

COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

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

October 8, 2019
 9:00 AM
 Regular Meeting

M A Y O R ’ S A G E N D A

PRESENT: Mayor B. H. “Skip” Henderson, III, Mayor Pro Tem Evelyn Turner Pugh and Councilors R. Gary Allen, Jerry “Pops” Barnes, Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis, R. Walker Garrett, John M. House, Bruce Huff (arrived at 9:13 a.m.), Judy W. Thomas and Evelyn “Mimi” Woodson. City Manager Isaiah Hugley, City Attorney Clifton Fay, Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis and Deputy Clerk Pro Tem Tameka Colbert.

The following documents were distributed around the Council table: (1) Personal Care Home/Foster Care Homes Update (2) Short Term Vacation Rental (STVR) Update (3) 2019 Information Technology Update

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Minister Vanessa Ford - Greater Mount Zion Baptist Church.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by GEAR Up Program.

1. **MINUTES:** Approval of minutes for the September 24, 2019 Council Meeting. Councilor Allen made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor Thomas and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent for the vote.

2. **REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION:** Transition Audit of the Clerk of Recorder’s Court. Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Councilor Barnes and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent for the vote.

3. **REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION:** Transition and Compliance Audit of the Vendors with the TIMS contract. Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Councilor Barnes and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent for the vote.

(At the request of Mayor Henderson, the following item listed on the City Manager’s agenda was called up as the next order of business. The Mayor’s agenda is continued below.)

CITY MANAGER’S AGENDA:

2. MARRIOTT EXPANSION PROJECT

Resolution (324-19) - A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, to execute a memorandum of understanding with the Development Authority of Columbus, GA (“authority”), Columbus Consolidated Government (“City”), and Family Holdings Sub, LLC (“developer”), for an expansion and renovation of the existing Marriott Columbus (“hotel”) in response to the authority’s solicitation for a development partner to construct and operate a hotel with a city-owned skybridge adjacent to the Columbus Georgia Convention & Trade Center (“Trade Center”).

Councilor Davis made a request to abstain from voting on the resolution. Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh made a motion to allow Councilor Davis to abstain, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent for the vote.

Upon his arrival, Councilor Huff made a request to abstain from voting on the resolution. Councilor Allen made a motion to allow Councilor Huff to abstain, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote.

Councilor Barnes moved approval of the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Davis and Huff abstaining from the vote.

Approval is requested to execute the Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) for the expansion of the Marriott between the Development Authority of Columbus, GA, (“Authority”) the Columbus Consolidated Government (“City”) and Family Holdings Sub, LLC (“Developer”). The owners of Marriott, through a related entity, the Developer has agreed to construct an expansion of the Marriott and invest in a substantial renovation of the existing Marriott. The substantive terms of the incentives and obligations involved in such expansion are contained in the MOU for the purpose of maximizing the impact that the Trade Center has on the community by expanding and improving the Marriott.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Would like to see an amendment where some parking is included along with this improvement. (*Request of Councilor Crabb*)

Russ Carreker came forward to answer questions and address the concerns of Council.

Trade Center Executive Director Hayley Tillery, CEO of the Columbus Convention and Visitors Bureau Peter Bowden and Executive Vice President of Economic Development Brian Sillito came forward to make further comments regarding the construction of upcoming infrastructure.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh announced her retirement effective October 31, 2019. Several individuals present in the Council Chambers including family members shared encouraging words and expressed their gratitude to Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh.

Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh nominated Valerie Thompson to fill her unexpired term, effective November 1, 2019, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

ADD-ON RESOLUTION:

Resolution (325-19) - A Resolution appointing Valerie A. Thompson to serve as a member of the Columbus Council effective November 1, 2019, to serve through the Special Election in May 2020 pursuant to the Columbus Charter.

Valerie Thompson came forward to greet the Mayor and Council and also express her gratitude for the appointment.

Congressman Sanford Bishop approached Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh to present her with a plaque.

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA:

ORDINANCES:

(1) 2nd Reading – Ordinance (19-047) - An Ordinance rezoning property located at **2443, 2705 and 2713 Norris Road** (parcel #'s 068-050-002 / 003 / 004). The current zoning is SFR2 (Single Family Residential 2) Zoning District. The proposed zoning is RO (Residential Office). The proposed use is Multifamily. The Planning Advisory Commission recommends **denial**. The Planning Department recommends **conditional approval**. The applicant is JC Homes and Development.

Councilor Crabb made a motion to amend the ordinance to include the following conditions, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

1. A 60-foot undisturbed buffer shall be maintained along the western property line, except for the removal of dead trees during construction as specified by the City Arborist.
2. No more than 32 units shall be permitted.
3. A 30-foot minimum buffer shall be maintained on the north property line.
4. A 30-foot minimum buffer shall be maintained on the south property line.
5. Lighting shall not be facing towards or into buffer areas.
6. The property subject to rezoning shall be limited to use as condominiums and/or townhouse units.
7. The minimum square footage per unit shall be 1600 square feet.
8. Construction hours shall be limited to 7am - 7pm, Monday through Saturday.
9. No dumpsters allowed except during construction and no dumping of dumpsters except between the hours of 7am and 7pm Monday through Friday.
10. Developer shall file a letter of Notice of Filing Declaration of Restrictive Covenants with the Planning Department prior to issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy.

Councilor Crabb moved to adopt the ordinance as amended, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the ten members present. *(Councilor Allen was not at his respective seat during the vote; however, upon his return requested his vote be cast in the affirmative.)*

(2) 2nd Reading – Ordinance (19-048): An Ordinance rezoning property located at 2932, 2938 and 2944 Macon Road. The current zoning is RO (Residential Office). The proposed zoning is NC (Neighborhood Commercial). The proposed use is Commercial, Fast Food Restaurant. The Planning Advisory Commission and the Planning Department recommend **approval**. The applicant is Steven Faulkner. Councilor Thomas moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the ten members present. *(Councilor Allen was not at his respective seat during the vote; however, upon his return requested his vote be cast in the affirmative.)*

(3) 1st Reading - An ordinance rezoning property located at 3025 and 3021 Macon Road (parcels # 067-029-019 and 067-029-020). The current zoning is NC (Neighborhood Commercial) zoning district. The proposed zoning is GC (General Commercial) zoning district. The proposed use is auto/truck repair, minor. The Planning Advisory Commission recommends **approval** based on the Staff Report and compatibility with existing land uses. The Planning Department recommends **approval** based on compatibility with existing land uses. The applicant is Ernie Smallman.

Mr. Ernie Smallman came forward to clarify the exact location of the proposed rezoning.

(4) 1st Reading - An ordinance rezoning property located at 8501 Fortson Road (parcel # 084-001-009 and 074-001-022). The current zoning is GC (General Commercial) zoning district. The proposed zoning is PUD (Planned Unit Development) with conditions zoning district. The proposed use is Single Family Detached Homes. The Planning Advisory Commission recommends **approval** based on the Staff Report and compatibility with existing land uses. The Planning Department recommends **conditional approval** based on compatibility with existing land uses. The applicant is Allen Development Group.

(5) 1st Reading - An ordinance rezoning property located at 120 20th Street (parcel # 006-012-004 / 006-007-001 / 006-008-001 / 006-013-003 / 006-012-001). The current zoning is Residential Multifamily 2 (RMF2) zoning district. The proposed zoning is Residential Office (RO) with conditions zoning district. The proposed use is multifamily. The Planning Advisory Commission and the Planning Department recommend **conditional approval**. The applicant is Verona Campbell.

(6) 1st Reading - An ordinance regulating vehicular traffic in Columbus, Georgia by establishing a "No Parking Anytime" zone along the east and west sections of Garrett Road from the north transition of Chattsworth Road to the south transition of Macon Road; and for other purposes.

(7) 1st Reading - An ordinance regulating vehicular traffic in Columbus, Georgia by establishing a "No Parking Anytime" zone along the east and west curbs of Old Brim Road from the south curb of Chattsworth Road to the end of Old Brim Road; and for other purposes.

(8) 1st Reading - An ordinance regulating vehicular traffic in Columbus, Georgia by establishing a "No Parking Anytime" zone along the east and west curbs of Osceola Court from the south curb of Chattsworth Road running south to the end of Osceola Court; and for other purposes.

(9) 1st Reading - An ordinance regulating vehicular traffic in Columbus, Georgia by establishing a "No Parking Anytime" zone along the north and south section of Yarbrough Road from the west curb of Garrett Road and running west 0.324 miles to the start of the horizontal curve of Yarbrough Road; and for other purposes.

(10) 1st Reading - An ordinance regulating vehicular traffic in Columbus, Georgia by establishing a "No Parking Anytime" zone along the west and east curbs of 10th Armored Division Road from the east curb of Technology Parkway to the end of 10th Armored Division Road at the access control point to Fort Benning; and for other purposes.

(11) 1st Reading - An ordinance regulating vehicular traffic in Columbus, Georgia by establishing a "No Parking Anytime" zone along the north and south curbs of Chattsworth Road starting from the east curb of Technology Parkway to the south transition of Macon Road; and for other purposes.

Director of Engineering Donna Newman came forward to speak in regard to the parking issues in this area.

(12) 1st Reading - An ordinance amending Columbus Code Section 20-13.11(b) (1) pertaining to repeal and replace the map of the Uptown parking management district to change the parking time limits from two hours to four hours in the blocks of First Avenue between 11th Street and 12th Street; and for other purposes.

Jerome Rowe, 9951 Chattsworth Road came forward to express his concerns regarding parking and littering in this area.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Take a look at the parking hours changing from 2 hours to 4 hours on 11th and 12th Street.
(Request of Councilor Thomas)

- When that information is brought back, I would like it to be brought back in a Work Session. *(Request of Councilor Woodson)*

(13) 1st Reading - An ordinance providing for the demolition of structures; and for other purposes.

John Hudgison, Director of Inspections and Codes came forward to provide additional information on the proposed demolitions.

RESOLUTIONS:

(14) Resolution (326-19) - A resolution authorizing the issuance of Columbus, Georgia, Water and Sewerage Taxable Refunding Revenue Bonds, Series 2019, not to exceed \$52,000,000, as set forth in Council Resolution No. 316-19; and for other purposes. Councilor Davis moved approval of the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Allen being absent for the vote.

PUBLIC AGENDA:

{Public Comments were provided by the individuals listed below; unless otherwise stated.}

1. Mr. Robert Wright, Re: Destination Casino Resort. *No Action Taken*

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA (CONTINUED):

1. 2019 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Approval is requested for nine resolutions for the 2020 Legislative Session of the Georgia General Assembly, which the Mayor and Council deem appropriate.

1. PUBLIC UTILITIES AND PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM RESERVOIRS:

Resolution (327-19): A resolution requesting that the Local Legislative Delegation to the Georgia General Assembly consider amendments 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.

Councilor Davis made a motion to amend the resolution to add “water levels” after “water flows” in the body of the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the nine members of Council present, with Councilor Allen being absent for the vote.

Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution as amended, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Allen being absent for the vote.

The Columbus Consolidated Government is requesting that the legislative delegation consider amendments to or removal of exemptions to the Erosion and Sedimentation Act of 1975 for certain public utilities and public water system reservoirs so as to better protect public water system reservoirs such as Lake Oliver in Columbus, Georgia; and further requests the General Assembly and U.S. Corps of Engineers perform additional environmental studies at appropriate intervals to evaluate water flows, water quality siltation and sedimentation buildup on riverbanks in the Chattahoochee River above Columbus, Georgia. *(Request of Councilor Glenn Davis)*

Explanation:

The above amendments would ensure that water quality, water flows, siltation and sedimentation buildup on riverbanks in Lake Oliver and the Chattahoochee River above Columbus are appropriately monitored.

2. **CONSOLIDATION OF MARSHAL AND SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT:**

Resolution (328-19): A resolution requesting that the Local Legislative Delegation to the Georgia General Assembly introduce legislation to consolidate the Offices of Marshal of Municipal Court and Sheriff of Muscogee County to be effective at the completion of the term of the current Marshal.

Councilor Huff made a motion to have public referendum added to the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson.

After further discussion, Councilor Huff withdrew the motion and Councilor Woodson withdrew the second.

Councilor Davis made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Allen being absent for the vote.

The Columbus Consolidated Government is requesting that the legislative delegation to the Georgia General Assembly introduce legislation to consolidate the Offices of Marshal of Municipal Court and Sheriff of Muscogee County at the completion of the term of the current Marshal. *(Recommendation of the Public Safety Advisory Commission)*

Explanation:

The current Marshal has announced an intention to run for the Office of Sheriff of Muscogee County in 2020. The Council requests a consolidation of the Office of Marshal of Municipal Court and Sheriff of Muscogee County to be effective at the completion of the term of the current Marshal.

3. **THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE:**

Resolution (329-19): A resolution requesting that the Local Legislative Delegation to the Georgia General Assembly support HB 347 or similar legislation to amend OCGA Section 48-7-40.33 so as to shorten the original performance period from the current 12 months to 18 weeks; reduce the spending threshold from \$500,000 to \$100,000 in the aggregate during a taxable year; and further clarify parameters that define tier one and tier two counties in said legislation so as to provide additional allowance for the applicable incentive. Councilor Garrett made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Barnes and carried unanimously by the nine members present. *(Councilors Davis and House were not at their respective seats during the vote; however, upon their return requested their votes be cast in the affirmative.)*

The Columbus Consolidated Government is requesting the local legislative delegation to the Georgia General Assembly support HB 347 or similar legislation to amend OCGA Section 48-7-40.33 so as to shorten the original performance period from the current 12 months to 18 weeks; reduce the spending threshold from \$500,000 to \$100,000 in the aggregate during a taxable year; and further clarify parameters that define tier one and tier two counties in said legislation so as to provide additional allowance for the applicable incentive. *(Request of Councilor Judy Thomas and Executive Director of the River Center for Performing Arts)*

Explanation:

The Council supports amendment to OCGA Section 48-7-40.33 or legislation similar to HB 347 which provides better incentives such as spending thresholds and tax credits for musical or theatrical production companies in Georgia.

4. COUNTY SPECIAL LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX MAINTENANCE RESERVE:

Resolution (330-19): 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 Turner Pugh made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Allen being absent for the vote.

The Columbus Council is requesting that the legislative delegation consider amendments to the County Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax imposed by Part 1 of Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the official Code of Georgia Annotation to allow consolidated governments to expend up to 5% of the tax levied to be spent for future maintenance of the capital outlay projects approved by the referendum levying the tax. *(Request of Mayor Skip Henderson)*

Explanation:

Previous capital outlay projects in the Columbus Consolidated Government have demonstrated that when tax funds are expended on significant capital infrastructure, a maintenance reserve would greatly assist in improving the useful life and efficiency of such facilities and allow the better and more timely upkeep of projects built with taxpayer funds.

5. PREVENT FINANCIAL ABUSE OF SENIOR CITIZENS:

Resolution (331-19): A resolution requesting that the Local Legislative Delegation to the Georgia General Assembly introduce legislation similar to that passed in the State of Tennessee to assist banks, credit unions, and other financial institutions in fighting financial abuse of senior citizens. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh and carried unanimously by the nine members present. *(Councilor Thomas was not at her respective seat during the vote; however, upon her return requested her vote be cast in the affirmative.)*

The Council of Columbus, Georgia desires that the local legislative delegation to the Georgia General Assembly introduce legislation similar to that passed in the State of Tennessee to assist banks, credit unions, and other financial institutions in fighting financial abuse of senior citizens. *(Request of Councilor Jerry "Pops" Barnes)*

Explanation:

This legislation will prevent financial abuse of seniors which in 2017 incurred losses of \$1.7 billion due to scams and fraudulent activities.

6. PREEMPTION OF LOCAL BUILDING DESIGN STANDARDS:

Resolution (332-19): A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, opposing House Bill 302, preemption of local building design standards. Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the eight members present with Councilors Allen and Huff being absent

for the vote. *(Councilor Thomas was not at her respective seat during the vote; however, upon her return requested her vote be cast in the affirmative.)*

The Columbus Consolidated Government is requesting that the legislative delegation advocate against legislation that would preempt local building design standards. **(Request of the City Manager and Georgia Municipal Association)**

Explanation:

House Bill 302 would prohibit local governments from regulating “building design elements” in single or double family dwellings which could negatively impact economic development and remove the ability to make decisions that impact the standards established to preserve the community. Building design standards assure owners that their investment will be protected.

7. CASINO GAMING REFERENDUM:

Resolution (333-19) request that the local legislative delegation to the Georgia General Assembly introduce or support legislation 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 Turner Pugh made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried by a vote of seven to two, with Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh and Councilors Barnes, Garrett, House, Huff, Thomas and Woodson voting yes and Councilors Davis and Crabb voting no, with Councilor Allen being absent for the vote.

The Columbus Consolidated Government is requesting the legislative delegation introduce or support legislation to authorize a statewide referendum for a constitutional amendment to allow Georgia citizens to vote as to whether casino gaming should be allowed in Georgia for the purpose of Hope Scholarship funding. Further, if any such constitutional amendment is adopted, this Council requests a local referendum be established for approval or rejection of any such casino gaming in Muscogee County. ***(Request of Mayor Pro Tem Evelyn Turner Pugh and Councilor Evelyn Mimi Woodson/Carry Over From Previous Years)***

Explanation:

To provide Hope Scholarships to college bound students to ensure that a lack of funding does not prevent them from going to college, staying in college and graduating from college.

8. PERSONAL CARE HOMES (Prompt Notification of Local Authorities Upon Licensing):

Resolution (334-19) – A resolution requesting that the Local Legislative Delegation to the Georgia General Assembly 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 and used above. Councilor Davis made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Allen being absent for the vote.

The Columbus Consolidated Government respectfully requests that the local legislative delegation 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 or licensing changes of child-caring institutions, foster care homes, and personal care homes as defined and used above. ***(Requested by Councilor Glenn Davis/Carry Over From Previous Years)***

Explanation:

This Council recognizes that the State of Georgia licenses facilities for various types of assistance for both children and adults in a home-like setting. Notification of county agencies and officials is often lacking at the time licenses to such facilities are granted by the State, including but not limited to, "child-caring institutions" defined at O.C.G.A. Section 49-5-3, "foster care homes" as defined at O.C.G.A. Section 49-5-60, and "personal care homes" as used in O.C.G.A. Section 25-2-13. The lack of awareness of the licensed facilities or changes in licensing status may prevent local governmental entities from acting promptly to protect the health and welfare of those persons in such facilities. The Council hereby requests that the local legislative delegation introduce a state-wide bill to require prompt notification to certain county/ municipal officials upon licensing or changes in license status of child-caring institutions, foster care homes, and personal care homes by the State of Georgia.

9. **PERSONAL CARE HOMES (Minimum Staffing Requirement):**

Resolution (335-19) – A resolution requesting that the Local Legislative Delegation to the Georgia General Assembly 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. Councilor Davis made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Allen being absent for the vote.

The Columbus Consolidated Government is requesting the local legislative delegation to the Georgia General Assembly 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. We also request that the local delegation to the Georgia General Assembly require that all such child-caring institutions, foster care homes, and personal care homes be accredited by a national accrediting body such as COA or CARF. *(Requested by Councilor Glenn Davis/Carry Over From Previous Years)*

Explanation:

The Council supports legislation to require better staffing and training for personal care homes operated in Columbus and the State of Georgia.

3. **SANITARY SEWER EASEMENT FOR COLUMBUS POLICE DEPARTMENT NORTH PRECINCT**

Resolution (336-19) - A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, authorizing the execution of a Sanitary Sewer Easement and Revocable License Agreement with the State of Georgia for the installation and maintenance of a sanitary sewer that will serve the Columbus Police Department North Precinct located at 8395 Beaver Run Road. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Barnes and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Allen being absent for the vote.

Approval is requested to obtain a Sanitary Sewer Easement from the State of Georgia for the installation of a new sanitary sewer that will serve the Columbus Police Department North Precinct. The City will be responsible for the cost of installation of the sanitary sewer and any applicable fees as required by the State.

4. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH HOUSING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS (HACG) FOR WERACOBIA CREEK FLOOD STUDY

Resolution (337-19) - a resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, authorizing the City to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Housing Authority of Columbus Georgia. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Allen being absent for the vote.

Approval is requested to enter into a MOU with the Housing Authority of Columbus Georgia to engage the City's On-call Engineering Consultant to perform a Flood Study on Weracoba Creek. The City will be responsible for the cost of the engineering study estimated at \$146,150 with the HACG agreeing to reimburse the City \$27,816 plus additional cost of fees associated with their property.

5. FY 20 LOCAL GOVERNMENT & IMPROVEMENT GRANT (LMIG)

Resolution (338-19) - A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, authorizing the Mayor to make application and receive the FY 2020 Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant (LMIG) from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT). Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Barnes and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Allen being absent for the vote.

Approval is requested to submit an application and accept FY 20 Local Government & Improvement Grant (LMIG) from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT). LMIG is the GDOT program that provides funding to counties for resurfacing and other capital transportation projects. The proposal is to use FY 20 funds toward the Williams Road/Fortson Road Roundabout Project.

6. DONATION OF CITY PROPERTY TO THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE I-185 @ CS2228/BUENA VISTA ROAD DIVERGING DIAMOND INTERCHANGE P.I.#0012577, MUSCOGEE COUNTY PROJECT

Resolution (339-19) - A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, to donate city property to the Georgia Department of Transportation (G.D.O.T.) for project i-185 at cs2228/Buena Vista road Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI) PI# 0012577. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Barnes and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Allen being absent for the vote.

Approval is requested for the approval of the City of Columbus, Georgia to donate Right of Way Deeds on four (4) parcels belonging to the City of Columbus, Georgia for the I-185 @ CS2228/Buena Vista Road Diverging Diamond Interchange P.I.#0012577, Muscogee county Project.

7. METRA TRANSIT SYSTEM PARTNERSHIP WITH GOOGLE

Resolution (340-19) - A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, approving the signing of a Google Transit Agreement between CCG/METRA and google. Councilor Barnes made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Allen being absent for the vote.

Approval is requested for METRA to enter into an agreement with Google which will allow METRA to upload its routes, bus stops and bus schedules to the Google Maps platform free of charge.

8. HAWKS FOUNDATION GRANTS

Resolution (341-19) - A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, to authorize Parks and Recreation Department to apply for grants available through the Hawks Foundation and Georgia Recreation and Parks Association. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Allen being absent for the vote.

Approval is requested to allow Parks and Recreation to apply for grants available through the Hawks Foundation and Georgia Recreation and Parks Association. GRPA member agencies can apply for up to \$1,400 for needs-based scholarship registration and agencies may also apply for up to \$1,000 for starting a basketball special needs program.

9. PURCHASES:

A. Drug Testing Supplies and Equipment for Accountability Courts

Resolution (342-19) - A resolution authorizing payments to Thermo Fisher Scientific (Waltham, MA), for recurring costs for drug testing supplies and equipment, in the approximate amount of \$75,000.00 per year. The periodic costs cover, as needed purchases, of drug testing supplies and equipment, required by accountability courts such as: Adult Felony Drug Court, Juvenile Court, Mental Health Court and Veterans Court. Councilor Garrett made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Allen being absent for the vote.

B. Motorcycle Helmet Mic Systems – RFB No. 20-0009

Resolution (343-19) - A resolution authorizing the purchase of nineteen (19) liberator portable wireless motorcycle helmet mic systems in the amount of \$22,535.55, from Pinnacle Peak Holding Corporation d/b/a Setcom Corporation (Austin, Tx), for use by officers of the Columbus Police Department Motorcycle Squad. Councilor Garrett made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Allen being absent for the vote.

C. Architectural and Engineering Services for Second (2nd) Avenue Streetscape Study P.I. #0016424 – RFP No. 19-0019

Resolution (344-19) - A resolution authorizing the execution of a negotiated contract with Aecom Technical Services, Inc. (Atlanta, GA) for architectural and engineering services for the 2nd Avenue Streetscape Study P.I. #0016424. The firm's cost proposal is within the \$200,000.00 amount budgeted for this project. Councilor Garrett made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Allen being absent for the vote.

D. Repair Services For Ambulance

Resolution (345-19) - A resolution authorizing payment to Nextran Truck Centers (Macon, GA) in the estimated amount of \$21,953.36, to cover repair services for an ambulance, vehicle #3224. Councilor Garrett made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Allen being absent for the vote.

E. Repair Services For Fire Truck

Resolution (346-19) - A resolution authorizing payment to Cummins Sales and Service (Albany, GA) in the estimated amount of \$20,733.30, to cover repair services for a fire truck, vehicle #3206. Councilor Garrett made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Allen being absent for the vote.

F. Replacement Arena Light Fixtures For The Civic Center

Resolution (347-19) - A resolution authorizing the purchase of replacement arena light fixtures from Payne Sparkman, Inc., (new Albany, in) in the amount of \$14,950.00, plus estimated freight cost in the amount of \$1,380.00. Councilor Garrett made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Allen being absent for the vote.

G. Surplus Voting Equipment

Resolution (348-19) - A resolution authorizing the declaration as surplus, the voting equipment shown on the attached lists in accordance with Section 7-501 of the Charter of Columbus Consolidated Government. Councilor Garrett made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Allen being absent for the vote.

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

(A) Information Technology Update - Forrest Toelle, Information Technology Director

Forrest Toelle, Information Technology Director came forward to update the Mayor and Council with a powerpoint presentation on Personal Care Homes.

(B) Personal Care Homes Update - John Hudgison, Inspections and Codes Director

John Hudgison, Inspections and Codes Director came forward to update the Mayor and Council with a powerpoint presentation on Personal Care Homes.

(C) Short Term Vacation Rentals Update - John Hudgison, Inspections and Codes Director

John Hudgison, Inspections and Codes Director remained at the rostrum to update the Mayor and Council with a powerpoint presentation on short term vacation rentals.

BID ADVERTISEMENT

October 9, 2019

Tree Removal & Stump Grinding/Removal Services (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 20-0012
Scope of Bid

Provide Columbus Consolidated Government with professional services on an “as needed” basis for the following options:

Option 1) Remove trees (and all related debris) throughout the City on an “as needed” basis.

Option 2) Provide stump grinding/removal services throughout the City on an “as needed” basis.

Vendors may bid on either or both options. The contract term will be for two (2) years with the option to renew for three (3) additional twelve-month periods.

Inmate Work Vans (Commercial Cutaway) – RFB No. 20-0014

Scope of Bid

Provide ten (10) inmate work vans (commercial cutaway) to be used by the Parks and Recreation Department staff to transport inmates and pull equipment trailers for lawn mowers and equipment.

Transmissions & Transmission Services for Public Works (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 20-0011

Scope of Bid

Provide repair/rebuild services for various types of transmissions for Public Works Department - on an “as needed” basis.

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

October 11, 2019

Medical Evaluation Services for Columbus Fire & EMS Department (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 20-0006

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government invites qualified firms to submit proposals for medical evaluation services for employees of the Fire & EMS Department on an “as needed” basis.

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

Construction Manager as General Contractor Services for Columbus Government Center Complex – RFQ No. 20-0002

Scope of RFQ

Columbus Consolidated Government (“Owner”) is soliciting statements of qualifications from firms interested in providing construction manager as general contractor services for Columbus Government Center Complex.

This Request for Qualifications (RFQ) seeks to identify the most qualified potential providers of the above-mentioned services. Some firms which respond to this RFQ, and who are determined by the Owner to be especially qualified, may be deemed eligible and may be invited to offer proposals for these services.

October 16, 2019

Full-Size Crew Cab 4WD Pickup Truck – RFB No. 20-0015

Scope of Bid

Provide one (1) full-size crew cab 4WD pickup truck to be used by Engineering Department inspectors for various site inspections.

Full-Size Crew Cab 2WD Pickup Truck – RFB No. 20-0016
Scope of Bid

Provide one (1) full-size crew cab 2WD pickup truck to be used by Traffic Shop staff to transport and put out traffic counters, as also as a backup vehicle for the Sign Truck.

Mini-Hydraulic Excavator – RFB No. 20-0017
Scope of Bid

Provide one (1) mini-hydraulic excavator to be used by Rainwater Division staff to grade storm water ditches throughout Muscogee County.

Utility Vehicle 4WD – RFB No. 20-0018
Scope of Bid

Provide one (1) utility vehicle 4WD to be used by Landfill staff traveling throughout all closed and open landfills operated by Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) while evaluating landfills for repairs and compliance work.

CLERK OF COUNCIL’S AGENDA:

ENCLOSURES - INFORMATION ONLY

- 1. Albright, Fortenberry & Ninas, LLP submittal of the audited Financial Statements and Compliance Reports for the Columbus Department of Public Health for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2019.

ENCLOSURES, ACTION REQUESTED:

- 2. **Minutes of the following board:**
Animal Control Advisory Board, July 9, 2019 and August 2, 2019.
Board of Tax Assessors, #34-19 and #35-19.
Civic Center Advisory Board, September 19, 2019.
Columbus Golf Authority, August 27, 2019.
Columbus Ironworks Convention & Trade Center Authority, August 22, 2019.
Development Authority, September 5, 2019.
Hospital Authority, August 27, 2019.
Personnel Review Board, September 18, 2019.
Public Safety Advisory Committee, June 20, 2019, July 18, 2019 and August 15, 2019.

Councilor Woodson made a motion to receive the minutes, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Allen and Davis being absent for the vote.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS- ACTION REQUESTED:

- 3. **MAYOR’S APPOINTMENTS FOR CONFIRMATION:**

A. ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD:

Jayne Dunn has been nominated to succeed Timothy Butts on the Animal Control Advisory Board- New Term Expires: October 15, 2021 (*Councilor Garrett’s nominee*). Councilor Woodson moved confirmation, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Allen being absent for the vote.

Lindsay Ellis has been nominated to succeed Becky Carter- on the Animal Control Advisory-Board New Term Expires: October 15, 2021 (*Councilor Garrett's nominee*). Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh moved confirmation, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Allen being absent for the vote.

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

A. **PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION:**

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.

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

A. **REGION SIX REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES:**

A nominee for the seat of Edward Barnwell (*resigned*) on the Region Six regional Advisory Council for Department of Behavioral Health and Development Disabilities for a term that expires on June 30, 2021 (*Council's appointment*). There were none.

B. **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.

C. **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.

UPCOMING BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

- ~ Airport Commission
- ~ Convention and Visitors Board of Commissioners
- ~ Board of Tax Assessors
- ~ Board of Elections and Registration
- ~ Personnel Review Board
- ~ Recreation Advisory Board
- ~ The Medical Center Hospital Authority
- ~ Tree Board

PUBLIC AGENDA- UPCOMING EVENTS:

1. Ms. Betty Lindsey, representing the Exchange Club of Columbus, Re: The Annual Foot Long Hotdog Jamboree on October 17 – 19, 2019. (*Did not appear*)

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At the request of City Attorney Fay, Councilor Crabb made a motion to go into executive session to discuss a litigation matter and security plans, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Allen being absent for the vote with the time being 1:22 p.m.

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 2:04 p.m., at which time, Mayor Henderson announced that the Council did meet in executive session to discuss a litigation matter and security plans; however, there were no votes taken.

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

- Would like a spread sheet that shows all of the tax abatements and exceptions, when that money will come back to us and how much money will we get back. (*Request of Councilor Woodson*)

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Councilor Huff advised that the Community Meeting for District 3 regarding the proposed changes to trash pickup and I-185 interchange will be held at Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

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

- Bring options on what can be done about trash that is left behind after an eviction. (*Request of Councilor Davis*)

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Councilor Garrett to adjourn the October 8, 2019 Regular Meeting, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Allen having left the meeting with the time being 2:08 p.m.



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