

**COMMITTEE ON COUNCIL
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 2, 2009**

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

Chairperson Moore recognized a quorum was present and the meeting convened at 11:25am.

The Following Committee Members were Present

**The Honorable Felicia A. Moore, Chair
The Honorable Anne Fauver
The Honorable Natalyn Archibong
The Honorable Jim Maddox
The Honorable Cleta Winslow**

The Following Committee Member was not Present

The Honorable Mary Norwood, Vice-Chair

Others in attendance were Rhonda Johnson, Municipal Clerk; Saul Schultz, Law Department; Cristina Beamud, Exec. Director, ACRB; General Public, Members of the Press, and Council Staff.

A. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The Agenda was Adopted without objection.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes for the October 19, 2009 Committee on Council Meeting were APPROVED without objection.

C. ADOPTION OF FULL COUNCIL AGENDA

The Full Council Agenda for November 2, 2009 was ADOPTED without objection.

D. DISCUSSION ITEM

Discussion Item presentation began @11:12am, before a quorum was reached.

Election Update – Rhonda Johnson, Municipal Clerk

Rhonda Johnson, Municipal Clerk, was asked to give an Election Update Report to the Committee. She announced that the Municipal General Elections will be held on November 3, 2009, at all of the regular Precincts and Polling Places in Atlanta. The polls will be open from 7:00am until 8:00pm on Election Day. The Election will be held for Mayor of the City of Atlanta, City Council President, fifteen (15) Councilmembers, nine (9) Board of Education Members and to retain Municipal Judges, for four (4) year terms. She also explained that if no candidate seeking election to any office received at least 50% plus 1 vote, a Municipal General Election Run-off will be held on December 1, 2009. She announced that Absentee and Early Voting began on October 13, 2009 and will run through October 23, 2009 and will be held from 8:00am to 5:00pm, at the Dekalb County Voter Registration and Elections Office at 4380 Memorial Drive Suite 300, Decatur 30032; and from 8:30am to 5:00pm, at the Fulton County Government Center, 141 Pryor Street Suite 4064, Atlanta 30303; at the North Fulton Service Center at 7741 Roswell Road Suite 209, in Sandy Springs and, at the South Fulton Government Center at 5600 Stonewall Tell Road Room 105, in College Park, Georgia,. Advance Voting will be held October 26, 2009 through October 30, 2009 from 8:00am to 7:00pm in Dekalb County at the same location indicated above and 8:30am to 7:00pm in Fulton County at the same location indicated above and at Adamsville Recreation Center 3201 M. L. King, Jr., Drive; North Atlanta High School 2875 Northside Drive at the corner of Kingswood Lane; and at the City of College Park Georgia 3631 Main Street. She explained that voting Absentee by mail was in progress. An Application could be found at City of Atlanta's website, www.atlantaga.gov and at the Secretary of States website <http://sos.georgia.gov/elections/voter/information/absenteeballot/app.pdf>. You can also request an application by mail, fax or in-person at the Voter Registration and Elections Office in Dekalb County at the same location indicated above, the fax number is 404-298-4038 or Fulton County at the same location indicated above, the fax number is 404-730-7024. The Absentee Ballot must be received in the appropriate County Elections Office by 8:00pm on Election Day. No voting will be held on November 2, 2009, the day before the election. A copy of the information referenced above is on file with these minutes and the meeting can be viewed on the City's website, www.atlantaga.gov

E. COMMUNICATIONS

09-C-1208 (1) A Communication by Mayor Shirley Franklin appointing **Ms. Carol King** to serve as a member of the Civil Service Board on behalf of the City of Atlanta. This appointment is to fill the unexpired term of Carole Dortch to expire May 21, 2010. (Recommendation to file by Finance/Executive Committee 10/28/09.)

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E. COMMUNICATIONS (CONT'D)

09-C 1656 (2) A Communication from Chair LaChandra Butler Burks, Atlanta Board of Education, to Municipal Clerk Rhonda Dauphin Johnson appointing **Mr. William McFarland** to serve as a member of the BeltLine Tax Allocation District (TAD) Affordable Housing Board. This appointment is for a term of two (2) years to begin retroactive on May 1, 2009. **(Favorable by Community Development/Human Resources Committee 10/27/09.)**

FAVORABLE (4 YEAS) (1 ABSTENTION)

09-C-1658 (3) A Communication by Mayor Shirley Franklin re-appointing **Ms. Gloria Leonard** to serve as a member of the Civil Service Board on behalf of the City of Atlanta. This re-appointment is for a term of three (3) years to expire on December 03, 2010. **(Favorable by Finance/Executive Committee 10/28/09.)**

FAVORABLE

09-C-1822 (4) A Communication from Elizabeth B. Coyle, Chair, BeltLine Network, to Council President Lisa M. Borders and Members of Council submitting their appointment of **Mr. Shelby Mayes** to serve as the representative on the BeltLine Tax Allocation District (TAD) Advisory Committee. This appointment is to fill the unexpired term of Ms. Anna Cherry which expires on December 31, 2010. **(Favorable by Community Development/Human Resources Committee 10/27/09.)**

FAVORABLE

09-C-1823 (5) A Communication by Councilmembers H. Lamar Willis, Post 3 At-Large; Felicia A. Moore, District 9 and C. T. Martin, District 10 re-appointing **Ms. Allyson T. McCarthy** to serve as a member of the Urban Design Commission. This re-appointment is for a term of three (3) years, scheduled to begin on the date of Council confirmation. **(Favorable by Community Development/Human Resources Committee 10/27/09.)**

FAVORABLE

09-C-1824 (6) A Communication from Ms. Cristina Beamud, Executive Director, Atlanta Citizen Review Board, to Council President Lisa M. Borders and Members of Council submitting the Atlanta Planning Advisory Board appointment of **Mr. Maceo C. Williams, Sr.** representing NPU's S-Z to serve as their representative on the Atlanta Citizen Review Board. This appointment is to fill the

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unexpired term of Mr. LaShawn Hoffman which expires on October 20, 2011. (**Favorable by Public Safety & Legal Administration Committee 10/27/09.**)

(Chairperson Moore made a motion to hold for further review.)

HOLD

09-C-1825 (7) A Communication from Ms. Cristina Beamud, Executive Director, Atlanta Citizen Review Board, to Council President Lisa M. Borders and Members of Council submitting the Atlanta Planning Advisory Board appointment of Mr. James Doyle representing NPU's G-L to serve as their representative on the Atlanta Citizen Review Board. This appointment is for a term of three (3) years, scheduled to begin on the date of Council confirmation. (**Recommendation to file by Public Safety & Legal Administration Committee 10/27/09.**)

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F. ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING

09-O-1868 (1) An Ordinance by Committee on Council to amend the 2001 City of Atlanta Precincts and Polling Places as a result of emergency precinct relocation; and for other purposes.

(Chairperson Moore made a motion to hold in case an amendment is needed.)

HOLD

09-O-1888 (2) An Ordinance by Councilmember Felicia A. Moore **as Substituted by Committee on Council** to amend the following Sections of Chapter 66 Entitled "Elections" of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlanta, Georgia so as to delete obsolete references to the Georgia Municipal Election Code, O.C.G.A. §21-3-1 et. seq. and to update said sections with current references to the Georgia Election Code: Sections 66-1, 66-2, 66-3, 66-4, 66-5, 66-6 and 66-7; to waive conflicting ordinances and code sections; and for other purposes.

FAVORABLE ON SUBSTITUTE

G. CHARTER AMENDMENT/SECOND READING/FIRST ADOPTION

09-O-1887 (1) An Ordinance and Charter Amendment by Councilmember Felicia A. Moore as **Substituted by Committee on Council** 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 Section 5-101 and 5-106 (Pertaining to Elections) 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 delete obsolete references to the Georgia Municipal Election Code and to update and replace said references to the Georgia Election Code; to repeal conflicting ordinances and charter amendments; and for other purposes. **(1st Reading 10/19/09.)**

FAVORABLE ON SUBSTITUTE/SECOND READING/FIRST ADOPTION

H. PAPER HELD IN COMMITTEE

09-O-1111 (1) An Ordinance by Committee on Council to amend Chapter 2, (Administration), Article II, (Council), Division 4, (Staff), Section 2-151 (a), (Sergeant-at-arms), of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlanta, Georgia, so as to make the appointment of a Sergeant-at-arms by the City Council discretionary rather than mandatory; to waive conflicting ordinances; and for other purposes. **(Held 7/20/09 by the Committee for further review and discussion.)**

REQUESTED INFORMATION FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

7/20/09

Council Operations Survey

The following questions were raised by the following Committee members.

Fauver:

1. What is the purpose of the Municipal Clerk's Office
2. Where should the Office of the Municipal Clerk be in the general structure of Government?
3. How does the function of the Municipal Clerk's Office tie into Council operations?

Archibong:

How does the Office of the Director of Council and Staff fun

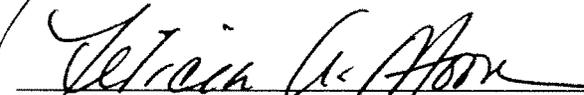
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:46am

Respectfully Submitted:


Wasonna H. Griffin, Legislative Assistant


Bernard Thomas, Research & Policy Analyst


The Honorable Felicia Moore, Chair
Committee on Council