

Council Members

R. Gary Allen
Charmaine Crabb

Jerry 'Pops' Barnes
Glenn Davis

John M. House
Bruce Huff

R. Walker Garrett
Toyia Tucker

Judy W. Thomas
Evelyn 'Mimi' Woodson

Clerk of Council
Sandra T. Davis



Council Chambers
C. E. "Red" McDaniel City Services Center- Second Floor
3111 Citizens Way, Columbus, GA 31906

November 30, 2021
9:00 AM
Consent Agenda / Work Session

CONSENT AGENDA / WORK SESSION

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Reverend Jeffery B. Cooper II at Allen Temple AME Church of Columbus, Georgia

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Henderson

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the November 16, 2021 Council Meeting.

UPDATE:

2. An update on COVID-19

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION

1. A resolution authorizing the Mayor of Columbus, Georgia, a consolidated city-county government, to execute the Participation Agreement for Subdivision Settlement with McKesson Corporation, Cardinal Health, Inc., and AmerisourceBergen Corporation ("Settling Distributors") and Johnson & Johnson, Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., OrthoMcNeil-Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., and Janssen Pharmaceutica, Inc. ("Janssen") pursuant to the Georgia Memorandum of Understanding regarding the pursuit and use of potential opioid litigation settlement funds and consistent with the material terms of the July 21, 2021 proposed National Opioid Settlement Agreements available at <https://nationalopioidsettlement.com/>. (Mayor Pro-Tem)

WORK SESSION AGENDA

- I. Transportation Service to VA Clinic - Rosa Evans, METRA Director
- II. Yard Waste Collection Update - Lisa Goodwin, Deputy City Manager
- III. Comprehensive Camera Update - Lisa Goodwin, Deputy City Manager
- IV. Eviction Update - Lisa Goodwin, Deputy City Manager
- V. ARP and SPLOST Update - Pam Hodge, Deputy City Manager
- VI. Comprehensive Pay Plan Study Update - Reather Hollowell, Human Resources Director

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File Attachments for Item:

1. Approval of minutes for the November 16, 2021 Council Meeting.

COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

Council Chambers
C. E. "Red" McDaniel City Services Center- Second Floor
3111 Citizens Way, Columbus, GA 31906

November 16, 2021
5:30 PM
Regular Meeting

MAYOR'S A G E N D A

PRESENT: Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III, and Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen and Councilors Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis, John M. House, Bruce Huff, Toyia Tucker, and Evelyn "Mimi" Woodson (arrived at 5:35 p.m.). City Manager Isaiah Hugley, City Attorney Clifton Fay, Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis, and Deputy Clerk of Council Lindsey G. McLemore were present.

ABSENT: Councilors Jerry "Pops" Barnes, R. Walker Garrett, and Judy W. Thomas were absent.

<p><u>The following documents were distributed to the members of Council:</u> (1) River Valley TIA Roundtable Public Hearing Information</p>

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Reverend Adrian Chester at Greater Beallwood Baptist Church of Columbus, Georgia

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Henderson

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the November 9, 2021, Council Meeting and Executive Session. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the vote, and Councilors Barnes, Garrett and Thomas being absent for the meeting.

PROCLAMATION:

3. **PROCLAMATION:** Donald L. Jordan Day

RECEIVING: Donald L. Jordan

Pastor Jimmy Elder, First Baptist Church-Columbus, came forward to introduce Professor Dr. Allen Gee, who was endowed as the Donald L. Jordan Endowed Professor in Creative Writing. He explained there was a nationwide search conducted to identify a professor for this position after a substantial contribution was made by Mr. Donald Jordan to Columbus State University.

Dr. Allen Gee, CSU Professor of English, came forward to recognize Mr. Donald L. Jordan for being the first recipient of the Columbus State University (CSU) 2021 Book of the Year for his novel

Fearfully and Wonderfully Made, which he described as a unique tribute to Columbus. He explained this is the start of an annual tradition to cite Columbus and promote its writers.

Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen read the proclamation into the record, proclaiming Tuesday, November 16, 2021, as *Donald L. Jordan Day*, recognizing him for his novel *Fearfully and Wonderfully Made* being named as the CSU 2021 Book of the Year.

PRESENTATION:

4. Corporal Samantha Phillips will be presented a National Silver Medal for Valor from American Legion Post 35.

State Department Commander Mark Shreve approached the rostrum accompanied by **Commander LaKesha Stringer** to present Columbus Police Department Corporal Samantha Phillips with a National Silver Medal for Valor for her outstanding heroism in saving the lives of two children in the community.

Councilor John House read the proclamation into the record, proclaiming Tuesday, November 16, 2021, as *Corporal Samantha Phillips Day*, recognizing her for receiving the National Silver Medal for Valor from the American Legion Post 35.

UPDATE:

2. An update on COVID-19

Mayor B. H. “Skip” Henderson gave a brief update on COVID-19 and its impact on the community. He explained the number of positive cases continue to decline, with the number of hospitalizations declining as well. He continued to encourage citizens to get vaccinated and suggested to those citizens who may have questions to contact their primary care physicians.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

5. **State of Georgia – American Rescue Plan (ARP) Funds Application for the Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit**

(NOTE: This resolution was called up as the next order of business as listed on the City Manager’s Agenda Item 5)

Resolution (411-21): A resolution authorizing the City Manager, the Chief Superior Court Judge of the Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit, or their designee to apply for and accept, as awarded, American Rescue Plan (ARP) Grant Funds from the State of GA through the Judicial Council and its Administrative Office of the Courts and execute a memorandum of understanding with the other counties in the Circuit authorizing Muscogee County to act as the Circuit Fiscal Agent to receive and disburse grant reimbursements as awarded. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes, Garrett and Thomas being absent for the meeting.

Chief Superior Court Judge Gil McBride and **Superior Court Clerk Danielle Forte** came forward to thank the Council for the approval and their support.

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

1. **2nd Reading-** REZN-09-21-1744: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **2019 Warm Springs Road** (parcel # 036-005-013) from NC (Neighborhood Commercial) Zoning District to GC (General Commercial) Zoning District with conditions. (Planning Department recommends conditional approval. PAC recommends denial.) (as amended) (Councilor Garrett) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to deny the rezoning, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes, Garrett, and Thomas being absent from the meeting.

2. **Ordinance (21-060) - 2nd Reading-** REZN-09-21-1746: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **3294 Confetti Blush Drive** (parcel # 073-021-001) from PMUD (Planned Mixed Use Development) Zoning District with conditions to RE1 (Residential Estate 1) / RMF1 (Residential Multifamily 1) / RO (Residential Office) Zoning Districts with conditions. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Davis) Councilor Davis made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes, Garrett, and Thomas being absent from the meeting.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY ATTORNEY:

- Expressed Councilor Barnes' interest in participating with the committee that will be initiated to discuss convenience stores, lottery sales, etc. (*Request of Councilor Tucker*)
3. **Ordinance (21-061) - 2nd Reading-** An Ordinance amending and restating Chapter 5 of the Columbus Code to provide for an Animal Services Division, an Animal Services Director, and Animal Enforcement Officers to be provided through an approved contract with a division of a licensed private non-profit animal shelter, or in the absence of such contract allow such services to be provided by a Division of the Columbus Consolidated Government and its employees; to make other necessary changes in the Chapter to accommodate the smooth administration of services related to the regulation, enforcement, care and protection of animals in Columbus/Muscogee County; and for other purposes.(Mayor Pro-Tem) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes, Garrett, and Thomas being absent from the meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

4. **Resolution (412-21):** A Resolution Declaring Results of an election held on November 2, 2021, and Certificate of the Superintendent of Elections (Mayor Pro-Tem) Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes, Garrett, and Thomas being absent for the meeting.

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Ms. Jennifer Le Denney, Re: Eviction ordinance and addressing retaliation from predatory landlords.
2. Mr. Paul Olson, Re: Spot Zoning, Murder Capitol and General Reserve Fund. ***Not Present***

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. 2021 State of Georgia Department of Community Affairs Application (Feeding the Valley)

Resolution (413-21): A resolution authorizing Columbus, Georgia, to apply for and accept if awarded a Georgia Department of Community Affairs, Community Development Block Grant – CV Program Funds in an amount of up to \$3,142,500 for Community Facilities Program in Columbus, Georgia, located at Feeding the Valley, 6744 Flat Rock Road, and to amend Multigovernmental Fund by the amount awarded. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes, Garrett and Thomas being absent for the meeting.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Request for a status update be provided to Council once grant funding has been awarded. (*Request of Councilor Tucker*)

2. 2021 State of Georgia Department of Community Affairs Application (Feeding the Valley) – Matching Funds Requirement

Resolution (414-21): A resolution recognizing the Columbus Consolidated Government and Feeding the Valley Food Bank will comply with the matching funds requirement of the State of Georgia Department of Community Affairs for Fiscal Years 2021, Community Development Block Grant - CV Program Funds, Feeding the Valley Food Bank will be responsible for the cash match commitment amount of \$1 million dollars. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes, Garrett and Thomas being absent for the meeting.

3. 2021 State of Georgia Department of Community Affairs Application (Feeding the Valley) – Continuous Use Policy, Ongoing Operations, and Maintenance Plan

Resolution (415-21): A resolution recognizing the Columbus Consolidated Government and Feeding the Valley Food Bank will comply with the continuous use policy, ongoing operations and maintenance plan for the State of Georgia Department of Community Affairs for Fiscal Year 2021, Community Development Block Grant – CV Program Funds and Feeding the Valley Food Bank will be responsible for the adherence to the continuous use policy, ongoing operations and maintenance plan. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes, Garrett and Thomas being absent for the meeting.

President & CEO Frank Sheppard, Feeding the Valley, approached the rostrum to thank the Council for their approval and spoke briefly on the programming and maintenance improvements that will be made with the grant funding if awarded.

4. Georgia Public Safety Officials and First Responders Supplement Grant Application

Resolution (416-21): A resolution authorizing the Department of Finance to apply for the Governor's Public Safety Officials and First Responders Supplement Grant using funding from the American Rescue Plan Act. The grant will provide a \$1,000 pay supplement for all eligible sworn law enforcement officials and first responders serving during August of 2021. This grant provides financial reimbursement for expenses likely to have been incurred as a result of being a frontline first responder. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes, Garrett and Thomas being absent for the meeting.

6. Annual Unused Sick Leave Payment

Resolution (417-21): A resolution authorizing payment to employees for unused sick leave in accordance with 16B-15-6(2) of the Columbus Code of Ordinances. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes, Garrett and Thomas being absent for the meeting.

ADD-ON: State of Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council- State of Georgia FY2022 Law Enforcement Training Program Grant

Resolution (418-21): A resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant of \$52,000.00, or as otherwise awarded, from the State of Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council – State of Georgia FY2022 Law Enforcement Training Program Grant, with no local match requirement and to amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount awarded. Funds will be utilized for the purchase of training equipment and conducting mental health classes for deputies and corrections officers to support the mental health of the officers and enhance response to use of force incidents. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes, Garrett and Thomas being absent for the meeting.

7. PURCHASES

A. Asbestos Abatement for Former Georgia State Farmers Market – RFP No. 22-0001

Resolution (419-21): A resolution authorizing the execution of a contract with W. T. Miller, LLC (Cataula, GA) for Asbestos Abatement Services for six of the structures in the former Georgia State Farmers Market. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes, Garrett and Thomas being absent for the meeting.

B. Two 2022 Ford Escape S Compact SUVs – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (420-21): A resolution authorizing the purchase of two (2) vehicles (2022 Ford Escape S Compact SUV) for the Board of Tax Assessor's Office from Allen Vigil Ford (Morrow, GA) at a unit

price of \$21,300.00, and a total price of \$42,600.00. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-SPD-ES40199373-002. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes, Garrett and Thomas being absent for the meeting.

C. Twelve (12) Zero-Turn Mowers for Public Works – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (421-21): A resolution authorizing the purchase of eight (8) Zero-Turn Mowers (John Deere Z930M), at a unit price of \$9,496.42, and a total price of \$75,971.36; and four (4) Zero-Turn Mowers (John Deere Z960M) at a unit price of \$10,777.62, and a total price of \$43,106.48; for a grand total price of \$119,077.84, from Deere & Company (Cary, NC). The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-001-SPD000177-0026. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes, Garrett and Thomas being absent for the meeting.

D. Contract Amendment for NEOGOV Application Management Tracking System

Resolution (422-21): A resolution authorizing the contract amendment with GovernmentJobs.com Inc., d/b/a NeoGov (El Segundo, CA), to add the Learn Subscription (LE) Module in the total amount of \$148,529.16, to obtain the reduced pricing (50% reduction of first year costs), CCG will agree to the subscription service for the Learn Subscription (LE) Module through June 30, 2024. Consequently, seven (7) months of the contract amendment, in the amount of \$26,169.08, will be paid in FY22, which will include implementation and training. The next full year of the contract amendment, in the amount of \$54,066.08, will be budgeted in FY23. The final full year of the contract amendment, in the amount of \$68,294.00, will be budgeted in FY24. Payments for annual maintenance/support renewals, including cost increases for all aspects of the system, will be budgeted in the appropriate subsequent Fiscal Years. Future renewals will be coterminous with other invoicing from NeoGov that is licensed from July-June. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes, Garrett and Thomas being absent for the meeting.

E. Household Garbage and Yard Waste Cart Services – HGACBUY Cooperative Contract

Resolution (423-21): A resolution authorizing the purchase of household garbage and year waste cart services from IPL North, Inc. (Forsyth, GA), in the amount of \$6,940,400.00. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase, via HGACBuy Contract #RC01-21/ Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes, Garrett and Thomas being absent for the meeting.

F. Twelve (12) Ford Explorer Mid-Size SUVs (Unmarked/Non-Pursuit) For Columbus Police Department – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (424-21): A resolution authorizing the purchase of twelve (12) unmarked non-pursuit mid-size SUVs (2022 Ford Explorer) for the Columbus Police Department from Allan Vigil Ford (Morrow, GA), at a unit price of \$28,400.00, and a total price of \$340,800.00, by Cooperative Purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-SPD-ES40199373-003. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes, Garrett and Thomas being absent for the meeting.

G. Three (3) 2022 Ford Explorer Mid-Size SUVs for Public Works – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (425-21): A resolution authorizing the purchase of three (3) pool vehicles (2022 Ford Explorer Mid-Size SUVs) for the Public Works Department, from Allan Vigil Ford (Morrow, GA), at a unit price of \$28,560.00, and a total price of \$85,680.00. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-SPD-ES40199373-002. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes, Garrett and Thomas being absent for the meeting.

H. Ten (10) Pursuit Utility Vehicles for Muscogee County Sheriff's Office – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (426-21): A resolution authorizing the purchase of ten (10) pursuit utility vehicles (2022 Ford Explorer SUV) for the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office from Wade Ford (Smyrna, GA), at a unit price of \$39,669.00, and a total price of \$396,690.00, by Cooperative Purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #ES-RFR-40199-409. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes, Garrett and Thomas being absent for the meeting.

I. Contract Extension for Real Estate Appraisal Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 15-0021

Resolution (427-21): A resolution authorizing the extension of the real estate appraisal services contract with Norris Appraisal Group, LLC (Columbus, GA) for an additional 6-month period. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes, Garrett and Thomas being absent for the meeting.

8. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Finance Monthly Update - Angelica Alexander, Finance Director.

Finance Director Angelica Alexander came forward to provide a monthly financial update for the month of October 2021.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Request for an update on yard waste pickup. (*Request of Councilor Crabb*)

FOR THE CLERK OF COUNCIL:

- Request floral arrangements be sent to Councilors Barnes and Thomas, wishing them a speedy recovery. (*Request of Councilor Huff*)

BID ADVERTISEMENT

November 19, 2021

1. **Anchor Tenants for Concession & Retail Services/Columbus Civic Center II (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 22-0012**

Scope of RFP

The Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia (the City) invites qualified offerors to submit proposals for anchor tenants for concession and retail services at the Columbus Civic Center. The City has identified the need to contract with additional vendors to provide the requested services. The term of this contract shall be for two years, with an option to renew for three additional twelve-month periods. Vendors responding to the Primary Contract are not required to submit for this Secondary Contract.

2. **Frames, Grates, Covers & Inlets (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 22-0020**

Scope of RFB

Columbus Consolidated Government is requesting bids from vendors to provide frames, grates, covers and inlets for stormwater management to be purchased on an “as needed” basis.

The contract term will be for two years with the option to renew for three additional twelve-month periods.

December 1, 2021

1. **METRA Adopt-A-Stop Signs (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 22-0021**

Scope of Bid

Columbus Consolidated Government is requesting bids from qualified vendors to provide EG .080 metal, post-mounted (U-channel post) signs which will be mounted on to METRA Transit System’s bus stop posts as part of METRA’s “Adopt-A-Stop” program. The contract period shall be for three (3) years.

December 3, 2021

1. **Comprehensive Inmate Healthcare Services for Muscogee County Jail (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 22-0016**

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government, on behalf of the Muscogee County Sheriff’s Office, is seeking proposals for the provision of healthcare services for offenders incarcerated at the Muscogee County Jail. The requested services consist of medical, dental, and mental health, as well as healthcare personnel. Medical services include but not are limited to x-ray, laboratory, and prescription drug services for an average daily population of approximately 975 inmates.

The contract term shall be for two years with the option to renew for three additional twelve-month periods.

December 10, 2021

1. **Vending Machine Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 22-0007**

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government is seeking proposals from qualified vendors to provide vending machine services for various City Departments. The contract term shall be for two (2) years, with the option to renew for three (3) additional twelve-month periods.

CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - INFORMATION ONLY

1. The Medical Center Hospital Authority's Disclosure Report for fiscal year ended June 30, 2021.
2. The Medical Center Hospital Authority's Community Benefit Report for the year ended June 30, 2020, and Report of Annual Activities fiscal year ended June 30, 2021.

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

3. **RESOLUTION (428-21)** - A Resolution amending Resolution No. 384-21 by ratifying the time for the December 7, 2021, Council Meeting to be held at 9:00 a.m. instead of 5:30 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes, Garrett and Thomas being absent for the meeting.
4. **RESOLUTION (429-21)** - A Resolution excusing Councilor Jerry "Pops" Barnes from the November 16, 2021, Council Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes, Garrett and Thomas being absent for the meeting.
5. **RESOLUTION (430-21)** - A Resolution excusing Councilor R. Walker Garrett from the November 16, 2021, Council Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes, Garrett and Thomas being absent for the meeting.
6. Letter from the Medical Center Hospital Authority advising that the authority has selected Ms. Brenda DeRamus, Dr. Susan McWhirter and Mr. John Hargrove to serve another term of office and for Ms. Alpna Arora to succeed Dr. James Crosse. (*The Council may confirm the selection of the four board members.*) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes, Garrett and Thomas being absent for the meeting.
7. **Minutes of the following boards:**

Board of Tax Assessors, #36-21 and #37-21

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to receive the minutes of various boards, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes, Garrett and Thomas being absent for the meeting.

ADD-ON RESOLUTION:

RESOLUTION (431-21) - A Resolution excusing Councilor Judy Thomas from the November 16, 2021, Council Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes, Garrett and Thomas being absent for the meeting.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

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

A. PENSION FUND, EMPLOYEES' BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

A nominee for the seat of Jack Kinsman (*Resigned*) for a term that expires on June 30, 2022, as the Retired City Employee Representative on the Pension Fund, Employees' Board of Trustees (*Mayor's Appointment*). There were none.

9. COUNCIL'S APPOINTMENT- READY FOR CONFIRMATION:

A. BOARD OF HEALTH: Dr. Jibike Joy Adegbile was nominated to succeed Dr. Rajinder Chhokar. (*Councilor Barnes' nominee*) Term expires: December 31, 2026. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes, Garrett and Thomas being absent for the meeting.

B. DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: Mr. Dallis Copeland was nominated to fill the unexpired term of the late Jacki Lowe. (*Mayor Pro Tem Allen's nominee*) Term expires: April 30, 2022. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes, Garrett and Thomas being absent for the meeting.

C. DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: Ms. Geniece Granville was nominated to fill the unexpired term of Ms. Lisa Smith. (*Councilor Barnes' nominee*) Term expires: April 30, 2024. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes, Garrett and Tucker being absent for the meeting.

10. COUNCIL APPOINTMENT: NOMINATION FROM THE COMMISSION AND MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:

A. AIRPORT COMMISSION:

A nominee for the seat of Tana McHale (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term that expires on December 31, 2021, on the Airport Commission (*Council's Appointment*). Clerk of Council Davis explained the Columbus Airport Commission has submitted its nominee of Dannell Mastrean Marks for the seat of Ms. Tana McHale. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes, Garrett and Thomas being absent for the meeting.

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

A. RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of James Wilkoff (*Does not desire reappointment*) for a term that expires on December 31, 2021, as the District 2 Representative on the Recreation Advisory Board (*Council District 2- Davis*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Latisha Stephens-Archibald (*Seat declared vacant*) for a term that expires on December 31, 2023, as the District 3 Representative on the Recreation Advisory Board (*Council District 3- Huff*). Councilor Huff nominated Reverend Gregory Blue to fill the unexpired term of Latisha Stephens-Archibald as the District Representative on the Recreation Advisory Board. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes, Garrett and Thomas being absent for the meeting.

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

A. ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of Christy Noullet (*Seat Declared Vacant*) for a term that expires on April 11, 2022, on the Animal Control Advisory Board (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Crabb nominated Mr. Raymond "Robbie" Culpepper for the seat of Ms. Christy Noullet.

B. COOPERATIVE EXTENSION ADVISORY BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of Margaret Higdon (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term that expires on December 31, 2021, on the Cooperative Extension Advisory Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

C. PERSONNEL REVIEW BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of Tracy Walker as Alternate Member 2 for a term that expires on December 31, 2021, on the Personnel Review Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none. (*Ms. Walker has been confirmed to serve as a regular member; therefore, her alternate seat is open for nominations.*)

A nominee for the seat of Darlene Small (*Not Eligible to succeed*) as Alternate Member 3 for a term that expires on December 31, 2021, on the Personnel Review Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Dr. Shanita Pettaway (*Resigned*) as Alternate Member 5 for a term that expires on December 31, 2022, on the Personnel Review Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Allen to adjourn the November 16, 2021 Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the seven members present with Councilors Barnes, Garrett, and Thomas being absent for the meeting, and the time being 6:41 p.m.

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

File Attachments for Item:

1. A resolution authorizing the Mayor of Columbus, Georgia, a consolidated city-county government, to execute the Participation Agreement for Subdivision Settlement with McKesson Corporation, Cardinal Health, Inc., and AmerisourceBergen Corporation (“Settling Distributors”) and Johnson & Johnson, Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., OrthoMcNeil-Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., and Janssen Pharmaceutica, Inc. (“Janssen”) pursuant to the Georgia Memorandum of Understanding regarding the pursuit and use of potential opioid litigation settlement funds and consistent with the material terms of the July 21, 2021 proposed National Opioid Settlement Agreements available at <https://nationalopioidsettlement.com/>. (Mayor Pro-Tem)

RESOLUTION

NO. ____

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE MATERIAL TERMS OF THE DISTRIBUTOR AND
JANSSEN SETTLEMENTS PURSUANT TO THE GEORGIA MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING AND CONSISTENT WITH THE TERMS OF THE JULY 21, 2021
NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS

A resolution authorizing the Mayor of Columbus, Georgia, a consolidated city-county government, to execute the Participation Agreement for Subdivision Settlement with McKesson Corporation, Cardinal Health, Inc., and AmerisourceBergen Corporation (“Settling Distributors”) and Johnson & Johnson, Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., OrthoMcNeil-Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., and Janssen Pharmaceutica, Inc. (“Janssen”) pursuant to the Georgia Memorandum of Understanding regarding the pursuit and use of potential opioid litigation settlement funds and consistent with the material terms of the July 21, 2021 proposed National Opioid Settlement Agreements available at <https://nationalopioidsettlement.com/>.

WHEREAS, Columbus, Georgia, (herein “Local Government”) is a consolidated city-county government formed and organized pursuant to its Charter, as amended, and in accordance the Constitution and laws of the State of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Georgia and its communities have been harmed by misfeasance, nonfeasance and malfeasance committed by certain entities within the Opioid Pharmaceutical Supply Chain; and

WHEREAS, the State of Georgia, through its Attorney General, and certain Local Governments, through their elected representatives and counsel, are separately engaged in litigation seeking to hold Opioid Pharmaceutical Supply Chain Participants accountable for the damage caused by their misfeasance, nonfeasance and malfeasance; and

WHEREAS, the State of Georgia, through its Governor and Attorney General, and its Local Governments share a common desire to abate and alleviate the impacts of that misfeasance, nonfeasance and malfeasance throughout the State of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the State and its Local Governments, subject to completing formal documents effectuating the Parties Agreements, have drafted and Columbus, Georgia, a consolidated city-county government has adopted, and hereby reaffirms its adoption of, a Georgia Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) relating to the allocation and the use of the proceeds of any potential settlements described; and

WHEREAS, the MOU has been collaboratively drafted to maintain all individual claims while allowing the State and Local Governments to cooperate in exploring all possible means of resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Council of Columbus, Georgia (“the Council”) understands that an additional purpose of the MOU is to create an effective means of distributing any potential settlement funds obtained under the MOU between the State of Georgia and Local Governments in a manner and means that would promote an effective and meaningful use of the funds in abating the opioid epidemic throughout Georgia, as well as to permit collaboration and explore potentially effectuation earlier resolution of the Opioid Litigation against Opioid Pharmaceutical Supply Chain Participants; and

WHEREAS, nothing in the MOU binds any party to a specific outcome, but rather, any resolution under the MOU requires acceptance by the State of Georgia and the Local Governments; and

WHEREAS a settlement proposal is being presented to the State of Georgia and Local Governments by distributors AmerisourceBergen, Cardinal, and McKesson (collectively the “Settling Distributors”) and Johnson & Johnson, Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., OrthoMcNeil-Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., and Janssen Pharmaceutica, Inc. (“Janssen”) to resolve governmental entity claims in the State of Georgia using the structure of the MOU and consistent with the material terms of the July 21, 2021 proposed National Opioid Settlement Agreements; and

WHEREAS, the Council wishes to agree to the material terms of the proposed National Opioid Settlement Agreements with the Settling Distributors and Janssen (the “Proposed Settlements”):

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA:

- (1) That Columbus, Georgia, a consolidated city-county government hereby accepts, the Proposed Settlements on behalf of Columbus, Georgia, a consolidated city-county government pursuant to the terms of the Georgia MOU.
- (2) That it is found and determined that all formal actions of the Council relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements.

Introduced on the Consent Agenda at a Work Session of the Council of Columbus, Georgia on the 30th day of November, 2021 and adopted at said meeting by affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting _____
Councilor Barnes	voting _____
Councilor Crabb	voting _____
Councilor Davis	voting _____
Councilor Garrett	voting _____
Councilor House	voting _____
Councilor Huff	voting _____
Councilor Thomas	voting _____
Councilor Tucker	voting _____
Councilor Woodson	voting _____

Sandra T. Davis
Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson, III
Mayor

