

COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council Chambers
Second Floor of City Services Center
3111 Citizens Way, Columbus, GA 31906

April 30, 2019
9:00 AM
Consent Agenda/Work Session

CONSENT AGENDA/WORK SESSION

PRESENT: Mayor B. H. “Skip” Henderson, III and Mayor Pro Tem Evelyn Turner Pugh and Councilors R. Gary Allen, Jerry “Pops” Barnes, Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis, John M. House, Judy W. Thomas and Evelyn “Mimi” Woodson (arrived 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.

ABSENT: Councilors R. Walker Garrett and Bruce Huff.

The following documents were distributed around the Council table: (1) Georgia Healthy Cities Presentation; (2) Wireless Broadband, Small Cells and 5G Presentation; (3) Small Cell Sites Map; (4) Streamlining Wireless Facilities and Antennas Act Fact Sheet; (5) Streamlining Wireless Facilities and Antennas Act Presentation; (6) Clerk of Council’s Office Presentation.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor B. H. “Skip” Henderson, III, Presiding.
2. **INVOCATION:** Pastor Johnny H. Flakes, III- Fourth Street Missionary Baptist Church.
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by students from Rigdon Road Elementary School.
4. **MINUTES:** Approval of minutes for the April 23, 2019 Council Meeting. Councilor Allen made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the vote, and Councilors Garrett and Huff being absent for the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA:

ORDINANCES:

(1) 2nd Reading - REZN-02-19-0274 - Ordinance (19-024): An Ordinance rezoning property located at 5381 Veterans Parkway. The current zoning is NC (Neighborhood Commercial). The proposed zoning is GC (General Commercial). The proposed use is Tattoo Parlor. The Planning Advisory Commission and the Planning Department recommend **Approval**. The applicant is Michael Wright. (Councilor Garrett) Councilor Thomas made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the vote, and Councilors Garrett and Huff being absent for the meeting.

RESOLUTION:

(2) Add-On - Resolution (117-19): A resolution whereas, Muscogee County Marshal’s Office employee Alicia Davenport filed claims in District Court Case No. 4:14-CV-275-CDL against the Muscogee County Marshal’s Office and Columbus Consolidated Government (“the City”) alleging retaliation. Councilor Allen made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor Thomas and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the vote, and Councilors Garrett and Huff being absent for the meeting.

WORK SESSION AGENDA:

(THE PRESENTATIONS AND UPDATES WERE PRESENTED IN THE ORDER AS NUMERICALLY INDICATED BELOW.)

- 1) Georgia Healthy Cities Presentation - Bernita Smith, Director of Neighborhood Nexus

Ms. Carolina Rodriguez, Real Estate Specialist (Community Reinvestment) introduced members of the Atlanta Regional Commission and Neighborhood Nexus, to include the presenter.

Director Bernita Smith (Neighborhood Nexus) came forward to give a presentation on Georgia Healthy Cities.

- 2) Georgia's 2019 Legislative Session Update - Rep. Calvin Smyre, Georgia House Representative

Mayor Henderson introduced members of the Local Delegation who were present for this update, Representative Calvin Smyre, Representative Carolyn Hugley and Senator Randy Robertson.

Representative Calvin Smyre began by also recognizing that Representative Richard Smith was present but had to leave due to a meeting in Atlanta. He then gave an update on the 2019 Legislative Session.

REFERRAL(S):

Look at utilizing some of the property inventory of the Land Bank Authority as community gardens. *(Request of Councilor Crabb)*

Requests that Columbus Day at the Capital not be held on a Tuesday, due to Council Meetings. *(Request of Councilor Allen)*

Request for Representative Smyre to meet with members of Council regarding the personal care home mandate. *(Request of Councilor Allen)*

- 3) AT&T Small Cells - Rich Johnson, Director of External Affairs

Director Rick Jones (Planning) came forward to introduce presenters of this update.

Director Rich Johnson (AT&T- External Affairs) came forward to give a presentation on small cells.

Director Rick Jones (Planning) and Director Donna Newman (Engineering) came forward to explain future plans for small cell sites in the community.

- 4) Development Authority Update - Russ Carreker, Development Authority Chairman

Chairman Russ Carreker (Development Authority) came forward to give an update on the various economic development projects the Development Authority is working on in the community.

- 5) Columbus Visitors Bureau Quarterly Update - Peter Bowden, President/CEO

Director Peter Bowden (CVB) came forward to give a quarterly update on the efforts of the Columbus Visitors Bureau in the City of Columbus.

6) Records Management Update - Sandra Davis, Clerk of Council

Clerk of Council Sandra Davis came forward to give an update on records management.

7) Discussion on National Night Out - Requested by City Councilor Judy Thomas

Councilor Judy Thomas explained the timing of the National Night Out conflicts with a proclamation/resolution session, making it difficult for Councilors to attend.

REFERRAL(S):

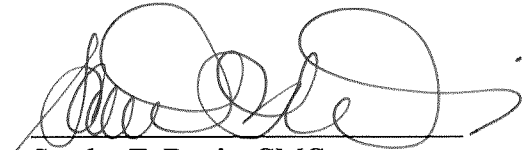
City Manager's staff to look at options available to solve this issue. (*Request of Councilor Thomas*)

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At the request of the City Attorney, Mayor Henderson entertained a motion to go into executive session to discuss matters of litigation and property acquisition. Motion made by Councilor Thomas, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Garrett and Huff being absent for the meeting, and the time being 12:15 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 12:51 p.m. Mayor Henderson announced that the Council did meet in executive session; however, no votes were taken.

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Councilor Woodson to adjourn the April 30, 2019 Consent Agenda/Work Session, seconded by Councilor Thomas and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh and Councilor Crabb being absent for the vote, Councilors Garrett and Huff being absent for the meeting, and the time being 12:20 p.m.



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