

**COMMITTEE ON COUNCIL
MINUTES
DECEMBER 7, 2009**

The Regularly Scheduled Meeting of the Committee on Council was held on Monday, December 7, 2009 in Committee Room #2.

Chairperson Moore recognized a quorum was present and the meeting convened at 11:14am.

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; Flor Velarde, ADA; 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 November 16, 2009 Committee on Council Meeting were APPROVED without objection.

C. ADOPTION OF FULL COUNCIL AGENDA

The Full Council Agenda for December 7, 2009 was ADOPTED without objection.

D. DISCUSSION ITEM

Discussion Item presentation began @ 11:08am, before a quorum was reached.

2009 Municipal Election Results – 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 Run-off was held on Tuesday, December 1, 2009, for the following seats: Mayor, Council President, District 6 and Post 2 At-Large. The results were certified by the Fulton County Voter Registration and Election Office for both the City of Atlanta and DeKalb County. Election results can be found on the City of Atlanta's website, www.atlantaga.gov, and in the Office of the Municipal Clerk, 55 Trinity Avenue, 30303, Suite 2700.

E. ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING

09-O-2032 (1) An Ordinance by Committee on Council to amend Chapter 2 (Administration), Article II (Council), Division 2 (Meetings), Subdivision II (Rules of Procedure) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlanta, Georgia, so as to create a New Section 2-99.1, to be entitled “Motion to Hold in the Breast of Council” which section shall set forth the rules and procedures applicable to said motion; to waive conflicting ordinances; and for other purposes.

FAVORABLE

09-O-2033 (2) An Ordinance by Committee on Council to amend for clarification purposes, Section 2-36 “President of Council” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlanta, Georgia by (1) deleting Subsection (e) and re-designating said Subsection as Section 2-37 “Selection of Council President Pro Tempore”; (2) by deleting Subsections (i) and (j); (3) by re-designating Subsection (h) as Subsection (a) and by re-designating Subsections (a), (b), (c) and (d) as Sub-subsections (1), (2), (3), and (4) respectively, of Subsection (a); (4) to re-designate Subsections (f), (g), and (k), as Subsections (b), (c) and (d) respectively; to re-designate the existing Section 2-37 “Appointment to fill vacancy” as Section 2-37.1 and to change the current section caption to “Method of filling temporary council vacancy”; to re-designate the existing Section 2-37.1 “Succession to the office of Mayor, office of Council President and position of Council President Pro Tempore” to Section 2-37.2; to make minor language modifications to said sections and subsections for purposes of clarification and/or consistency; to waive conflicting ordinances; and for other purposes.

FAVORABLE

F. CHARTER AMENDMENT/THIRD READING/FINAL ADOPTION

09-O-1920 (1) An Ordinance and Charter Amendment by Councilmember Felicia A. Moore 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 2-403, Entitled “Submission to Mayor; Mayor’s Veto” 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 provide that if the Mayor vetoes any Ordinance or Resolution adopted at the last Council Meeting in December of a General Election Year, the Council shall call a Special Meeting prior to December 31 of that year, to consider any such vetoed legislation; to repeal conflicting ordinances and charter amendments; and for other purposes. (1st Reading 11/2/09; 2nd Reading 1st Adoption 11/16/09.)

FAVORABLE THIRD READING/FINAL ADOPTION

G. RESOLUTIONS/COMMUNICATIONS

09-C-1899 (1) A Communication by Councilmembers Felicia A. Moore, District 9; C. T. Martin, District 10; Jim Maddox, District 11; Joyce Sheperd, District 12 and H. Lamar Willis, Post 3 At-Large appointing **Mr. Roger Nance** as a member of the Board of Zoning Adjustment. This appointment is for a term of two (2) years, scheduled to begin on the date of Council confirmation. **(Forwarded with no recommendation by Zoning Committee 12/2/09.)**

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09-C-2034 (2) A Communication by Councilmembers Clela Winslow, District 4; Carla Smith, District 1; Kwanza Hall, District 2; Ivory Lee Young, Jr. District 3 and Ceasar C. Mitchell, Post 1 At-Large, appointing **Mr. Karl Webster Barnes** to serve as a member of the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA). This appointment is for a term of two (2) years, scheduled to begin on the date of Council confirmation. **(Favorable by Zoning Committee 12/2/09.)**

FAVORABLE

09-C-2035 (3) A Communication by Council President Lisa M. Borders; appointing **Ms. Martha Porter Hall** to serve as a member of the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA). This appointment is for a term of two (2) years, scheduled to begin on the date of Council confirmation. **(Favorable by Zoning Committee 12/2/09.)**

FAVORABLE

09-C-2036 (4) A Communication by Councilmembers Howard Shook, District 7; Natalyn Archibong, District 5; Anne Fauver, District 6; Clair Muller, District 8 and Mary Norwood, Post 2 At-Large; appointing **Ms. Linda Sessler** to serve as a member of the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA). This appointment is for a term of two (2) years, scheduled to begin on the date of Council confirmation. **(Forwarded with no recommendation by Zoning Committee 12/2/09.)**

FAVORABLE

09- R-2156 (5) A Resolution by Community Development/Human Resources Committee to confirm the appointment of **Mr. Wayne Grady** to the Hollowell/M.L. King Tax Allocation District Advisory Committee; and for other purposes. **(Favorable by Community Development/Human Resources Committee 12/1/09.)**

FAVORABLE

G. RESOLUTIONS/COMMUNICATIONS (CONT'D)

09- R-2157 (6) A Resolution by Community Development/Human Resources Committee to confirm the appointment of **Reverend Larry Hill** to the Hollowell/M.L. King Tax Allocation District Advisory Committee; and for other purposes. **(Favorable by Community Development/Human Resources Committee 12/1/09.)**

FAVORABLE

09- R-2158 (7) A Resolution by Community Development/Human Resources Committee to confirm the appointment of **Dr. Steven Lee** to the Hollowell/M.L. King Tax Allocation District Advisory Committee; and for other purposes. **(Favorable by Community Development/Human Resources Committee 12/1/09.)**

FAVORABLE

09- R-2159 (8) A Resolution by Community Development/Human Resources Committee to confirm the appointment of **Ms. Cathy Richards** to the Hollowell/M.L. King Tax Allocation District Advisory Committee; and for other purposes. **(Favorable by Community Development/Human Resources Committee 12/1/09.)**

FAVORABLE

09- R-2160 (9) A Resolution by Community Development/Human Resources Committee to confirm the appointment of **Ms. Ola Reynolds** to the Hollowell/M.L. King Tax Allocation District Advisory Committee; and for other purposes. **(Forwarded with no recommendation by Community Development/Human Resources Committee 12/1/09.)**

FAVORABLE

09- R-2161 (10) A Resolution by Community Development/Human Resources Committee to confirm the appointment of **Mr. Matt Cherry** to the Metropolitan Parkway Tax Allocation District Advisory Committee; and for other purposes. **(Forwarded with no recommendation by Community Development/Human Resources Committee 12/1/09.)**

FAVORABLE

09- R-2162 (11) A Resolution by Community Development/Human Resources Committee to confirm the appointment of **Ms. Clarice Mackie** to the Metropolitan Parkway Tax Allocation District Advisory Committee; and for other purposes. **(Favorable by Community Development/Human Resources Committee 12/1/09.)**

FAVORABLE

G. RESOLUTIONS/COMMUNICATIONS (CONT'D)

09- R-2163 (12) A Resolution by Community Development/Human Resources Committee to confirm the appointment of **Mr. Paul McMurray** to the Metropolitan Parkway Tax Allocation District Advisory Committee; and for other purposes. (Favorable by Community Development/Human Resources Committee 12/1/09.)

FAVORABLE

09- R-2164 (13) A Resolution by Community Development/Human Resources Committee to confirm the appointment of **Mr. Bruce Richardson** to the Metropolitan Parkway Tax Allocation District Advisory Committee; and for other purposes. (Favorable by Community Development/Human Resources Committee 12/1/09.)

FAVORABLE

09- R-2165 (14) A Resolution by Community Development/Human Resources Committee to confirm the appointment of **Mr. Larion Williams** to the Metropolitan Parkway Tax Allocation District Advisory Committee; and for other purposes. (Favorable by Community Development/Human Resources Committee 12/1/09.)

FAVORABLE

09- R-2166 (15) A Resolution by Community Development/Human Resources Committee to confirm the appointment of **Mr. Charles Bryant** to the Campbellton Road Tax Allocation District Advisory Committee; and for other purposes. (Favorable by Community Development/Human Resources Committee 12/1/09.)

FAVORABLE

09- R-2167 (16) A Resolution by Community Development/Human Resources Committee to confirm the appointment of **Mr. Rick Jacobs** to the Campbellton Road Tax Allocation District Advisory Committee; and for other purposes. (Favorable by Community Development/Human Resources Committee 12/1/09.)

FAVORABLE

09- R-2168 (17) A Resolution by Community Development/Human Resources Committee to confirm the appointment of **Mr. Brent Sobol** to the Campbellton Road Tax Allocation District Advisory Committee; and for other purposes. (Forwarded with no recommendation by Community Development/Human Resources Committee 12/1/09.)

FAVORABLE

G. RESOLUTIONS/COMMUNICATIONS (CONT'D)

09- R-2169 (18) A Resolution by Community Development/Human Resources Committee to confirm the appointment of **Mr. Jack Sprott** to the Campbellton Road Tax Allocation District Advisory Committee; and for other purposes. **(Favorable by Community Development/Human Resources Committee 12/1/09.)**

FAVORABLE

09- R-2170 (19) A Resolution by Community Development/Human Resources Committee to confirm the appointment of **Mr. Lev Sterling** to the Campbellton Road Tax Allocation District Advisory Committee; and for other purposes. **(Favorable by Community Development/Human Resources Committee 12/1/09.)**

FAVORABLE

09- R-2171 (20) A Resolution by Community Development/Human Resources Committee to confirm the appointment of **Ms. Rosie Bailey-Stevens** to the Stadium Neighborhoods Tax Allocation District Advisory Committee; and for other purposes. **(Forwarded with no recommendation by Community Development/Human Resources Committee 12/1/09.)**

09- R-2172 (21) A Resolution by Community Development/Human Resources Committee to confirm the appointment of **Ms. Rainey Bice** to the Stadium Neighborhoods Tax Allocation District Advisory Committee; and for other purposes. **(Forwarded with no recommendation by Community Development/Human Resources Committee 12/1/09.)**

FAVORABLE

09- R-2173 (22) A Resolution by Community Development/Human Resources Committee to confirm the appointment of **Mr. Brian Hawkins** to the Stadium Neighborhoods Tax Allocation District Advisory Committee; and for other purposes. **(Favorable by Community Development/Human Resources Committee 12/1/09.)**

FAVORABLE

09- R-2174 (23) A Resolution by Community Development/Human Resources Committee to confirm the appointment of **Mr. Travie Leslie** to the Stadium Neighborhoods Tax Allocation District Advisory Committee; and for other purposes. **(Forwarded with no recommendation by Community Development/Human Resources Committee 12/1/09.)**

FAVORABLE

H. PAPERS 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.)**
- 09-O-1868 (2) 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. **(Held 11/2/09 by the Committee in case an amendment is needed.)**

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:48am

Respectfully Submitted:



Wasonna H. Griffin, Legislative Assistant



Bernard Thomas, Research & Policy Analyst



*The Honorable Felicia Moore, Chair
Committee on Council*

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 function?