



~~POST SUMMARY MINUTES~~

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

July 12, 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 Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis, R. Walker Garrett, John M. House (via Microsoft Teams), Bruce Huff (arrived at 9:01 a.m.), Judy W. Thomas, Toyia Tucker, and Evelyn "Mimi" Woodson. City Manager Isaiah Hugley, City Attorney Clifton Fay, Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis, and Deputy Clerk of Council Lindsey G. McLemore were present.

ABSENT: Councilor Jerry "Pops" Barnes was absent.

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Rev. Michael Sherman, Wynnton Hill Baptist Church of Columbus, Georgia

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Henderson

MINUTES

Mayor's Agenda #1: Vote Result: APPROVED

1. Approval of minutes for the June 28, 2022, Council Meeting.

UPDATE:

Mayor's Agenda #2: Not Presented

2. An update on COVID-19

PROCLAMATION:

Mayor's Agenda #3: No Action Taken (Proclamation read into the record by Mayor Pro Tem Allen)

3. **PROCLAMATION:** Reentry Awareness Month

RECEIVING: The Mayor's Commission on Reentry, Chair- Kristin Barker

PRESENTATION:

Mayor's Agenda #4: No Action Taken

4. Clerk of Superior Court Audit Presentation (Elizabeth Barfield, Forensic Auditor)

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

City Attorney's Agenda #1: Vote Result: ADOPTED

1. **2nd Reading-** REZN-05-22-0911: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **418 5th Avenue** (parcel # 020-009-001) from RMF2 (Residential Multifamily 2) Zoning District to RO (Residential Office) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval) (Councilor Woodson)

City Attorney's Agenda #2: Vote Result: ADOPTED

2. **2nd Reading-** REZN-05-22-0913: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **8828 Veterans Parkway** (parcel # 079-002-002A) from RE1 (Residential Estate 1) Zoning District to PUD (Planned Use Development) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval) (Mayor Pro-Tem)

City Attorney's Agenda #3: Vote Result: ADOPTED

3. **2nd Reading-** REZN-05-22-0914: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **2313 Manchester Expressway** (parcel # 034-027-002) from NC (Neighborhood Commercial) Zoning District to GC (General Commercial) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval) (Councilor Garrett)

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Reparations and Juneteenth. *No Action Taken*
2. Ms. Cynthia Millsaps, Re: Concern issues with neighbors. *Cancelled*

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

City Manager's Agenda #1: Vote Result: APPROVED

1. Dragonfly Connection – Dinglewood Park from 18th Avenue to 10th Avenue

Approval is requested to authorize the next Columbus Dragonfly Trails connector that will connect Midtown to Uptown at Dinglewood Park from 18th Avenue to 10th Avenue. Funding is budgeted in the FY23 budget in TSPLOST Discretionary at \$780,000 and the balance will be provided by other sources. The estimated project budget is \$1.4 million.

City Manager's Agenda #2: Vote Result: APPROVED

2. American Rescue Plan – Grant Program Reallocation

Approval is requested to reallocate the balance remaining in the America Rescue Plan Grant Program from the Nonprofit and Economic/Tourism categories to the Small Business category.

City Manager's Agenda #3: Vote Result: APPROVED

3. FY23 Public Defender Contract

Approval is requested to enter into an agreement between the Circuit Public Defender Office of the Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit and Muscogee County for Indigent Defense Services in the amount of \$2,238,957 and to authorize monthly payments to the Georgia Public Defender Standards Council (GPDSC) for said services in the amount of \$140,274.11 per month. The

monthly amount is included in the total contract amount of \$2,238,957 and it covers the cost of personnel services as well as a 5% administrative fee.

City Manager's Agenda #4: Vote Result: APPROVED

4. Public Art MOU – 11th Street Viaduct

Approval is requested to execute an agreement between the Columbus Consolidated Government and Dragonfly Trails, Inc. for a Public Arts Project at the 11th Street Viaduct.

City Manager's Agenda #5: Vote Result: APPROVED

5. Maximus, Inc. for Georgia's Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS) Program of the Bright from the Start Program

Approval is requested to apply for funding and, if awarded, accept a reimbursement amount valued up to approximately \$12,000.00. The funds provide an opportunity to provided expanded and improved support for all students in the Before and After School Programs.

City Manager's Agenda #6: Vote Result: APPROVED

6. Risk Management Legal Services

Approval is requested for the legal services rendered regarding Risk Management issues for Fiscal Year 2023.

City Manager's Agenda #7(A-G): Vote Result: APPROVED

7. PURCHASES

- A. Continuation of Cellular Telephone Services (Annual Contract) – Georgia State Contract Cooperative Purchase
- B. Pavement Management Services & Software – RFP No. 22-0027
- C. Federal and State Mandated Fees for Fiscal Year 2023
- D. Training Management Software Subscription for Fire and EMS Department – NPPGOV Cooperative Purchase
- E. Herbicide Truck Repair for Public Works
- F. Pipe Lining System with Trailer, Mix, Pump, and Spray System – RFB No. 22-0034
- G. Removal of Residual Ground Material and Removal and Disposal/Reuse of Large Tree Trunks (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 22-0037

8. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

City Manager's Agenda #8(A): *Vote Result: APPROVED additional \$18,000 for the Coroner Office's FY 2022 Budget.*

- A. Muscogee County Coroner Update - Buddy Bryan, Coroner
- B. Waste Collection Update - Drale Short, Public Works Director. ***No Action Taken***
- C. Animal Control Update - Drale Short, Public Works Director. ***No Action Taken***
- D. Critical Vacancies Update - Reather Hollowell, Human Resources Director. ***No Action Taken***
- E. American Rescue Plan Update - Pam Hodge, Deputy City Manager. ***No Action Taken***
- F. Comprehensive Camera Update - Lisa Goodwin, Deputy City Manager. ***No Action Taken***
- G. Heritage Park/Historic Columbus Update - Pam Hodge, Deputy City Manager. ***No Action Taken***

BID ADVERTISEMENT

July 15, 2022

1. Side Loader 31-Yard Refuse Truck Bodies – RFB No. 22-0042

Scope of RFB

Provide a minimum of thirty (30), but not to exceed forty (40), side loader 31-yard refuse truck bodies. ***Bodies will need to be manufactured to fit Peterbilt 520 Dual Steer cab and chassis.***

July 29, 2022

1. Real and Personal Property Mail/Processing (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 22-0028

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government is seeking proposals from qualified vendors to provide printing and mailing services to the Muscogee County Board of Tax Assessors and Tax Commissioner's Office. The required services shall include Real Property Tax Matter Notices, Personal Property Tax Matter Notices, Personal Property returns, Real, Personal, & Mobile Home Property Tax Bills, and Real, Personal, & Mobile Home Property Tax Delinquent Notices

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

August 12, 2022

1. Naming Rights Consulting Services – RFP No. 22-0031

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government invites qualified consultants to submit proposals to provide a valuation study and assist or in whole find a sponsor for naming rights at the Columbus Civic Center and Ice Rink.

CLERK OF COUNCIL’S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

Clerk of Council’s Agenda #1: Vote Result: APPROVED

1. RESOLUTION - A Resolution excusing Councilor Jerry “Pops” Barnes from the July 12, 2022 Council Meeting.

Clerk of Council’s Agenda #2: Vote Result: RECEIVED

2. Minutes of the following boards:

Airport Commission, May 16 and May 25, 2022

Board of Tax Assessors, #20-22

Board of Zoning Appeals, June 1, 2022

Columbus Golf Authority, June 28, 2022

Development Authority, June 2, 2022

Hospital Authority of Columbus, May 31, 2022

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

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

Clerk of Council’s Agenda #3(A): Nomination: Mayor Henderson nominated Deputy Fire Chief Steven Daniel Hord; Vote Result: CONFIRMED appointment of Deputy Fire Chief Steven Daniel Hord to succeed Chief Freddie Blackmon.

A. 457 DEFERRED COMPENSATION BOARD:

Chief Freddie Blackmon

(Mayor's Appointment)

Public Safety Employee

Not Eligible to succeed

Term Expired: May 31, 2022

Mayor Henderson is nominating Deputy Fire Chief Steven Daniel Hord to succeed Chief Freddie Blackmon.

The term is three-years. Board meets monthly.

Clerk of Council's Agenda #3(B): No Action Taken

B. COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS & CULTURAL LIAISON ENCOUNTERS (CIRCLE):

Akear Mewborn

(Mayor's Appointment)

Does not desire reappointment

Term Expired: March 1, 2022

This is a four-year term. Board meets monthly.

Women: 6

Senatorial District 15: 5

Senatorial District 29: 5

Clerk of Council's Agenda #3(C): Nomination: Mayor Henderson nominated Amy Bryan; Vote Result: CONFIRMED appointment of Amy Bryan to succeed Donna S. Hix.

C. CONVENTION & VISITORS BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

Donna S. Hix

(Mayor's Appointment)

Not Eligible to succeed

Term Expires: December 31, 2022

Mayor Henderson is nominating Amy Bryan to succeed Donna Hix.

* The appointments are made in the month of July for terms beginning the following January.

This is a four-year term. Board meets monthly.

Women: 5

Senatorial District 15: 5

Senatorial District 29: 4

Clerk of Council's Agenda #3(D): *Nomination: Mayor Henderson nominated Jack Warden;
Vote Result: CONFIRMED appointment of Jack Warden to succeed Audrey Hollingsworth.*

D. PENSION FUND, EMPLOYEES' BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Audrey Hollingsworth

(Mayor's Appointment)

(Business Community)

Does not desire reappointment

Term Expired: June 30, 2022

Renee McAneny

(Mayor's Appointment)

(Retired City Employee)

Currently serving on another board

Term Expired: June 30, 2022

Mayor Henderson is nominating Jack Warden to succeed Audrey Hollingsworth.

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

Clerk of Council's Agenda #4(A): *No Action Taken*

A. PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION:

Friar Noel Danielewicz

(Council District 3- Huff)

Seat Declared Vacant

Term Expires: October 31, 2022

This is a three-year term. Board meets monthly.

5. **COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS- ANY NOMINATIONS WOULD BE LISTED FOR THE NEXT MEETING:**

Clerk of Council's Agenda #5(A): No Action Taken

A. BOARD OF HONOR:

Bob Hydrick

(passed away)

Term Expires: October 31, 2022

Open for Nominations

(Council's Appointment)

All of the members serving on this board must be former elected official of Muscogee County.

This is a four-year term. Board meets as needed.

Women: 3

Senatorial District 15: 5

Senatorial District 29: 2

Clerk of Council's Agenda #5(B): Nomination: Councilor Tucker nominated Mattie Hall to succeed Harry Underwood.

B. COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS & CULTURAL LIAISON ENCOUNTERS (CIRCLE):

Harry Underwood

Does not desire reappointment

Term Expired: March 1, 2022

Open for Nominations

(Council's Appointment)

Rose Spencer

Not Eligible to serve another term

Term Expired: March 1, 2021

Open for Nominations

(Council's Appointment)

SarahAnn Arcila

Resigned

Term Expires: March 1, 2024

Open for Nominations

(Council's Appointment)

These are four-year terms. Board meets monthly.

Women: 6
Senatorial District 15: 5
Senatorial District 29: 5

Clerk of Council's Agenda #5(C): No Action Taken

C. COOPERATIVE EXTENSION ADVISORY BOARD:

Margaret Higdon

Does not desire reappointment

Term Expired: December 31, 2021

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

The term is six years. Meets quarterly.

Women: 5
Senatorial District 15: 3
Senatorial District 29: 2

Clerk of Council's Agenda #5(D): Nomination: Councilor Garrett nominated Travis Chambers; Vote Result: CONFIRMED appointment of Travis Chambers to fill the unexpired term of Chris Wightman after there was a notation regarding this nomination during the June 28, 2022 Council Meeting.

D. DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:

Chris Wightman

(resigned)

Term Expires: April 30, 2024

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

This is a four-year term. Board meets monthly.

Councilor Garrett has nominated Mr. Travis Chambers for the seat of Chris Wightman.

Women: 1
Senatorial District 15: 5
Senatorial District 29: 2

Clerk of Council's Agenda #5(E): No Action Taken

E. PERSONNEL REVIEW BOARD:

Darlene Small

(Alternate Member 3)

Not Eligible to succeed

Term Expired: December 31, 2021

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Dr. Shanita Pettaway

(Alternate Member 5)

Resigned

Term Expires: December 31, 2022

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

The terms are three years. Board meets monthly.

Women: 3

Senatorial District 15: 5

Senatorial District 29: 3

Clerk of Council's Agenda #5(F): No Action Taken

F. RETIREES' HEALTH BENEFITS COMMITTEE:

Esther Radcliff

Does not desire reappointment

Term Expired: June 30, 2022

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

The term is three-years. Board meets monthly.

Women: 4

Senatorial District 15: 1

Senatorial District 29: 5

Clerk of Council's Agenda #5(G): No Action Taken

G. TREE BOARD:

Chris Henson

Environmental Advocacy Representative

Does not desire reappointment

Term Expired: July 1, 2022

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Troy Keller

Educator Seat

Not eligible to succeed

Term Expired: December 31, 2020

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Frank Tommey

Residential Development Seat

Not eligible to succeed

Term Expired: December 31, 2020

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

These are four-year terms. Meets as needed.

Women: 5

Senatorial District 15: 5

Senatorial District 29: 6

Clerk of Council's Agenda #5(H): Nomination: Mayor Pro Tem Allen nominated Herman Lewis to fill the unexpired term of the late Gary Jones.

H. VALLEY PARTNERSHIP JOINT DEVELOPMENT:

Gary Jones

(passed away)

Term Expires: June 30, 2023

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

The term is four-years. Board meets every other month beginning in January.

Women: 0

Senatorial District 15: 3

Senatorial District 29: 1

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Councilor Davis to adjourn the July 12, 2022 Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the vote, Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting, and the time being 1:11 p.m.