



~~POST SUMMARY MINUTES~~

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

June 4, 2024
5:30 PM
Regular Meeting

MAYOR'S AGENDA

PRESENT: Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III and Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen (*Councilor District 1 Seat – Vacant*) and Councilors Tyson Begly, Joanne Cogle, Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis (arrived at 6:28 p.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.

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Pastor Bruce Conage, Rosehill Memorial Baptist Church of Columbus, Georgia

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Henderson

MINUTES

Mayor's Agenda #1: Vote Result: APPROVED

1. Approval of minutes for the May 28, 2024 Council Meeting and Executive Session.

OATH OF OFFICE:

Mayor's Agenda #2: DELAYED

2. Oath of Office administered to the newly appointed Columbus Councilor District 1- Byron Hickey by Chief Superior Court Judge Arthur L. Smith, III.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor's Agenda #3: PUBLIC HEARING HELD

3. **TAXPAYER BILL OF RIGHTS PUBLIC HEARING:** 6:00 p.m. The budget tentatively adopted by the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, requires a millage rate higher than the rollback millage rate. Therefore, before the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, may finalize the tentative budget and set a final millage rate, Georgia Law requires that three public hearings be held to allow the public an opportunity to express their opinions on this increase.

PROCLAMATION:

Mayor's Agenda #4: No Action Taken (Proclamation read into the record by Mayor Pro Tem Allen)

4. **Proclamation:** Brookstone High School Baseball State Championship
Receiving: Greg Mathis, Head Coach

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

5. **Proclamation:** NeighborWorks Columbus Week
Receiving: Cathy Williams, Executive Director of NeighborWorks

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

6. **Proclamation:** Caribbean American Heritage Month
Receiving: Aysia Berry

PRESENTATION:

Mayor's Agenda #7: Vote Result: APPROVED 90-day extension to allow Fetch, Inc. to qualify for Sunday alcohol sales.

7. An extension to qualify for alcohol sales on Sundays. (Presented by Ms. LeAnne Browning, representing Fetch, Inc.)

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

City Attorney's Agenda #1: Vote Result: INCONCLUSIVE

- 1. 2nd Reading-** An ordinance to revise and clarify certain provisions of the Columbus Code which provide for the foreclosure of liens on property for which funds are due and owing to the consolidated government; and for other purposes. (continued on 2nd Reading due to inconclusive vote) (Councilor Begly)

City Attorney's Agenda #2: PUBLIC HEARING HELD

- 2. 1st Reading and Public Hearing-** An ordinance adopting an operating and capital improvement budget for the Fiscal Year 2025 beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, for certain funds of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, and appropriating the amounts shown in each budget; and for other purposes. (Budget Review Committee)

City Attorney's Agenda #3: PUBLIC HEARING HELD

- 3. 1st Reading-** An ordinance adopting non-operating budgets for the fiscal year 2024 beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, for certain funds of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, and appropriating the amounts shown in each budget. (Budget Review Committee)

City Attorney's Agenda #4: PUBLIC HEARING HELD

- 4. 1st Reading-** An ordinance providing for contributions to the Columbus, Georgia General Government Employees' Pension Plan for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025. (Budget Review Committee)

City Attorney's Agenda #5: PUBLIC HEARING HELD

- 5. 1st Reading-** An ordinance providing for the governmental contributions to the Columbus, Georgia Pension Plan for employees of the Department of Public Safety for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025. (Budget Review Committee)

City Attorney's Agenda #6: PUBLIC HEARING HELD

- 6. 1st Reading-** An ordinance providing for Government funding of a Major Disability Income Plan for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025. (Budget Review Committee)

City Attorney's Agenda #7: PUBLIC HEARING HELD

7. **1st Reading-** An ordinance providing for Government funding of a Death Benefit Escrow for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025. (Budget Review Committee)

City Attorney's Agenda #8: PUBLIC HEARING HELD

8. **1st Reading-** An ordinance amending Article VII of Chapter 13 of the Columbus Code Solid Waste Collection and Disposal by updating certain fees and the guidelines for an offset to the residential rate for low-income households; and for other purposes. (Budget Review Committee)

City Attorney's Agenda #9: PUBLIC HEARING HELD

9. **1st Reading-** An ordinance renewing Business Improvement Districts in Columbus, Georgia through December 31, 2034; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem)

City Attorney's Agenda #10: PUBLIC HEARING HELD

10. **1st Reading-** An ordinance adopting new permit fees for Building Code inspections in Section 8-14.4 of the Columbus Code; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem)

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Ms. Julee Fryer, representing the Animal Control Advisory Board, Re: The Animal Control Advisory Board supports the Columbus Animal Care and Control staffing model for the FY25 Budget. ***No Action Taken***
2. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Reparations in 2028. ***Not Present***
3. Miss Courtney Pierce, representing PAWS Humane Society, Re: Reconsideration of appropriate staffing levels at Animal Care and Control. ***No Action Taken***

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

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

1. Golden Park Cell Tower 5-Year Lease Extension

Approval is requested to execute the third and final lease renewal for the purpose of leasing the Golden Park Cell Tower to SBA Towers VI, LLC.

2. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

City Manager’s Agenda #2(A): No Action Taken

A. Jail Update - Drale Short, Director, Public Works

City Manager’s Agenda #2(B): Vote Result: APPROVED additional funding of \$200,000 to the FY2024 Budget for the Muscogee County Prison to cover increase in inmate food cost, overages for outside inmate medical care, and operating costs.

B. MCP FY24 Budget Update – Herbert Walker, Warden, Muscogee County Prison

BID ADVERTISEMENT

DATE: June 04, 2024

June 7, 2024

1. Interactive Floor/Play System (Re-Bid) – PQ No. 24-0005

Scope of Quote

The Columbus Consolidated Government (“the City”) is seeking quotes from qualified vendors to provide two (2) immersive, educational and recreational projection systems, to be used by the Department of Parks and Recreation.

CLERK OF COUNCIL’S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

Clerk of Council’s Agenda #1: Vote Result: RECEIVED

1. Minutes of the following boards:

Budget Review Committee, May 7, 2024

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

2. **MAYOR’S APPOINTMENTS MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:**

Clerk of Council’s Agenda #2(A): No Action Taken

A. PENSION FUND, EMPLOYEES’ BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Crystal Shahid

(Mayor’s Appointment)

(Business Community)

Does not desire reappointment

Term Expires: June 30, 2024

This is a four-year term. Board meets monthly.

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

Clerk of Council’s Agenda #3(A): Vote Result: CONFIRMED

A. COLUMBUS AQUATICS COMMISSION: Ms. Jensen Melton was nominated to serve another term of office. *(Councilor Huff’s nominee)* Term expires: June 30, 2026

Clerk of Council’s Agenda #3(B): Vote Result: CONFIRMED

B. COLUMBUS GOLF COURSE AUTHORITY: Mr. Richard Mahone was nominated to serve another term of office. *(Councilor Huff’s nominee)* Term expires: June 30, 2028

Clerk of Council’s Agenda #3(C): Vote Result: CONFIRMED

C. COLUMBUS GOLF COURSE AUTHORITY: Mr. James Houston, Jr. was nominated to serve another term of office. *(Councilor Huff’s nominee)* Term expires: June 30, 2028

Clerk of Council’s Agenda #3(D): Vote Result: CONFIRMED

D. KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION: Ms. Kara Brakefield was nominated to succeed Ms. Tracy Walton-King. *(Councilor Tucker’s nominee)* Term expires: June 30, 2027

Clerk of Council’s Agenda #3(E): Vote Result: CONFIRMED

E. **KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION:** Ms. Skyler Dexter was nominated to fill the vacant SD-29 seat. *(Councilor Tucker's nominee)* Term expires: June 30, 2026

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

Clerk of Council's Agenda #4(A): No Action Taken

A. **YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:**

District 2 Nominee: _____

District 5 Nominee: _____

District 4 Nominee: _____

District 8 Nominee: _____

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

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

A. **COLUMBUS AQUATICS COMMISSION:**

Timothy Crabb

Does not desire reappointment

Term Expires: June 30, 2024

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Richard Leary

Cols. Hurricane Rep.

Does not desire reappointment

Term Expires: June 30, 2024

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Janet Bussey

Not Eligible to succeed

Term Expires: June 30, 2024

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Bruce Samuels

Not Eligible to succeed

Term Expired: June 30, 2022

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

These are two-year terms. Board meets quarterly.

Women: 1

Senatorial District 15: 5

Senatorial District 29: 2

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Henderson entertained a motion to go into executive session to discuss a matter of personnel as requested by City Attorney Fay earlier in the meeting. Councilor Tucker made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Garrett and Huff being absent for the vote, and the time being 8:29 p.m.

NOTE: Councilor Tucker left the meeting at 8:54 p.m.

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 9:10 p.m., at which time, Mayor Henderson announced that the Council did meet in executive session to discuss a matter 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 June 4, 2024 Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote, and the time being 9:11 p.m.