

COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council Chambers
Second Floor of City Services Center
3111 Citizens Way, Columbus, GA 31906

June 18, 2019
9:00 AM
Special Called Meeting

MAYOR'S AGENDA

PRESENT: Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III, Mayor Pro Tem Evelyn Turner Pugh and Councilors R. Gary Allen (arrived at 9:05 a.m.), Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis, R. Walker Garrett, John M. House, Bruce Huff, Judy W. Thomas and Evelyn "Mimi" Woodson. City Manager Isaiah Hugley, Assistant City Attorney Lucy Sheftall, Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis and Deputy Clerk of Council Lindsey Glisson.

ABSENT: Councilor Jerry "Pops" Barnes and City Attorney Clifton Fay.

The following documents were distributed around the Council table: (1) South Commons Update Presentation; (2) Columbus Parks and Recreation Night Ballers Basketball Presentation; (3) Muscogee County Census 2020 Information Sheet; (4) River Valley Regional Commission Information.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson, Presiding.
2. **INVOCATION:** Pastor Michael Powell- Asbury United Methodist Church.
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson.
4. **MINUTES:** Approval of minutes for the June 11, 2019 Council Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Allen being absent for the vote and Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

ORDINANCES:

(1) Ordinance (19-034): 2nd Reading – REZN-11-18-2018: An ordinance rezoning property located at 0 Psalmond Road & 7930 Beaver Run Road. The current zoning is RE1 (Residential Estate 1). The proposed zoning is GC (General Commercial) with conditions. The proposed use is commercial property. The Planning Advisory Commission recommends **denial** and the Planning Department recommends **conditional approval**. The applicant is Edward French (George Mize). (AS AMENDED) (Councilor Allen)

Councilor Allen made a motion to amend the ordinance to remove the word "accessory" from condition #2, seconded by Councilor Thomas and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes absent for the meeting.

Attorney George Mize (representing the Applicant) came forward to explain the amendment.

Councilor Allen made a motion to approve the ordinance as amended, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

Councilor Thomas made a motion to amend the minutes from the June 11, 2019 Council Meeting to include where the Developers had agreed to donate some land for a turning lane, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the nine members of Council present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

(2) Ordinance (19-035): 2nd Reading - REZN-03-19-0476: An ordinance rezoning property located at 2214 Paddy Avenue. The current zoning is GC (General Commercial). The proposed zoning is SFR3 (Single Family Residential 3). The proposed use is a residential house. The Planning Advisory Commission and the Planning Department recommend **approval**. The applicant is Evelyn Montgomery. (Councilor Woodson) Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote.

(3) Ordinance (19-036): 2nd Reading - An ordinance providing for the establishment of taxing districts, including a county-wide general services district and three (3) urban services districts and three (3) Business Improvement Districts (BID); providing for the levy, assessment, and collection of taxes for Columbus, Georgia within such districts for the year 2019 as provided under the Charter of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia; providing penalties for violations of the provisions of said ordinance; and for other purposes. (Budget Review Committee)

Councilor Thomas made a motion to amend the ordinance to change the date from December 2, 2019 to December 3, 2019, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote.

Director Angelica Alexander (Finance) came forward to explain the amendment, as it was requested by Tax Commissioner Lula Huff.

Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh made a motion to approve the ordinance as amended, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote.

RESOLUTIONS:

(4) Resolution (172-19): A resolution authorizing payment of attorney fees which may be incurred for legal services rendered regarding various City issues during Fiscal Year 2020. (Mayor Pro-Tem Pugh) Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote.

PUBLIC AGENDA:

There was no one listed on the Public Agenda.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA:

**I. UGA/CCG COUNTY EXTENSION PERSONNEL CONTRACT -
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING:**

Resolution (173-19): A resolution authorizing to have an UGA/CCG County Extension Personnel Contract/Memorandum of Understanding. Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh moved approval, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

Approval is requested for the Columbus Consolidated Government to enter into a County Extension Personnel Contract/Memorandum of Understanding between the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia on behalf of The University of Georgia Cooperative Extension and the Columbus Consolidated Government. The University of Georgia by and on behalf of the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension hereinafter referred to as the UGA EXTENSION do hereby agree to cooperate in the operation of an Extension education program in agriculture, natural resources and environmental management, family and consumer science, 4-H/youth work, and subjects related thereto in Columbus Consolidated Government.

II. ONEGEORGIA AUTHORITY GRANT FOR COLUMBUS SPORTS COUNCIL:

Resolution (174-19): A resolution authorizing the City Manager, Mayor or their designee to apply on behalf of the Columbus Georgia Sports Council for and accept, if awarded, a grant from the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, OneGeorgia Authority in the amount of \$2,600,000, or as otherwise awarded, with no city matching funds required, for the purpose of renovating and upgrading the city-owned South Commons Softball Complex in the anticipation of future national and international softball events. Councilor Huff moved approval, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

Approval is requested to submit an application for, and if awarded, accept Equity Funding from the OneGeorgia Authority of the Georgia Department of Community Affairs in the amount of \$2,600,000, or as otherwise awarded, on behalf of the Columbus Sports Authority, for renovations and upgrades to the South Commons Softball Complex.

III. PURCHASES:

Approval is requested of items "A" to "M":

A. Field Maintenance Equipment for Parks and Recreation

Resolution (175-19): A resolution authorizing the purchase of field maintenance equipment for the Parks and Recreation Department to prepare for the 2019 USA Softball International Cup. The equipment will be purchased from Jerry Pate Turf & Irrigation (Atlanta, GA), via Georgia State Contract #99999-SPD-SPD0000102-0014 for a grand total price of \$203,162.18, and includes:

Equipment	Quantity	Unit Price	Dealer Prep & Delivery	Total Price
Toro Reelmaster 3100-D w/misc options	4	\$33,521.34	\$1,340.85	\$135,426.21
Toro Turf Aerothatch	1	\$4,496.08	\$44.96	\$4,541.04
Toro Turf Aerator 687 w/misc options	1	\$6,202.56	\$62.03	\$6,264.59
Toro Multi Pro 1750 Sprayer (175 Gallon) w/misc options	1	\$34,019.31	\$340.19	\$34,359.50
Toro Versa Vac Sweeper	1	\$22,347.37	\$223.47	\$22,570.84
				\$203,162.18

Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh moved approval, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

B. Inmate Vehicle for Parks and Recreation

Resolution (176-19): A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) inmate vehicle for the Parks and Recreation Department from Wade Ford (Smyrna, GA), via Georgia State Contract #99999-SPD-SPD0000155-0006 in the amount of \$46,031.00. Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh moved approval, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

C. Athletic Equipment Maintenance/Repair Services

Resolution (177-19): A resolution authorizing the execution of an annual contract with Ready Fitness (Buford, GA) to provide athletic equipment maintenance/repair services on an ‘as needed basis’, for the Columbus Police Department and the Parks and Recreation Department. The

Columbus Police Department will contract for a quarterly cost of \$534.00 for regularly scheduled maintenance, labor/repair rate of \$80.00/hr, and labor/repair rate for after-hours/emergency repairs of \$80/hr with parts at cost plus 10%, plus freight. Due to budgetary restraints, the Parks and Recreation Department will contract only for labor/repair rate of \$80.00/hr on an 'as needed' basis. The contract term for these services. Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh moved approval, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

D. Work Uniforms

Resolution (178-19): A resolution authorizing an annual contract for the purchase of work uniforms from Golden Standard Uniform Company (Atlanta, GA), for the estimated contract value of \$62,589.00, GEW, Inc. (Columbus, GA), for the estimated contract value of \$17,280.00 and All American Uniforms (Columbus, GA) for the estimated contract value of \$4,630.00; on an "as needed" basis, for the total estimated annual contract value of \$84,499.14. Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh moved approval, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

E. Change Order 2 for Melrose Drive, Boxwood Boulevard & Decatur Street Bridge Replacements

Resolution (179-19): A resolution authorizing the execution of change order 2 with Southeastern Site Development, Inc. (Newnan, GA) in the amount of \$119,410.80 for the Melrose Drive, Boxwood Boulevard and Decatur Street Bridge replacements. Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh moved approval, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

F. Payment for Local Phone Service Billing

Resolution (180-19): A resolution authorizing payment to AT&T for local phone service billing in the approximate amount of \$25,000, per month; for account numbers: 706-003-7470-470, approximately \$5,500.00 per month, and account numbers 706-003-8869-869, approximately, \$18,500.00 per month. Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh moved approval, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

G. Annual Maintenance: Disaster Recovery Recording for the Real Estate Computer System

Resolution (181-19): A resolution authorizing payment to Tyler Technologies (Dallas, TX), in the amount of \$12,380.60, for the annual maintenance of disaster recovery recording for the real estate computer system utilized by the Clerk of Superior Court. This payment covers the disaster recovery recording for the period July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020. Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh moved approval, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

H. Annual Tag Reader Maintenance for Police Department

Resolution (182-19): A resolution authorizing payment to Selex-ES, Inc. (Greensboro, NC), in the amount of \$10,725.00 for annual maintenance for tag readers. The payment will cover the period from 7/1/2019-6/30/2020. Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh moved approval, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

I. State Mandated Solid Waste Disposal Fees

Resolution (183-19): A resolution authorizing payment to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources for state mandated solid waste disposal fees in the amount of \$54,540.75. Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh moved approval, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

J. Inmate Housing Services

Resolution (184-19): A resolution authorizing payment to the Harris County Board of Commissioners, in the amount of \$20,310.00, for housing Muscogee County inmates at the Harris County Jail. Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh moved approval, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

K. Garbage Truck Repair

Resolution (185-19): A resolution authorizing payment to Rush Truck Center (Columbus, Georgia), in the amount of \$296,103.95 for the repair of a 2004 Peterbilt Garbage Truck, vehicle #6974. Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh moved approval, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

L. Pharmaceutical Agreement for Fire/EMS

Resolution (186-19): A resolution authorizing the pharmaceutical agreement with the Medical Center, Inc., D/B/A/ Piedmont Columbus Regional Midtown (Columbus, GA) to provide pharmacy services for the Fire & EMS Department. The Department must have this agreement in place in order to re-new their EMS License with the Georgia Department of Public Health. The agreement term is twenty-five (25) months and is renewable in conjunction with the Fire & EMS License Renewal. Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh moved approval, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

M. Course Instructors for the Department of Human Resources/The Learning Center

Resolution (187-19): A resolution authorizing the execution of an annual contract with the Leadership Institute at Columbus State University (Columbus, GA) for instruction services on an "as-needed" basis. The contractor will provide instructors to teach new and innovative training that will be beneficial to City Employees that will include, but not limited to: Business Writing, Meeting Planning, Documentation, Evaluations and Discipline, Project Management, Interviewing, Firing and Hiring, Workplace Safety, Sexual Harassment and Discrimination, Customer Services, as well as Media Relations. The Department has \$15,000.00 in the FY20 Budget for this project, and the recommended vendor's cost proposal is within the budgeted amount. Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh moved approval, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

IV. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS: (THE UPDATES WERE PRESENTED IN THE ORDER AS NUMERICALLY INDICATED BELOW.)

- 1) River Valley Regional Commission Update - Jim Livingston, River Valley Regional Commission Executive Director

Executive Director Jim Livingston (River Valley Regional Commission) came forward to give an update on the River Valley Regional Commission.

Program Manager Kia Barrow (Area Agency on Aging) came forward to give information on the Area Agency on Aging.

Senior Planner/Historic Preservation Planner Allison Slocum (River Valley Regional Commission) came forward to give information on Census 2020 in Georgia and the counties that are considered "hard-to-count".

- 2) South Commons Update - Holli Browder, Parks and Recreation Director

Director Holli Browder (Parks & Recreation) came forward to give an update on the renovations of the South Commons Softball Complex.

Executive Director Merri Sherman (Sports Council) came forward and responded to questions asked by those members of Council present.

REFERRAL(S):

- Have staff to publicize the fast-pitch softball games in South Commons more once the games gets started. *(Request of Councilor Woodson)*
- Provide information on the city's website and on CCG-TV on how to be volunteers to assist in the stadium for the games. *(Request of Councilor Woodson)*

Director Holli Browder (Parks & Recreation) gave information regarding the Night Ballers Basketball Program.

REFERRAL(S):

- Consider some type of buy-in for the players; such as, assisting with raising funds for the program. *(Request of Councilor Allen)*
- Would like to see the Night Ballers Basketball Program in his Council District if the program continues to grow for next year. *(Request of Councilor Garrett)*

**Bid Advertisement
(Schedule opening bid date)**

June 19, 2019

1. Bus Shelters (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 19-0051

Scope of Bid

METRA is requesting qualified vendors to provide Bus Shelters on an “as needed” basis. The contract term will be for three years.

Councilor Thomas shared that there was a community meeting for the Cusseta Road/Farr Road residents.

REFERRAL(S):

- Wants a comprehensive study conducted to look at trees that were planted by the City over twenty years ago that are now causing problems to the properties of these residents in the Cusseta Road/Farr Road area. Also, the study is to determine how wide spread is this problem. *(Request of Councilor Thomas)*
- Wants to assess why we are not replacing trees that are being cut in the community. *(Request of Councilor Woodson)*
- Information from the City Manager on the time frame from when a tree is cut to when it is replaced. *(Request of Councilor Woodson)*

CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES, ACTION REQUESTED:

1. **RESOLUTION:** Excusing Councilor Jerry “Pops” Barnes from the June 18, 2019 Special Called Meeting.

Resolution (188-19): A resolution excusing Councilor Barnes' absence. Councilor Allen moved adoption, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

2. **RESOLUTION:** Cancelling the July 2, 2019 regularly scheduled Proclamation Session.

Resolution (189-19): A resolution cancelling the July 2, 2019 monthly Proclamation Session of the Council of Columbus, Georgia. Councilor Allen moved adoption, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

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

Columbus Ironworks Convention & Trade Center Authority, April 29, 2019.
 Recreation Advisory Board, October 31, 2018.
 Recreation Advisory Board, January 30, 2019.
 Recreation Advisory Board, March 27, 2019.
 Recreation Advisory Board, May 29, 2019.

Councilor Allen made a motion to receive the minutes, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS- ACTION REQUESTED:

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

A. **PENSION FUND, EMPLOYEES' BOARD OF TRUSTEES:**

A nominee for the seat of Charles Staples (*does not desire reappointment*) on the Pension Fund, Employees' Board of Trustees as a Business Community Representative for a term that expires on June 30, 2019 (*Mayor's Appointment*). There were none.

5. **COUNCIL'S DISTRICT SEAT APPOINTMENT- ANY NOMINATIONS MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:**

A. **PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION:**

A nominee for the seat of Delphine Ebron (*resigned*) on the Public Safety Advisory Committee for a term that expired on March 31, 2019 (*District 3- Councilor Huff's nominee*). Councilor Huff nominated Debra Singletary to succeed Delphine Ebron. Councilor Woodson moved confirmation, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

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

A. **DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (Memorandum is Attached):**

A nominee for the seat of Will Barnes (*eligible to succeed*) on the Downtown Development Authority for a term that expires on August 15, 2019 (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Stephen Butler (*not eligible to succeed*) on the Downtown Development Authority for a term that expires on August 15, 2019 (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Kriss Cloninger (*not eligible to succeed*) on the Downtown Development Authority for a term that expires on August 15, 2019 (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Billy Blanchard (*not eligible to succeed*) on the Downtown Development Authority for a term that expires on August 15, 2019 (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Allen Taber (*not eligible to succeed*) on the Downtown Development Authority for a term that expires on August 15, 2019 (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

REFERRAL(S):

- Requested contact be made to see if those who are eligible are interested in serving another term. (*Request of Councilor Woodson*)

B. **TREE BOARD:**

A nominee for the seat of Candice L. Wayman (*not eligible to succeed*) on the Tree Board for a term that expired on July 1, 2019 (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Henderson entertained a motion to go into executive session to discuss matters of personnel. Motion by Councilor Thomas, seconded by Councilor Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members of Council, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting and the time being 10:42 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 11:26 a.m. from executive session, where no votes were taken.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

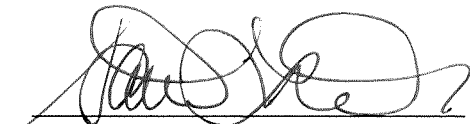
Mayor Henderson announced there would be a "Let's Talk Columbus" scheduled for Thursday, June 20, 2019, at 6:00 pm, at the Salvation Army on Warm Springs Road.

Councilor Woodson announced that on Saturday, June 22, 2019, at 10:00 am, there would be a ribbon-cutting for Westville.

REFERRAL(S):

- Would like to see the event information to be put on CCG-TV. *(Request of Councilor Woodson)*

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Councilor Garrett to adjourn the June 18, 2019 Special Called Meeting, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote, and the time being 11:28 a.m.



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