

COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council Chambers
Second Floor of City Services Center
311 Citizens Way, Columbus, GA 31906

March 12, 2019
9:00 a.m.
Regular Meeting

PRESENT: Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III and Mayor Pro Tem Evelyn Turner Pugh and Councilors R. Gary Allen, Jerry "Pops" Barnes (arrived at 9:32 a.m.), Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis (arrived at 9:09 a.m.), R. Walker Garrett (arrived at 9:03 a.m.), John M. House, Bruce Huff, Judy W. Thomas and Evelyn "Mimi" Woodson (arrived at 9:12 a.m.). City Manager Isaiah Hugley, City Attorney Clifton Fay, Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis and Deputy Clerk of Council Lindsey Glisson.

The following documents were distributed around the Council table: (1) Columbus-Fort Benning Public/Private/Partnership (P-4) Presentation; (2) Creative South Event Information; (3) Fight Against Blight Presentation; (4) Request For Proposal (RFP) Process Presentation.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson, Presiding.
2. **INVOCATION:** Reverend Grace Burton Edwards- St. Thomas Episcopal Church.
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by students from Brewer Elementary School.
4. **MINUTES:** Approval of minutes for the February 26, 2019 Council Meeting and February 12, 2019 Executive Session. Councilor Allen made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes, Davis and Woodson being absent for the vote.

REFERRALS:

A resolution recognizing all organizations that helped with the aftermath of the recent tornado. *(Request of Councilor Davis)*

A resolution recognizing both the girls and boys Carver High School Basketball Teams. *(Request of Councilors Crabb and Huff)*

5. **PRESENTATION:** Report of the Investigation of the Bid Process for Towing Service- John Redmond, Internal Auditor

REFERRALS:

Meeting request to gain a better understanding of the BID process. *(Request of Councilor Huff)*

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA:

ORDINANCES:

(1) **1st Reading - REZN-12-18-2159:** An ordinance rezoning property located at 2870 Christine Road. The current zoning is SFR2 (Single Family Residential 2) zoning district. The proposed zoning is SFR3 (Single Family Residential 3). The proposed use is houses. The Planning Advisory

Commission and the Planning Department recommend **approval**. The applicant is Ashwini Jain. (Councilor Barnes)

Mr. Ashwini Jain-Applicant was not present to speak on the proposed rezoning; therefore, the public hearing was continued until the next meeting.

(2) 1st Reading - REZN-01-19-0045: An ordinance rezoning property located at 820 5th Avenue. The current zoning is GC (General Commercial) zoning district. The proposed zoning is RMF1 (Residential Multifamily 1). The proposed use is car port. The Planning Advisory Commission and the Planning Department recommend **approval**. The applicant is Katrina Chester. (Councilor Woodson)

Ms. Katrina Chester-Applicant was not present to speak on the proposed rezoning; therefore, the public hearing was continued until the next meeting.

(3) 1st Reading - REZN-01-19-0016: An ordinance rezoning property located at 4620 Warm Springs Road. The current zoning is NC (Neighborhood Commercial) zoning district. The proposed zoning is GC (General Commercial). The proposed use is building & construction trade. The Planning Advisory Commission and the Planning Department recommend **approval**. The applicant is Donna Blankenship. (Councilor Crabb)

Ms. Donna Blankenship-Applicant was present to speak on the proposed rezoning.

(4) 1st Reading - REZN-01-19-0155: An ordinance to amend the text of the Unified Development Ordinance in regards to Table 3.1.1. Microbreweries and Microdistilleries, and Chapter 13 (definitions). The Planning Advisory Commission and the Planning Department recommend **approval**. (Councilor Garrett)

(6) 1st Reading - An ordinance amending Chapter 3 of the Columbus Code to provide for Alcoholic Beverage Licensing of Microbreweries and Microdistilleries. (Companion to Item 4) (Councilor Garrett)

Mr. Brian Sillitto (Chamber of Commerce) and Director Rick Jones (Planning) came forward to speak on the text amendment to the UDO.

Mr. Michael Denehy was present to speak on the amendment.

(5) 1st Reading - REZN-11-18-2155: An ordinance amending the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) for Columbus, Georgia so as to amend Article 6 of Charter 4 the Unified Development Ordinance of the Columbus, Georgia pertaining to Tree Preservation and Replacement to add a new paragraph F to Section 4.6.12 and add new definitions to Section 13.1.1 of the UDO; and for other purposes. The Planning Advisory Commission and the Planning Department recommend **approval**. (Mayor Pro-Tem Pugh)

PUBLIC AGENDA:

{Public Comments were provided by the individuals listed below; unless otherwise stated.}

1. Ms. Avis "Momma Love" Lewis, Re: Bullying in Columbus Senior Centers.
2. Mr. Keith Mitchell, Re: Prison Re-Entry Program.
3. Mr. Robert E. Nerkowski, Re: A request to amend Code Section 20-16.11 to increase the number of days allowed before paying a parking ticket. ***Not present.***
4. Mr. Mike P. Jones, Re: 13th Street Bridge closure for 2019 Creative South fireworks display on April 11, 2019 from 7:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh made a motion to express support of the Creative South fireworks display, seconded by Councilor Woodson. There was an inconclusive vote for action of five to four with Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh and Councilors Crabb, Garrett, Thomas and Woodson voting to approve and Councilors Allen, Barnes, Davis and House voting in opposition with Councilor Huff being absent for the vote.

5. Ms. Audrey Holston Palmore, Re: To gain insight to the Risk Management Program Division and to offer a report on the meetings of February 12, 2019 and February 14, 2019.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA:

I. FY2020 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:

Resolution (067-19): A resolution whereas, all holidays are established with the exception of the floating holiday; and, whereas, the floating holiday is hereby recommended for Thursday, December 26, 2019. Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Allen. Vote unanimous by the ten members.

Approval is requested to approve the FY2020 Holiday Schedule for the FY2020 Budget Year. It is recommended that Thursday, December 26, 2019 be designated as the floating holiday.

II. STREET ACCEPTANCE - THAT PORTION OF WOODVILLE COURT LOCATED IN WHITESVILLE WALK:

Resolution (068-19): A resolution authorizing the acceptance of a deed to that portion of Woodville Court located in Whitesville Walk shown on replat of lot 15 block "C" fourth addition to Whitesville Walk on behalf of Columbus, Georgia. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Allen. Vote unanimous by the ten members.

Approval is requested for the acceptance of that portion of Woodville Court located in Whitesville Walk shown on Replat of Lot 15 Block "C" Fourth Addition to Whitesville Walk. The Department of Engineering has inspected these streets and recommends the acceptance.

III. FAMILY DRUG COURT GRANT:

Resolution (069-19): A resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit an application to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for a grant to fund the Muscogee County Family Drug Court in an amount up to \$300,000 and if awarded, amended the multi-governmental fund by the amount of the grant award. There is a 10% local match requirement and the grant period is from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor House. Vote unanimous by the ten members.

Approval is requested to submit a grant application and if awarded, accept funds from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for the operation of the Muscogee County Family Drug Court up to \$300,000.00, or as otherwise awarded, and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the grant award. The grant period is from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. The City is required to provide a 10% cash match to participate in this grant program which is available through public defender and guardian ad litem allocations in the Juvenile Court departmental budget. The Muscogee County Juvenile Court is requesting funds for personnel, treatment and operations for the Muscogee County Family Drug Court.

IV. JUVENILE DRUG COURT GRANT:

Resolution (070-19): A resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit an application to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for a grant to fund the Muscogee County Juvenile Drug Court in an amount up to \$300,000 and if awarded, amended the multi-governmental fund by the amount of the grant award. There is a 10% local match requirement and the grant period is from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Woodson. Vote unanimous by the ten members.

Approval is requested to submit a grant application and if awarded, accept funds from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for the operation of the Muscogee County Juvenile Drug Court up to \$300,000.00, or as otherwise awarded, and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the grant award. The grant period is from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. The City is required to provide a 10% cash match to participate in this grant program which is available through case manager salary allocations in the Juvenile Court departmental budget. The Muscogee County Juvenile Court is requesting funds for personnel, treatment and operations for the Muscogee County Juvenile Drug Court.

V. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING - GEORGIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT:

Resolution (071-19): A resolution authorizing the Mayor's signature on an agreement between the Georgia Emergency Management Agency and the Columbus Consolidated Government. Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor House. Vote unanimous by the ten members.

Approval is requested to enter into an agreement with Georgia Emergency Management/Homeland Security Agency regarding a Memorandum of Understanding which is now required in order to apply for grants requesting emergency equipment and other items for the Columbus-Muscogee County area.

VI. PURCHASES:

A. Inmate Cargo Van

Resolution (072-19): A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) inmate cargo van from Hardy Chevrolet Buick GMC, Inc. (Dallas, GA) for the unit price of \$30,208.80. Councilor Allen made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Woodson. Vote unanimous by the ten members.

B. Service Truck (4x2 - 3/4 ton)

Resolution (073-19): A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) service truck (4X2 – ¾ ton) from Wade Ford (Smyrna, GA) for the unit price of \$28,451. Councilor Allen made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Woodson. Vote unanimous by the ten members.

C. Animal Control Truck

Resolution (074-19): A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) animal control truck cab and chassis from Wade Ford (Smyrna, GA) for the unit price of \$24, 087, and one (1) animal control truck body from Jackson Creek Manufacturing, Inc. (Denton, NC) for the unit price of \$28,490, for a total unit price of \$52,577. Councilor Allen made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Woodson. Vote unanimous by the ten members.

D. Electric Motor Repair Service (Annual Contract)

Resolution (075-19): A authorizing the annual contract for electric motor repair services with Southern Industrial Sales and Services (Columbus, Ga). The Facilities Maintenance Division budgets approximately \$40,000, per fiscal year, for electric motor repair services. Councilor Allen made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Woodson. Vote unanimous by the ten members.

E. Hot Asphalt & General Road Repair Services (Annual Contract)

Resolution (076-19): A resolution authorizing the annual contract to purchase hot asphalt & general road repair services on an "as needed" basis from Robinson Paving Company (Columbus, GA). Public Works and Engineering Departments budgets approximately \$318,733.51, per fiscal year, for street repairs. Councilor Allen made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Woodson. Vote unanimous by the ten members.

F. Swim Gear (Annual Contract)

Resolution (077-19): A resolution authorizing an annual contract to purchase various types of swim gear, from the Lifeguard Store, Inc. (Normal, IL), for the estimated annual contract value of \$26,605.25. Councilor Allen made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Woodson. Vote unanimous by the ten members.

G. Folding Chairs with Storage Carts for the Civic Center

Resolution (078-19): A resolution authorizing the purchase of four hundred (400) blue clarin folding chairs and two (2) hanging chair storage carts from Clarin/Hussey Seating (N. Berwick, ME) in the amount \$33,365.06. Councilor Allen made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Woodson. Vote unanimous by the ten members.

H. Repair Services for Hydraulic Loader

Resolution (079-19): A resolution authorizing the payment to Cummins Power South/Cummins Sales & Service (Atlanta, GA), in the amount of \$20,383.27, for the repair of a 2014 hydraulic loader, vehicle #19007. Councilor Allen made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Woodson. Vote unanimous by the ten members.

I. Repair Services for New Flyer 35ft Low Floor Bus

Resolution (080-19): A resolution authorizing the repair of a new flyer 35ft low floor bus to be performed by G&P Heavy Truck Bodywork (Columbus, GA) for the estimated amount of \$12,214. Councilor Allen made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Woodson. Vote unanimous by the ten members.

J. Repair Services for Gillig 35ft Low Floor Bus

Resolution (081-19): A resolution authorizing the repair of a Gillig 35ft low floor bus to be performed by Cummins Sales & Service/Cummins Power South (Albany, GA) for the estimated amount of \$14,283.39. Councilor Allen made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Woodson. Vote unanimous by the ten members.

VII. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS: (THE UPDATES WERE PRESENTED IN THE ORDER AS NUMMERICALLY INDICATED BELOW.)

- 1) Military Affairs Update - Gary Jones, Executive Vice President Military Affairs - Columbus Georgia Chamber of Commerce
- 2) Coroner's Update - Buddy Bryan, Muscogee County Coroner

Councilor Davis made a motion to add \$7,000 to the Coroner's FY19 Budget for vehicle repair costs, seconded by Councilor Huff. Vote carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor House being absent for the vote.

-- Critical Vacancies - Reather Hollowell, Human Resources Director (**Delayed**)

- 3) Procurement Process Update - Angelica Alexander, Finance Director
- 4) Demolition Update - John Hudgison, Inspections and Codes Director

REFERRALS:

Information on the legal restrictions of local governments regarding property owners who do not respond to the Inspections & Code Department when notification has been sent or a citation has been issued. (**Request of Councilor Woodson**)

**Bid Advertisements
(Schedule opening bid dates)**

March 13, 2019

1. **Custodial Supplies (Annual Contract) - RFB No. 19-0039**

Scope of Bid

Provide cleaning supplies to be utilized by various departments of the Columbus Consolidated Government on an “as needed basis”.

March 20, 2019

2. **7-YD Dump Truck – RFB No. 19-0033**

Scope of Bid

Provide one (1) 7-YD Dump Truck to be used by the Public Services Rainwater Division to transport rocks, gravel and debris removal to and from job sites throughout Muscogee County.

2. **Eductor Truck – RFB No. 19-0038**

Scope of Bid

Provide one (1) Eductor Truck to be used by the Public Services Rainwater Division to clean storm water pipes and inlets throughout Muscogee County.

April 3, 2019

1. **Mental Health Services for Muscogee County Jail (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 19-0017**

Scope of RFP

It is the intent of the Columbus Consolidated Government (the city) to enter into an annual contract with a qualified vendor to provide comprehensive mental health services to those patients incarcerated within the Muscogee County Jail, that meet or exceed the requirements of the 8th amendment of the United States Constitution and are commensurate with the services accessible within our community.

CLERK OF COUNCIL’S AGENDA:

ENCLOSURES, INFORMATION ONLY:

1. Memorandum from Karen Smith, Re: Appointments to the Medical Center Hospital Authority Board of Trustees for two positions open for nominations.

ENCLOSURES, ACTION REQUESTED:

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

Board of Elections and Registrations, November 13, 2018 and December 10, 2018.

Board of Elections and Registrations, February 7, 2019.

Board of Tax Assessors, #06-19.

Golf Authority, January 22, 2019.

Housing Authority, January 23, 2019.

Planning Advisory Commission, January 16, 2019 and February 6, 2019.

Take Home Car Committee, February 19, 2019.

Councilor Allen made a motion to receive the minutes, seconded by Councilor Woodson. Vote unanimous by nine members, with Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh being absent for the vote.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS- ACTION REQUESTED:

3. **MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS TO BE CONFIRMED:**

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:

Appointment of Tricia Llewellyn to serve another term on the Community Development Advisory Council for the term expiring on March 27, 2019.

Councilor Woodson moved confirmation of Tricia Llewellyn, seconded by Councilor Allen and carried unanimously by those nine members present with Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh being absent for the vote.

4. **COUNCIL'S APPOINTMENTS TO BE CONFIRMED:**

ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD:

Appointment of Carol Bassett to succeed Sara Rowe (*No Longer a Resident*) on the Animal Control Advisory Board for the term expired on October 15, 2018. (*Councilor Davis' nominee*)

Councilor Allen moved confirmation of Tricia Llewellyn, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by those nine members present with Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh being absent for the vote.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS:

Appointment of Charles Smith to succeed Ann Davis (*Not Eligible to succeed herself*) on the Board of Zoning Appeals for the term expiring on March 31, 2019. (*Councilor Huff's nominee*)

Councilor Allen moved confirmation of Tricia Llewellyn, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by those nine members present with Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh being absent for the vote.

BUILDING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:

Appointments of Leila Carr and Vincent Allen to serve another term on the Building Authority of Columbus for the terms expiring on March 24, 2019. (*Councilor Woodson's nominees*)

Councilor Allen moved confirmation of Vincent Allen and Leila Carr, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by those nine members present with Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh being absent for the vote.

COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND CULTURAL LIAISON ENCOUNTERS (CIRCLE):

Appointment of John Jackson to serve another term on the Commission on International Relations and Cultural Liaison Encounters (CIRCLE) for the term expiring on March 1, 2019. (*Councilor Woodson's nominee*)

Councilor Allen moved confirmation of John Jackson, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by those nine members present with Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh being absent for the vote.

Clerk of Council Davis advised that Councilor Huff has withdrawn the nomination of Patricia Butler and is nominating Mary Jean Quiller to succeed Erica Earl on the Commission on International Relations and Cultural Liaison Encounters (CIRCLE) for the term expiring on March 1, 2019. This nomination would be listed for the next agenda for confirmation.

PERSONNEL REVIEW BOARD:

Appointment of Willie Butler to succeed Marjorie O'Shields Watson (*resigned*) on the Personnel Review Board for the term expiring on December 31, 2019. (*Councilor Huff's nominee*)

Councilor Allen moved confirmation of Willie Butler, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by those nine members present with Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh being absent for the vote.

PLANNING ADVISORY COMMISSION:

Appointment of Ralph King to serve another term on the Planning Advisory Commission for the term expiring on March 31, 2019. (*Councilor Allen's nominee*)

Councilor Allen moved confirmation of Ralph King, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by those nine members present with Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh being absent for the vote.

The following two nominations would be listed for the next agenda for a vote tabulation:

Nomination of Larry Derby to succeed Kathleen Mason on the Planning Advisory Commission for the term expiring on March 31, 2019. (*Councilor Garrett's nominee*)

Nomination of Will Burgin to succeed Kathleen Mason on the Planning Advisory Commission for the term expiring on March 31, 2019. (*Councilor Davis' nominee*)

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

CIVIC CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:

Councilor Davis nominated Spencer Cantrell to succeed Alton Russell on the Civic Center Advisory Board for the term expiring on March 1, 2019.

Councilor Woodson moved confirmation of Spencer Cantrell, seconded by Councilor Allen and carried unanimously by those nine members present with Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh being absent for the vote.

The following two boards are open for nominations from the respective District Councilor:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:

A Nominee for the seat of Chuck Enfinger on the Community Development Advisory Council for the term expiring on March 27, 2020. (*District 6- Councilor Allen's nomination*) There were none.

RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD:

A Nominee for the seat of Mike Peacock (*vacant*) on the Recreation Advisory Board for the term expiring on March 27, 2020. (*District 6- Councilor Allen's nomination*) There were none.

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

GOLF AUTHORITY:

Nomination of Richard Mahone to succeed John D. Allen (*resigned*) on the Golf Authority for the term expiring on June 30, 2020. (*Councilor Huff's nominee*)

The following two nominations would be listed for the next agenda for a vote tabulation:

Nomination of James B. Houston, Jr. to succeed Sam Warren (*resigned*) on the Golf Authority for the term expiring on June 30, 2020. (*Councilor Allen's nominee*)

Nomination of Lloyd W. French to succeed Sam Warren (*resigned*) on the Golf Authority for the term expiring on June 30, 2020. (*Councilor Crabb's nominee*)

PLANNING ADVISORY COMMISSION:

Nomination of Dr. Xavier McCaskey to succeed Edward Kinner (*Not Eligible to succeed himself*) on the Planning Advisory Commission for the term expiring on March 31, 2019. (*Councilor Barnes' nominee*)

7. **COUNCIL'S NOMINATIONS- ANY NOMINATIONS WOULD BE FORWARDED TO THE MEDICAL CENTER HOSPITAL AUTHORITY:**

MEDICAL CENTER HOSPITAL AUTHORITY:

Nominations of **T. Fredrick McKnight- SD-15, Murray Solomon- SD-29 and Tracy L. Sayers- SD-29** to succeed C. Robert Koon (*Not interested in serving another term*) on the Medical Center Hospital Authority for the term expired on December 31, 2018. (*Councilor Thomas' nominees*)

Nominations of **Carole Rutland- SD-29, Murray Solomon- SD-29 and Tracy L. Sayers- SD-29** to succeed Meridith Jarrell (*Passed Away*) on the Medical Center Hospital Authority for the term expired on December 31, 2018. (*Councilor Thomas' nominees*)

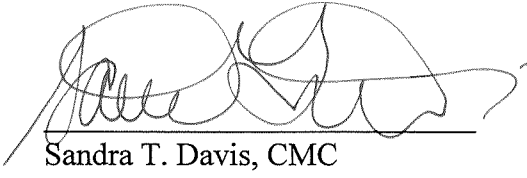
Councilor Thomas made a motion to send these nominations to the Medical Center Hospital Authority, seconded by Councilor Allen and carried unanimously by those nine members present with Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh being absent for the vote.

Mayor Henderson called attention to the fact that there are currently no Senatorial District 15 members on this board.

UPCOMING BOARD APPOINTMENTS: Clerk of Council Davis announced the following boards that would be listed for the next meeting and are provided as follows:

- ~ Deferred Compensation Board
- ~ Employee Benefits Committee

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Councilor Garrett to adjourn the March 12, 2019 Regular Meeting, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by nine members present, with the time being 1:19 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sandra T. Davis', written over a horizontal line.

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