FOR SENIORS

Resolution (359-21): A resolution expressing support for medical assistance programs assisting seniors. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the ten members present with Councilor Garrett casting his yea vote virtually.

9. SUPPORTING GEORGIA'S ABUSED AND NEFLECTED CHILDREN

Resolution (360-21): A resolution to provide immediate increases in the per diem funding appropriated by the State of Georgia for the residential care and treatment of our abused and neglected children. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the ten members present with Councilor Garrett casting his yea vote virtually.

Add-On Items from 2021 Legislative Agenda:

10. SALES TAX ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY USER SAFEGUARD (POINT OF SALES DATA)

Resolution (361-21): A resolution requesting that the Local Legislative Delegation introduce legislation that will give complete sales tax data to county tax officials, county commissioners and city councils, except confidential income and expense information, so that local officials may have this information to use for planning and budgeting purposes. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the ten members present with Councilor Garrett casting his yea vote virtually.

11. OPPOSE PREEMPTION OF REGULATION OF PET SALES BY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Resolution (362-21): A resolution opposing any legislation which would pre-empt local control over the retail sale of pets. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the ten members present with Councilor Garrett casting his yea vote virtually.

12. RESIDENTIAL DRUG ABUSE TREATMENT CENTERS (PROMPT NOTIFICATION OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES UPON LICENSING)

Resolution (363-21): A resolution requiring prompt notification of county and city police and fire departments, licensing departments, and planning and zoning departments upon licensing of residential care centers as defined. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the ten members present with Councilor Garrett casting his yea vote virtually.

13. PUBLIC UTILITIES AND PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM RESERVOIRS

Resolution (364-21): A resolution considering an amendment to or removal of such exceptions to the Erosion and Sedimentation Act of 1975 so as to better protect public water system reservoirs such as Lake Oliver in Columbus, Georgia. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the ten members present with Councilor Garrett casting his yea vote virtually.

14. PERSONAL CARE HOMES (PROMPT NOTIFICATION OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES UPON LICENSING)

Resolution (365-21): A resolution to introduce state-wide legislation that will require prompt notification of county and city police and fire departments, licensing departments, and planning and zoning departments upon licensing of child-caring institutions, foster care homes, and personal care homes as defined. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the ten members present with Councilor Garrett casting his yea vote virtually.

15. PERSONAL CARE HOMES (MINIMUM STAFFING REQUIREMENT)

Resolution (366-21): A resolution to introduce state-wide legislation that will require minimum staffing of two trained supervisors or managers between the hours of 6:00 pm and 6:00 am at child-caring institutions, foster care homes, and personal care homes. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the ten members present with Councilor Garrett casting his yea vote virtually.

16. CASINO GAMING REFERENDUM

Resolution (367-21): A resolution to authorize a referendum to allow Georgia citizens to vote as to whether casino gaming should be allowed in Georgia for the purpose of Hope Scholarship funding. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried by a vote of eight-to-two, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Barnes, House, Huff,

Thomas, Tucker and Woodson voting yea with Councilor Garrett casting his yea vote virtually, and Councilors Crabb and Davis voting no.

2. Waiver of Demolition Lien at 2614 7th Street for Pleasant Grove Baptist Church

Resolution (368-21): A resolution authorizing the City Manager to waive the demolition lien and all penalties and interest at 2614 7th Street for Pleasant Grove Baptist Church. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the ten members present with Councilor Garrett casting his yea vote virtually.

3. Encroachment Agreement - Whitesville Road and Maplebrook Drive

Resolution (369-21): A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia authorizing an encroachment on the right of way of Whitesville Road and Maplebrook Drive; authorizing the execution of an encroachment agreement with owner, Harvest Pointe Church of the Nazarene for construction, maintenance, and repair of such improvements. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the ten members present with Councilor Garrett casting his yea vote virtually.

4. The Recycling Partnership Grant Application

Resolution (370-21): A resolution authorizing the application for grant funding for recycling carts to allow for the expansion of the Columbus Consolidated Government Curbside Cart-Based Recycling Program. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the ten members present with Councilor Garrett casting his yea vote virtually.

5. Georgia Department of Natural Resources Grant, Recreational Trails Program

Resolution (371-21): A resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit an application for, and if awarded, accept a grant in the amount of \$200,000.00, or otherwise awarded, from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Recreational Trails Program with no local match requirement and to amend the multi-governmental fund by the applicable amount. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members present with Councilor Garrett casting his yea vote virtually.

ADD-ON RESOLUTION:

Uptown Tax Allocation District Fund Grant – Modification to the Riverfront Place Mixed-Use Development Initial Request (Add-On)

Resolution (372-21): A resolution authorizing a grant from the Uptown Tax Allocation District Fund to W.C. Bradley Real Estate, to support the construction of improvements to enhance on-site infrastructure for the development of the Riverfront Place site in an amount not to exceed fifty-two million dollars (\$52,000,000); authorizing the negotiation, execution, and delivery of a development agreement and ancillary documents in connection with such allocation; and for other purposes. 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 Garrett casting his yea vote virtually, and Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote.

6. PURCHASES

A. Soft Body Armor (Annual Contract) – GSA Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (373-21): A resolution authorizing the purchase of soft body armor from SRT Supply, LLC (Columbus, GA) for the estimated annual contract value of \$106,815.00, based on previous purchase history. The purchases will be made on an “as needed” basis by cooperative purchase via the GSA Contract #GS-07F-0133W. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the nine members present with Councilor Garrett casting his yea vote virtually, and Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote.

B. 2022 Ford Escape S Compact SUVs FWD For METRA Transit Department – State Contract Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (374-21): A resolution authorizing the purchase of two (2) Ford Escape S Compact SUV FWD for the Metra Transit Department from Allan Vigil Ford (Morrow, GA), at a unit price of \$24,280.00, and a total price of \$48,560.00. The purchase will be accomplished 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 Woodson and carried unanimously by the nine members present with Councilor Garrett casting his yea vote virtually, and Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote.

C. 2022 Ford Explorer Mid-Size SUVs For Columbus Police Department Cadet Program – State Contract Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (375-21): A resolution authorizing the purchase of three (3) Ford Explorer Mid-Size SUVs for the Columbus Police Department Cadet Program, from Allan Vigil Ford (Morrow, GA), at a unit price of \$28,925.00, and a total price of \$86,775.00. The purchase will be accomplished 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 Woodson and carried unanimously by the nine members present with Councilor Garrett casting his yea vote virtually, and Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote.

D. Architectural Services for Feeding the Valley Facility Expansion – RFP No. 22-0014

Resolution (376-21): A resolution authorizing the execution of a contract with Hecht Burdeshaw Architects, Inc. (Columbus, GA) for plans and drawings to assist in the development and implementation of a Community Development Block Grant Application related to the expansion of the Feeding the Valley Food Bank Facility, contingent upon the sole source approval of the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the nine members present with Councilor Garrett casting his yea vote virtually, and Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote.

E. Jury Management Software/Subscription Service (Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase)

Resolution (377-21): A resolution authorizing the payment to Tyler Technologies (Plano, TX) in the estimated annual amount of \$32,000.00, plus any increases, for jury management software/subscription services, by cooperative purchase via Sourcewell Contract #90320-TTI. The estimated is based on approximately 19,000 jury summons per year. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a

motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the nine members present with Councilor Garrett casting his yea vote virtually, and Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote.

F. Amendment 2 for Space Planning and Programming & Design Professional Services for Columbus Consolidated Government Center Project – RFQ No. 22-0001

Resolution (378-21): A resolution authorizing the execution of Amendment 2 with the S/L/A/M Collaborative, Inc. (Orlando, FL), formerly CBRE/Heery, Inc., in the estimated amount of \$1,992,406.00 for space planning and programming & design services for the former Synovus Bank Main Office Building and parking structures located on Broadway. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the nine members present with Councilor Garrett casting his yea vote virtually, and Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote.

G. Servers and Storage Devices for Information Technology (Georgia State Contract Cooperative Purchase)

Resolution (379-21): A resolution authorizing the purchase of servers and storage services from Cpak Technology Solutions (LaGrange, GA), in the amount of \$416,000.00, by cooperative purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-001-SPD0000139-0002. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the nine members present with Councilor Garrett casting his yea vote virtually, and Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote.

H. 2022 Ford Explorer Mid-Size SUVs For Inspections and Codes – State Contract Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (380-21): A resolution authorizing the purchase of five (5) 2022 Ford Explorer Mid-Size SUVs for the Inspections and Codes Department, from Allan Vigil Ford (Morrow, GA), at a unit price of \$30,688.00, and a total price of \$153,440.00. The purchase will be accomplished 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 Woodson and carried unanimously by the nine members present with Councilor Garrett casting his yea vote virtually, and Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote.

I. Surplus Equipment

Resolution (381-21): A resolution authorizing the declaration as surplus the equipment shown on the attached lists, as well as, miscellaneous office equipment and furniture, in accordance with Section 7-501 of the Charter of Columbus Consolidated Government; additionally, approval is also requested to declare any items as surplus which may be added to the list prior to the auction. The equipment has either been replaced or placed out of service due to excess maintenance cost. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the nine members present with Councilor Garrett casting his yea vote virtually, and Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote.

J. 16FT Box Truck for Parks and Recreation Department – Sourcewell Contract Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (382-21): A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) 16ft box truck from 72 Hour LLC d/b/a National Auto Fleet Group (Watsonville, CA) in the amount of \$94,890.00. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase, via Sourcewell Contract #060920-NAF. This item will be funded by a Community Development Block Grant – Coronavirus 3 (CDBG-CV#) Grant that is being administered by the Community Reinvestment Department. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the nine members present with Councilor Garrett casting his yea vote virtually, and Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote.

EMERGENCY PURCHASES

1. **FORD MAVERICK PICKUP TRUCKS FOR INSPECTIONS AND CODES:**

On October 4, 2021, the City Manager approved the emergency purchase of four (4) Ford Maverick Pick-up Trucks in lieu of obtaining four (4) Mid-Size SUV's originally allocated in the FY22 budget for the Inspections and Codes Department.

The department's fleet has experienced multiple vehicle breakdowns which has resulted in a critical shortage of vehicles needed for inspectors and officers to perform their daily duties. Due to a lack in available inventory of SUV's, the department deemed the pick-up trucks as suitable replacements. The pick-up trucks are available for purchase but are not currently available on any Cooperative Contract. Due to exigent circumstances, the department cannot wait for a solicitation process to be administered to facilitate the purchase of the pick-up trucks.

The vehicles and will be purchased from Allan Vigil Ford at the unit price of \$23,736.00, and a total price of \$94,944.00. These are replacement vehicles.

Funding is available in the FY22 Budget as follows: General Fund – Community Development – Special Enforcement – Automobiles; 0101 – 240 – 2400 – SENF - 7721.

7. **UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS**

A. City Manager's Millennial Roundtable - Monique Jackson, Governor & CMMR Members

Millennial Roundtable Governor Monique Jackson (METRA) approached the rostrum to provide an update on the City Manager's Millennial Roundtable and the efforts of its new members to bring fresh new ideas to the Columbus Consolidated Government.

Education Committee Chair Clayton Moore (Fire & EMS) came forward to provide information on the committee established to evaluate the various education incentives throughout CCG. He explained the committee researched comparable governments and the tuition assistance programs offered to their employees.

Lt. Governor Jeremy Ackles (Civic Center) came forward to thank City Manager Hugley and the members of Council for their continued support of CMMR. He stated we look forward to more amazing work as we remember those that have fallen due to COVID-19, as well as, other work within the community.

B. Tax Commissioner Kiosk Update - Lula Huff, Tax Commissioner

Deputy Tax Commissioner David Britt came forward to provide an update on the Georgia MV Express kiosks that will be located at the Publix locations on Macon Road and Bradley Park Drive. He explained citizens can renew and print their vehicle tags at these kiosks by paying with their credit or debit cards.

Deputy Tax Commissioner Tyrone Whittaker approached the rostrum to elaborate further on the progress of the kiosk program and its implementation. He explained the kiosks make it possible for citizens to renew their vehicle tag, pay insurance fines, and other services within two minutes. He stated there is a \$3 service fee and a 2.25% fee for renewals that goes to the vendor.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE TAX COMMISSIONER:

- Look into setting up a kiosk on the south end of town. (*Request of Councilor Woodson*)

C. Evictions (Cleaning & Clearing) Update - Lisa Goodwin, Deputy City Manager

Deputy City Manager Lisa Goodwin approached the rostrum to provide a presentation on recommendations to address the eviction clean up issue. She explained some of the contributing factors to the issue, such as COVID-19, staffing shortages, and limited resources. She stated staff is recommending (1) the landlord pay an additional flat fee of \$500 when executing the writ of eviction to be used by the City to clean and clear up eviction debris in the event it is not cleaned and cleared by the tenant or landlord with the 24-hour timeframe; (2) City will pay bulk waste vendor \$500 to clean up after the 25th hour and will invoice landlord for payment to be paid within 10 days of receipt of invoice; if not paid, landlord will not be able to get another eviction until payment is satisfied; (3) landlords have 30- days to come up with a solution that will be acceptable to the City in lieu of preferred option #2.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Provide presentation on CCG-TV and website. (*Request of Councilor Woodson*)

D. Council Agenda Update - Lisa Goodwin, Deputy City Manager

Deputy City Manager Lisa Goodwin came forward to provide a presentation on the length of council meetings, as requested by Councilor Thomas at a previous meeting. She explained there was an analysis conducted in 2008, when the Council was holding four business meetings a month for a total of forty-three meetings that year, with the average length of meetings being three hours and eleven minutes. She stated there was another analysis conducted in 2013, when two business meetings were being held each month for a total of thirty meetings that year, with the average length of meetings being three hours and twenty-one minutes. She went on to explain the meetings for the current year has ranged from one hour and forty-six minutes to four hours and thirty-two minutes, with the average being three hours and forty-five minutes.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Check into an additional meeting each month to handle presentations and limiting the meeting to one or two hours. (*Request of Mayor Pro Tem Allen*)

- Look at possibly altering the current meeting schedule to add a meeting on the first Tuesday of each month. *(Request of Mayor Pro Tem Allen)*
- Limit the number of presentations and updates to four or five a meeting. *(Request of Councilor Tucker)*
- Use the first meeting of the month to focus on the presentations needing to be presented for action to be taken at a meeting later in the month. *(Request of Councilor Crabb)*

E. Animal Care & Control Update - Lisa Goodwin, Deputy City Manager

Deputy City Manager Lisa Goodwin approached the rostrum to provide a brief update on the Animal Care and Control Services RFP. She explained with these services currently going through the RFP process, she is limited on the information she can provide. She explained the timeline of the process and provided information on what can be expected going forward.

City Manager Isaiah Hugley explained with this RFP, all services that are currently handled by the Animal Care & Control Division within Public Works would be handled by the private vendor once approved. He stated once the negotiations have been completed in the RFP process, Council will be provided an update. He explained Public Works Director Mike Criddle would act as the contract administrator to ensure the services are being provided to the citizens as outlined in the agreement with the vendor.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Provide Councilors with a point-of-contact for them to give their constituents when issues arise. *(Request of Councilor Woodson)*
- Give information to the members of Council on what questions can be asked with this involving a vendor contract. *(Request of Councilor House)*

F. 2nd Annual Spooktacular Update - Robert Landers, Civic Center Director

Civic Center Director Rob Landers came forward to provide an update on the 2nd Annual Spooktacular Trunk or Treat Event. He stated the event will be a drive thru as it was last year due to COVID-19 and is scheduled for Friday, October 15, 2021, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. He explained the Civic Center along with other CCG Departments will be working with their community partners to make this event successful.

BID ADVERTISEMENT

October 13, 2021

1. Sedans – RFB No. 22-0007

Scope of Bid

The Columbus Consolidated Government is seeking bids from qualified vendors to provide fourteen full-size, four-door sedans.

2. Traffic Safety Equipment (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 22-0014

Scope of Bid

Columbus Consolidated Government is requesting bids from qualified vendors to provide traffic safety equipment to include barricades, safety flags, traffic cones, drums, various signs,

stands, etc., to the Public Works Department. These items will be procured on an “as needed” basis.

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

October 20, 2021

1. Classification and Compensation Study and Analysis – RFP No. 22-0013

Scope of RFP

The City of Columbus is seeking proposals from qualified Consultant/Firms to conduct a classification and compensation study. The Consultant/Firm will work with Human Resources and City leadership to review our classification and compensation structure and recommend comparable public/private survey markets. Consultant/Firms shall consider the compensation and benefits package received by employees with the City as it relates to both the external and internal markets.

October 27, 2021

1. Roofing Services at Boxwood Recreation Center – RFB No. 22-0016

Scope of Bid

Provide all labor, equipment, and materials to remove the existing roof system at Boxwood Recreation Center and replace with an asphalt shingle roof system, in full compliance with the project manual.

2. Roofing Services at Gallops Senior Center/Linwood Tillis Park – RFB No. 22-0017

Scope of Bid

Provide all labor, equipment, and materials to replace designated roofs and repair designated roofs, in full compliance with the project manual, at Gallops Senior Center and other structures in Linwood Tillis Park.

3. Roofing Services at Carver Park Gym – RFB No. 22-0018

Scope of Bid

Provide all labor, equipment, and materials to remove the existing roof at the Carver Park Gym and replace with a ketone ethylene ester (KEE) roof system, in full compliance with the project manual.

November 3, 2021

1. Fiber Contractor Services (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 22-0019

Scope of Bid

Provide outdoor fiber runs, both overhead and underground, or a combination, to various locations of the Columbus Consolidated Government on an “as needed” basis.

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

2. Basketball Uniforms for Parks & Recreation Leagues (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 22-0013

Scope of Bid

Provide basketball uniforms for various Parks & Recreation leagues on an “as needed” basis.

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

CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - INFORMATION ONLY

1. Copy of the audited financial statements and the Compliance Reports for the Columbus Department of Public Health for the year ended June 30, 2021.

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

2. **RESOLUTION (383-21)** - A Resolution changing the regularly scheduled Council meetings for the month of November 2021. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett casting his yea vote virtually, and Councilor Crabb being absent for the vote.

Clerk of Council Davis outlined the meeting dates as provided in the resolution for the months of November and December and are listed as follows:

NOVEMBER:

- November 2nd Proclamation Session has already been **cancelled**
- November 9th Meeting continue as scheduled (November 9, 2021 at 9:00 am)
- **Cancel the November 23rd meeting and hold a meeting on November 16th for an evening meeting at 5:30 pm**
- November 30th Consent Agenda/Work Session continue as scheduled for 9:00 am

DECEMBER:

- **Change the December 7th Proclamation Session to a regular meeting at 5:30 p.m.**
 - December 14th Meeting continue as scheduled (December 14, 2021 at 9:00 am)
 - **Cancel the December 28th meeting**
3. **RESOLUTION (384-21)** - A Resolution changing the regularly scheduled Council meetings for the month of December 2021. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett casting his yea vote virtually, and Councilor Crabb being absent for the vote.
 4. Travel Authorization Request for Councilor Bruce Huff to attend 2021 ACCG's County Reconnect Conference. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the travel request, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett casting his yea vote virtually, and Councilor Crabb being absent for the vote.
 5. Travel Authorization Request for Councilor Toyia Tucker to attend the 2021 ACCG's County Reconnect Conference. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the travel request, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett casting his yea vote virtually, and Councilor Crabb being absent for the vote.
 6. Honorary Designation Application submitted by Mr. James Johnson to be located at Marilon Drive in honor of Mr. Otis Sistrunk. *(The Council may vote to forward to the Board of Honor for a recommendation.)* *Included with the application is a petition of support for the honorary designation signage. Councilor House made a motion to forward the request to the Board of Honor for consideration, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine

members present, with Councilor Garrett casting his yea vote virtually, and Councilor Crabb being absent for the vote.

7. Two email resignation correspondences for the seats of Dr. Shanita Pettaway (Alternate Member) and Mr. John Rowe (Regular Member) on the Personnel Review Board. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to receive the resignations with regrets, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett casting his yea vote virtually, and Councilor Crabb being absent for the vote.

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

Board of Tax Assessors, #32-21 and #33-21

Golf Authority, August 17, 2021

Planning Advisory Commission, September 1 & 15, 2021

Public Safety Advisory Commission, September 16, 2021

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to receive the minutes of various boards, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett casting his yea vote virtually, and Councilor Crabb being absent for the vote.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

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

- A. **UPTOWN FACADE BOARD:** Mr. James “Jay” Lewis was nominated to serve another term of office. (*Councilor Woodson’s nominee*) Term expires: October 31, 2024. Councilor Woodson made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett casting his yea vote virtually, and Councilor Crabb being absent for the vote.

- B. **UPTOWN FACADE BOARD:** Ms. Hannah Israel was nominated to serve another term of office. (*Councilor Woodson’s nominee*) Term expires: October 31, 2024. Councilor Woodson made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett casting his yea vote virtually, and Councilor Crabb being absent for the vote.

- C. **UPTOWN FACADE BOARD:** Ms. Debbie Young was nominated to serve another term of office. (*Councilor Woodson’s nominee*) Term expires: October 31, 2024. Councilor Woodson made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett casting his yea vote virtually, and Councilor Crabb being absent for the vote.

- D. **UPTOWN FACADE BOARD:** Mr. Jud Richardson was nominated to serve another term of office. (*Councilor Woodson’s nominee*) Term expires: October 31, 2024. Councilor Woodson made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor House and carried

unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett casting his yea vote virtually, and Councilor Crabb being absent for the vote.

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

A. DISTRICTING COMMISSION:

A nominee for the seat of Thomas Bush (*Resigned*) as the District 5 Representative on the Districting Commission (*Council District 5- Crabb*). Clerk of Council Davis stated Councilor Crabb is nominating Gloria Strode for the District 5 Representative on the Districting Commission. Councilor Woodson made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett casting his yea vote virtually, and Councilor Crabb being absent for the vote.

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

A. ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of Dr. Rene LeFranc (*Resigned*) as the Veterinary Association Representative for a term that expired on October 15, 2019 on the Animal Control Advisory Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Christy Noullet (*Seat Declared Vacant*) for a term that expires on April 11, 2022 on the Animal Control Advisory Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

B. DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:

A nominee for the seat of the late Jacki Lowe (*Passed away*) for a term that expires on April 30, 2022 on the Development Authority (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

C. UPTOWN FACADE BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of Alan Udy (*Eligible to succeed*) as the Uptown Business Improvement District Representative for a term that expires on October 31, 2021 (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

UPCOMING BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

- A. Airport Commission
- B. Board of Elections & Registration
- C. Board of Health

- D. Board of Tax Assessors
- E. Cooperative Extension Advisory Board
- F. Personnel Review Board
- G. Recreation Advisory Board

PUBLIC AGENDA (Event):

1. Ms. Katie Evans, representing Columbus State University, Re: Information on upcoming Homecoming Festivities and how the community can be involved. (*NOTE: This speaker was called upon earlier in the meeting before the City Manager's Agenda.*)
2. Mr. Kelvin Brewton, representing Salvation Thru Enlightenment, Re: A request for sponsorship for Salvation Thru Enlightenment first weekly networking event November 13, 2021 at Carver Park. *Not Present*

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Councilor Woodson to adjourn the October 14, 2021 Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present with Councilor Garrett casting his yea vote virtually, Councilor Crabb being absent for the vote, and the time being 1:57 p.m.

Sandra T. Davis, CMC
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