

**COMMITTEE ON COUNCIL
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 5, 2007**

The Regularly Scheduled Meeting of the Committee on Council was held on Monday, February 5, 2007 in Committee Room #2.

Chairperson Moore recognized a quorum was present and the meeting convened at 11:08 am.

The Following Committee Members were Present

**The Honorable Felicia A. Moore, Chair
The Honorable Mary Norwood, Vice-Chair
The Honorable Anne Fauver
The Honorable Jim Maddox
The Honorable Natalyn Archibong
The Honorable Ceasar Mitchell
The Honorable Cleta Winslow**

Others in attendance were President Lisa Borders; Councilman C. T. Martin, District 10; Councilman Howard Shook, District 7; Rhonda Johnson, Municipal Clerk; Robert Barger, Council Director; Saul Schultz, Law Department; Jeffrey Norman, Law Department; Members of the Public, the Media and Council Staff.

A. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Chairperson Moore made a motion to delete item G-1 from the Agenda because the referenced report has already been received. The Agenda was ADOPTED AS AMENDED without objection.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes for the January 16, 2007 Committee on Council Meeting were APPROVED.

C. ADOPTION OF FULL COUNCIL AGENDA

The Full Council Agenda for February 5, 2007 was ACCEPTED without objection.

D. DISCUSSION ITEM(S)

1. Notification Protocol of Law Department Internal Investigations

Jeffrey B. Norman, Esq., the Compliance Manager with the Law Department appeared before the Committee to explain and discuss the Atlanta City Council Notification Protocol for Internal Investigations. An outline was prepared and distributed to the Committee and staff and made available to attending Department representatives and the attending public.

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D. DISCUSSION ITEM(S) (CONT'D)

2. E Filing State Disclosure

Rhonda Johnson, the Municipal Clerk, addressed the Committee concerning the Campaign Disclosure Filing Procedure and the E-Filing System. She informed the Committee that the City's E-Filing System is no longer functional and that the City would not be allowed to access or duplicate the State E-Filing System. She also informed the Committee that the Financial Disclosure process is now under the State Ethics Office and that the New Ethics Director has submitted a Bill to the General Assembly requiring that Campaign Disclosures and personal Financial Disclosures on the State level, be filed with the Ethics Office and not with local filing offices.

3. Preliminary Budget Report for the offices of the Municipal Clerk and the Director of Council

The Director of Council, Rob Barger, came before the Committee to submit a draft of the Atlanta City Council Estimated Base Budget AP Carry Forward and New Additions for 2007-2008, for his office and for the office of the Municipal Clerk. The Committee accepted the draft and gave general consensus to the Director and the Municipal Clerk to move forward.

4. Conference Room located in Suite 2550

The Director of Council informed the Committee that the Council mailroom has been designated a temporary conference room. He also informed the Committee that he and Councilmember Maddox had met with the Administration to discuss the possibility of reclaiming Suite 2550. He stated that Greg Pridgeon, the Mayor's Chief of Staff, agreed to the Committees' request and asked that the Administration be allowed to use Committee room #1 during Council/Committee meeting days, as a situation room. Mr. Barger stated that a report would be submitted before the next Committee on Council meeting. Councilmember Maddox noted that Suite 2550 should be available after February 15.

5. Miscellaneous

Councilmember Archibong asked for an update on the replacement for the Chief Research and Policy Analyst. Rob Barger informed her that the Council asked that he defer hiring anyone so that it could be added to the discussion at the next Council retreat.

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D. DISCUSSION ITEM(S) (CONT'D)

6. Office Space Planning Update and Council Retreat

Council President Borders addressed the Committee concerning progress of the office space planning. She reported that all temporary changes have been completed, all code violations are being addressed and that the Council would be participating in the Art on Loan Project at no cost to the Council. She announced that the tentative date for the next Council Retreat would be March 1st and 2nd, at Timber Ridge Conference Center (the Girls Scouts Camp and Retreat) in Mableton, Georgia.

E. COMMUNICATION(S)

07-C-0118 (1) A Communication by Councilmembers Howard Shook, District 7; Clair Muller, District 8; and Mary Norwood, Post 2 At-Large appointing **Mr. Comer Jennings** to the Atlanta Urban Design Commission. This appointment is for a term of three (3) years, scheduled to begin on the date of Council confirmation. **(Favorable by CD/HR Committee 1/30/07.)**

(Councilmember Fauver made a motion to Approve.)

FAVORABLE

07-C-0119 (2) A Communication by Councilmember Natalyn Archibong appointing **Mr. Jeffery L. Childers** to serve as a member of the Keep Atlanta Beautiful Commission. This appointment is for a term of two (2) years, scheduled to begin on the date of Council confirmation. **(Favorable by City Utilities Committee 1/30/07.)**

(Councilmember Fauver made a motion to Approve.)

FAVORABLE

07-C-0142 (3) A Communication by Councilmembers Natalyn Archibong, District 5; Anne Fauver, District 6; Howard Shook, District 7; Clair Muller, District 8; and Mary Norwood, Post 2 At-Large appointing **Mr. Andy Schneggenburger** to serve as a member of the Beltline Affordable Housing Advisory Board for the City of Atlanta. This appointment is for a term of two (2) years, scheduled to begin on the date of Council confirmation. **(Favorable by CD/HR Committee 1/30/07.)**

(Councilmember Fauver made a motion to Approve.)

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F. ORDINANCE(S) FOR SECOND READING

07-O-0072 (1) An Ordinance by Committee on Council to amend the 2001 City of Atlanta Precinct and Polling Places Ordinance in Precinct 9F as a result of a Temporary Relocation of said Precinct Polling Place; and for other purposes.

(Councilmember Fauver made a motion to Approve.)

FAVORABLE

07-O-0094 (2) An Ordinance by Committee on Council to amend Chapter Two, Article II, Division 2, Subdivision II, Section 2-104 (a), entitled "Remarks from Public" of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlanta, so as to preclude the City Council from accepting additional names on the speakers' list, to be heard during remarks from the public, after roll call has occurred at its regularly scheduled City Council meetings; to waive conflicting ordinances; and for other purposes.

(Councilmember Moore made a motion to Hold so that the Committee can further discuss this matter)

HELD

G. RESOLUTION(S)

07-R-0199 (1) A Resolution by Committee on Council accepting the Report of the Coretta Scott King Commission dated December 1, 2006 which contains recommendations for a fitting tribute to honor the life and good works of the late Coretta Scott King; and for other purposes.

(Councilmember Moore made a motion to Delete this legislation from the Agenda because the report has already been received.)

DELETED FROM THE AGENDA AS DUPLICATIVE

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H. PAPER(S) HELD IN COMMITTEE

- 06-O-1333 (1) An Ordinance by Councilmembers Anne Fauver and Cleta Winslow to amend the Charter of the City of Atlanta adopted under and by virtue of the authority of the Municipal Home Rule Act of 1965 (Ga. Laws 1965, P.298, et seq.) as amended, to amend Part I, Subpart A, Article VII, Chapter 3, Section 2-301(c) of the Charter of the City of Atlanta, Georgia (Ga. Laws 1996, p. 4469, et seq.), approved April 15, 1996 as amended, so as to allow elected officials to view a video taped copy of the Elected Officials Mandatory Training Modules; to make the mandatory training apply to newly elected officials only; and for other purposes. **(Held 6/19/06; Vote taken to continue to hold 1/2/07.)**
- 06-O-1597 (2) An Ordinance by Committee on Council to amend Chapter 2, Article XVI, Division 1, Section 2-1852 (entitled, "Procedures for appointments of Councilmember to a Board, Commission or Authority.") of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlanta, so as to establish a procedure for appointments of persons, by individual members of Council, to Boards, Commissions or Authorities; to waive conflicting ordinances; and for other purposes. **(Held 8/21/06.)**
- 06-C-1978 (3) A Communication by Mayor Shirley Franklin re-appointing **James Wright** to serve as a member of the Westside Tax Allocation District (TAD) Downtown Advisory Board for the City of Atlanta in the Castleberry Hill Neighborhood Association Category. This re-appointment is for a term of two (2) years, scheduled to begin on the date of Council confirmation. **(Forwarded without Recommendation by CD/HR 9/12/06; Held 9/18/06.)**
- 06-C-1979 (4) A Communication by Mayor Shirley Franklin re-appointing **Michael Tompkins** to serve as a member of the Westside Tax Allocation District (TAD) Downtown Advisory Board for the City of Atlanta in the Chamber of Commerce Category. This re-appointment is for a term of two (2) years, scheduled to begin on the date of Council confirmation. **(Forwarded without Recommendation by CD/HR 9/12/06; Held 9/18/06.)**

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H. PAPER(S) HELD IN COMMITTEE (CONT'D)

06-C-1986 (5) A Communication by Mayor Shirley Franklin re-appointing **Michael Jeter** to serve as a member of the Westside Tax Allocation District (TAD) Neighborhood Advisory Board for the City of Atlanta in the Neighborhood/Non-profit Category. This re-appointment is for a term of two (2) years, scheduled to begin on the date of Council confirmation. **(Forwarded without Recommendation by CD/HR 9/12/06; Held 9/18/06.)**

06-O-2137 (6) An Ordinance by Councilmember Howard Shook to abolish the term limit for persons serving on any City Board or Commission; and for other purposes. **(Held for further review and discussion 10/02/06.)**

06-C-2268 (7) A Communication by Councilmembers Felicia A. Moore, District 9; C. T. Martin, District 10; Jim Maddox, District 11; Joyce M. Sheperd, District 12 and H. Lamar Willis, Post 3 At-Large appointing **Ms. Cindy Dennis** to serve as a member of the Beltline Tax Allocation District Advisory Committee for the City of Atlanta. This appointment is for a term of two (2) years, scheduled to begin on the date of Council confirmation. **(Forwarded with no recommendation by CD/HR Committee 10/31/06; Held 11/6/06 so that the appointee can appear before the Committee.)**

(Councilmember Maddox made a motion to Approve.)

FAVORABLE

07-C-0015 (8) A Communication by Councilmember Joyce M. Sheperd nominating **Dr. Samantha P. Williams** for an appointment to the Fulton County Board of Health. This appointment is for a term of four (4) years, scheduled to begin on the date of Council confirmation. **(Held 1/16/07 so that the appointee can appear before the Committee.)**

07-O-0081 (9) An Ordinance by Councilmember Howard Shook to amend the Rules of Council so as to establish a policy requiring city departments to submit quarterly reports to the Council Committee of purview in a manner prescribed by the Committee; and for other purposes. **(Held 1/16/07 so that the Law Department can meet with the author for further discussion.)**

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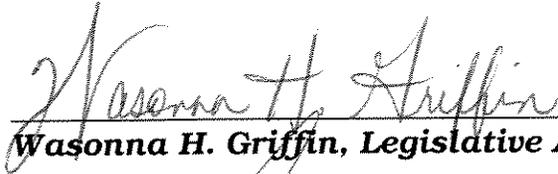
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There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 12:21 p.m.

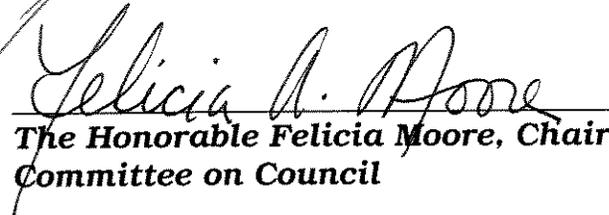
Respectfully Submitted:



Wasonna H. Griffin, Legislative Assistant



Bernard Thomas, Research & Policy Analyst



**The Honorable Felicia Moore, Chair
Committee on Council**