

Council Members

R. Gary Allen
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Jerry 'Pops' Barnes
Glenn Davis

John M. House
Bruce Huff

R. Walker Garrett
Valerie A. Thompson

Judy W. Thomas
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Clerk of Council
Sandra T. Davis



Columbus Civic Center
400 4th Street, Arena Floor
Columbus, Georgia 31901

June 23, 2020
9:00 AM
Regular Meeting

MAYOR'S AGENDA

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Councilor Valerie A. Thompson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Henderson.

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the June 16, 2020 Special Called Meeting.

UPDATES:

2. An update on COVID-19
3. Census 2020

PRESENTATIONS

4. New Horizons Behavioral Health: Covid-19 and the Mental Health Effects. (Presented by Susan Gallagher, Andrea B. Winston, and Dr. Lowell Cliatt)

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

1. **2nd Reading - REZN-03-20-1330:** An ordinance rezoning 0.38 acres of land located at 4000 Buena Vista Road. The current zoning is NC (Neighborhood Commercial). The proposed zoning is GC (General Commercial). The proposed use is Pawn Shop. The Planning Advisory Commission and the Planning Department recommend approval. The applicant is Dean King. (Councilor Barnes)
2. **2nd Reading - REZN-03-20-1331:** An ordinance rezoning 5.44 acres of land located at 4219 Warm Springs Road. The current zoning is GC (General Commercial). The proposed zoning is RO (Residential Office). The proposed use is Affordable Senior Living Apartments. The Planning Advisory Commission and the Planning Department recommend approval. The applicant is In-Fill Housing, Inc. (Councilor Crabb)
3. **2nd Reading - REZN-03-20-1464:** An ordinance rezoning 0.31 acres of land located at 4508 Armour Road. The current zoning is NC (Neighborhood Commercial). The proposed zoning is GC (General Commercial). The proposed use is Pawn Shop. The Planning Advisory Commission and the Planning Department recommend approval. The applicant is Steven Daniels. (Councilor Garrett)
4. **2nd Reading - REZN-03-20-1329:** An ordinance amending the Unified Development Ordinance for Columbus, Georgia, codified in Appendix A of the Columbus Code, (the UDO), so as to revise Table 2.3.8. – Property Development Regulations for the SAC Zoning District; to revise Section 2.3.8.D. – Special Activity and Technical Center; to add a new Section 2.3.8.E; and to revise Table 3.1.1. minimum lot size. The Planning Advisory Commission and the Planning Department recommend approval. The applicant is Timothy Jensen. (Mayor Pro-Tem)
5. **2nd Reading - REZN-04-20-1648:** An ordinance amending the Unified Development Ordinance for Columbus, Georgia, codified in Appendix A of the Columbus Code, (the UDO), so as to revise Table 3.1.1. for the categories Amusement, Indoor, Farm Equipment Sales and Services, Fuel Station and Massage Therapy; to delete Section 9.2.5.I.3.; and to add a definition for Fuel Station to Chapter 13. The Planning Advisory Commission and the Planning Department recommend approval. Request of Planning Department. (Mayor Pro-Tem)
6. **2nd Reading -** An Ordinance providing for the establishment of taxing districts, including a county-wide general services district and three (3) urban services districts and three (3) Business Improvement Districts (BID); providing for the levy, assessment, and collection of taxes for Columbus, Georgia within such districts for the year 2020 as provided under the Charter of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia; providing penalties for violations of the provisions of said ordinance; and for other purposes. (Budget Review Committee)
7. **1st Reading -** An ordinance amending Article VII of Chapter 13 of the Columbus Code to revise the method of billing and collection for solid waste fees for commercial purposes; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem)

RESOLUTIONS

8. **Resolution** - A resolution authorizing payment of attorney fees which may be incurred for legal services rendered regarding various City issues during Fiscal Year 2021. (Mayor Pro-Tem)
9. **Resolution** - A resolution authorizing payment of attorney fees which may be incurred for legal services rendered regarding Risk Management issues during Fiscal Year 2021. (Mayor Pro Tem)

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Juneteenth cancellation.
2. Ms. Tonza Thomas, representing South Columbus Concerned Citizens, Re: To end reinstatement of fired officers and address process for officer misconduct.
3. Ms. Gabrielle Hall, representing Family Reconstruction, Re: Implementation of community policing and police community outreach, and how it will benefit the community and the local Police Department.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Director of the Civic Center

Approval is requested for the appointment of Mr. Robert Landers as Director of the Civic Center. A resolution is attached.

2. METRA/TIA - Proposed Route Change

Approval is requested to adopt the resolution authorizing METRA to make proposed changes to its services.

3. Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP)

Approval is requested for the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) and authorization is requested for the Transportation Director to approve, submit and implement this Safety Plan on behalf of the City and in compliance with federal requirements.

4. CARES Act Stimulus Funding

Approval is requested to authorize the Department of Transportation/METRA to apply for the CARES Act Stimulus Funding for FY21 in the amount of \$6,987,789.00 or as otherwise awarded,

with no local match required and amend the Transportation Fund budget by the amount awarded. On March 27, 2020, the CARES Act was signed into law providing \$2 trillion in support for a variety of industries affected by COVID-19, including the transit industry. Operating and Capital expenses for all recipients, including large urbanized areas, are eligible beginning January 20, 2020. This Approval is also requested to authorize the City Manager or Mayor to accept grant funds if approved and execute contracts with the FTA.

5. Lease Agreements – 5601 Veterans Parkway

Approval is requested to authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute lease agreements for 5601 Veterans Parkway with the State of Georgia, Piedmont Columbus Regional Retail Pharmacy and the Department of Public Health.

6. Quit Claim Deed – 1st Avenue & 18th Street

Approval is requested to execute a Quit Claim Deed to the Development Authority for the Mercer Medical Project.

7. Street Acceptance – That portion of Frank Houser Avenue, That portion of Spring Daze Drive and That portion of Queen Bee Drive located in Replat For Old Town Atlas Senior Living

Approval is requested for the acceptance of that portion of Frank Houser Avenue, that portion of Spring Daze Drive and that portion of Queen Bee Drive located in Replat For Old Town Atlas Senior Living. The Engineering Department has inspected said streets and recommends acceptance by same.

8. PURCHASES

- A. Integrated Transit System (Annual Contract)
- B. Compact Track Loader Attachments (Re-Bid) – RFB No. 20-0064
- C. Repair Of E-One Fire Truck
- D. Equipment Truck with Modifications (Re-Bid) – RFB No. 20-0070
- E. Full Size Crew Cab Pickup Truck (4WD) with Crane Mount Attachment – RFB No. 20-0074
- F. Commercial Logging Loader (Grab-All) (Re-Bid) – RFB No. 20-0066
- G. State Mandated Solid Waste Disposal Fees
- H. Parking Lot Control Equipment for Bay Avenue Garage and 9th Street Lot – RFP No. 20-0020
- I. Cargo Van with Buildout Unit – Georgia Statewide Contract

- J. Guaranteed Maximum Price Amendment – Government Center Life Safety Upgrades
- K. Electronic Validating Fareboxes

9. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. CDBG-CV Funding Update - Rob Scott, Community Reinvestment Director
- B. CARES Act Update – Lisa Goodwin, Deputy City Manager
- C. Tax Assessor’s Public Access Update – Suzanne Widenhouse, Chief Appraiser
- D. FY20 Tax Assessor Update – Suzanne Widenhouse, Chief Appraiser
- E. FY20 Tax Commissioner Update – Lula Huff, Tax Commissioner
- F. FY20 MCSO Update – Donna Tompkins, Muscogee County Sheriff
- G. Monthly Finance Update – Angelica Alexander, Finance Director

BID ADVERTISEMENT

July 10, 2020

1. On-call Guardrail Installation and Repair Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 20-0027

Scope of RFP

The Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia invites qualified contractors to submit proposals to provide Guardrail Installation and Repair Services, on an as-needed basis, throughout Columbus-Muscogee County.

The contract term shall be for two (2) years, with the option to renew for three (3) additional twelve-month periods. Contract renewal will be contingent upon the mutual agreement of the City and the Contractor.

2. Inmate Commissary Services for Muscogee County Prison (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 20-0026

Scope of RFP

The Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia is seeking proposals from qualified vendors to provide inmate commissary services for the Muscogee County Prison.

The contract term shall be for two (2) years, with the option to renew for three (3) additional twelve-month periods. Contract renewal will be contingent upon the mutual agreement of the City and the Contractor.

CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

1. **RESOLUTION:** A resolution cancelling the July 7, 2020 Proclamation Session.
2. **RESOLUTION:** A resolution excusing Councilor Jerry "Pops" Barnes from the June 16, 2020 Special Called Meeting.
3. **RESOLUTION:** A resolution excusing Councilor Bruce Huff from the June 16, 2020 Special Called Meeting.
4. **RESOLUTION:** A resolution excusing Councilor Judy W. Thomas from the June 16, 2020 Special Called Meeting and June 23, 2020 Council Meeting.

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

Airport Commission, April 22, 2020, May 20 and May 27, 2020.

Board of Tax Assessors, #18-20 and #19-20.

Board of Water Commissioners, May 11, 2020.

Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission, June 9, 2020.

Planning Advisory Commission, March 18, 2020.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

6. **MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS- ANY NOMINATIONS MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:**

A. **COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS & CULTURAL LIAISON ENCOUNTERS:**

Merlina Salamanca

Eligible to succeed

Term Expires: March 1, 2020

(Mayor's Appointment)

Mayor Henderson is nominating Merrill Rushin for the seat of Merlina Salamanca.

B. CONVENTION & VISITORS BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

Mamie Pound- Interested in serving another term *(Mayor's Appointment)*
Hotel/Motel Industry
Term Expires: December 31, 2020
Eligible to succeed

Amish Das *(Mayor's Appointment)*
Hotel/Motel Industry
Term Expires: December 31, 2020
Eligible to succeed

Cameron Bean *(Mayor's Appointment)*
Restaurant/Retail Trade
Term Expires: December 31, 2020
Not Eligible to succeed

These terms are three years. Board meets monthly.

Women: 4
Senatorial District 15: 7
Senatorial District 29: 2

7. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS- READY FOR CONFIRMATION:

- A. PLANNING ADVISORY COMMISSION:** Ms. Gloria Thomas was nominated to succeed Mr. Michael Greenblatt. *(Councilor Barnes' nominee)* New Term expires: August 31, 2023.
- B. RETIREES' HEALTH BENEFITS COMMITTEE:** Ms. Renee McAneny was nominated to succeed Mr. Jack Kinsman. *(Mayor Pro Tem Allen's nominee)* New Term expires: June 30, 2023.
- C. RETIREES' HEALTH BENEFITS COMMITTEE:** Mr. Mike Massey was nominated to succeed Mr. Lester Massey. *(Mayor Pro Tem Allen's nominee)* New Term expires: June 30, 2023.

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

A. BOARD OF WATER OF COMMISSIONERS:

Rodney Close

Not Eligible to succeed

Term Expires: December 31, 2020

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

The term is four years; board meets monthly.

Women: 1

Senatorial District 15: 0

Senatorial District 29: 4

B. PLANNING ADVISORY COMMISSION:

Wallace Davis

Not Eligible to succeed

Term Expires: August 31, 2020

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

The terms are three years; board meets twice a month.

Mayor Pro Tem Allen is nominating Sheila J. Brown for the seat of Wallace Davis.

Women: 0

Senatorial District 15: 7

Senatorial District 29: 2

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