



~~POST SUMMARY MINUTES~~

Council Chambers
C. E. "Red" McDaniel City Services Center- Second Floor
3111 Citizens Way, Columbus, GA 31906

September 12, 2023
9:00 AM
Regular Meeting

MAYOR'S A G E N D A

PRESENT: Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III and Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen and Councilors Jerry "Pops" Barnes, Tyson Begly, Joanne Cogle, Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis (arrived at 9:27 a.m.), R. Walker Garrett, Bruce Huff (arrived at 9:02 a.m.), Judy W. Thomas and Toyia Tucker. City Manager Isaiah Hugley, Assistant City Attorney Lucy Sheftall, Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis, and Deputy Clerk Pro Tem Tameka Colbert were present.

ABSENT: City Attorney Clifton Fay was absent from the meeting.

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Chief Mark Burnett, Battalion Chief, Columbus Fire & EMS

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Public Safety Personnel

MINUTES

Mayor's Agenda #1: Vote Result: ADOPTED

1. Approval of minutes for the August 29, 2023, Consent Agenda/ Work Session.

PROCLAMATIONS:

Mayor's Agenda #2: No Action Taken (Proclamation read into the record by Mayor Pro Tem Allen)

2. **Proclamation:** Public Safety Week
Receiving: Wayne Anthony, Pastor, St. Peter United Methodist Church

Mayor's Agenda #3: No Action Taken (Proclamation read into the record by Councilor Cogle)

3. **Proclamation:** Help the Hooch Days
Receiving: Lisa Thomas-Cutts, Executive Director, Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission

Mayor's Agenda #4: No Action Taken (Proclamation read into the record by Councilor Crabb)

4. **Proclamation:** National Recovery Month
Receiving: Chloe Landreth, Marketing and Outreach Representative, New Horizons Behavioral Health

Mayor's Agenda #5: No Action Taken (Proclamation read into the record by Councilor Begly)

5. **Proclamation:** Direct Support Professional Recognition Week
Receiving: Chloe Landreth, Marketing and Outreach Representative, New Horizons Behavioral Health

Mayor's Agenda #6: No Action Taken (Proclamation read into the record by Councilor Thomas)

6. **Proclamation:** Constitution Week
Receiving: Faye Wells, Oglethorpe Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution

PRESENTATION:

Mayor's Agenda #7: No Action Taken

7. Transitional Audit Report for Community Reinvestment (Presented by Donna McGinnis, Internal Auditor/Compliance Officer)

CITY ATTORNEY’S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

City Attorney’s Agenda #1: Vote Result: ADOPTED

1. **2nd 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.) (1st Reading delayed from 8-8-23) (Councilor Garrett)

City Attorney’s Agenda #2: DELAYED 1st Reading for two weeks

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 with conditions. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Davis)

City Attorney’s Agenda #3: PUBLIC HEARING HELD

3. **1st Reading-** An ordinance amending the Columbus, Georgia Pension Plan for General Government Employees, and the Columbus, Georgia Pension Plan for Employees of the Department of Public Safety, and the Columbus, Georgia Employees Deferred Retirement Option Plan (collectively, the “Plans”) to clarify that the Plans will not recognize Qualified Domestic Relations Orders. (Recommendation of Pension Board)

RESOLUTIONS

City Attorney’s Agenda #4: Vote Result: APPROVED

4. Resolution authorizing the execution of a Federal Aviation Administration Grant, Airport Improvement Program (AIP) GRANT NO. 3-13-0035-057-2023 (Request of Columbus Airport Commission)

City Attorney’s Agenda #5: Vote Result: APPROVED

5. Resolution authorizing the execution of a Federal Aviation Administration Grant, Airport Improvement Program (AIP) GRANT NO. 3-13-0035-058-2023 (Request of Columbus Airport Commission)

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Ms. Sherre Harris, Re: Animal Welfare. ***No Action Taken***
2. Mrs. Leah Braxton, Re: Smith Road condition with railroad crossing and roadway debris. ***No Action Taken***
3. Mr. Johnathan Cole, representing Coles Towing & Recovery, Inc., Re: Laws regarding Non-Consensual Stolen Vehicles. ***No Action Taken***
4. Mr. Ben Hecht, representing AmWaste of Georgia, Re: Yard waste services. ***No Action Taken***
5. Mr. Edris Hayes, representing AmWaste of Georgia, Re: Yard waste services. ***No Action Taken***

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

City Manager's Agenda #1: Vote Result: APPROVED

1. Retiree Health Insurance Plan

Approval is requested authorizing the renewal of the Medicare-eligible healthcare plan benefits and the United Healthcare Medicare Advantage plan.

City Manager's Agenda #2(A-H): Vote Result: APPROVED

2. PURCHASES

- A. Ambulance with Equipment for Fire & EMS – HGACBUY Cooperative Contract
- B. Declaration of Surplus Equipment
- C. Stryker Lifepak 15 Monitor Defibrillator and Accessories for Fire & EMS Department
- D. Maintenance Service Agreement for Lifepak 15 Cardiac Monitors for Fire & EMS Department

- E. Repair of Motor Grader for Public Works Department
- F. Closed-Circuit Television Camera Truck for Engineering Department
- G. Contract Extension for Pursuit Vehicle Buildout (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 13-0017
- H. Right-of-Way Acquisition Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 23-0026

City Manager's Agenda #2(I): Vote Result: No Action Taken

- I. 90-Day Termination Period for Supplemental Yard Waste Collection Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 21-0018 (**Add-On**)

10. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. Metra Dial a Ride Service Update - Rosa Evans, Director, Metra. **No Action Taken**
- B. Judicial Center Update - Ryan Pruett, Director, Inspections & Code Enforcement and Douglas Kleppin, AIA – Principal, The S/L/A/M Collaborative & Henry Painter – Senior Project Executive, Gilbane Building Company. **No Action Taken**

BID ADVERTISEMENT

DATE: September 12, 2023

September 27, 2023

1. Transmissions & Transmission Services for Public Works (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 24-0009

Scope of Bid

Provide repair/rebuild services for various types of transmissions for Public Works Department – Fleet Maintenance Shop on an “as needed” basis.

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

REFERRALS:

Referrals 8.29.23

CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

Clerk of Council's Agenda #1: Vote Result: APPROVED

1. RESOLUTION - A resolution canceling the Proclamation Sessions for October 3, November 7, and December 5, 2023.

Clerk of Council's Agenda #2: Vote Result: RECEIVED

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

Board of Tax Assessors, #27-23, #28-23 and #29-23

Convention & Visitors Board of Commissioners, June 21, 2023

Development Authority of Columbus, July 13, 2023

Employee Benefits Committee, June 28, 2023

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

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

Clerk of Council's Agenda #3(A): Vote Result: CONFIRMED the Mayor's appointment of Johnathan Payne.

- A. **COLUMBUS IRONWORKS CONVENTION & TRADE CENTER AUTHORITY:**

Jonathan Payne

(Mayor's Appointment)

Eligible to succeed

Term Expires: October 24, 2023

Clerk of Council's Agenda #3(B): Vote Result: CONFIRMED the Mayor's appointment of Charles A. McClure, Jr.

- B. **PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION:**

Charles A. McClure, Jr.

(Mayor's Appointment)

Eligible to succeed

Term Expires: October 31, 2023

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

Clerk of Council's Agenda #4(A): *Vote Result: CONFIRMED*

- A. **ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD:** Ms. Lori Turner was nominated to serve another term of office. *(Councilor Davis' nominee)* Term expires: October 15, 2025

Clerk of Council's Agenda #4(B): *Vote Result: CONFIRMED*

- B. **BOARD OF HONOR:** Mr. David Ebron was nominated to serve another term of office. *(Councilor Huff's nominee)* Term expires: October 31, 2027

Clerk of Council's Agenda #4(C): *Vote Result: CONFIRMED*

- C. **LAND BANK AUTHORITY:** Ms. Alston Auten was nominated to fill the unexpired term of Ms. Lauren Chambers. *(Councilor Begly's nominee)* Term expires: October 31, 2026

Clerk of Council's Agenda #4(D): *Vote Result: CONFIRMED*

- D. **LIBERTY THEATRE & CULTURAL ARTS CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:** Ms. Gloria Strode was nominated to serve as a member on the newly created board. *(Councilor Crabb's nominee)* Term Expires: August 14, 2025

Clerk of Council's Agenda #4(E): *Vote Result: CONFIRMED*

- E. **LIBERTY THEATRE & CULTURAL ARTS CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:** Ms. Arreasha Z. Lawrence was nominated to serve as a member on the newly created board. *(Councilor Begly's nominee)* Term Expires: August 14, 2025

Clerk of Council's Agenda #4(F): *Vote Result: CONFIRMED*

- F. **LIBERTY THEATRE & CULTURAL ARTS CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:** Mr. Cletus Richardson was nominated to serve as a member on the newly created board. *(Mayor Pro Tem Allen's nominee)* Term Expires: August 14, 2025

Clerk of Council's Agenda #4(G): *Vote Result: CONFIRMED*

- G. LIBERTY THEATRE & CULTURAL ARTS CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:** Ms. Carolyn Star-Ross was nominated to serve as a member on the newly created board. *(Councilor Barnes' nominee)* Term Expires: August 14, 2026

Clerk of Council's Agenda #4(H): Vote Result: CONFIRMED

- H. LIBERTY THEATRE & CULTURAL ARTS CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:** Mr. Terrance Flowers was nominated to serve as a member on the newly created board. *(Councilor Tucker's nominee)* Term Expires: August 14, 2026

Clerk of Council's Agenda #4(I): Vote Result: CONFIRMED

- I. LIBERTY THEATRE & CULTURAL ARTS CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:** Mr. Fernando Verdree was nominated to serve as the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) member on the newly created board. *(Councilor Huff's nominee)* Term Expires: August 14, 2026

Clerk of Council's Agenda #4(J): Vote Result: CONFIRMED

- J. LIBERTY THEATRE & CULTURAL ARTS CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:** Mr. Arsburn "Oz" Roberts was nominated as the Civic Center Director's recommendation to serve as a member on the newly created board. *(Civic Center Director's nominee)* Term Expires: August 14, 2027

5. COUNCIL APPOINTMENT- VOTE TABULATION:

Clerk of Council's Agenda #5(A): Councilor Davis withdrew his nomination of Mr. Marty Wynn. Vote Result: CONFIRMED: Ms. Erika Cottingham to fill the unexpired term of Patricia Flora as the District 29 Representative.

A. CRIME PREVENTION BOARD:

Patricia Flora
Senatorial District 29 Rep.
(passed away)
Term Expires: March 31, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Councilor Tucker has nominated Ms. Erika Cottingham.

Councilor Davis is nominating Mr. Marty Wynn.

The term is a three-year term. Board meets every February, April, July and November.

Women: 2

Senatorial District 15: 2

Senatorial District 29: 4

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

Clerk of Council's Agenda #6(A): No Action Taken

A. ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD:

Jayne Dunn

Not Eligible to succeed

Term Expires: October 15, 2023

Open for Nominations

(Council's Appointment)

The term is two years. Board meets as needed.

Women: 8

Senatorial District 15: 2

Senatorial District 29: 5

Clerk of Council's Agenda #6(B): No Action Taken

B. BOARD OF HONOR:

Bob Hydrick

(passed away)

Term Expired: October 31, 2022

Open for Nominations

(Council's Appointment)

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

This is a four-year term. Board meets as needed.

Clerk of Council's Agenda #6(C): Nomination: Councilor Crabb nominated Karen Stewart and Councilor Davis nominated Gerald Miley for the vacant seat formerly held by Stephanie Callahan.

C. COLUMBUS GOLF COURSE AUTHORITY:

Stephanie Callahan

Seat declared vacant

Term Expires: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

The term is four years. Board meets monthly.

Women: 0

Senatorial District 15: 3

Senatorial District 29: 5

Clerk of Council's Agenda #6(D): Nomination: Councilor Tucker nominated Jackie Leonard.

D. LAND BANK AUTHORITY:

Lance Hemmings

Not Eligible to succeed

Term Expires: October 31, 2023

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Councilor Tucker is nominating Ms. Jackie Leonard to succeed Mr. Lance Hemmings.

The term is four years. Board meets monthly.

Women: 3

Senatorial District 15: 4

Senatorial District 29: 2

Clerk of Council's Agenda #6(E): Nomination: Councilor Huff nominated Ku'Wonna Ingram and the Civic Center Director recommended Delois Carr.

E. LIBERTY THEATRE & CULTURAL ARTS CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:

New Member

Term Expires: August 14, 2027

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

New Member

Term Expires: August 14, 2027

Civic Center Dir. Rec
(Council's Confirmation)

The terms are four-years.

Councilor Huff has nominated Ms. Ku'Wonna Ingram and the Civic Center Director is recommending Ms. Delois Carr.

UPCOMING BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

- A. Hospital Authority of Columbus (Council Nomination/Authority Selection)
- B. Housing Authority of Columbus (Mayor's Appointment)

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Henderson entertained a motion to go into executive session to discuss matters of personnel, potential litigation and litigation as requested earlier in the meeting by Assistant City Attorney Sheftall. Councilor Tucker made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present with Councilor Crabb being absent for the vote, with the time being 2:08 p.m.

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 3:40 p.m., at which time, Mayor Henderson announced that the Council did meet in executive session to discuss matters of personnel, potential litigation, and litigation; however, there were no votes taken.

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Allen to adjourn the September 12, 2023 Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the seven members present with Councilors Barnes, Cogle and Garrett being absent for the vote, with the time being 3:40 p.m.