

ATLANTA CITY COUNCIL

ACTION/MINUTES

JUNE 29, 2011

The Atlanta City Council held a Special Called Meeting on Wednesday, June 29, 2011. The Meeting convened at 3:42 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. The roll was called and a quorum was declared.

PRESIDER: The Honorable Council President Ceasar C. Mitchell presided.

Attendance:

The following (15) voting members were present at the Meeting:

The Honorable Carla Smith	The Honorable Felicia A. Moore
The Honorable Kwanza Hall	The Honorable C. T. Martin *3:47
The Honorable Ivory L. Young, Jr.	The Honorable Keisha Bottoms
The Honorable Cleta Winslow	The Honorable Joyce Sheperd
The Honorable Natalyn Archibong*7:03	The Honorable Michael Bond
The Honorable Alex Wan	The Honorable Aaron Watson *3:43
The Honorable Howard Shook	The Honorable H. Lamar Willis *4:09
The Honorable Yolanda Adrean	

***Arrival Time - indicates arrival after convening roll call.**

INVOCATION: Councilmember Ivory Lee Young, Jr., representative of Council District 3, gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: In unison, the Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

THE ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: Councilmember Martin made a Motion to Amend the Agenda by moving the Remarks by the Public segment to after the presentation by Segal regarding Pension Reform. It was properly Seconded and the Motion **CARRIED** by a roll call vote of **13 yeas; 0 nays**.

COMMUNICATION

Council President Ceasar C. Mitchell Presided

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11-C-1000 (1) A Communication by **Council President Ceasar C. Mitchell** calling for a Special Called Meeting of the Atlanta City Council on Wednesday, June 29, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. to consider the following legislation: (11-O-0672).
FILED WITHOUT OBJECTION

COMMITTEE REPORT

Council President Ceasar C. Mitchell Presided

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FINANCE/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (1)
YOLANDA ADREAN, CHAIR

ORDINANCE

11-O-0672 (1) An Ordinance by **Councilmembers Aaron Watson, H. Lamar Willis, Keisha Lance Bottoms, Yolanda Adrean, Howard Shook, Alex Wan and Ivory Lee Young, Jr. as Amended by the Atlanta City Council** to amend the City's pension laws for services rendered by employees on and after November 1, 2011, where said changes are set forth in a new Section 6-2 in the City of Atlanta Charter, and where said changes include: raising the pension contribution of current employees by 5% of compensation; reducing the multiplier used to calculate pension benefits of future employees to 1%; reducing the maximum cost of living adjustment of pension benefits of future employees to 1%; clarifying that pension benefits accrued by an employee prior to November 1, 2011 shall remain unchanged; clarifying that the pension changes set forth in Section 6-2 do not apply to active employees and elected officials hired or elected prior to January 1, 1984; clarifying that the pension benefits of employees who retired prior to November 1, 2011 shall remain unchanged; and for other purposes.

The above ordinance was Tabled at the Special Called meeting held June 23, 2011 by Motion of Councilmember Martin. The Motion was CARRIED by a roll call vote of 13 yeas; 0 nays. During this meeting, a Motion was made to remove 11-O-0672 off the Table. It was properly Seconded and the Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 13 yeas; 0 nays. The ordinance was before Council. Councilmember Martin was then recognized and offered Amendment #1/#1 to update the legislation by adding the handouts that were before Council. It was Seconded by Councilmember Young and the Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 13 yeas; 0 nays. Following, a discussion ensued, during which, Councilmember Moore made a Motion to enter Committee of the Whole for a presentation by Segal. It was properly Seconded and CARRIED by a roll call vote of 13 yeas; 0 nays. Council entered Committee of the Whole.

11-O-0672 (1)
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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

In Committee of the Whole, Council entertained questions to Mr. Eric J. Atwater, Consulting Actuary of Segal and Ms. Robin Shahar, Sr. Assistant City Attorney of the City of Atlanta Law Department. After concerns by the Council were addressed, Council continued with Remarks by the Public. After which, a Motion to re-enter Regular Session was moved. It was properly Seconded and the Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 10 yeas; 0 nays. Therefore, Council re-entered Regular Session.

REGULAR SESSION

Returning to Regular Session, a brief discussion ensued, in which, Councilmember Moore made a Motion to Recess for thirty (30) minutes. It was properly Seconded and the Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 11 yeas; 0 nays. Council then Recessed for thirty (3) minutes. Returning from Recess, a Motion was made to Reconvene. It was properly Seconded and CARRIED by a roll call vote of 14 yeas; 0 nays. Council was back in Regular Session. Following, Councilmember Martin made a Motion to Adopt 11-O-0672 as Amended. It was Seconded by Councilmember Watson. The City Attorney Cathy Hampton then explained the documents that Amended the legislation. Thereafter, the Motion to Adopt as Amended CARRIED by a unanimous roll call vote of 15 yeas; 0 nays.

Note: After the vote, Councilmember Bond made a Motion to send the ordinance to the Mayor's Office immediately. It was properly Seconded and the Motion CARRIED by a unanimous roll call vote of 15 yeas; 0 nays. Therefore, Ordinance 11-O-0672 was sent to the Mayor's Office for his signature.

ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY A UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE OF 15 YEAS; 0 NAYS

At the end of the meeting, Councilmember Willis made a Motion to Suspend the Rules of Council for Mayor Kasim Reed to address the Council. It was properly Seconded and the Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 14 yeas; 0 nays. The Rules of Council were suspended. After the Mayor addressed the Council, Councilmember Martin made a Motion to re-enter Regular Session. It was properly Seconded and CARRIED by a unanimous roll call vote of 15 yeas; 0 nays. Council re-entered Regular Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Council President Ceasar C. Mitchell Presided

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There being no further business to discuss, the June 29, 2011 Special Called Meeting of the Atlanta City Council was adjourned at 7:27 p.m. by Motion of Councilmember Martin. Properly Seconded, the Motion CARRIED Without Objection.

ADJOURNMENT ROLL CALL: Council President Ceasar C. Mitchell (1); Councilmembers Smith, Hall, Young, Winslow, Archibong, Wan, Shook, Adrean, Moore, Martin, Bottoms, Sheperd, Bond, Watson and Willis (15).