

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

April 26, 2022
4:00 PM
Regular Meeting

M A Y O R ’ S A G E N D A

PRESENT: Mayor B. H. “Skip” Henderson, III and Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen and Councilors Jerry “Pops” Barnes, Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis, R. Walker Garrett, John M. House, Bruce Huff (arrived at 4:02 p.m.) Judy W. Thomas, Toyia Tucker, and Evelyn “Mimi” Woodson (arrived at 4:20 p.m.). City Manager Isaiah Hugley, City Attorney Clifton Fay, Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis, and Deputy Clerk of Council Lindsey G. McLemore were present.

The following documents have been included as a part of the Agenda Packet: (1) Report on Transition Audit of the Muscogee County Sheriff’s Office; (2) Recommended FY2023 Budget

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Rev. Danny Deith at First Presbyterian Church of Columbus, Georgia

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Henderson

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the April 12, 2022, Council Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Tucker and Woodson being absent for the vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Henderson entertained a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss matters of litigation, property acquisition, and security as requested by City Attorney Fay. Councilor Crabb made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Councilor Barnes and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Tucker and Woodson being absent for the vote, and the time being 4:06 p.m.

The regular meeting reconvened at 5:45 p.m., at which time, Mayor Henderson announced that the Council did meet in executive session to discuss matters of litigation, property acquisition, and security; however, there were no votes taken.

TRANSITION AUDIT OF THE MUSCOGEE COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE

Mayor B. H. “Skip” Henderson explained the transition audit of the Muscogee County Sheriff’s Office was scheduled to be presented on May 10, 2022, but the Auditor worked overtime to get the

audit completed before schedule and is being released to the Mayor and City Council today. He explained this decision was made in lieu of an open records request submitted by a mayoral candidate and subsequently a suit being filed against the City of Columbus for the transition audit report that was not at the time complete, and to avoid the citizens of Columbus having to incur legal expenses. The ordinance requires that the audit report be disseminated to the Mayor and members of Council simultaneously.

PROCLAMATIONS:

- 3. **PROCLAMATION:** Georgia Cities Week
RECEIVING: Deputy City Manager Lisa Goodwin

Councilor Charmaine Crabb read the proclamation into the record, proclaiming April 24 to April 30, 2022, as *Georgia Cities Week*, recognizing the critical role of the Columbus Consolidated Government in the lives of the citizens of Columbus, Georgia.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

9. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. Georgia's Cities Week Update - Lisa Goodwin, Deputy City Manager

Deputy City Manager Lisa Goodwin introduced a presentation for department directors to come forward to briefly explain what their department is doing to celebrate Georgia’s Cities Week. (*NOTE: This update was called up as the next order of business as listed on the City Manager’s Agenda Item 9“A”*)

Fire & EMS Deputy Chief Daniel Ward explained they hosted their first annual Open House to the Community on April 22, 2022, where a tour of Station 9 was given, and demonstrations of various practices were presented to give citizens a better understanding of the reasons behind them.

Civic Center Director Rob Landers stated the Civic Center hosted a Tailgate & Player Walk Event partnered with the Columbus Lions Football Team, in celebration of their first home game and offering buy one get one ticket on April 23, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Deputy City Manager Lisa Goodwin explained there was a Shred Day Event held for Keep Columbus Beautiful in conjunction with Columbus Technical College on April 23, 2022, where citizens were able to come out to participate recycling. She also provided information on the *Lunch with the City Manager Event* on April 28, 2022, on the outside Plaza at the Government Center for CCG employees.

311 Director Teasha Johnson stated on April 25, 2022, the 311 Center allowed citizens to register for the Civic Ready and QALERT System as they entered and exited the City Services Center, notifying them of any emergency or public notifications that go out.

Cooperative Extension Director Rhea Bentley stated the Get Growing- Spring Gardening Preparation and Harvest Event was held on April 25, 2022, in the Annex Conference Room, providing information and demonstration regarding the gardening and harvesting of vegetables.

Police Chief Freddie Blackmon explained the Columbus Police Department held a Civilian Response to Active Shooter Program on April 25, 2022, teaching citizens how to prepare a plan in the event of an active shooter. He stated there will also be a hiring event held on April 27, 2022, at South Commons.

Parks & Recreation Deputy Director Becky Summerlin stated in celebration, there will be an online trivia competition held on April 27, 2022, titled *What Do You Know About Columbus*, where the winner will receive a prize from the Parks & Recreation Department.

Golf Course Director Jim Arendt explained there will be an Introduction to Golf Event held on April 27, 2022, at the Oxbow Creek Golf Course.

Public Works Director Drale Short stated the Public Works Department is hosting an Equipment Rodeo Event on April 27, 2022, allowing them to showcase the various pieces of equipment used daily around the city.

Community Reinvestment Director Rob Scott explained in response to the current affordable housing crisis, the Community Reinvestment Department will be providing information on the Sweet Home Columbus Down Payment Assistance Program on April 27, 2022, at the Columbus Civic Center. He stated the down payment assistance maximum has been increased by \$4,975.

Human Resources Director Reather Hollowell stated the Human Resources Department has put together a hiring event on April 27, 2022, at the Columbus Civic Center, where many of the departments in the Columbus Consolidated Government will be on site to discuss the employment opportunities available within their respective departments.

WIA Assistant Director Felicia Marshall provided information on their Job Fair and Family Feud Event being held on April 27, 2022, at the Columbus Civic Center. She explained this would be an opportunity for the citizens to gain information on their department.

METRA Director Rosa Evans explained on April 30, 2022, anyone can ride on one of the fixed routes available from METRA for free, providing an opportunity for citizens to view and learn about the City of Columbus.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE DEPUTY CITY MANAGER:

- Provide a list of the events to the Clerk of Council and have it placed on CCG-TV. (*Request of Councilor Woodson*)

MAYOR'S AGENDA (continued)

4. **PROCLAMATION:** Rick Jones Day

RECEIVING: Director of Planning James William “Rick” Jones, II

Councilor Judy W. Thomas read the proclamation into the records, proclaiming Friday, April 26, 2022, as *Rick Jones Day*, recognizing Director Jones’ contribution to the City of Columbus for his many years of service and congratulating him on his retirement.

Planning Director Rick Jones approached the rostrum to thank the Mayor, Council and City Manager for the proclamation and recognition. He spoke on his years serving the Columbus Consolidated Government and the many leaders he worked with over his thirty-four years of service.

UPDATE:

- 2. An update on COVID-19. **Update not presented.*

PRESENTATION:

- 5. **MAYOR’S FY2023 BUDGET PRESENTATION:** Mayor Henderson presents the Recommended FY2023 Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023.

Mayor B. H. “Skip” Henderson presented the FY2023 Recommended Budget, outlining some of the highlights of the recommended budget and the events leading up to the recommendation. He explained this fiscal year’s budget reflects an increase of 6% from \$296,000,552 to \$314,000,425 in revenue and expenses. He stated this increase is due to the \$10,000,000 set aside for the comprehensive pay plan being compiled by Evergreen, \$4.78 million set aside to ensure waste collection services continue despite the labor shortage, and the \$2,000,000 increase in employee health insurance.

Finance Director Angelica Alexander approached the rostrum to provide the schedule for the Budget Review Committee, starting on Tuesday, May 3, 2022, at 12:00 p.m., and the Taxpayer Bill of Right Hearings scheduled in June.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

- 1. **South Columbus River District Tax Allocation District Fund Grant – NeighborWorks as Developer**

Resolution (114-22): A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Columbus Housing Initiative, Inc. d/b/a Neighborworks Columbus (“Developer”) for the purposes of allocating South Columbus River District Tax Allocation District Funds for the construction and financing of certain public infrastructure improvements to develop a single month/multi-family redevelopment of a blighted area located at 1104 Leslie Drive to be known as Elliott’s Walk in an amount not to exceed ten million one hundred seventy thousand three hundred and sixty-six dollars (\$10,170,336). Councilor Davis made a motion to amend Section 5.5 of the agreement to include the language “Each year that this agreement is in effect, Developer will provide a copy of its audited financial statements to the Finance Director within thirty (30) days after its receipt”, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the ten members present. Councilor Barnes made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried by an eight-to-two vote, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Barnes, Davis, Garrett, House, Huff, Thomas, and Woodson voting yes, and Councilors Crabb and Tucker voting no. (*NOTE: This resolution was called up as the next order of business as listed on the City Manager’s Agenda Item 1*)

Councilor Bruce Huff thanked the City Manager and City Attorney for the time he was requesting two weeks ago to get some of the questions he had answered. During the meeting, the City Attorney went over all the legalities of Tax Allocation Districts and the two governing bodies, which he has

asked the City Attorney to read into the record this evening. He stated two weeks ago the media attempted to portray some of the councilors as being against affordable housing, which is untrue, but it is important for everyone to understand the roles each governing body plays in the implementation of a TAD.

City Attorney Clifton Fay stated for the record that according to Georgia Code as it pertains to Tax Allocation Districts defines “political subdivision” as a county municipality or a consolidated government of the State of Georgia, expressly excluding language such as “county and independent board of education” from the definition, and they use “county and independent board of education” in the definition of Ad Valorem Property Tax, so had they wanted to use that wording the definition of “political subdivision” they would have. He also explained that the general prohibition is that no elected official of a political subdivision or board commission or redevelopment agency thereof shall voluntarily acquire any interest direct or indirect in any property included or plan to be included in a redevelopment area that is in a TAD. He stated in his opinion this law does not apply to the members of the Muscogee County School Board; therefore, there is not a prohibition or conflict with an elected school board member being involved in the development of this TAD project.

Pastor Jimmy Elder (First Baptist Church) approached the rostrum to thank the members of Council who voted in favor of the item. He stated affordable housing is an important tool to deter crime and it is a great opportunity to provide 229 affordable housing units to the community.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- In the future, look at different ways to communicate and provide documents sooner when dealing with similar projects. (*Request of Councilor Davis*)

FOR THE CITY ATTORNEY:

- Add to the legislative agenda to have the General Assembly make the laws regarding TADS and elected officials’ involvement clearer. (*Request of Councilor Tucker*)

CITY ATTORNEY’S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

1. **1st Reading-** REZN-02-22-0236: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **4322 Rosemont Drive** (parcel # 187-002-001) from SFR3 (Single Family Residential 3) Zoning District to SFR4 (Single Family Residential 4) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Garrett)
2. **1st Reading-** REZN-02-22-0237: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **1311 Warm Springs Road** (parcel # 029-031-001 / 029-030-001) from MROD (Mill Restoration Overlay District) / GC (General Commercial) Zoning District to GC (General Commercial) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Garrett)

- 3. **1st Reading-** REZN-02-22-0338: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **2016 Comer Avenue** (parcel # 016-030-006) from NC (Neighborhood Commercial) Zoning District to RO (Residential Office) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval) (Councilor Woodson)

- 4. **1st Reading-** RZN-02-22-0339: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **1118 10th Avenue** (parcel # 018-016-002) from LMI (Light Manufacturing / Industrial) Zoning District to GC (General Commercial) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Woodson)

- 5. **1st Reading-** An Ordinance amending Chapter 2 of the Columbus Code to revise Section 2-121 to provide a procedure whereby the Iron Works Convention and Trade Center Authority may dispose of surplus personal property obtained in the course of its operations; and for other purposes. (Request of the Authority)

Trade Center Director Hayley Tillery approached the rostrum to respond to questions from the members of Council. She explained the purpose of this request would allow the Columbus Ironworks Convention and Trade Center Authority to authorize the sale of chairs, tables, and other property and allow the Trade Center to receive that revenue in full.

ADD-ON RESOLUTION:

Resolution (115-22): A resolution whereas, Claimant William Davenport has filed a claim for damages based on an injury sustained on September 15, 2020; and, whereas Risk Management and the City Attorney’s office have investigated this claim and recommend a settlement of \$30,000 in exchange for a full release of all claims. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Huff and Woodson being absent for the vote.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA (continued)

2. Memorandum of Understanding - Columbus/Phenix City Transportation Study and Columbus Consolidated Government

Resolution (116-22): A resolution authorizing the Mayor of Columbus, Georgia to execute a memorandum of understanding with the Columbus-Phenix City Transportation (C-PCTS) and the Columbus Consolidated Government to carry out transportation planning activities for the urban area. Councilor House made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Garrett and Woodson being absent for the vote.

3. FIRE & EMS – FY22 Other Local Option Sales Tax Reallocation

Resolution (117-22): A resolution reallocating \$34,000 of the FY22 Other Local Option Sales Tax Fund Budget of the Fire & EMS Department from the Personal Protection Equipment Allocation to

purchase a rescue jet ski for swift water response. 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 Garrett and Woodson being absent for the vote.

4. Lease Purchase of Golf Carts for City Golf Courses

Resolution (118-22): A resolution authorizing the lease purchase of golf carts from Yamaha Motor Finance Corporation, USA in the amount of \$75,290.93. Six (6) carts will be utilized at Bull Creek Golf Course and two (2) carts will be utilized at Oxbow Creek Golf Course. The purchase will be made pursuant to a 48-month lease agreement with an option to purchase at the end of the term. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Garrett and Woodson being absent for the vote.

5. Lease Purchase of Equipment for City Golf Courses

Resolution (119-22): A resolution authorizing the lease purchase of tractors from Deere Credit, in the amount of \$115,632.80. Two (2) tractors will be utilized at Bull Creek Golf Course and one (1) tractor will be utilized at Oxbow Creek Golf Course. The purchase will be made pursuant to a 60-month lease agreement with an option to purchase at the end of the term. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Garrett and Woodson being absent for the vote.

6. 2022 National Science Foundation – Civic Innovation Challenge (CIVIC)

Resolution (120-22): A resolution authorizing the Mayor, City Manager, or designee to submit an application for, and if awarded, accept and/or sign any documentation relating to a 2022/2023 National Science Foundation – Civic Innovation Challenge (Civic) Grant or as otherwise awarded and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the award. No local match is required. Councilor House made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote.

7. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Grant to Expand Treatment Capacity in Veterans Treatment Court

Resolution (121-22): A resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit and if approved, accept a grant of \$2,000,00 or as otherwise awarded from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to fund the Veterans Treatment Court Project from October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2027, with no match requirement and also authorizing Dr. Andrew Cox as the sole provider for evaluation of the program and to amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the award amount. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote.

8. PURCHASES

- A. Removal, Recycling, Reuse or Disposal of Mattresses & Box Springs from Pine Grove Landfill (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 22-0032

Resolution (122-22): A resolution authorizing the annual contract for removal, recycling, reuse, or disposal of mattresses & box springs from Pine Grove Landfill with San Pedro Manufacturing Company (Atlanta, GA). The Public Works Department budgets \$10,000.00 annually for the services. Councilor House made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote.

EMERGENCY PURCHASES

- 1. Emergency Purchase – Information Only

JET SKIS FOR FIRE & EMS

On April 12, 2022, the Fire and EMS Department requested the emergency purchase of Jet Skis for the Water Rescue Team. The Department anticipates a significant number of water events coming to the community this year and next year. It is vital that the Water Rescue Team have the resources needed to be able to provide water rescue capability.

The Jet Skis are in high demand across the country, especially with the current supply chain issues. However, the Department is able to acquire the equipment from Power Sports (Columbus, GA), at a cost of \$33,691.00.

The City Manager approved the emergency purchase on April 12, 2022, based on the threat to public health, welfare, and safety, per the Procurement Ordinance, Article 3-115, Emergency Procurement.

The purchase will be funded by OLOST funds reallocation. Therefore, funding is available in the FY22 Budget: LOST/Public Safety – Fire & EMS – Public Safety/LOST – Capital Expenditures/Over \$5,000; 0102 – 410 – 9900 -LOST – 7761.

9. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. Georgia's Cities Week Update - Lisa Goodwin, Deputy City Manager

(NOTE: This update, as provided by Deputy City Manager Lisa Goodwin, was called upon earlier in the meeting during the Mayor’s Agenda.)

- B. Elections & Registration Update - Nancy Boren, Director

Elections & Registration Director Nancy Boren approached the rostrum to provide an update on the upcoming election. She explained what voters can expect to see on the ballots and the various ballot styles. She stated that early voting will be held at three locations starting May 2, 2022, to May 20, 2022, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., including weekends.

- C. CDBG/HOME Action Plan Amendment 2015-2021 Update - Robert Scott, Community Reinvestment Director

Community Reinvestment Director Rob Scott approached the rostrum to provide an update on the CDBG/HOME Action Plan Amendment 2015-2021. He explained supply chain disruption and staffing issues due to COVID-19 have impacted the CDBG timeliness.

REFERRAL(S):**FOR THE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT DIRECTOR:**

- Provide more explanation on the Affordable Housing 101 for the public, such as virtual event. (*Request of Councilor Tucker*)
- Provide a link to the Affordable Housing 101 Pamphlet on the CCG website. (*Request of Councilor Woodson*)

D. TSPLOST Update - Pam Hodge, Deputy City Manager

Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge approached the rostrum to provide an update on the Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST). She explained that Muscogee County is part of the River Valley Region, made up of sixteen counties. She stated Muscogee County currently has a TSPLOST in place for twenty-three projects for \$410,754,730, with seventeen projects completed and three still under construction, expiring in 2022. She stated the vote for the proposed 2023 TSPLOST will be the last question on the ballot that the citizens will see while voting.

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

- Add TAD portion of the presentation to the CCG website. (*Request of Councilor Woodson*)

E. Monthly Finance/Sales Tax Update - Angelica Alexander, Finance Director

Finance Director Angelica Alexander came forward to provide a monthly finance update for March 2022 and an update on sales tax. She explained the 2021 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) was approved by voters of Muscogee County and began on April 1, 2022, with a collection period of ten years or until the \$400 million is collected, whichever occurs first. She stated this additional 1% sales tax is collected by the State of Georgia, Department of Revenue (DOR), is remitted back to the City for projects, and the businesses that collect sales taxes were notified by the GA DOR of the rate change.

BID ADVERTISEMENT**April 27, 2022**

1. **Replacement Inground Lift for METRA (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 22-0026**
Scope of Bid

Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) is seeking bids from qualified vendors to remove an existing set of in-ground post lifts. A new system of fully functional in-ground post lifts, capable of lifting the expected weight of a 35-foot transit bus, will then be installed by the vendor as a replacement. Work shall be done at the METRA/Department of Transportation campus.

2. **Ready-Mix Cement (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 22-0033**
Scope of Bid

Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) is requesting bids to provide ready-mix cement to the Public Works Department on an as-needed basis. The products will be used for spot repairs on City roads. This bid will be awarded to a primary and a secondary vendor.

The contract period 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.

3. **Pipe Lining System with Trailer, Mix, Pump and Spray System – RFB No. 22-0034**
Scope of Bid

Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) is seeking bids from qualified vendors to provide one (1) pipe lining system with trailer, mix, pump and spray system.

April 29, 2022

1. **Former Georgia State Farmers Market Phase II – Site Remediation – RFP No. 22-0030**

A **Mandatory Site Visit** is scheduled for 11:00 AM on Friday, April 29, 2022. Contractors shall convene at the Georgia State Farmers Market entrance that is closest to the corner of 10th Avenue and 4th Street in Columbus, GA; the Georgia State Farmers Market is located at 318 10th Ave in Columbus, GA. *Attendees are encouraged to wear face masks and practice social distancing.*

2. **Pavement Management Services & Software – RFP No. 22-0027**

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) is requesting proposals from qualified firms to successfully capture pavement condition assessment data and to provide independent pavement management software for processing, analyzing, visualizing, and managing the recorded data in a GIS-based application.

May 6, 2022

1. **Traffic Signal Contractor – RFP No. 22-0020**

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) is seeking to contract with a qualified Traffic Signal Contractor who has the experience, expertise and necessary equipment to perform traffic signal construction work 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. Contract renewal shall be contingent upon the mutual agreement of the City and the Contractor.

May 11, 2022

1. **Fire/Intrusion Prevention Equipment, Supplies and Services – RFB No. 22-0038**

Scope of Bid

Provide Fire/Intrusion Prevention Equipment, Supplies and Services, to include: Fire Extinguishers, and related maintenance and repair parts, Fire Alarm/Intrusion Systems and Monitoring Services at various locations, and other related items/services.

The contract term shall be for five (5) years with the option to renew for five (5) additional twelve-month periods. Contract renewal shall be contingent upon the mutual agreement of the City and the Contractor.

May 20, 2022

1. **Former Georgia State Farmers Market Phase II – Site Remediation – RFP No. 22-0030**

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) is requesting proposals from qualified contractors to provide services for Phase II of the Former Georgia State Farmers Market project, which is located at 318 10th Avenue in Columbus, GA. Phase II includes providing all labor, materials equipment, permits, and incidentals necessary to complete all tasks associated with 1) removing an underground storage tank system, soil removal, and placement of fill material and 2) demolition of an old towing and recovery building.

CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

1. **RESOLUTION (123-22)** – A Resolution cancelling the May 3, 2022, and June 7, 2022, Proclamation Sessions. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the vote.
2. **RESOLUTION (124-22)** – A Resolution changing the meeting schedule for the month of June 2022. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the vote.
3. **RESOLUTION (125-22)** – A Resolution excusing Councilor Jerry “Pops” Barnes from the March 29, 2022, Consent Agenda / Work Session and April 12, 2022, Council Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the vote.
4. **Employee Benefits Committee:** Memorandum from the Human Resources Department submitting a recommendation for the reappointment of the following members: **Ms. Shannon Hubbard-** Deputy Clerk Recorder’s Court (*General Government Employee*); **Mr. Troy Vanerson-** Public Works (*General Government Employee*); and **Ms. Ardria McGruder-** Criminal Records Technician- Sheriff’s Office (*General Government Employee*). Councilor Crabb made a motion to confirm the appointment of Shannon Hubbard, Troy Vanerson and Ardria McGruder to the Employee Benefits Committee, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the vote.
5. Official Appointment Form from New Horizons Behavioral Health, Mental Health, Addictive Diseases and Developmental Disabilities- Community Service Board to reappoint Mr. David Ranieri to serve another term of office. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to confirm the appointment of David Ranieri to the New Horizons Behavioral Health, Mental Health, Addictive Diseases and Developmental Disabilities- Community Services Board, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the vote.
6. Letter from Dr. Robert Wright resigning from his seat on the Medical Center Hospital Authority. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to receive the resignation with regret, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the vote.
8. Honorary Designation Application submitted by Queen Scott requesting signage on Gleason Avenue in honor of Adlena Austin Spencer. (*Council may vote to send to Board of Honor.*) Councilor Tucker made a motion to forward the honorary designation request to the Board of Honor, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the vote.

- 7. Email Correspondence from Mr. Chris Nunn recommending that the seat of Ms. Barbara Story-Jones be declared vacant on the Board of Family & Children Services due to no longer being active with attending meetings. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to declare the seat of Barbara Story-Jones vacant on the Board of Family & Children Services, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the vote.

SELECTION OF BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE VICE-CHAIR:

Councilor House made a motion to nominate and confirm Councilor Evelyn “Mimi” Woodson as Vice-Chair of the Budget Review Committee, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the vote.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

10. **MAYOR’S APPOINTMENT- ANY NOMINATIONS MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:**

A. PENSION FUND, EMPLOYEES’ BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

A nominee for the seat of Audrey Hollingsworth (*Eligible to succeed*) as the Business Community Representative for a term that expires on June 30, 2022, on the Pension Fund, Employees’ Board of Trustees. Mayor Henderson renominated Audrey Hollingsworth to serve another term. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the vote.

A nominee for the seat of Renee McAneny (*Eligible to succeed*) as the Retired City Employee Representative for a term that expires on June 30, 2022, on the Pension Fund, Employees’ Board of Trustees. Mayor Henderson renominated Renee McAneny to serve another term. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the vote.

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

- Board of Elections & Registration, January 6, 2022, and March 17, 2022
- Board of Tax Assessors, #09-22, #10-22, #11-22, #12-22 and #13-22
- Columbus Ironworks Convention & Trade Center Authority, January 27, 2022, and February 24, 2022
- Community Development Advisory Council, December 9, 2021
- Convention & Visitors Board of Commissioners, February 16, 2022
- Hospital Authority of Columbus, March 1, 2022
- Housing Authority of Columbus, February 16, 2022
- Planning Advisory Commission, February 2, 2022, and March 2, 2022

Councilor House made a motion to receive the minutes, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the vote.

11. COUNCIL'S APPOINTMENT- READY FOR CONFIRMATION:

- A. ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD:** Ms. Patricia Montgomery was nominated to fill the unexpired term of Lindsay Ellis. (*Councilor Garrett's nominee*) Term expires: October 15, 2023. Councilor Tucker made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the vote.

12. COUNCIL'S APPOINTMENT- NOMINATIONS FROM THE RESPECTIVE ORGANIZATIONS MAY BE CONFIRMED:

A. 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*). The Historic Columbus Foundation is recommending Mr. Tyler Pritchard to succeed Ms. Cathy Williams. Councilor Huff made a motion to confirm the appointment of Tyler Pritchard as the Historic Columbus Foundation Representative on the Historic & Architectural Review Board, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the vote.

B. UPTOWN FACADE BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of Alan Udy (*Does not desire reappointment*) as the Uptown Business Improvement District Representative for a term that expired on October 31, 2021, on the Uptown Façade Board (*Council's Confirmation*). The Uptown Business Improvement District is recommending Niki Gedroic to replace Alan Udy. Councilor Tucker made a motion to confirm the appointment of Niki Gedroic to serve as the Uptown Business Improvement District Representative on the Uptown Facade Board, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

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

A. 457 DEFERRED COMPENSATION BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of Tyler Townsend (*Not Eligible to succeed*) as the Plan Expert/ Volunteer Representative for a term that expires on May 31, 2022, on the 457 Deferred Compensation Board (*Council's Appointment*). The Human Resources Director is recommending Ms. Rhonda Davis to succeed Tyler Townsend. Councilor Davis nominated Rhonda Davis to succeed Tyler Townsend as the Plan Expert/Volunteer Representative on the 457 Deferred Compensation Board.

B. BOARD OF FAMILY & CHILDREN SERVICES:

A nominee for the seat of Pastor Johnny Flakes, III, (*Eligible to succeed - Interested in serving*) as the Faith-Based Community Leader Representative for a term that expires on June 30, 2022, on the Board of Family & Children Services (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Tucker renominated Pastor Johnny Flakes, III, to succeed himself as the Faith-Based Community Leader Representative on the Board of Family & Children Services.

C. COLUMBUS GOLF COURSE AUTHORITY:

A nominee for the seat of William Roundtree (*Eligible to succeed- Interested in serving*) for a term that expires on June 30, 2022, on the Columbus Golf Course Authority (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Huff renominated William Roundtree to serve another term on the Columbus Golf Course Authority.

A nominee for the seat of Ken Crumpler (*Eligible to succeed- Interested in serving*) for a term that expires on June 30, 2022, on the Columbus Golf Course Authority (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Huff renominated Ken Crumpler to serve another term on the Columbus Golf Course Authority.

A nominee for the seat of Kenneth Davis (*Eligible to succeed- Interested in serving*) for a term that expires on June 30, 2022, on the Columbus Golf Course Authority (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Huff renominated Kenneth Davis to serve another term on the Columbus Golf Course Authority.

A nominee for the seat of Alonzo E. Jones (*Eligible to succeed- Interested in serving*) for a term that expires on June 30, 2022, on the Columbus Golf Course Authority (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Huff renominated Alonzo E. Jones to serve another term on the Columbus Golf Course Authority.

A nominee for the seat of Stephanie Callahan (*Eligible to succeed- Interested in serving*) for a term that expires on June 30, 2022, on the Columbus Golf Course Authority (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Huff renominated Stephanie Callahan to serve another term on the Columbus Golf Course Authority.

A nominee for the seat of Gerald Miley (*Not Eligible to succeed*) for a term that expires on June 30, 2022, on the Columbus Golf Course Authority (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Davis nominated Mario Davis and Councilor Crabb nominated Tommy Nobles to succeed Gerald Miley on the Columbus Golf Course Authority.

D. RETIREES' HEALTH BENEFITS COMMITTEE:

A nominee for the seat of Thomas Barron (*Eligible to succeed – Interested in serving*) for a term that expires on June 30, 2022, on the Retirees' Health Benefits Committee (*Council's Appointments*). Councilor Tucker renominated Thomas Barron to serve another term on the Retirees' Health Benefits Committee.

A nominee for the seat of Esther Radcliff (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term that expires on June 30, 2022, on the Retirees' Health Benefits Committee (*Council's Appointments*). Councilor Huff renominated Esther Radcliff to serve another term on the Retirees' Health Benefits Committee.

E. THE MEDICAL CENTER HOSPITAL AUTHORITY:

A nominee for the seat of Dr. Robert Wright (*Resigned*) for a term that expires on December 31, 2023, on The Medical Center Hospital Authority (*Council/Authority*). Councilor Thomas nominated John Bucholtz, Murray Solomon, and Tracy L. Sayers to fill the unexpired term of Dr. Robert Wright. Councilor Tucker made a motion to submit these nominees to the Medical Center Hospital Authority, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the vote.

F. VALLEY PARTNERSHIP JOINT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:

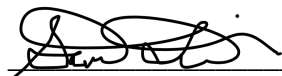
A nominee for the seat of Councilor Walker Garrett (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on June 30, 2022, on the Valley Partnership Joint Development Authority (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Huff renominated Councilor Walker Garrett to serve another term on the Valley Partnership Joint Development Authority.

A nominee for the seat of Monte Galbraith (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on June 30, 2022, on the Valley Partnership Joint Development Authority (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Huff renominated Monte Galbraith to serve another term on the Valley Partnership Joint Development Authority.

UPCOMING BOARD APPOINTMENT:

A. Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission - (Council Appointment)

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Councilor Garrett to adjourn the April 26, 2022, Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the vote, and the time being 8:50 p.m.



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