

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

December 5, 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 and Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen and Councilors Tyson Begly, Joanne Cogle, Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis, R. Walker Garrett, Bruce Huff (arrived at 9:30 a.m.), 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.

The following documents have been included as a part of the electronic Agenda Packet: (1) Internal Audit of the Finance Department Presentation; (2) Finance Department Internal Audit Response Presentation; (3) Judicial Center Presentation; (4) Dial-A-Ride Expansion Study Presentation; (5) Roll with US (Uptown Shuttle) Presentation; (6) Cost of Service and Rate Study Presentation

The following documents were distributed around the Council table: (1) Finance Department Internal Audit Response Presentation; (2) Auditee Response to Findings Document; (3) Documents Submitted by Claire Thomas; (4) Documents Submitted by Kathy Tanner

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Rev. Grace Burton-Edwards, St. Thomas Episcopal Church of Columbus, Georgia

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Henderson

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the November 14, 2023 Council Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Huff being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

PRESENTATION:

2. Finance Department Audit Report (Presented by Donna McGinnis, Internal Auditor/Compliance Officer)

Internal Auditor Donna McGinnis approached the rostrum to provide a report on the internal audit conducted on the Finance Department which was authorized on July 25, 2023. She explained the scope of the audit was to review the organizational structure, financial position, employee verifications and position descriptions, as well as the administrative and financial operations. She also provided information on the findings and their recommendations. During the presentation, she stated \$45.1 million in unrealized revenue liability was identified at the account level as unprocessed transitional activity in the Revenue Division and has been catalogued in excel records known as the CCG lockbox, with related checks and credit card authorizations unbanked.

Finance Director Angelica Alexander approached the rostrum to provide a presentation on a response to the internal audit report regarding the Finance Department. During the presentation, she explained, in the findings presented by the Internal Auditor, it was inaccurately stated that there is \$45.1 million of unprocessed transactions catalogued as CCG lockbox; to clarify, she stated there are about 500+ accounts currently pending processing valued at approximately \$2.5 million.

Councilor Glenn Davis stated for the record all the comments recently made, the auditee's response, and any action plan has all taken place after Council initiated the audit and investigation into the Revenue Division of the Finance Department. He also stated since September 13, 2023, the Inspections & Code Department was given a list and told to go out and aggressively collect delinquencies in business licenses, which was over a month after the audit and investigation took place.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Review the policy requiring employees handling finances to take a 5-day leave. Check if CCG is liable if this policy is not being followed. *(Request of Councilor Thomas)*
- Have the external auditors at the December 12, 2023 Council Meeting. *(Request of Councilor Davis)*
- Provide information on businesses that received a renewal notice, when their payment was received, and how that confirms the manual journal entries. Provide a spreadsheet on the lockbox and payment status by fiscal year. Requested spreadsheets be provided this week. *(Request of Councilor Begly)*
- Wants the Internal Auditor's report in excel format. *(Request of Councilor Begly)*
- Have Tyler Technologies at the December 12, 2023 Council Meeting to provide Council an understanding on how the software works and how efficient the updates are. *(Request of Councilor Davis)*
- A report on how the software provided by Tyler Technologies affects other communities that use it and have they experienced any hardships similar to CCG. *(Request of Councilor Davis)*

CITY ATTORNEY’S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

1. **1st Reading** - REZN-10-23-1964: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **4070 Macon Road** (parcel # 085-051-014) from Single Family Residential – 2 (SFR2) Zoning District to Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Barnes)
2. **1st Reading** - An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **3914, 3922 Buena Vista Road** (parcel # 087-028-007/008) from Neighborhood Commercial (NC) to General Commercial (GC) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Barnes)
3. **1st Reading** - REZN-11-23-0218: An ordinance amending the text of the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) for Columbus, Georgia to add a new Section 4.2.25 pertaining to key lockboxes and to add a new Article X to Chapter 4 pertaining to Electric Vehicle Infrastructure. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Mayor Pro-Tem) **(To Be Delayed)**

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to delay this item, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

4. **1st Reading** - An Ordinance amending Chapter 11, Article II of the Columbus Code to revise the criteria for promotional eligibility and promotional procedures for the Columbus Fire and EMS Department; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem)

Assistant Fire Chief Tim Smith approached the rostrum to explain the proposed changes to the Columbus Code as it pertains to the criteria for promotional eligibility and the promotional procedures for the Columbus Fire & EMS Department. He explained some of the verbiage was outdated and needed to be updated, the minimum age for new hires is now eighteen and to ensure firefighters have enough experience before applying for higher ranks, they are increasing the years of experience required for promotions.

5. **1st Reading** - An Ordinance revising Muscogee County Prison Policy, Number 420-100, Muscogee County Prison Promotion Policy. (Mayor Pro-Tem)

Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen explained the proposed revision allows the Warden to hire from outside the Muscogee County Prison if the applicant has experience in another prison.

RESOLUTION

6. **Resolution (432-23)**: A Resolution amending Resolution No. 216-23 authorizing payment of attorney's fees which may be incurred for legal services rendered regarding various City issues during Fiscal Year 2024. (Mayor Pro-Tem) Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

PUBLIC AGENDA

- 1. Mrs. Claire Thomas, representing Animal Advocacy, Re: The Columbus Animal Control and Care Center.
- 2. Mrs. Kathy W. Tanner, Re: The financial records from the Columbus Animal Control and Care with regards to animal welfare and accountability.
- 3. Mr. Alton Russell, Re: New Judicial Building funding.
- 4. Mrs. Savannah Brown, Re: The Columbus Animal Control and Care Center. *Not Present*

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

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

Resolution (433-23): A resolution authorizing the execution of an amended 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 Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

2. 2024 Legislative Agenda Add On – Muscogee County Probate Court Technology Fee

Resolution (434-23): A resolution whereas, the Chief Judge of Probate Court of Columbus, Georgia, finds that a need exists for imposition and collection of a technology fee; and whereas, such legislation shall entitle the Clerk of Probate Court to charge and collect a technology fee to be set by the court, not to exceed \$5.00, as a surcharge to each fine imposed. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

3. 2023-2024 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant

Resolution (435-23): A resolution authorizing the application and, if approved, the acceptance of VOCA Grant of \$144,246 or as otherwise awarded from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council of Georgia along with \$132,077 from the 5% Crime Victim Assistance Surcharge Fund allocated in the FY24 Budget, to provide funding crime victim assistance in the Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit from October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024, and, amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by like amount. 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 for the meeting.

4. PURCHASES

- A. Civic Center Roof Replacement – Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (436-23): A resolution authorizing the contract with Prime Contractors, Inc. (Powder Springs, GA) in the amount of \$1,716,289.71, plus contingencies, for the Civic Center roof replacement. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Sourcewell Contract #GA-ST02-040820-PCI. Councilor Crabb 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. Zamboni Ice Resurfacers for Civic Center/Ice Rink – Sourcewell Cooperative Contract Purchase

Resolution (437-23): A resolution authorizing the purchase of two (2) Zamboni Ice Resurfacers (Model 546) from Zamboni / All Star Arenas (Riverview, Florida) at a unit cost of \$123,586.45 each, and a total cost of \$251,172.90, for the Civic Center / Ice Rink. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Sourcewell Contract #120320-FCZ. This purchase will be funded from the Friends of Columbus account for the Civic Center. Councilor Crabb 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. Hockey LED Scoreboard for Civic Center – Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (438-23): A resolution authorizing the purchase of a hockey LED scoreboard from Nevco Sports LLC (Greenville, IL) in the amount of \$285,067.50 for the Civic Center. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Sourcewell Contract #030223-NVC. Councilor Crabb 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. Vacuum Litter Collector for Civic Center – Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (439-23): A resolution authorizing the purchase of a vacuum litter collector from Environmental Products Group (Atlanta, GA) in the amount of \$81,526.00 for the Civic Center. The purpose will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Sourcewell Contract #093021-EXP. Councilor Crabb 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. One 2023 Chevrolet Traverse for Columbus Police Department – Georgia State Contract Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (440-23): A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) 2023 Chevrolet Traverse for Columbus Police Department, from Hardy Chevrolet, Buick, GMC, Inc. (Dallas, GA), in the amount of \$36,290.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-SPD-ES40199373-005. Councilor Crabb 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.

I. Declaration of Surplus and Donation of Tasers and Accessories, Body Video Recorders and Battery Chargers to Valley Police Department

Resolution (441-23): A resolution authorizing the declaration of the following tasers and accessories, body video recorders and battery chargers from the Police Department, as surplus, in accordance with Section 7-501 of the Charter of Columbus Consolidated Government; and authorize the donation of the equipment to the Valley Police Department in Valley, Alabama. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

G. EnerGov Software Subscription Fees for Information Technology

Resolution (442-23): A resolution authorizing payment to Tyler Technologies, Inc (Dallas, TX), in the amount of \$241,669.23, for the annual EnerGov Software subscription fees for the period from December 1, 2023 through November 30, 2024. As well as, authorizing payment for the annual software subscription fees for subsequent years, including cost increases for all aspects of the system, which will be budgeted in the appropriate fiscal years. Councilor Davis 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.

IT Director Forrest Toelle approached the rostrum to respond to questions from members of Council. He stated this resolution approves the annual subscription fee, but does not include training unless requested and only then, would be provided for an additional fee.

5. **UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS**

A. Judicial Center Update - Ryan Pruett, Director, Inspections & Code

Inspections & Code Director Ryan Pruett approached the rostrum to introduce an update on the progress of the Judicial Center. He explained they are still in the middle of the design process while trying to make sure to stay within the budget set for the project.

Principal/Architect Doug Kleppin (S/L/A/M) approached the rostrum to provide an update on the Judicial Center. During the presentation, he provided information on the current design status, an update on the stakeholders involved, construction sequencing, a cost update, and the schedule for the project.

Senior Project Executive Henry Painter (Gilbane) approached the rostrum to provide information on the construction activities of the project to include demolition, traffic, monitoring, noise, operations, and communication.

Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge approached the rostrum to respond to questions regarding funding for the project and interest rates.

4. **PURCHASES**

F. Amendment 15 for Construction Manager as General Contractor Services for Columbus Government Center Complex – RFQ No. 20-0002

Resolution (443-23): A resolution authorizing the execution of Amendment 15 in the amount of \$5,916,826.00 with Gilbane Building Company (Atlanta, GA), in association with Freeman & Associates, Inc., for construction manager as general contractor services for the Government Center

Complex. Councilor Crabb 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.

5. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

- B. METRA Dial-A-Ride Premium Service/Micro Transit/Uptown Golf Cart Shuttle - Rosa Evans, Director, METRA Transit

METRA Director Rosa Evans approached the rostrum to introduce the presenter and presentation regarding Dial-A-Ride Premium Service and Micro Transit, which is in response to a request from Council regarding expanding the service area.

Principal and Project Manager Bill Schwartz, Nelson Nygaard Consulting Associates, Inc., approached the rostrum to provide a presentation on premium services and Micro Transit. He provided premium services recommendations such as expanding the service area up to 1.5 miles of bus routes and include Driver Services and VA Clinic, prioritizing delivering Dial-A-Ride within ADA service area without capacity constraints, adopt policies that ensure compliance with ADA, increase Dial-A-Ride funding by at least \$270,200.00, plan to add two new vehicles in FY 2025, and collect data and monitor demand to ensure resources are adequate, as well as, adjust policies and funding accordingly.

METRA Assistant Director Everett Fleming approached the rostrum to provide an update on the Uptown On-Demand Golf Cart Shuttle. He stated the official rollout day will be Tuesday, December 26, 2023.

- C. Integrated Waste Update - Drale Short, Director, Public Works

Public Works Director Drale Short approached the rostrum to provide information on City Manager's Agenda Item CM #4(H) and introduce the presentation.

Principal Abby Goldsmith, A Goldsmith Resources LLC, approached the rostrum to provide the *Cost of Service and Rate Study Presentation*. During the presentation information was provided from an analysis conducted to identify the revenue needed and ways to collect fees needed to cover expenses.

4. PURCHASES

- H. Additional Assembly and Delivery Services for Household Garbage and Yard Waste Carts for Public Works. *No Action Taken*

Councilor Thomas made a motion to suspend the rest of the agenda and go into executive session to discuss matters of litigation, potential litigation, personnel and privileged attorney/client documents as requested by City Attorney Fay earlier in the meeting, seconded by Councilor Garrett.

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to allow Mr. Ronald Pettigrew to speak as he is listed on the Clerk of Council's Agenda as Item COC #6 and then go into executive session, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

Mayor Henderson requested clarification on the previous motion to suspend the remainder of the agenda after the Council Hearing with Mr. Ronal Pettigrew on a property tax matter, Councilor Thomas restated her motion to suspend the rest of the agenda after the Council Hearing; all other matters would have to come back on the Council Agenda for next week, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

D. Demolition of Property - Ryan Pruett, Director, Inspections & Code. **DEFERRED**

BID ADVERTISEMENT

DATE: December 5, 2023

December 6, 2023

1. Steel Signal Strain Poles (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 24-0017
Scope of RFB

It is the intent of the Columbus Consolidated Government (City) to establish an annual contract with a qualified vendor to provide steel signal strain poles on an “as needed” basis to be delivered to Traffic Engineering Division for the City of Columbus, GA. This bid includes unit costs for a variety of steel signal strain poles that the City may need for traffic signal projects. As information to vendors, the City averages three to four new/upgrade signal projects each year. The quantity of steel signal strain poles purchased thru this annual contract will vary from year to year, depending on the number of roadway and/or traffic signal projects that are funded.

The term of the contract shall be for two (2) years, with the option to renew for three (3) additional twelve-month periods. Contract renewal will be contingent upon the mutual agreement of the City and the Contractor.

December 8, 2023

1. General Contractor Services and Housing Inspection Services for the Community Reinvestment Department (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 24-0012
Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) invites qualified vendors to provide general contractor services (Option A) and housing inspection services (Option B) for rehabilitative single-family housing located throughout Columbus-Muscogee County. The Community Reinvestment Department will procure the services on an as-needed basis. **Vendors may submit proposals for one, both or all options.**

Some activities could be a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funded project which utilizes Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding. Contracts utilizing CDBG funding are subject to state and local laws, as well as federal regulations found in §2 CFR 200.317 through §2 CFR 300.327 and §24 CFR 570.611. Potential bidders must assure that all project activities will be administered in compliance with labor and civil rights laws and regulations for CDBG funded projects.

The term of the contract will be for two years, with the option to renew for three additional twelve-month periods. Contract renewal shall be contingent upon the mutual agreement of the City and the Contractor.

December 15, 2023

1. Underserved and Inmate Healthcare Consultant – RFP No. 24-0009
Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government is seeking a third-party advisory firm, with experience establishing community-funded networks of care for underserved and inmate populations. The firm shall assist the City with developing a fair, inclusive and equitable plan to service the target populations’ medical needs.

December 27, 2023

1. Touch Screen Information Kiosks for METRA (Re-Bid) – RFB No. 24-0019
Scope of RFB

The Columbus, Georgia Metropolitan (METRA) Transit System is soliciting bid responses for the procurement of one (1) Outdoor Double-Sided Touch Screen Information Kiosk and one (1) Indoor Single-Sided Information Kiosk for use at METRA’s bus station, the METRA Transfer Center.

REFERRALS:

Referrals 11.14.23

CLERK OF COUNCIL’S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

- 1. RESOLUTION - A resolution excusing Councilor Jerry “Pops” Barnes from the December 5, 2023 Council Meeting. **DEFERRED**
- 2. RESOLUTION - A resolution cancelling the Proclamation Sessions for January 2, February 6, and March 5, 2024. **DEFERRED**
- 3. Email Correspondence from Mr. David Rohwedder resigning from his seat as the District 8 Representative on the Public Safety Advisory Commission. **DEFERRED**
- 4. **Minutes of the following boards:** **DEFERRED**

Board of Tax Assessors, #38-23 and #39-23

Board of Water Commissioners, November 13, 2023

Columbus Golf Course Authority, September 26, 2023

Columbus Ironworks Convention & Trade Center Authority, February 23, April 27, June 29 and August 24, 2023

Convention & Visitors Board of Commissioners, October 18, 2023

Historic & Architectural Review Board, February 13, March 13, April 13, and May 8, 2023

Land Bank Authority, October 11, 2023

The Medical Center Hospital Authority, July 26, 2023

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

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

A. COOPERATIVE EXTENSION ADVISORY BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of Lawanna Williams (*Does not desire reappointment*) for a term that expires on December 31, 2023, on the Cooperative Extension Advisory Board (*Council’s Appointment*). **DEFERRED**

A nominee for a vacant seat for a term that expires on December 31, 2028, on the Cooperative Extension Advisory Board (*Council’s Appointment*). **DEFERRED**

B. HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of Marjorie “Mollie” Smith (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term that expires on January 31, 2024, as the Historic District Resident on the Historic & Architectural Review Board (*Council’s Appointment*). **DEFERRED**

A nominee for the seat of Libby Smith (*Not Eligible to succeed*) for a term that expires on January 31, 2024, as the Historic District Resident on the Historic & Architectural Review Board (*Council’s Appointment*). **DEFERRED**

A nominee for the seat of Reverend Curtis West (*No longer a resident of Muscogee County*) for a term that expires on January 31, 2024, as the Liberty Cultural Center, Inc. on the Historic & Architectural Review Board (*Council’s Appointment*). **DEFERRED**

C. TREE BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of Troy Keller (*Not Eligible to succeed*) for a term that expired on December 31, 2020, in the Educator Seat on the Tree Board (*Council’s Appointment*). **DEFERRED**

A nominee for the seat of Frank Tommey (*Not Eligible to succeed*) for a term that expired on December 31, 2020, in the Residential Development Seat on the Tree Board (*Council’s Appointment*). **DEFERRED**

COUNCIL HEARING:

- 6. Request for Refund of Property Tax as submitted by Mr. Ronald Pettigrew for the property located at: 8036 Deerwood Court with the reinstatement of exemptions for Years 2021 and 2022.

Mr. Ronald Pettigrew approached the rostrum to request a refund of property taxes for property at 8036 Deerwood Court with the reinstatement of homestead exemptions for 2021 and 2022.

Chief Appraiser Suzanne Widenhouse approached the rostrum to explain the timeline and the reason the homestead exemption was removed from both properties and back taxes charged to Mr. Pettigrew. She stated Mr. Pettigrew received homestead exemptions on two properties, one being in Columbus and the other being in Upatoi, Georgia.

Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve a refund to Mr. Pettigrew in the amount of \$7,500.00, seconded by Councilor Tucker and the discussion continued.

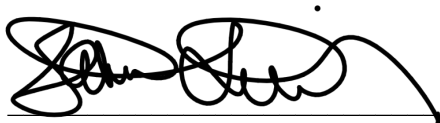
Councilor Thomas made a substitute motion to increase the refund to \$10,283.96, which is the sum of the three years; 2021, 2022 and 2023, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried by a seven-to-one vote, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Cogle, Crabb, Garrett, Huff, Thomas and Tucker voting in favor, Councilor Begly voting in opposition, Councilor Davis being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Henderson entertained a motion to go into executive session to discuss matters of litigation, potential litigation, personnel and privileged attorney/client documents as requested by City Attorney Fay earlier in the meeting. Councilor Thomas made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Councilor Tucker. After City Attorney Fay responded to questions, the motion carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Davis and Tucker being absent for the vote, Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting, and the time being 4:15 p.m.

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 6:23 p.m., at which time, Mayor Henderson announced that the Council did meet in executive session to discuss matters of litigation, potential litigation, personnel and privileged attorney/client documents; however, there were no votes taken.

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Councilor Thomas to adjourn the December 5, 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 6:23 p.m.



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