

**COMMITTEE ON COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
MARCH 16, 2009**

The Regularly Scheduled Meeting of the Committee on Council was held on Monday, March 16, 2009 in Committee Room #2.

Chairperson Moore recognized a quorum was present and the meeting convened at 11:05 a.m.

**The Following Committee Members were Present**

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

**The Following Committee Member was not Present**

**The Honorable Natalyn Archibong**

Others in attendance were Greg Pridgeon, Chief of Staff-Mayor; Rhonda Johnson, Municipal Clerk; Vanessa Hickey-Gales, Records Mgr.-Municipal Clerk's Office; Leslie Ward, City Auditor; Stephanie Jackson, Performance Auditor Mgr.; Jeffrey Norman; Bill Castings; Saul Schultz, Law Department; Cristina Beamud, Executive Director-Atlanta Citizen Review Board; General Public, Members of the Press, and Council Staff.

**A. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

*Chairperson Moore made a motion to amend the agenda to accept one Resolution, 09-R-0495. The Agenda was Adopted as amended without objection.*

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*The Minutes for the March 2, 2009 Committee on Council Meeting were APPROVED without objection.*

**C. ADOPTION OF FULL COUNCIL AGENDA**

*The Full Council Agenda for March 16, 2009 was ACCEPTED without objection.*

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. *Cristina Beamud, Executive Director of the Atlanta Citizen Review Board, came before the Committee to inform them of the boards' decision to formally request that the Committee on Council exercise it's subpoena power for all of the investigative reports and materials, from the Atlanta Police Department, pertaining to the investigation into the shooting death of Pierre George by an Atlanta police officer, at the next meeting of the Committee on Council. A copy of the letter to the Committee on Council containing a chronology of the requests made to members of the Atlanta Police Department in connection with the George case, are on file with these minutes.*
  
2. *Leslie Ward, City Auditor, appeared before the Committee to present a Performance Audit Review of the 2006 through 2008 Council Expenditures as requested by the City Council in October 2008. The City Auditor explained in detail her findings and gave several recommendations intended to clarify the rules governing Council Expense Accounts. A copy of the Auditor's recommendations and a summary of the Councilmembers' responses are on file with these minutes.*

D. COMMUNICATIONS

09-C-0390 ( 1) A Communication by Mayor Shirley Franklin re-appointing **Ms. Darlene M. Trigg** to serve as a Taxicabs and Vehicles for Hire Hearing Officer for the City of Atlanta. This re-appointment is for a term of two (2) years, scheduled to begin on the date of Council confirmation. **(To expire 9/07/2010). (Favorable by Public Safety & Legal Administration Committee 3/10/09.)**

**FAVORABLE**

09-C-0391 ( 2) A Communication by Mayor Shirley Franklin re-appointing **Mr. John Sparks** to serve as a Taxicabs and Vehicles for Hire Hearing Officer for the City of Atlanta. This re-appointment is for a term of two (2) years, scheduled to begin on the date of Council confirmation. **(To expire 6/19/2010). (Favorable by Public Safety & Legal Administration Committee 3/10/09.)**

**FAVORABLE**

**D. COMMUNICATIONS (CONT'D)**

09-C-0393 ( 3) A Communication by Mayor Shirley Franklin re-appointing **Mrs. Juanita Jones Abernathy** to serve on the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA) Board of Directors for the City of Atlanta. This re-appointment is for a term of four (4) years, scheduled to begin on the date of Council confirmation. **(To expire 12/06/2012.) (Favorable by Transportation Committee 3/11/09.)**

**FAVORABLE**

09-C-0394 ( 4) A Communication by Mayor Shirley Franklin re-appointing **Ms. Eva Davis** to serve as a member of the Atlanta Housing Authority Board of Commissioners in the tenant category for the City of Atlanta. This re-appointment is for a term of one (1) year, scheduled to begin on the date of Council confirmation. **(To expire 2/16/2010.) (Favorable by Community Development/Human Resources Committee 3/10/09.)**

**FAVORABLE**

09-C-0395 ( 5) A Communication by Mayor Shirley Franklin re-appointing **Mr. Elder James Brown** to serve as a member of the Atlanta Housing Authority Board of Commissioners in the tenant category for the City of Atlanta. This re-appointment is for a term of one (1) year, scheduled to begin on the date of Council confirmation. **(To expire 12/07/09.) (Favorable by Community Development/Human Resources Committee 3/10/09.)**

**FAVORABLE**

09-C-0396 ( 6) A Communication by Clerk Mark Massey to the Fulton County Board of Commissioners to Council President Lisa M. Borders submitting the Fulton County Board of Commissioners' re-appointment of **Ms. L. Dianne Olansky** (Position 6) to serve as the County's representative on the BeltLine TAD Advisory Committee. This re-appointment is for a term of two (2) years, scheduled to begin on the date of Council confirmation. **(Second appointment to expire on 12/31/2010.) (Favorable by Community Development/Human Resources Committee 3/10/09.)**

**FAVORABLE**

**D. COMMUNICATIONS (CONT'D)**

09-C-0472 ( 7) A Communication by Mayor Shirley Franklin appointing **Mr. Randall Fox** to serve as a member of the Fulton County Board of Health for the City of Atlanta. This appointment is for a term of two (2) years, scheduled to begin on the date of Council confirmation.

**FILE**

09-C-0474 ( 8) A Communication by Mayor Shirley Franklin appointing **Ms. Keyetta Holmes** to serve as a member of the Zoning Review Board in the Municipal Planner Category 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 Zoning Committee 3/11/09.)**

**FAVORABLE**

09-C-0475 ( 9) A Communication by Mayor Shirley Franklin appointing **Ms. Cassandra Lawson** to serve as a Procurement Appeals Hearing Officer 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 Finance/Executive Committee 3/11/09.)**

**FAVORABLE**

**E. PAPERS HELD IN COMMITTEE**

07-O-1340 ( 1) An Ordinance by Councilmembers Jim Maddox, Kwanza Hall, Joyce Sheperd, Howard Shook, Anne Fauver, Ceasar Mitchell, Lamar Willis, Ivory Young, Jr., C. T. Martin, Carla Smith and Clair Muller **as Substituted by Committee on Council** to amend the Rules for the Conduct of Business of the Atlanta City Council so as to create a new rule XVIII, Section 18.1 which shall govern the submission of legislation prepared by the Executive Branch and requested to be sponsored by and introduced as personal papers by Council Members; to waive conflicting ordinances and rules; and for other purposes. **(Held 7/2/07 for further review and discussion; Substituted and held 3/16/09.)**

**E. PAPERS HELD IN COMMITTEE (CONT'D)**

09-C-0111 ( 2) A Communication by Mayor Shirley Franklin re-appointing **Ms. Rita Samuels** to serve as a member of the Atlanta Commission on Women for the City of Atlanta. This re-appointment is for a term of two (2) years, to begin with the expiration of her previous appointment on 12/05/07. **(3<sup>rd</sup> appointment to expire 12/05/09; Held 2/2/09 to allow the appointee an opportunity to appear before the Committee.)**

**FILE**

**F. ITEM NOT ON AGENDA**

**RESOLUTION**

09-R-0495 ( 1) A Resolution by Committee on Council expressing the City of Atlanta's desire to add the Adamsville Recreation Center and Natatorium as an advance Voting Location for the City of Atlanta's November 3, 2009 General Election and if necessary and practicable the City of Atlanta's December 1, 2009 Run-off Election; and for other purposes.

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**FAVORABLE**

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

**Respectfully Submitted:**

  
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Wasonna H. Griffin, Legislative Assistant

  
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Bernard Thomas, Research & Policy Analyst

  
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The Honorable Felicia Moore, Chair  
Committee on Council