

COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

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

May 11, 2021
9:00 AM
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 Charmaine Crabb, R. Walker Garrett, John M. House, Judy W. Thomas, Toyia Tucker, and Evelyn “Mimi” Woodson. 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: Councilors Jerry “Pops” Barnes, Glenn Davis and Bruce Huff were absent.

<p><u>The following documents were distributed around the Council table:</u> (1) Documents Submitted by Katie Hedges for her Public Agenda Appearance; (2) COVID-19 Small Business Economic Recovery Grant Program Presentation; (3) Public Works – Collections Update Presentation; (4) Transportation Investment Act (TIA) – 2012 Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST) Presentation; (5) 2022 TIA/TSPLOST – Ranking of Potential Projects Presentation</p>
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CALL TO ORDER: Mayor B.H. "Skip" Henderson, III, Presiding

CONGRATULATIONS EXTENDED TO CITY MANAGER:

Mayor B. H. “Skip” Henderson recognized City Manager Isaiah Hugley for receiving an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Talladega College Board of Trustees, expressing his congratulations for this and his other outstanding accomplishments. He then introduced a video from the commencement ceremony held on May 1, 2021, where Talladega College President Dr. Billy C. Hawkins conferred the Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters upon City Manager Hugley.

***NOTE:** Mayor Henderson left the meeting at 9:05 a.m. and Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen presided over the meeting beginning at this time.*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Pro Tem Allen

UPDATE:

- 2. An update on COVID-19

Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen gave a brief update on COVID-19, stating the numbers are down with a rolling 7-day average of twelve positive cases. He explained there are currently forty-five hospitalizations and a total of 404 total COVID-19 related deaths in the community. He stated the vaccination is still being administered at the Columbus Civic Center.

MINUTES

- 1. Approval of minutes for the April 27, 2021 Council Meeting and Executive Session. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes, Davis and Huff being absent for the meeting.

UPDATES:

- 3. A. J. McClung YMCA Mural Update

Dragonfly Trails, Inc. Executive Director Becca Zajac approached the rostrum to give a presentation on the A. J. McClung YMCA Mural. She explained the mural is a collaborative effort of Dragonfly Walking Trails, YMCA, and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Learning Trail. She explained the mural will be to honor the important figures from our community.

INVOCATION: Offered by Rabbi Beth Schwartz at Temple Israel of Columbus, Georgia

PROCLAMATION:

- 4. **PROCLAMATION:** Motorcycle Safety Month
RECEIVING: Joey Rucker, Matt Jones, Scott Henderson and Steve Hodge
Columbus Association of Motorcyclists

Councilor John House read the proclamation into the record, proclaiming May 2021, as Motorcycle Safety Month.

Columbus Association of Motorcyclists Chaplain Matt Jones came forward to accept the proclamation on behalf of motorcyclists in the community. He urged drivers to be cautious in sharing the roadways with these vulnerable vehicles.

REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION:

- 5. Authorization for an audit of Probate Court Internal Controls under the new Court System and Online Payment System. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the audit request, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes, Davis and Huff.

Internal Auditor John Redmond came forward to request approval to conduct an audit on the internal controls of the new Probate Court System and Online Payment System. He explained several weeks ago the external auditors made a report to Council, where the findings reported some weaknesses in controls where Constitutional Officers are involved. He stated as a result, Probate Judge Marc D'Antonio has requested an audit on the controls and distribution of job duties regarding the changes made due to the new software and online payment system.

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

1. **Ordinance (21-021) - 2nd 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) Councilor Woodson made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes, Davis and Huff being absent for the meeting.
2. **1st Reading- REZN-03-21-0483:** An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia; this amendment changes certain boundaries of a district located at 213 Northstar Drive (parcel # 094-026-009) from NC (Neighborhood Commercial) Zoning District to SFR2 (Single Family Residential 2) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval) (Councilor Tucker)
3. **1st Reading- REZN-04-21-0712:** An ordinance amending certain sections of the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) of the Columbus Code so as to add a new use category to Table 3.1.1 and add a new definition to Chapter 13. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval) (Mayor Pro-Tem)
4. **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. (Updated since 4-27-21) (Councilors Garrett, Barnes, and Tucker) Councilor Garrett made a motion to delay this ordinance on 1st Reading, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes, Davis and Huff being absent for the meeting.

Councilor R. Walker Garrett made several comments, stating this item has been revised extensively and has been delayed for over a year. He explained there have been concerns expressed from all aspects, but this proposed ordinance just reiterates what the City of Columbus already has in place. He asked Council to include a date that the City of Columbus will adopt an ordinance, giving a deadline of August 21, 2021.

Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen explained at the last meeting, Mayor Henderson requested the Chamber of Commerce form a group to discuss any concerns they may have and come back to Council with a working document.

Councilor Evelyn “Mimi” Woodson expressed her strong opposition to the Clerk of Council’s Office being responsible for handling reports of discrimination. She explained her concerns come from the necessity of having matters such as this handled by legal professionals.

RESOLUTIONS

5. **Resolution (132-21)** – A Resolution declaring the purpose and intent of the Columbus Council to protect and safeguard the right and opportunity of all persons to be free from all forms of discrimination, and to ensure that all persons within Columbus have equal access to employment, housing, and public accommodations. (Councilor Garrett) Councilor Garrett made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes, Davis and Huff being absent for the meeting.

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Ms. Katie Hedges, Re: Contract work with NeighborWorks Columbus.
2. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: The False Alarm Ordinance. (*Not Present*)

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Housing Authority of Columbus, GA Riverwalk Encroachment Agreement

Resolution (133-21): A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia authorizing a permanent encroachment of two walkways and necessary retaining walls onto the Riverwalk; authorizing the execution of an encroachment agreement with the Housing Authority of Columbus, Georgia for construction, maintenance, and repair of such improvements. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilor Crabb being absent for the vote, and Councilors Barnes, Davis and Huff being absent for the meeting.

2. Street Acceptance – Midland Commons Boulevard, Ray Wright Way, Thompson Way, and that portion of Talokas Lane located in Midland Commons

Resolution (134-21): A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, authorizing the acceptance of a deed to Midland Commons Boulevard, Ray Wright Way, Thompson Way and that portion of Talokas Lane located in Midland Commons on behalf of Columbus, Georgia. Councilor House made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilor Crabb being absent for the vote, and Councilors Barnes, Davis and Huff being absent for the meeting.

3. **Columbus Fire and EMS Strategic Plan and Standards of Cover/Community Risk Assessment Update**

Resolution (135-21): A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, updating the Columbus Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services Strategic Plan and Standard of Cover/Community Risk Assessment Documents. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes, Davis and Huff being absent for the meeting.

4. **Housing Authority of Columbus, Georgia, Request for Release of Funding (RROF)**

Resolution (136-21): A resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a Request for Release of Funding (RROF) with the Housing Authority of Columbus, Georgia, and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to access Moving to Work (MTW) Funding. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes, Davis and Huff being absent for the meeting.

5. **PURCHASES**

A. Pool Chemicals (Annual Contract)

Resolution (137-21): A resolution authorizing the annual contract for the purchase of pool chemicals, on an “as needed” basis, from Brenntag Mid-South, Inc. (Kennesaw, GA) and Chemrite, Inc. (Buford, GA) for the estimated annual contract value of \$158,370,20. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes, Davis and Huff being absent for the meeting.

B. Bus Route Signs & Poles – Rebid (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 21-0029

Resolution (138-21): A resolution authorizing the execution of an annual contract with Vulcan, Inc. d/b/a Vulcan Signs (Foley, AL) for bus route signs and poles in the estimated contract value of \$11,718.00 for year 1, \$12,298.00 for year 2, and \$12,946.00 for year 3. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes, Davis and Huff being absent for the meeting.

C. Steel Trash Receptacles (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 21-0028

Resolution (139-21): A resolution authorizing the annual contract with Global Equipment Company, Inc. (Milwaukee, WI) in the estimated contract value of \$6,617.75 for year 1, \$6,816.75 for year 2, and \$7,036.25 for year 3. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes, Davis and Huff being absent for the meeting.

D. On-Call Low Voltage Wiring Services (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 21-0030

Resolution (140-21): A resolution authorizing the annual contract for low voltage wiring services with Innovative Services (Covington, GA) and NetPlanner Systems, Inc. (Columbus, GA). The Information Technology Department has budgeted \$143,200.00 on the FY 22 Budget for these services; funding will be budgeted as needed throughout the term of the contract. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes, Davis and Huff being absent for the meeting.

E. Service Agreement Amendment for the Automated Victim Notification System (VINE)

Resolution (141-21): A resolution authorizing a service agreement amendment for the Automated Victim Notification System (VINE) from Appriss, Inc., (Louisville, KY) to add court notifications for a one-time start-up fee of \$15,125.00, and an annual fee of \$10,000.00. Upon mutual agreement, the City and Appriss may renew the contract for up to four (4) subsequent, 12-month periods. Each annual renewal period is subject to a 3% annual increase. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes, Davis and Huff being absent for the meeting.

F. Automatic License Plate Recognition (ALPR) Security Camera System (Annual Contract) – Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (142-21): A resolution authorizing an annual contract with Flock Group, Inc., d/b/a Flock Safety (Atlanta, GA) for the provision of an Automatic License Plate Recognition (ALPR) Security Camera System, including installation for the Police Department. In FY21, the Police Department will make an initial purchase of \$22,000 (8 cameras @ \$2,500 each and 8 implementation fees @ \$250.00 each) and anticipates making future purchases over the term of the contract. The purchase will be accomplished via Cooperative Purchase by utilizing RFP No. 21-3746, initiated by the City of Greenville, South Carolina. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes, Davis and Huff being absent for the meeting.

G. Ford Expedition for Information Technology – Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (143-21): A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) Ford Expedition, for the Information Technology Department, from Wade Ford (Smyrna, GA) in the amount of \$61,394.00. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via the City of Atlanta, Department of Procurement, Contract #10660-WS-A1. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes, Davis and Huff being absent for the meeting.

6. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

A. CARES Act / American Rescue Plan Update- Pam Hodge, Deputy City Manager

Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge came forward to give an update on the CARES Act and the American Rescue Plan. She provided the status of each grant received by the Columbus Consolidated Government, and those grants that were not received.

Finance Director Angelica Alexander stated the U.S. Department of Treasury has published the amounts of the allocations the City of Columbus will receive as part of the American Rescue Plan (ARP). She explained the County will receive \$40,456,205 and the County will receive \$38,025,833, for a combined total of \$78,482,038, with half being received once the applications are finalized and the other half in one year.

City Manager Isaiah Hugley responded to comments made by Councilors Tucker and Woodson, stating members of the City Manager's Millennial Roundtable are coming up with creative ways to get valuable information out to the citizens of Columbus. He explained he hopes these efforts will reach those citizens that may not watch CCG-TV and rely on other outlets.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Provide information to a non-profit organization regarding the cancellation notice for grant funding. (*Request of Councilor Woodson*)
- Use local television stations, radio stations, newspapers and social media to ensure the citizens are getting information on available grant funding for small businesses. (*Request of Councilor Tucker*)

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

Community Reinvestment Director Rob Scott approached the rostrum to give a presentation on the Small Business Economic Relief Grant Program being administered through the Community Reinvestment Department. He explained his department has partnered with StartUP Columbus and the Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce to administer a grant program that will assist the small businesses of Columbus that have negatively been affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic. He stated the funding for this grant program is provided under the Federal Stimulus Package, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

City Manager Isaiah Hugley also shared that assistance is available for COVID-19 related matters; such as, up to \$9,000 for burial assistance for family members that passed away due to COVID-19.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT DIRECTOR:

- Provide information on how many Latino owned businesses have applied for the grant. (*Request of Councilor Woodson*)
- Put together information on available grant opportunities to provide to minority business owners. (*Request of Councilor Woodson*)

C. Bull Creek Golf Course Update - Jim Arendt, Director

Finance Director Angelica Alexander approached the rostrum to explain the request for additional funding of \$285,000 for the FY 2021 Budget for the Golf Courses. She stated the department has come before Council pursuant to Ordinance 13-39, which states before a department or office can exceed its current approved budget, they must receive the approval of Council. She explained the revenues for Bull Creek have increased by 83% and Oxbow increasing by 129% during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the addition of \$285,000 to the Golf Courses' FY 2021 Budget, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilors Barnes, Davis and Huff being absent for the meeting.

D. Yard Waste Update - Lisa Goodwin, Deputy City Manager

Deputy City Manager Lisa Goodwin came forward to give an update on the delay in yard waste pick up. She explained the delays in yard waste and bulk pick-up is due to there being an average of seven to ten inoperable trucks due to aging and inmate work assistance down to 39%. She stated the average delay in yard waste collection is four to six days and bulk collections at an average of two weeks behind schedule.

Councilor Tucker made a motion to authorize a one-year contract for waste pick-up services for a monthly cost of \$148,500, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes, Davis and Huff being absent for the meeting.

City Manager Isaiah Hugley stated the Finance Director will present a resolution at the May 25, 2021 Council Meeting, officially authorizing a contract on the record.

E. 2012 TSPLOST/1999 & 1993 SPLOST Update – Pam Hodge, Deputy City Manager

Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge came forward to give an update on the 2021 TSPLOST, 1999 SPLOST, and the 1993 SPLOST. She explained the various projects completed and some still in progress because of the monies received from the local option sales tax.

F. 2022 TSPLOST Projects Update – Rick Jones, Planning Director. ***No Action Taken***

Planning Director Rick Jones approached the rostrum to give an update on the proposed projects that would be funded under the 2022 TSPLOST, if approved. He went over the various projects and the estimated costs associated with those projects, informing members of Council that it is not

too late to add projects to the list for consideration. He explained the election for the 2022 TSPLOST is scheduled for March 2022, is a regional local option sales tax, and is an “all or nothing” election.

BID ADVERTISEMENT

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.

2. 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 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.

May 21, 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.

CLERK OF COUNCIL’S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

1. **RESOLUTION (144-21):** A Resolution to change the time for the Regular Council Meeting of June 8, 2021 to 5:30 p.m.; the Council would hold a Special Called Meeting on June 15, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. and changing the time of the Regular Council Meeting of June 22, 2021 to 9:00 a.m. The June 1, 2021 Proclamation Session and the June 29, 2021 Consent Agenda / Work Session are hereby cancelled. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilors Barnes, Davis and Huff being absent for the meeting.
2. **BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS:** Email Correspondence from Ryan Pruett advising of the board's vote to request that the seat of Charles Smith be declared vacant due to lack of attendance. Councilor Tucker made a motion to declare the seat of Charles Smith as vacant, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilors Barnes, Davis and Huff being absent for the meeting.

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

457 Deferred Compensation Board, January 21, 2021

Board of Tax Assessors, #14-21 and #15-21

Board of Health, March 24, 2021

Columbus Airport Commission, March 3 & 24, 2021

Commission on International Relations & Cultural Liaison Encounters (C.I.R.C.L.E), February 16 and March 16, 2021

Councilor Crabb made a motion to receive the minutes of various boards, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes, Davis and Huff being absent for the meeting.

ADD-ON ITEMS:

RESOLUTION (145-21): A Resolution excusing Councilor Jerry "Pops" Barnes from the May 11, 2021 Council Meeting. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes, Davis and Huff being absent for the meeting.

RESOLUTION (146-21): A Resolution excusing Councilor Glenn Davis from the May 11, 2021 Council Meeting. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes, Davis and Huff being absent for the meeting.

RESOLUTION (147-21): A Resolution excusing Councilor Bruce Huff from the May 11, 2021 Council Meeting. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes, Davis and Huff being absent for the meeting.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS- ACTION REQUESTED:

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

A. 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.

7. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS- READY FOR CONFIRMATION:

A. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS COMMITTEE: Assistant Fire Chief Tim Smith (Fire & EMS) was nominated to succeed Capt. Bill Rawn (**Sworn Officer Seat**). (*Councilor Thomas' nominee*) Term expires: April 30, 2023. Councilor Woodson made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes, Davis and Huff being absent for the meeting.

B. KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION: Ms. Wanda Jenkins (**At-Large Member**) was nominated to serve another term of office. (*Mayor Pro Tem Allen's nominee*) Term expires: June 30, 2023. Councilor Woodson made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes, Davis and Huff being absent for the meeting.

C. KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION: Mr. Matt Horne (**At-Large Member**) was nominated to serve another term of office. (*Mayor Pro Tem Allen's nominee*) Term expires: June 30, 2023. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes, Davis and Huff being absent for the meeting.

D. KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION: Dr. Kar'retta Venable (**At-Large Member**) was nominated to serve another term of office. (*Mayor Pro Tem Allen's nominee*) Term expires: June 30, 2023. Councilor Tucker made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes, Davis and Huff being absent for the meeting.

E. KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION: Ms. Anuradha "Ann" Rewatkar (**At-Large Member**) was nominated to serve another term of office. (*Councilor Huff's nominee*) Term expires: June 30, 2023. Councilor Woodson made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes, Davis and Huff being absent for the meeting.

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

A. 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 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.

9. 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. Clerk of Council Davis informed Mayor Pro Tem Allen the Clerk's Office is working with the Parks and Recreation Department to get a recommendation for the seat of Brian Abeyta.

C. KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION:

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.

D. 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.

E. 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.

UPCOMING BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

- A. Board of Water Commissioners
- B. Convention & Visitors Board of Commissioners

PUBLIC AGENDA (continued):

1. Ms. Katie Hedges, Re: Contract work with NeighborWorks Columbus.

After Ms. Katie Hedges came forward for an allotted three additional minutes to make further comments, Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the request of NeighborWorks President & CEO Cathy Williams to respond to comments made by Ms. Katie Hedges, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes, Davis and Huff being absent for the meeting.

NeighborWorks President & CEO Kathy Williams approached the rostrum to respond to comments made by Ms. Katie Hedges. She stated Ms. Hedges' home was not eligible to receive funding to make the repairs she spoke of.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At the request of Mayor Pro Tem Allen, Councilor Crabb made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss matters of litigation and personnel, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes, Davis and Huff being absent for the meeting, and the time being 12:44 p.m.

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 1:25 p.m., at which time, Mayor Pro Tem Allen announced that the Council did meet in executive session to discuss matters of litigation and personnel; however, there were no votes taken.

ADD-ON RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION (148-21): A Resolution approving the recommendation for denial of the request for refund by Exide Technologies Inc. and Exide Environmental Response Trust for the amount of \$1,966,783.67. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes, Davis and Huff being absent for the meeting.

RESOLUTION (149-21): A Resolution approving a claim for damages on behalf of the claimant Larry Underwood based on an injury sustained on August 1, 2017 in the amount of \$245,000. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes, Davis and Huff being absent for the meeting.

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Pro Tem Allen entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Councilor Woodson to adjourn the May 11, 2021 Regular Meeting, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes, Davis and Huff being absent for the meeting, and the time being 1:27 p.m.



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