

COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

Council Chambers	January 31, 2023
C. E. “Red” McDaniel City Services Center- Second Floor	9:00 AM
3111 Citizens Way, Columbus, GA 31906	Regular Meeting

M A Y O R ’ S A G E N D A

PRESENT: Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen and Councilors Joanne Cogle, Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis, R. Walker Garrett, John M. House, Bruce Huff, Judy W. Thomas, and Toyia Tucker. City Manager Isaiah Hugley, City Attorney Clifton Fay, Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis, and Deputy Clerk of Council Lindsey G. McLemore were present.

ABSENT: Mayor B. H. “Skip” Henderson and Councilor Jerry “Pops” Barnes was absent for the meeting.

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Pastor Craig Bowers, Wynnbrook Baptist Church of Columbus, Georgia

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Pro Tem Allen

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the January 24, 2023, Council Meeting and Executive Session. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

PROCLAMATION:

2. **Proclamation:** **KHS FBLA-PBL Week**

 Receiving: Kendrick High School Future Business Leaders Phi Beta Lambda

Councilor Toyia Tucker read the proclamation into the record, proclaiming the week of February 5 -11, 2023, as *Kendrick High School FBLA-PBL Week*, recognizing their hard work and dedication.

CITY ATTORNEY’S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

1. **Ordinance (23-002) - 2nd Reading-** REZN-11-22-2066: An ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a

district located at **1200 / 1226 6th Avenue** (parcel # 018-009-005 / 0T18-009-004A) from LMI (Light Manufacturing / Industrial) Zoning District to UP (Uptown) Zoning District. Planning Department and PAC recommend approval. (Councilor Cogle) Councilor Davis made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Thomas and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

2. **Ordinance (23-003) - 2nd Reading-** REZN-11-22-2067: An ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia; this amendment changes certain boundaries of a district located at **1947 Wynnton Road** (parcel # 184-019-001A) from RO (Residential Office) Zoning District to GC (General Commercial) Zoning District. Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Huff) Councilor Davis made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.
3. **Ordinance (23-004) - 2nd Reading-** REZN-11-22-2068: An ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia; to change certain boundaries of a district located at **8215 Cooper Creek Road** (parcel # 080-001-004) from RO (Residential Office) Zoning District to SFR1 (Single Family Residential 1) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Mayor Pro-Tem) Councilor Davis made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.
4. **Ordinance (23-005) - 2nd Reading-** REZN-11-22-2069 An ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **4030 Veterans Court** (parcel # 072-010-028) from RO (Residential Office) Zoning District with conditions to GC (General Commercial) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Davis) Councilor Davis made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.
5. **Ordinance (23-006) - 2nd Reading-** REZN-11-22-2070: An ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **6330 Lynridge Avenue** (parcel # 071-009-003) from SFR3 (Single Family Residential) Zoning District to RO (Residential Office) Zoning District with proposed amended conditions. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval with conditions.) (Councilor Davis) Councilor Davis made a motion to amend Condition #9 to read “no business signage or lettering shall be permitted, except that the property owner may place a small sign on or adjacent to the front door for identification purposes” and Condition #10 to read “6’ wood fence shall be required along the side and rear property lines”, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting. Councilor Davis made a motion to adopt the ordinance as amended, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.
6. **Ordinance (23-007) - 2nd Reading-** REZN-11-22-2158: An ordinance amending the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) for Columbus, Georgia to add certain definitions and provide

standards for various uses. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Mayor Pro Tem) Councilor Davis made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

- 7. Ordinance (23-008) - 2nd Reading-** REZN-11-22-2184: An ordinance amending the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) of the Columbus Code to revise the text of certain sections of Chapter 4 Article 9 – Short-Term Rentals. (As Amended) (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Mayor Pro-Tem) Councilor Davis made a motion to amend Section 4(A) of the ordinance pertaining to Historic District Limitation, changing the High Uptown Historic District limit from 5 to 15 short-term rental properties, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting. Councilor Tucker made a motion to adopt the ordinance as amended, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

Inspections & Code Director Ryan Pruett approached the rostrum to provide information on the permit sticker addressing in the proposed ordinance, stating the sticker would include a permit number and not any owner contact information. He explained this permit sticker would allow law enforcement to identify the property as a short-term rental. He stated there is another requirement where owners are to notify adjacent neighbors that the property is a short-term rental.

Councilor Crabb made a motion, as stated by City Manager Hugley, to notify the adjacent property owners that are not Airbnb, seconded by Councilor House. Councilor Crabb then made a substitute motion to remove from the ordinance the three areas of concerns: Section 4.9.7 (D), (E) and (F), seconded by Councilor Tucker. After further discussion, Councilor Crabb withdrew her motion for both amendments.

- 10. 1st Reading-** An ordinance providing a moratorium not to exceed 90 days on the consideration or approval of any application for a short-term rental permit submitted pursuant to Section 4.9.4 of the Unified Development Ordinance; that said moratorium shall expire no later than 11:59 on Saturday, April 15, 2023; and for other purposes. (Request of Council)

Ms. Theresa El-Amin approached the rostrum to voice her concerns pertaining to the proposed moratorium.

- 8. Ordinance (23-009) - 2nd Reading-** An ordinance providing for the demolition of various structures located at:

- 1) 2947 Schatulga Road (Linda Brantly Hood & Virginia S Hood, Owner)
- 2) 931 5th Avenue (Luel LLC, Owner)
- 3) 615 8th Street (Lula Lunsford Huff et al, Owner)
- 4) 926 Lawyers Lane (926 Lawyers Lane LLC, Owner)
- 5) 4110 2nd Avenue (Arguello Victor Manwell Rodriguez, Owner)
- 6) 2501 Hamilton Road (Joan Dannelly, Owner)
- 7) 21 Mathews Street (George Kebe Jr, Owner)

and for demolition services for the Inspections and Code Department in accordance with the attached Tabulation of Bid sheet. (Mayor Pro-Tem) Councilor Crabb made a motion to adopt the

ordinance, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Huff being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

9. **Ordinance (23-010) - 2nd Reading-** An ordinance amending the new Classification and Pay Plan for the Consolidated Government (as adopted by Ordinance 22-045) to establish step-based career ladder advancement provisions for Official Superior Court Reporters; authorizing up to \$15,000.00 in transcript page charges per fiscal year when authorized by a Superior Court Judge; adopting Policies and Procedures for Court Reporters; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro Tem) Councilor Thomas made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

RESOLUTION

11. **Resolution (038-23)** – A resolution authorizing the Tax Commissioner of Muscogee County to waive penalties and interest on certain taxes due for the 2022 tax year. **(Add-On)** Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. CCG Employee Health & Wellness Facility Lease Agreement

Resolution (039-23): A resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a ten (10) month agreement to continue a lease of the Employee Health and Wellness Center Office and medical space with ROA Investments, LLC. and KAGR2 Columbus, GA, LLC. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

2. PURCHASES

- A. Side Loader Refuse Truck Bodies (Re-Bid) – RFB No. 22-0042 – Additional Options – Sourcewell Contract Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (040-23): A resolution authorizing the purchase of additional options for refuse truck bodies at \$5,993.11 per unit, and a total additional cost of \$239,724.40 for forty (40) units, from Sansom Equipment Company (Stonecrest, GA). The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Sourcewell Contract #091219-NWY. Councilor House made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

- B. Annual Membership Dues for Association County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG)

Resolution (041-23): A resolution authorizing payment to the Association County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG) in the amount of \$26,259.89 the annual membership dues. Councilor Davis made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

C. Comprehensive Camera System/Phases II and III – Federal GSA Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (042-23): A resolution authorizing the purchase of Phases II and III of the Comprehensive Camera System from Adaptosolve, Inc., (LaGrange, GA) in the amount of \$8,403,398.61 (Phase II - \$4,419,153.03 and Phase III - \$3,984,245.58), via Federal GSA Contract #GS-07F-0482W. Councilor House made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

BID ADVERTISEMENT

February 8, 2023

1. **Oil & Lubricants for METRA (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 23-0030**

Scope of Bid

Provide various types of oil & lubricants on an “as needed” basis to the Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) to be utilized by METRA Transit System. The contract term will be for three (3) years.

February 15, 2023

1. **Alternator & Starters for METRA (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 23-0031**

Scope of Bid

Provide alternators and starters to METRA Transit System on an “as needed” basis. The contract term will be for three (3) years.

CLERK OF COUNCIL’S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

1. **RESOLUTION (043-23)** - A resolution excusing Councilor Jerry “Pops” Barnes from the January 31, 2023 Council Meeting. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.
2. Email Correspondence from Attorney Jack Schley advising of the selection of Betty Tatum and Cynthia Williams Jordan to serve another term on the Hospital Authority of Columbus. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.
3. **Minutes of the following boards:**

Civic Center Advisory Board, December 1, 2022

Housing Authority of Columbus, December 14, 2022

Personnel Review Board, January 18, 2023

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

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

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

A. **BUILDING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:**

A nominee for the seat of Renee Sturkie (*Interested in serving another term- Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on March 24, 2023 on the Building Authority of Columbus (*Mayor’s Appointment*). Clerk of Council Davis deferred this appointment.

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

A nominee for the seat of Eric Spears (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on March 1, 2023 on the Commission on International Relations & Cultural Liaison Encounters (CIRCLE) (*Mayor’s Appointment*) Clerk of Council Davis deferred this appointment.

A nominee for the seat of Akear Mewborn (*Does not desire reappointment*) for a term that expired on March 1, 2022 on the Commission on International Relations & Cultural Liaison Encounters (CIRCLE) (*Mayor’s Appointment*) Clerk of Council Davis deferred this appointment.

C. **CRIME PREVENTION BOARD:**

A nominee for the seat of Joyce Dent-Fitzpatrick (*Interested in serving – Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on March 31, 2023 as the Law Enforcement Agency Representative on the Crime Prevention Board (*Mayor’s Appointment*). Clerk of Council Davis deferred this appointment.

5. **COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS- READY FOR CONFIRMATION:**

A. **COLUMBUS AQUATICS COMMISSION:** Ms. Jensen Melton was nominated to fill the unexpired term of the vacant seat. (*Councilor Cogle’s nominee*) Term expires: June 30, 2024. Councilor Garrett made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

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

A. **CIVIC CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:**

A nominee for the seat of Jennifer Teague (*Interested in serving another term – Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on March 1, 2023 as the District 6 Representative on the Civic Center Advisory Board (*District 6- Allen*). Mayor Pro Tem Allen renominated Jennifer Teague to serve another term. Councilor Garrett made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

A nominee for the seat of Latasha Lee (*Interested in serving another term – Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on March 1, 2023 as the District 10 Representative on the Civic Center Advisory Board (*District 10- House*). Councilor House renominated Latasha Lee to serve another term. Councilor House made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

A nominee for the seat of Keith Higgins (*Not Eligible to serve another term*) for a term expiring on March 1, 2023 as the District 5 Representative on the Civic Center Advisory Board (*District 5- Crabb*). Councilor Crabb nominated Jacob Greer to succeed Keith Higgins. Councilor House made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

A nominee for the seat of John Boyd (*Not Eligible to serve another term*) for a term expiring on March 1, 2023 as the District 9 Representative on the Civic Center Advisory Board (*District 9- Thomas*). There were none.

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

A. BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS:

A nominee for the seat of Alfred Hayes, Jr. (*Interested in serving another term- Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on March 31, 2023 on the Board of Zoning Appeals (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Davis renominated Alfred Hayes, Jr. to serve another term.

B. BUILDING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:

A nominee for the seat of Leila Carr (*Does not desire reappointment*) for a term expiring on March 24, 2023 on the Building Authority of Columbus (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Vincent Allen (*Resigned*) for a term expiring on March 24, 2023 on the Building Authority of Columbus (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

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

A nominee for the seat of John Jackson (*Interested in serving another term- Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on March 1, 2023 on the Commission on International Relations & Cultural Liaison Encounters (CIRCLE) (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Huff renominated John Jackson to serve another term.

A nominee for the seat of Mary Quiller (*Interested in serving another term- Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on March 1, 2023 on the Commission on International Relations & Cultural Liaison Encounters (CIRCLE) (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Huff renominated Mary Quiller to serve another term.

D. HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of Fran Poole Carpenter (*Interested in serving another term- Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on January 31, 2023 on the Historic & Architectural Review Board (*Council’s Appointment*). Mayor Pro Tem Allen renominated Fran Poole Carpenter to serve another term.

A nominee for the seat of Emily Flournoy (*Interested in serving another term- Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on January 31, 2023 as the Uptown Business Association Representative on the Historic & Architectural Review Board (*Council’s Appointment*). Clerk of Council Davis explained she is checking with Uptown Columbus on this appointment.

A nominee for the seat of Katie Bishop (*Not Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on January 31, 2023 on the Historic & Architectural Review Board (*Council’s Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Claire Berry (*Not Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on January 31, 2023 as the Board of Realtors Representative on the Historic & Architectural Review Board (*Council’s Appointment*). Councilor Crabb nominated Jennifer Lamb to succeed Claire Berry. Councilor Crabb then made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.


E. PLANNING ADVISORY COMMISSION:

A nominee for the seat of John P. Steed (*Interested in serving another term- Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on March 31, 2023 on the Planning Advisory Commission (*Council’s Appointment*). Councilor Huff renominated John P. Steed to serve another term.

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Pro Tem Allen entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Councilor Tucker to adjourn the January 31, 2023 Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting, and the time being 10:06 a.m.

ADJOURN:

- . Economic Development Bus Tour
 - ~ Depart City Services Center
 - ~ Muscogee Technology Park
 - ~ Midland Commons
 - ~ Old Town / Greystone Pointe
 - ~ Comer Gym
 - ~ Mill District
 - ~ Uptown / City Hall
 - ~ Elliott's Walk
 - ~ Camp David RV Park
 - ~ Return to City Services Center


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