

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

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

April 27, 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 (arrived at 5:57 p.m.), R. Walker Garrett, John M. House, Bruce Huff, Judy W. Thomas, Toyia Tucker, and Evelyn “Mimi” Woodson (logged in via teleconference at 5:50 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.

**The following documents were distributed around the Council table:** (1) Financial & Compliance Audit Summary Presentation; (2) Finance Department’s Response Presentation; (3) Mayor’s FY2022 Recommended Budget; (4) Documents Submitted by Thomas Newell (Public Agenda).

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

**INVOCATION:** Offered by Pastor Derrick Shields at Christ Community Church of Columbus, Georgia

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Boy Scout Mark Marshall, Jr. with Troup 238 St. Mary’s UMC

**RECOGNITION:**

- 5. To recognize Boy Scout Mark Marshall, Jr. with Troup 238 St Mary’s UMC- 10<sup>th</sup> Grader at Jordan High School who is present to achieve his Eagle Scout Badge. (His 16<sup>th</sup> Birthday- April 27, 2021)

**Mayor B. H. “Skip” Henderson** recognized Boy Scout Mark Marshall, Jr. for achieving his Eagle Scout Badge and announced that he is also celebrating his sixteenth birthday.

**Boy Scout Mark Marshall, Jr.** explained he is earning his Community Service Merit Badge by attending the Council Meeting and hopes to have the opportunity to discuss what is going on in the City of Columbus with community leaders.

**Scout Master Ernest Watkins** came forward to explain Troup 238 at St. Mary’s Road United Methodist Church is open to boys from the ages of eleven to eighteen.

**POINT OF PRIVILEGE:**

**Councilor Bruce Huff** introduced Isiah Dubose, who is a fifteen-year-old from Atlanta, Georgia that is extremely interested in politics. He stated after talking with Isiah, he invited him to attend a Council Meeting, giving him the opportunity to shadow a Councilor and see how it all works.

**MINUTES**

1. Approval of minutes for the April 13, 2021 Council Meeting and Executive Session. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Davis and Woodson being absent for the vote.

**UPDATE:**

2. An update on COVID-19

**Mayor B. H. “Skip” Henderson** stated the number of positive COVID-19 cases have plateaued and for this reason the mask mandate is still in place. He stated there was a meeting held the Friday prior where it was discussed to relax some of the restrictions by slowly reopening recreation centers and other facilities. He explained the mass vaccination site at the Columbus Civic Center will be in operation until May 21, 2021.

**PROCLAMATION:**

3. **PROCLAMATION:** Lady Tigers Championship Day

**RECEIVING:** Head Coach Anson Hundley, Assistant Head Coach Donovan Ford, Assistant Coach Arthur Thomason, Assistant Coach Brandi Buie, Assistant Coach Richard Reese, and the Lady Tigers Girls Basketball Team

**Councilor Judy W. Thomas** read the proclamation into the record, proclaiming Wednesday, March 10, 2021 as *Lady Tigers Championship Day*.

**Basketball Head Coach Anson Hundley** thanked the Mayor and Councilors for the recognition. He elaborated on the hard work of the basketball players in getting to the successful point they are at and expressed his hopes in the continuous effort of the players.

**Councilor Toyia Tucker** expressed how proud she of the team, being that she is a graduate of Carver High School. She went on to say that Councilor Huff, Councilor Thomas, and herself donated to the team, but that Councilor Thomas personally paid for rings for every player on the team. She encouraged the team to thank Councilor Thomas for her generosity.

**State Representative Calvin Smyre** approached the rostrum, with Senator Ed Harbison and State Representative Carolyn Hugley, to present the basketball team a resolution that was passed by the State of Georgia commending and congratulating them for winning the State Championship.

## 6. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Legislative Session Update - GA House Representative Calvin Smyre.

**State Representative/Chairman Calvin Smyre** approached the rostrum to give an update on the recent Legislative Sessions. He explained each item that has been addressed by the Georgia General Assembly but stated this will be a 2-year session and they will continue to give updates as sessions are held. (*NOTE: This update was called up as the next order of business as listed on the City Manager's Agenda Item 6 "A"*)

**Senator Ed Harbison** stated it was his pleasure to introduce a bill that was requested of him by former Mayor Bob Poydasheff, which was passed.

**State Representative Carolyn Hugley** came forward and stated that the Local Delegation looks forward to continuing to work with the Council and Administration. She explained they plan to continue to address the notices on personal care homes, as it is an important issue to Columbus.

## 4. **PROCLAMATION:** National Travel and Tourism Week

**RECEIVING:** Peter F. Bowden  
VisitColumbusGA President-CEO

**Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen** read the proclamation into the record, proclaiming the week of May 2 - 8, 2021 as *National Travel and Tourism Week*.

**President/CEO Peter Bowden** approached the rostrum to accept the proclamation and introduced the VisitColumbus Staff.

## **PRESENTATION:**

6. **FY20 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR)** - Miller Edwards, External Auditors, Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC

**Finance Director Angelica Alexander** came forward to introduce the FY20 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), which will be presented by the External Auditors of the Columbus Consolidated Government, Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC.

**Partner in Charge Miller Edwards** approached the rostrum to present the CAFR to the Administration and Council. He recommended several management points to be addressed by the Administration to bring a few departments into compliance with State Laws.

**Finance Director Angelica Alexander** gave a brief presentation in response to the management letter from the external audit regarding issues found in various departments. She stated the budget is ending with an Unassigned Fund Balance of 102.67 days.

7. **MAYOR'S FY2022 BUDGET PRESENTATION:** Mayor Henderson presents the Recommended FY2022 Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

**Mayor B. H. “Skip” Henderson** went over the main points of his Recommended FY2022 Budget and the impact of COVID-19. He stated the Administration estimates to end FY2021 at 117.8 Fund Balance Days. He stated there are several one-time capital investments included in the FY2022 Budget., no increase in healthcare for employees, and includes a 2% cost of living adjustment for active employees and 1% for retirees beginning in July. He explained the problems with the pay for employees of the Columbus Consolidated Government and the need for a comprehensive pay study and pay reform.

**Finance Director Angelica Alexander** came forward to go over the schedule for the Budget Review Sessions.

### **CRIME PREVENTION GRANT:**

8. **Resolution (118-21):** A resolution and contract authorizing the request for funds in the amount of \$6,700 for the operation of the mentoring program ran by Liberty Theatre. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the nine members present with Mayor Pro Tem Allen being absent for the vote.

**Crime Prevention Director Seth Brown** approached the rostrum to request Council’s approval of a Crime Prevention Grant in the amount of \$6,700 for the Liberty Theatre. He explained this grant would be to help fund the Arts Program for the months of March to June. He stated the Liberty Theatre was originally part of the grant requests presented to Council for approval on September 8, 2020, but Council had a few concerns that in turn caused a delay in approval, but those concerns have been researched and all grantees will be required to provide copies of their 990 Forms at the time their application is submitted.

## **CITY ATTORNEY’S AGENDA**

### **ORDINANCES**

1. **Ordinance (21-018) - 2nd Reading-** An Ordinance providing for the demolition of various structures; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem) Councilor Thomas made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

Councilor Crabb made a motion to allow Attorney Joseph Powell to speak on 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present with Mayor Pro Tem Allen being absent for the vote.

**Joe Powell** approached the rostrum to request an extension on his property located at 2439 Howe Avenue, Columbus, Georgia 31903. He explained this property was the home of a former educator and musician in the community, who moved to Atlanta, Georgia, but his family continued to live in the house and the cottage at the back of the property. He stated he plans to rehabilitate the house by making the few repairs that are needed and to put the property back on the market for rent.

**Councilor Charmaine Crabb** addressed Mr. Powell by stating that she is worried if Council were to grant the extension for his property that he would not be able to follow through with the repairs

that need to be done. She explained that she had been told the garage on the property would be down by the prior Thursday, but the garage was still standing when she drove by the property to check. She then made a motion to grant a 45-day extension to Attorney Joseph Powell to allow him time to get the windows replaced and the exterior of the dwelling looking better, but there was no second made by any of the members present.

**Councilor Evelyn “Mimi” Woodson** explained the residents of Oakland Park have complained about the poor condition of the rental properties in the area. She expressed her objections as the District Representative for that area in granting a 45-day extension and setting a precedence for other properties on the demolition list, at which time, Councilor Crabb withdrew her motion.

**City Manager Isaiah Hugley** made several comments regarding the blight seen around Columbus, pointing out that many citizens have stated the conditions of these homes would not be acceptable or tolerated in North Columbus. He then introduced a news report done by WTVM regarding the blighted properties and the safety concerns of citizens in the Georgetown Neighborhood on Arlington Drive.

2. **Ordinance (21-019) - 2nd Reading-** An Ordinance amending Human Resources Policy Number 220-201, Overtime and Compensatory Time Policy, Human Resources Policy Number 220-502 Disciplinary Action Policy and Procedure and approving Social Media Policy and Procedure as Addendum 2 to the Acceptable and Supportable Use of Technology Policy Number 210-1000-004. (Mayor Pro-Tem) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the ten members present.
3. **Ordinance (21-020) - 2nd Reading-** An Ordinance amending Chapter 3 of the Columbus Code pertaining to Alcoholic Beverages to create a new category of on-premises license for a Private Dog Park; and for other purposes. (Councilor Woodson) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the ten members present.
4. **1<sup>st</sup> Reading-** An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at 1000 18th Street (parcel # 016-051-008) from General Commercial (GC) Zoning District to Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District with conditions. (Councilor Woodson)
5. **1st Reading -** An Ordinance amending Chapter 2 of the Columbus Code by adopting a new Article XXII to be known as the Columbus, Georgia Non-discrimination Ordinance; and for other purposes. (delayed from 1st Reading on 7-28-20) (Councilors Garrett, Barnes, and Tucker)

Councilor Garrett made a motion to delay the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of this ordinance until May 11, 2021, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

**Southern Field Organizer DeMarcus Beckum, Georgia Equality** approached the rostrum to explain the purpose of the proposed ordinance, stating the mission is to bridge the gap between Federal and State Law when it comes to discrimination. He stated this ordinance would deter discrimination on the local level.

**Brooke Martin** approached the rostrum to address the Mayor and Council regarding the non-discrimination ordinance. She encouraged the adoption of the ordinance.

**Harry Underwood** came forward to encourage the adoption of the ordinance. He explained that he had suggested the adoption of a non-discrimination ordinance in 2014 when he appeared on the Public Agenda to protect people against discrimination of race, gender identity, sexual orientation and religion.

**President & CEO Jerald Mitchell, Greater Columbus, GA Chamber of Commerce** approached the rostrum to express his support in the adoption of the ordinance.

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

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

- Provide opinion of outside attorneys contracted with CCG to handle employment lawsuits on the ordinance. (*Request of Councilor Davis*)

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

6. **Resolution (119-20)** - A resolution concerning the issuance of revenue bonds by the Development Authority of Columbus, Georgia for the benefit of Columbus Highland Terrace II, LP. (Request of Development Authority of Columbus) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members present. (*Councilor Huff requested his vote be cast in the affirmative upon returning to his respective seat.*)
7. **Resolution (120-21)** – A resolution authorizing execution of Federal Aviation Administration Grant Airport Improvement Program (AIP) GRANT NO. 3-13-0035-049-2021 (Request of Columbus Airport Commission) Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the ten members present. (*Councilor Huff requested his vote be cast in the affirmative upon returning to his respective seat.*)

#### **PUBLIC AGENDA**

1. Ms. Angela Fagnani, Re: An update of services provided by ESP, Inc. **CANCELLED**
2. Mr. Thomas Newell, Re: Alarm Ordinance 19-062, Sections 14-11.5 approved on November 19, 2019.
3. Ms. Annette Adams, Re: The concerns with the fees associated with false alarms.

**Captain William Turner, Columbus Police Department** came forward to give a presentation to the Mayor and Council regarding the False Alarm Program.

4. Attorney Joseph Powell, Re: Demolition 2439 Howe Avenue. (*Mr. Powell spoke during the City Attorney's Agenda Item #1 regarding the demolition ordinance.*)

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

- Request for a Work Session to discuss fees. (*Request of Councilor Garrett*)
  - Have a representative of CryWolf to be present for the Work Session to answer questions. (*Request of Mayor Henderson*)
4. Attorney Joseph Powell, Re: Demolition 2439 Howe Avenue. (*Attorney Powell spoke during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of the demolition ordinance- City Attorney's Agenda Item #1*)

**CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA****1. Georgia Department of Transportation Memorandum of Agreement**

**Resolution (121-21):** A resolution authorizing the Memorandum of Agreement between the Georgia Department of Transportation (“GDOT”), and the Columbus, Georgia Consolidated Government (“CCG”). Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

**2. Street Acceptance – Stanford Court, Linley Drive, Linley Court, and that portion of Carrington Court located in Phase Four, Wellington Pointe**

**Resolution (122-21):** A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, authorizing the acceptance of a deed to Stanford Court, Linley Drive, Linley Court, and that portion of Carrington Court located in Phase Four, Wellington Pointe on behalf of Columbus, Georgia. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

**3. Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant Request**

**Resolution (123-21):** A resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit an application to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for a grant to fund the Muscogee County Juvenile Court and if awarded, accept the grant and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the grant award for the grant period is from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. Councilor House made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

**4. Pet Safe Bark for Your Park Grant**

**Resolution (124-21):** A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, to authorize Parks and Recreation Department to apply for grants available through Pet Safe, to accept any funds if awarded and to amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the award. Councilor House

made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

## 5. PURCHASES

### A. Employee Physicals (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 21-0013

**Resolution (125-21):** A resolution authorizing the execution of an annual contract with Occupational Medicine of Columbus (Columbus, GA) to provide Employee Physicals on an “as needed” basis for Columbus Consolidated Government Human /resources Department and Public Safety Departments. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb, and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Thomas being absent for the vote.

### B. Pre-Employment and Fitness-for-Duty Psychological Evaluation Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 21-0020

**Resolution (126-21):** A resolution authorizing the execution of an annual contract with AVS Consulting, LLC d/b/a Stone, McElroy & Associates (Smyrna, GA) for Pre-Employment and Fitness-For-Duty Psychological Evaluation Services. The Columbus Office Department and Muscogee County Sheriff’s Office will utilize the services on an as-needed basis. If necessary, other City Agencies may use the services; this will be accomplished by requesting quotes from AVS Consulting, LLC d/b/a Stone, McElroy & Associates. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb, and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Thomas being absent for the vote.

### C. Landfill Scale Maintenance Services (Annual Contract)

**Resolution (127-21):** A resolution authorizing the execution of an annual contract for Landfill Scale Maintenance Services with Scale Systems, Inc. (Columbus, GA). The Public Works Department estimates the annual contract value at \$5,000 based on previous maintenance requirements for the landfill scales. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb, and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Thomas being absent for the vote.

### D. Mass Casualty Trailer for Fire & Ems – Cooperative Purchase

**Resolution (128-21):** A resolution authorizing the purchase of a Mass Casualty Trailer from Texas Trailers Sales and Service (Gainesville, FL), in the amount of \$74,651.00, by Cooperative Purchasing via the Florida Sheriffs Association Cooperative Purchasing Program, Contract #FSA-20-EQUI18.0: Heavy Equipment. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb, and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Thomas being absent for the vote.



E. Repair of Garbage Truck for Public Works

**Resolution (129-21):** A resolution authorizing the payment to G&P Heavy Truck Body Works, Inc., (Columbus, GA) in the amount of \$97,138.22 for the repair of a garbage truck, Vehicle #19015. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb, and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Thomas being absent for the vote.

6. **UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS**

A. Legislative Session Update - GA House Representative Calvin Smyre.

*(NOTE: This update, as provided by the Local Delegation, was called upon earlier in the meeting during the Mayor’s Agenda.)*

B. CARES Act / American Rescue Plan Update- Pam Hodge, Deputy City Manager.  
**DELAYED**

C. CDBG-CV Funding – Small Business Economic Relief Grant Program - Rob Scott, Community Reinvestment Director. **DELAYED**

**BID ADVERTISEMENT**

**April 28, 2021**

**1. Replacement Audio/Visual System for Freedom Express Bus Museum – PQ No. 21-0008**

Scope of PQ

Provide, deliver and install a complete audio/visual system, which will replace the current system, for the Department of Transportation/METRA Freedom Express Bus Museum.

**2. Trailers – RFB No. 21-0031**

Scope of Bid

The Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) is seeking bids from qualified vendors to provide the following trailers:

Livestock Trailer for Animal Control and Care Division

Gooseneck Lowboy Trailer for Rainwater Division

Hydraulic Dump Trailer for Recycling Division

8.5' x 16' Tandem Axle Trailer for Columbus Civic Center

**3. Inmate Supplies (Annual Contract) - RFB No. 21-0021**

Scope of Bid

Provide inmate clothing, mattresses, mattress covers, linens, toiletries and dinnerware to the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia (the City) on an “as needed” basis. Inmates at Muscogee County Jail and Muscogee County Prison will use these items. The contract term will be for three (3) years.

**April 30, 2021****1. Inmate Food Service Management for Muscogee County Jail (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 21-0026****Scope of RFP**

It is the intent of Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) to enter into an annual contract with a qualified Contractor to provide inmate food service management for the Muscogee County Jail. Inmate Food Service Management includes, but is not limited to, the furnishing of all required labor, food, beverages, materials, supplies, and chemicals necessary to provide food services for the inmates and staff at the Jail.

The initial term of the contract will be for two (2) years with the option to renew for five (5) additional twelve-month periods.

**2. 457 Deferred Compensation Plan – Recordkeeping, Administration, and Participant Education (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 21-0029****Scope of RFP**

Columbus Consolidated Government is soliciting competitive proposals for an experienced, qualified firm to provide recordkeeping, administration, and participant education services for the City's 457 Deferred Compensation plan.

The initial term of the contract will be for two (2) years with the option to renew for five (5) additional twelve-month periods.

**3. Animal Care and Control Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 21-0034****Scope of RFP**

Columbus, Georgia Consolidated Government ("CCG" or "City") is seeking proposals from qualified organizations to provide Animal Care and Control Services for Columbus, Georgia/Muscogee County. The objective of this RFP is to determine whether Animal Care and Control services can be provided privately in a cost-effective, efficient, and professional manner.

The initial term of the contract will be for five (5) years with the option to renew for five (5) additional twelve-month periods.

**May 5, 2021****1. Security Locking System Maintenance Services for Muscogee County Prison (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 21-0027****Scope of Bid**

Provide preventive maintenance and repair services for the security locking system at the Muscogee County Prison. There are approximately 54 security (swing) doors that require periodic maintenance. The devices include Mogul and paracentric locks and closures, and Southern Folger closures.

The initial term of the contract will be for two (2) years with the option to renew for five (5) additional twelve-month periods.

**May 7, 2021****1. Recreation Management System – RFP No. 21-0025****Scope of RFP**

Columbus Consolidated Government is seeking proposals from qualified vendors to provide software for a Recreation Management System, to include, but not limited to, point-of-sale, inventory management and online registration, for use at multiple facilities within the Department of Parks and Recreation.

#### **May 12, 2021**

##### **1. Tennis Court Supplies (Re-Bid) (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 21-0032**

###### **Scope of RFB**

Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) is requesting bids from qualified vendors to provide tennis court supplies on an “as needed” basis to be utilized by the Parks and Recreation Department.

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

#### **May 14, 2021**

##### **1. Brokers for General Insurance Placement (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 21-0033**

###### **Scope of RFP**

It is the intent of Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) to enter into an annual contract with qualified offeror(s) to obtain quotes and place general insurance including, but not limited to, Property & Casualty, Crime, and Cyber insurance.

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

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

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

- The railroad tracks at 9<sup>th</sup> Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Williams Road, Fortson Road, Smith Road and 54<sup>th</sup> Street are causing damage to vehicles. (*Request of Councilor Davis*)
- There is a meeting to be held at the East Highland Church on Thursday, April 29, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. Requesting the debris on either side of the church to be picked up before then. (*Request of Councilor Garrett*)

#### **CLERK OF COUNCIL’S AGENDA**

##### **ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED**

1. **RESOLUTION (130-21):** A resolution approving a request submitted by Councilor John House for an Honorary Designation to name the field within the A. J. McClung Memorial Stadium the “Veterans Memorial Field”. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

2. **RESOLUTION (131-21):** A resolution approving a request submitted by Ms. Gail Thompkins for an Honorary Street Designation for Mr. Ed Snell, Jr. to be located at 8<sup>th</sup> Street between Illges Road and Rigdon Road. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members present.
  
3. **CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION:** Email Correspondence from Ms. Audrey Tillman, Chairperson requesting that the seat of Mr. Roy Plummer be declared vacant due to a lack of attendance. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to declare the seat of Roy Plummer as vacant, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the ten members present. Mayor Henderson nominated Pete Robinson for this seat. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the ten members present.
  
4. **Minutes of the following boards:**
  - Board of Honor, March 26, 2021
  - Board of Tax Assessors, #12-21 and #13-21
  - Convention & Visitors Board of Commissioners, March 17, 2021
  - Cooperative Extension Advisory Board, April 19, 2021
  - Development Authority of Columbus, March 4, 2021
  - Hospital Authority of Columbus, February 23, 2021
  - Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission, April 8 & 20, 2021
  - Public Safety Advisory Commission, March 18, 2021
  - River Valley Regional Commission, March 24, 2021

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to receive the minutes of various board, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS- ACTION REQUESTED:**

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

**A. CRIME PREVENTION BOARD:**

A nominee for the seat of Capt. Herman Miles (*Not eligible to serve another term*) as the Law Enforcement Agency Representative for a term that expired on March 31, 2021 on the Crime Prevention Board (*Mayor's Appointment*). Mayor Henderson nominated Assistant Chief Joyce Dent-Fitzpatrick to succeed Capt. Herman Miles as the Law Enforcement Agency Representative. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

**B. COUNCIL DISTRICTING COMMISSION:**

A nominee for the seat of the representative for Council District 1 (*Mayor's Appointment*). Mayor Henderson nominated Barbara Chambers as the Mayor's Council District 1 Representative. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

A nominee for the seat of the representative for Council District 2 (*Mayor's Appointment*). Mayor Henderson nominated Sue Smith as the Mayor's Council District 2 Representative. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

A nominee for the seat of the representative for Council District 3 (*Mayor's Appointment*). Mayor Henderson nominated Henriette Hood Cain as the Mayor's Council District 3 Representative. Councilor Huff made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

A nominee for the seat of the representative for Council District 4 (*Mayor's Appointment*). Mayor Henderson nominated Jerome Williams as the Mayor's Council District 4 Representative. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

A nominee for the seat of the representative for Council District 5 (*Mayor's Appointment*). Mayor Henderson nominated Connie Smith as the Mayor's Council District 5 Representative. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

A nominee for the seat of the representative for Council District 6 (*Mayor's Appointment*). Mayor Henderson nominated Edwin "Buddy" Cooper as the Mayor's Council District 6 Representative. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Thomas and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

A nominee for the seat of the representative for Council District 7 (*Mayor's Appointment*). Mayor Henderson nominated Katie Bishop as the Mayor's Council District 7 Representative. Councilor Tucker made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

A nominee for the seat of the representative for Council District 8 (*Mayor's Appointment*). Mayor Henderson nominated David Rohwedder as the Mayor's Council District 8 Representative. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

**C. PENSION FUND, EMPLOYEES' BOARD OF TRUSTEES:**

A nominee for the seat of Deputy Chief Mike Higgins (*Does not desire reappointment*) as the Public Safety Representative for a term expiring on June 30, 2021 on the Pension Fund, Employees' Board of Trustees (*Mayor's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of W. Fray McCormick (*Interested in serving*) as the Business Community Representative for a term expiring on June 30, 2021 on the Pension Fund, Employees' Board of Trustees (*Mayor's Appointment*). Mayor Henderson renominated W. Fray McCormick to serve another term. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Thomas and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

**D. RETIREES' HEALTH BENEFITS COMMITTEE:**

A nominee for the seat of Peri V. Johnson (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on June 30, 2021 on the Retirees' Health Benefits Committee (*Mayor's Appointment*). Mayor Henderson renominated Peri V. Johnson to serve another term. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

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

**A. CIVIC CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:**

A nominee for the seat of David Cripe (*Eligible to succeed; Does not desire reappointment*) as the District 6 Representative for a term that expired on March 1, 2020 on the Civic Center Advisory Board (*Council District 6- Allen*). Mayor Pro Tem Allen nominated Jennifer Teague to succeed David Cripe as the District 6 Representative. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

**B. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:**

A nominee for the seat of L. K. Pendleton (*Eligible to succeed; Does not desire reappointment*) as the District 7 Representative for a term that expired on March 27, 2020 on the Community Development Advisory Council (*Council District 7- Woodson*). Clerk of Council Davis stated Councilor Woodson wishes to nominate Mary B. Garcia to succeed L. K. Pendleton as the District 7 Representative. Councilor Tucker made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

A nominee for the seat of Michael Porter (*Not eligible to succeed*) as the District 9 Representative for a term that expired on March 27, 2020 on the Community Development Advisory Council (*Council District 9- Thomas*). Councilor Thomas nominated Sendreka Lakes to succeed Michael Porter as the District 9 Representative. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

**C. COUNCIL DISTRICTING COMMISSION:**

A nominee for the seat of the representative for Council District 7 (*Council District 7- Woodson*). Clerk of Council Davis stated Councilor Woodson wishes to nominate Dominick M. Perkins as the District 7 Representative. Councilor Tucker made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

A nominee for the seat of the representative for Council District 8 (*Council District - Garrett*). Councilor Garrett nominated Mary Sue Polleys as the District 8 Representative. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

**D. KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION:**

A nominee for the seat of Laurie Smithson (*Interested in serving another term*) as the District 2 Representative for a term expiring on June 30, 2021 on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (*Council District 2- Davis*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Susan Gallagher (*Does not desire reappointment*) as the District 7 Representative for a term expiring on June 30, 2021 on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (*Council District 7-Woodson*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Sheila Mitchell (*Not eligible to succeed*) as the District 3 Representative for a term expiring on June 30, 2021 on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (*Council District 3- Huff*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Patricia Thomas (*Not eligible to succeed*) as the District 4 Representative for a term expiring on June 30, 2021 on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (*Council District 4- Tucker*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Warren Wagner (*Resigned*) as the District 5 Representative for a term expiring on June 30, 2021 on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (*Council District 5- Crabb*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Bridget Downs (*Not eligible to succeed*) as the District 6 Representative for a term expiring on June 30, 2021 on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (*Council District 6- Allen*). Mayor Pro Tem Allen nominated Courtney Johnson to succeed Bridget Downs as the District 6 Representative. Councilor House made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

A nominee for the seat of Mark McCollum (*Not eligible to succeed*) as the District 8 Representative for a term expiring on June 30, 2021 on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (*Council District 8- Garrett*). There were none.

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

**A. BOARD OF FAMILY & CHILDREN SERVICES:**

A nominee for the seat of Dr. Deepali Agarwal (*Not eligible to succeed*) for a term that expires on June 30, 2021 on the Board of Family and Children Services (*Council's Appointment*). There were none. Clerk of Council Davis explained there are specific categories that members of this board must fall under to serve.

**B. COLUMBUS AQUATICS COMMISSION:**

A nominee for the seat of Brian Abeyta (*Not eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on June 30, 2021 on the Columbus Aquatics Commission (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

**REFERRAL(S):**

**FOR THE CLERK OF COUNCIL:**

- Check with the Columbus Aquatics Commission to see if they have a recommendation for this seat. (*Request of Mayor Pro Tem Allen*)

**C. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS COMMITTEE:**

A nominee for the seat of Bill Rawn (*Withdrew from consideration*) as the Sworn Officer for a term that expired on April 30, 2021 on the Employee Benefits Committee (*Council's Appointment*). Clerk of Council Davis explained that Fire Marshall Johnathan Kevin Lott was confirmed during the April 13, 2021 Council Meeting; however, he determined that he would be unable to accept the appointment. She also stated that the Human Resources Department is recommending Assistant Fire Chief Tim Smith for this seat. Councilor Thomas nominated Assistant Fire Chief Tim Smith to succeed Bill Rawn as the Sworn Officer Representative.



**D. KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION:**

A nominee for the seat of Wanda Jenkins (*Eligible to succeed*) as an At-Large Member for a term expiring on June 30, 2021 on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Crabb renominated Wanda Jenkins to serve another term.

A nominee for the seat of Matt Horne (*Eligible to succeed*) as an At-Large Member for a term expiring on June 30, 2021 on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (*Council's Appointment*). Mayor Pro Tem Allen renominated Matt Horne to serve another term.

A nominee for the seat of Dr. Kar'retta Venable (*Eligible to succeed*) as an At-Large Member for a term expiring on June 30, 2021 on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (*Council's Appointment*). Mayor Pro Tem Allen renominated Dr. Kar'retta Venable to serve another term.

A nominee for the seat of Anuradha "Ann" Rewatkar (*Eligible to succeed*) as an At-Large Member for a term expiring on June 30, 2021 on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Huff renominated Anuradha "Ann" Rewatkar to serve another term.

A nominee for the seat of David Goldberg (*Moving out of the county*) as an At-Large Member for a term expiring on June 30, 2021 on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Arsburn "Oz" Roberts (*Not Eligible to succeed*) as an At-Large Member for a term expiring on June 30, 2021 on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Dr. William Kendall (*Not Eligible to succeed*) as an At-Large Member for a term expiring on June 30, 2021 on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Fran Fluker (*Not Eligible to succeed*) as an At-Large Member for a term expiring on June 30, 2021 on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Orlean Baulkmon (*Not Eligible to succeed*) as an At-Large Member for a term expiring on June 30, 2021 on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Larry Derby (*Did not desire reappointment*) as an At-Large Member for a term expiring on June 30, 2021 on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Cortney Laughlin (*Did not desire reappointment*) as an At-Large Member for a term expiring on June 30, 2021 on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

**E. REGION 6- REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES:**

A nominee for the seat of Marianne Young (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on June 30, 2021 on the Region 6- Regional Advisory Council for the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Beverly Garland (*Not Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on June 30, 2021 on the Region 6- Regional Advisory Council for the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

**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.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At the request of Mayor Henderson, Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss matters of property acquisition and disposal, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the ten members present and the time being 10:04 p.m.

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 10:16 p.m., at which time, Mayor Henderson announced that the Council did meet in executive session to discuss matters of property acquisition and disposal; however, there were no votes taken.

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Allen to adjourn the April 27, 2021 Regular Meeting, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent via teleconference for the vote, and the time being 10:17 p.m.



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