

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

May 23, 2023
5:30 PM
Regular Meeting

M A Y O R ’ S A G E N D A

PRESENT: Mayor B. H. “Skip” Henderson, III and Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen and Councilors Tyson Begly, Joanne Cogle, Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis, R. Walker Garrett (arrived at 5:36 p.m.), 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 Jerry “Pops” Barnes was absent from the meeting.

The following documents have been included as a part of the electronic Agenda Packet: (1) River Valley Regional Commission Presentation; (2) Board of Tax Assessors Presentation; (3) American Rescue Plan (ARP) – Affordable Housing Initiative Presentation; (4) Summer Showcase – Garage Improvements Presentation; (5) I-14 Conversion Impacts Presentation

The following documents were distributed around the Council table: (1) Excerpt from Revised Charter, Re: Audit Oversight Committee; (2) Valley Healthcare System Information/Presentation; (3) Sample Language for a No-Kill Resolution and Misc. Information; (4) River Valley Regional Commission 2022 Annual Report; (5) Sample Letter - Request for GDOT to Petition the FHWA; (6) Monthly Financial Snapshot (Unaudited) FY 2023 – April 2023

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III, Presiding
INVOCATION: Offered by Pastor Mike Powell, Asbury Methodist Church of Columbus, Georgia
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Henderson

MINUTES

- 1. Approval of minutes for the May 9, 2023 Council Meeting and Executive Session. Mayor Pro Tem Allen 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 Barnes being absent from the meeting.

ADD-ON RESOLUTION

Resolution (170-23): A Resolution supporting efforts to encourage the location of a minor league baseball team at Golden Park in Columbus, Georgia. Mayor Pro Tem Allen 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 Barnes being absent from the meeting.

Mayor B. H. “Skip” Henderson then presented and read into the record the resolution sponsored by Councilor Cogle, supporting efforts to encourage the location of a minor league baseball team at Golden Park in Columbus, Georgia.

AUDIT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE:

Mayor B. H. “Skip” Henderson stated an excerpt from the revised Charter was provided to the members of Council. He explained that this excerpt outlines the creation of the Audit Oversight Committee. He also stated that the Council will be asked for nominations at the June 13, 2023 Regular Council Meeting, so the committee will be ready for the new fiscal year.

CITY ATTORNEY’S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

1. **Ordinance (23-024) - 2nd Reading-** REZN-03-23-0472: An ordinance amending the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) for Columbus, Georgia to add Private Dog Park as a Special Exception in the GC (General Commercial Zoning District) and add a new section of the UDO setting use standards for private dog parks. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval) (Mayor Pro-Tem) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

Councilor Joanne Cogle stated there have been concerns expressed by citizens regarding the proximity of dog parks to single family residents and hotels, and the potential noise that could come from the park.

2. **Ordinance (23-025) - 2nd Reading-** REZN-03-23-0473: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **9423 / 9443 / 9463 Macon Road** (parcel # 131-001-042 / 131-001-044 / 131-001-043) from HMI (Heavy Manufacturing / Industrial) and RE1 (Residential Estate 1) Zoning Districts to GC (General Commercial) and SFR3 (Single Family Residential 3) Zoning Districts with conditions. (PAC and Planning Department recommend approval with conditions.) (Mayor Pro-Tem) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

3. **Ordinance (23-026) - 2nd Reading-** An Ordinance to amend the Columbus Code to amend Article I of Chapter 14 to impose restrictions on fishing within a certain area of the Whitewater Park known as the Island; to repeal conflicting ordinances; and for other purposes. (Councilors Cogle and Begly) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

4. **1st Reading-** REZN-03-23-0514: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to changes certain boundaries of a district located at **5032 Milgen Court, 11 / 15 Masterbuilt Court** (parcel # 083-029-001 / 002 / 004) from GC (General Commercial) Zoning District to LMI (Light Manufacturing/Industrial) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval) (Councilor Crabb)
5. **1st Reading-** REZN-03-23-0515: An Ordinance amending a condition of Ordinance No. 11-13 as it pertains to property located at **6395 Psalmond Road** (parcel # 120-001-034). (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Mayor Pro Tem.)

Mr. Elrado Mason (6341 Shagbark Lane, Midland, GA 31820) approached the rostrum to speak in opposition to the proposed ordinance, expressing his concerns regarding the existing traffic and potential increase in noise for the area.

Planning Director Will Johnson approached the rostrum to respond to the questions from Council and explain the proposed ordinance. He explained when this property was rezoned in 2011, there was a commercial component at the corner of Psalmond Road and US Highway 80, and a color site plan was included. He stated the amendment would make it where the said color site plan would not apply to the proposed Planned Unit Development (PUD) commercial area.

President Harlan Price (Architectural Innovations Design Group, LLC) approached the rostrum as a representative of the developer. He stated it is the intent of the developers to bring businesses to the area that would be beneficial to the residents. In response to a question from Mayor Pro Tem Allen, he stated the request is to reduce the back buffer to fifteen feet and the side buffer to ten feet.

Councilor Thomas made a motion to amend the ordinance to add a condition that the restrictions outlined in the US Highway 80 Overlay District Plan would apply, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

Ms. Sonja Canterbury (7660 Catkin Commons, Midland, GA 31820) approached the rostrum to speak in opposition to the proposed ordinance. She explained due to experiences with other developments that have taken place in the area, the residents request clear details of what is required and what is not. She stated the main concerns are the traffic that additional development will bring to the area and how late the restaurant can stay open.

Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen asked for the ordinance to be delayed and continued on first reading for the June 13, 2023 Council Meeting, which would allow him, as the District 6 Councilor, the opportunity to meet with citizens who have concerns.

Ms. Arielle Dang (7678 Catkin Commons, Midland, GA 31820) approached the rostrum to speak on the proposed ordinance and to ask questions for clarification. She explained her concerns are the amount of traffic the development will bring to the area and how close the development will be to the home and yards of the nearby residents.

6. **1st Reading-** REZN-03-24-0544: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **5335**

Miller Road (parcel # 099-008-024) from SFR1 (Single Family Residential 1) Zoning District to RO (Residential Office) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval) (Councilor Crabb)

City Attorney Clifton Fay stated the 1st Reading of this ordinance will be delayed until the June 13, 2023 Council Meeting due to the petitioner not being present.

RESOLUTIONS

- 7. A Resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia (the “Council”) approving a resolution adopted by the Hospital Authority of Columbus, Georgia (the “Authority”) authorizing the issuance of its Refunding Revenue Anticipation Certificates, Series 2023 in accordance with the official intent of the council contained in its Resolution No. 131-23; to approve the execution and delivery of the second amendment to contract between Columbus, Georgia, and the Authority; to authorize officials of Columbus to take such further actions as are necessary to provide for the issuance and delivery of said certificates; and for other purposes. (Final Resolution to be posted on date of sale 5-23-23.) (Mayor Pro-Tem)

City Attorney Clifton Fay stated the parties involved have requested that this item be delayed, allowing the market time to improve.

- 8. **Resolution (171-23):** A Resolution rescinding the prior resolutions granting land in the East Commons to the railroads for depot purposes. (Councilor Davis) Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried by a seven-to-one vote, with Councilors Cogle, Crabb, Davis, Huff, Garrett, Thomas and Tucker voting in favor; Councilor Begly voting in opposition; Mayor Pro Tem Allen being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

Councilor Begly made a motion to delay this item for one month to allow further discussions to be had. This motion died for lack of a second.

PUBLIC AGENDA

- 1. Ms. Paula Johnson, Re: To address the Columbus Police Department’s handling of her daughter’s murder case.
- 3. Dr. Asante’ Hilts, Valley Healthcare System, Inc., Re: To provide information on the initiatives being provided in Columbus.
- 2. Ms. Allie Johnson, Re: The operations of the Columbus Animal Care & Control Center.
- 4. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: The search for a permanent Police Chief.
- 5. Mr. Ricket Carter, Sr., Re: Saving lives of the citizens of Columbus, Georgia by bringing awareness to the problems.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. 2023 Young Gamechangers Host City Sponsorships/Donations

Resolution (172-23): A resolution authorizing the acceptance of sponsorships and/or donations in support of the 2023 Young Gamechangers Forum. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

2. Sidewalk Encroachment Agreement Along Portions Midland Commons Blvd and Thompson Avenue

Resolution (173-23): A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, authorizing the execution of a sidewalk encroachment agreement/easement with JL Columbus 1549, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, the owner of the Jiffy Lube at 6680 Midland Commons Blvd. for the construction of a 5 ft. sidewalk along portions of Midland Commons Blvd. and Thompson Avenue. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

3. Sidewalk Encroachment Agreement/Easement with Piedmont Children's Hospital

Resolution (174-23): A resolution authorizing the execution of a sidewalk encroachment agreement/easement with Piedmont Columbus Regional Hospital for the construction of a 5 ft. sidewalk along portions of 19th Street and Center Street. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

4. FY24 Sec. 5307 and Sec. 5339 Grant Applications for Capital and Planning Assistance

Resolution (175-23): A resolution to submit a grant application and, if awarded, accept funds from the Federal Transit Administration's Title 49 U.S.C. Section 5307 Formula Grant Program for capital and planning assistance in an amount up to \$2,466,802., or as otherwise awarded, and amend the Transportation Fund by the amount of the grant award. A resolution also to submit a grant application and, if awarded, accept funds from the Federal Transit Administration's Title 49 U.S.C. Section 5339 Formula Grant Program for capital assistance in an amount up to \$273,081 or as otherwise awarded and amend the Transportation Fund by the amount of the grant award. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

5. METRA American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Stimulus Funding

Resolution (176-23): A resolution to submit a grant application for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Stimulus Funding in the amount of \$1,000,764.00 or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required and to amend the Transportation Fund Budget by the amount awarded. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

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

- Provide an update on the status of American Rescue Plan (ARP) grants at the next meeting.
(Request of Councilor Cogle)

6. Aftermath K9 Grant

Resolution (177-23): A resolution authorizing the City to submit an application for, and if awarded, from the Aftermath K9 Grant Program with no local match requirement and to amend the Multi-Governmental Fund (or applicable fund) by the applicable amount. Councilor Thomas 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 from the meeting.

7. PURCHASES**A. Contract Extension for Pursuit Vehicle Build Out (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 13-0017**

Resolution (178-23): A resolution authorizing the extension of the Pursuit Vehicle Build Out Contract with Mobile Communication America, Inc., (Columbus, GA) (formally Columbus Communications, Inc., Columbus, GA) for an additional 2-month period. Councilor Tucker 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 from the meeting.

B. Tractors for Parks and Recreation Department – Georgia State Contract Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (179-23): A resolution authorizing the purchase of six (6) tractors (John Deere 5050E) from Deere & Company (Cary, NC) at a unit price of \$28,400.70, and a total price of \$170,404.20, for the Parks Services Division. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-001-SPD0000177-0026. Councilor Tucker 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 from the meeting.

C. Livescan Fingerprint System Upgrade for Police Department

Resolution (180-23): A resolution authorizing the purchase of an upgrade of the LiveScan Plus Fingerprint System, utilized by the Police Department, from DataWorks Plus (Greenville, SC), in the amount of \$25,200.00. Councilor Tucker 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 from the meeting.

D. Radios and Accessories – Public Safety Communications (Annual Contract) – Sourcewell Cooperative Contract

Resolution (181-23): A resolution authorizing the annual contract for the purchase of 800 MHZ radios and accessories from Motorola Solutions, Inc. (Lawrenceville, GA) for the estimated annual

contract value of \$486,874.00. The purchases will be accomplished by the Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-SPD-T20250623-0002, Radio Communications. Councilor Tucker 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 from the meeting.

E. Backhoe Loader for Public Works Department – Sourcewell Cooperative Contract

Resolution (182-23): A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) backhoe loader (2022 John Deere 310L EP), including a 3-year/5,000 hour extended warranty, from Dobbs Equipment (Columbus, GA) in the amount of \$95,000.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Sourcewell Contract #032119-JDC. Councilor Tucker 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 from the meeting.

F. Court Reporter Services for Recorder’s Court (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 23-0014

Resolution (183-23): A resolution authorizing the execution of an annual contract with Bobby L. Russell (Columbus, GA) for Court Reporter Services in Recorder’s Court for all preliminary felony hearings as well as Advisement of Rights sessions. The services will be procured on an as-needed basis. Councilor Tucker 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 from the meeting.

G. Change Orders 1, 2 & 3 for Exterior Wall Renovations at 29th Street Gym – RFB No. 23-0009

Resolution (184-23): A resolution authorizing the execution of Change Orders 1, 2 and 3 with Waterproofing Contractors, Inc. (Norcross, GA) in the total amount of \$41,423.00 for additional work on the 29th Street Gym Exterior Wall Renovation Project. Councilor Tucker 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 from the meeting.

H. Dumpster/Roll Off Container Rental and Servicing (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 23-0016

Resolution (185-23): A resolution authorizing the execution of the annual contract for dumpster/roll off container rental and servicing with Zero Waste Solutions (Concord, CA) and Avery’s Dump Service (Shiloh, GA) on an “as needed” basis for the total estimated contract value of \$35,375.00. Zero Waste Solutions will serve as primary contractor for Public Works and secondary contractor for the Civic Center. Avery’s Dump Service will serve as primary contractor for the Civic Center and secondary contractor for Public Works. Councilor Tucker 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 from the meeting.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Provide a status report at the last meeting in June on options to allow law enforcement officers that reside outside of Georgia to take their issued vehicles home, like LaGrange, West Point, and Rome, Georgia. (*Request of Councilor Thomas*)

INFORMATION ONLY: EXIGENT “OFF THE LOT” VEHICLE PURCHASE

Information Only: Exigent “Off the Lot” Vehicle Purchase – Resolution No. 067-23

ONE (1) 2023 NISSAN FRONTIER TRUCK FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

On May 5, 2023, a purchase order was executed for one (1) 2023 Nissan Frontier truck for the Public Works Department due to exigent circumstances, as approved by Council per Resolution No. 067-23. The vehicle was purchased from Headquarter Nissan of Columbus (Columbus, GA) at a unit price of \$34,886.00. The truck is being purchased as an ‘off the lot’ purchase because no pickup trucks are available from cooperative vendors, and Ford is not taking orders at this time. Ford has not set a date for the order bank to open. The vehicle will be used by the Fleet Small Engine staff to carry out the day-to-day operation of the Small Engine Shop, to include picking up parts and making service calls.

Funds are budgeted in the FY23 Budget: General Fund – Public Works – Fleet Management – Light Trucks; 0101-260-2300-VHCL-7722.

8. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. River Valley Regional Commission Update - Jim Livingston, River Valley Regional Commission Executive Director

Executive Director Jim Livingston approached the rostrum to provide an update on the River Valley Regional Commission (RVRC). He provided information on the planning and government services provided by the commission, as well as, an overview of the TIA (Transportation Investment Act) investment and funding distribution with several projects awarded to the City of Columbus, and other municipalities with regional commission assistance.

- B. Tax Assessor's Update - Suzanne Widenhouse, Chief Appraiser, Muscogee County Board of Assessors

Chief Appraiser Suzanne Widenhouse approached the rostrum to provide an update on the adjustments to the 2023 Annual Digest. She explained fair market value adjustments were made to residential and commercial real property, and the net change to the digest after exemptions is a 12% increase. She stated the notices will be mailed on May 30, 2023, with the 45-day appeal period ending on July 14, 2023. She also explained the new online appeal process that will be available starting this year.

- C. American Rescue Plan Affordable Housing Initiative - Robert Scott, Director, Community Reinvestment

Community Reinvestment Director Rob Scott approached the rostrum to provide an update on the Affordable Housing Initiative they are preparing to launch with the help of American Rescue Plan (ARP) Funds. He explained with the implementation of American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds into a developing capital stack, the City of Columbus can continue to work through partners to provide additional affordable housing units to residents, with the budget for this project is expected to be \$3,000,000. He explained the Community Reinvestment Department is requesting proposals to address the Columbus affordable housing crisis, and applications will be open May 24, 2023 and close on July 24, 2023.

D. New and Improved River Center Parking Garage

METRA Director Rosa Evans approached the rostrum to provide information on the upgrades and improvements made to the River Center Parking Garage. She stated the garage improvements include new LED lighting, new signage, restriping of spaces and numbers, installation of emergency call boxes, and installation of an entrance gate on the 5th floor.

E. I-14 Update - Will Johnson, Director, Planning

Planning Director Will Johnson approached the rostrum to provide a presentation on the I-14 connection proposal. During the presentation he provided information on the history of the proposal, pros and cons, various route options, necessary interstate improvements, funding, delegation support, and what steps could be taken next.

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the sample letter requesting for the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) to petition the Federal Highways Administration (FHWA) to pursue I-14 through Columbus, seconded Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

F. Finance Update - Angelica Alexander, Director, Finance

Finance Director Angelica Alexander approached the rostrum to provide the monthly financial update for April 2023.

BID ADVERTISEMENT

May 24, 2023

1. Dual Axle Utility Trailers – RFB No. 23-0036

Scope of RFB

The Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) is seeking bids from qualified vendors to provide fifteen (15) dual axle utility trailers for Parks and Recreation.

2. Upgrade and/or Replace Existing Equipment for CCG-TV Operations – RFP No. 23-0037

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government of Columbus (the City) is seeking proposals from qualified vendors to provide TV production equipment upgrade or replacement with compatible brand equipment, if needed, for the CCG-TV Studio, Control Room, Council Chambers, Council Conference Room, CSC Lobby and CSC Community Room.

May 26, 2023

1. On-Call Services for Installation or Replacement of Sidewalks and ADA Ramps (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 23-0038

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) invites qualified offerors to submit proposals to provide all materials, equipment and services required to install or replace sidewalks and ADA ramps throughout Columbus-Muscogee County. The services also include minor concrete work, such as driveway aprons, concrete islands, curb and gutter, etc. The Engineering Department will procure the services on an as-needed basis.

The contract term will be for a period of two years with the option to renew for three additional twelve-month periods.

May 31, 2023

- 1. **Ballfield Groomers – RFB No. 23-0037**
Scope of RFB
The Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) is seeking bids from qualified vendors to provide two (2) ballfield groomers for Parks and Recreation.
- 2. **Concrete Slabs for Exterior Exercise Equipment – RFB No. 23-0042**
Non-mandatory site visits will be held at 10:00 A.M., beginning at Britt David Park. Vendors shall convene at the entrance to the Britt David Studio, which is located at 2700 West Britt David Road in Columbus, GA. Immediately after, vendors will proceed to Cooper Creek Park, which is located at 5089 Cooper Creek Road, then to Rigdon Park, which is located at 1600 Howe Avenue. **Although the Site Visits are Non-Mandatory, Bidders are strongly encouraged to attend.**

June 2, 2023

- 1. **Automated Speed Detection for School Zone Safety Enforcement (Annual Contract) – RFP NO. 23-0036**
Scope of RFP
The Columbus Consolidated Government is requesting proposals for automated speed detection for school zone safety enforcement systems and services, specifically LiDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) with ALPR (Automated License Plate Readers) functions to integrate with the existing Flock Safety system for the Columbus Police Department.

June 16, 2023

- 1. **Concrete Slabs for Exterior Exercise Equipment – RFB No. 23-0042**
Scope of RFB
Provide all labor, equipment, and materials required to pour and finish three concrete 35' x 65' slabs for the Parks and Recreation Department. The concrete slabs are for exterior exercise systems at Britt David Park, Cooper Creek Park, and Rigdon Park. **Bidders must have relevant experience in work of this nature.**

CLERK OF COUNCIL’S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

- 1. **RESOLUTION (186-23)** - A resolution excusing Councilor Jerry “Pops” Barnes from the May 23, 2023 Council Meeting. Councilor Tucker 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 from the meeting.
- 2. Travel Authorization Request for Councilor Tyson Begly to attend the 2023 GMA Annual Convention. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

3. Email Correspondence from David Rohwedder- Chairperson of Public Safety Advisory Commission, requesting that the seat of Ms. Pamela Williams be declared vacant due to a lack of attendance. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

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

Board of Tax Assessors, #16-23 & 17-23

Budget Review Committee, May 2 & 9, 2023

Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission, March 8, 2023

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to receive the minutes of various boards, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

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

- A. **RETIREES' HEALTH BENEFITS COMMITTEE:**

A nominee for the seat of Peri V. Johnson (*Not Eligible to succeed*) for a term that expires on June 30, 2023, on the Retirees' Health Benefits Committee (*Mayor's Appointment*). There were none.

6. **COUNCIL APPOINTMENT- READY FOR CONFIRMATION:**

- A. **BOARD OF FAMILY & CHILDREN SERVICES:** Ms. Gwendolyn McIntosh was nominated to serve another term of office. (*Councilor Crabb's nominee*) Term expires: June 30, 2028. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.
 - B. **KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION:** Ms. Courtney A. Johnson was nominated to serve another term of office. (*Councilor Tucker's nominee*) Term expires: June 30, 2026. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.
 - C. **VALLEY PARTNERSHIP JOINT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:** Mr. Joseph Brannon was nominated to serve another term of office. (*Councilor Thomas' nominee*) Term expires: June 30, 2026. Councilor Thomas made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.
 - D. **VALLEY PARTNERSHIP JOINT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:** Mr. Herman Lewis was nominated to serve another term of office. (*Mayor Pro Tem Allen's nominee*)

Term expires: June 30, 2026. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

7. **COUNCIL APPOINTMENT- VOTE TABULATION:**

A. **DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:**

A nominee for the seat of Tyson Begly (*Relinquish seat*) for a term that expires on April 30, 2026, on the Development Authority of Columbus (*Council’s Appointment*). Clerk of Council Davis explained on May 9, 2023, Councilor Garrett nominated Franklin Karl Douglass, Mayor Pro Tem Allen nominated Amy Bryan, Councilor Crabb nominated Laura Gower, and Council would need to take a vote tabulation. Councilor Garrett voted for Franklin Karl Douglass. Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Huff voted for Amy Bryan. Councilors Begly, Cogle, Crabb, Davis, Thomas and Tucker voted for Laura Gower. After Clerk of Council Davis announced that Laura Gower has six votes and may be confirmed, Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to confirm the appointment of Laura Gower to fill the unexpired term of Councilor Tyson Begly on the Development Authority of Columbus, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

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

A. **BOARD OF FAMILY & CHILDREN SERVICES:**

A nominee for the seat of Tolua Puailoa (*Seat declared vacant*) for a term that expires on June 30, 2025, on the Board of Family & Children Services (*Council’s Appointment*). There were none.

B. **BUILDING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:**

A nominee for the seat of Leila Carr (*Eligible to succeed – Does not desire reappointment*) for a term that expired 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 that expired on March 24, 2023, on the Building Authority of Columbus (*Council’s Appointment*). There were none.

C. **COLUMBUS AQUATICS COMMISSION:**

A nominee for the seat of Christopher Kennedy (*Eligible to succeed – Interested in serving*) for a term that expires on June 30, 2023, on the Columbus Aquatics Commission (*Council’s Appointment*). Councilor Crabb renominated Christopher Kennedy to serve another term on the Columbus Aquatics Commission.

A nominee for the seat of Bruce Samuels (*Not Eligible to succeed*) for a term that expired on June 30, 2022, on the Columbus Aquatics Commission (*Council’s Appointment*). There were none.

D. KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION:

A nominee for the seat of Eddie Florence (*Eligible to succeed – Interested in serving*) for a term that expires on June 30, 2023, as a SD-15 Representative on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Tucker renominated Eddie Florence to serve another term on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission.

A nominee for the seat of William Bandy (*Eligible to succeed – Does not desire reappointment*) for a term that expires on June 30, 2023, as a SD-29 Representative on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Lee Jordan (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term that expires on June 30, 2023, as a SD-29 Representative on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Dr. Kar'retta Venable (*Not Eligible to succeed*) for a term that expires on June 30, 2023, as an At-Large Member on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Matt Horne (*Not Eligible to succeed*) for a term that expires on June 30, 2023, as a SD-15 Representative on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Alyssa Williams (*Seat declared vacant*) for a term that expires on June 30, 2024, as an At-Large Member on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Doug McLeod, Jr. (*Seat declared vacant*) for a term that expires on June 30, 2024, as a SD-15 Representative on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

E. REGION 6 REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES:

A nominee for the seat of Cynthia Smith (*Not Eligible to succeed*) for a term that expires on June 30, 2023, on the Region 6 Regional Advisory Council for Department of Behavioral Health and Development Disabilities (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

F. RETIREES' HEALTH BENEFITS COMMITTEE:

A nominee for the seat of Mike Massey (*Eligible to succeed – Does not desire reappointment*) for a term that expires on June 30, 2023, on the Retirees' Health Benefits Committee (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Renee McAneny (*Eligible to succeed – Interested in serving*) for a term that expires on June 30, 2023, on the Retirees' Health Benefits Committee (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Crabb renominated Renee McAneny to serve another term on the Retirees' Health Benefits Committee.

UPCOMING BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

- A. Convention & Visitors Board of Commissioners (Mayor's Appointment)
- B. Board of Water Commissioners (Council's Appointment)

PUBLIC AGENDA (continued)

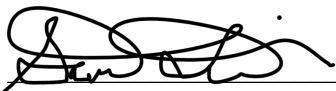
- 2. Ms. Allie Johnson, Re: The operations of the Columbus Animal Care & Control Center.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Henderson entertained a motion to go into executive session to discuss matters of potential litigation and real estate acquisition as requested earlier in the meeting by City Attorney Fay. Councilor Tucker made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting, and the time being 8:51 p.m.

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 9:37 p.m., at which time, Mayor Henderson announced that the Council did meet in executive session to discuss matters of potential litigation and real estate acquisition; however, there were no votes taken.

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Councilor Garrett to adjourn the May 23, 2023 Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Begly and Davis being absent for the vote, Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting, and the time being 9:38 p.m.



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