

COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

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

July 30, 2019
9:00 AM
Consent Agenda/Work Session

CONSENT AGENDA/WORK SESSION

PRESENT: Mayor B. H. “Skip” Henderson, III and Councilors R. Gary Allen, Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis, R. Walker Garrett (arrived 9:06 a.m.), John M. House and Judy W. Thomas. City Manager Isaiah Hugley, City Attorney Clifton Fay and Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis.

ABSENT: Mayor Pro Tem Evelyn Turner Pugh and Councilors Jerry “Pops” Barnes, Bruce Huff and Evelyn “Mimi” Woodson.

The following documents were distributed around the Council table: (1) Government Center Planning Process Update; (2) Government Center Options Update; (3) Sales Tax Information; (4) Georgia Sales and Use Tax Rate Chart; (5) CareATC; (6) Muscogee County Jail Maintenance Update.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor B. H. “Skip” Henderson, III, Presiding.
2. **INVOCATION:** Offered by Councilor Allen.
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by the Columbus Parks & Recreation Summer Camp Kids.
4. **MINUTES:** Approval of minutes for the July 23, 2019 Council Meeting. Councilor Allen made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by those six members present with Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh and Councilors Barnes, Huff and Woodson being absent from the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA:

ORDINANCES:

1. **2nd Reading** - An ordinance amending Chapter 3 of the Columbus Code to provide for the alcoholic beverage licensing of Bottle Shops; to update certain definitions; and for other purposes. (Councilor Garrett) Councilor Garrett moved its adoption, seconded by Councilor Thomas and carried unanimously by those six members present with Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh and Councilors Barnes, Huff and Woodson being absent from the meeting.
2. **2nd Reading** - An ordinance providing a moratorium not to exceed 180 days on the use of Shared Electronic Scooters within the confines of Columbus, Georgia except for test programs authorized by this Council and that said moratorium shall expire no later than midnight on January 27, 2020; and for other purposes. (Councilor Crabb) Councilor Crabb moved its adoption, seconded by Councilor Allen and carried unanimously by those six members present with Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh and Councilors Barnes, Huff and Woodson being absent from the meeting.

REFERRALSFOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Provide information on the policing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and who would be charged with that. Also, limit the number of scooters that are being used. *(Request of Councilor Allen)*
- Look into expanding the area to the bike trail between the two campuses. *(Request of Councilor Crabb)*
- If any Councilor has any suggestions or concerns about what to allow, let's get that to staff within the next week or so. *(Request of Councilor Thomas)*
- Provide information on all of the regulations. *(Request of Councilor Davis)*
- Let's slow down the test period in order to have a conversation with regards to some of the things we would like to see in the test period. *(Request of Councilor Thomas)*

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Mayor Henderson announced the press conference at 4325 Old Cusseta Road, July 31, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. as an initiative to move forward on removing dilapidated houses and some of the biggest targets are the burned-out trailer parks.

WORK SESSION AGENDA:

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

I. Levy Road Closure Update - Donna Newman, Engineering Director

Engineering Director Donna Newman came forward to provide an update on the Levy Road closure. The Council approved a resolution in March of 2018 giving the Engineering Department authority to close Levy Road; however, it included a requirement to construct a cul-de-sac. She explained that there was no way to get a full cul-de-sac in there without impact to the business or development of that lot. Engineer Director Newman then requested the closure of the road without a cul-de-sac.

City Attorney Fay advised that if that resolution needs to come back; then, we could bring a revised resolution based on the oral resolution that Council may pass today.

Councilor Allen made a motion to approve the closure of Levy Road without the cul-de-sac, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by those six members present with Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh and Councilors Barnes, Huff and Woodson being absent from the meeting.

II. 13th Street Update - Donna Newman, Engineering Director

Engineering Director Donna Newman also gave a brief update on the 13th Street resurfacing project that was to extend out to Macon Road near the Reese Road area. She then informed Council that the project is being delayed until possibly next year and shared the reasons for the delays.

III. Government Center Planning Update – Pam Hodge, Deputy City Manager

Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge came forward to provide an update on the Government Center Planning process. She suggested the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for design services and projected the procurement timeline. She also commented on the Request for Proposal (RFP) Project Management and 2020 SPLOST General Election timelines.

IV. Government Center Options Update – Pam Hodge, Deputy City Manager

Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge reiterated the four (4) options that have been presented, as well as, the voting results and the pros and cons of each:

- ~ Option I – Complete demolition of wings and garage (12%)
- ~ Option II – New Judicial Center (23%)
- ~ Option III – Renovate Tower for City Administration (Re-use of structure only) (14%)
- ~ Option IV – New Parking Garage (51%)

Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge concluded by offering a recommendation to reduce the options down to two with the two being Option II- New Judicial Center and Option IV- New Parking Garage.

- Councilor Davis suggested looking into three or four buildings.
- Councilor Garrett shared information from the attorneys, which is to demolition the wings so the judges could remain in the tower and build something there.
- Councilor Crabb suggested considering Options I and IV.

V. Sales Tax Funding Options - Pam Hodge, Deputy City Manager

Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge provided a presentation on the sales tax funding options. She outlined the history of the sales tax in Muscogee County, as well as, Georgia Sales and Use Tax rate chart.

REFERRALS

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- All of the power point presentations be uploaded for the citizens to be able to view.
(Request of Councilor Thomas)

VI. Health and Wellness Center Update - Wendy White, Director of Client and Clinical Services – CareATC

Human Resources Director Reather Hollowell approached the rostrum to introduce Wendy White with CareATC

Ms. Wendy White with CareATC came forward to offer a power point presentation and highlighted topics such as, but not limited to; the Health and Wellness Center clinic utilization summary, member engagement summary and biometric risk summary.

VII. Muscogee County Jail Maintenance Update - Pat Biegler, Public Works Director

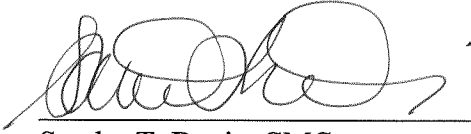
Public Works Director Pat Biegler approached the rostrum to provide an update and briefly explained in details the Muscogee County Jail maintenance. She also called attention to the Muscogee County Prison that would be needing some attention with regards to maintenance.

REFERRALS

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- For staff to have a discussion with regards to putting some monies aside for maintenance from the fund balance. (Request of Councilor Davis)

With there being no further business to discuss and due to lack of quorum, Mayor Henderson declared the July 30, 2019 Consent Agenda / Work Session adjourned with Councilor Allen being absent at the time of adjournment and Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh and Councilors Barnes, Huff and Woodson being absent from the meeting with the time being 12:14 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sandra T. Davis', written over a horizontal line.

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