

**COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MINUTES**

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

August 13, 2019  
9:00 AM  
Regular Meeting

**MAYOR’S A G E N D A**

**PRESENT:** Mayor B. H. “Skip” Henderson, III and Councilors R. Gary Allen, Jerry “Pops” Barnes (arrived at 9:05), Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis (arrived at 9:05 a.m.), R. Walker Garrett, John M. House, Judy W. Thomas and Evelyn “Mimi” Woodson (arrived at 9:14 a.m.). City Manager Isaiah Hugley, City Attorney Clifton Fay, Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis and Deputy Clerk Pro Tem Tameka Colbert.

**ABSENT:** Mayor Pro Tem Evelyn Turner Pugh and Councilor Bruce Huff.

**The following documents were distributed around the Council table:** (1) Community Foundation of the Chattahoochee Valley’s 2018 Report to the Community; (2) Community Foundation of the Chattahoochee Valley’s On the Table 2019 Presentation; (3) Series 2019 Refunding Bonds – Plan of Finance Presentation; (4) Board of Assessors’ Office 2019 Update; (5) Land Bank Authority Presentation; (6) Government Center Options Update.

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

**INVOCATION:** Offered by Pastor Patt Gilbert- Fairview Baptist Church.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by 1st Graders of Emmanuel Preparatory School.

- 1. **MINUTES:** Approval of minutes for the July 30, 2019 Consent Agenda / Work Session and July 23, 2019 Executive Session. Councilor Allen made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the seven members presents, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the vote and Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.
- 2. **PRESENTATION:** The Community Foundation of the Chattahoochee Valley’s On The Table initiative.

Ms. Betsy Covington came forward to give a review of the presentation. She then announced that On The Table 2019 would be held on October 22, 2019.

**ANNOUNCEMENT:**

City Manager Hugley called on Senior Recorder’s Court Judge Julius Hunter, Jr. to provide an update on the electrical issues at the jail.

**Senior Recorder’s Court Judge Julius Hunter, Jr.** approached the rostrum to briefly share information on the electrical outage at the jail and the affect on pending Recorder’s Court sessions. He urged anyone that has a case pending in Recorder’s Court to call 311.

- 3. **PRESENTATION:** Standing Boy Trails Project Update. (Presented by Blake Melton)

Mr. Blake Melton gave an update on the Standing Boy Trails project, which includes biking and hiking.

## **CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA:**

### **RESOLUTIONS**

**(4) Resolution (220-19)** – A resolution expressing Council's support of Jordan Vocational High School's application for CCA grant funding from the Technical College System of Georgia.

Councilor Thomas recognized the presence of Dr. David Lewis- Muscogee County School District Superintendent, Mr. Craig J. Fitts- Principal of Jordan High School and Mr. Tim Vincent- CEO of the College and Career Academy.

After reading the resolution in its entirety, Councilor Thomas made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

### **ORDINANCES**

**(1) 1<sup>st</sup> Reading** – An Ordinance providing for the demolition of structures; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem Pugh)

**Mr. John Hudgison- Building Inspections and Code Enforcement Director**, approached the rostrum to respond to questions.

At the request of City Attorney Fay, Councilor Thomas made a motion to remove item #8 – 3646 Victory Drive from the demolition list, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

### **REFERRAL(S):**

#### **FOR THE CITY ATTORNEY:**

- Revisit the demolition ordinance to examine the time it takes the owner to get the permit in reaction to having their property put on the demolition list. The time should be shorter. *(Request of Mayor Henderson)*

At the request of City Attorney Fay, Councilor Woodson made a motion to remove item #4 – 1716 Beaver Pond Drive from the demolition list, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

### **REFERRAL(S):**

#### **FOR THE CITY MANAGER:**

- Look into creating a line item to put this money in a demolition bond when we get some of it back. *(Request of Councilor Woodson)*

**(2) 1<sup>st</sup> Reading** – An ordinance regulating vehicular traffic in Columbus, Georgia by establishing a "No Parking Anytime" zone along the north and south curbs of Dixie Street to Schatulga Road, the east and west curbs of Dixie Street to Canal Street transition, and the north and south curbs of Canal Street from Dixie Street to Cargo Drive; and for other purposes. (Councilor Allen)

**(3) 1<sup>st</sup> Reading** – An ordinance amending a budget for the fiscal year 2020 beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020, for certain funds of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, and appropriating the amounts shown in each budget; and for other purposes. (Budget Review Committee)

## **RESOLUTIONS:**

**(5) Resolution (221-19)** – A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, requesting the Columbus Building Authority issue lease revenue refunding bonds in an aggregate principal amount sufficient to refund and defease all of the Authority's Outstanding Capital Improvement Lease Revenue Bonds, Series 2010B and 2010C; and for other purposes.

After Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge gave a brief presentation, Councilor Thomas made a motion to amend the resolution to add the 2018 bonds, seconded by Councilor Allen carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

Councilor Allen made a motion to approve the amended resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

**(6) Resolution (222-19)** – A resolution adopting and approving City Vehicle / Car Allowance Policy recommended by the City Council Car Policy Committee with effective date of January 1, 2020.

City Manager Hugley expressed several concerns to include but not limited to the following:

**Item #1** as provided in the policy: "Public Safety employees who are assigned a city-owned automobile may drive the vehicle to and from work to his or her private residence if the residence is located in Muscogee, Harris, Talbot or Chattahoochee counties."

- ~ Budget impact of \$203,254.27 annually for additional fuel and maintenance cost
- ~ The original intent was to ensure police presence in the neighborhoods
- ~ Diminished taxpayers' benefits with more officers opting to reside in adjacent counties
- ~ Fire and EMS benefits from police units being left at the Fire Station
- ~ Take Home Car vehicle cost by department and average number of commuted miles based on standard IRS rate of 0.58
- ~ Potential for officers to be able to take the vehicle to surrounding counties for part-time jobs
- ~ This provides an incentive for officers to live outside the county
- ~ There is no cap and no way to reverse it

**Item #11** as provided in the policy: "In instances where an employee regularly requires transportation to complete assigned duties and it is determined that it is not an efficient use of a City-owned vehicle to issue a City car to that employee, at the time of employment or at the request of the employee or supervisor, a determination shall be made regarding the payment of a car allowance or payment of mileage. The initial determination shall be made by the department head with the final determination made by the Mayor or City Manager as appropriate. The amount of a car allowance shall be determined each year by position during the Budget Cycle and approved by the City Council. No mileage for out-of-town trips shall be paid to employees receiving a car allowance."

- ~ The last two sentences should apply to going forward and not current department heads
- ~ Changing an employment offer could be a legal issue
- ~ Notification would have to be made to potential department heads that the car allowance could change in any given budget year
- ~ Any travel more than fifty (50) miles would have a reduced IRS rate of \$.28
- ~ Potentially affecting the morale of underpaid department heads

Councilor Allen made a motion to approve with the exclusion of the last sentence in #11, remove the sentence as it relates to \$.28, add next to last sentence "amount of car allowance would be determined each year" and change effective date to January 1, 2020, seconded by Councilor House and carried

unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

**REFERRAL(S):**

**FOR THE CITY MANAGER:**

- Take a look at defining a class of vehicles in an effort to purchase economical and fuel-efficient vehicles. *(Request of Councilor Davis)*
- Encourage GMA to try to restrict state contracts to set a target for fuel efficiency. *(Request of Mayor Henderson)*
- Provide a list of vehicles included on the state contract. *(Request of Councilor Davis)*
- Requesting that staff create a study for Council to review. *(Request of Councilor Thomas)*

**PUBLIC AGENDA:**

1. Ms. Audrey Holston Palmore, Re: An opportunity to verbally appeal to the Council members her concern of a meeting with the risk manager. *(Cancelled)*

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Mayor Henderson entertained a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter, as requested by the City Attorney. Councilor Garrett made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Councilor Allen and carried unanimously by eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh and Councilor Huff being absent for the meeting, with the time being 11:15 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 12:04 p.m. from executive session, where no votes were taken.

**CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA:**

**1. ENCROACHMENT ON RIGHT OF WAY:**

**Resolution (223-19):** A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, authorizing a permanent encroachment of an existing building 4.95 ft. and an outdoor patio space 12 ft into the public right of way at 423 15th street; said encroachment approved with the condition that should the patio ever become a conflict with any future public improvements, the patio shall be removed at no cost to the city. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

Approval is requested authorizing a permanent encroachment of an existing building that currently extends approximately 4.95 ft onto the City's right of way along 5th Avenue and the construction of an outdoor patio space at 423 15th Street that will extend 12ft beyond the exterior wall of the existing building. The owner understands that should the encroachment ever become in conflict with any public improvements, the encroachment shall be removed at no cost to the City.

**2. 2019 MPO TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES (TA) PROGRAM GRANT:**

**Resolution (224-19):** A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, authorizing the City Manager to apply, and if awarded, accept, and amend the multi-governmental fund by the amount awarded up to \$80,000 from the MPO Transportation Alternatives Program. Councilor Allen made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

Approval is requested to apply, and if awarded, accept, and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount awarded up to \$80,000 from the Transportation Alternatives Program administered through the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The grant requires a 20% match that would be allocated from Community Development Block Grant funds in the amount of \$20,000. The grant funding will be utilized for the planning, design and installation of secure and location-tailored bicycle parking at select community facilities with a focus in areas of low to moderate income.

### **3. FY19 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT:**

**Resolution (225-19):** Authorizing the City Manager or his designee to submit an application for, and if awarded, accept a 2019 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant from the U.S. Department of Justice in the amount of \$105,450, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match requirement, to amend the multi-governmental fund by the amount of the award, and to allocate the amount awarded for law enforcement, prosecution and court programs supported by the grant. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

Approval is requested to submit an application and accept, if awarded, an Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance (JAG) grant for the Federal Fiscal Year 2019 solicitation in the amount of \$105,450, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match requirement, to be used for eligible projects as defined in the grant, and to amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the award.

### **4. CLOSURE AND ABANDONMENT - 20TH STREET:**

**Resolution (226-19):** A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, authorizing the changing of the official street map and tax map of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia by officially closing and abandoning a segment of 20<sup>th</sup> Street right of way beginning at the west right of way line of 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue and running in westwardly direction for a distance of approximately 116 ft. measured along the centerline of said street;; authorizing the disposal of the said right of way in accordance with applicable state law; reserving utility easements and for other purposes. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

Approval is requested for closure and abandonment of a segment of 20th Street beginning at the west right-of-way of 1st Avenue and running in a westwardly direction for a distance of approximately 116 ft.; authorize the disposal of the said right of way with applicable State Law; reserving utility easements; and for other purposes. The Housing Authority of Columbus, Georgia has requested the closure and abandonment in order to redevelop the Chase Homes Housing Area.

### **5. CONDEMNATION PARCEL 37 OF THE INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT ALONG BUENA VISTA ROAD (COLUMBUS SPIDER WEB NETWORK):**

**Resolution (227-19):** A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, declaring that there is a need and necessity to immediately acquire easements to lands under the provision of the official Code of Georgia annotated, authorizing the Mayor to order the acquisition of said easements for county road and/or municipal street purposes, and authorizing the filing of a declaration of taking by the City Attorney or his representatives for the acquisition of said easements under the authority of the official Code of Georgia annotated, section 32-3-1, et. seq. Councilor Barnes made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

Approval is requested for the acquisition of Parcel 37 Norfolk Southern Railroad for the Intersection Improvements along Buena Vista Road (Columbus Spider Web Network, P.I. No. 0011436, Muscogee County totaling 79713.62 sq. ft. (1.83 Acers) of Permanent Construction Easement for County Road and/or Municipal Street purposes, and authorizing the filing of a Declaration of Taking

by the City Attorney or his representatives for the acquisition of said land under the authority of the official code of Georgia annotated, Section 32-3-1 et. Seq. for the referenced project.

**6. STREET ACCEPTANCE – THAT PORTION OF GLEN VALLEY DRIVE, THAT PORTION OF GARRETT PINES DRIVE AND THAT PORTION OF PINE CHASE DRIVE LOCATED IN SECTION FIFTEEN, GARRETT PINES:**

**Resolution (228-19):** A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, authorizing the acceptance of a deed that portion of Glen Valley Drive, that portion of Garrett Pines Drive and that portion of Pine Chase Drive located in section fifteen, Garrett Pines on behalf of Columbus, Georgia. Councilor House made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

Approval is requested for the acceptance of that portion of Glen Valley Drive, that portion of Garrett Pines Drive and that portion of Pine Chase Drive located in Section Fifteen, Garrett Pines. The Department of Engineering has inspected these streets and recommends the acceptance.

**7. STREET ACCEPTANCE – LILLY ROCK WAY AND LILLY ROCK COURT LOCATED IN LILLY ROCK SUBDIVISION:**

**Resolution (229-19):** a resolution of the council of Columbus, Georgia, authorizing the acceptance of a deed to Lilly Rock Way and Lilly Rock Court located in Lilly Rock subdivision on behalf of Columbus, Georgia. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

Approval is requested for the acceptance of Lilly Rock Way and Lilly Rock Court located in Lilly Rock Subdivision. The Department of Engineering has inspected these streets and recommends the acceptance.

**8. "THE DREAM LIVES," DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. (MLK) COMMEMORATION EVENT:**

**Resolution (230-19):** A resolution authorizing the acceptance of donations in support of "The Dream Lives," Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) commemoration event. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

Approval is requested for the acceptance of donations in support of the "The Dreams Lives," Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) commemoration event.

**9. DONATIONS OF PARK BENCHES FOR SHIRLEY WINSTON PARK:**

**Resolution (231-19):** A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, to approve the acceptance of six (6) park benches for Shirley Winston Park donated by Mary Nell McClendon. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

Approval is requested for six (6) park benches donated by Mary Nell McClendon for Shirley Winston Park.

**REFERRAL(S):****FOR THE CITY MANAGER:**

- Send a letter on behalf of Council thanking Ms. McClendon for the park benches. (*Request of Mayor Henderson*)

**10. PURCHASES****A. Annual Subscription Fee For Online Training For Sheriff's Department**

**Resolution (232-19):** A resolution authorizing the annual subscription fee payment to Relias, LLC (Chicago, IL), in the amount of \$29,052.19, for the Sheriff's Department online training services. this payment covers the period from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. Councilor Woodson moved approval, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

**B. Storage Facility Rental Payment For The Sheriff's Office**

**Resolution (233-19):** A resolution authorizing the payment to Rivermill Storage, LLC (Columbus, GA) for the annual storage facility rental fee, in the amount of \$32,700.00, for fy20, 2019-2020. Councilor Allen moved approval, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

**C. Administrative Vehicle – Georgia Statewide Contract**

**Resolution (234-19):** A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) administrative vehicle for the City Manager's Office from Allan Vigil Ford (Morrow, GA), via Georgia State Contract #99999-SPD-ES40199373-002, in the amount of \$31,618.00. Councilor Barnes moved approval, seconded by Councilor House and carried by a vote of six to two with Councilors Allen, Barnes, Crabb, Garrett, House and Woodson voting yes and Councilors Davis and Thomas voting no, with Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

**D. State Mandated Annual Workers' Compensation Fees**

**Resolution (235-19):** A resolution authorizing the payment to the State Board of Workers' Compensation, in the amount of \$18,980.00, for annual assessment dues. Councilor Woodson moved approval, seconded by Councilor Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

**E. Service Contract for Various Types of Transmissions (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 19-0001**

**Resolution (236-19):** A resolution authorizing a service contract for various types of transmissions with Jasper Engines & Transmission (Peachtree City, GA), rush truck (Columbus, GA), and Reliable Transmission Service, Inc. (Riverview, FL), for the estimated annual contract value of \$25,748.14. Councilor House moved approval, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

**F. Contract Amendment for Health and Wellness Center**

**Resolution (237-19):** A resolution authorizing the execution of a contract amendment with CareATC, Inc., by adjusting the hourly rates of current healthcare professionals and by adding care consultants for the city's Health and Wellness Center. Councilor Woodson moved approval, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

G. Concessionaire Services at Government Center Complex

**Resolution (238-19):** A resolution authorizing the execution of a contract with Chester's Barbecue (Columbus, GA), to provide concessionaire services at the Columbus Consolidated Government Center Complex. Councilor Woodson moved approval, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

H. Concessionaire Services for Parks and Recreation Sports Facilities

**Resolution (239-19):** A resolution authorizing the execution of a contract with Chester's Barbecue (Columbus, GA), to provide concessionaire services for Parks & Recreation Sports Facilities to include: Memorial Stadium and South Commons. Councilor Woodson moved approval, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

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

**Resolution (240-19):** A resolution authorizing the purchase of bus shelters from Brasco International, Inc. (Madison Heights, MI). Metra has historically budgeted \$20,000 for the purchase of bus shelters per year. Councilor Allen moved approval, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

J. ArcGIS Software License And Maintenance

**Resolution (241-19):** A resolution authorizing the payment to ESRI, Inc., (Redlands, CA) in the amount of \$47,338.90, for the annual ArcGIS software maintenance and license covering the period from November 16, 2019 through November 15, 2020. Councilor Allen moved approval, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

K. X-Ray Scanner For Recorder's Court

**Resolution (242-19):** A resolution authorizing the purchase of an x-ray scanner, for Recorder's Court, from Autoclear (Pine Brook, NJ), in the amount of \$24,825.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Federal GSA, Schedule 84, Contract #GS-07F-184GA. Councilor Allen moved approval, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

L. Georgia Subsequent Injury Trust Fund (SITF) Annual Assessment

**Resolution (243-19):** A resolution authorizing payment to the Georgia subsequent injury trust fund (SITF) in the amount of \$50,860.01 for the 2018 assessment. Councilor Allen moved approval, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

## 11. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

- 1) Tax Assessor's Update - Suzanne Widenhouse, Chief Appraiser

**Chief Appraiser Suzanne Widenhouse** came forward to give an update on the Tax Assessor's Office to include but not limited to the 2019 Digest, Department Assessment Strategic Goals and Challenges.

- 2) Legislative Agenda Items for Budget Consideration for the 2020 Legislative Session - Isaiah Hugley, City Manager

**City Manager Isaiah Hugley** presented items for State budget consideration for the 2020 Legislative Session.



**Resolution (244-19):** A resolution requesting that the local legislative delegation to the Georgia General Assembly support an extension of I-14 to and through Columbus, Georgia, include specific funding in the state budget for this D.O.T. project and take any other appropriate legislative action concerning this highway extension. Councilor Allen made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by seven members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the vote and Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

**Resolution (245-19):** A resolution requesting that the local delegation to the General Assembly introduce and support the funding of a new two-lane road from Legacy Way to the proposed Infantry Road in the amount of \$2.7 million to promote development opportunities and provide future revenue sources for the museum. Councilor Thomas made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by seven members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the vote and Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

**REFERRAL(S):**

**FOR THE MAYOR AND CITY MANAGER:**

- The Mayor and City Manager should have a deliberate conversation with the Delegation to let them know why we have done this earlier than we normally do. (*Request of Councilor Thomas*)
- 3) Columbus Land Bank Authority Update - Carolina Rodriquez, Real Estate Coordinator for Community Reinvestment

**Real Estate Coordinator for Community Reinvestment Carolina Rodriquez** came forward to give an update on the Columbus Land Bank Authority.

- 4) Government Center Options Update - Pam Hodge, Deputy City Manager

**Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge** provided an update on the Government Center Options.

Councilor House made a motion to further evaluate Option #2, seconded by Councilor Barnes and carried unanimously by seven members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the vote and Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

**BID ADVERTISEMENT**

**August 14, 2019**

**1. Gym Floor Maintenance (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 20-0001**

**Scope of Bid**

Provide gym floor repairs to include stripping/sealing of wood gym flooring at Comer Gym, North Columbus Recreation Center, Shirley Winston Recreation Center, Frank D. Chester Recreation Center, Northside Recreation Center, Psalmomd Road Recreation Center, Pop Austin Recreation Center and Carver Park Recreation Center also provide stripping and refinishing of stage area at Comer gym on an “as needed basis”. The contract term will be for two years, with the option to renew for three additional twelve-month periods.

**August 21, 2019**

**1. Wheel Alignment and Balance Services (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 20-0002**

**Scope of Bid**

Provide wheel alignment and balance services on city vehicles utilized by Columbus Consolidated Government on an “as needed basis”. The contract term will be for two years, with the option to renew for three additional twelve-month periods.

**REFERRAL(S):****FOR THE CITY MANAGER:**

- Get the City Engineer to do a study on Steam Mill Road where multiple fatalities have occurred. *(Mayor Henderson)*

**CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA:****ENCLOSURES - INFORMATION ONLY**

1. **FINANCE REPORT:** List of alcoholic beverage applications processed during the month of July 2019.

**ENCLOSURES, ACTION REQUESTED:**

2. **RESOLUTION:** A resolution excusing Mayor Pro Tem Evelyn Turner Pugh from the July 30, 2019 Council Meeting.

**Resolution (246-19):** A resolution excusing Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh's absence amended to include August 13, 2019 meeting. Councilor Allen moved adoption, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the vote and Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

3. **RESOLUTION:** A resolution excusing Councilor Jerry "Pops" Barnes from the July 30, 2019 Council Meeting.

**Resolution (247-19):** A resolution excusing Councilor Barnes' absence. Councilor Allen moved adoption, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the vote and Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

4. **RESOLUTION:** A resolution excusing Councilor Bruce Huff from the July 30, 2019 Council Meeting.

**Resolution (248-19):** A resolution excusing Councilor Huff's absence amended to include August 13, 2019 meeting. Councilor Allen moved adoption, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the vote and Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

5. **RESOLUTION:** A resolution excusing Councilor Evelyn "Mimi" Woodson from the July 30, 2019 Council Meeting.

**Resolution (249-19):** A resolution excusing Councilor Woodson's absence. Councilor Allen moved adoption, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the vote and Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

6. **BOARD OF HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW:** Letter from Fred Greene-President of the Historic District Preservation Society nominating Brian Luedtke to serve as their representative to succeed Mamie Pound.

Councilor Allen moved confirmation of Mr. Brian Luedtke, seconded by House and carried unanimously by seven members, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the vote and Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

7. **DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:** Letter of resignation from Jason Cuevas.

Councilor Allen made a motion to receive the resignation with regrets, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by seven members, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the vote and Mayor Pro Tem and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting. Councilor Barnes then nominated Mr. Chris Whightman.

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

Airport Commission, May 28, 2019.  
 Airport Commission, June 26, 2019.  
 Board of Elections and Registration, July 11, 2019  
 Board of Tax Assessors, #26-19, #27-19 and #28-19.  
 Development Authority of Columbus, July 11, 2019.  
 Housing Authority of Columbus, June 19, 2019.  
 Planning Advisory Commission, June 5, 2019.

Councilor Allen made a motion to receive the minutes, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by seven members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the vote and Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS- ACTION REQUESTED:**

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

A. **COLUMBUS IRONWORKS CONVENTION & TRADE CENTER AUTHORITY:**

Nomination for reappointment of Lauren Chambers (*eligible to succeed; interested in serving another term*) on the Columbus Ironworks Convention and Trade Center Authority for a term that expires on October 24, 2019 (*Mayor's Appointment*). Councilor Allen moved confirmation, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by seven members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the vote and Mayor Pro Tem and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

A nominee for the seat of Helena Coates (*eligible to succeed; does not desire reappointment*) on the Columbus Ironworks Conventions and Trade Center Authority for a term that expires on October 24, 2019 (*Mayor's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Katonga Wright (*not Eligible to succeed*) on the Columbus Ironworks Conventions and Trade Center Authority for a term that expires on October 24, 2019 (*Mayor's Appointment*). There were none.

10. **COUNCIL'S APPOINTMENT TO BE CONFIRMED:**

A. **DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:**

Mr. Will Barnes nominated to serve another term of Office on the Downtown Development Authority (*Councilor Allen's nomination*). Councilor Allen moved confirmation, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by seven members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the vote and Mayor Pro Tem and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

B. **KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION:**

Dr. Kar'retta Venable nominated to fill the unexpired term of Becky Butts on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission- Term Expires: June 30, 2022 (*Councilor Crabb's nomination*). Councilor Allen moved confirmation, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by seven

members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the vote and Mayor Pro Tem and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

C. LAND BANK AUTHORITY:

Deidre Tilley nominated to fill the unexpired term of Ken Henson, Jr. on the Land Bank Authority- Term Expires: October 31, 2022 (*Councilor Crabb's nomination*). Councilor Allen moved confirmation, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by seven members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the vote and Mayor Pro Tem and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

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

A. PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION:

A nominee for the seat of Byron Hickey (*eligible to succeed; interested in serving another term*) on the Public Safety Advisory Commission for a term that expires on October 31, 2019 (*Councilor Barnes nomination*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Donald Watkins (*eligible to succeed; interested in serving another term*) on the Public Safety Advisory Commission for a term that expires on October 31, 2019 (*Councilor Crabb nomination*). Councilor Crabb nominated Donald Watkins to succeed himself. Councilor Crabb moved confirmation, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by seven members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the vote and Mayor Pro Tem and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

A nominee for the seat of Delphine Ebron (*confirmed nominee did not accept appointment*) on the Public Safety Advisory Commission for a term that expires on October 31, 2019 (*Councilor Huff nomination*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Rev. Willie Phillips (*not eligible to succeed*) on the Public Safety Advisory Commission for a term that expires on October 31, 2019 (*Councilor Woodson nomination*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Dan Scoggins (*not eligible to succeed*) on the Public Safety Advisory Commission for a term that expires on October 31, 2019 (*Councilor Thomas nomination*). There were none.

B. YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:

A nominee for District 3 on the Youth Advisory Council. There were none.

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

A. ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of Timothy Butts (*does not desire reappointment*) on the Animal Control Advisory Board for a term that expires on October 15, 2019 (*Council's appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Becky Carter (*not eligible to succeed*) on the Animal Control Advisory Board for a term that expires on October 15, 2019 (*Council's appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Dr. Rene LeFranc (*does not desire reappointment*) on the Animal Control Advisory Board for a term that expires on October 15, 2019 (*Veterinary Association Nomination*). There were none. Councilor Allen nominated Dr. Rene LeFranc for another term if the Veterinary Association makes a recommendation to succeed.

A nominee for the seat of Dr. Keri Riddick (*does not desire reappointment*) on the Animal Control Advisory Board for a term that expires on October 15, 2019 (*Veterinary Association Nomination*). There were none. Councilor Allen nominated Dr. Keri Riddick for another term if the Veterinary Association makes a recommendation to succeed.

#### **B. BOARD OF HONOR:**

A nominee for the seat of Milton Hirsch (*does not desire reappointment*) on the Board of Honor for a term that expires on October 31, 2019 (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Barnes nominated David Ebron to fill the seat of Milton Hirsch.

#### **C. DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:**

A nominee for the seat of Stephen Butler (*eligible to succeed*) on the Downtown Development Authority for a term that expires on August 15, 2019 (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Allen nominated Stephen Butler to serve another term.

A nominee for the seat of Kriss Cloninger (*eligible to succeed*) on the Downtown Development Authority for a term that expires on August 15, 2019 (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Crabb nominated Brad Coppedge to fill the seat of Kriss Cloninger.

A nominee for the seat of Billy Blanchard (*eligible to succeed*) on the Downtown Development Authority for a term that expires on August 15, 2019 (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Allen nominated Billy Blanchard to serve another term.

A nominee for the seat of Allen Taber (*eligible to succeed*) on the Downtown Development Authority for a term that expires on August 15, 2019 (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Allen nominated Allen Taber to serve another term.

#### **D. LAND BANK AUTHORITY:**

A nominee for the seat of Lance Hemmings (*eligible to succeed; interested in serving another term*) on the Land Bank Authority for a term that expires on October 31, 2019 (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Allen nominated Lance Hemmings to serve another term.

#### **E. PERSONNEL REVIEW BOARD:**

A nominee for the vacant seat of an alternate member on the Personnel Review Board for a term that expires on December 31, 2022 (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

#### **F. TREE BOARD:**

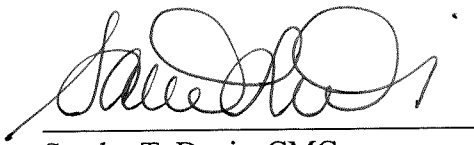
A nominee for the seat of Candice L. Wayman (*not eligible to succeed*) on the Tree Board for a term that expires on July 1, 2019 (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

**G. UPTOWN FACADE BOARD:**

A nominee for the seat of Wayne Bond (*eligible to succeed; interested in serving another term*) on the Uptown Facade Board for a term that expires on October 31, 2019 (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Thomas nominated Wayne Bond to serve another term.

A nominee for the seat of Ramon Brown (*eligible to succeed; interested in serving another term*) on the Uptown Facade Board for a term that expires on October 31, 2019 (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Allen nominated Ramon Brown to serve another term.

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Councilor Garrett to adjourn the August 13, 2019 Council Meeting, seconded by Councilor Allen and carried unanimously by seven members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the vote and Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh and Councilor Huff being absent for the meeting, and the time being 2:07 p.m.



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