

MINUTES
COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 8, 2019

The meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia was called to order at 9:01 A.M., Tuesday, January 8, 2019, on the 2nd Floor of the Citizens Service Center, located at 3111 Citizens Way, Columbus, Georgia. Honorable B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III, Mayor, presiding.

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PRESENT: Present other than Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson and Mayor Pro Tem Evelyn Turner Pugh were Councilors R. Gary Allen (arrived at 9:04 a.m.), Jerry "Pops" Barnes, Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis, R. Walker Garrett, John M. House, Bruce Huff, Judy W. Thomas and Evelyn "Mimi" Woodson (arrived at 9:07 a.m.). City Manager Isaiah Hugley, City Attorney Clifton Fay, Deputy Clerk of Council Lindsey Glisson and Administrative Specialist Tameka Colbert were also present.

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ABSENT: No one was absent.

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INVOCATION: Offered by Reverend Roy Plummer of Faith Tabernacle Community Church.

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PLEDGE: Led by the children of Childcare Network.

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<p><u>The following document(s) were distributed around the Council table:</u> (1) PA#2: Point in Time Count Event Flyer; (2) PA#2: Project Homeless Connect 2019 Event Flyer.</p>

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MAYOR'S AGENDA

MINUTES:

MA#1: Approval of minutes for the December 4, 2018 Executive Session and December 11, 2018 Council Meeting.

ACTION:

Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh moved approval of the minutes for December 4, 2018 Executive Session. Seconded by Councilor Woodson, with no discussion or corrections suggested, the motion carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

ACTION:

Councilor Davis moved approval of the minutes for the December 11, 2018 Council Meeting. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh, with no discussion or corrections suggested, the motion carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

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ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING AGENDA

RESOLUTION(S):

OM#1: Resolution appointing the Mayor Pro Tem

A Resolution (001-19) appointing the Mayor Pro Tem for Columbus, Georgia for a term of two (2) years.

ACTION:

Councilor Allen moved adoption of the resolution, appointing Evelyn Turner Pugh as Mayor Pro Tem. Seconded by Councilor Woodson, with no discussion, the motion carried unanimously by the ten member of Council.

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OM#2: Resolution appointing the Clerk of Council

A Resolution (002-19) appointing the Clerk of Council for Columbus, Georgia for a term of two (2) years.

ACTION:

Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh moved adoption of the resolution, appointing Sandra Davis as Clerk of Council Seconded by Councilor Allen, with no discussion, the motion carried unanimously by the ten member of Council.

There was a discussion held on this item, where newly appointed Clerk of Council Sandra Davis approached the rostrum to address the Mayor and Council.

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OM#3: Resolution appointing the Deputy Clerk of Council

A Resolution (003-19) appointing the Deputy Clerk of Council for Columbus, Georgia for a term of two (2) years.

ACTION:

Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh moved adoption of the resolution, appointing Lindsey Glisson as Deputy Clerk of Council. Seconded by Councilor Huff, with no discussion, the motion carried unanimously by the ten member of Council.

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CITY ATTORNEY’S AGENDA

ORDINANCE(S):

City Attorney Fay introduced the following ordinance(s) on 2nd Reading:

CA#1: 2nd Reading –Amending Section 4-63 of the Columbus Code (Columbus Aquatics Commission)

An Ordinance (19-001) amending Section 4-63 of the Columbus Code to provide that the Columbus Aquatics Commission will meet bimonthly instead of monthly; and for other purposes.

ACTION:

Councilor Allen moved adoption of the ordinance. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh, with no discussion, the motion carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

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City Attorney Fay introduced the following ordinance(s) on 1st Reading:

CA#2: Rezoning of 5404 Moon Road (REZN-11-18-2019)

An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia; this amendment changes certain boundaries of a district located at **5404 Moon Road** (parcel # 083-025-010) from SFR2 (Single Family Residential 2) Zoning District to SFR4 (Single Family Residential 4) Zoning District.

With a representative from RE/MAX Executive Group (Applicant) being present in the audience, there was no discussion held on this item by those members of Council present.

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RESOLUTION(S):

City Attorney Fay presented the following resolution(s) for Council’s consideration:

CM#3: Special Exception for 4929 15th Avenue (EXCP-10-18-1893)

A Resolution (004-19) authorizing a special exception to operate a used auto sales in excess of 0.50 acre but less than two (2) acres located at 4929 15th Avenue.

ACTION:

Councilor Garrett moved adoption of the resolution. Seconded by Councilor Davis, and opened up for further discussion.

With Mr. Jimmy McClellan (Applicant) present in the audience, there was a discussion held on this item by those members of Council present.

VOTE:

After the discussion concluded, the motion carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

Discussion Participant(s):

- Director Rick Jones, Planning

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CA#4: Special Exception for 3978D Essex Heights Court (EXCP-11-18-2017)

A Resolution (005-19) authorizing a special exception to erect a wireless communications facility for wireless communications service on the property located at 3978D Essex Heights Court.

ACTION:

Councilor Huff moved adoption of the resolution. Seconded by Councilor Thomas, with no discussion, the motion carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

With Mr. Wright Wade (Applicant) present in the audience, there was no discussion held on this item by those members of Council present.

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REQUEST FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION:

City Attorney Fay stated that there is a need for an executive session to discuss matters of litigation and personnel.

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PUBLIC AGENDA

PA#1: Ms. Audrey Holston Palmore

Topic: Meeting Request

There was a brief discussion held on this item by Mayor Henderson and City Manager Hugley.

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PA#2: Ms. Pat Frey

Representing: Continuum of Care

Topic: Annual Homeless Point in Time Count & Job Resource Fair

Ms. Frey, accompanied by Ms. Susan Gallagher of New Horizons, addressed the Mayor and Council.

There was a brief discussion held on this item by those members of Council present.

Document(s) Provided:

- Point in Time Count Event Flyer
- Project Homeless Connect 2019 Event Flyer

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CITY MANAGER’S AGENDA

RESOLUTION(S):

City Manager Hugley explained the following resolution(s) for Council’s consideration:

CM#1: 2018 Service Delivery Strategy Renewal

A Resolution (006-19) authorizing to submit to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) the Service Delivery Update.

ACTION:

Councilor Allen moved adoption of the resolution. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh, with no discussion, the motion carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

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CM#2: Anonymous Additional Donation for Cooper Creek Pickleball Courts

A Resolution (007-19) authorizing the City to approve and accept the donation of \$60,000.00 from an anonymous donor to be used towards adding pickleball courts at Cooper Creek Tennis Center.

ACTION:

Councilor Davis moved adoption of the resolution. Seconded by Councilor Allen, with no discussion, the motion carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

Note: The electronic voting system represented Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh as abstaining from the vote in error. Her voted was stated for the record in favor of this item.

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CM#3: Georgia Trauma Commission – Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission Grant

A Resolution (008-19) authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant of \$8,644.33, or as otherwise awarded, from the Georgia Trauma Commission – Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission, with no local match requirement and to amend the multi-governmental fund by the amount awarded. Funds will be utilized for the purchase of trauma equipment to aid the citizens of Columbus and surrounding counties.

ACTION:

Councilor Allen moved adoption of the resolution. Seconded by Councilor House, with no discussion, the motion carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

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CM#4: Cellphone Tower Lease Renewal – Golden Park – 100 4th Street

A Resolution (009-19) authorizing the City Manager to renew the lease agreement with SBA Tower VI, LLC for the tower site located at 100 4th Street in Columbus, Muscogee County, Georgia.

ACTION:

Councilor Allen moved adoption of the resolution. Seconded by Councilor House, with no discussion, the motion carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

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PURCHASE RESOLUTION(S):

City Manager Hugley explained the following purchase resolution(s) for Council’s consideration:

CM#5(A): Naming Rights Consulting Services

A Resolution (010-19) authorizing the execution of a contract with Global Spectrum L.P. D/B/A Spectra (Philadelphia, PA) for a valuation study and the development of a revenue-generating naming rights program for the Columbus Civic Center and Ice Rink.

There was a lengthy discussion held on this item by those members of Council present.

ACTION:

Councilor Woodson moved adoption of the resolution. Seconded by Councilor Huff, with no discussion, the motion carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

Discussion Participant(s):

- Director Jon Dorman, Civic Center
- Director Angelica Alexander, Finance

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CM#5(B): EMT & Paramedic License Renewal Fees

A Resolution (011-19) authorizing payment to the Georgia Department of Public Health, Office of EMS & Trauma, in the amount of \$17,625.00, for annual EMT and paramedic license renewal fees.

ACTION:

Councilor Thomas moved adoption of the resolution. Seconded by Councilor Huff, with no discussion, the motion carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

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CM#5(C): Annual Subscription for GMA Cable and Telecommunications Management Services

A Resolution (012-19) authorizing payment to the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA), in the amount of \$12,000, for the annual subscription for cable and telecommunication management services. This payment will cover the period from January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019.

CM#5(D): Annual Support for Paratransit Scheduling and Routing System

A Resolution (013-19) authorizing the annual payment to RouteMatch Software (Atlanta, GA) for the basic technical software support in the amount of \$15,816.60, for the paratransit scheduling and routing system utilized by Metra. This payment covers the period from February/2019 – January/2020.

CM#5(E): Annual Membership Dues for Association County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG)

A Resolution (014-19) authorizing payment to the Association County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG) in the amount of \$17,949.25 for the annual membership dues.

CM#5(F): Automatic Announcement System for Metra

A Resolution (015-19) authorizing the purchase of two (2) automatic announcement systems from Clever Devices LTD (Woodbury, NY), in the amount of \$33,494.00 (2 @ \$16,747 each) for Metra.

CM#5(G): Security Cameras & Accessories for Metra Buses

A Resolution (016-19) authorizing the purchase of security cameras and accessories from Seon Design D/B/A Mobileview (Bellingham, WA), in the amount of \$26,030.50, for Metra.

CM#5(H): Trash Loader/Grab-All Truck Repair Services

A Resolution (017-19) authorizing the payment to Rush Truck Center (Columbus, GA), in the amount of \$22,088.33, for the repair of a 2005 Chevy (International) C8500 Trash Loader/Grab-All Truck, vehicle #6907.

CM#5(I): Industrial, Medical and Special Gases

A Resolution (018-19) authorizing the purchase of industrial, medical and special gases from Airgas, Inc., via the Georgia Statewide Contract SWC99999-001-SPD0000158 on an “as needed basis”.

CM#5(J): Contract Extension for Pursuit Card Build Out (Annual Contract)

A Resolution (019-19) authorizing the extension of the Pursuit Car Build Out Contract with Mobile Communications America, Inc., (Columbus, GA), (formally Columbus Communications, Inc., Columbus, GA) for an additional two year period.

CM#5(K): Additional Staging Equipment for the Civic Center

A Resolution (020-19) authorizing the purchase of additional staging equipment from StageRight Corporation (Claire, MI), in the amount of \$13,238.00, for the Civic Center.

CM#5(L): Mowers and Tractors

A Resolution (021-19) authorizing the purchase of three (3) commercial zero turn mowers with caster wheels for various departments at a unit price of \$6,550.00, for a total price of \$19,650.00; seven (7) commercial zero turn mowers with pneumatic tires for Park Services at a unit price of \$6,475.00, for a total price of \$45,325.00; one (1) commercial zero turn mower with bag collection unit for Community Services at a unit price of \$9,238.46; and four (4) utility tractors for Right of Way and Beautification Division at a unit price of \$18,003.00, for a total price of \$72,012.00; from SunSouth, LLC (Columbus, GA) for the grand total amount of \$146,225.46.

ACTION:

Councilor Allen made a single motion to adopt resolutions for items CM#5(C) – CM#5(L). Seconded by Councilor Woodson, with no discussion, the motion carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

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City Manager Hugley explained the following add-on purchase item for Council’s consideration:

(ADD-ON) CM#5(M):

A Resolution (022-19) authorizing the negotiation of a construction contract with Brasfield & Gorrie, LLC (Columbus, GA) for improvements at the South Commons Softball Complex.

ACTION:

Councilor Huff moved adoption of the resolution. Seconded by Councilor Allen, with no discussion, the motion carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

Ms. Merri Sherman, Sports Council Director, approached the rostrum and briefly addressed the Mayor and Council.

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REFERRAL(S):

1. A request for a discussion at the next work session on issues that have been addressed by various citizens regarding nuisances in neighborhoods and getting the property owner/landlord of these properties involved. *(Garrett)*
2. A request for an update on the Entertainment District. *(Garrett)*
3. A request for the roads near the former Gus' Drive In Restaurant, at Benning Road and Victory Drive, where there has been reports of potholes, etc. *(Woodson)*
4. A report of a large amount of trash outside of a property where an eviction took place. *(Woodson)*
 - a. Address will be provided.
5. A request for an update on a previous report made via email by Councilor Woodson, regarding a tree down. *(Woodson)*
 - a. Address not provided at the time the referral was made.
6. A request for Engineering to check on multiple accidents occurring at the intersection of Howe Avenue and Avondale Road. *(Woodson)*

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CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES, INFORMATION ONLY

Deputy Clerk of Council Glisson presented the following item(s) for informational purposes:

COC#1: Biographical Sketch –Mr. David Horiuchi

Biographical sketch of Mr. David Horiuchi, Councilor Thomas' nominee for the Personnel Review Board.

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COC#2: Memorandum regarding the Board of Zoning Appeals

Memorandum from the Deputy Clerk of Council, regarding the terms of Ms. Ann Davis, whose term expires on March 31, 2019.

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COC#3: Memorandum regarding the Building Authority of Columbus

Memorandum from the Deputy Clerk of Council, regarding the terms of Ms. Renee Sturkie, Ms. Leila Carr and Mr. Vincent Allen, whose terms expire on March 24, 2019.

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COC#4: Memorandum regarding the Civic Center Advisory Board

Memorandum from the Deputy Clerk of Council, regarding the terms of Ms. Danielle Edwards, Mr. Alton Russell, Ms. Roeaster Coles, Mr. Stan Stovall, Ms. Nicole Adderley and Ms. Olivia Pennington, whose terms expire on March 1, 2019.

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COC#5: Memorandum regarding Georgia Cities Week

Memorandum from Union City Mayor Vince Williams, Chair, Georgia Cities Week, regarding the 2019 Georgia Cities Week sponsored by the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA), for the dates of April 21-27, 2019.

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COC#6: Memorandum regarding the Historical & Architectural Review Board (BHAR)

Memorandum from Deputy Clerk of Council, regarding the terms of Ms. Cathy Williams, Mr. Robert Kidd, Ms. Mamie Pound and Mr. William Bray, whose terms will expire on January 31, 2019.

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ENCLOSURES, ACTION REQUESTED

Deputy Clerk of Council Glisson presented the following item(s) for Council’s consideration:

COC#7: Minutes of various boards

- Board of Tax Assessors, 43-18, 44-18 & 45-18
- Housing Authority of Columbus, 10/17/2018
- Take Home Car Committee, 11/28/2018

ACTION:

Councilor Allen moved to accept the minutes. Seconded by Councilor Woodson, with no discussion, the motion carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

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NON-ENCLOSURES, ACTION REQUESTED

COC#8: Board Appointment(s)

Deputy Clerk of Council Glisson explained the following board appointment(s):

A. Nomination(s)

- The following nomination(s) are being made, and will be listed for confirmation at the next meeting.

Board	Member	Nominator	Designated Position	Position formerly held by	Appointment
This nomination will be ready for confirmation at the next meeting.					
Personnel Review Board	David Horiuchi	Thomas	Regular Member	Marjorie O’Shields Watson	Council

ACTION:

Councilor Thomas nominated Mr. David Horiuchi for the Personnel Review Board.

B. Designated District Seats

- The following designated district seats are ready to receive nominations:

Board	Member	Senatorial District	Designated Position	Eligible to succeed themselves	Appointment
District 5 (Crabb)					
Recreation Advisory Board	Derrick Green	29	District 5	Resigned	Council
District 6 (Allen)					
Recreation Advisory Board	Mike Peacock	29	District 6	Resigned	Council

C. Other Available Positions

- The following seats are ready to receive nominations:

Board	Member	Senatorial District	Designated Position	Eligible to succeed themselves	Appointment
Animal Control Advisory Board	Carla Anthony	29	n/a	Eligible	Council
	Dr. Keri Riddick	n/a	Veterinary Association	NE	Council <i>Note: Waiting to hear back from the association.</i>
	Sara Rowe	15	n/a	Eligible	Council

CIRCLE Commission	Dr. Rabia Subhani-Siddique	29	n/a	Not Interested	Council
	Tatsiana Savashynskaya	29	n/a	Resigned	Council
Uptown Façade Board	Doug Jefcoat	29	Uptown Business Association	NE	Council

ACTION:

Councilor Thomas nominated Ms. Carla Anthony to succeed herself on the Animal Control Advisory Board. Deputy Clerk of Council Glisson explained this nomination would be listed on the next agenda for confirmation.

REFERRAL(S):

1. A request for Deputy Clerk of Council to check on the residency of Ms. Sara Rowe, who serves on the Animal Control Advisory Board. *(Thomas)*

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EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Henderson entertained a motion to enter into Executive Session, as requested by the City Attorney earlier in the meeting to discuss matters of litigation and personnel.

ACTION:

Councilor Woodson moved to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Councilor Allen, with no discussion, the motion carried unanimously by the ten members of Council, with the time being 10:05 a.m.

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The meeting reconvened after the Executive Session, with the time being 10:55 a.m.

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City Attorney Fay explained the following add-on resolution for Council’s consideration:

ADD-ON: Tredis Stanley Settlement

A Resolution **(023-19)** whereas, Claimant Tredis Stanley has filed a claim for damages based on an injury sustained on October 9, 2015.

ACTION:

Councilor Allen moved adoption of the resolution. Seconded by Councilor Barnes, with no discussion, the motion carried unanimously by those nine members of Council present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote.

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At this point in the meeting, Councilor Huff gave details on the funeral arrangements for the late Lieutenant Charles Stevens.

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With there being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Henderson then entertained a motion for adjournment, which Councilor Allen so moved. Seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by those nine members of Council present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote, and the time being 10:57 a.m.



Lindsey Glisson
Deputy Clerk of Council
The Council of Columbus, Georgia