

COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING **MINUTES**

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

February 9, 2021
9:00 AM
Regular Meeting

M A Y O R ' 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, R. Walker Garrett, John M. House, Toyia Tucker and Evelyn "Mimi" Woodson. City Manager Isaiah Hugley, Assistant City Attorney Lucy Sheftall, Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis and Deputy Clerk of Council Lindsey G. McLemore were present.

ABSENT: Councilors Bruce Huff and Judy W. Thomas were absent. City Attorney Clifton Fay was also absent.

<p><u>The following documents were distributed around the Council table:</u> (1) Inspections and Code Update and Proposed Reorganization Presentation</p>
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CALL TO ORDER: Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III, Presiding

INVOCATION: Offered by Rev. Neil Richardson at SafeHouse Ministries of Columbus, Georgia

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Henderson

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the January 26, 2021 Council Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Huff and Thomas being absent for the meeting.

UPDATES:

2. An update on COVID-19

Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson gave an update on COVID-19 and the impact on the local community. He explained the aggressive efforts taken locally are the same that are being taken in other cities in Georgia, which is to administer the vaccine as quickly as possible. He explained the vaccine registration process and stated there have been 219 deaths in Muscogee County associated with COVID-19.

PROCLAMATION:

3. **PROCLAMATION:** Jim Arendt Day
RECEIVING: Jim Arendt

Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen read the proclamation into the record, proclaiming Tuesday, February 9, 2021 as Jim Arendt Day.

Golf Course Director Jim Arendt came forward to receive the proclamation recognizing him for receiving the 2020 Professional Golfers Association (PGA) Patriot Award and his service to municipal golf courses for over 25 years. He then thanked the Mayor and Council for the recognition. He expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to serve those who have served their country through his work at the local golf courses.

City Manager Isaiah Hugley commented on Director Arendt’s work at the golf courses during the pandemic, stating the revenues are up by 25% at Bull Creek and 68.17% at Oxbow Meadows.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH:

Mayor B. H. “Skip” Henderson recognized various African American Leaders that have served the City of Columbus and apologized if he accidentally left anyone out. He recognized the following individuals for their service and dedication:

- Isaiah Hugley, City Manager
- Lisa Goodwin, Deputy City Manager
- Jerry “Pops” Barnes, City Councilor
- Toya Tucker, City Councilor
- Bruce Huff, City Councilor
- Sandra Davis, Clerk of Council
- Julius Hunter, current Chief Judge of Recorder’s Court and former City Councilor
- A.J. McClung, former Mayor Pro Tem, City Councilor and served as the first African American Mayor for a period of time after the passing of Mayor J.R. Allen.
- Dr. Bob Wright, former City Councilor
- Frank D. Chester
- Rose Strong
- Evelyn Turner Pugh, former Mayor Pro Tem and City Councilor
- Nathan Suber, former City Councilor

CITY ATTORNEY’S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

1. **Ordinance (21-005) - 2nd 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) (As Amended) Councilor Garrett made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Huff and Thomas being absent for the meeting.

2. **Ordinance (21-006) - 2nd 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) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Huff and Thomas being absent for the meeting.
3. **1st Reading-** An ordinance amending Section 14-68.1 of the Columbus Code so as to add a provision limiting bowhunting to properties of at least ten acres in size; and for other purposes. (Councilor Davis).

Councilor Glenn Davis requested this ordinance be delayed. He explained there are citizens concerned with the State Law allowing bow hunting within their property lines, which even includes established neighborhoods. He stated the citizens are concerned for the safety of their families regarding stray arrows and he knows of many avid hunters that are against bow hunting in neighborhoods.

Councilor Toya Tucker explained there are many deer in District 4 and there are Veterans that bow hunt on their property. She stated prohibiting this could cause an issue, so she wishes to discuss this matter further with Councilor Davis to come up with a process and/or solution.

4. **1st Reading-** An Ordinance amending Human Resources Policy Number 220-506, Alcohol and Drug Free Workplace Policy. (Mayor Pro Tem)

ADD-ON RESOLUTION

Resolution (027-21) - To amend Resolution No.161-20 authorizing payment of attorney's fees which may be incurred for legal services rendered regarding various city issues during fiscal year 2021. (Request of Tax Commissioner) Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Huff and Thomas being absent for the meeting.

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Ms. Annette Adams, Re: A request to amend Code of Ordinances to no longer require city permits to expire when the rabies vaccination expires. ***Not Present***

2. Mr. Jason Gibson, representing the Columbus Lions, Re: An update on the Columbus Lions' community programs past / present and the plans for the next fifteen years.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Request for Coach Gibson to come back on the Mayor or City Manager's Agenda to provide an update on the Columbus Lions to Council. *(Request of Councilor Woodson)*
- Request for an update on the positive impact professional and amateur sports have had on the community for the next work session. *(Request of Mayor Henderson)*

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. FY22 Holiday Schedule

Resolution (028-21): A resolution whereas, all holidays are established with the exception of the floating holiday; and, whereas, the floating holiday is hereby recommended for Friday, December 24, 2021. Councilor Davis made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Huff and Thomas being absent for the meeting.

2. Road Improvement, Safety and Alternative Transportation Projects

Resolution (029-21): A resolution authorizing the City Manager to proceed with executing and funding the pre-construction requirements for road improvement, safety, and alternative transportation projects funded through the Other Local Option Sales Tax (OLOST), Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST), TSPLOST Discretionary Funds, or State of Georgia, Department of Transportation Z230, and Paving Fund to include right-of-way acquisition and agreements, permanent and temporary easements, utility relocation, environmental mitigation and other necessary agreements to prepare the projects for construction. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Huff and Thomas being absent from the meeting.

3. FEMA - Assistance to Firefighters Grant

Resolution (030-21): A resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for and accept a grant for equipment in the amount of \$1,170,664.55 or as otherwise awarded, from FEMA Assistant to Firefighter Grant with required local 10% match of \$117,066.45 and to amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the award. Councilor Davis made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Huff and Thomas being absent for the meeting.

4. Columbus Police Department - Various Financial Donations

Resolution (031-21): A resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept donated funds of \$6,510.00 from three named donors within the City of Columbus, Georgia, with no additional funds required. Councilor House made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Huff and Thomas being absent for the meeting.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Request for a thank you to be sent to the donators from the City of Columbus. (*Request of Councilor Davis*)

5. Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Grant

Resolution (032-21): A resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for and accept a grant for equipment in the amount of \$23,000.00 or as otherwise awarded, from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Grant, and to amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the award. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Huff and Thomas being absent for the meeting.

6. **PURCHASES**

A. Cubicles for Police Department Record Room

Resolution (033-21): A resolution authorizing the purchase of cubicles from the Hon Company c/o Malone Office Environments (Muscatine, IA) in the amount of \$44,552.37, by Cooperative Purchase, via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-SPD0000100-0091. Councilor Garrett made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Huff and Thomas being absent for the meeting.

B. Transit Bus Wash System – RFB No. 21-0010

Resolution (034-21): A resolution authorizing the purchase of a Transit Bus Wash System from InterClean Equipment, Inc. (Ypsilanti, MI) in the amount of \$164,384.00. Councilor Garrett made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Huff and Thomas being absent for the meeting.

C. Contract Extension for Public Safety Pre-employment Psychological Evaluation Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 15-0016

Resolution (035-21): A resolution authorizing an extension of the annual contract for Public Safety Pre-Employment Psychological Evaluation Services with AVS Consulting, LLC d/b/a McElroy & Associates (Smyrna, GA) until May 31, 2021. Councilor Garrett made a motion to

approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Huff and Thomas being absent for the meeting.

D. Ford F150 for Facilities Maintenance – Georgia Statewide Contract

Resolution (036-21): A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) 2021 Ford F150 ½ -ton Crew Cab LWB Vehicle from Allan Vigil Ford Lincoln (Morrow, GA) in the amount of \$31,443.00. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase, via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-SPD-ES40199373-002. Councilor Garrett made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Huff and Thomas being absent for the meeting.

E. Ford F150 for Solid Waste Collection – Georgia Statewide Contract

Resolution (037-21): A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) 2021 Ford F150 Crew Cab 4X2 LWB Vehicle from Allan Vigil Ford Lincoln (Morrow, GA) in the amount of \$30,863.00. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase, via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-SPD-ES40199373-002. Councilor Garrett made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Huff and Thomas being absent for the meeting.

F. Automatic External Monitor/Defibrillators and Accessories for Fire/Ems

Resolution (038-21): A resolution authorizing the purchase of nine (9) Lifepak 15, Automatic External Monitor/Defibrillators (AEDS) from Stryker Medical (Chicago, IL) in the amount of \$297,995.49. Councilor Garrett made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Huff and Thomas being absent for the meeting.

G. System Upgrade Agreement for the City's P25 Radio System

Resolution (039-21): A resolution authorizing the execution of the system upgrade agreement for the city's radio system from Motorola Solutions (Chicago, IL) in the amount of \$1,496,444 to be paid per the following payment schedule: FY22 - \$302,337; FY23 - \$306,188; FY24 - \$292,754; FY25 - \$295,941 and FY26 - \$299,224. To maintain the current pricing, the agreement must be executed by March 31, 2021. After March 31, 2021, the pricing will no longer be valid and the cost and structure of the SUA will require re-pricing with updated software, hardware, and labor costs. Councilor Garrett made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Huff and Thomas being absent for the meeting.

H. VESTA 7 System Upgrade for E-911

Resolution (040-21): A resolution authorizing purchase of an upgrade/refresh for the VESTA 7 E-911 System from Motorola (Chicago, IL) in the amount of \$344,654.50. Councilor Garrett made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Huff and Thomas being absent for the meeting.

I. Meals for Election Poll Workers

Resolution (041-21): A resolution authorizing payment to Spectra Food Services & Hospitality (Columbus, GA), in the amount of \$49,290.29, for the provision of meals to Election Poll Workers for the primary election, \$31,271.75 and the run-off election, \$18,018.54. Councilor Garrett made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Huff and Thomas being absent for the meeting.

7. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

C. Clean Up Columbus - Lisa Goodwin, Deputy City Manager.

Deputy City Manager Lisa Goodwin gave a presentation on the efforts of Clean Up Columbus. She introduced a video for the Keep Columbus Beautiful Anti-Litter Campaign. (*NOTE: This presentation was called up as the next order of business as listed on the City Manager's Agenda Item 7"B*)

Public Works Director Mike Criddle came forward to present Mr. Timothy Veals with Public Works gear, thanking him for his service and efforts to keep the City of Columbus clean. He explained there are ninety-six hotspots where trash is being dumped throughout the city. He went over various efforts that are planned to get the trash problem in the city under control.

Councilor Evelyn "Mimi" Woodson thanked Deputy City Manager Lisa Goodwin for her proactive approach in addressing the concerns of the City Councilors and the citizens they represent. She also made comments regarding the City of Columbus to request the help from the Environmental Court Judges to enforce stricter punishment to individuals charged with littering and dumping of trash.

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for an oral resolution to be sent to Recorder's Court Judges expressing zero tolerance for littering, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Huff and Thomas being absent for the meeting.

Keep Columbus Beautiful Executive Director Charnae Ware came forward to announce the *Peachy Clean & Green Columbus Zero Waste Campaign*, which is an anti-litter campaign through Keep Columbus Beautiful that is all about zero waste, using waste towards recycling, and changing behavior through community based social marketing. She explained the campaign objectives are to raise awareness on the effect of litter and waste in our local community, increase knowledge and practical skills in preventing and managing litter and waste, improve student/school behavior and education on the effects of litter through lesson plans and activities, report on the litter issues and changes, and tackle the issue of litter with active involvement.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Come up with a reward for those citizens who are acting as ambassadors within the city by picking up trash and encourage the same of others. (*Request of Councilor Crabb*)

- Request for the campaign video to be translated in various languages to get the message out to all the citizens. (*Request of Councilor Woodson*)
- Request for the Recorder's Court Judges to be involved with the efforts. (*Request of Mayor Pro Tem Allen*)
- Request for a discussion on an ordinance change requiring multi-family units to have dumpsters available for tenants and see if dumpsters can be placed in the hotspots where trash is being dumped. (*Request of Councilor Crabb*)
- Request for the list gathered by Director Criddle of the ninety-six hotspots. (*Request of Councilor Woodson*)
- Request for information on the equipment needed by the Public Works Department to help manage the problem. (*Request of Councilor Woodson*)
- See if there is a way for everyone in the community to contribute to the Integrated Waste Fund, not just property owners but also tenants. (*Request of Councilor Davis*)

A. Columbus Airport Economic Development Report - Amber Clark, Airport Director

Airport Director Amber Clark gave a presentation on the results of the study conducted every ten years by the Georgia Department of Transportation to evaluate the economic development impact of their airports around the State of Georgia. She explained the total local economic impact of the Columbus Airport is \$94,553,400 based on the results of the study.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE AIRPORT DIRECTOR:

- Request for an update on the renovations of the Columbus Airport and the efforts to house more carriers. (*Request of Mayor Henderson*)

B. Inspections and Code Department Update - Ryan Pruett, Inspections and Codes Director

Inspections and Code Director Ryan Pruett approached the rostrum to introduce Special Enforcement Supervisor Natalia Zeigler and give an update on the Inspections and Code Department. He explained the department accomplished issuing 6,690 permits and 1,406 Certificate of Occupancies, completed 12,080 inspections, and permitted over \$333,000,000 worth of construction in 2020. He also explained the proposed changes to staffing and the code enforcement districts in the Special Enforcement/Property Maintenance Division and the proposed reorganization of the Building Inspection and Permitting Division.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Request for a notification to be sent to citizens who have put in calls to the 311 Call Center to inform them the ticket has been received by the appropriate department to be addressed.
(Request of Councilor Woodson)

FOR THE INSPECTIONS AND CODE DIRECTOR:

- Request for an ordinance change to the code section pertaining to signage for convenience stores.
(Request of Councilor Woodson)

D. Uptown Parking Considerations - Lisa Goodwin, Deputy City Manager

Deputy City Manager Lisa Goodwin approached the rostrum to provide information on considerations for parking in the Uptown Area. This is in response to a recommendation from the Internal Auditor after conducting an internal audit on METRA. She explained METRA held public meetings, giving citizens the opportunity to express their concerns and provide their input on the use of parking meters. She also stated the Parking Management Committee is currently going through the RFP Process, to which they have received four responses, and they expect to bring a recommendation to Council at the March 9, 2021 Council Meeting.

E. Lessons Learned During COVID-19 - Lisa Goodwin, Deputy City Manager

Deputy City Manager Lisa Goodwin came forward to give a presentation on the lessons learned during the COVID-19 Pandemic. She explained during the pandemic, the Columbus Consolidated Government realized the effectiveness of teleworking, video conferencing/meetings, virtual hiring, E-Signatures, in house sanitizing versus contracting out, social distancing, wearing masks and implementing appropriate safety measures. She then introduced a short video, where various departments gave testimonials on the efforts taken during the pandemic to continue serving the citizens.

BID ADVERTISEMENT

February 19, 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 10th Avenue, 11th Street, 6th Avenue, and 10th 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. Automotive Body Repair & Paint Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 21-0027

Provide automotive body repair and paint services for all type vehicles utilized by various departments. The services will be utilized on an “as needed” basis. The contract period will be for two (2) years with the option to renew for three (3) additional twelve-month periods.

February 24, 2021

1. Carpet – RFB No. 21-0023

Scope of Bid

Provide carpet (roll and tile and base) and installation services for various offices at the Government Center and other City Facilities. The products and services will be procured on an “as needed” basis. The contract period will be for two (2) years with the option to renew for three (3) additional twelve-month periods.

2. Employee Service Award Pins – RFB 21-0020

Columbus Consolidated Government is requesting bids from qualified vendors to provide employee service award pins to the Human Resources Department on an “as needed” basis. The contract term will be for two years with the option to renew for three additional twelve-month periods.

CLERK OF COUNCIL’S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

1. **HONORARY DESIGNATION:** An Honorary Street Designation Application submitted by Ms. Gail Thompkins to honor Mr. Ed Snell, Jr. to be located at 8th Street between Illges Road and Rigdon Road. *(The request is to send to Board of Honor)*. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to refer the request to the Board of Honor, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Huff and Thomas being absent for the meeting.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CLERK OF COUNCIL:

- Follow up on a request to look into other ways to honor Mr. Sistrunk due to the conflicts with renaming a street. *(Request of Councilor Crabb)*
2. **HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:** Letter from Mr. Kenneth M. Henson, Jr. advising that the Hospital Authority of Columbus has elected; Jennings Chester, Warner Kennon, Jr., and Sarah Banks-Lang to serve another term of office. Councilor Woodson made a motion to confirm the appointment of Jennings Chester, Warner Kennon, Jr. and Sarah Banks-Lang to succeed themselves on the Hospital Authority of Columbus, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Huff and Thomas being absent for the meeting.

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

Board of Tax Assessors, #01-21 and #02-21

Budget Review Committee, January 26, 2021

Columbus Board of Health, December 2, 2020

Columbus Golf Course Authority, November 17, 2020

Commission on International Relations & Cultural Liaison Encounters, October 20, 2020

Commission on International Relations & Cultural Liaison Encounters, November 17, 2020

Development Authority, January 7 and 19, 2021

Hospital Authority of Columbus, October 27, 2020

Personnel Review Board, January 21, 2021

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

ADD-ON RESOLUTION (042-21): A resolution excusing the absence of Councilor Bruce Huff from the February 9, 2021 Council Meeting. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Huff and Thomas being absent for the meeting.

ADD-ON RESOLUTION (043-21): A resolution excusing the absence of Councilor Judy W. Thomas from the February 9, 2021 Council Meeting. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Huff and Thomas being absent for the meeting.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

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

A. **BUILDING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:**

A nominee for the seat of Renee Sturkie (*Interested in serving another term*) on the Building Authority for a term that expires on March 25, 2021 (*Mayor's Appointment*). Mayor Henderson nominated Renee Sturkie to succeed herself on the Building Authority. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to confirm the reappointment of Renee Sturkie, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Huff and Thomas being absent for the meeting.

B. CIVIC CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of Orrin Hergott (*Eligible to serve another term*) as the Columbus Hockey Association Representative on the Civic Center Advisory Board for a term that expires on March 1, 2021 (*Mayor’s Appointment*). Mayor Henderson nominated Orrin Hergott to succeed himself on the Civic Center Advisory Board. Councilor Tucker made a motion to confirm the reappointment of Orrin Hergott, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Huff and Thomas being absent for the meeting.

C. 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*). Mayor Henderson nominated Crystal Pendleton Shahid. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to confirm the appointment of Crystal Pendleton Shahid, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Huff and Thomas being absent for the meeting.

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

- A. **HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD:** Mr. Robert Anderson was nominated to serve another term of office as recommended by the Liberty Cultural Center, Inc. (*Councilor Woodson’s nominee*) New Term expires: January 31, 2024. Councilor Woodson made a motion to confirm the reappointment of Robert Anderson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Huff and Thomas being absent from the meeting.
- B. **UPTOWN FACADE BOARD:** Mr. Cesar Bautista was nominated to succeed Mr. Roger Stinson as recommended by the Uptown Business Association. (*Councilor Woodson’s nominee*) New Term expires: October 31, 2023. Councilor Woodson made a motion to confirm the appointment of Cesar Bautista, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Huff and Thomas being absent from the meeting.

6. **COUNCIL’S APPOINTMENTS- VOTE TABULATION:**

A. **BOARD OF HONOR:**

A nominee for the seat of the late Robert Poydasheff on the Board of Honor for a term that expires on October 31, 2024. Councilor Crabb requested to recuse from this vote. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to allow Councilor Crabb to recuse, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Huff and Thomas being absent from the meeting.

A vote tabulation was found to be inconclusive, with Councilors Barnes, Tucker and Woodson voting for Vivian Creighton Bishop, and Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Davis, Garrett and House voting for Seth Harp.

Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis stated due to an inconclusive vote, this appointment would be relisted on the agenda for the February 23, 2021 Council Meeting for a vote tabulation to be conducted at that time.

B. COLUMBUS GOLF COURSE AUTHORITY:

A nominee for the seat of Mario Davis (*Seat declared vacant*) on the Columbus Golf Course Authority for a term that expires on June 30, 2022 (*Council's Appointment*), A vote tabulation was found to be in favor of Dr. Alonzo Davis, Sr., with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Barnes, Davis, Garrett, Tucker and Woodson voting for Dr. Alonzo Jones, Sr., Councilors Crabb and House voting for Tommy Nobles, and no votes for Mike Harrelson. Councilor Garrett then made a motion to confirm the appointment of Dr. Alonzo Jones, Sr., seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Huff and Thomas being absent for the meeting.

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

A. BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS:

A nominee for the seat of Tomeika Farley (*Eligible to serve another term*) on the Board of Zoning Appeals for a term expiring on March 31, 2021 (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Terry "Gene" Fields (*Not eligible to serve another term*) on the Board of Zoning Appeals for a term expiring on March 31, 2021 (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Ty Harrison (*Not eligible to serve another term*) on the Board of Zoning Appeals for a term expiring on March 31, 2021 (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

B. BUILDING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:

A nominee for the seat of Leila Carr (*Interested in serving another term*) on the Building Authority of Columbus for a term expiring on March 24, 2021 (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Woodson nominated Leila Carr to succeed herself on the Building Authority of Columbus.

A nominee for the seat of Vincent Allen on the Building Authority of Columbus for a term expiring on March 24, 2021 (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Woodson nominated Vincent Allen to succeed himself on the Building Authority of Columbus.

C. COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS & CULTURAL LIAISON ENCOUNTERS (CIRCLE):

A nominee for the seat of Samantha Wooden (*Interested in serving another term*) on the Commission on International Relations & Cultural Liaison Encounters (CIRCLE) for a term expiring on March 1, 2021 (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Garrett nominated Samantha Wooden to succeed herself on CIRCLE.

A nominee for the seat of Rose Spencer (*Not eligible to serve another term*) on the Commission on International Relations & Cultural Liaison Encounters (CIRCLE) for a term expiring on March 1, 2021 (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

D. 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.

E. PLANNING ADVISORY COMMISSION:

A nominee for the seat of James Dudley (*Interested in serving another term*) on the Planning Advisory Commission (PAC) for a term expiring on March 31, 2021 (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Woodson nominated James Dudley to succeed himself.

A nominee for the seat of Robert Bollinger (*Not eligible to serve another term*) on the Planning Advisory Commission (PAC) for a term expiring on March 31, 2021 (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor House nominated Pat Weekley to succeed Robert Bollinger.

A nominee for the seat of Joseph Brannan (*Not eligible to serve another term*) on the Planning Advisory Commission (PAC) for a term expiring on March 31, 2021 (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Crabb nominated Brad Baker to succeed Joseph Brannan.


F. 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.

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Councilor Tucker to adjourn the February 9, 2021 Regular Meeting, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Huff and Thomas being absent for the meeting, and the time being 12:08 p.m.



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