

**COMMITTEE ON COUNCIL
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 18, 2013**

The Regularly Scheduled Meeting of the Committee on Council was held on Monday, February 18, 2013 in Committee Room #2.

Chairperson Adrean recognized a quorum was present and the meeting convened at 11:26 am.

The Following Committee Members were Present

**The Honorable Yolanda Adrean, Chair
The Honorable Joyce Sheperd
The Honorable Felicia A. Moore
The Honorable Kwanza Hall
The Honorable Cleta Winslow
The Honorable Natalyn M. Archibong
The Honorable Michael J. Bond**

Others in attendance were Tangela Williams, Director of Council Staff; Rhonda Johnson, Municipal Clerk; Trina Nkhazi, ELMS Project Manager; Peter Andrews, Deputy City Attorney; Saul Schultz, Robin Shahr, Law Department; Yvonne Cowser Yancy, Commissioner Human Resources; General Public, Members of the Press, Public Safety and Council Staff.

A. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The Agenda was Adopted without objection.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes for the February 4, 2013 Committee on Council Meeting were Approved without objection.

C. ADOPTION OF FULL COUNCIL AGENDA

The Full Council Agenda for February 18, 2013.

D. DISCUSSIONS/PRESENTATIONS

- 1. Electronic Legislative Management System (ELMS) Update,
Rhonda Johnson, Municipal Clerk
Tangela Williams, Director of Council Staff
Trina Nkhazi, ELMS Project Manager**

Rhonda Johnson, Municipal Clerk and Trina Nkhazi, ELMS Project Manager came before the Committee to give an update on the status of the ELMS project status and roll out date. Ms. Johnson stated that Cycle 8, beginning on March 11, 2013, is the projected roll out date. This means that the Committees will start using the system at the April 30, 2013 and May 1, 2013 Committee meetings. She explained that ELMS is comprised of two components, purchased from a vendor called IQM2. There are traqs that make up the system, (1) Minute Traq, which is for creating legislation and (2) Media Traq, which allows the meeting to be video streamed live. Ms. Nkhazi informed the Committee of several highlights that have occurred since the last update. She stated that some testing had been done to make sure the product is operating properly. She also informed the Committee that a new version had been implemented by the vendor to give enhanced capabilities to the Office of the Municipal Clerk, but some cosmetic clean-up is needed. A small group of testers have been called upon, from February 20, 2013 thru February 26, 2013, to try an end-to-end test run of the process. This presentation can be viewed by visiting the City's website at www.atlantaga.gov

- 2. Municipal Clerk Evaluation/Executive Session - DEFERRED**

E. COMMUNICATIONS

- 12-C-1633 (1) A Communication from W. David Wilkinson, President & CEO, Atlanta Police Foundation, to Council President Ceasar C. Mitchell and Members of Council, submitting **Mr. Miguel Sepulveda**, as their representative to serve as a member of the Student Safety Council Advisory Group. **(Favorable by Public Safety and Legal Administration Committee 2/12/13.)**

FAVORABLE (7 YEAS) (0 NAYS)

- 13-C-0097 (2) A Communication by Mayor Kasim Reed re-appointing **Ms. Justine Boyd** to serve as an at-large member of the Atlanta Housing Authority Board of Commissioners. This re-appointment is for a term of five (5) years, scheduled to begin on the date of Council confirmation. **(Favorable by Community Development/Human Resources Committee 2/12/13.)**

FAVORABLE (7 YEAS) (0 NAYS)

E. COMMUNICATIONS (CONT'D)

- 13-C-0177 (3) A Communication from Elizabeth B. Coyle, Chair, BeltLine Network, Inc., to Council President Ceasar C. Mitchell and Members of Council appointing **Ms. Johanna McCrehan** as their representative to serve as a member of the BeltLine Tax Allocation District (TAD) Advisory Committee in the area of Urban Planning. This appointment is for a term of two (2) years, scheduled to begin on the date of Council confirmation. **(Favorable by Community Development/Human Resources 2/12/13.)**

FAVORABLE (7 YEAS) (0 NAYS)

REGULAR AGENDA

F. RESOLUTION

- 13-R-0281 (1) A Resolution by Councilmembers Carla Smith and Cleta Winslow to confirm the appointment of **Mr. Micah Rowland** to the Stadium Neighborhoods Tax Allocation District Advisory Committee; and for other purposes. **(Favorable by Community Development/Human Resources Committee 2/12/13.)**

FAVORABLE (7 YEAS) (0 NAYS)

G. PAPERS HELD IN COMMITTEE

- 10-O-0133 (1) An Ordinance by Councilmember Felicia A. Moore as substituted by Committee on Council to amend Section 2-41 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlanta, Georgia which is currently entitled "Proclamations and Citations" by creating a new Section 2-41 and changing the catchline to "Legislation and Other Items for Consideration by Council" which code section shall set forth the process by which legislation and other items for consideration by the Council shall be presented to the Council; to re-designate Code Section 2-41 as Code Section 2-41.1; to waive conflicting ordinances and code sections; and for other purposes. **(Substituted and held 1/19/10 for further discussion and review.)**

- 10-C-1748 (2) A Communication from Sam A. Williams, President, Metro Atlanta Chamber, to Municipal Clerk Rhonda Dauphin Johnson, submitting the appointment of **Mr. Bill Clement**, to serve as a member of the John Portman and Herman Russell Commission. **(Held 10/4/10 to allow the appointee an opportunity to appear before the Committee.)**

REGULAR AGENDA

F. RESOLUTION

- 10-C-1818 (3) A Communication by Council President Ceasar C. Mitchell, to Municipal Clerk Rhonda Dauphin Johnson, appointing **Mr. Eugene J. Duffy**, to serve as a member of the Mr. John Portman and Mr. Herman Russell Commission. **(Held 11/1/10 to allow the appointee an opportunity to appear before the Committee.)**
- 10-C-1907 (4) A Communication from **Mr. A. J. Robinson, President**, Central Atlanta Progress, Downtown Improvement District, to Municipal Clerk Rhonda Dauphin Johnson, appointing **himself** as representative to serve as a member of the John Portman and Herman Russell Commission. **(Held 11/15/10 to allow the appointee an opportunity to appear before the Committee.)**
- 10-O-2101 (5) An Ordinance by Councilmember Michael Julian Bond to amend Chapter 114, Personnel, Article IV, Classification Plan of the Code of Ordinances, City of Atlanta, Georgia, so as to create a Director of Research and Policy in the Department of City Council, Office of Council Staff; and for other purposes. **(Held 12/6/10 for further review.)**
- 10-O-2103 (6) An Ordinance by Councilmember Michael Julian Bond to amend Chapter 114, Personnel, Article IV, Classification Plan of the Code of Ordinances, City of Atlanta, Georgia, so as to provide for certain position creations and reclassifications in the Department of City Council, Office of Council Staff; and for other purposes. **(Held 12/6/10 for further review.)**
- 11-R-0794 (7) A Resolution by Councilmembers C. T. Martin, Joyce M. Sheperd and Yolanda Adrean, authorizing the creation of a City Wide Commission to study current methods, alternatives, locations and best practices for honoring citizens in the City of Atlanta; and for other purposes. **(Held 6/6/11 for further discussion.)**
- 11-R-0954 (8) A Resolution by Committee on Council to express the intent of the City Council to revise the job description of the Municipal Clerk and once revised, to open the position to applicants, to conduct interviews and to select the successful candidate; and for other purposes. **(Held 6/20/11 for further discussion and additional information.)**

G. PAPERS HELD IN COMMITTEE (CONT'D)

- 12-R-1420 (9) A Resolution by Councilmembers Yolanda Adrean, Joyce Sheperd and Ivory Lee Young, Jr. to express the intent of the City Council to proceed with a plan for the reconfiguration, renovation and construction of the City Council Space; and for other purposes. **(Held 11/5/12 for further review.)**
- 12-O-1756 (10) An Ordinance by Committee on Council to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with Fulton County to conduct the 2013 City of Atlanta General Municipal Election and any Special Election(s) held in conjunction therewith on November 5, 2013 and if necessary, to conduct a City of Atlanta General Runoff Election to be held on December 3, 2013 or such other authorized date; to authorize the payment of expenses incurred under the contract in an amount not to exceed \$2,389,232.50; to appoint the Fulton County Board of Registration, and Elections, as Municipal Election Superintendent for the purpose of conducting said election, as Absentee Ballot Clerk and as Municipal Registrar; and for other purposes. **(Held 1/7/13.)**
- 13-O-0134 (11) An Ordinance by Committee on Council to amend Chapter 114, Personnel, Article IV, Classification Plan of the Code of Ordinances, City of Atlanta, Georgia, so as to provide for certain position creations and reclassifications in the Department of City Council, Office of Council Staff; and for other purposes. **(Held 2/4/13 at the request of the Department for additional information.)**

FAVORABLE ON SUBSTITUTE (7 YEAS) (0 NAYS)

- 13-O-0170 (12) An Ordinance by Councilmembers Joyce M. Sheperd, Howard Shook, Cleta Winslow, Alex Wan, H. Lamar Willis, Ivory Lee young, Jr. and Aaron Watson **as Amended by Committee on Council** to amend Section 2-136 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlanta, Georgia (entitled "Remarks From Public") so as to repeal said section in its entirety and to establish new rules governing remarks from the public when speaking before the Standing Committees of the council; to waive conflicting ordinances; and for other purposes. **(Held as amended by the Committee for additional discussion and further review. [3 Abstentions])**

I. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 12:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Wasonna H. Griffin, Legislative Assistant

Bernard Thomas, Research & Policy Analyst

**The Honorable Yolanda Adrean, Chair
Committee on Council**