

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

August 9, 2022
9:00 AM
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 (via Microsoft Teams) and Councilors Jerry “Pops” Barnes (via Microsoft Teams), Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis (arrived at 9:01 a.m.), R. Walker Garrett (arrived at 10:09 a.m., via Microsoft Teams), 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: Councilor Evelyn “Mimi” Woodson was absent.

The following documents have been included as a part of the electronic Agenda Packet: (1) the Home-ARP Program Presentation; (2) Property Acquisition Presentation; (3) 2022 - 2023 Annual Action Plan

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Former Councilor Wayne Anthony- Minister for South Georgia United Methodist Conference

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Henderson

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the July 26, 2022, Council Meeting. Councilor House made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

UPDATE:

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

PRESENTATION:

4. Introduction of Major General Buzzard, Commanding General, U.S. Army Maneuver Center of Excellence.

Major General Curtis A. Buzzard approached the rostrum to introduce himself as the new Commanding General for the U.S. Army Maneuver Center of Excellence. He expressed his eagerness to get involved in the community and continue the relationship between Fort Benning and Columbus.

PROCLAMATION:

3. **PROCLAMATION:** Black Business-Philanthropy Month

RECEIVING: The River Valley Black Chamber of Commerce - President, Michael Muhammad

Councilor Tovia Tucker read the proclamation into the record, proclaiming August 2022, as *Black Business-Philanthropy Month*, recognizing The River Valley Black Chamber of Commerce in their efforts in celebrating and supporting black-owned businesses and other entrepreneurs.

ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL INTERNAL AUDIT REQUEST:

Councilor House made a motion to authorize an internal audit on the Animal Care and Control Division to set a basis for the potential of contracting out services, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

City Manager Isaiah Hugley stated he has no intentions of bringing the contract with PAWS Humane to provide Animal Care and Control Services back for authorization until a member of Council requests it.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- If the intent is to contract out services for Animal Care and Control, check to make sure the other party is compatible with the needs of the citizens and the services provided are comparable.
(Request of Councilor Davis)

COLUMBUS FIRE & EMS INTERNAL AUDIT REQUEST:

Councilor Davis made a motion authorize an internal audit on the budget and strategic planning for the Columbus Fire and EMS Department, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

CITY ATTORNEY’S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

1. **Ordinance (22-040) - 2nd Reading-** An ordinance providing for the demolition of various structures located at:

- 1) **81 Lafayette Drive** (Crawford B. Smith Jr., Owner);
- 2) **776 Terminal Court** (Jonnie L. General, Owner);
- 3) **920 Diggs Avenue** (Walter S. Bland, Owner);
- 4) **3025 Bonanza Drive** (Peter J. Wheeler, Owner);
- 5) **2317 Forsyth Street** (Jeraquis Chaney, Owner);
- 6) **2059 Mason Street** (Garnet Funds Group LLC, Owner);
- 7) **2410 Schaul Street** (T. Marie Enterprises INC, Owner);
- 8) **6035 Mill**

Branch Road (John Moore, Owner); 9) **1065 Martin Luther King Blvd** (William Mott, Owner); 10) **1530 Hunt Avenue** (Gerald L. Miley, Owner) (Mayor Pro-Tem) Councilor Crabb made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

Inspections & Code Director Ryan Pruett approached the rostrum to respond to questions from the members of Council present regarding various properties on the demolition list.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE INSPECTIONS & CODE DIRECTOR:

- Look into the property located at 4243 Willis Street, where a tree limb fell into the neighbor's home and injured her. *(Request of Councilor Huff)*
- Check into signage on Farr Road. *(Request of Councilor Huff)*

2. **Ordinance (22-041) - 2nd Reading-** An Ordinance amending Article VII of Chapter 13 of the Columbus Code to revise provisions concerning junked motor vehicles; and for other purposes. (as amended) (Councilor Barnes) Councilor House made a motion to amend the ordinance to include a provision exemption to allow on each residential parcel no more than one vehicle that is in the process of restoration for which an antique motor vehicle tag has been obtained from the State of Georgia, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting. Councilor Tucker then made a motion to adopt the ordinance as amended, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

3. **Resolution (201-22):** A Resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, declaring its official intent to enter into a second amendment to an intergovernmental contract with the Hospital Authority of Columbus, Georgia ("the "Authority") in order to provide security for the payment of the Authority's proposed Refunding Revenue Anticipation Certificate, Series 2023 (the "Series 2023 Certificate"), the proceeds from which shall be used to refund all or a portion of the Authority's outstanding Revenue Anticipation Certificates, Series 2013; to authorize various officials of Columbus to take such further actions as are necessary relating to the issuance of the Series 2023 Certificate; and for other purposes. (Request of the Hospital Authority of Columbus, Georgia) Councilor Thomas made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.
4. **Resolution (202-22):** A Resolution approving a contract with Georgia Probation Services, Inc. to provide probations services for Superior, Municipal and Recorder's Courts. (Mayor Pro-Tem) Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY ATTORNEY:

- Look into the requirement of having six councilors physically present to make a quorum to allow for councilors attending virtually to participate. Bring information back on August 30, 2022 Work Session. *(Request of Councilor Thomas)*
- Add allowing virtual attendance for meetings to the next legislative agenda. *(Request of Mayor Pro Tem Allen)*

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Ban the box, ending mass incarceration. *(Not Present at this time when called upon to address the Council. See Below her appearance at the end of the Clerk’s Agenda.)*

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Kadie the Cow Relocation and Maintenance

Resolution (203-22): A resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a memorandum of understanding with Uptown Columbus, Inc. for the relocation and maintenance of Kadie the Cow. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried by the seven members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Barnes, Davis, House, Huff, Thomas and Tucker voting in favor; Councilor Crabb voting no with Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

2. Substantial Amendment Revisions for FFY2021/FY 2022 HUD Annual Action Plan – (HOME-ARP)

Resolution (204-22): A resolution authorizing the filing of a substantial amendment to the FY 2021/FY 2022 Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Annual Action Plan to include Home Investment Partnerships American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) Allocation Plan and Funding. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

Community Reinvestment Director Rob Scott approached the rostrum to provide a presentation on the HOME-ARP Program. He explained this program was included in the 2021 American Rescue Plan for a one-time \$5 billion appropriation for its creation. He stated the funds were programmed and allocated by formula through HUD’s existing HOME Program. He shared that Columbus’ HOME-ARP Allocation is \$3,574,055 and the funding available for eligible projects is \$3,037,947.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Schedule public meetings to get the information out to the community. *(Request of Councilor Tucker)*

3. FY23 HUD Annual Action Plan Submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Resolution (205-22): A resolution authorizing the filing of the FY23 Annual Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

Community Reinvestment Director Rob Scott approached the rostrum to provide a presentation on the FY 2023 Annual Action Plan, which is submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as a requirement of HUD grantees. He provided the various projects included in the plan and the Program Year 2022-2023 Funding distribution.

4. 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan with a Freight Plan Element and the 2023 Congestion Management Process

Resolution (206-22): A resolution authorizing the Columbus-Phenix City MPO to submit an application for planning funds, in the amount of \$400,000.00, or as otherwise awarded, along with a 20% cash match, and if awarded, authorize the City Manager of Columbus, Georgia to enter into a contractual agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation to update the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and the 2023 Congestion Management Process, and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount awarded. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

5. Lease Agreement – 501 12th Street –Pizza Holdings International LLC

Resolution (207-22): A resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with Pizza Holdings International LLC to lease parking spaces at city owned 501 12th Street, Columbus, Georgia 31901 for five (5) years with two (2) renewals for \$1,000 per year. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

6. Lease Agreement – Parking Spaces Locate Directly Underneath or Below the 13th Street Viaduct to Crawford JMD Holdings, LLC

Resolution (208-22): A resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with Crawford JMD Holdings LLC to lease city owned parking spaces beneath the 13th Street viaduct/bridge for a period of five (5) years with two (2) renewals for \$1,000 per year. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

7. Revised Lease of Equipment for City Golf Courses

Resolution (209-22): A resolution authorizing two lease agreements with Huntington Bank over a 48-month lease period in a total amount of \$204,144.48 to obtain equipment to be utilized at Bull Creek Golf Course and at Oxbow Creek Golf Course. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

8. PURCHASES

A. Welding/Metal Fabrication Services (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 22-0043

Resolution (210-22): A resolution authorizing the execution of an annual contract for welding/metal fabrication services from R. Smith Metal Works (Columbus, GA), for the estimated annual contract value of \$25,200.00. Councilor House made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

B. Storage Facility Rental Payment for the Sheriff's Office

Resolution (211-22): A resolution authorizing the payment to River Mill Storage, LLC (Columbus, GA) for the annual storage facility rental fee, in the amount of \$40,079.00, for FY23 payment is further authorized for subsequent annual rental fees. Councilor House made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

C. Recycling Containers for Public Works – Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (212-22): A resolution authorizing the purchase of recycling containers from Wastequip/Toter (Statesville, NC), in the amount of \$52,728.00, by cooperative purchase via Sourcewell Contract #041521-TOT. Councilor House made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

D. Annual Software Renewal for Cyber Security Training – Georgia State Contract Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (213-22): A resolution authorizing payment to CDW Government (Vernon Hills, IL), in the amount of \$34,751.58, for the annual software renewal for Cyber Security Training. The purchase/payment will be accomplished by cooperative purchase, via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-SPD-SPD0000060-0004. Payment is further authorized for subsequent annual renewals of the software. Councilor House made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

- E. Two (2) 2023 Police Responder Pursuit Rated F-150 Pickup Trucks for Muscogee County Sheriff's Office – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (214-22): A resolution authorizing the purchase of two (2) 2023 Police Responder Pursuit Rated F-150 Pickup Trucks for the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office, from Allan Vigil Ford (Morrow, GA), by cooperative purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-SPD-SPD00000183-005, at a unit price of \$46,187.00, and a total cost of \$92,374.00. Councilor House made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

- F. One (1) 2023 Ford F-150 Pick-up Truck for Oxbow Creek Golf Course –Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (215-22): A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) 2023 Ford F-150 Pickup Truck for Oxbow Creek Golf Course, from Allan Vigil Ford (Morrow, GA), by cooperative purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-SPD-ES40199373-002, at a unit price of \$28,930.00. Councilor House made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

9. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. Property Acquisition Update - Pam Hodge, Deputy City Manager

Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge approached the rostrum to provide a presentation on the proposed property acquisition of the TSYS property located at 1000 5th Avenue, Columbus, Georgia for the Muscogee County Sheriff's Administration Offices. She stated the negotiated price of the property being \$2.525 million and the estimated renovation cost at \$13 million.

Muscogee County Sheriff Greg Countryman approached the rostrum to answer various questions from the members of Council and to explain the deputy sheriff's roles in providing security in city buildings.

BID ADVERTISEMENT

August 10, 2022

1. **PI 0011436 – Muscogee County Buena Vista Road Improvements at Spiderweb-Phase II – RFB No. 23-0005**

A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at 10:30 AM on Wednesday, August 10, 2022. Attendees shall convene in the Ground Floor Conference Room of the Annex Building, which is located at 420 10th Street in Columbus, Georgia.

Vendors will be allowed a 10-minute grace period. Any vendor who is not present in the Ground Floor Conference Room of the Annex Building, within 10 minutes after the time slated for the beginning of the mandatory pre-bid conference, shall not be allowed to participate any further in the bid process.

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.

2. Design and Construction Services for Shirley B. Winston, Rigdon Park, and Psalmond Road Pools – RFP No. 23-0001
Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) is requesting proposals from qualified contractors to engage a Design-Builder to design and construct new in-ground pools at three existing park locations throughout the City.

Each project location will include modifications to the existing pool location including necessary demolition, renovation of existing structures, and installation of new pool structure and equipment. The selected Design-Builder will be responsible for all programming, design, and construction.

August 24, 2022**1. US 80/SR 22/Beaver Run Road at Psalmond Road Intersection Improvements – RFB No. 23-0004**
Scope of Bid

Provide improvements to the intersection of Beaver Run Road and Psalmond Road. The work includes but is not limited to grading, resurfacing, pavement marking, median, curbs & gutters, sidewalks, landscaping & erosion control, and traffic lighting & signs.

2. Ball Field Soil Conditioner and Field Materials – RFB No. 23-0006
Scope of Bid

Provide ball field soil conditioners (medium and fine grade), mound clay, infield mix, field marking paint and field marking chalk. The Parks & Recreation Department will purchase these items on an “as needed” basis. The amount of ball field soil conditioner to be purchased will be strictly determined by the weather.

August 31, 2022**1. PI 0011436 – Muscogee County Buena Vista Road Improvements at Spiderweb-Phase II – RFB No. 23-0005**
Scope of Bid

Phase II of the Buena Vista Road Improvements at the Spiderweb includes the construction of two (2) bridges, one (1) of which requires Norfolk Southern permitting; construction of a roundabout at Illges Road and Aceway Drive; construction of Buena Vista Road east of the intersection with Annette Avenue, Martin Luther King Boulevard north of Brewer Elementary School, Illges Road, Lindsay Drive, Andrews Road, Morris Road and Ace Way Drive, as well as the installation of traffic signals.

Utilities were relocated in Phase I of the project. The Annette Ave. roundabout at MLK and Annette Ave. were constructed in Phase I.

September 2, 2022**1. Household Hazardous Waste Sorting and Disposal Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 23-0004**

The Columbus Consolidated Government is seeking to contract with a qualified vendor to provide household hazardous waste sorting and disposal services for up to two (2) half-day events per year.

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

CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

1. **RESOLUTION** - A resolution excusing Councilor R. Walker Garrett from the August 9, 2022, Council Meeting. Clerk of Council Davis explained Councilor Garrett was able to join the meeting virtually; therefore, this resolution needs no action and would be withdrawn.
2. **ADD-ON RESOLUTION (216-22)**: A resolution excusing Councilor Evelyn "Mimi" Woodson from the August 9, 2022, Council Meeting. Councilor Tucker 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 meeting.
3. **RESOLUTION (217-22)** - A resolution approving Honorary Designation Application submitted by Queen Scott requesting signage on Gleason Avenue in honor of Adlena Austin Spencer. *(The Board of Honor met on July 27, 2022 and recommends approval.)* Councilor Huff 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 meeting.
4. **RESOLUTION (218-22)** - A resolution approving an Honorary Designation Application from Lillian Henderson (Lewis Memorial Baptist Church) for street signage on Adair Avenue in honor of Rev. Benjamin F. McGruder, Jr. *(The Board of Honor met on July 27, 2022 and recommends approval.)* Councilor Huff 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 meeting.
5. **RESOLUTION (219-22)** - A resolution approving an Honorary Designation Application from Tony Thornton for street signage at 2nd Avenue and 35th Street / 35th Street and River Road in honor of Ronnie Duckworth, Sr. *(The Board of Honor met on July 27, 2022 and recommends approval.)* Councilor Huff 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 meeting.
6. **Minutes of the following boards:**
 Board of Honor, July 27, 2022
 Board of Tax Assessors, #22-22 and #23-22
 Board of Zoning Appeal, July 6, 2022
 Planning Advisory Commission, June 1, 2022

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

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

7. COUNCIL APPOINTMENT- VOTE TABULATION:

A. PLANNING ADVISORY COMMISSION:

A nominee for the seat of Raul Esteras-Palos (*No longer a resident*) for a term that expires on March 31, 2023, on the Planning Advisory Commission (*Council’s Appointment*). Clerk of Council Davis explained on July 26, 2022, Councilor Crabb nominated Christopher Phillips and Councilor Woodson nominated Dr. Walter Taylor. She also explained Councilor Davis is nominating Patrick Steed for this seat as well, and Council would need to take a vote tabulation. Councilors Crabb and Tucker voted for Christopher Phillips. Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Barnes, Davis, Garrett, House, Huff and Thomas voted for Patrick Steed. After Clerk of Council Davis announced that Mr. Patrick Steed has seven votes and may be confirmed, Councilor Thomas made a motion to confirm the appointment of Patrick Steed to fill the unexpired term of Raul Esteras-Palos on the Planning Advisory Commission, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting.

UPCOMING BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

- A. Animal Control Advisory Board – (Council & 1 Veterinary Association recommendation)
- B. Board of Honor - (Council Appointments)
- C. Columbus Ironworks Convention & Trade Center Authority - (Mayor’s Appointments)
- D. Land Bank Authority - (Council Appointments)
- E. Public Safety Advisory Commission - (Council District Seat Appointments - 1, 3, 5, 7 & 9)

PUBLIC AGENDA (continued)

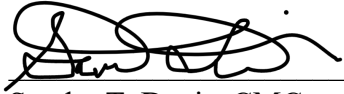
- 1. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Ban the box, ending mass incarceration.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Henderson entertained a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss matters of litigation and personnel as requested earlier in the meeting by City Attorney Fay. Councilor Thomas made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting, and the time being 10:43 a.m.

The regular meeting reconvened at 1:40 p.m., at which time, Mayor Henderson announced that the Council did meet in executive session to discuss matters of litigation and personnel; however, there were no votes taken.

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Henderson declared the August 9, 2022 Regular Council Meeting adjourned due to the lack of a quorum being physically present, with Councilors Crabb and Garrett having left the meeting and Councilor Woodson being absent for the meeting, with the time being 1:40 p.m.



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