

**COMMITTEE ON COUNCIL
MINUTES
MARCH 19 2007**

The Regularly Scheduled Meeting of the Committee on Council was held on Monday, March 19, 2007 in Committee Room #2.

Chairperson Moore recognized a quorum was present and the meeting convened at 11:03 am.

The Following Committee Members were Present

**The Honorable Felicia A. Moore, Chair
The Honorable Mary Norwood, Vice-Chair
The Honorable Jim Maddox
The Honorable Clela Winslow
The Honorable Natalyn Archibong**

The Following Committee Members were Absent

**The Honorable Ceasar Mitchell
The Honorable Anne Fauver**

Others in attendance were Greg Pridgeon, Mayor's Chief of Staff; Rhonda Johnson, Municipal Clerk; Derrick Williams, Mayor's Office; Nikki P. Turner, Law-Legislative Counsel; Saul Schultz, Law Department; Jerry Solomon, Human Resources; Members of the Public, the Media and Council Staff.

A. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The Agenda was ADOPTED without objection.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes for the March 5, 2007 Committee on Council Meeting were APPROVED.

C. ADOPTION OF FULL COUNCIL AGENDA

The Full Council Agenda for March 19, 2007 was ACCEPTED without objection.

D. DISCUSSION ITEM

1. Ethics in Government Act Amendment – Municipal Clerk, Rhonda Johnson.

The Municipal Clerk, Rhonda Johnson, addressed the Committee concerning the current filing requirements and possible upcoming changes to the filing requirements, per Senate Bill 243, for elected officials who are required to file a Campaign Disclosure Report and a Financial Disclosure Report. The change would require officials to file directly with the State Ethics Office and not with her office. A copy of SB 243 is included with these Minutes.

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E. COMMUNICATION(S)

07-C-0361 (1) A Communication by Mayor Shirley Franklin appointing **Mr. Frank C. Sizer, Jr.** as Corrections Chief for the City of Atlanta. **(Favorable by Public Safety & Legal Administration Committee 3/13/07.)**

(Councilmember Maddox made a motion to Approve.)

FAVORABLE (4 YEAS) (0 NAYS) (1 ABSTENSION)

07-C-0407 (2) A Communication to Council President Lisa M. Borders by Mr. Aaron Turpeau, Chairman of the Atlanta Black Agenda Business Resource Center, Inc., submitting the name of **Arthur B. Cummings** to serve on the Reverend Joseph E. Boone Commission, scheduled to begin on the date of Council confirmation.

(Councilmember Moore made a motion to Hold so that the appointee can appear before the Committee.)

HELD

07-C-0408 (3) A Communication to Council President Lisa M. Borders and Members of Council by **Reverend Darrell D. Elligan**, President of Concerned Black Clergy of Metropolitan Atlanta, Inc. on behalf of Concerned Black Clergy, submitting his name as appointee to serve on the Reverend Joseph E. Boone Commission, scheduled to begin on the date of Council confirmation.

(Councilmember Moore made a motion to Hold so that the appointee can appear before the Committee.)

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E. COMMUNICATION(S) (CONT'D)

07-C-0409 (4) A Communication to Council President Lisa M. Borders and Members of Council by the Boone family, Alethea W. Boone and John O. Boone, Sr., submitting the name of **Dr. Joseph Roberts**, Pastor Emeritus of Ebenezer Baptist Church, to serve on the Reverend Joseph E. Boone Commission, scheduled to begin on the date of Council confirmation.

(Councilmember Maddox made a motion to Approve.)

FAVORABLE

07-C-0410 (5) A Communication to Council President Lisa M. Borders and Members of Council by Mr. Charles Allen, Alumni Association on behalf of Booker T. Washington High School, submitting the name of **Ms. Lalita Washington** to serve on the Reverend Joseph E. Boone Commission, scheduled to begin on the date of Council confirmation.

(Councilmember Maddox made a motion to Approve.)

FAVORABLE

07-C-0411 (6) A Communication to Council President Lisa M. Borders by Dr. R. L. White, Jr., President of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), submitting the name of **Ms. Saundra M. Douglas** to serve on the Reverend Joseph E. Boone Commission, scheduled to begin on the date of Council confirmation.

(Councilmember Maddox made a motion to Approve.)

FAVORABLE

F. ORDINANCE(S) FOR SECOND READING

07-O-0405 (1) An Ordinance by Committee on Council to amend the 2001 City of Atlanta Precincts and Polling Places Ordinance in Precinct 12S as a result of a temporary relocation of said precinct and polling place; and for other purposes.

(Councilmember Winslow made a motion to Approve.)

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G. 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) A **Substitute** 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, Georgia, so as to replace said code section with a procedure for the appointment bt the Full Council of individuals or Councilmembers to Boards, Commissions and Authorities; to waive conflicting ordinances; and for other purposes. **(Held 8/21/06; Substituted and held 3/5/07.)**

(Councilmember Archibong made a motion to Approve.)

FAVORABLE ON SUBSTITUTE AS AMENDED

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 Community Development/Human Resources Committee 9/12/06; Held 9/18/06.)**

06-O-2137 (4) 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.)**

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

07-O-0081 (5) 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.)**

07-O-0094 (6) 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 purpose. **(Held 2/05/07 so that the Committee can discuss further.)**

07-C-0197 (7) A Communication to Council President Lisa M. Borders from Dr. R. L. White, President of the Atlanta NAACP submitting their appointment of **Ms. Judith Withers-Hanson** to serve on the Reverend Joseph Boone Commission, scheduled to begin on the date of Council confirmation. **(Held 2/19/07 so that the appointee can appear before the Committee.)**

(Councilmember Maddox made a motion to File.)

FILE

07-C-0286 (8) A Communication by Councilmembers Carla Smith, District 1; Kwanza Hall, District 2; Ivory Lee Young, Jr., District 3; Cleta Winslow, District 4 and Ceasar C. Mitchell, Post 1 At-Large, appointing **Ms. Joan P. Garner** to serve as a member of the BeltLine Affordable Housing Advisory Board. This appointment is for a term of (2) years, scheduled to begin on the date of Council confirmation. **(Forwarded with no recommendation by Community Development/Human Resources Committee 2/27/07; Held 3/5/07 so that the appointee can appear before the Committee.)**

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

07-C-0302 (9) A Communication by Mayor Shirley Franklin appointing **Reverend Gerald L. Durley** to serve on the Reverend Joseph E. Boone Commission, scheduled to begin on the date of Council confirmation. **(Held 3/5/07 so that the appointee can appear before the Committee.)**

(Councilmember Maddox made a motion to Approve.)

FAVORABLE

07-C-0305 (10) A Communication by Mayor Shirley Franklin appointing **Ms. Megan A. Kelly** to serve as a member of the Atlanta Commission on Women for the City of Atlanta. This appointment is to fill the unexpired term of Cynthia Burnside whose term expires 5/2/07, scheduled to begin on the date of Council confirmation. **(Held 3/5/07 so that the appointee can appear before the Committee.)**

(Councilmember Maddox made a motion to Approve.)

FAVORABLE

H. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 12:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Wasonna H. Griffin, Legislative Assistant



Bernard Thomas, Research & Policy Analyst



The Honorable Felicia Moore, Chair
Committee on Council