

- MINUTES -

**BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE**



Councilor Judy W. Thomas- Chairperson

Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen

Councilors: Jerry “Pops” Barnes, Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis,  
R. Walker Garrett, John M. House, Bruce Huff, Valerie A. Thompson  
and Evelyn ‘Mimi’ Woodson

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May 26, 2020 / 3:00 PM /  
Columbus Civic Center  
400 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Columbus, GA 31906

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I. CALL TO ORDER - Chairperson Judy W. Thomas

II. ROLL CALL - Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis

**PRESENT:** Chairperson Judy W. Thomas and Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen and Councilors Jerry ‘Pops’ Barnes, Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis (arrived at 3:06 p.m.), R. Walker Garrett, John M. House, Bruce Huff (arrived at 3:10 p.m.), Valerie A. Thompson and Evelyn ‘Mimi’ Woodson. Mayor B. H. “Skip” Henderson, III, City Manager Isaiah Hugley, Deputy City Manager Pamela Hodge, City Attorney Clifton Fay, Finance Director Angelica Alexander and Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis. Deputy Clerk Pro Tem Tameka Colbert was present via live streaming.

**A G E N D A**

1. ADD/DELETE List

ADD/DELETE LIST Item #1: VOTE RESULT: Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the deletion of Funding Correction for real estate position in the amount of \$59,494. Seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

ADD/DELETE LIST Item #2: VOTE RESULT: Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve Fire & EMS- Reclassify one (1) Fire Payroll Technician G12 to Employment Coordinator G14. Seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

ADD/DELETE LIST Item #3: VOTE RESULT: Councilor Barnes made a motion to approve Police- Reclassify one (1) Police HR Technician G12 to Employment Coordinator G14. Seconded by Council Woodson and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

ADD/DELETE LIST Item #4: VOTE RESULT: Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve Sheriff- Reclassify three (3) Communication Technician III G10 to Communication Technician III G11. Seconded by Councilor Barnes and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

ADD/DELETE LIST Items #11: VOTE RESULT: Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the deletion of one (1) Full-Size SUV in the amount of \$46,067. Seconded by Councilor Barnes and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

ADD/DELETE LIST Items #14: VOTE RESULT: Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the deletion of reducing Oxbow Creek subsidy by \$50,000 and increase Bull Creek subsidy by \$50,000. This action also DELETES Item #1 on Page 3- Increase Bull Creek General Fund subsidy by \$50,000 in Other Funds and Item #2 on Page 3- Reduce Oxbow Creek General Fund subsidy by \$50,000 in Other Funds. Seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

**ADD/DELETE LIST ITEMS DELAYED UNTIL SEPTEMBER 2020 BUDGET REVIEW  
MEETING:**

After members of the committee offered items to be delayed for further review until September 2020, Finance Director Angelica Alexander reiterated the list to be delayed and is provided as follows:

**PAGE ONE (GENERAL FUND):**

**ITEM #5:** District Attorney- Add one (1) Full-Time Victim Advocate G14 - \$46,940 (General Fund)

**ITEM #8:** Public Defender- Increase Operating Expenses for Travel, Office Supplies and Records & Documents - \$8,684 (General Fund)

**ITEM #9:** Non-Departmental- CIP Transfer – Building Improvements for Police Public Safety Building - \$100,000 (General Fund)

**ITEM #10:** Police Department- Increase Clothing Allowance from \$600 yearly to \$1,000 annually for 115 Officers - \$42,414 (General Fund)

**ITEM #12:** Clerk of Superior Court- Add one (1) Full-Time Deputy Clerk II - \$43,084 (General Fund)

**ITEM #13:** Clerk of Council- Purchase Board Management Software - \$14,700 (General Fund)

**ITEM #15:** Police Department- Update Police Longevity Pay Reform to \$3,500 for Year 3 - \$96,991 (General Fund)

**PAGE TWO (OLOST FUNDS):**

**ITEM #2:** Police Department- Purchase thirty-one (31) Vehicles with 26 Installation Packages - \$1,395,511 (OLOST Fund)

Mayor Pro Tem Allen then made a motion to delay these remaining items on the ADD/DELETE list until September 2020. Seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the ten members of present.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REMOVED FROM THE LIST FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION:

**PAGE ONE (GENERAL FUND):**

**ITEMS #6 and #7:** Councilor Davis made a motion to approve an update to the Sheriff Longevity Pay Reform to \$3,500 for Years 5 – 30 for Deputy Sheriff (PS14) Positions ONLY in the amount of \$136,414 and delete three (3) Deputy Sheriff (PS14) Positions to offset update to Sheriff Longevity Pay Reform for Deputy Sheriff (PS14) Positions in the amount of \$149,778. Seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

**PAGE TWO (OLOST FUNDS):**

**ITEM #1:** Fire & EMS- Purchase nine (9) Lifepak Defibrillators - \$342,000 (OLOST Fund)

Councilor Davis made a motion to place Fire & EMS- Purchase nine (9) Lifepak Defibrillators - \$342,000 (OLOST Fund) on the list of items to be delayed until September. Seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

**PAGE THREE (OTHER FUNDS):**

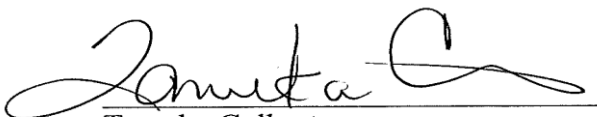
**ITEM #3:** Councilor Davis made a motion to increase the Development Authority Allocation to Support CCVB - \$350,000 (Other Fund) with repayment terms. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

Finance Director Angelica Alexander provided the Committee with a calendar update, which is as follows:

- FY21 Budget Advertisement – June 2, 2020
- Advertisement of Public Hearings related to Taxpayer Bill of Rights – June 2, 2020
- 1<sup>st</sup> Taxpayer Bill of Rights Hearing – June 9, 2020 @ 9:00 a.m.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Taxpayer Bill of Rights Hearing – June 9, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.
- Special Called Meeting – June 16, 2020 @ 9:00 a.m.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Taxpayer Bill of Rights Hearing – June 16, 2020
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of the Budget Ordinance – June 16, 2020
- 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of the Millage Ordinance – June 16, 2020
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of the Millage Ordinance – June 23, 2020

Finance Director Alexander concluded her remarks by advising that the fund balance estimated reserve days beginning balance was at 72.52 days and at the conclusion of today's meeting, we would have 72.66 days.

With there being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Thomas declared the adjournment of the May 26, 2020 Budget Review Committee Meeting, with the time being 4:32 p.m.



Tameka Colbert  
Deputy Clerk Pro Tem