

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 23, 2022
5:30 PM
Regular Meeting

MAYOR’S AGENDA

PRESENT: Mayor B. H. “Skip” Henderson, III (via Microsoft Teams) and Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen and Councilors Jerry “Pops” Barnes (via Microsoft Teams), Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis (arrived at 5:33 p.m.), R. Walker Garrett, John M. House, Bruce Huff, Judy W. Thomas, Toyia Tucker, and Evelyn “Mimi” Woodson (via Microsoft Teams). City Manager Isaiah Hugley, Assistant City Attorney Lucy Sheftall, Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis, and Deputy Clerk of Council Lindsey G. McLemore were present.

ABSENT: City Attorney Clifton Fay was absent.

The following documents have been included as a part of the electronic Agenda Packet: (1) Classification and Compensation Study and Analysis for Columbus Consolidated Government Presentation; (2) Human Resources Classification and Compensation Plan Presentation

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen, Presiding

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Pro Tem Allen

COLUMBUS POLICE DEPARTMENT NEW UNIFORMS:

Columbus Police Chief Freddie Blackmon approached the rostrum to present the new uniforms for the Columbus Police Department. He explained the changes to the uniform distributes the weight of the issued equipment evenly for easier access and less of a physical burden to the officers.

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the August 9, 2022 Council Meeting and Executive Session. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

CITY ATTORNEY’S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

1. **1st Reading-** REZN-05-22-0912: An ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **0 / 3390 Wooldridge Road** (parcel # 075-001-033 / 075-001-030) from RE1 (Residential Estate 1) Zoning District to HMI (Heavy Manufacturing / Industrial) Zoning District with amended

conditions. (Planning Department and PAC both recommend conditional approval. (Councilor Davis) Councilor Davis made a motion to amend Condition 10 of the ordinance to allow the retired employee that resides on the property to remain on the property for five years, seconded by Garrett and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

Attorney Scott Peters approached the rostrum to represent the applicant, Vulcan Construction Materials, LLC. in the 1st Reading of the proposed rezoning.

Councilor Glenn Davis made comments on the positive experience working with Vulcan Materials Company and the surrounding residents. He explained the applicant and residents worked together to come up with conditions that are beneficial to everyone involved.

Mr. Bruce Bacon approached the rostrum to express his appreciation on the pleasant experience of working with the surrounding residents and the Vulcan Company.

Ms. Carol Landrum, Manager Community & Government Relations, Vulcan Materials Company approached the rostrum to share the willingness of Vulcan to continue to work with city officials and the surrounding residents.

2. **1st Reading-** REZN-06-22-1184: An ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to amend certain boundaries of a district known as The Sable Oaks Subdivision of Midland from RE1 (Residential Estate) Zoning District to SFR2 (Single Family Residential 2) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval) (Mayor Pro-Tem)

Assistant Planning Director John Renfro approached the rostrum to explain the purpose of the proposed rezoning. He explained this proposed amendment would correct the zoning for the Sable Oaks Subdivision as it pertains to the size of lots within the subdivision.

3. **1st Reading-** An ordinance adopting a new Classification and Compensation Plan for The Consolidated Government and amending Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Ordinance No. 22-027; restating and modernizing other pay plan provisions included in Section 16B of the Columbus Code; providing for a delayed effective date; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem) Councilor Garrett made a motion to delay the 1st Reading of the ordinance to August 30th, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the ten members present. Councilor Thomas made a motion to amend Section 6 to read “each public safety department shall develop written criteria for receipt of the bonus and such written criteria shall be approved in advance by the Public Safety Director”, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the ten members present. Councilor Thomas made a motion to amend Section 11 to read “when an employee is demoted for cause to a lower-class position, the employee’s pay shall be decreased by six steps measured back from their current pay grade and step and placed into the new grade and step at the nearest salary”, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the ten members present. Councilor Thomas presented the amendment with the motion made by Councilor Tucker for Section 12 to read “the Human Resources Director in conjunction with the Department Head shall determine whether the employee is qualified to perform the duties and responsibilities of the lower class of position”, seconded by Councilor Thomas and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

11. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Compensation Pay Plan Update - Reather Hollowell, Human Resource Director

President & CEO Jerald Mitchell (Greater Columbus, GA Chamber of Commerce) approached the rostrum to express his opinion as a member of the business community on the process of the compensation study. (*NOTE: This update was called up as the next order of business as listed on the City Manager's Agenda Item 11 "A"*)

Ms. Audrey Hollingsworth approached the rostrum to speak on behalf of the members of the private sector and their involvement in the compensation study.

Project Manager Mark Holcombe approached the rostrum to provide an update on the comprehensive compensation study that was conducted by Evergreen Solutions. He provided information on the comments and concerns expressed by employees during meetings. He also provided cost information on the recommendations for General Government and Public Safety Employees.

Human Resources Director Reather Hollowell approached the rostrum to provide a summary on the classification and compensation study. She explained any delay in the implementation of the proposed plan will delay when employees see increases in their pay.

Finance Director Angelica Alexander provided a presentation via Microsoft Teams to address the pay plan implantation costs. She explained the money that was set aside would cover the plan at market value, but with the decision to go above and beyond for public safety and CDL drivers, this has increased the cost of implantation to \$13,392,814.55. She provided information on the financial plan to be able to fund and sustain the proposed compensation for employees going forward.

Councilor Glenn Davis expressed his concerns in increasing the garbage fee paid by citizens to implement and sustain the proposed pay plan. He explained that he would like to see staff find another funding source.

Probate Judge Marc D'Antonio approached the rostrum to discuss department heads potentially not having the opportunity to address their concerns with the consultants. He explained the initial report from the consultants were provided several weeks ago, but he did not feel comfortable providing that information to his employees until he had the opportunity to discuss his recommended changes with Evergreen Solutions.

Lt. Robert Dowe approached the rostrum to speak on the information provided to employees of the Columbus Police Department and how the compensation plan would affect officers as they go up in rank.

Stormwater Manager Tommy Beauchamp approached the rostrum to speak on the issues in the placement of employees within his division of Public Works in the proposed pay plan.

Executive Director Haley Tillery approached the rostrum to address her concerns with the placement of her employees at the Trade Center and how those in the hospitality industry are required to work nights, weekends, and some holidays. She explained there are several employees that hold management positions with college degrees that were not taken into consideration during the study.

Police Chief Freddie Blackmon approached the rostrum to respond to comments made by Lt. Robert Dowe. He explained there were some questions asked by officers regarding the pay scale for officers when considering promotions that he was not able to answer, but he did request this information from the consultants during his follow up meeting.

Firefighter Courtney Brown approached the rostrum to speak on the efforts of the Fire Chief and Command Staff to get the information out to the employees of the Fire & EMS Department.

Public Works Director Drale Short approached the rostrum speak on behalf of her employees that will be affected by the cap of 25% in the increase they will receive with the new pay plan.

CITY ATTORNEY’S AGENDA

- 4. **1st Reading-** An ordinance to authorize the Recorder’s Court of Columbus, Georgia to hear evidence and enforce civil penalties for violations of O.C.G.A. Sections 40-14-17 and 40-14-18, related to speed detection devices and speeding fines in school zones: and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem)

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

- 2. **Acquisition of Property for Sheriff’s Administration**

Resolution (220-22): A resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a purchase and sales agreement for approximately 1.76 acres including 125 parking spaces located at 1000 5th Avenue to house the Sheriff’s Administration Office upon completion of all diligence. Councilor House made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge approached the rostrum to explain the need for the resolution authorizing the acquisition of property located at 1000 5th Avenue for the Muscogee County Sheriff’s Administration.

CITY ATTORNEY’S AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS

- 5. **Resolution (221-22):** A Resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, requesting that the Columbus Building Authority (the "Authority") issue its lease Revenue Bonds, Series 2022C in an aggregate principal amount of approximately \$13,000,000 (the “Series 2022C Bonds”); to authorize the execution of a lease contract between Columbus and the Authority; to authorize the transfer of property; to declare the official intent of Columbus to reimburse planned expenditures from proceeds of the Series 2022C Bonds; to authorize the preparation and distribution of a Preliminary Official Statement and to authorize the execution of a Final Official Statement containing information on the governmental and financial affairs of Columbus; to designate certain firms and professionals to work and assist with the issuance of the Series 2022C Bonds;

to authorize the Mayor and other official of Columbus to take such further actions as are necessary; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem) Councilor House made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Mr. Howard Turner, Re: CPD Manual 2021 Edition, Responsibilities and Duties of a Police Officer, 1-6.1 General Authority. ***Not Present***
2. Mr. Ulysses Rayford, Re: Train crossing at the Spiderweb on Buena Vista Road.
3. Ms. Robbie Branscomb, representing Let's Gro STEAMx, Re: To present the winners of our recent Soap Box Derby Gravity Race, as well as, recap our summer program, where we offered fun, free STEAM-based educational activities for Columbus students. ***Not Present***
4. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Violence and Questions about Cure Violence. ***Not Present***

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA (continued)

1. Real Estate Agreement with Historic Columbus Foundation, Inc.

Resolution (222-22): A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Historic Columbus Foundation, inc. for the redevelopment of Heritage Park and the Promenade on Front Avenue. Councilor House made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

2. Acquisition of Property for Sheriff's Administration

Approval is requested to authorize the City Manager to execute a Purchase and Sales Agreement for approximately 1.76 acres including 125 parking located at 1000 5th Avenue upon satisfactory completion of all due diligence. The purchase price was negotiated at \$2,525,000 to be funded with OLOST Public Safety reserves along with any closing and associated costs and the issuance of \$13,000,000 of Columbus Building Authority bonds for the renovation. (*NOTE: This resolution was called upon earlier in the meeting during the Mayor's Agenda.*)

3. Acquisition of Property at 1546 9th Ave from Conservative Investment Inc

Resolution (223-22): A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a sale agreement with Conservative Investment, Inc. for the property at 1546 9th Avenue for the expansion of Metra Transit Services. Councilor House made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

4. Street Acceptance – That portion of Hayfields Road, that portion of Kadie Way, and Kadie Court located in Phase One, Section Two, Part B, Heiferhorn Farms.

Resolution (224-22): A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, authorizing the acceptance of a deed to that portion of Hayfields Road, and that portion of Kadie Way and Kadie Court located in Phase One, Section Two, Phase B, Heiferhorn Farms, on behalf of Columbus, Georgia. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

5. NG Salon -Variance for Sidewalk Installation at 8140 Fortson Road

Resolution (225-22): A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, granting a variance request to the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO), Section 7.1. – required sidewalk, excusing the requirement to install sidewalk along 8140 Fortson Road; and for other purposes. Councilor House made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

6. Columbus Police Department: Donation Motor Squad.

Resolution (226-22): A resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept donated funds of \$1,500.00 from Ms. Lindsay Doggett of Country Financial on behalf of the Columbus Police Department Motor Squad, with no additional funds required. Councilor House made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

7. Donation of three marked Chevrolet Tahoe’s from the Columbus Police Department to Columbus State University

Resolution (227-22): A resolution authorizing the Columbus Police Department to donate three police marked Chevrolet Tahoe’s with all police equipment other than the computers to Columbus State University. Councilor House made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

8. FY2023 5303 Grant Application for Planning Assistance

Resolution (228-22): A resolution authorizing the City Manager of Columbus, Georgia to submit an application for, and if awarded, accept a grant, from the Department of Transportation, United States of America, and Georgia Department of Transportation, under Title 49 U.S.C., Section 5303. Councilor House made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

9. Georgia Statewide Afterschool Network BOOST grant 2022-2023. “Building Opportunities for Out of School Time”

Resolution (229-22): A resolution authorizing the City to apply for the After School Boost Grant and, if awarded, accept the monies granted by the Georgia Statewide Afterschool Program Network “Building Opportunities for Out of School Time” Boost Grant Year 2 with no local match requirement and it will amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount awarded. Councilor House made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

10. PURCHASES

A. Trees for Planting on City Right-of Ways (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 22-0040

Resolution (230-22): A resolution authorizing the execution of an annual contract for the purchase of trees for planting on city right-of-ways from Thoms Trees and Plants, Inc. (Fayetteville, GA). The Public Works Department budgets \$160,000 annually for purchases. Councilor House made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

- B. Multiuse Paper, Carbonless Paper and Envelopes for the Print Shop (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 22-0039

Resolution (231-22): A resolution authorizing the execution of an annual contract for the purchase of multi-use paper, carbonless paper and envelopes for the Print Shop from Jack’s House of Paper (Leesburg, GA), on an “as needed” basis, for the estimated annual value of \$11,705.32. Councilor House made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

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

Resolution (232-22): A resolution authorizing the execution of a construction contract with KAM, Inc. (Columbus, GA) for Phase II of the former Georgia State Farmers Market Project. Councilor House made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

- D. Traffic Signal Contractor (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 22-0020

Resolution (233-22): A resolution authorizing the execution of an annual contract with Signal One Traffic Systems, LLC (Shiloh, GA) primary contractor and Lumin8 Transportation Technologies (Newnan, GA) secondary contractor, to provide traffic signal contractor services on an “as needed” basis. Councilor House made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

- E. Practice Ammunition for Sheriff’s Department – Georgia State Contract Cooperative Contract

Resolution (234-22): A resolution authorizing the purchase of practice ammunition from Gulf States Distributors (Montgomery, AL), in the amount of \$47,800.00, by cooperative purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-001-SPD00001574-0004. Councilor House made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

- F. Ten (10) 2022 Utility Police Interceptors (SUV’s) for Columbus Police Department – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (235-22): A resolution authorizing the purchase of ten (10) 2022 Utility Police Interceptors (SUV’s) for the Columbus Police Department, from Wade Ford (Smyrna, GA) by cooperative purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-001-SPD00001083-0006, at a unit price of \$38,866.00, and a total cost of \$388,660.00. Councilor House made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

- G. Geotechnical and Environmental Materials Testing Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 22-0002

Resolution (236-22): A resolution authorizing the execution of annual contracts with Building & Earth Sciences, Inc. (Columbus, GA), MC Squared, Inc. (Kennesaw, GA), Terracon Consultants, Inc. (Columbus, GA), and United Consulting Group, LTD. (Norcross, GA), for geotechnical and environmental materials testing services on an “as-needed” basis for the Engineering Department. As the need arises, the Engineering Department will request quotes from each of the contracted consultants. The contracts may also be utilized by other City Departments requiring the services. Councilor House made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

H. Side Loader Refuse Truck Bodies (Re-Bid) – RFB No. 22-0042

Resolution (237-22): A resolution authorizing the purchase of forty (40) side loader refuse truck bodies from Samson Equipment Company (Stonecrest, GA) at a unit price of \$159,741.77, and a total price of \$6,389,670.80. Councilor House made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

I. Two (2) 2022 Ford F-150 Police Responder Vehicles for the Sheriff’s Office

Resolution (238-22): A resolution authorizing the purchase of two (2) Ford F-150 police responder vehicles from Rivertown Ford (Columbus, GA) in the total amount of \$98,847.84 (one vehicle at a unit price of \$50,186.42 and one vehicle at a unit price of \$48,661.42). Councilor House made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

EMERGENCY PURCHASES

1. Emergency Purchase – Information Only

TRAINING AMMUNITION FOR POLICE DPEARTMENT:

On August 4, the Police Department notified the City Manager of the need to purchase 10,000 rounds of 9mm, 5,000 rounds of 12-gauge 00 Buck Shotgun, and 25,000 rounds of Winchester .556 Rifle ammunition.

The emergency purchase is needed because the City’ contractor for the ammunition is unable to deliver a pending order due to supply chain issues. The ammunition is required for training purposes.

The Police Department is able to purchase the ammunition from Central Arms (Mt Pleasant, MI), in the amount of \$26,700.00, who is able to deliver the needed ammunition in a timely manner.

The City Manager approved the emergency purchase on August 4, 2022.

Funding is budgeted in the FY23 Budget: General Fund – Police – CPD Training – Operating Materials; 0101 – 400 – 2900 – CTRN – 6728.

VOTE RECONSIDERATION (RESOLUTION NO. 205-22):

Councilor Crabb made a motion to allow Councilor Davis to recuse himself from the vote on Resolution No. 205-22 that was approved at the August 9, 2022 Council Meeting, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the ten members present. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve Resolution No. 205-22, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being recused.

11. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. Compensation Pay Plan Update - Reather Hollowell, Human Resource Director

(NOTE: This update, as provided by Human Resources Director Reather Hollowell, was called upon earlier in the meeting during the City Attorney’s Agenda.)

- B. Civic Center Update – Robert Landers, Civic Center Director

Civic Center Director Rob Landers approached the rostrum to provide an update on the Civic Center. He provided information and examples of the improvements being made at the Columbus Civic Center to attract more events and patrons. He explained that focusing on connections with the surrounding community is just as important as improvements to the facility.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Have a new light installed to display the American Flag at the City Service Center. *(Request of Councilor Thomas)*

BID ADVERTISEMENT

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 25, 2022

1. **Feeding the Valley Midland Addition – RFB No. 23-0001**
 A Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference is scheduled for 11:00 AM on Thursday, August 25, 2022, in the Ground Floor Conference Room of the Government Center Tower, which is located at 100 10th Street in Columbus, Georgia. Attendees will be subjected to security screening before entering the Government Center. Vendors will be allowed a 10-minute grace period.

Any vendor who is not present in the Ground Floor Conference Room, within 10 minutes after the time slated for the beginning of the mandatory pre-bid conference/site visit, shall not be allowed to participate any further in the bid process.

Immediately after the Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference, attendees shall proceed to the Mandatory Site Visit at the Feeding the Valley facility, which is located at 6744 Flat Rock Road in Midland, GA. Those wishing to revisit the site shall contact the following individual to arrange for examination of the site: Frank Sheppard 706-561-4755, Ext 101.

Attendees are encouraged to wear face masks and observe social distancing.

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.

September 7, 2022

- 1. **Pharmaceutical Supply Services (RE-BID) (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 23-0013**
The City of Columbus, Georgia is seeking bids from area hospitals, non-area hospitals, wholesale distributors and/or other vendors, interested in providing Pharmaceutical Supply Services for the Columbus Fire and Emergency Medical Services.
The contract period will be for two (2) years with the option to renew for three (3) additional twelve-month periods, if agreeable to both parties.

September 14, 2022

- 1. **Feeding the Valley Midland Addition – RFB No. 23-0001**
Scope of Bid
The project consists of a 24,000 square foot storage facility that will primarily be a pre-engineered metal building that includes 3 loading dock doors. The connection to the existing facility shall be a load-bearing CMU construction with a TPO roof on steel structure.

This is a Section 3 Covered Contract under the HUD Act of 1968 and Section 3 Residents and Business Concerns are encouraged to apply –If Section 3 documents are not properly signed and submitted with the bid, a section 3 preference cannot be made. If no section 3 preference is being claimed, these documents are not required with the bid. Completed Section 3 paperwork will be required of the successful Bidder if a contract is awarded.

September 16, 2022

- 1. **Point-of-Sale System for Columbus Civic Center – RFP No. 23-0003**
Scope of RFP
Columbus Consolidated Government is seeking proposals from qualified vendors to provide hardware and software for a Point-of-Sale System for Concessions which will replace the system currently used at the Columbus Civic Center.

September 28, 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.

CLERK OF COUNCIL’S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

- 1. **RESOLUTION (239-22)** - A resolution changing the August 30, 2022, Consent Agenda / Work Session to a Regular Meeting / Work Session. Councilor House made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Thomas and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

- 2. **RESOLUTION (240-22)** - A resolution cancelling the September 6, 2022, and October 4, 2022, Proclamation Sessions. Councilor House made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

- 3. Letter from Susan McWhirter- Chairperson advising that the Medical Center Hospital Authority has voted to elect Dr. John Bucholtz to fill the unexpired term of Dr. Robert Wright. *(The Council may confirm this appointment.)* Councilor House made a motion to confirm the appointment of Dr. John Bucholtz, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

- 4. **Minutes of the following boards:**

Board of Tax Assessors, #24-22

Employee Benefits Committee, April 21, 2022

Housing Authority, June 15, 2022

River Valley Regional Commission, June 22, 2022

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to receive the minutes of various boards, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

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

A. COLUMBUS IRONWORKS CONVENTION & TRADE CENTER AUTHORITY:

A nominee for the seat of Craig Burgess *(Eligible to succeed- Interested in serving another term)* for a term that expires on October 24, 2022, on the Columbus Ironworks Convention & Trade Center Authority *(Mayor’s Appointment)*. Deferred by Clerk of Council Davis.

A nominee for the seat of Lauren Chambers (*Not eligible to succeed*) for a term that expires on October 24, 2022, on the Columbus Ironworks Convention & Trade Center Authority. (*Mayor's Appointment*). Deferred by Clerk of Council Davis.

B. CRIME PREVENTION BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of Joseph M. LaBranche (*Not eligible to succeed*) for a term that expired on March 31, 2022, as the Fort Benning Liaison on the Crime Prevention Board (*Mayor's Appointment*). Clerk of Council Davis stated Mayor Henderson has chosen to nominate Dr. Rocky Marsh to succeed Joseph M. LaBranche as the Fort Benning Liaison on the Crime Prevention Board. Councilor House made a motion to confirm the appointment of Dr. Rocky Marsh, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

C. PENSION FUND, EMPLOYEES' BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

A nominee for the seat of Renee McAneny (*Currently serving on another board*) as the Retired City Employee Representative for a term that expired on June 30, 2022, on the Pension Fund, Employees' Board of Trustees (*Mayor's Appointment*). Clerk of Council Davis stated Mayor Henderson has chosen to nominate Ricky Boren to succeed Renee McAneny as the Retired City Employee Representative on the Pension Fund, Employees' Board of Trustees. Councilor Thomas made a motion to confirm the appointment of Ricky Boren, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

D. PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION:

A nominee for the seat of Pete Temesgen (*Accepted a judgeship*) for a term that expires on October 31, 2023, on the Public Safety Advisory Commission (*Mayor's Appointment*). Deferred by Clerk of Council Davis.

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

A. PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION:

A nominee for the seat of Byron Hickey (*Not eligible to succeed*) as the District 1 Representative for a term that expires on October 31, 2022, on the Public Safety Advisory Commission (*Council District 1- Barnes*). There were none.

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

A nominee for the seat of Donald Watkins (*Not eligible to succeed*) as the District 5 Representative for a term that expires on October 31, 2022, on the Public Safety Advisory Commission (*Council District 5- Crabb*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Lisa Branchcomb (*Eligible to succeed- Does not desire reappointment*) as the District 7 Representative for a term that expires on October 31, 2022, on the Public Safety Advisory Commission (*Council District 7- Woodson*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Scott Taft (*Eligible to succeed*) as the District 9 Representative for a term that expires on October 31, 2022, on the Public Safety Advisory Commission (*Council District 9-Thomas*). There were none.

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

A. ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of Julee Fryer (*Eligible to succeed- Interested in serving another term*) for a term that expires on October 15, 2022, on the Animal Control Advisory Board (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Thomas nominated Julee Fryer to serve another term on the Animal Control Advisory Board.

A nominee for the seat of Channon Emery (*Eligible to succeed- Interested in serving another term*) for a term that expires on October 15, 2022, on the Animal Control Advisory Board (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Tucker nominated Channon Emery to serve another term on the Animal Control Advisory Board.

A nominee for the seat of Dr. Jean Waguespack (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term that expires on October 15, 2022, as the Veterinary Association Representative on the Animal Control Advisory Board (*Council's Appointment*). Clerk of Council Davis stated the Veterinary Association is recommending reappointment of Dr. Jean Waguespack as their representative on the Animal Control Advisory Board. Councilor Huff made a motion to confirm the appointment of Dr. Jean Waguespack, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

B. BOARD OF HONOR:

A nominee for the seat of John E. Wells (*Eligible to succeed- Interested in serving another term*) for a term that expires on October 31, 2022, on the Board of Honor (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Crabb nominated John E. Wells to serve another term on the Board of Honor.

A nominee for the seat of Bob Hydrick (*Passed Away*) for a term that expires on October 31, 2022, on the Board of Honor (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

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

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

A nominee for the seat of Rose Spencer (*Not Eligible to serve another term*) for a term that expired on March 1, 2021, on the Commission on International Relations & Cultural Liaison Encounters (*Council's Appointment*). Clerk of Council Davis stated Councilor Barnes is nominating Natasha Banks to succeed Rose Spencer on the Commission on International Relations & Cultural Liaison Encounters (CIRCLE).

D. LAND BANK AUTHORITY:

A nominee for the seat of Deidre Tilley (*Eligible to succeed- Interested in serving another term*) for a term that expires on October 31, 2022, on the Land Bank Authority (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Huff nominated Deidre Tilley to serve another term on the Land Bank Authority.

A nominee for the seat of Tyler Pritchard (*Eligible to succeed- Does not desire reappointment*) for a term that expires on October 31, 2022, on the Land Bank Authority (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Patrick Coleman (*Not eligible to succeed*) for a term that expires on October 31, 2022, on the Land Bank Authority (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Crabb nominated Christopher Phillips to succeed Patrick Coleman on the Land Bank Authority.

E. PERSONNEL REVIEW BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of Darlene Small (*Not Eligible to succeed*) as Alternate Member 3 for a term that expired on December 31, 2021, on the Personnel Review Board (*Council's Appointment*). Mayor Pro Tem Allen nominated Donna Baker to succeed Darlene Small as Alternate Member 3 on the Personnel Review Board.

A nominee for the seat of Dr. Shanita Pettaway (*Resigned*) as Alternate Member 5 for a term that expires on December 31, 2022, on the Personnel Review Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Pro Tem Allen entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Councilor Garrett to adjourn the August 23, 2022, Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the ten members present, with the time being 9:59 p.m.



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