

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

Columbus Convention & Trade Center  
801 Front Avenue, South Hall  
Columbus, Georgia 31901

January 26, 2021  
5:30 PM  
Regular Meeting

**MAYOR’S A G E N D A**

**PRESENT:** Mayor B. H. “Skip” Henderson, III and Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen and Councilors Jerry “Pops” Barnes, Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis, John M. House, Bruce Huff, Judy W. Thomas, Toyia Tucker, and Evelyn “Mimi” Woodson (arrived at 5:34 p.m.). City Manager Isaiah Hugley, City Attorney Clifton Fay, Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis and Deputy Clerk of Council Lindsey G. McLemore were present.

**ABSENT:** Councilor R. Walker Garrett was absent.

**The following documents were distributed around the Council table:** (1) Internal Audit Report of Traffic Incident Management Services (T.I.M.S.) Contractors; (2) Muscogee County Sheriff’s Office Budget Neutral Reorganizational Plan; (3) Rezoning Documents (REZN-11-20-2912; 2357 Warm Springs Road and 3705, 3713, 3721, 3803, 3809, 3817, 3823 and 3829 Gurley Drive); (4) Infrastructure Update Presentation; (5) Monthly Financial Snapshot (Unaudited) FY2021 – December 2020.

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

**INVOCATION:** Offered by Rev. Lynn Meadows-White at Pierce Chapel United Methodist Church of Columbus, Georgia

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Mayor Henderson

**MINUTES**

1. Approval of minutes for the January 5, 2021 Council Meeting. Councilor Davis made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote and Councilor Garrett being absent for the meeting.

**DREAM LIVES - DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CELEBRATION**

**Mayor B. H. “Skip” Henderson** commented on the success of the annual Dream Lives- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration despite the challenges presented by the current COVID-19 Pandemic. He thanked various organizations and expressed his deepest appreciation for the work of Civic Center Director Rob Landers.

**UPDATE:**

2. An update on COVID-19

**Mayor B. H. “Skip” Henderson** gave an update on the COVID-19 Pandemic and the impact of the surge experienced after the Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year Holidays, where at one point there were over 200 citizens hospitalized due to COVID-19. He encouraged the younger citizenship to wear face coverings and practice social distancing to protect the older citizens of the community. He addressed the vaccine that is being made available in phases, and the dedication of various healthcare organizations to ensure these vaccines get distributed in an efficient manner.

**PRESENTATIONS:** John Redmond, Internal Auditor & Compliance Officer

4. Departmental Transitional Audit:
  - Columbus Police Department
  - Fire/EMS Department
  - Marshal’s Office
  - Sheriff’s Office

**Internal Auditor John Redmond** requested transitional audits on various departments with new elected and appointed leadership. He explained Mayor Henderson is requesting the transitional audit of the Columbus Police Department and Fire/EMS Department, and newly elected Sheriff Greg Countryman is requesting the transitional audit on the Sheriff’s Office and the decommissioning of the Marshal’s Office.

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the transitional audits for the Columbus Police Department, Fire/EMS Department, Marshal’s Office, and Sheriff’s Office, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the meeting.

5. Cooperative Extension Service Annual Financial Audit for UGA

**Internal Auditor & Compliance Officer John Redmond** requested an annual financial audit of the Cooperative Extension Service for UGA.

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the Cooperative Extension Service Annual Financial Audit for UGA, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the meeting.

3. T. I.M.S. Contractor Compliance Audit

**Internal Auditor & Compliance Officer John Redmond** came forward to give a presentation on the compliance audit conducted on the contractors providing Traffic Incident Management Services (T.I.M.S.) to the Columbus Consolidated Government. He explained Griffin & Griffin Towing, Inc. was awarded the contract during the rebid process and due to unforeseen

circumstances, the contractor had to take over the contract with a day or two notice, which normally a transition such as this occurs over a month.

Internal Auditor & Compliance Officer Redmond went over several issues that were addressed, stating the contractor has dramatically improved services provided between March 2020 and September 2020. He did explain that Griffin & Griffin's storage lot needs to be larger based on the number of vehicles stored, which has been partially improved with the use of off-site storage of vehicles approved for auction.

## **CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA**

### **ORDINANCES**

1. **1st Reading- REZN-07-20-2104:** An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia; to rezone certain properties located at the following addresses from SFR1 (Single Family Residential 1) and NC (Neighborhood Commercial) Zoning District to GC (General Commercial) Zoning District with conditions: 4947,4951, 4955, 4959,4963, 4967, 4950, 4946, and 4942 Dekalb Drive; 4333,4339,4343,4347,4353,4357, and 4361 Hancock Road; and 8740, 8732, 8724, 8716, and 8708 Veterans Parkway. (Mayor Pro Tem)

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to delay the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of the ordinance until the second meeting in March 2021, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the meeting.

2. **1st Reading-REZN 11-20-2912:** An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia; this amendment changes certain boundaries of a district located at 2357 Warm Springs Road and 3705, 3713, 3721, 3803, 3809, 3817, 3823, and 3829 Gurley Drive from RO (Residential Office) Zoning District with conditions to GC (General Commercial) Zoning District with amended conditions. (Councilor Garrett).

Councilor Davis made a motion to amend the ordinance as presented to include a 3-year time frame of development or the zoning reverts back to RO (Residential Office), seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the meeting.

Prior to the vote to amend the ordinance, **Attorney George Mize** approached the rostrum and agreed to the added condition. He then explained the reasons for the proposed rezoning and planned use of the former Blue Cross Blue Shield office building located at 2332 Warm Springs Road. He explained the planned use is for an office and storage facility. He also responded to Councilor Crabb, explaining the back of the building will have 100 to 120 spaces for the storage of RVs.

**Planning Director Rick Jones** came forward to explain they have experienced some issues with including reversionary clauses to rezoning requests in the past. He suggested the condition read “office and storage use only”, stating that condition would allow the developer to do everything they are intending to do.

**Engineering Director Donna Newman** came forward to explain the purpose of the traffic signal in front of the property located at 2332 Warm Springs Road. She explained the traffic signal was installed to help with pedestrian traffic for those individuals who utilized the parking lot located across the street from the building.

**REFERRAL(S):**

**FOR THE CITY MANAGER:**

- Request to discuss concerns expressed by various councilors regarding the issue of putting restrictions on rezoning requests, the use of reversionary clauses, and the rights of property owners at a Work Session. (*Request of Mayor Henderson*)
- 3. Ordinance (21-002): 1st Reading-** An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 20-018, the budget for the fiscal year 2021 beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021, to reclassify certain positions of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia; and for other purposes. (Budget Review Committee) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the meeting.

**Muscogee County Sheriff Greg Countryman** approached the rostrum to explain the reasons for the budget amendment request, stating he has been working closely with the administration and plans to reorganize the structure of the Sheriff’s Department as it is consolidated with the Marshal’s Office. He stated the reclassifications being requested by the amendment are budget neutral.

- 4. Ordinance (21-003): 1st Reading-** An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 20-018, the budget of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia for the fiscal year 2021 beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021, to reclassify certain positions due to the consolidation of the Marshal’s Office into the Sheriff’s Office; and for other purposes. (Budget Review Committee) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the meeting.
- 5. Ordinance (21-004): 1st Reading-** An Ordinance providing a local supplement for Muscogee County Sheriff Gregory Countryman; and for other purposes. (Budget Review Committee) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the meeting.

**City Manager Isaiah Hugley** thanked Sheriff Countryman for his cooperation in reorganizing the department with budget neutral changes. He spoke briefly on the budget neutral local salary supplement being requested for \$20,888.61, specifically for Greg Countryman as Sheriff and based on his longevity for serving four 4-year terms as Marshal. He explained this supplement is not subject to COLAs or additional longevity increases. He stated the supplement is proper and fitting for Sheriff Countryman.

**Finance Director Angelica Alexander** approached the rostrum to explain the local supplement as it specifically applies to Sheriff Countryman. She explained there is base pay, longevity pay, a state supplement and a local supplement. She stated this is the first time a local supplement has been paid to a sheriff, but it is no different that the local supplements paid to other elected officials and various positions throughout the Columbus Consolidated Government.

6. **1st Reading-** An Ordinance amending the budgets for the fiscal year 2020 beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021, for certain funds of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, appropriating amounts shown in each fund for various activities; and for other purposes. (Budget Review Committee)

**Finance Director Angelica Alexander** approached the rostrum to explain the amendments to the FY2020 budget proposed in the ordinance.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

7. **Resolution (016-21):** A resolution amending Resolution No. 334-15 of the Council of Columbus, Georgia (“the Council”) to authorize the use of government purchasing or credit cards by the Clerk of Municipal Court. (Mayor Pro Tem) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the meeting.

## **PUBLIC AGENDA**

1. Ms. Pat Frey, representing United Way of the Chattahoochee Valley/Home for Good, Re: Home for Good was awarded ESG (Emergency Solutions Grant) CARES funding for Rapid Rehousing, Homelessness Prevention and Emergency Shelter for households who have lost or at risk of losing their home as a result of COVID 19.
2. Mr. Timothy Veals, Re: Trash in the neighborhood.

**City Manager Isaiah Hugley** addressed the concerns expressed by Mr. Veals regarding the lack of correspondence received in response to the complaints he has made about trash being dumped in various areas of the community.

**City Attorney Clifton Fay** stated the general ordinance penalty for littering is up to 90 days in jail and/or a fine up to \$1,000. He explained Recorder's Court Judges have the ability to include trash pick up as part of the offender's sentence.

**REFERRAL(S):**

**FOR THE CITY MANAGER:**

- Recently sent picture to City Manager. Ask Public Works to make sure if they notice trash has fallen on the ground while emptying trash cans to please pick it up. (*Request of Councilor Woodson*)

**FOR THE MAYOR**

- Find a creative way to address the trash problem in the City. (*Request of Councilor Davis*)

**CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA**

**1. Historic District Preservation Society Financial Donation**

**Resolution (017-21):** A resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept donated funds of \$840.00, or as otherwise awarded, from the Historic District Preservation Society, with no additional funds required. Councilor Davis made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the meeting.

**2. License Agreement with The Development Authority of Columbus, Georgia, Columbus Building Authority, Path-Tec, LLC, and the City of Columbus for the Temporary Use of .80 Acres for Parking in the Muscogee Technology Park**

**Resolution (018-21):** A resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a license agreement with the Development Authority of Columbus, Georgia (Authority), Columbus Building Authority (CBA), Path-Tec, LLC (Path-Tec), and the City of Columbus (City) for the temporary use of .80 acres for parking in the Muscogee Technology Park. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the meeting.

**3. Lease Agreement - 1600 2nd Ave.**

**Resolution (019-21):** A resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease agreement with Kenneth M. Henson, Jr. to lease the property at 1600 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue for \$2,000 per year for a period

of fifteen (15) years. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the meeting.

#### **4. Abandonment of Hospital Emergency Ambulance Radio (H.E.A.R) System**

**Resolution (020-21):** A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, authorizing the abandonment of the H.E.A.R. System that is no longer serviceable and declaring it surplus. Additionally, approval is requested for donation of the equipment to Piedmont Medical Center. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the meeting.

#### **5. PURCHASES**

##### **A. Annual Maintenance/Support: *ImageTrend* Patient Care Software for Fire/EMS**

**Resolution (021-21):** A resolution authorizing the payment to ImageTrend, Inc. (Lakeville, MN), in the amount of \$41,107.32, for the annual software support services fee. This payment will cover the period from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021. Additionally, it is requested that Council approve payment for the annual maintenance and support for future use of the software, at approximately \$41,000, including increases, which will be budgeted in the appropriate subsequent fiscal years. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the meeting.

##### **B. Extension of Traffic Signal Equipment (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 14-0018**

**Resolution (022-21):** A resolution authorizing the extension of the annual contract for traffic control equipment with Southern Lighting and Traffic (Cumming, GA), Temple, Inc. (Decatur, AL), and Utilicom Supply Associates (Norcross, GA) through February 28, 2021. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the meeting.

##### **C. Trolley Repairs Services for METRA**

**Resolution (023-21):** A resolution authorizing the payment to Cummins South, Inc. (Atlanta, GA), in the amount of \$25,047.24, for repair services required for Trolley 94. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the meeting.

##### **D. Replacement Call Recording System for the 311 Citizen's Service Center and the Tax Commissioner's Office – Cooperative Purchase**

**Resolution (024-21):** A resolution authorizing the purchase of a replacement call recording system from CDW Government, LLC (Chicago, IL) in the amount of \$24,986.01 for software/installation, and \$24,739.00 for the software license; for a total purchase amount of \$49,725.01. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchasing via Sourcewell Contract #081419-CDW. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the meeting.

## **6. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS**

A. Infrastructure Update - Pam Hodge, Deputy City Manager.

**Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge** approached the rostrum to give an update on various infrastructure projects. She updated the Council on the infrastructure projects that are completed and advised of the ones that are in progress, providing estimated timeframes for completion. She also gave information on projects that are still under development or design.

**City Manager Isaiah Hugley** asked the members of Council to help add roadway issues they notice in the community to the list of TSPLOST Projects.

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

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

- Check on the right-of-way project in the area of Illges Road. Also with regards to the Buena Vista Road Spiderweb Project, let's make contact with KFC to find out if there is a way to keep this restaurant in the area. *(Request of Councilor Huff)*
- Request to be part of the design process for the improvements to South Lumpkin Road and would like an update on the project. *(Request of Councilor Woodson)*
- Request for an update on the Steam Mill Road Corridor Study. *(Request of Councilor Tucker)*

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

- Have someone check on the intersection at Britt David and Armour Road by Britt David Park. *(Request of Councilor Davis)*
- Request for an update on projects on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month. *(Request of Councilor Huff)*

#### **FOR THE MAYOR:**

- Provide information on when the TSPLOST would be voted on. *(Request of Councilor Thomas)*
- Have a discussion on when the infrastructure project list is due for the TSPLOST, if approved. Include on the agenda for Council to discuss. *(Request of Councilor Thomas)*



B. Monthly Finance Update – Angelica Alexander, Finance Director.

**Finance Director Angelica Alexander** approached the rostrum to give a monthly finance update for the month of December 2020 and explained how the COVID-19 Pandemic has affected revenue.

**BID ADVERTISEMENT**

**January 29, 2021**

**1. Columbus Dragonfly Trails - Riverwalk to Martin Luther King, Jr. Connector – RFB No. 21-0017**

**Scope of Bid**

This project includes a new concrete multi-use trail that will connect the Riverwalk to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Trail. The new trail will run along 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 11<sup>th</sup> Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and 10<sup>th</sup> Street. The work includes reconstruction of existing ramps to the Riverwalk to provide for better pedestrian and cyclist access; curb and gutter; landscaping; signage; and striping.

**2. Consolidated Plan, Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area Plan, Annual Action Plan and Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing – RFP No. 21-0019**

**Scope of RFP**

The Columbus Consolidated Government is requesting proposals from qualified and experienced firms or individual consultants to carry out an involved planning process for the 2021-2026 Consolidated Plan, 2021-2026 Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area Plan, 2021 Annual Action Plan, and 2021 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice. The updated 5-year Consolidated Plan must be pursuant to Title 24 Codified Federal Regulations, Part 91.

**February 5, 2021**

**1. Soft Drink Concession/Columbus Civic Center & Ice Rink – RFP No. 21-0021**

**Scope of RFP**

The Columbus Consolidated Government is soliciting proposals from qualified offerors to provide exclusive soft drink concession at the Columbus Civic Center and Ice Rink. Anticipated contract to begin March 1, 2021, subject to change.

**CLERK OF COUNCIL’S AGENDA**

**ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED**

- RESOLUTION (025-21):** A resolution cancelling the February 2, 2021 Proclamation Session. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the meeting.

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

- Board of Tax Assessors, #46-20
- Board of Water Commissioners, December 14, 2020
- Board of Zoning Appeals, September 2 and October 7, 2020
- Columbus Ironworks Convention & Trade Center Authority, September 24, 2020
- Columbus Ironworks Convention & Trade Center Authority Special Called Meeting, October 9, 2020
- Columbus Ironworks Convention & Trade Center Authority, October 22, 2020
- Convention & Visitors Board of Commissioners, November 18, 2020
- Development Authority of Columbus, December 3 and 17, 2020

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to receive the minutes of various boards, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the meeting.

**RESOLUTION (ADD-ON) (026-21):** A resolution excusing Councilor R. Walker Garrett from the January 26, 2021 Council Meeting. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the meeting.

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED**

2. **MAYOR’S APPOINTMENTS- ANY NOMINATIONS MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:**

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

A nominee for the seat of Shikha Shah (*Resigned*) on the Columbus Ironworks Convention & Trade Center Authority for a term expiring on October 24, 2022 (*Mayor’s Appointment*). Mayor Henderson nominated Jessica Ferriter to fill the unexpired term of Shikha Shah. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the meeting.

**B. PENSION FUND, EMPLOYEES’ BOARD OF TRUSTEES:**

A nominee for the seat of Liliana McDaniel (*Does not desire reappointment*) as a Business Community Representative on the Pension Fund, Employees’ Board of Trustees for a term that expired on June 30, 2020 (*Mayor’s Appointment*). There were none.

3. **COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS- READY FOR CONFIRMATION:**

- A. **COOPERATIVE EXTENSION ADVISORY BOARD:** Ms. Sharayah Davis was nominated to succeed Ms. Brenda Foreman. (*Councilor Davis' nominee*) New Term expires: December 31, 2026. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the meeting.

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

A. **BOARD OF HONOR:**

A nominee for the seat of the late Mr. Robert Poydasheff on the Board of Honor for a term that expires on October 31, 2024 (*Council's Appointment*). All members must be former elected officials of Muscogee County. Councilor Woodson nominated Ms. Vivian Creighton Bishop and Councilor House nominated Mr. Seth Harp to fill the unexpired term of the late Mr. Robert Poydasheff.

B. **COLUMBUS GOLF COURSE AUTHORITY:**

A nominee for the seat of Mario Davis (*Seat declared vacant*) on the Golf Course Authority for a term that expires on June 30, 2022 (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Davis nominated Dr. Alonzo Jones, Sr., Councilor Thomas nominated Mr. Mike Harrelson, and Councilor Crabb nominated Mr. Tommy Nobles to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Mario Davis.

C. **HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD:**

A nominee for the seat of Leslie Heard Jones (*Not eligible to serve another term*) as the Historic District Resident on the Historic & Architectural Review Board for a term that expires on January 31, 2021 (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Robert Anderson (*Eligible to serve another term*) as the Liberty Cultural Center, Inc. Representative on the Historic & Architectural Review Board for a term that expires on January 31, 2021 (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Woodson nominated Mr. Robert Anderson to succeed himself.

**Councilor Judy Thomas** stated she wished to nominate Lula Huff to succeed Robert Anderson as the Liberty Cultural Center, Inc. Representative on the Historic & Architectural Review Board.

**Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis** stated Lula Huff is not eligible to serve in this position; since, she is an elected official of Columbus. She explained after further review, it was determined that Robert Anderson is in fact eligible to serve another term and the correction was made to the agenda.

Clerk Davis explained the representative position has normally been handled like all other boards, where the organization would submit their recommendation to represent them on a board, then council would nominate and confirm that person.

**City Attorney Clifton Fay** stated according to the Code of Ordinances, there must be a representative of the Liberty Cultural Center on the board, but Council is not required to accept the recommendation made by the organization.

#### **D. TREE BOARD:**

A nominee for the seat of Frank Tommey (*Not eligible to succeed*) as the Residential Development Member on the Tree Board for a term that expired on December 31, 2020 (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Troy Keller (*Not eligible to succeed*) as the Educator Member on the Tree Board for a term that expired on December 31, 2020 (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Beverly Kinner (*Not eligible to succeed*) on the Tree Board for a term that expired on December 31, 2020 (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

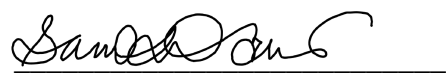
#### **E. UPTOWN FACADE BOARD:**

A nominee for the seat of Roger Stinson (*Not eligible to succeed himself*) as a representative of the Uptown Business Association on the Uptown Façade Board for a term that expired on October 31, 2020 (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Woodson nominated Mr. Cesar Velez on behalf of the Uptown Business Association to succeed Mr. Roger Stinson.

#### **UPCOMING BOARD APPOINTMENTS:**

- A. Board of Zoning Appeals
- B. Building Authority of Columbus
- C. Civic Center Advisory Board
- D. Commission on International Relations & Cultural Liaison Encounters (C.I.R.C.L.E)
- E. Land Bank Authority
- F. Planning Advisory Commission

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Councilor Tucker to adjourn the January 26, 2021 Regular Meeting, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the meeting, and the time being 8:41 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sandra T. Davis", is positioned above a horizontal line.

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