



## ~~POST SUMMARY MINUTES~~

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

January 23, 2024  
9:00 AM  
Regular Meeting

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### MAYOR'S A G E N D A

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**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, 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.

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

**INVOCATION:** Offered by Pastor Ralph Huling, St. James Baptist Church of Columbus, Georgia

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Mayor Henderson

### **MINUTES**

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**Mayor's Agenda #1: Vote Result: APPROVED**

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1. Approval of minutes for the January 9, 2024 Council Meeting and Executive Session.

### **PRESENTATION:**

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**Mayor's Agenda #2: No Action Taken**

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2. External Audit - (Presented by Charlie Peeler with Troutman Pepper)

# **CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA**

## **ORDINANCES**

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### **City Attorney's Agenda #1: Vote Result: ADOPTED**

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1. **2nd Reading-** An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **4228 3rd Avenue** (parcel # 013-001-041) from Light Manufacturing/Industrial (LMI) Zoning District to Residential Multifamily - 1 (RMF1) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Garrett)

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### **City Attorney's Agenda #2: Vote Result: ADOPTED**

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2. **2nd Reading-** REZN-10-23-2056: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **3300 6th Avenue** (parcel # 014-019-010A) from Residential Multifamily- 2 (RMF2) Zoning District to Residential Multifamily - 1 (RMF1) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Garrett)

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### **City Attorney's Agenda #3: Vote Result: ADOPTED**

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3. **2nd Reading-** An Ordinance amending the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) of the Columbus Code to revise the text of a section in Chapter 6 pertaining to the application process for Resource Conservation Subdivisions. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Mayor Pro-Tem)

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### **City Attorney's Agenda #4: Vote Result: ADOPTED**

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4. **2nd Reading-** An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain portions of a district known as the Conversation Use Valuation Assessment, from RE1 (Residential Estate 1) Zoning District to RE10 (Residential Estate 10) Zoning District. (Planning Department recommends approval.) (Mayor Pro Tem and Councilor Davis)

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### **City Attorney's Agenda #5: PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

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5. **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.) (as amended) (Mayor Pro-Tem) **(continued on 1st Reading from 12-5-23)**

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**City Attorney's Agenda #6: PUBLIC HEARING HELD; Vote Result: AMENDED to remove properties located at 2928 10<sup>th</sup> Street and 5912 Gleneden Drive due to change in ownership.**

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6. **1st Reading** - An ordinance providing for the demolition of various structures located at: **2937 10th Street** (Robin Thompson & Robert J. Holston, Owner); **2928 10th Street** (Hardy Williams, Owner); **480 Timberlane Drive** (Estate of Kathryn/Jacquelyn Wiggins, Owner); **406 17th Avenue** (Lamroz LLC, Owner); **4131 2nd Avenue** (Jonnie L. General, Owner); **5210 Forrest Road** (Premium Oil Station No. 6, Owner); **5912 Gleneden Drive** (Willie C. Smith, Owner); and **2904 9th Street** (Malissa Hall, Owner) and for demolition services for the Inspections and Code Department in accordance with the attached Tabulation of Bid sheet. (Mayor Pro-Tem)

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**City Attorney's Agenda #7: PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

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7. **1st Reading-** An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 23-038 which adopted the Fiscal Year 2024 Salary and Wages Pay Plan for the Consolidated Government to provide a \$5,000.00 pay increase to Sworn Officers and Emergency 911 Technicians effective February 3, 2024; to incorporate a new payscale for the Public Safety Personnel of the Columbus Police Department; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem)

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**City Attorney's Agenda #8: PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

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8. **1st Reading-** An Ordinance amending the budgets for the Fiscal Year 2024 by appropriating amounts in each fund for various operational activities. (Budget Committee)

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**City Attorney's Agenda #9: PUBLIC HEARING HELD; Vote Result: DELAYED for 30 days**

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9. **1st Reading-** An Ordinance amending Section 2-68 of the Columbus Code to provide that the internal auditor/compliance officer shall be solely subject to the direction of the Columbus Council; and for other purposes. (Councilor Tucker)

**RESOLUTIONS**

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**City Attorney's Agenda #10: Vote Result: APPROVED**

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10. A Resolution authorizing Sunday sale of alcoholic beverages at all on-premises locations within Columbus, Georgia on Sunday March 17, 2024. (Councilor Cogle)

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**City Attorney's Agenda #11: Vote Result: APPROVED**

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11. A Resolution authorizing variances for Wasserman Group, LLC for Subdivision located off 2045 Old Guard Road. (Request of Wasserman Group, LLC)

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**City Attorney's Agenda #12: Vote Result: APPROVED**

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12. A Resolution concerning the Northwest Georgia Housing Authority's issuance of bonds to finance facilities to be located in Columbus, Georgia (Request of Wasserman Group, LLC)

## **PUBLIC AGENDA**

1. Ms. Pat Frey, representing GA 505 Continuum of Care, Re: 2024 Point in Time Count. ***No Action Taken***
2. Mr. Mick Etchison, representing St. Thomas Episcopal Churches Creation Keepers, Re: A request for the Columbus City Council to join with other Georgia cities in voicing opposition to the mining proposal of our State's national treasure, the Okefenokee Swamp. ***No Action Taken***
3. Mr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr., Re: Professional Baseball in Columbus, Georgia. ***No Action Taken***
4. Mr. Nathan Smith, Re: Baseball. ***Not Present***
5. Rev. Richard Jessie, representing The Friends of Historic Claflin, Inc., Re: To announce the return of the FHC and to present our plan to help restore social order. ***No Action Taken***

## **CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA**

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

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### **1. Street Acceptance**

Approval is requested for the acceptance of Brownie Lane, that portion of Elliotts Avenue, and that portion of Providence Lane located in Phase Two, Elliotts Walk.

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**City Manager's Agenda #2: Vote Result: APPROVED**

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### **2. Memorandum of Understanding with Columbus Youth Soccer Association (CYSA) for 2024**

Approval is requested to allow the City Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with CYSA for the 2024 seasons.

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**City Manager's Agenda #3: Vote Result: APPROVED**

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**3. FY24 HUD Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendment**

Approval is requested for the submission of the FY24 Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendment to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

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**City Manager's Agenda #4: Vote Result: APPROVED**

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**4. FY25 Holiday Schedule**

Approval is requested to approve the Holiday Schedule for the FY25 Budget Year. It is recommended that Thursday, December 26, 2024 be designated as the floating holiday.

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**City Manager's Agenda #5: Vote Result: APPROVED**

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**5. Firehouse Subs Grant**

Approval is requested to apply for and accept if awarded, a grant funded by Firehouse Subs in the amount of \$27,015 for the purchase of a Yamaha Four Alarm Ambulance. The Multi-Governmental Fund will be amended by the amount if awarded.

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**City Manager's Agenda #6: Vote Result: APPROVED**

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**6. International Associations of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) Donation of Equipment**

Approval is requested to accept the donation of three (3) Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) kits valued at approximately \$14,285. No local match is required.

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**City Manager's Agenda #7(A-D): Vote Result: APPROVED**

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**7. PURCHASES**

- A. Firefighter Cancer Insurance Policy Renewal
- B. Mott's Green Plaza P.I. #0015287 (Re-Bid) – RFB No. 21-0037
- C. One (1) 2024 Ford F-150 Police Responder Pursuit Rated for Muscogee County Prison – Georgia State Contract Cooperative Contract
- D. Facial Recognition Software (Afix Face) and Maintenance for Police Department

**8. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Recorders Court Update - David Ranieri, Chief Judge, Recorder's Court. ***No Action Taken***

## **BID ADVERTISEMENT**

**DATE:** January 23, 2024

### **January 24, 2024**

#### **1. Design and Construction Services for Golden Park Improvements – RFP No. 24-0019**

##### **Scope of RFP**

Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) is requesting proposals from qualified contractors to engage a Design-Builder to design and construct improvements to Golden Park in order to bring it up to standards required by Major League Baseball. Applicants should have experience in designing and building baseball facilities. The estimated project cost is \$50 million. Project must be completed by April 2025. The selected Design-Builder will be responsible for all programming, design, and construction.

### **January 31, 2024**

#### **2. Swim Gear and Lifeguard Accessories (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 24-0021**

##### **Scope of RFB**

It is the intent of the Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) to secure an annual contract with a vendor to provide various types of swimming gear and lifeguard accessories, on an “as needed” basis, to the Columbus Parks and Recreation Division of the City of Columbus, Georgia.

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

### **February 2, 2024**

#### **1. Multi-Purpose Dog Handler Packages (K-9) (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 24-0018**

##### **Scope of RFP**

The Columbus GA Police Department (CPD) is seeking proposals for the provision of Multi-Purpose Dog Handler Packages (K-9) to assist in providing added public safety for the City of Columbus, Georgia, on an “as needed” basis. The CPD requires a vendor with the capability of providing quality and healthy canines, handler training, equipment, vehicle upfitting and full support. An initial purchase of two (2) packages is anticipated. The contract term shall be for one (1) year with the option to renew for four (4) additional twelve-month periods.

### **February 7, 2024**

#### **1. Used Oil & Antifreeze Recycling Services (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 24-0020**

##### **Scope of RFB**

Vendor will pay a fee for the contractual right to remove and recycle used oil & Antifreeze, at the following locations: 1011 Cusseta Road, 3950 Schatulga Road and 814 Linwood Blvd, Columbus, Georgia. The initial term of this contract shall be for three years, with the option to renew for two additional twelve-month periods.

## **REFERRALS:**

Referrals 01.23.24

## **CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA**

### **ENCLOSURES - INFORMATION ONLY**

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#### **Clerk of Council's Agenda #1: No Action Taken**

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1. Certificate of Need Application submitted on behalf of Southeastern Cardiology Associates, P.C. to establish a Positron Emission Service in Columbus, Georgia.

### **ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED**

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#### **Clerk of Council's Agenda #2: Vote Result: APPROVED**

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2. RESOLUTION - A resolution excusing Councilor Jerry "Pops" Barnes from the January 23, 2024 Council Meeting.

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#### **Clerk of Council's Agenda #3: Vote Result: APPROVED**

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3. Travel Authorization Request for Councilor Bruce Huff to attend the ACCG Annual Conference during the month of April 2024.

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#### **Clerk of Council's Agenda #4: Vote Result: RECEIVED**

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

Board of Tax Assessors, #43-23

Board of Water Commissioners, January 8, 2024

Board of Zoning Appeals, November 1, and December 6, 2023

Employees' Pension Fund, Board of Trustees, August 16 and September 13, 2023

Housing Authority of Columbus, October 18, 2023

Land Bank Authority, December 13, 2023

### **BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED**

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

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#### **Clerk of Council's Agenda #5(A): No Action Taken**

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**A. CIVIC CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:**

**Jed Harris, Jr.**

*(Mayor's Appointment)*

*Not Eligible to succeed*

Term Expired: March 1, 2023

*These terms are three years. Meets quarterly.*

**Women: 3**

**Senatorial District 15: 8**

**Senatorial District 29: 5**

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**Clerk of Council's Agenda #5(B):** *Nomination: Mayor Henderson renominated Aaron Guest to serve another term; Vote Result: CONFIRMED reappointment of Aaron Guest.*

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

**Aaron Guest-** Interested in serving another term

*(Mayor's Appointment)*

*Eligible to succeed*

Term Expires: March 1, 2024

**Merrill Rushin**

*(Mayor's Appointment)*

*Does not desire reappointment*

Term Expires: March 1, 2024

**Akear Mewborn (Vacant)**

*(Mayor's Appointment)*

*Does not desire reappointment*

Term Expired: March 1, 2022

*The terms are four years. Board meets monthly.*

**Women: 7**

**Senatorial District 15: 7**

**Senatorial District 29: 4**



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

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**Clerk of Council's Agenda #6(A): Vote Result: CONFIRMED**

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- A. **BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS:** Ms. Kathleen Mullins was nominated to serve another term of office. *(Councilor Crabb's nominee)* Term expires: March 31, 2027

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**Clerk of Council's Agenda #6(B): Vote Result: CONFIRMED**

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- B. **BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS:** Mr. Douglas M. Jefcoat was nominated to serve another term of office. *(Councilor Crabb's nominee)* Term expires: March 31, 2027

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**Clerk of Council's Agenda #6(C): Vote Result: CONFIRMED**

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- C. **BUILDING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:** Ms. Olive Vidal-Kendall was nominated to serve another term of office. *(Councilor Huff's nominee)* Term expires: March 24, 2026

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**Clerk of Council's Agenda #6(D): Vote Result: CONFIRMED**

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- D. **BUILDING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:** Mr. Christopher Smith was nominated to serve another term of office. *(Councilor Thomas' nominee)* Term expires: March 24, 2026

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**Clerk of Council's Agenda #6(E): Vote Result: CONFIRMED**

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- E. **COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS & CULTURAL LIAISON ENCOUNTERS (CIRCLE):** Mr. Pythias "Pete" Temesgen was nominated to serve another term of office. *(Councilor Garrett's nominee)* Term expires: March 1, 2028

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**Clerk of Council's Agenda #6(F): Vote Result: CONFIRMED**

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- F. **COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS & CULTURAL LIAISON ENCOUNTERS (CIRCLE):** Ms. Chie Canady was nominated to serve another term of office. *(Councilor Huff's nominee)* Term expires: March 1, 2028

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**Clerk of Council's Agenda #6(G): Vote Result: CONFIRMED**

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- G. **PLANNING ADVISORY COMMISSION:** Mr. Brad P. Baker was nominated to serve another term of office. *(Councilor Crabb's nominee)* Term expires: March 31, 2027

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**Clerk of Council's Agenda #6(H): Vote Result: CONFIRMED**

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- H. PLANNING ADVISORY COMMISSION:** Ms. Lakshmi Karthik was nominated to succeed Ms. Patricia A. Weekley. (*Councilor Davis' nominee*) Term expires: March 31, 2027

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**Clerk of Council's Agenda #6(I): Vote Result: CONFIRMED**

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- I. PLANNING ADVISORY COMMISSION:** Mr. Michael Ernst was nominated to succeed Mr. James Dudley. (*Councilor Crabb's nominee*) Term expires: March 31, 2027

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

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**Clerk of Council's Agenda #7(A): Nomination(s):** Councilor Garrett nominated Julio Portillo to succeed Glenn Kyle Albright and Councilor Begly nominated James Jordan to succeed Evan M. Collins; **Vote Result: CONFIRMED** appointment of Julio Portillo and James Jordan.

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**A. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:**

**Mary B. Garcia**

*Ineligible (city employee)*

Term Expires: March 27, 2024

**(Council District 7- Cogle)**

**Glenn Kyle Albright**

*Does not desire reappointment*

Term Expires: March 27, 2024

**(Council District 8- Garrett)**

**Evan M. Collins**

*No longer a resident of Muscogee County*

Term Expires: March 27, 2024

**(Council District 10- Begly)**

**VACANT**

Term Expires: March 27, 2024

**(Council District 2- Davis)**

**Virginia Dickerson**

*Not Eligible to succeed*

Term Expires: March 27, 2024

**(Council District 3- Huff)**

*Members appointed by Council shall serve for two-year terms and members appointed by Mayor shall serve for three-year terms. Board Meets quarterly.*

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

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**Clerk of Council's Agenda #8(A):** *Nomination: Councilor Huff nominated Angela Strange to succeed Tomeika Farley.*

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**A. BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS:**

**Tomeika Farley**

*Not Eligible to succeed*

Term Expires: March 31, 2024

Open for Nominations

**(Council's Appointment)**

**Councilor Huff is nominating Angela Strange to succeed Tomeika Farley.**

*The terms are three years. Meets monthly.*

**Women: 2**

**Senatorial District 15: 1**

**Senatorial District 29: 4**

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**Clerk of Council's Agenda #8(B):** *No Action Taken*

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

**Alia Teetshorn**

*Not Eligible to succeed*

Term Expires: March 1, 2024

Open for Nominations

**(Council's Appointment)**

*The terms are four years. Meets monthly.*

**Women: 2**

**Senatorial District 15: 1**

**Senatorial District 29: 4**

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**Clerk of Council's Agenda #8(C):** *No Action Taken*

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**C. HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD:**

**Libby Smith**

**Historic District Resident**

*Not Eligible to succeed*

Term Expires: January 31, 2024

Open for Nominations  
**(Council's Appointment)**

*The term is three years. Meets monthly.*

**Women: 5**

**Senatorial District 15: 9**

**Senatorial District 29: 2**

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**Clerk of Council's Agenda #8(D): No Action Taken**

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**D. TREE BOARD:**

**Frank Tommey**

**Residential Development Seat**

*Not eligible to succeed*

Term Expired: December 31, 2020

Open for Nominations  
**(Council's Appointment)**

*The term is three years. Meets as needed.*

**Women: 7**

**Senatorial District 15: 5**

**Senatorial District 29: 6**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Mayor Henderson entertained a motion to go into executive session to discuss matters of personnel as requested by City Attorney Fay earlier in the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Garrett, Thomas and Tucker being absent for the vote, Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting, and the time being 9:50 p.m.

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 9:58 p.m., at which time, Mayor Henderson announced that the Council did meet in executive session to discuss matters of personnel; 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 January 23, 2024 Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Garrett, Thomas and Tucker being absent for the vote, Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting, and the time being 9:59 p.m.