

# COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

## CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

May 28, 2019  
9:00 AM  
Regular Meeting

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### MAYOR'S AGENDA

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**PRESENT:** Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III, Mayor Pro Tem Evelyn Turner Pugh, and Councilors Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis (arrived at 9:05 a.m.), R. Walker Garrett, John M. House, Bruce Huff, Judy W. Thomas and Evelyn "Mimi" Woodson. City Manager Isaiah Hugley, City Attorney Clifton Fay, Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis and Deputy Clerk of Council Lindsey Glisson.

**ABSENT:** Councilors R. Gary Allen and Jerry "Pops" Barnes.

**The following documents were distributed around the Council table:** (1) Muscogee County Health Rankings/Community Health Assessment; (2) FY2019 – April 2019 Monthly Finance Snapshot; (3) FY2020 Budget Ordinance Salary Savings Language; (4) Columbus Parks & Recreation Dept. Budget Request Update Presentation; (5) House Bill 346; (6) Property Maintenance & Special Enforcement Updates Presentation; (7) Facilities Report Card Presentation;

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson, Presiding.
2. **INVOCATION:** City Manager Isaiah Hugley.
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Northside Baptist Church- AWANA.
4. **MINUTES:** Approval of minutes for the May 21, 2019 Special Called Meeting and May 14, 2019 Executive Session. Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Allen and Barnes being absent for the meeting.

### CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

#### **ORDINANCES:**

(1) **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading - REZN-03-19-0359 – Ordinance (19-025):** An ordinance rezoning property located at 6890 River Road. The current zoning is RO (Residential Office) with conditions. The proposed zoning is RO (Residential Office) with amended conditions. The proposed use is residential condominiums. The Planning Advisory Commission and the Planning Department recommend **approval**. The applicant is George Mize. (Councilor Davis) Councilor House made a motion to adopt, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Allen and Barnes being absent for the meeting.

(2) **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading - REZN-01-19-0007 – Ordinance (19-026):** An ordinance to amend the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) in regards to Section 3.1.1 - Health & Fitness Facility. The Planning Advisory Commission and the Planning Department recommend **approval**. (Councilor Woodson) Councilor Woodson made a motion to adopt, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried by a six-to-two vote, with Councilors House and Thomas voting no, and Councilors Allen and Barnes being absent for the meeting.

## RESOLUTIONS:

**(3) (EXCP-12-18-2251):** A resolution authorizing a special exception to allow operation of a boarding house at 3019 North Lumpkin Road. The house is located within the RMF1 (Residential Multifamily 1) zoning district and requires a special exception. The Planning Advisory Commission and the Planning Department recommend **approval**. The applicant is Charles Wright. (Delayed from March 26, 2019) (Councilor Huff) Councilor Huff made a motion to deny the special exception, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Allen and Barnes being absent for the meeting.

## PUBLIC AGENDA:

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

1. Mr. Christopher Wilkes, representing Art of Yoga, LLC, Re: A request for an extension to continue operating his business in the Historic District.

Councilor Thomas made a motion to suspend any action or enforcement of the citation given to Mr. Wilkes until he is able to apply for the necessary permits for health and fitness facilities, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote, and Councilor Allen and Barnes being absent for the meeting.

2. Ms. Audrey Holston Palmore, Re: Some concerns regarding acts of the Public Safety and Parks and Recreation Department. **No Action Taken.**

## CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA:

### **I. PURCHASES:**

Approval is requested of items "A" to "F":

- A. On-Call General Contractor Services (Annual Contract)

**Resolution (137-19):** A resolution authorizing the execution of an annual contract with Corporate Vision, Inc. (Douglasville, GA), Freeman & Associates, Inc. (Columbus, GA), Graddy Construction, Inc. (Columbus, GA), Prime Contractors, Inc. (Powder Springs, GA) and Principal Construction (Columbus, GA) for general contracting services on an as-needed basis. The contractors will submit quotes to the Engineering Department for each project that arises during the course of the contract. Councilor Woodson moved approval, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Allen and Barnes being absent for the meeting.

- B. Utility Tractors (Re-Bid)

**Resolution (138-19):** A resolution authorizing the purchase of three (3) utility tractors (John Deere 5055E 2WD) from Deere & Company (Cary, NC), Delivering Dealer Sunsouth, LLC (Columbus, GA), via Georgia State Contract #99999-001-SPD0000102. The unit price for each tractor is \$19,691.81, plus \$1,100.00 per unit for Powergard Protection Plan, equaling a total of \$20,791.91 per unit, for a grand total price of \$62,375.43. Councilor Woodson moved approval, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Allen and Barnes being absent for the meeting.

- C. Eductor Truck - Sourcewell Contract (Formerly National Joint Powers Alliance)

**Resolution (139-19):** A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) Eductor Truck (Vac-Con V312HE/1000 Combo Sewer Cleaner with Ford Gas Aux Engine 10 cyl.) from Atlantic Machinery, Inc. (Silver Springs, MD), via Sourcewell Cooperative Contract #122017-AMI, formerly National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA), for the amount of \$353,983.00. Councilor Woodson moved approval, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Allen and Barnes being absent for the meeting.

D. GPS Offender Monitoring Services for the Sheriff's Office

**Resolution (140-19):** A resolution authorizing payment to Buddi, US, LLC (Palm Harbor, FL), in the amount of \$13,364.00, for GPS Offender Monitoring Services for the Sheriff's Office. Councilor Woodson moved approval, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Allen and Barnes being absent for the meeting.

E. Position Analysis Services

**Resolution (141-19):** A resolution authorizing payment to Columbus State University, in the amount of \$15,750.00, for providing position analysis services. Councilor Woodson moved approval, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Allen and Barnes being absent for the meeting.

F. Computers for Sheriff's Office Pursuit Vehicles

**Resolution (142-19):** A resolution authorizing the purchase of computers for the Sheriff's Office from Motorola Solutions, Inc. (Atlanta, GA) in the amount of \$65,275.00 (25 units @ \$2,611.00 each), via Georgia Statewide Contract #980-280008. Councilor Woodson moved approval, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Allen and Barnes being absent for the meeting.

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

- 1) County Health Rankings and Community Health Assessment - Asante' Hilts, DrPH, MPH, District Program Manager, West Central Health District.

**Dr. Asante' Hilts** approached the rostrum to give information on how Muscogee County ranked in the County Health Rankings and Community Health Assessment.

**REFERRAL(S):**

- Request of a quarterly update from the Health Department and for invites to be sent to the Councilors for events. *(Request of Councilor Huff)*

- 2) Monthly Finance Update - Angelica Alexander, Finance Director.

**Director Angelica Alexander** approached the rostrum to give the monthly finance update.

- 3) Muscogee County Public Defender/Recorder's Court FY19 Update - Angelica Alexander, Finance Director

**Director Angelica Alexander** approached the rostrum to request \$24,000 for Conflict Attorney Fees needed by Recorder's Court.

Councilor Davis made a motion to authorize the additional \$24,000 needed for Conflict Attorney Fees for Recorder's Court, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Allen and Barnes being absent for the meeting.

- 4) Parks and Recreation Update on Urgent Capital Needs - Holli Browder, Parks and Recreation Director

**Director Holli Browder** approached the rostrum to give an update on the urgent capital needs of the Parks and Recreation Department.

Councilor Woodson made a motion to add \$250,000 to the Parks and Recreation Department for various needs, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the seven members

present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote, and Councilor Allen and Barnes being absent for the meeting.

**REFERRAL(S):**

- Carpet leading to the Community Room to be either cleaned or replaced. (*Request of Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh*)
  
- 5) Inspection and Codes/Property Maintenance/Special Enforcement Updates - John Hudgison, Inspections and Codes Director.

**Director John Hudgison** approached the rostrum to give an update on the Inspection and Codes Department, property maintenance and special enforcement.

**REFERRAL(S):**

- Talk to Judges about issuing more severe charges for property owners who leave junk vehicles parked on their properties. (*Request of Councilor Woodson*)
  
- 6) Facilities Report Card Update - Pat Biegler, Public Works Director.

**Director Pat Biegler** approached the rostrum to give an update on the condition of various city-owned facilities.

**REFERRAL(S):**

- Update on the plan for the tank farm by the Riverwalk. (*Request of Councilor Thomas*)
- Check for snakes under the Brown Avenue Bridge. (*Request of Councilor Huff*)

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

**May 31, 2019**

1. **Traffic Incident Management Services & Towing Services (Re-Bid) (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 19-0022**

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government invites qualified vendors to submit proposals to provide Traffic Incident Management Services (TIMS) for Public Safety Departments (**Option 1**) and Towing Services for City-owned vehicles (**Option 2**). The services will be procured on an as-needed basis. **Vendors may submit proposals for one or both options.**

**CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA**

**ENCLOSURES, ACTION REQUESTED:**

1. **RESOLUTION:** Excusing Mayor Pro Tem Evelyn Turner Pugh from the May 14, 2019 Council Meeting.

**Resolution (143-19):** A resolution excusing Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh's absence. Councilor Thomas moved approval, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilors Allen and Barnes being absent for the meeting.

2. **RESOLUTION:** Excusing Councilor Evelyn "Mimi" Woodson from the May 21, 2019 Special Called Meeting.

**Resolution (144-19):** A resolution excusing Councilor Woodson's absence. Councilor Thomas moved approval, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the seven members

present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilors Allen and Barnes being absent for the meeting.

3. **RESOLUTION:** Excusing Councilor R. Gary Allen from the May 28, 2019 Council Meeting.

**Resolution (145-19):** A resolution excusing Councilor Allen's absence. Councilor Thomas moved approval, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilors Allen and Barnes being absent for the meeting.

4. **RESOLUTION:** A Resolution approving the recommendation from the Board of Honor for an honorary designation on existing street – 10<sup>th</sup> Street, from Veterans Parkway to Bay Avenue, for signage to reflect “Avenue of the Arts”. *(The Board of Honor recommended approval as submitted excluding the amendment approved by Council on February 12, 2019. (Delayed from the February 26, 2019 Council Meeting)*

**Resolution (146-19):** A resolution approving the application submitted by Rex Whiddon, Senior Associate Vice President for Leadership Philanthropy requesting an Honorary Designation on existing street – 10<sup>th</sup> Street, from Veterans Parkway to Bay Avenue, for signage to reflect “Avenue of the Arts”. Councilor Woodson moved approval, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Allen and Barnes being absent for the meeting.

5. **HOSPITAL AUTHORITY:** Letter from Kenneth M. Henson, Jr.- Secretary to the Board, advising of the selection of Jennings Chester to fill the vacant seat of Jason Connally. *(Council confirms the appointments)*

Councilor Crabb moved confirmation of Jennings Chester to the Hospital Authority of Columbus, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Allen and Barnes being absent for the meeting.

6. **WAIVER OF PENALTY AND INTEREST:** Ms. Yvette M. DeLeon, Consultant for Ryan Tax Compliance, representing Cole Bu Portfolio II LLC- submitted a request for a waiver of penalty and interest on properties located at 1900 Manchester Expressway and 4309 Woodruff Road. *(Ms. DeLeon submitted a Public Agenda Application for April 23, 2019 and is now requesting action of the Council.)*

**Deputy Tax Commissioner Max Patrick** approached the rostrum to give information regarding this request.

Councilor Crabb made a motion to deny the request for a waiver for penalties and interest, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Allen and Barnes being absent for the meeting.

7. **Minutes of the following boards:**
  - Board of Tax Assessors, #16-19 and #17-19.
  - Board of Water Commissioners, March 11, 2019.
  - Budget Review Committee, May 7, 2019.
  - Civic Center Advisory Board, May 16, 2019.
  - Employees' Pension Fund, Board of Trustees, January 9, 2019.
  - Employees' Pension Fund, Board of Trustees, February 13, 2019.
  - Employees' Pension Fund, Board of Trustees, March 13, 2019.
  - Housing Authority of Columbus, April 17, 2019.

Councilor Woodson moved to receive the minutes of various boards, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Allen and Barnes being absent for the meeting.

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS- ACTION REQUESTED:**

**8. MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS FOR CONFIRMATION:**

Appointment of Jonathan Payne (*Mayor Henderson's nominee*) to succeed Robert Culpepper on the Columbus Iron Works Convention & Trade Center Authority. Councilor Woodson moved confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Allen and Barnes being absent for the meeting.

Appointment of Mike Higgins (*Mayor Henderson's nominee*) to succeed himself as the Public Safety, Fire/EMS Representative, on the Pension Fund, Employees' Board of Trustees. Councilor Woodson moved confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Allen and Barnes being absent for the meeting.

Appointment of Peri V. Johnson (*Mayor Henderson's nominee*) to succeed Rhonda Davis on the Retirees' Health Benefits Committee. Councilor Woodson moved confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Allen and Barnes being absent for the meeting.

**9. MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:**

**A. PENSION FUND, EMPLOYEES' BOARD OF TRUSTEES:**

A nominee for the seat of Chris Staples (*does not desire reappointment*) on the Pension Fund, Employees' Board of Trustees for a term that expired on June 30, 2019 (*Mayor's Appointment*). There were none.

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

Appointment of Beautie Moore (*Councilor Allen's nominee*) to succeed herself on the Tree Board. Councilor Woodson made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Allen and Barnes being absent for the meeting.

Appointment of Chris Henson (*Councilor Davis's nominee*) to succeed Jeremy Cummings on the Tree Board. Councilor Woodson made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Turner Pugh and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Allen and Barnes being absent for the meeting.

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

**A. PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION:**

A nominee for the seat of Delphine Ebron (*resigned*) on the Public Safety Advisory Committee for a term that expired on March 31, 2019 (*District 3- Councilor Huff's nominee*). There were none.

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

**A. TREE BOARD:**

A nominee for the seat of Candice Wayman (*not eligible to succeed herself*) on the Tree Board for a term that expires on July 1, 2019 (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

**PUBLIC AGENDA (Continued):**

**Ms. Audrey Holston Palmore** approached the rostrum to continue her commentary on the topic she addressed on the public agenda.

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Councilor Garrett to adjourn the May 28, 2019 Regular Meeting, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by eight members present, with Councilors Allen and Barnes being absent for the meeting, and the time being 11:31 a.m.



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