

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

October 22, 2024
5:30 PM
Regular Meeting

MAYOR'S AGENDA

PRESENT: Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III and Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen (arrived at 5:34 p.m.) and Councilors Travis L. Chambers, Joanne Cogle, Charmaine Crabb, R. Walker Garrett, Byron Hickey, 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.

ABSENT: Councilor Glenn Davis was absent.

The following documents have been included as a part of the electronic Agenda Packet: (1) Columbus Water Works 2025 Rate Update Presentation; (2) Transitional Internal Audit of Recorder's Court Presentation

The following documents were distributed around the Council table: (1) Audit Report for Recorder's Court; (2) Transitional Internal Audit of Recorder's Court Presentation; (3) Documents Submitted by PA#6 Kathy Tanner

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Rev. Daniel Potter of First Baptist Church of Columbus, Georgia

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Henderson

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the October 8, 2024 Council Meeting and Executive Session. Councilor Garrett made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

PRESENTATIONS:

2. Water and Sewer Rate Study (Presented by Jeremy Cummings, President Columbus Water Works)

CWW President Jeremy Cummings approached the rostrum to begin the presentation on the 2025 Rate Update for the Columbus Water Works. He stated CWW customers pay \$10-\$20 less per month compared to the regional and national averages. He also shared the key accomplishments of the Columbus Water Works for 2023-2024.

CWW CFO Carl Robertson came forward to share information on the 5-year financial plan for the Columbus Water Works. He explained the \$320 million in planned capital projects by 2029 will maintain safe and reliable services for their customers.

Executive Vice President Jon Davis, Raftelis Financial Consulting, came forward to share information on the recommended rates for 2025. He explained with the \$210 million issued in Bonds for 2025 and 2026, they will have to increase their rates by 7.95% in 2025 to keep their debt service reserves in order. He stated they hope in future years to assume a 4.95% rate increase across the board, which would be reviewed annually.

3. **Transitional Audit Report for Recorder's Court (Donna McGinnis Internal Auditor/Compliance Officer)**

Internal Auditor/Compliance Officer Donna McGinnis approached the rostrum to introduce the transition audit for Recorder's Court to be presented by Forensic Auditors Ben Meadows and Jonathan Smith. She later returned to the podium to respond to a question from Councilor Tucker, stating they currently have four audits pending with the City Manager's Office, Human Resources, Civic Center, and the Inspections & Code Department.

Forensic Auditor Ben Meadow approached the rostrum to begin the presentation on the transitional audit for Recorder's Court, which was authorized by Council on October 8, 2019, and began with an entrance conference on October 31, 2023. He explained Recorder's Court hears traffic, criminal, and city ordinance cases made by the Columbus Police Department, Special Enforcement, METRO Narcotics Task Force, Fire Department, Georgia State Patrol, and the Columbus State University Police. He stated the court's functional responsibilities are to set bail, issue warrants, collect fines and bonds, set probation terms, hear and determine if there is probable cause for state and superior court offenses, and adjudicate city ordinances and some state offenses. He shared some of the audit recommendations to include the recommendation for the Judge, District Attorney, public defender, and in-court clerk to utilize their city issued laptops to access pertinent case details before and during hearings to save time, arrange an extensive in-person meeting with Tyler IT representatives to develop system issue fixes, and if technological issues with Tyler persist beyond a reasonable timeframe, they recommend potentially considering software alternatives that are more effective and efficient when utilized in other court systems.

Forensic Auditor Jonathan Smith came forward to share information on the audit scope which included budgetary performance, policies and procedures, payroll, internal controls, casework handling processes, customer service/interactions, court session observation, and facilities maintenance and upkeep. He explained the audit recommendations are routine landscaping for lawn, walkways and parking lots to be treated as needed, repainting of courtrooms, replacement of courtroom seating and carpet, replacing lighting in bathroom, replacement of lightbulbs in outdoor lampposts, installation of audio equipment in courtrooms to ensure ADA compliance, HVAC unit maintenance, and budget increase to accommodate the maintenance of facilities.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE INTERNAL AUDITOR:

- Provide a list of pending audits and what is currently being worked on. *(Request of Councilor Tucker)*

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

1. **Ordinance (24-060) - 2nd Reading-** REZN-08-24-1826: An ordinance amending Chapter 3 of the Unified Development Ordinance of the Columbus Code to allow Tattoo and Body Piercing Shops as a special exception use in the Central Riverfront District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval) (Councilor Cogle) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by then nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.
2. **Ordinance (24-061) - 2nd Reading-** REZN-9-24-1941: An ordinance amending the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) for Columbus, Georgia to provide definitions and conditions for various uses. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Mayor Pro-Tem) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.
3. **Ordinance (24-062) - 2nd Reading-** An ordinance adopting changes to the Evergreen Solutions recommended classification and pay plan for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.
4. **Ordinance (24-063)- 2nd Reading-** An ordinance amending Chapter 17 of the Columbus Code so as to revise certain provisions relating to the organizational structure and authorized positions for the Columbus Police Department; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.
5. **1st Reading-** An ordinance establishing and implementing a Paid Maternity and Paternity Leave Policy to enable and support employees in the bonding and caregiving of a child, following birth or adoption. (Councilor Chambers) **(Public Hearing Held)**

Human Resources Director Reather Hollowell approached the rostrum to respond to questions from the members of Council regarding the proposed creation and implementation of a Paid Maternity and Paternity Leave Policy for CCG employees.

Trade Center Director Hayley Tillery came forward to share her perspective as a department director that has seen how this policy change would positively impact retention and the morale of employees. She spoke of her extensive research on this matter and shared that over the past four years, there have been an average of fifteen employees that have given birth and would have been impacted by this policy, with little financial impact.

Ms. Theresa El-Amin came forward to speak in support of the proposed ordinance.

Mr. Marvin Broadwater came forward to speak in support of the proposed ordinance. He shared his experience in overseeing pregnant female soldiers while in the United States Military.

Mr. Edward Dubose came forward to speak in support of the proposed ordinance.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY ATTORNEY:

- Revisit proposed ordinance during budget. (*Request of Councilor Thomas*)

- 6. 1st Reading-** An ordinance amending Section 5-3 of the Columbus Code, to amend certain provisions regarding the Animal Control Advisory Board; and for other purposes. (Councilors Cogle, Crabb, Garrett, Hickey, and Tucker) (**Public Hearing Held**) Councilor Crabb made a motion to amend the proposed ordinance by changing the wording of Sec. 5-3(c)(6) to read “The contract administrator identified by the Mayor and approved by Council in any contract between the consolidated government and a non-profit licensed shelter to provide animal control division services for Columbus shall be a voting member of the board”, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting. Councilor Crabb made a motion to amend the proposed ordinance by changing the wording of the second sentence in Sec. 5-3(c)(8) to read “The animal services director shall designate an administrative officer of the animal services division to provide other clerical and logistical support to the board”, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting. Councilor Crabb made a motion to amend the proposed ordinance by changing the wording of the second sentence in Sec. 5-3(c)(1)(a) to read “Notwithstanding the provisions of Columbus Code Sec. 2-3.02, he/she need not be a resident of Columbus”, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

Ms. Ethelyn Riley came forward to speak on the proposed ordinance as the current Chairperson for the Animal Control Advisory Board. She shared the recommendations of the board, which were taken into consideration by Council and the proposed ordinance was amended to reflect the recommendations.

Ms. Karen Gaskins came forward to speak on the proposed ordinance as a current member of the Animal Control Advisory Board. She shared the struggle of the board to meet quorum with the current composition and the research work that went into finding out why the board was not functioning.

Ms. Theresa El-Amin came forward to speak on the proposed ordinance, where she stated CCG employees should be available to assist boards and not be involved in proceedings.

Councilor Charmaine Crabb shared her concerns with the individuals selected by the City Manager to participate in contract negotiations with PAWS Humane. Councilor Crabb then made a motion to remove the representatives chosen by the City Manager from Parks & Recreation and METRA, and replace them with Channon Emery (past Animal Control Advisory Board member) and Karen Gaskins (current Animal Control Advisory Board member). The motion dies for the lack of a second.

RESOLUTION

7. **Resolution (406-24):** A resolution concerning the Housing Authority of Columbus, Georgia's issuance of bonds to finance a multifamily project at Warren Williams Homes and Rivers Homes located in Columbus, Georgia (Request of Columbus Housing Authority) Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

At this time, **City Attorney Clifton Fay** requested an executive session to discuss matters of personnel, litigation, and the acquisition and disposal of real estate upon the conclusion of the agenda.

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, Re: Management Inappropriate Behavior and Political Incompetence.
2. Mr. Paul Olson, Re: 1. Public Agenda 2. TAD District #8 and 3. Gambling Casino. *Cancelled*
3. Ms. Simi Barnes, Re: Characteristics of effective leadership.
4. Mr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr., Re: Increase fines for parking in Disable Parking / More Funds for Police to receive training on Disabled Citizens.

REFERRAL(S):**FOR THE CITY MANAGER:**

- Have someone assess and revamp the handicap parking in the garage at City Hall. Additional space is needed between the handicap spots to allow wheelchair access. *(Request of Councilor Thomas)*
5. Mr. Melvin Tanner, Jr., representing Columbus Branch NAACP 5187B, Re: Restructure of Police Department.
 6. Mrs. Kathy Tanner, Re: Addressing citizens speaking on the same or similar topic every 60 days in the Public Agenda.
 7. Mr. Andy Gunnels, representing Animal Advocacy, Re: CACC Scandal.
 8. Mrs. Sarah Cochran, representing Animal Advocacy, Re: CACC.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. **Buena Vista Road Spiderweb Bridge & Improvements, TIA 1 – Supplemental Agreement #4**

Resolution (407-24): A resolution authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute an amendment to the contract (Supplemental Agreement No. 4) with the Georgia Department of Transportation for additional funding for the construction phase of the Buena Vista Road Spiderweb TIA project to replace the Bull Creek Bridge while the Spiderweb improvements are under

construction. 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 Davis being absent from the meeting.

2. Authorization to Fill Ten (10) Unfunded Police Officer Positions

Resolution (408-24): A resolution to authorize the Columbus Police Department to fill ten (10) unfunded officer positions in FY25 utilizing General Fund and OLOST Fund reserves. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

Police Chief Stoney Mathis approached the rostrum to explain the need to fill ten unfunded officer positions. He also responded to the referral made by Councilor Cogle regarding the 86-hour pay periods for officers.

Muscogee County Prison Warden Herbert Walker, III came forward to address how the 86-hour pay period impacts his correctional officers. He explained this is one of the key issues during exit interviews.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER/CITY ATTORNEY:

- Start exploring how we can address Public Safety Employees working eighty-six (86) hours within a pay period. (*Request of Councilor Cogle*)

3. Change in Closing Times for Certain City Parks

Resolution (409-24): A resolution authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to change park hours. Councilor Tucker made a motion to amend the resolution to list just Rigdon Park for use from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday through Sunday and all of the other parks remain as is, and to approve as amended, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

Councilor Tucker made a motion to amend the resolution to remove Shirley B. Winston Park and Carver Park from the list of closing time changes, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting. Councilor Cogle made a motion to amend the resolution to list the hours from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday through Sunday, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

After some additional discussion, City Manager Hugley requested clarification as to which parks the Council would want to change the hours of use, at that time, it was determined that Rigdon Park is the only park that would have a change in the hours of use from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday through Sunday and all of the other parks should remain as is.

4. Firehouse Subs Grant

Resolution (410-24): A resolution authorizing the application and acceptance, if awarded a grant for six thermal imaging cameras for Columbus Fire and Emergency Medical Services in the amount of \$44,099.94, or as otherwise awarded, from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation with no matching funds required. The Multi-Governmental Fund will be amended by the amount of the award.

Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

5. 2025 Legislative Agenda

Approval is requested of the resolutions for the 2025 Legislative Session of the Georgia General Assembly, which the Mayor and Council deem appropriate.

5 (1). **ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES (APRN) LICENSING:**

Resolution (411-24): A resolution requesting that the Local Legislation Delegation to the Georgia General Assembly support legislation an amended revised version of SB 164 which passed last year to remove barriers to APRN practice and thereby increase access to cost effective, quality, and safe healthcare services. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

5 (2). **ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES (APRN'S) SIGNING DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLE DISABILTY PARKING PERMITS:**

Resolution (412-24): A resolution requesting that the Local Legislation Delegation to the Georgia General Assembly support legislation which would add APRN's to the list of the Department of Motor Vehicle's approved practitioners to sign disability parking permits. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

5 (3). **ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES (APRN'S) WRITING PERSCRIPTIONS FOR SCHEDULE II CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES:**

Resolution (413-24): A resolution requesting that the Local Legislation Delegation to the Georgia General Assembly introduce or support legislation which would allow APRN's to write prescriptions for Schedule II controlled substances which are Stimulants under certain conditions. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

5 (4). **ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES (APRN'S) CERTIFYING ORDERS FOR HOME HEALTH AGENCY VISITS:**

Resolution (414-24): A resolution requesting that the Local Legislation Delegation to the Georgia General Assembly introduce or support legislation which would allow APRN's to write orders for home health care services. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

5 (5). **MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAMS FOR ADULT ABUSE, NEGLECT & EXPLOITATION:**

Resolution (415-24): A resolution requesting that the Local Legislation Delegation to the Georgia General Assembly introduce or support legislation which would require that the multidisciplinary

teams for dealing with adult abuse, neglect and exploitation described in O.C.G.A. § 30-5-11 be mandatory in each judicial circuit of the State. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

5 (6). \$10 MILLION INCREASE IN FUNDING FOR HOME & COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES:

Resolution (416-24): A resolution requesting that the Local Legislation Delegation to the Georgia General Assembly advocate for a \$10 Million increase in funding for Home and Community Based Services (HBCS) order to provide services in the home that help older Georgians stay in their homes and communities for longer and avoid the expense of nursing home care. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

5 (7). SHORT TERM RENTALS:

Resolution (417-24): A resolution urges the Local Legislation Delegation to the Georgia General Assembly to maintain local control of units used as short-term rentals, subject to all applicable state laws and ordinances. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

5 (8). AMENDMENT OF CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST PROVISION FOR REDEVELOPMENT POWERS LAW:

Resolution (418-24): A resolution requesting that the Local Legislation Delegation to the Georgia General Assembly introduce/support the attached proposed amendment to O.C.G.A. § 36-44-21 or any similar proposal, which clarifies that code section by providing standard definitions and eliminates the prohibition against the acquisition of property in TADs by all CCG employees. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

5 (9). FUNDING FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, ADDICTIVE DISEASES AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES:

Resolution (419-24): A resolution requesting that the Local Legislation Delegation to the Georgia General Assembly join in advocating for support for a robust system of care for behavioral health, addictive diseases and developmental disabilities, and additional funding for crisis intervention teams throughout the state. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

5 (10). NEW OPTIONS WAIVER PROGRAM AND COMPREHENSIVE SUPPORTS WAIVER PROGRAM:

Resolution (420-24): A resolution requesting that the Local Legislation Delegation to the Georgia General Assembly evaluate and appropriately fund operation of the New Options Waiver (NOW) and the Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP), which offer home- and community-based services for people with intellectual disabilities (ID) or developmental disabilities (DD), through the

Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD), Division of Developmental Disabilities. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

5 (11). **MILITARY RETIREE STATE TAX EXEMPTIONS:**

Resolution (421-24): A resolution requesting that the Local Legislation Delegation to the Georgia General Assembly introduce legislation at the 2025 General Assembly that would allow an exemption similar to that in Alabama from state income tax for military retirees to maintain Columbus, Georgia as a competitive economic hub that continues to attract military families and retirees to our community. Councilor Thomas made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

6. **PURCHASES**

A. Change Order 2 for Design Services for Fire Station #4 Renovation – RFQ No. 23-0001

Resolution (422-24): A resolution authorizing the execution of Change Order 2 with WSKF Architects (North Kansas City, MO) in the amount of \$30,650.00 for design services for Fire Station #4 renovation. 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 Davis being absent from the meeting.

B. Change Order 3 for Design Services for Fire Station #8 Renovation – RFQ No. 23-0001

Resolution (423-24): A resolution authorizing the execution of Change Order 3 with WSKF Architects (North Kansas City, MO) in the amount of \$30,650.00 for design services for Fire Station #8 renovation. 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 Davis being absent from the meeting.

D. Cardiac Monitor/Defibrillator and Accessories for Fire & EMS Department – Sourcewell Cooperative Contract

Resolution (424-24): A resolution authorizing the purchase of one Stryker LifePak 35 Cardiac Monitor/Defibrillator and accessories from Stryker Sales (Chicago, IL), in the amount of \$56,788.19. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Sourcewell Contract #041823-STY. 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 Davis being absent from the meeting.

E. One Ambulance with Accessories for Fire & EMS – HGACBuy Cooperative Contract

Resolution (425-24): A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) ambulance with accessories from Frazer, LTD (Houston, TX) in the amount of \$317,619.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via HGACBuy Contract #AM10-23. 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 Davis being absent from the meeting.

F. Steel Trash Receptacles for Metra (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 25-0002

Resolution (426-24): A resolution authorizing an annual contract with North American Import and Export Company LLC (Madeira Beach, FL) to provide steel trash receptacles for the estimated contract value of \$11,699.40 for Year 1, \$12,061.20 for Year 2, and \$12,433.80 for Year 3. 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 Davis being absent from the meeting.

C. Brown Household Garbage Carts for Public Works – Sourcewell Cooperative Contract Purchase

Resolution (427-24): A resolution authorizing the purchase of 96-gallon brown carts from Rehrig Pacific Company (Lawrenceville, GA) in the amount of \$78,780.00 (1404 units @ \$55.00 each, plus freight in the amount of \$1,560.00). The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Sourcewell Contract #041521-REH. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Trash cans on Coweta Drive are not being picked up. (*Request of Councilor Crabb*)
- Trash can was damaged at 704 Greenbriar Drive. (*Request of Councilor Crabb*)

CLERK OF COUNCIL’S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

1. Email Correspondence from Drale Short, Public Works Director forwarding the resignation of Lori Turner from her seat on the Animal Control Advisory Board. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to receive the resignation with regrets, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

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

Board of Tax Assessors, #34-24

Development Authority, September 12, 2024

Pension Fund, Employees’ Board of Trustees, April 10, May 8, & June 26, 2024

The Medical Center Hospital Authority, October 25, 2023, January 24 & April 24, 2024

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to receive the minutes of various boards, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

ADD-ON RESOLUTION:

RESOLUTION (428-24) - A resolution excusing Councilor Glenn Davis from the October 22, 2024 Council Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve resolution, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED**3. MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS- ANY NOMINATIONS MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:****A. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:**

A nominee for the seat of Armando Fernandez (*Seat declared vacant*) for a term expiring on March 27, 2025, on the Community Development Advisory Council (*Mayor's Appointment*). Mayor Henderson nominated Denise Cambridge to fill the vacant seat formerly held by Armando Fernandez. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

A nominee for the seat of Tamika McKenzie (*Seat declared vacant*) for a term expiring on March 27, 2025, on the Community Development Advisory Council (*Mayor's Appointment*). Mayor Henderson nominated Anthony Montgomery to fill the vacant seat formerly held by Tamika McKenzie. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

4. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS- READY FOR CONFIRMATION:

- A. **TREE BOARD:** Ms. Rosalyn Hall was nominated to fill the unexpired term of Ms. Beautie Moore (*At-Large Seat*). (*Councilor Huff's nominee*) Term expires: July 1, 2025. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

5. COUNCIL'S DISTRICT SEAT APPOINTMENT- ANY NOMINATIONS MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:**A. RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD:**

A nominee for the seat of James "Jay" Wilkoff (*Does not desire reappointment*) for a term that expired on December 31, 2021, as the District 2 Representative on the Recreation Advisory Board (*Council District 2 – Davis*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Carl Brown (*Not Eligible to succeed*) for a term that expired on December 31, 2022, as the District 9 Representative on the Recreation Advisory Board (*Council District 9 – Thomas*). There were none.

A nominee for the vacant seat that expired on December 31, 2023, as the District 3 Representative on the Recreation Advisory Board (*Council District 3 – Huff*). There were none.

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

A. ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of Sabine Stull (*Not Eligible to succeed – Open for Recommendation by Animal Rescue*) for a term that expired on April 11, 2024, as the Animal Rescue Representative on the Animal Control Advisory Board (*Council’s Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Nancy Anderson (*Resigned*) for a term expiring on October 15, 2025, on the Animal Control Advisory Board (*Council’s Appointment*). Councilor Crabb nominated Matthew Gilbert to fill the unexpired term of Nancy Anderson.

Councilor Crabb nominated Elizabeth Kirven Boyce for the seat of Lori Turner, whose resignation was received with regrets earlier in the meeting during the Clerk of Council’s Agenda.

B. COLUMBUS AQUATICS COMMISSION:

A nominee for the seat of Timothy Crabb (*Does not desire reappointment*) for a term that expired on June 30, 2024, on the Columbus Aquatics Commission (*Council’s Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Richard Leary (*Does not desire reappointment*) for a term that expired on June 30, 2024, as the Columbus Hurricanes Representative on the Columbus Aquatics Commission (*Council’s Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Janet Bussey (*Not Eligible to succeed*) for a term that expired on June 30, 2024, on the Columbus Aquatics Commission (*Council’s Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Bruce Samuels (*Not Eligible to succeed*) for a term that expired on June 30, 2022, on the Columbus Aquatics Commission (*Council’s Appointment*). There were none.

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

A nominee for the seat of John Jackson (*No longer serving*) for a term expiring on March 1, 2027, on the Commission on International Relations & Cultural Liaison Encounters (CIRCLE) (*Council’s Appointment*). There were none.

D. COOPERATIVE EXTENSION ADVISORY BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of Lawanna Williams (*Vacant – Does not desire reappointment*) for a term that expired on December 31, 2023, on the Cooperative Extension Advisory Board (*Council’s Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for a vacant seat that expires on December 31, 2028, on the Cooperative Extension Advisory Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

E. TREE BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of Frank Tommey (*Residential Development Seat*) for a term that expired on December 31, 2020, as the Residential Development Representative on the Tree Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Robert Hecht (*Seat declared vacant*) for a term expiring on December 31, 2026, on the Tree Board in the Commercial or Industrial Development Seat (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Jeremy Cummings (*Resigned*) for a term expiring on July 1, 2025, as the Public Utility Representative on the Tree Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Farah Dewsbury (*Seat declared vacant*) for a term expiring on December 31, 2026, on the Tree Board in an At-Large Seat (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CLERK OF COUNCIL:

- Revisit the assessment conducted on the boards, authorities and commissions to identify those that are struggling with membership and/or should be dissolved. (*Request of Mayor Henderson*)

FOR THE CITY ATTORNEY:

- Bring forward an ordinance to dissolve the Columbus Aquatics Commission. (*Request of Councilor Crabb*)

UPCOMING BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

- A. Airport Commission - (Commission / Council' Confirmation)
- B. Board of Elections & Registration - (Democratic Party / Council)
- C. Cooperative Extension Advisory Board - (Council's Appointment)
- D. Personnel Review Board - (Council's Appointment)
- E. Recreation Advisory Board - (Council District Seat Appointments)
- F. The Medical Center Hospital Authority – (Council's Nomination / Authority)

PUBLIC AGENDA (continued):

- 4. Mr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr., Re: Increase fines for parking in Disable Parking / More Funds for Police to receive training on Disabled Citizens.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

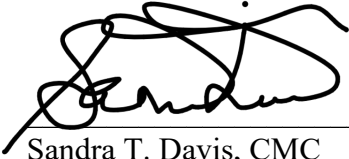
Mayor Henderson entertained a motion to go into executive session to discuss matters of personnel, litigation, and the acquisition and disposal of real estate as requested by City Attorney Fay earlier in the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Chambers and Tucker being absent for the vote and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting, and the time being 9:48 p.m.

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 10:27 p.m., at which time, Mayor Henderson announced that the Council did meet in executive session to discuss matters of personnel, litigation, and the acquisition and disposal of real estate; however, there were no votes taken.

ADD-ON RESOLUTION:

Resolution (429-24): A resolution authorizing a settlement of all claims of Alicia Wells-Lewis, an employee of Municipal Court, in EEOC Charge No. 410-2024-05682 for a total sum of \$95,000 including attorney fees. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Allen to adjourn the October 22, 2024 Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting, and the time being 10:28 p.m.



Sandra T. Davis, CMC
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