

**COMMITTEE ON COUNCIL
MINUTES
APRIL 16 2007**

The Regularly Scheduled Meeting of the Committee on Council was held on Monday, April 16, 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 Cleta Winslow
The Honorable Ceasar Mitchell
The Honorable Anne Fauver**

The Following Committee Member was Absent

The Honorable Natalyn Archibong

Others in attendance were Rhonda Johnson, Municipal Clerk; Derrick Williams, Mayor's Office; Robin Shahar, Law Department; Saul Schultz, Law Department; Ginny Looney, Ethics Officer; 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 19, 2007 Committee on Council Meeting were APPROVED.

C. ADOPTION OF FULL COUNCIL AGENDA

The Full Council Agenda for April 16, 2007 was ACCEPTED without objection.

D. DISCUSSION ITEM

Tree Commission Member, Mark Evans, Disclosure Filing – Ethics Officer, Ginny Looney

The Ethics Officer, Ginny Looney, appeared before the Committee to discuss a recommendation from the Ethics Board, regarding the delinquent filing of a Disclosure Report for Mr. Mark Evans, a member of the Tree Conservation Commission. The Ethics Board met on March 15, 2007 and reviewed a status report, submitted by Ms. Looney, which lists all required filers of the disclosure report, the date their report was

D. DISCUSSION ITEM (CONT'D)

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received, and whether it was on time, late or is delinquent. The Board made a recommendation to remove delinquent filers from office who are currently serving. Councilmember Moore asked that the staff find out which Council District nominated Mr. Evans so that that office can give Mr. Evans a courtesy call and send a letter, mirroring the letter that the Mayor sends to appointees from her office who are delinquent filers, by certified mail with a return receipt request, asking him to submit a disclosure report to the Ethics Officer by a specific date. Depending on his response and a notice to the Committee from Ms. Looney, the Committee can then make a decision. It was determined that Council District 9, Councilmember Moore's office, was the nominating district.

E. COMMUNICATIONS

07-C-0519 (1) A Communication to Council President Lisa M. Borders by Clerk Mark Massey to the Fulton County Board of Commissioners submitting the Fulton County Board of Commissioners' appointments of Ms. Carrie M. Salvary (Position 1); Ms. Janis L. Ware (Position 2); and Ms. Felicia Murray (Position 3) to serve as the County's representatives on the BeltLine Affordable Housing Advisory Board. This appointment is for a term of two (2) years, scheduled to begin on the date of Council confirmation. **(Favorable on condition by Community Development/Human Resources 3/27/07.)**

(Councilmember Maddox made a motion to Approve.)

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

07-C-0625 (2) A Communication to Council President Lisa M. Borders from Terri Y. Montague, President and CEO, Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. submitting appointees from the Atlanta Public Schools and the joint appointments from ANDP and AHAND to the BeltLine Affordable Housing Advisory Board. These appointments are for a term of two (2) Years, scheduled to begin on the date of Council confirmation. The appointees are as follows: Community Based organizations: Mr. Bruce C. Gunter, Mr. Pete Hayley and Ms. Kate S. Little; Atlanta Public School Representation: Mr. Eric Wilson, Ms. Yolanda Johnson, Ms. Wendy Green, Ms. Sharron M. Pitts, Ms. Catalina Sibilsky and Ms. Millicent Few. **(Favorable by Community Development/Human Resources Committee 3/27/07.)**

E. COMMUNICATIONS (CONT'D)

(Councilmember Maddox made a motion to Approve.)

FAVORABLE (5 YEAS) (0 NAYS)

- 07-C-0292 (3) A Communication by Mayor Shirley Franklin re-appointing **Ms. Carol Jackson** to serve as a member of the Atlanta Community Coordinating Responsible Authority (ACoRA) for the City of Atlanta. This appointment is for a term of one (1) year, scheduled to begin on the date of Council confirmation. **(Held 2/27/07) (Held to allow appointee the opportunity to come before the Committee on 3/27/07; Favorable by Community Development/Human Resources Committee 3/27/07.)**

(Councilmember Maddox made a motion to Approve.)

FAVORABLE (5 YEAS) (0 NAYS)

F. PAPERS 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-C-1978 (2) 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.)**

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F. PAPERS HELD IN COMMITTEE (CONT'D)

06-O-2137 (3) 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.)**

07-O-0081 (4) 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 (5) 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-0286 (6) 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.)**

(Councilmember Maddox made a motion to Approve.)

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

07-C-0407 (7) 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. **(Held 3/19/07 so that the appointee can appear before the Committee.)**

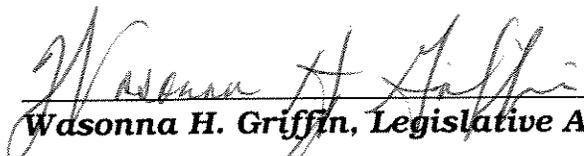
F. PAPERS HELD IN COMMITTEE (CONT'D)

- 07-C-0408 (8) 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. **(Held 3/19/07 so that the appointee can appear before the Committee.)**

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Wasonna H. Griffin, Legislative Assistant



Bernard Thomas, Research & Policy Analyst



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