

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

March 8, 2022
9:00 AM
Regular Meeting

MAYOR'S AGENDA

PRESENT: Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III, and Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen and Councilors Jerry "Pops" Barnes (arrived at 9:12 a.m.), Charmaine Crabb, R. Walker Garrett, John M. House, Bruce Huff, Judy W. Thomas and Toyia Tucker. 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 Glenn Davis and Evelyn "Mimi" Woodson were absent.

The following documents were distributed to the members of Council: (1) 2021 Columbus Consolidated Government Annual Report; (2) Muscogee County Sheriff's Office 2021 Annual Report; (3) Public Health Concerns at H.A.N.D.S. Daycare Information

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Rev. Joseph E. Baker at Saint James AME Church of Columbus, Georgia

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Henderson

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the February 22, 2022, Council Meeting and Executive Session. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote, and Councilors Davis and Woodson 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 explained that we have recently, within the CCG owned buildings, relaxed our face mask mandate to a recommendation. He stated there are N-95 masks available for visitors to the facilities that are concerned with the mask mandate being lifted. He thanked the members of the community for their efforts in preventing the spread of the virus.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

5. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. City Manager's FY21 Annual Report - Crystal Farley, Chief of Staff to City Manager

City Manager Isaiah Hugley introduced the Chief of Staff for his office, Crystal Farley. He explained the need for the millennials working in the background to be brought to the forefront as they are impact players and bring a lot of fresh ideas to the table. He also acknowledges the work contributed by another millennial in his office, Zoe Hightower, for her help on the report. (*NOTE: This update was called up as the next order of business as listed on the City Manager's Agenda Item 5"A"*)

Chief of Staff Crystal Farley approached the rostrum to provide the City Manager's FY21 Annual Report. She went over the layout of the annual report, stating each department for public safety and general government have provided information on the impact they are having on the community. She explained the annual report would be made available on the CCG website and social media pages.

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

1. **Ordinance (22-014) - 2nd Reading-** REZN-08-21-1522: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **6500 / 6516 Lynch Road** (parcel # 129-001-001 / 129-001-002) from SFR2 (Single Family Residential 2) Zoning District to GC (General Commercial) Zoning District with conditions. (Planning recommends conditional approval and PAC recommends approval.) (As amended 2-22-22) (Mayor Pro-Tem) 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 Davis and Woodson being absent for the meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to allow Mr. Billy Sims to speak regarding the proposed rezoning, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Davis and Woodson being absent for the meeting.

Mr. Billy Sims came forward expressing his concerns and asked a question regarding the conditions set in the proposed rezoning regarding liquor sales for future businesses.

2. **2nd Reading-** REZN-10-21-1929: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **877 Farr Road** (parcel # 089-011-004) from RMF2 (Residential Multifamily 2) Zoning District to GC (General Commercial) Zoning District. Planning Department and PAC recommend approval. (Councilor Huff) Councilor Huff made a motion to deny the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Davis and Woodson being absent for the meeting.

Councilor Bruce Huff explained that he has met and spoken with the residents in the area of Farr Road several times and they are opposed to any zoning changes at this time, so he made a motion to deny the proposed rezoning.

3. **1st Reading-** REZN-01-22-0072: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **2947 Mimosa Street** (parcel # 067-046-010) from NC (Neighborhood Commercial) Zoning District to SFR3 (Single Family Residential 3) Zoning District. Planning Department and PAC recommend approval. (Councilor Huff)

Ms. Danita Gibson Lloyd approached the rostrum to answer questions by the members of Council. There were none.

4. **1st Reading-** An Ordinance amending Chapter 13 of the Columbus Code to revise Section 13-109 to prohibit maintaining a swimming pool in a manner that causes a health hazard or noxious odors; and for other purposes. (Continued on 1st Reading from 2-22-22) (Councilor Barnes)

Councilor Jerry “Pops” Barnes expressed concern for one of his constituents, who is in poor health and is not able to enjoy her backyard due to a neighborhood having stagnant water in their backyard. He stated the smell is horrendous and the bacteria that grows in the water is a health hazard.

BULK SOLID WASTE – EVICTIONS ORDINANCE

Councilor Charmaine Crabb stated she has been working on the bulk waste ordinance since she tabled it a few weeks prior, and she wishes to table it indefinitely to allow more time for research. She explained she believes there is a bigger problem when it comes to bulk waste other than just evictions and we should be focusing on the areas that are going to have the biggest impact.

City Manager Isaiah Hugley stated he knows what the staff of Public Works deals with and continuing to do things the way it has always been done is going to continue the problem. He explained the city does not have the resources to address all the debris on the properties and in the streets.

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Ms. Shannon Rowe, representing Turman Realty Company, Inc., Re: The proposed ordinance to amend Code Section 13-172.2.
2. Mr. Brian Ribeiro, Re: The proposed ordinance to amend Code Section 13-172.2.
3. Mr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr., Re: Crime rate in Columbus and mistreatment of the Police Chief.
4. Mr. Paul S. Olson, Re: 1) Property tax relief 3 mills to legally reduce to 1 mills -indigent care, 2) Non-renewal contract with Columbus Regional / Piedmont, 3) Mayor & Council and 4) \$25 million fine imposed on Columbus Regional / false claim/ Stark Act.
5. Ms. Wylee Toms, representing Faith Home for Girls Inc/dba/HANDS Adult Daycare, Re: The Department of Engineering & Inspections and Code Enforcement relating to property at 1228 – 24th Street.
6. Mr. Wane Hailes, representing Columbus Branch NAACP, Re: The Fraternal Order of Police’s vote of no confidence for the Chief of Police.
7. Mr. Adrian Chester, representing Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, Re: Columbus Police Department.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. 2022 Alumni Georgia Smart Communities Challenge Grant

Resolution (066-22): A resolution authorizing the Mayor, City Manager or designee to submit an application for, and if awarded, accept a 2022 Alumni Georgia Smart Communities Challenge Grant up to the amount of \$100,000, or as otherwise awarded, with 100% local match requirement of which 50% will be fulfilled as in-kind services from local partners and the Columbus Consolidated Government and 50% will be a cash match coming from the Information Technology Budget and to amend the multi-governmental fund by the amount of the award. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Davis and Woodson being absent for the meeting.

2. State Delinquency Prevention Grant Request

Resolution (067-22): A resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit an application to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for a grant from the FY 2021 State Delinquency Prevention Grants Program to fund the Muscogee County Juvenile Court in the amount up to \$41,500.00, with no local match requirement, and if awarded, allow for payment of service providers, and amend the multi-governmental fund by the amount of the grant award. The grant period is from April 1, 2022 to September 30, 2022. Awardees will be eligible for continued funding through September 20, 2026 at up to \$50,000 per year. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Davis and Woodson being absent for the meeting.

3. State of Georgia Homeland Security Program (SHSP) – Formulytics Software Platform

Resolution (068-22): A resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant of \$50,000.00, or as otherwise awarded, from the State of Georgia Homeland Security Program, with no local match requirement and to amend the multi-governmental fund by the amount awarded. Funds will be utilized for the purchase of the Formulytics Software Platform to be used in the investigation and prosecution of criminal gang activity in accordance with the Georgia Street Gang Terrorism and Prevention Act. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Davis and Woodson being absent for the meeting.

4. PURCHASES

- A. Psychological Assessment Services for Muscogee County Sheriff's Office (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 22-0018

Resolution (069-22): A resolution authorizing the execution of an annual contract with Stephen J. Sampson, PH.D., P. C. (Loganville, GA) for psychological assessment services for the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office. The services will be procured on an as-needed basis. The recommended vendor's cost proposal is within budget. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Barnes and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Davis and Woodson being absent for the meeting.

- B. Comprehensive Inmate Healthcare Services for Muscogee County Jail (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 22-0016

Resolution (070-22): A resolution authorizing the execution of an annual contract with Wellpath, LLC (Nashville, TN) for comprehensive healthcare services for offenders incarcerated at the Muscogee County Jail. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Barnes and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Davis and Woodson being absent for the meeting.

Finance Director Angelica Alexander approached the rostrum to provide additional information on this purchase pursuant to Ordinance No. 13-39, stating the anticipated start date for this contract is April 1, 2022. She explained the cost associated with the selection of this vendor would be a slight budgetary increase in the amount of \$131,000 impacting the FY 2022 budget. In addition to that, there were two other items that were in queue for purchasing; a ballistic system- \$44,000 and the purchase of the drone- \$25,000; therefore, the total request is for \$200,000 to cover all three items for the Sheriff's Office. She advised that the funding would come out of the reserves.

5. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

H. Muscogee County Sheriff Update - Greg Countryman, Sheriff

Finance Director Angelica Alexander provided additional information on this item during her presentation for City Manager's Agenda Item #4(B). No additional action was taken.

4. PURCHASES

C. Recreation Management System – RFP No. 21-0025

Resolution (071-22): A resolution authorizing the purchase of a recreation management system from Vermont Systems (Essex Junction, VT). The recommended vendor's cost proposal is within budget. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Barnes and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Davis and Woodson being absent for the meeting.

D. Radar / Speed Lasers Certification for Public Safety Departments (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 22-0023

Resolution (072-22): A resolution authorizing the execution of an annual contract with McLaggan Communications & Radar Services Inc. (Hahira, GA) to provide certification services for radars and speed lasers for the estimated annual contract value of \$12,512.50. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Barnes and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Davis and Woodson being absent for the meeting.

E. Double Churches Pool Resurfacing – RFB No. 22-0028

Resolution (073-22): A resolution authorizing the execution of a contract with Aquatic Consulting and Equipment, Inc. (Alpharetta, GA) in the amount of \$56,880.00 to resurface the play pool at Double Churches Park. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Barnes and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Davis and Woodson being absent for the meeting.

F. Training Taser Cartridges for Police Department

Resolution (074-22): A resolution authorizing the purchase of training taser cartridges from Axon Enterprise, Inc., (Scottsdale, AZ) in the amount of \$38,350.00. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Barnes and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Davis and Woodson being absent for the meeting.

G. Dishwasher and Gate Replacement for Muscogee County Prison

Resolution (075-22): A resolution authorizing the purchase of equipment for the Muscogee County Prison in the amount of \$88,612.95, for a dishwasher, from Mobile Fixture & Equipment Company, Inc. (Columbus, GA), and \$12,966.00, for the back gate replacement, from Integrated Security Systems (Columbus, GA). Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Barnes and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Davis and Woodson being absent for the meeting.

H. Gift Cards for Police Department Gun Buyback Program

Resolution (076-22): A resolution authorizing the purchase of one hundred (100) gift cards at \$250 each from Kinetic Credit Union, for a total of \$25,000.00, for the Police Department sponsored citywide Gun Buyback Program. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Barnes and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Davis and Woodson being absent for the meeting.

Police Chief Freddie Blackmon came forward to explain the Gun BuyBack Program. He explained this is an initiative utilized by other law enforcement agencies, to provide a safety method to get guns off the streets. He stated citizens would be able to submit the firearms during various events in an anonymous manner and receive a \$250 gift card in return. He explained once received, CPD would check the firearms as the law requires with their disposal.

Muscogee County Sheriff Greg Countryman came forward to commend the Police Chief for his efforts in this program. He stated that he was part of the Gun BuyBack Program that was done a few years prior, and he believes the Police Chief will be extremely successful given the gift card amount that he is offering.

5. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

A. City Manager's FY21 Annual Report - Crystal Farley, Chief of Staff to City Manager

(NOTE: This update, as provided by Chief of Staff Crystal Farley, was called upon earlier in the meeting after the Mayor's Agenda.)

B. Uptown Columbus Update/Kadie the Cow - Ed Wolverton, CEO Uptown Columbus

Uptown CEO Ed Wolverton approached the rostrum to provide information on a plan to relocate Kadie the Cow to Bay Avenue, to a more pedestrian friendly area and making her more accessible to members of the community. He explained this would be a public/private partnership, where Uptown Columbus would take the lead in raising the money to restore, repaint, and relocate her to city owned land. He explained this would also involve an endowment to maintain Kadie the Cow for ten years.

Councilor Charmaine Crabb expressed her concerns with the relocation of Kadie the Cow. She stated she likes the idea of the fundraising and endowment, but she does not like the idea of the money being raised only if she is relocated downtown. She explained she believes Kadie the Cow brings something special to an area that has been neglected, and she believes she should stay in this area of town.

Mr. Bob Kinnett came forward to express the Kinnett Family's support for the relocation of Kadie the Cow to Uptown Columbus. He stated it is the family's wish for the art icon to continue to bring happiness to families and visitors to Columbus.

- C. 8th Street, 13th Street, & 17th Avenue Corridors - Donna Newman, Engineer Director and Mitchell Greenway, Stantec

Engineering Director Donna Newman came forward and introduced her Assistant Director, Vance Beck. She also introduced the update on the study conducted on the 8th Street, 13th Street and 17th Avenue corridors and the presenter, Mr. Mitchell Greenway.

Mitchell Greenway approached the rostrum to provide the update, giving the results of the analysis and the recommended improvements. He explained the improvements outlined in the presentation will improve parking and traffic flow.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE ENGINEERING DIRECTOR:

- Provide an update on the corridor study on Steam Mill Road. (*Request of Councilor Tucker*)

- I. Cure Violence Update - Reggie Lewis, Cure Violence Columbus

Cure Violence Co-Founder Reggie Lewis approached the rostrum to provide an update on the Cure Violence Program after the assessment done in September 2021. He stated Cure Violence will be coming under the Muscogee County Health Department during the beginning stages, under Dr. Asante as the Program Manager. He went on to provide additional information with the program focusing on the 31903 area to start, the funding needed for salaries and other expenses, and the mental health services that will be made available through the program. (*Note: This update was called up as listed on the City Manager's Agenda Item 5 "I" and presented as the next order of business.*)

City Manager Isaiah Hugley advised that we anticipate a MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) would be brought forward to use ARP (American Rescue Plan) funding up to \$500,000.

- D. Columbus Parks and Recreation Pools Update - Holli Browder, Parks and Recreation Director

Parks and Recreation Director Holli Browder came forward to provide an update on the community pools and what to expect in the future. She explained the Shirley B. Winston and Psalm Road outdoor pools will remain closed due to the same issues as the previous year. She stated the only outdoor pool that was open in 2021 was Rigdon Road Pool and provided images of the various maintenance issues that are being experienced at this pool. The recommendation was then made for the Rigdon Road pool to be closed for the upcoming summer for the health and safety of the community, with the Double Churches Pool and Aquatics Center being available for use.

Finance Director Angelica Alexander approached the rostrum to provide information on advancing SPLOST funded projects.

- E. Public Works Solid/Yard Waste Update - Drale Short, Public Works Director

Public Works Director Drale Short approached the rostrum to provide an update on solid/yard waste. She stated they are still operating with five open daily routes in residential waste collection, with no backlog, and twenty-five vacant positions since February 21, 2021. She went over the use for the new trash cans being delivered to residents and provided information on the schedule to dispose of old waste cans with the implementation of automated trash pick-up.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:

- When picking up bulk waste, ask drivers to pick up all bulk waste on a street when answering a request. (*Request of Mayor Pro Tem Allen*)
- Think about the city picking up yard waste whether it is from a lawn service or not. (*Mayor Pro Tem Allen*)
- See about opening the landfill on the weekends so citizens who are working during the week can dispose of their bulk waste. (*Request of Councilor Crabb*)

F. Mott's Green Update - Rick Jones, Planning Director

Planning Director Rick Jones came forward to provide a brief update on Mott's Green Project. He explained the bid has been out on three different occasions, with the bids being rejected for various reasons. He stated the third bid came in at approximately \$1.2 million. He also provided information on how these funds would be made up with \$733,000 in remaining funds, another \$517,000 is needed, with \$413,600 of these needed funds being available through federal sources, and the remaining \$130,400 would be made up of local funding.

G. Civic Center Update - Rob Landers, Civic Center Director

Finance Director Angelica Alexander approached the rostrum to provide information on a request for additional funding for the FY 2022 budget for the Civic Center pursuant to Ordinance No. 13-39. She explained there is a budget adjustment needed in the amount of \$2 million to pay promoters for scheduled events, which would be offset by the sale of tickets.

Councilor Tucker made a motion to make the budget adjustment of \$2 million to the FY 2022 budget for the Civic Center, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Barnes and Crabb being absent for the vote, and Councilors Davis and Woodson being absent for the meeting.

BID ADVERTISEMENT

March 9, 2022

1. **Removal, Recycling, Reuse or Disposal of Mattresses and Box Springs from Pine Grove Landfill (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 22-0032**
Scope of Bid
 Provide services on an "as needed" basis for the removal, recycling, reuse or disposal of mattresses and box springs 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. Contract renewal shall be contingent upon the mutual agreement of the City and the Contractor.

2. **Stretcher Preventative Maintenance for Fire & EMS Dept (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 22-0029**

Scope of RFB

Upon notification by Columbus Fire and EMS, the successful vendor shall provide preventive maintenance service on an annual basis for the department stretchers, stair chairs and cot fastening systems, to include future implementation of the Stryker powerload system. Costs for labor for repairs outside of preventive maintenance shall include price listing of replacement parts related to the stretchers, stair chairs and cot fastening systems, both manual and powerload.

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

March 16, 2022

1. **Side Loader 31-Yard Refuse Trucks – RFB No. 22-0027**

Scope of Bid

Provide a minimum of thirty (30), but not to exceed forty (40), side loader 31-yard refuse trucks with RFID Tag readers installed on the trucks.

March 18, 2022

1. **Lot Clearing and Solid Waste Removal (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 22-0023**

Scope of RFP

The Columbus Consolidated Government is seeking to contract with qualified vendors to perform Lot Clearing and Solid Waste Removal, on an “as needed” basis, for the collection of dumped bulky waste, the removal of solid and/or bulky waste on abandoned property as determined by the Inspections and Code Department, and for the purpose of collecting waste for court ordered evictions within Muscogee County.

The contract term shall be for two years with the option to renew for three additional twelve-month periods. Contract renewal shall be contingent upon the mutual agreement of the City and the Contractor.

CLERK OF COUNCIL’S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

1. Resignation Letter of Amish Das to relinquish his seat on the Convention & Visitors, Board of Commissioners. Councilor Garrett made a motion to receive the resignation with regrets, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote, and Councilors Davis and Woodson being absent for the meeting.

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

Board of Tax Assessors, #05-22 and #06-22

Convention & Visitors, Board of Commissioners, January 19, 2022

River Valley Regional Commission, January 26, 2022

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

ADD-ON RESOLUTION (077-22): A Resolution excusing the absence of Councilor Glenn Davis from the March 8, 2022, Council Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote, and Councilors Davis and Woodson being absent for the meeting.

ADD-ON RESOLUTION (078-22): A Resolution excusing the absence of Councilor Evelyn “Mimi” Woodson from the March 8, 2022, Council Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote, and Councilors Davis and Woodson being absent for the meeting.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

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

A. HOUSING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:

A nominee for the seat of Jeanella Pendleton (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on April 30, 2022, on the Housing Authority of Columbus (*Mayor’s Appointment*). There were none. (*See Below for the final action.*)

4. **COUNCIL’S APPOINTMENT- READY FOR CONFIRMATION:**

A. DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: Mr. Charles Sheffield was nominated to fill the unexpired term of the late Mr. Russ Carreker. (*Councilor Davis’ nominee*) Term expires: April 30, 2024. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to confirm the appointment of Charles Sheffield to the Development Authority, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote, and Councilors Davis and Woodson being absent for the meeting.

B. HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD: Mr. Jack Hayes was nominated to succeed Mr. William Bray (**Columbus Homebuilders Association representative**). (*Councilor Davis’ nominee*) Term expires: January 31, 2025. Councilor Crabb made a motion to confirm the appointment of Jack Hayes on the Historic & Architectural Review Board, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote, and Councilors Davis and Woodson being absent for the meeting.

C. PLANNING ADVISORY COMMISSION: Dr. Xavier McCaskey was nominated to serve another term of office. (*Councilor Barnes’ nominee*) Term expires: March 31, 2025. Councilor Tucker made a motion to confirm the appointment of Dr. Xavier McCaskey to the Planning Advisory Commission, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote, and Councilors Davis and Woodson being absent for the meeting.

5. **COUNCIL DISTRICT SEAT APPOINTMENTS- ANY NOMINATIONS MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:**

A. **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:**

A nominee for the seat of Barbara Chambers (*Not eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on March 27, 2022, as the District 1 Representative on the Community Development Advisory Council (*District 1 – Barnes*). Clerk of Council Davis submitted Councilor Barnes' nomination of Charlotte Ingram to succeed Barbara Chambers. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to confirm the appointment of Charlotte Ingram on the Community Development Advisory Council, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote, and Councilors Davis and Woodson being absent for the meeting.

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

A. **ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD:**

A nominee for the seat of Raymond Culpepper (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on April 11, 2022, on the Animal Control Advisory Board (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Huff nominated Raymond Culpepper to succeed himself on the Animal Control Advisory Board.

A nominee for the seat of Sabine Stull (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on April 11, 2022, as the Animal Rescue Representative on the Animal Control Advisory Board (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Huff nominated Sabine Stull to succeed herself on the Animal Control Advisory Board.

A nominee for the seat of Courtney Pierce (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on April 11, 2022, as the PAWS Humane Representative on the Animal Control Advisory Board (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Huff nominated Courtney Pierce to succeed herself on the Animal Control Advisory Board.

A nominee for the seat of Lindsay Ellis (*No longer a resident*) for a term expiring on October 15, 2023, on the Animal Control Advisory Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

B. **DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:**

A nominee for the seat of Dallis Copeland (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on April 30, 2022, on the Development Authority (*Council's Appointment*). Mayor Pro Tem Allen nominated Dallis Copeland to succeed himself on the Development Authority.

A nominee for the seat of Alfred Blackmar (*Does not desire reappointment*) for a term expiring on April 30, 2022, on the Development Authority (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Garrett nominated Tyson Begly to succeed Alfred Blackmar on the Development Authority.

C. **EMPLOYEE BENEFITS COMMITTEE:**

A nominee for the seat of Director Holli Browder (*Eligible to succeed – Interested in serving another term*) as a Department Director/Assistant Director Representative for a term that expires on April 30,

2022, on the Employee Benefits Committee (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Huff nominated Director Holli Browder to succeed herself as a Department Director/Assistant Director Representative on the Employee Benefits Committee.

A nominee for the seat of Director Nancy Boren (*Eligible to succeed – Interested in serving another term*) as a Department Director/Assistant Director Representative for a term that expires on April 30, 2022, on the Employee Benefits Committee (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Huff nominated Director Nancy Boren to succeed herself as a Department Director/Assistant Director Representative on the Employee Benefits Committee.

D. HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of Cathy Williams (*Not Eligible to succeed*) as the Historic Columbus Foundation Representative for a term that expires on January 31, 2022, on the Historic & Architectural Review Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

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

A. HOUSING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:

A nominee for the seat of Jeanella Pendleton (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on April 30, 2022, on the Housing Authority of Columbus (*Mayor's Appointment*). At the request of Mayor Henderson, this nomination was called upon again at this time with Mayor Henderson nominating Jeanella Pendleton to succeed herself. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Barnes and Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilors Davis and Woodson being absent for the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Henderson entertained a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss matters of real estate acquisition and disposal as requested earlier in the meeting by City Attorney Fay. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote, Councilors Davis and Woodson being absent for the meeting, and the time being 1:37 p.m.

The regular meeting reconvened at 2:08 p.m., at which time, Mayor Henderson announced that the Council did meet in executive session to discuss matters of real estate, as well as, potential litigation; 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 March 8, 2022, Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the seven members present with Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote, Councilors Davis and Woodson being absent for the meeting, and the time being 2:09 p.m.



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