

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

Council Chambers  
C. E. “Red” McDaniel City Services Center- Second Floor  
3111 Citizens Way, Columbus, GA 31906

July 13, 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, Glenn Davis (arrived 9:01 a.m.), R. Walker Garrett, John M. House, Bruce Huff (arrived 9:05 a.m.), Toyia Tucker, and Evelyn “Mimi” Woodson (arrived at 9:14 a.m.). City Manager Isaiah Hugley, City Attorney Clifton Fay, Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis, and Deputy Clerk of Council Lindsey G. McLemore were present.

**ABSENT:** Councilor Jerry “Pops” Barnes and Judy W. Thomas were absent.

**The following documents were distributed around the Council table:** (1) Demolition Properties Presentation; (2) Integrated Waste Fund Financial Update Presentation; (3) Memorandum of Understanding from the Housing Authority of Columbus, Georgia, Re: SPICE Program; (4) Dragonfly Trail Network Presentation; (5) FY22 HUD Funding Access Presentation; (6) Public Works Collections Update Presentation; (7) American Rescue Plan Presentation; (8) 2021 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) – Back to Basics Presentation.

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

**INVOCATION:** Offered by Rev. Dr. Curtis L. West, Jr. at Holsey Chapel CME Church of Columbus, Georgia

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

**MINUTES**

1. Approval of minutes for the June 22, 2021, Council Meeting and Executive Session and the June 29, 2021, Special Called Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Huff and Woodson being absent for the vote, and Councilors Barnes and Thomas being absent for the meeting.

**UPDATE:**

2. An update on COVID-19

**Mayor B. H. “Skip” Henderson** gave a brief update on COVID-19. He stated at least 34% of the residents in Muscogee County have received at least one dose of the vaccination, with the rolling 7-day average around ten. He encouraged those citizens who are on the fence on the vaccination to conduct research and then make an informed decision.

**PASSING OF PETE ROBINSON AND EVELYN TURNER PUGH**

**Mayor B.H. “Skip” Henderson** acknowledged the recent passing of former Mayor Pro Tem Evelyn Turner Pugh and Statehouse Lobbyist Pete Robinson. He encouraged everyone to immortalize the respectful way Pete Robinson and Evelyn Turner Pugh handled their business.

**PROCLAMATION:**

3. **PROCLAMATION:** John Redmond Day

**RECEIVING:** John Redmond

**Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen** read the proclamation into the record, proclaiming Tuesday, July 13, 2021, as *John Redmond Day*, recognizing his dedication to the Columbus Consolidated Government since 2008 as the first Internal Auditor.

**PRESENTATION:**

4. Mercer Medical School's Columbus Update (Dr. Maurice Solis, MD, Senior Associate Dean of Mercer Medical School's Columbus campus)

**Dr. Maurice Solis, Senior Associate Dean,** approached the rostrum to give an update on the Mercer Medical School’s Columbus Campus. He stated Mercer Medical School is the oldest private research universities in the State of Georgia. He explained Mercer Medical School awards around four hundred doctorate degrees each year, while only accepting residents of Georgia.

**CITY ATTORNEY’S AGENDA**

**ORDINANCES**

1. **Ordinance (21-042) - 2nd Reading-** REZN-04-21-0662: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **8238 Cooper Creek Road** (parcel # 080-001-019) from RO (Residential Office) Zoning District to NC (Neighborhood Commercial) Zoning District with a condition. (Mayor Pro-Tem) (as amended) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Barnes and Thomas being absent for the meeting.

2. **Ordinance (21-043) - 2nd Reading-** REZN-04-21-0799: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **8300 / 8350 Fortson Road** (parcel # 074-001-016 / 074-001-017) from RE1 (Residential Estate) Zoning District to LMI (Light Manufacturing / Industrial) Zoning District. (Councilor Davis) Councilor Tucker made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Barnes and Thomas being absent for the meeting.
3. **Ordinance (21-044) - 2nd Reading-** REZN-04-21-0800: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **3290 Williams Road** (parcel # 073-021-002K) from LMI (Light Manufacturing / Industrial) Zoning District to GC (General Commercial) Zoning District. (Councilor Davis) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Barnes and Thomas being absent for the meeting.
4. **1st Reading-** REZN-05-21-0891: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **0 Whittlesey Road** (parcel # 190-050-001) from LMI (Light Manufacturing / Industrial) Zoning District to RO (Residential Office) & GC (General Commercial) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval) (Councilor Davis)
5. **1st Reading-** REZN-05-21-1003: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **2458 Martha's Loop** (parcel # 085-054-026 / 085-054-017A) from SFR4 (Single Family Residential 4) Zoning District to RMF2 (Residential Multifamily 2) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval) (Councilor Barnes)
6. **1st Reading-** An Ordinance providing for the demolition of various structures located at: 1) **4720 Sentry Street** (Lillian E C Howard & Kenneth Allen, Owner) 2) **4131 2nd Avenue** (Cash King, LLC, Owner) 3) **2908 Beacon Avenue** (Donna J Peddicord, Owner); 4) **3626 Irwin Way** (Robert F Kirby, Jr, Owner); 5) **222 28th Avenue** (Hattie Bass, Owner); 6) **345 Liberty Avenue** (Abby Bridgon, Owner); 7) **220 Kelly Avenue** (Morgan Vickie Moore, Owner); 8) **2125 South Andrews Circle** (Accessory Structure) (William & Catherine E Bowden, Owner); 9) **906 Brooks Road** (Richard B & Elouise White, Owner); 10) **1337 20th Street** (Larry W Bussey, Owner); 11) **1025 42nd Street** (Travis E Jackson, Owner); 12) **6800 Macon Road** (Alberi Properties, LLLP, Owner); 13) **37 Mason Drive** (Jessie McCray, Owner) 14) **1209 Carmel Court** (Deborah Burns, Owner); and for demolition services for the Inspections and Code Department in accordance with the attached Tabulation of Bid sheet. (Mayor Pro Tem)

**Inspections & Code Director Ryan Pruett** came forward to give a presentation on the fourteen properties being proposed for demolition.

**Mr. Robert F. Kirby, Jr.** approached the rostrum to address the Council regarding the property located at 3626 Irwin Way. He explained he purchased this property two years ago since his parents live next door. He requested an extension so he could get the dwelling demolished himself within the next three weeks.

**Ms. Abby Bridgon** approached the rostrum to address the Council regarding the property located at 345 Liberty Avenue, Columbus, Georgia. She explained this property belonged to her grandparents, which was later put into her name. She stated her family has been working on getting the house presentable, so they are able to keep the property within their family.

**Representative of Mr. Willie Moore** approached the rostrum to address the Council regarding the property located at 220 Kelly Avenue, Columbus, Georgia. She stated Mr. Moore is requesting for the property to be removed from the demolition list, stating the work that was addressed in the initial letter has been completed. She explained this property belongs to her grandfather, and he would like to keep the house; since, it belonged to his aunt.

**Inspections & Code Director Ryan Pruett** came forward to address the property at 220 Kelly Avenue, Columbus, Georgia, stating there has been work done to improve the condition of the property. He explained he would get with the homeowner to see the progress.

**Mr. David Bowden** approached the rostrum to address the Council regarding the property located at 2125 South Andrew Circle, Columbus, Georgia. He stated this structure was previously his father's woodshop. He outlined the work they plan to do to the structure to improve the condition within the next two weeks.

With there being no further comments, City Attorney Fay concluded the public hearing by stating that all of the properties would be listed for second reading subject to recommendations of Inspections & Code Director Pruett.

7. **1st Reading-** An Ordinance amending the FY22 Budget of the Consolidated Government so as to provide a fee waiver in the amount of one month's solid waste collection fee per residential property in Columbus, Georgia; and for other purposes. (Councilor Davis)

**Finance Director Angelica Alexander** came forward to give an update on the Integrated Waste Fund, at the request of the City Manager. She explained the struggles faced to meet the cost of the closure and post-closure of the landfill. She stated the landfill at Schatulga Road is at 100% utilization, and there is \$2.3 million annually in post-closure costs.

**Mr. Paul Olson** approached the rostrum to speak for the public hearing.

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

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

- Information on the salary savings realized in the Integrated Waste Fund as a result of vacant positions. (*Request of Councilor Crabb*)

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

8. **EXCP-05-21-1002** - A Resolution authorizing a special exception to operate a used auto sales in excess of 0.50 acre but less than two (2) acres located at **3072 Victory Drive**. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval) (Councilor Woodson)

**Councilor Evelyn “Mimi” Woodson** requested that this item be delayed due to the applicant not being present for the meeting.

9. **Resolution (205-21):** A Resolution ratifying Resolution No. 204-21 adopted at a Special Called Meeting on June 29, 2021 and amending it to designate an additional temporary alternative location for all Superior, State, Municipal, and Magistrate Courts sitting in Muscogee County, up to and until June 30, 2022 to hold proceedings during the COVID-19 reopening period. (Request of Judge McBride) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Barnes and Thomas being absent for the meeting.

## **PUBLIC AGENDA**

1. Ms. Annette Adams, Re: Solutions to the solid waste collection issue. *Not Present*
2. Mr. Paul Olson, Re: Upcoming SPLOST Referendum.
3. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Crime Prevention, US Marshals Out of Control, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

## **CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA**

1. **Declaration of Taking Resolution of Parcel 28 for the Intersection Improvements along Buena Vista Road (Columbus Spider Web Network) Muscogee County P.I. # 0011436**

**Resolution (206-21):** A resolution declaring that there is a need and necessity to immediately acquire property interests in and to lands under the provisions of the Official Code of Georgia annotated, authorizing the mayor to order the acquisition of said lands for county road and/or municipal street purposes, and authorizing the filing of a declaration of taking by the City Attorney or his representatives for the acquisition of said lands under the authority of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, Section 32-3-1, et. Seq. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Barnes and Thomas being absent for the meeting.

2. **Declaration of Taking Resolution of Parcel 40 for the Intersection Improvements along Buena Vista Road (Columbus Spider Web Network) Muscogee County P.I. # 0011436**

**Resolution (207-21):** A resolution declaring that there is a need and necessity to immediately acquire property interests in and to lands under the provisions of the Official Code of Georgia

annotated, authorizing the Mayor to order the acquisition of said lands for county road and/or municipal street purpose, and authorizing the filing of a declaration of taking by the City Attorney or his representatives for the acquisition of said lands under the authority of the Official Code of Georgia annotated, Section 32-3-1, et. Seq. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Barnes and Thomas being absent for the meeting.

### **3. Declaration of Taking Resolution of Parcel 41 for the Intersection Improvements along Buena Vista Road (Columbus Spider Web Network) Muscogee County P.I. # 0011436**

**Resolution (208-21):** A resolution declaring that there is a need and necessity to immediately acquire property interests in and to lands under the provisions of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, authorizing the Mayor to order the acquisition of said lands for county road and/or municipal street purposes, and authorizing the filing of a declaration of taking by the City Attorney or his representatives for the acquisition of said lands under the authority of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, Section 32-3-1, et. Seq. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Barnes and Thomas being absent for the meeting.

### **4. Environmental Services Agreement**

**Resolution (209-21):** A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a second amendment to the contract with Columbus Power Producers to develop beneficial uses for landfill gas at Pine Grove and Schatulga Road Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) Landfills. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Barnes and Thomas being absent for the meeting.

### **5. FY22 Public Defender Contract**

**Resolution (210-21):** A resolution authorizing to enter into an agreement for indigent defense services between Circuit Public Defender Office of the Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit and Muscogee County in the amount of \$2,112,031 from July 2021 to June 2022 and authorize payment to the Georgia Public Defender Standards Council (GPDSC) in the amount of \$1,558,577 paid in monthly installments of \$129,881.42 of which is included in the total amount. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Barnes and Thomas being absent for the meeting.

### **6. Georgia Emergency Management Agency/Homeland Security Explosive Ordnance Disposal Bomb Squad Grant**

**Resolution (211-21):** A resolution authorizing the Sheriff's Office to accept a grant from Georgia Emergency Management Agency/Homeland Security in the amount of \$38,750.00, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, for operating expenses of the Columbus Hazardous Devices Response Team, and to amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the award. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Barnes and Thomas being absent for the meeting.

## **7. GEMA/HS EOD K9 Program Grant**

**Resolution (212-21):** A resolution authorizing the Sherriff's Office to accept a grant from Georgia Emergency Management Agency/Homeland Security in the amount of \$52,000.00, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, for operating expenses of the Explosive Detection K9 Program, 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 Barnes and Thomas being absent for the meeting.

## **8. U.S. Department of Justice FY21 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant**

**Resolution (213-21):** A resolution authorizing the City Manager or his designee to submit an application for, and if awarded, accept a 2021 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant from the U.S. Department of Justice in the amount of \$104,731, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match requirement, to amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the award, and to allocate the amount awarded to the following City Departments to be used for law enforcement, prosecution and court programs supported by the grant: Muscogee County Sheriff -- \$48,738, Columbus Police Department -- \$45,995, Columbus Fire/EMS -- \$9,998. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Barnes and Thomas being absent for the meeting.

## **9. Transportation Alternatives Program Funding Request**

**Resolution (214-21):** A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, authorizing the City Manager to apply for funding from the Georgia Department of Transportation's Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) to accept any funds if awarded and to amend the Transportation Project Fund by the amount of the award. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Barnes and Thomas being absent for the meeting.

## **10. Lease Amendment and Renewal - 5601 Veterans Parkway – Columbus Department of Public Health-WIC Program**

**Resolution (215-21):** A resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease amendment and renewal with the Columbus Police Department of Public Health – WIC Program to amend and renew the lease of additional space in the building at 5601 Veterans Parkway, Columbus, Georgia 31904. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Barnes and Thomas being absent for the meeting.

## **14. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS**

A. Dragonfly Trail Network Update - Becca Zajac.

**Dragonfly Trails, Inc. Executive Director Becca Zajac** approached the rostrum to give an update on the Dragonfly Trail Network and its connections to River Road and Midtown. She stated she would be returning on July 27, 2021, to request approval for the River Road Connection and TAP Application.

### 13. PURCHASES

#### D. Desk Officer Reporting System for Police Department – Cooperative Purchase

**Resolution (216-21):** A resolution authorizing the execution of the law enforcement agreement from LexisNexis Coplogic Solutions (Alpharetta, GA) for desk office reporting system, for 2 years, in the amount of \$42,600. The cost of the system will be off set via revenue sharing, whereby by LexisNexis collects all fees paid by individuals to obtain a vehicle crash report and reimburses the city \$5 per report. This system will be purchased via Cooperative Purchase via contract number: 48400-197-DOT0001774-001 between LexisNexis Coplogic and the Georgia Department of Transportation. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Barnes and Thomas being absent for the meeting.

**Police Chief Freddie Blackmon** approached the rostrum to explain the approved purchase. He explained this is the first step in the Columbus Police Department transitioning to a new approach on report taking. He stated the new system will allow self-reporting for the citizens.

#### 11. Lease Amendment - 5601 Veterans Parkway – Columbus Department of Public Health - District Child Health Program

**Resolution (217-21):** A resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease amendment and renewal with the Columbus Department of Public Health – District Child Health Program to amend the lease of additional space in the building at 5601 Veterans Parkway, Columbus, Georgia 31904. 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 Barnes and Thomas being absent for the meeting.

#### 12. FY22 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Community Development Block Grant – Corona Virus Round 3 (CDBG-CV3), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and FY21 HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Reprogramming Funding Recommendations

**Resolution (218-21):** A resolution approving the recommendation of funding for FY 22 Community Development Block Grant, Home Investment Partnerships, Community Development Block Grant – Corona Virus Round 3, and FY 21 Home Investment Partnerships Projects with US Housing and Urban Development Entitlement Funds. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Davis and Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilors Barnes and Thomas being absent for the meeting.

**Community Reinvestment Director Robert Scott** came forward to provide a presentation on the recommended programs to receive funding from the Community Development Block Grant – Corona Virus Round 3 (CDBG-CV3) and the FY21 HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Reprogramming.



### 13. PURCHASES

#### A. Animal Control Truck for Public Works – Cooperative Purchase

**Resolution (219-21):** A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) animal control truck (10,000 GVWR Pickup Ford F-250 with animal control body by Jackson Creek Manufacturing), from Wade Ford (Smyrna, GA) in the amount of \$65,375.75. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via the City of Atlanta, Department of Procurement, Contract #10590-WS for pickup trucks. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Davis and Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilors Barnes and Thomas being absent for the meeting.

#### B. Service Truck for Public Works – Cooperative Purchase

**Resolution (220-21):** A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) service truck (12,500 GVWR Cab & Chassis Ford F350 with Knapheide Service Body by Cherokee Truck Equipment), from Wade Ford (Smyrna, GA) in the amount of \$45,691.00. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract # 99999-001-SPD0000155. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Davis and Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilors Barnes and Thomas being absent for the meeting.

#### C. Security Locking System Maintenance Services for Muscogee County Prison (Annual Control) – RFB No. 21-0027

**Resolution (221-21):** A resolution authorizing the execution of an annual contract with AdaptToSolve, Inc. (LaGrange, GA), in the estimated contract value of \$13,600.00 for preventative maintenance and repair services and \$100 per hour for emergency service calls, for the security locking system at Muscogee County Prison. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Davis and Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilors Barnes and Thomas being absent for the meeting.

### 14. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

#### B. Yard Waste Pick Up Update - Mike Criddle, Public Works Director

**Public Works Director Mike Criddle** approached the rostrum to give an update on yard waste pick up services. He explained the plan to get the collection schedule back on track and answered questions asked by the councilors present.

#### REFERRAL(S):

#### FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Request for Public Works to consider allowing citizens to take bulk waste, such as mattresses and furniture, to the landfill at no charge during the time allowed. (*Request of Councilor Crabb*)

- Provide information on the number of tickets received by Public Works for waste on a monthly basis and broken down by districts to Councilors on the open and closed work orders, so they could report the progress to their constituents. *(Request of Councilor Tucker)*
- Provide progress information on the CCG website and CCG-TV. *(Request of Councilor Woodson)*
- Provide information to citizens reminding them of what is picked up and what is not, also include what is considered bulk waste. *(Request of Councilor Woodson)*

C. Fire/EMS Update - Sal Scarpa, Fire Chief

**Finance Director Angelica Alexander** approached the rostrum to explain the reason for the request of additional funding for the FY21 budget for the Fire/EMS Department. She explained the request is for \$430,000 to cover overages in overtime and auto repairs.

Fire and EMS Chief Sal Scarpa came forward to address the Mayor and Council. He addressed the challenges his department has met with many employees retiring and leaving the department. He explained that he expects to continue to have a problem with the cost of fleet maintenance.

Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the request for additional funding in the amount of \$430,000 for overtime and auto repair, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Barnes and Thomas being absent for the meeting.

**REFERRAL(S):**

**FOR THE CITY MANAGER:**

- List the Fire/EMS Department on the next Work Session agenda to address the concerns expressed by Chief Scarpa regarding their fleet. *(Request of Councilor Woodson)*

D. American Rescue Plan (ARP) Update - Pam Hodge, Deputy City Manager

**Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge** came forward to provide an update on the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021. She explained the City of Columbus has received a total of \$39,241,019 out of the \$78,482,038 that has been allocated to Columbus/Muscogee County.

E. SPLOST Update - Pam Hodge, Deputy City Manager

**Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge** came forward to give an update on the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST). She provided information on the timeline of the proposed SPLOST and information on the proposal of new facilities for the judicial and administration departments. She explained the proposed option for the new judicial center is at a construction cost of \$381 per square foot.

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

- Suggestion to provide this presentation after the Public Agenda at the beginning of the City Manager's Agenda to avoid misperception. (*Request of Councilor Woodson*)

**Bid Advertisements****July 14, 2021****1. Mott's Green Plaza P. I. #0015287 (Re-Bid) – RFB No. 21-0037****Scope of Bid**

The Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia (the Owner) invites bids for construction of the proposed trail and landscape improvements along the Columbus Riverwalk. The work primarily involves installation of concrete paving and decorative planters and structures with landscaping, as depicted on the drawings. The DBE goal for this project is 8%.

Bidders are advised that the governing specifications for this project, including such items as bidding requirements, general conditions, technical specifications and related items, shall be in accordance with the State of Georgia, Department of Transportation Standard Specifications, 2013 Edition, and applicable Supplemental Specifications and Special Provisions. The Owner assumes the Bidder is a pre-qualified bidder with GDOT and therefore is familiar with the stated reference documents or has access to same.

**July 16, 2021****1. Treatment Providers for Mental Health Court and Veterans Treatment Court (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 21-0031****Scope of RFP**

Columbus Consolidated Government, on behalf of the Mental Health Court and Veterans Treatment Court, is soliciting proposals to provide treatment to participants in PTSD Counseling and Psychological Assessment. *Offerors may submit proposals to provide either or both areas of treatment. The services will be procured on an as-needed basis.*

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

**July 21, 2021****1. Safety Apparel (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 21-0033****Scope of Bid**

Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) is requesting bids from qualified vendors to provide safety apparel to include: safety belts, safety vests, safety t-shirts, safety hats and safety caps to Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) on an "as needed" basis. The contract term will be for two years with the option to renew for three additional twelve-month periods.

2. **Storing, Transporting and Recycling Waste Tires (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 21-0036**  
**Scope of Bid**

Provide storing, transporting and recycling waste tire services on an “as needed” basis for the Columbus Consolidated Government Public Works Department.

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

**August 4, 2021**

1. **Sports/Uniform Active Apparel (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 22-0003**  
**Scope of Bid**

Provide sports/uniform active apparel to include t-shirts, sweatshirts, polo shirts, hats, caps, jackets, etc. to Public Works, Columbus Fire and EMS, Parks and Recreation, METRA and other Departments 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. **Resolution (222-21):** Resolution excusing Councilor Jerry “Pops” Barnes from the June 29, 2021, Special Called Meeting and July 13, 2021, Council Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Crabb and Davis being absent for the vote, and Councilors Barnes and Thomas being absent for the meeting.
2. **Resolution (223-21):** Resolution excusing Councilor Glenn Davis from the June 29, 2021, Special Called Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Crabb and Davis being absent for the vote, and Councilors Barnes and Thomas being absent for the meeting.
3. **Resolution (224-21):** A resolution excusing Councilor Judy Thomas from the June 29, 2021, Special Called Meeting and July 13, 2021 Council Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Crabb and Davis being absent for the vote, and Councilors Barnes and Thomas being absent for the meeting.
4. Email Correspondence from Charonda Huff resigning from her seat on the Board of Family & Children Services. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to receive the resignation, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Crabb and Davis being absent for the vote, and Councilors Barnes and Thomas being absent for the meeting.

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

Board of Elections & Registration, June 3, 2021

Board of Tax Assessors, #20-21 and #21-21

Columbus Board of Health, May 26, 2021

Columbus Golf Authority, June 22, 2021

Convention & Visitors Board of Commissioners, May 19, 2021

Development Authority, June 3, 2021

Housing Authority of Columbus, May 19, 2021

Mayor's Commission on Reentry, March 15, April 19 and May 17, 2021

Personnel Review Board, June 23, 2021

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to receive the minutes of various boards, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Crabb and David being absent for the vote, and Councilors Barnes and Thomas being absent for the meeting.

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED**

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

A. **CONVENTION & VISITORS BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:**

A nominee for the seat of Marianne Richter (*Not eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on December 31, 2021, as a representative of the Restaurant/Retail Industry on the Convention & Visitors Bureau Board of Commissioners (*Mayor's Appointment*). There were none.

B. **YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:**

A nominee for the Youth Advisory Council (*Mayor's Appointment*). There were none.

7. **COUNCIL'S DISTRICT SEAT APPOINTMENT- ANY NOMINATIONS MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:**

A. **KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION:**

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*). Councilor Tucker nominated Eddie Florence to succeed Patricia Thomas as the District 4 Representative. Councilor Woodson made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote, and Councilors Barnes and Thomas being absent for the meeting.

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 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 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.

#### **B. PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION:**

A nominee for the seat of Friar Noel Danielewicz (*Seat Declared Vacant*) as the District 3 Representative for a term expiring on October 31, 2022, on the Public Safety Advisory Commission (*Council District 3- Huff*). There were none.

#### **C. YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:**

A nominee for the Youth Advisory Council for the District 1 Representative. (*Council District 1- Barnes*). There were none.

A nominee for the Youth Advisory Council for the District 2 Representative. (*Council District 2- Davis*). There were none.

A nominee for the Youth Advisory Council for the District 3 Representative. (*Council District 3- Huff*). There were none.

A nominee for the Youth Advisory Council for the District 4 Representative. (*Council District 4- Tucker*). There were none.

A nominee for the Youth Advisory Council for the District 5 Representative. (*Council District 5- Crabb*). There were none.

A nominee for the Youth Advisory Council for the District 6 Representative. (*Council District 6- Allen*). There were none.

A nominee for the Youth Advisory Council for the District 7 Representative. (*Council District 7-Woodson*). There were none.

A nominee for the Youth Advisory Council for the District 8 Representative. (*Council District 8-Garrett*). There were none.

A nominee for the Youth Advisory Council for the District 9 Representative. (*Council District 9-Thomas*). Clerk of Council Davis explained that Councilor Thomas wishes to nominate Jaylin Ollivierre. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote, and Councilors Barnes and Thomas being absent for the meeting.

A nominee for the Youth Advisory Council for the District 10 Representative. (*Council District 10- House*). There were none.

8. **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. 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.

### **C. 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 litigation, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote, Councilors Barnes and Thomas being absent for the meeting, and the time being 12:44 p.m.

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 12:56 p.m., at which time, Mayor Henderson announced that the Council did meet in executive session to discuss matters of litigation; however, there were no votes taken.

### **RESOLUTION:**

**Resolution (225-21):** A resolution whereas, the case of Rodrigo Arreola et al v. M. Aguilar, B. Dudley, and A. Evrard has been pending in U.S. District Court (Case N. 4:19-CV-5 (CDL). Councilor Garrett made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote, and Councilors Barnes and Thomas being absent for the meeting.

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Allen to adjourn the July 13, 2021, Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote, Councilors Barnes and Thomas being absent for the meeting, and the time being 12:57 p.m.



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