

**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 8, 2023  
9:00 AM  
Regular Meeting

**M A Y O R ’ S   A G E N D A**

**PRESENT:** Mayor B. H. “Skip” Henderson, III (arrived at 9:15 a.m.) and Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen (arrived at 9:16 a.m. via Microsoft Teams) and Councilors Tyson Begly, Joanne Cogle, Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis (arrived at 9:04 a.m.), R. Walker Garrett, 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) Integrated Waste – Transitioning to Automation and Beyond Presentation; (2) Cost of Service & Rate Analysis Presentation; (3) Critical Vacancies Presentation; (4) Clean Energy Columbus Project Presentation

**The following documents were distributed around the Council table:** (1) Ongoing Retention Plan Presentation – CPD; (2) Proposed Resolution – Clean and Renewable Energy Programs & Policies by 2040

**CALL TO ORDER:** Councilor Judy W. Thomas, Presiding

**INVOCATION:** Offered by Pastor Mitchell Harris, Youth Pastor, Pleasant Grove Baptist Church of Columbus, Georgia & Intern, Office of the Mayor

After the invocation, **Councilor Judy W. Thomas** recognized Pastor Mitchell Harris, who is an upcoming sophomore at Georgia State University, and has interned in Mayor B. H. “Skip” Henderson, III’s office for the past few months.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Councilor Thomas

**MINUTES**

1. Approval of minutes for the July 25, 2023, Council Meeting. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

## **CRIME PREVENTION GRANTS**

**Mr. Seth Brown- Crime Prevention Director**, approached the rostrum with two board members: Mr. Danny Arencibia, Chairperson, and Assistant Chief of Police Joyce Dent-Fitzpatrick. Mr. Brown briefly explained the manner in which he would be presenting the applications.

Councilor Crabb made a motion to delay the Crime Prevention Grants for 30-days. She explained that the board is less one member and the Council should be able to fill this seat fairly quickly. The motion was seconded by Councilor Cogle, which opened the floor for further discussion.

**Mr. Danny Arencibia** approached the rostrum to speak on the motion as the Chairman for the Crime Prevention Board. He explained sadly there was a board member that passed away during the review process and the board recognizes the many citizens that are funding these programs out of their own pockets to keep them running. He explained delaying the approval of these grants is a burden to those running these programs and the board was able to handle business even with the loss of one member.

*NOTE: At 9:15 a.m., Mayor Henderson arrived during the discussion on the Crime Prevention Grants and took his respective seat as the presiding officer.*

In response to Councilor Begly, **Councilor Charmaine Crabb** stated it is her understanding that this grant funding is for established programs and not for the upstart of programs. She explained even though there is a representative of the Columbus Police Department on the board, it is the opinion of several Councilors that it is crucial for the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office to be represented also to gain insight from both bodies of law enforcement.

**Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III** explained the Crime Prevention Board was put in place to take the Mayor and Councilors out of the grant application review process when choosing grant recipients for the sales tax monies to address the prevention of crime in our community.

**Councilor Glenn Davis** expressed his concerns regarding some of the funding going to personnel and with the number of organizations going from around twenty in the past to over forty this year.

**Crime Prevention Director Seth Brown** approached the rostrum to respond to concerns expressed by Councilor Davis, stating when personnel costs are listed that is for educators that have direct contact with program attendees.

**Assistant Chief of Police Joyce Dent-Fitzpatrick** approached the rostrum stating she welcomes someone from the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office but requested that it be tabled until next year because there are people that the board has already awarded the funds to. She explained that her and Chairman Danny Arencibia go out to the events that are held by the organizations, and the organizations are doing their jobs.

**City Attorney Clifton Fay** explained if Council chooses to add another member to the Crime Prevention Board, it will have to be done by ordinance with a 1<sup>st</sup> Reading and 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading.

**Councilor Toyia Tucker** stated the members of Council received the information on the proposed Crime Prevention Grants on July 31, 2023, allowing only eight days for Council to review grants for forty-four programs. She expressed that her concerns are that some of the funding is being allocated for the personnel of some of the programs.

**Councilor Judy W. Thomas** stated this board was set up to review the grant applications and provide their recommendations to Council for consideration and approval. She explained the Council has the authority to ask questions and pull the request if they see fit. She stated she is going to support the motion to delay so that Council has an opportunity to make sure the organizations meet the criteria and that the \$750,000 is being used in the best interest of the community.

The motion to delay was inconclusive with a five-to-four vote, with Councilors Cogle, Crabb, Davis, Thomas and Tucker voting in favor, and Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Begly, Garrett and Huff voting in opposition and Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

**REFERRAL(S):**

**FOR THE CRIME PREVENTION DIRECTOR:**

- Provide a breakdown of the personnel expenses listed on the grant applications. (*Request of Councilors Davis & Tucker*)
  
- 3. **Resolution (255-23):** 180 Degree Project - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a Local Assistance grant agreement with 180 Degree Project for \$10,000 in Crime Prevention funds. Councilor Begly made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.
  
- 3. **Resolution (256-23):** Better Work - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a Local Assistance grant agreement with Better Work for \$20,000 in Crime Prevention funds. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.
  
- 4. **Resolution (257-23):** Big Brother - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a Local Assistance grant agreement with Big Brother for \$10,000 in Crime Prevention funds. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.
  
- 5. **Resolution (258-23):** Boys and Girls Club - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a Local Assistance grant agreement with Boys and Girls Club for \$10,000 in Crime Prevention funds. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.
  
- 6. **Resolution (259-23):** Boyz 2 Men - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a Local Assistance grant agreement with Boyz 2 Men for \$25,000 in Crime Prevention funds. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.
  
- 7. **Resolution (260-23):** Building Wellness - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a Local Assistance grant agreement with Building Wellness for \$15,000 in Crime Prevention funds. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.
  
- 8. **Resolution (261-23):** Children 1st - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a Local Assistance grant agreement with Children 1st for \$10,000 in Crime Prevention funds. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and

carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

9. **Resolution (262-23):** Clement Arts - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a Local Assistance grant agreement with Clement Arts for \$15,000 in Crime Prevention funds. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.
10. **Resolution (263-23):** Columbus Community Center - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a Local Assistance grant agreement with Columbus Community Center for \$30,000 in Crime Prevention funds. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.
11. **Resolution (264-23):** Columbus Community Orchestra - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a Local Assistance grant agreement with Columbus Community Orchestra for \$5,000 in Crime Prevention funds. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.
12. **Resolution (265-23):** Columbus Dream Center - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a Local Assistance grant agreement with Columbus Dream Center for \$20,000 in Crime Prevention funds. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.
13. **Resolution (266-23):** Columbus Museum - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a Local Assistance grant agreement with Columbus Museum for \$10,000 in Crime Prevention funds. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.
14. **Resolution (267-23):** Columbus Scholars - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a Local Assistance grant agreement with Columbus Scholars for \$10,000 in Crime Prevention funds. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.
15. **Resolution (268-23):** CORTA - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a Local Assistance grant agreement with CORTA for \$20,000 in Crime Prevention funds. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.
16. **Resolution (269-23):** Columbus Symphony Orchestra - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a Local Assistance grant agreement with Columbus Symphony Orchestra Projects for \$5,000 in Crime Prevention funds. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

17. **Resolution (270-23):** Columbus Technical College - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a Local Assistance grant agreement with Columbus Technical College for \$35,000 in Crime Prevention funds. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.
18. **Resolution (271-23):** East Carver Heights - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a Local Assistance grant agreement with East Carver Heights for \$20,000 in Crime Prevention funds. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.
19. **Resolution (272-23):** Emmanuel Preparatory - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a Local Assistance grant agreement with Emmanuel Preparatory for \$5,000 in Crime Prevention funds. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.
20. **Resolution (273-23):** Flourishing Ladies - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a Local Assistance grant agreement with Flourishing Ladies for \$35,000 in Crime Prevention funds. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.
21. **Resolution (274-23):** Focus Program - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a Local Assistance grant agreement with Focus Program for \$30,000 in Crime Prevention funds. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.
22. **Resolution (275-23):** Girls Inc. - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a Local Assistance grant agreement with Girls Inc. for \$10,000 in Crime Prevention funds. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.
23. **Resolution (276-23):** Hope Harbour - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a Local Assistance grant agreement with Hope Harbour for \$15,000 in Crime Prevention funds. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.
24. **Resolution (277-23):** Legitimation Station - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a Local Assistance grant agreement with Legitimation Station for \$15,000 in Crime Prevention funds. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.
25. **Resolution (278-23):** Life Bridge - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a Local Assistance grant agreement with Life Bridge for \$20,000 in Crime Prevention funds. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and

carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

26. **Resolution (279-23):** Literacy Alliance - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a Local Assistance grant agreement with Literary Alliance for \$20,000 in Crime Prevention funds. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.
27. **Resolution (280-23):** Micah's Promise - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a Local Assistance grant agreement with Micah's Promise for \$20,000 in Crime Prevention funds. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.
28. **Resolution (281-23):** NFOAAY - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a Local Assistance grant agreement with NFOAAY for \$20,000 in Crime Prevention funds. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.
29. **Resolution (282-23):** Omega Lambda - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a Local Assistance grant agreement with Omega Lambda for \$25,000 in Crime Prevention funds. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.
30. **Resolution (283-23):** Open Door - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a Local Assistance grant agreement with Open Door for \$15,000 in Crime Prevention funds. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.
31. **Resolution (284-23):** Overflow - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a Local Assistance grant agreement with Overflow for \$15,000 in Crime Prevention funds. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.
32. **Resolution (285-23):** Protégé Project - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a Local Assistance grant agreement with Protégé Project for \$10,000 in Crime Prevention funds. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.
33. **Resolution (286-23):** REACH Project - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a Local Assistance grant agreement with REACH Project for \$15,000 in Crime Prevention funds. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

34. **Resolution (287-23):** Right from the Start - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a Local Assistance grant agreement with Right from the Start for \$15,000 in Crime Prevention funds. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.
35. **Resolution (288-23):** Second Chance - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a Local Assistance grant agreement with Second Chance for \$50,000 in Crime Prevention funds. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.
36. **Resolution (289-23):** Service for Humanity - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a Local Assistance grant agreement with Service for Humanity for \$10,000 in Crime Prevention funds. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.
37. **Resolution (290-23):** STEAM Expo - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a Local Assistance grant agreement with STEAM Expo for \$10,000 in Crime Prevention funds. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.
38. **Resolution (291-23):** STEAM Project - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a Local Assistance grant agreement with STEAM Projects for \$10,000 in Crime Prevention funds. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.
39. **Resolution (292-23):** Teen Advisors - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a Local Assistance grant agreement with Teen Advisors for \$10,000 in Crime Prevention funds. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.
40. **Resolution (293-23):** Truth Springs - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a Local Assistance grant agreement with Truth Springs for \$25,000 in Crime Prevention funds. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.
41. **Resolution (294-23):** Turn Around Columbus - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a Local Assistance grant agreement with Turn Around Columbus for \$25,000 in Crime Prevention funds. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

42. **Resolution (295-23):** Whole Person - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a Local Assistance grant agreement with Whole Person for \$10,000 in Crime Prevention funds. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.
43. **Resolution (296-23):** Wright Fitness - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a Local Assistance grant agreement with Wright Fitness for \$10,000 in Crime Prevention funds. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.
44. **Resolution (297-23):** YMCA - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a Local Assistance grant agreement with YMCA Projects for \$10,000 in Crime Prevention funds. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.
45. **Resolution (298-23):** Young Life - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a Local Assistance grant agreement with Young Life for \$15,000 in Crime Prevention funds. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

## **CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA**

### **3. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS**

D. Sheriff's Update - Gregory Countryman, Sheriff, and Angelica Alexander, Director, Finance

**Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge** approached the rostrum to explain Wellpath, who provides inmate medical care for the Muscogee County Jail, has sent a letter stating they wish to amend their contract since they are having difficulties attracting medical providers and have said they will discontinue the contract when it expires at the end of the month if amendment is not granted. (*NOTE: This update was called up as the next order of business as listed on the City Manager's Agenda Item 3 "D"*)

**Muscogee County Sheriff Greg Countryman** approached the rostrum to explain the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office has been satisfied with the services provided by Wellpath and is asking Council to approve the request for additional funding for \$1.1 million, which should be covered through current vacancies.

Councilor Thomas made a motion to approve the request for \$1.1 million in additional funding for the contract with Wellpath for inmate medical services at the Muscogee County Jail, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.



## **CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA**

### **ORDINANCES**

1. **1st Reading-** REZN-05-23-0974: An ordinance amending the text of the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) for Columbus, Georgia to revise Chapter 3 to add an additional Special Exception use in the UPT (Uptown) zoning district. (Planning Department and PAC Recommend approval.) (Mayor Pro-Tem)
2. **1st Reading-** REZN-06-23-0111: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **119 Bascom Court** (parcel # 073-027-003) from Residential Office (RO) Zoning District to General Commercial (GC) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Davis)

**Mr. Rodney Milner (Milner & Harrelson, Inc. Real Estate)** approached the rostrum with Mr. Sam Hewitt, owner of Sam Hewitt Services, Inc., as the applicants of the proposed rezoning. Mr. Milner explained there are plans to construct a 6,000 square foot building for the storage of equipment.

**Mr. Robert Flowers (7330 Grand View Road, Columbus, GA 31904)** approached the rostrum to speak in opposition of the proposed rezoning as an owner of the property next to 119 Bascom Court.

**Ms. Laurie Wolfe (1021 Moore Road, Columbus, GA 31904)** approached the rostrum to speak in opposition of the proposed rezoning as the owner of Puddle Jumpers Daycare Center located at 120 Bascom Court.

**Planning Director Will Johnson** approached the rostrum to respond to questions from Councilor Davis in providing the various zoning classifications of the surrounding area.

Councilor Davis made a motion to delay this ordinance for thirty days, seconded by Councilor Begly and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Huff being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

### **REFERRAL(S):**

#### **FOR THE CITY MANAGER:**

- Get all information and contact numbers so it can be put together, and something be worked out.  
(Request of Councilor Davis)

3. **1st Reading-** REZN-06-23-0160: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to changes certain boundaries of a district located at **3610 and 3744 Woodruff Road** (parcel # 187-001-021) from Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District to General Commercial (GC) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Garrett)

**City Attorney Clifton Fay** stated with the petitioner not being present, the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of this rezoning ordinance will be delayed until the Council Meeting on August 22, 2023.

**RESOLUTION**

**4. Resolution (299-23):** A Resolution adopting a revised City Vehicle / Car Allowance Policy (Councilor Thomas) Councilor Thomas made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Davis being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

**Councilor Judy W. Thomas** explained this revision to the Take Home Car Policy would become effective today and the city-owned vehicles could be driven home at the end of the employee’s shift to Muscogee, Harris, Talbot, and Chattahoochee counties in Georgia and within fifty miles of the new City Hall on 12<sup>th</sup> Street and Broadway into Alabama. She explained the current policy states if an officer is required to travel out of state on official business, he or she is to notify the Director of Public Safety and will be revised to read the Department Head. She continued by making reference to the form for employees to sign acknowledging an understanding of their responsibilities for driving vehicles to Alabama that was not well received in the Public Safety Departments. She explained that the revision to #10 reads that instead of the form, every Public Safety Officer, who is assigned a vehicle, has an initial training session and will require during that initial driver’s training session, the rules and regulations for driving a city-owned vehicle home will be explained to the employees instead of signing the form.

**PUBLIC AGENDA**

1. Mr. Timothy Veals, Re: The work within the city for certain areas.

**CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA (continued)**

**2. PURCHASES**

B. Declaration of Surplus and Donations of Fire Trucks

**Resolution (300-23):** A resolution authorizing the declaration of six (6) fire trucks as surplus, in accordance with Section 7-501 of the Charter of Columbus Consolidated Government, and authorize the donation of the surplus equipment to the various agencies listed below:

Vehicle #	Vin #	Make/Model	Mileage	Recipient of Donation
3188	4EN6AAA8981004586	2008 E-One Engine	90,037	Geneva Volunteer Fire Department
3161	4ENGABA87Y1001812	2000 E-One Ladder	88,694	Marion County Volunteer Fire Department
3196	4EN6AAA8891005472	2010 E-One Engine	105,043	The Columbus Technical College Foundation
3030	4P1CS01A66A006068	2006 Pierce Saber	207,978	Chattahoochee County Volunteer Fire Department
3169	4P1CT02M32A001992	2002 Pierce Saber	207,418	Taylor County Volunteer Fire Department
9831	1HTSLABM5XH610738	1998 International Rescue	40,353	Ride for Miracles

Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

**Fire & EMS Chief Sal Scarpa** approached the rostrum to state that Council allocating funds to Columbus Fire & EMS to update their fleet has allowed them to donate resources that may not be functional for them but is for another agency.

**Mr. Scott Ressmeyer** approached the rostrum to speak on the donation of the fire truck to the Mircle Riders. He explained the donated truck will be decorated and taken to visit schools and events to have a positive impact on the youth in our community.

## **1. Memorandum of Understanding with Enrichment Services Program, Inc. for Utility Assistance Program Administration Services**

**Resolution (301-23):** A resolution authorizing the execution of a memorandum of understanding with Enrichment Services Program, Inc. to administer the Columbus Consolidated Government Utility Assistance Program funded through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

**Director of Community Services Jamie Thomas (Enrichment Services Program, Inc.)** approached the rostrum to explain the program will go live on Monday at 8:00 a.m. and will continue until funding is exhausted.

## **2. PURCHASES**

### **A. Master Plan for Golf Course – RFP No. 23-0032**

**Resolution (302-23):** A resolution authorizing the execution of a contract with Bergin Golf Designs (Atlanta, GA) for a master plan for the city's golf courses. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

### **C. Space Planning and Programming & Schematic Design Services for Muscogee County Jail – RFQ No. 23-0003**

**Resolution (303-23):** A resolution authorizing the execution of a negotiated contract with the SLAM Collaborative, Inc. (Atlanta, GA) for space planning and programming & schematic design services for Phase I of the expansion and/or renovation of the Muscogee County Jail; as well as future phases contingent upon funding availability. The project cost for Phase I is \$3,000,000.00, which is inclusive of the fees for space planning and programming & design services. The recommended firm's cost proposal is within amount budgeted. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

### **D. Construction Manager as General Contractor Services for Muscogee County Jail – RFQ No. 23-0004**

**Resolution (304-23):** A resolution authorizing the execution of a negotiated contract with Gilbane Building Company (Atlanta, GA) for construction manager as general contractor services for Phase I of the Muscogee County Jail Project; as well as future phases contingent upon funding availability. Future phases are contingent upon funding availability. The project cost for Phase I is \$3,000,000.00, which is inclusive of the fees for construction manager as general contractor services. The recommended contractor’s negotiated cost proposal is within the amount budgeted. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

E. Virtual Academy Training for the Police Department

**Resolution (305-23):** A resolution authorizing the purchase of a five-year virtual academy training agreement, for the Police Department, from Savant Learning Systems, Inc. (Martin, TN), in the amount of \$88,000.00, with the following payment schedule: Year One - \$16,400.00; Year Two - \$17,900.00; Year Three - \$17,900.00; Year Four - \$17,900.00; Year Five - \$17,900.00. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

**Interim Police Chief Stoney Mathis** approached the rostrum to explain the virtual training will allow officers to take classes online on their own time and does count toward their post certification. He also explained this will allow the Training Division to focus more on firearms and tactical training.

F. Removal of Residual Ground Material & Removal and Disposal / Reuse of Large Tree Trunks (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 23-0043

**Resolution (306-23):** A resolution authorizing the annual contract for the removal of residual ground material, and the removal and disposal/reuse of large tree trunks, with Truegrade Landworks LLC (Salem, AL), paying the City \$2.00/ton for the removal of residual ground material, and \$8.00/ton for the removal and disposal/reuse of large tree trunks. The services will be utilized on an “as needed” basis. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

G. Declaration of Surplus and Donations of Vehicles to New Horizons

**Resolution (307-23):** A resolution authorizing the declaration of one (1) sedan as surplus, in accordance with Section 7-501 of the Charter of Columbus Consolidated Government; and authorize the donation of the surplus equipment to New Horizons as shown below:

Vehicle #	Vin #	Make/Model
7295	1G1ZS52864F233068	2004 Chevrolet Malibu

Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

### **EMERGENCY PURCHASE - INFORMATION ONLY**

Information Only: Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs) for Risk Management

#### **AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS (AEDs) FOR RISK MANAGEMENT:**

On July 26, 2023, the City Manager was notified by Risk Management, of the need to purchase eighty-three (83) Automatic External Defibrillators as a matter of public health and safety.

The equipment is needed because several existing units will expire soon and need to be replaced. Additionally, AEDs need to be placed at City Hall. Risk Management obtained a quote from AED Brands (Kennesaw, GA) to provide the units, as they have purchased replacement units and replacement parts from the vendor in the past. Additionally, the vendor can expedite the order. The quoted price is \$182,635.00.

The City Manager approved the emergency purchase on July 26, 2023.

Funding is budgeted in the FY24 Budget: Risk Management Internal Service Fund – Human Resources – Unfunded Claims – Medical Supplies; 0860 – 220 – 3830 – RISK – 6795.

### **3. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS**

#### **A. Integrated Waste Study Update - Drale Short, Director, Public Works**

**Public Works Director Drale Short** approached the rostrum to introduce the presentation and the speakers, Integrated Waste Manager John Pitt, and Ms. Abby Goldsmith with A Goldsmith Resources LLC. She also came up during the presentation to respond to questions from the members of Council.

**Integrated Waste Manager John Pittman** approached the rostrum to provide an update on integrated waste. During the presentation it was stated that Council is going to be asked for approval to make it effective January 1, 2024, that only waste in city issued carts will be collected and for Council to support the one cart system they are proposing. He also provided various examples of solid waste disposal they hope to offer residents in the Uptown area in the future.

**Ms. Abby Goldsmith (A Goldsmith Resources LLC)** approached the rostrum to provide a presentation on the cost of service and rate analysis for solid waste disposal. She provided information on the revenue that is required over the next ten years to cover the necessary services like operating costs, annual payments on outstanding leases, capital costs for equipment, and the ability to set aside for future costs such as facility development, closure, and post-closure care. She made sure to explain the information provided on the revenue needed is based on the analysis conducted and is not a recommendation.

#### **REFERRAL(S):**

##### **FOR THE CITY MANAGER:**

- Look into only having routes Tuesday through Friday to avoid having to cover two routes on Tuesday with holidays falling on a Monday. (*Request of Councilor Thomas*)
- Let's go to the Georgetown Subdivision to see where the community has their garbage cans out 24/7 for 365 days. Also, there are bags of trash and mattresses left in the area. (*Request of Councilor Tucker*)

- Provide an analysis on the options available so that all information can be provided to citizens if CCG sees that the fees must be increased. *(Request of Councilor Begly)*
- Information on the difference between contracted services and privatization. *(Request of Councilor Tucker)*
- When the information requested is brought back to a Work Session, bring all the ordinance changes that were requested during the last presentation and have a discussion on how to address the illegal dumping issue. *(Request of Councilor Cogle)*
- Look at doing an RFP and conduct a study on other cities around the country on how their services are provided. *(Request of Councilor Davis)*

B. Critical Vacancies - Reather Hollowell, Director, Human Resources

**Human Resources Director Reather Hollowell** approached the rostrum to provide an update on the critical vacancies within the Columbus Consolidated Government for general government and public safety since the last update six months ago.

**Interim Police Chief Stoney Mathis** approached the rostrum to provide a presentation on the ongoing retention plan of the Columbus Police Department. He explained many changes that have been made to the hiring process to attract more potential officers; to include taking the application from thirty-eight pages down to four. He then gave a presentation where he explained when officers were considered as exempt from overtime in 2015 that it encourages officers to not work as hard since they will not get compensated for the extra hours, for this reason officers are getting trained here and leaving to go to other agencies. As the presentation continued, he recommended eliminating forty-four positions to fund a \$5,000 a year salary increase to the 460 sworn officers and 911 dispatchers.

**City Manager Isaiah Hugley** stated he would suggest having the financial portion of Chief Mathis' request be vetted by the Finance Director to make sure the numbers add up when benefits are included. After a short discussion, it was determined the information would be brought back in September.

**Muscogee County Prison Warden Herbert Walker** approached the rostrum to speak on the success in recruiting at the Muscogee County Prison such as conducting exit interviews, gaining access to NeoGov to allow the Warden to view the status of applications, and pay adjustments that have encouraged employees to stay and to be more attractive to applicants.

**Fire & EMS Chief Sal Scarpa** approached the rostrum to speak on how they have been able to attract and retain employees. He said a lot of their efforts have been focused on the culture of the Fire & EMS Department.

**METRA Director Rosa Evans** approached the rostrum to explain the positive turnaround that has been seen in the METRA Department. She explained the pay adjustment for bus operators has made a huge impact and has made METRA more competitive when it comes to recruiting.

**Parks & Recreation Director Holli Browder** approached the rostrum to explain since most of their positions are part-time, they are still struggling to fill the many vacancies within the department. She explained that though the pay for their part-time positions increased, so did the pay by other employers.

**REFERRAL(S):**

**FOR THE CITY MANAGER:**

- Even if the numbers do not completely match Chief Mathis’ request for CPD, bring forward other options to honor the request. *(Request of Councilor Thomas)*
- Bring information on how and why the rules and policies regarding overtime were changed in 2015 for the councilors that were in office at that time. *(Request of Councilor Thomas)*

C. Clean Energy Columbus - Lisa Goodwin, Deputy City Manager, Current Operations

**Deputy City Manager Lisa Goodwin** approached the rostrum to provide a presentation on the Clean Energy Columbus Project that will address the carbon footprint and to work toward clean energy resources that will reduce our air, water, and land pollution. During the presentation she provided examples of current and future energy projects for consideration. She stated there was a resolution passed around to put in place a plan to move forward with efforts outlined in the presentation, to which Councilor Huff stated he would like to sponsor the resolution.

**Clean Energy Columbus Founder Louisa Childs** approached the rostrum to speak on the need for Columbus to lead other cities in implementing plans to support clean energy.

**Dr. Troy Keller, Professor of Environmental Science in the Department of Earth and Space Sciences (Columbus State University)**, approached the rostrum to speak on the educational aspect of clean energy.

**Chief Music Officer & Executive Director Arreasha Z Lawrence (Music and Entertainment Council)** approached the rostrum to show her support of the clean energy efforts and requests Council’s support in the resolution.

D. Sheriff’s Update - Gregory Countryman, Sheriff, and Pam Hodge, Deputy City Manger

*(NOTE: This update, as provided by Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge and Sheriff Greg Countryman, was called upon earlier in the meeting during the Mayor’s Agenda.)*

**BID ADVERTISEMENT**

**DATE:** August 22, 2023

**August 9, 2023**

**1. Agricultural Chemicals (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 24-0002**

**Scope of bid**

The Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia (City) is seeking vendors to provide agricultural chemicals, for the Parks and Recreation and Public Works Departments, on an “as needed” basis.

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

**August 15, 2023**

**1. Recreation Centers Roof Project – RFB No. 24-0001**

Mandatory Site Visits are scheduled for 8:30 AM (Eastern) on Tuesday, August 15, 2023. Contractors shall convene and sign in at the Facilities Maintenance Division, which is located at 1511 Cusseta Road in Columbus, GA. The site visits will be unguided, and attendees are responsible for supplying their own ladders to access the roofs.

**August 16, 2023**

**1. Fire Sprinkler Service and Inspections (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 24-0003**

Scope of bid

The Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia (the City) is seeking vendors to provide fire sprinkler service and inspections, for various City facilities, on an “as needed” basis.

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

**August 18, 2023**

**1. Automated Speed Detection for School Zone Safety Enforcement (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 23-0036**

Scope of RFP

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.

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

**2. Engineering Design Services for Resurfacing of Eight (8) Streets – PI #0017691 – RFQ No. 24-0001**

Scope of RFQ

Columbus Consolidated Government is requesting statements of qualifications to provide preliminary and final design plans and environmental documentation for the resurfacing of approximately 11.10 miles of roads within Muscogee County, GA. The roads, as listed in the RFQ, were selected based on comprehensive pavement evaluations conducted by a third-party and are classified as Collectors or above.

The work shall be performed in accordance with GDOT Plan Development Process (PDP), Plan Presentation Guide (PPG), Design Policies and Manuals, and current software version approved by the Project Manager.

**August 25, 2023**

**1. Consultant for Grant Application & Construction Project Management Services – RFI No. 24-0001**

Scope of RFI

Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) is soliciting information about the feasibility of acquiring the services of a consultant (the “Vendor”) to develop an application for the Federal Transit Administration’s (FTA) 5339(b) Discretionary – Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Program (or other available DOT/FTA competitive infrastructure grants for transit projects) on behalf of METRA Transit System (METRA). In the event that this competitive grant is awarded to METRA, the Vendor will then serve in the role of construction management consultant for the proposed project. The intention is for a single consultant, if feasible, to guide METRA through the entire construction process.



Please be advised that this may be a two-step process. Should METRA decide to proceed with a solicitation based on the responses to this Request for Information (RFI), then phase two will be a formal Request for Proposal (RFP) to be administered in accordance with the procurement ordinance of the City and procurement procedures compliant with FTA C. 4220.1F and other applicable federal regulations.

**August 30, 2023**

**1. Recreation Centers Roof Project – RFB No. 24-0001**

**Scope of Bid**

Provide all labor, equipment, and materials for the roofing project at Frank D. Chester Recreation Center, Northside Recreation Center, Psalmond Recreation Center, and Shirley Winston Recreation Center. This RFB will be awarded by location or in total; whichever is in the best interest of Columbus Consolidated Government (the City). The City will be the sole judge of the factors and will award the project accordingly.

**2. Williams Road at Fortson Road Roundabout – RFB No. 24-0007**

**Scope of Bid**

The Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia is requesting bids for the construction of a roundabout at Williams Road and Fortson Road. The project includes roadway construction, drainage, signing & marking, erosion control, landscaping & irrigation, and utility relocation.

**REFERRALS:**

Referrals 7.25.23

**CLERK OF COUNCIL’S AGENDA**

**ENCLOSURES - INFORMATION ONLY**

1. Notice of Tax Abatement approvals as submitted by the Board of Tax Assessors in accordance with Resolution No. 218-23.

**ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED**

2. A resolution excusing Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen from the August 8, 2023, Council Meeting. Clerk of Council Davis withdrew this resolution.
3. **RESOLUTION (308-23)** - A resolution excusing Councilor Jerry "Pops" Barnes from the August 8, 2023, Council Meeting. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.
4. Letter from Mr. Lance Hemmings, Chairperson of the Land Bank Authority, requesting that the seat of Ms. Lauren Chambers be declared vacant due to a lack of attendance. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the request to declare the seat of Lauren Chambers vacant on the Land Bank Authority, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

- 5. Email Correspondence from Mr. Jack Rosenhammer, Chair of the Civic Center Advisory Board, submitting the resignation of Mr. Spencer Cantrell (District 2 Representative). Councilor Crabb made a motion to receive the resignation with regrets, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting. Councilor Begly nominated Katie Bishop to fill the unexpired term of Latasha Lee as the District 10 Representative. Councilor Huff made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Thomas and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.
- 6. Email Correspondence from Mr. Jack Rosenhammer, Chair of the Civic Center Advisory Board, requesting the following two seats be declared vacant due to a lack of attendance: Danielle Edwards (District 1 Representative) and Latasha Lee (District 10 Representative). Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the request to declare the seats of Danielle Edwards and Latasha Lee vacant on the Civic Center Advisory Board, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

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

- 457 Deferred Compensation Plan, April 20, 2023
- Board of Tax Assessors, #23-23, #24-23 and #25-23
- Commission on International Relations & Cultural Liaison Encounters, July 18, 2023
- Civic Center Advisory Board, January 19, March 16 and June 7, 2023
- Hospital Authority of Columbus, June 27, 2023
- Housing Authority of Columbus, June 21, 2023
- Planning Advisory Commission, June 21, 202
- Uptown Facade Board, March 20, April 17 and May 22, 2023

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

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED**

8. **COUNCIL NOMINATIONS- THREE NOMINEES ARE SENT TO THE AUTHORITY FOR SELECTION:**

A. **HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:**

A nominee for the seat of Jennings Chester (*Rotating off the authority*) for a term expiring on November 14, 2023, on the Hospital Authority of Columbus (*Council’s Nomination*). Clerk of Council Davis stated the Council submits three nominees to the Hospital Authority for each seat and the Hospital Authority selects the successor for Council’s confirmation. There were no nominations.

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

**A. PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION:**

A nominee for the vacant seat of the District 6 Representative for a term expiring on October 31, 2023, on the Public Safety Advisory Commission (*Council District 6- Allen*). Clerk of Council Dais stated Mayor Pro Tem Allen is nominating Mitch Watkins and he may be confirmed. Councilor Tucker made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

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

**A. COOPERATIVE EXTENSION ADVISORY BOARD:**

A nominee for the seat of Helen Williams (*Does not desire reappointment*) for a term that expired on December 31, 2022, on the Cooperative Extension Advisory Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

**B. KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION:**

A nominee for the seat of Kimberly Wright (*Non-acceptance of appointment*) for a term that expired on June 30, 2023, as the Senatorial District 29 Representative on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (*Council's Appointment*). Clerk of Council Davis stated Ms. Kimberly Wright was confirmed to succeed Mr. William Bandy; however, she decided she would be unable to accept the appointment. There were no nominations.

A nominee for the seat of Lee Jordan (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term that expired 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 expired on June 30, 2023, as an At-Large Member on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (*Council's Appointment*). Clerk of Council Davis stated the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission Director is recommending Avianca Dowdell to succeed Dr. Kar'retta Venable. Councilor Huff nominated Avianca Dowdell.

**C. PERSONNEL REVIEW BOARD:**

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

**D. TREE BOARD:**

A nominee for the seat of Chris Henson (*Does not desire reappointment*) for a term that expired on July 1, 2022, as the Environmental Advocacy Representative on the Tree Board (*Council’s Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Troy Keller (*Not eligible to succeed*) for a term that expired on December 31, 2020, as the Educator Representative on the Tree Board (*Council’s Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Frank Tommey (*Not eligible to succeed*) for a term that expired December 31, 2020, as the Residential Development Representative on the Tree Board (*Council’s Appointment*). There were none.

**UPCOMING BOARD APPOINTMENTS:**

- A. Animal Control Advisory Board (Council’s Appointment)
- B. Board of Honor (Council’s Appointment)
- C. Columbus Ironworks Convention & Trade Center Authority (Mayor’s Appointment)
- D. Land Bank Authority (Council’s Appointment)
- E. Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board (Council’s Appointment)
- F. Public Safety Advisory Commission (Mayor & Council’s Appointment)
- G. Uptown Facade Board (Recommendation from respective organization)

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Mayor Henderson entertained a motion to go into executive session to discuss matters of real estate acquisition and disposal as requested earlier in the meeting by City Attorney Fay. Councilor Tucker made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote, Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting, and the time being 3:23 p.m.

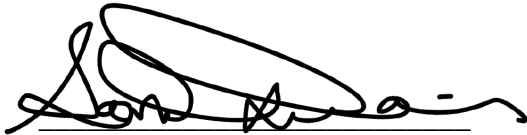
The Regular Meeting reconvened at 5:05 p.m., at which time, Mayor Henderson announced that the Council did meet in executive session to discuss matters of real estate acquisition and disposal; however, there were no votes taken.

**WORK SESSION TOPICS:**

**Councilor Toyia Tucker** stated Council needs to decide on the top three topics to be covered at the Work Session on August 29, 2023. During the brief discussion, it was decided that the topics to be covered are Parks & Recreation, Code Enforcement, and American Rescue Plan Funding.

**City Manager Isaiah Hugley** stated the director that would cover the American Rescue Plan will not be available on August 29<sup>th</sup>, but she is able to attend the Council Meeting on August 22, 2023.

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Councilor Tucker to adjourn the August 8, 2023, Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote, Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting, and the time being 5:07 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sandra T. Davis', written over a horizontal line.

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