



**Action Minutes**  
**Special Call Meeting**  
**Wednesday, June 24, 2015**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**Council President Ceasar C. Mitchell Called the meeting to order at 3:19p.m.**

**II. ROLL CALL**

**Municipal Clerk Rhonda Dauphin Johnson called the roll and declared a quorum.**

| <b>Attendee Name</b>    | <b>Title</b>                   | <b>Status</b> | <b>Arrived</b> |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Ceasar C. Mitchell      | Council President              | Present       |                |
| Michael Julian Bond     | Councilmember, Post 1 At-Large | Present       |                |
| Mary Norwood            | Councilmember, Post 2 At-Large | Present       |                |
| Andre Dickens           | Councilmember, Post 3 At-Large | Present       |                |
| Carla Smith             | Councilmember, District 1      | Present       |                |
| Kwanza Hall             | Councilmember, District 2      | Present       |                |
| Ivory Lee Young Jr.     | Councilmember, District 3      | Present       |                |
| Cleta Winslow           | Councilmember, District 4      | Present       | 3:55 PM        |
| Natalyn Mosby Archibong | Councilmember, District 5      | Present       |                |
| Alex Wan                | Councilmember, District 6      | Present       |                |
| Howard Shook            | Councilmember, District 7      | Present       |                |
| Yolanda Adrean          | Councilmember, District 8      | Present       |                |
| Felicia A. Moore        | Councilmember, District 9      | Present       |                |
| Clarence "C. T." Martin | Councilmember, District 10     | Present       |                |
| Keisha Lance Bottoms    | Councilmember, District 11     | Present       |                |
| Joyce Sheperd           | Councilmember, District 12     | Present       | 3:25 PM        |

**III. INVOCATION**

**In lieu of the Invocation, Council entertained a moment of silence.**

**IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**In Unisom, the Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.**

**V. COMMUNICATIONS**

15-C-5071 (1) - A COMMUNICATION FROM COUNCIL PRESIDENT CEASAR C. MITCHELL CALLING FOR A SPECIAL CALL MEETING OF THE ATLANTA CITY COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 2015 AT 3:00P.M.

**ACCEPTED AND FILED WITHOUT OBJECTION**

15-C-5077 (2) - A COMMUNICATION FROM THE BUDGET COMMISSION SUBMITTING THE CITY OF ATLANTA'S 2015 BUDGET COMMISSION REPORT.

**ACCEPTED AND FILED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 15 YEAS; 0 NAYS**

**Following the Budget Commission report by Chief Financial Officer Jim Beard, Chairperson Wan made a Motion to Accept and File the report. It was Seconded by Councilmember Shook and CARRIED by a roll call vote of 15 yeas; 0 nays.**

**VI. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Councilmember Dickens made a motion to Amend the Agenda to allow for the introduction of resolutions at the end of the meeting. It was properly Seconded and the Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 13 yeas; 0 nays. Following, the motion to Adopt as Amended CARRIED by a roll call vote of 14 yeas; 0 nays.**

**ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 14 YEAS; 0 NAYS**

**VII. LEGISLATION FOR CONSIDERATION**

15-O-1193 (1) - AN ORDINANCE BY COUNCILMEMBERS YOLANDA ADREAN, ALEX WAN, IVORY L. YOUNG JR., MICHAEL BOND, C.T. MARTIN, JOYCE SHEPERD, KWANZA HALL, MARY NORWOOD AND ANDRE DICKENS AS SUBSTITUTED BY THE ATLANTA CITY COUNCIL TO AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF FIVE MILLION DOLLARS INTO A RESERVE ACCOUNT TO FUND POTENTIAL COMPENSATION ADJUSTMENTS FOR CITY OF ATLANTA EMPLOYEES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

**(Held 5/13/15) (Held for additional information)**

**The Regularly Scheduled meeting held June 15, 2015, Councilmember Hall made a Motion to Table. It was properly Seconded and CARRIED by a roll call vote of 10 yeas; 5 nays. During this meeting, Chairperson Wan made a Motion to remove 15-O-1193 from the Table. It was properly Seconded and CARRIED by a roll call vote of 14 yeas; 0 nays. The substitute was before Council. Following, Councilmember Wan made a Motion to Adopt on Substitute; however, Councilmember Hall made a substitute Motion to Refer the item back to the Finance/Executive Committee. It was Seconded by Councilmember Shook and the Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 11 yeas; 3 nays.**

**REFERRED SUBSTITUTE TO FINANCE/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 11 YEAS; 3 NAYS**

15-O-1065 (2) - AN ORDINANCE BY COUNCILMEMBER C.T. MARTIN AS SUBSTITUTED (#2) BY FINANCE/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO INCLUDE A COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT (COLA) OF AN AMOUNT BETWEEN ONE PERCENT (1%) AND THREE PERCENT (3%)

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015 AS PART OF THE 2016 PROPOSED CITY OF ATLANTA BUDGET, FOR ALL ELIGIBLE CITY OF ATLANTA EMPLOYEES, EXCLUDING THE MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL, MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGES, SWORN EMPLOYEES, TEMPORARY/CONTRACT EMPLOYEES, INTERNS AND SEASONAL EMPLOYEES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

**(Held 2/11/15) (Held for additional information)**

**Ordinance 15-O-1065 was Held in the Finance/Executive Standing Committee of the Full Council meeting on June 15, 2015. During this meeting, Without Objection, the item was removed for Held Status. Councilmember Martin then made a Motion to Refer 15-O-1065 back to the Finance/Executive Committee. It was properly Seconded and CARRIED by a roll call vote of 13 yeas; 1 nay.**

**REFERRED TO FINANCE/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 13 YEAS; 1 NAY**

15-O-1142 (3) -

A SUBSTITUTE ORDINANCE BY THE FINANCE/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 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 ABOLISHMENTS, CREATIONS, RECLASSIFICATIONS, CLASS ABOLISHMENTS, CLASS CREATIONS, ABOVE ENTRY AUTHORIZATIONS, EMPLOYEE, POSITION TRANSFERS; POSITION FUNDING ALLOCATION CHANGES AND OTHER PERSONNEL ACTIONS IN LINE WITH THE 2016 BUDGET; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

**(Held 4/29/15)**

**Chairperson Wan sounded the caption to 15-O-1142 at the Full Council meeting held June 15, 2015 and made a substitute Motion to Table. It was Seconded by Councilmember Shook and CARRIED by a roll call vote of 15 yeas; 0 nays. During this meeting, Chairperson Wan made a Motion to remove 15-O-1142 from the Table. It was properly Seconded and CARRIED by a roll call vote of 14 yeas; 0 nays. The item was before Council. Mr. Wan then made a Motion to bring forth a substitute. It was Seconded by Councilmember Shook and discussion ensued, during which, the legislation was deferred until the substitute was received by all members of Council. Returning back to Ordinance 15-O-1142, Chairperson Wan made a Motion to bring forth a substitute. It was Seconded by Councilmember Martin and CARRIED by a roll call vote of 15 yeas; 0 nays. The substitute was before Council. Subsequently, Chairperson Wan made a Motion to Adopt on Substitute. It was Seconded by Councilmember Martin and the Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 14 yeas; 1 nay.**

**ADOPTED SUBSTITUTE BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 14 YEAS; 1 NAY**

15-O-1136 (4) -

AN ORDINANCE BY FINANCE/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2016 PROPOSED BUDGET, TO INCLUDE ALL FUNDS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

(Held 4/29/15)

The Full Council meeting held June 15, 2015, Chairperson Wan sounded the caption to Ordinance 15-O-1136 and made a substitute Motion to Table for a Special Call Meeting on June 24, 2015. It was properly Seconded and CARRIED by a roll call vote of 14 yeas; 1 nay. During this meeting, Chairperson Wan made a Motion to remove 15-O-1136 from the Table. It was Seconded by Councilmember Hall and CARRIED by a roll call vote of 15 yeas; 0 nays. The item was then before Council. Following, Councilmember Hall requested #10 Amendment of the legislation amendment package be excluded in the vote. Following, Chairperson Wan made a Motion to Amend which included (Amendments 1-9 & 11-26). It was properly Seconded and CARRIED by a roll call vote of 14 yeas; 1 nay. An extensive discussion ensued, in which, Councilmember Norwood offered an Amendment to add an additional \$500,000 to park maintenance. Ms. Norwood; however withdrew her Amendment upon further discussion. Discussion continued, during which, Councilmember Norwood offered an Amendment to Amend (budget amendment #8) to use all the money for park maintenance instead of half going to another department. Discussion continued and the amendment was put on hold. After which, Councilmember Hall offered Amendment #10 from budget amendment package, which added 4 million dollars to the FY2016 budget for the tax revenue dispute with the Atlanta Public Schools. It was properly Seconded and discussion ensued, during which, Councilmember Young Called the Question. It was Seconded by Councilmember Bond and CARRIED by a roll call vote of 11 yeas; 4 nays. Councilmember Hall's Amendment #10 (Amend#2/Hall#1) then CARRIED by a roll call vote of 14 yeas; 1 nay. Following, Councilmember Sheperd offered an Amendment to allocate money for FY2016 master plan for neighborhoods in District 12. It was properly Seconded and discussion ensued, during which, Councilmember Young Called the Question. It was properly Seconded and CARRIED by a roll call vote of 13 yeas; 2 nays. The Sheperd Amendment #27 (Amend#3/Sheperd#1) then CARRIED by a roll call vote of 14 yeas; 1 nay. After which, Councilmember Norwood offered Amendment 28 (Amend#4/Norwood#1) by adding a 3% (COLA) to the General Fund for positions 18 and below, the Fire Department and the Police Department in reduction of money from Executive Offices. Another discussion ensued, in which, Councilmember Young Called the Question. It was Seconded by Councilmember Hall and CARRIED by a roll call vote of 11 yeas; 4 nays. The Norwood Amendment #28 (Amend#4/Norwood#1) CARRIED and FAILED by a roll call vote of 6 yeas; 8 nays. A Motion to Reconsider the Amendment was moved by Councilmember Hall and Seconded by Councilmember Young. The Motion to Reconsider then CARRIED by a roll call vote of 15 yeas; 0 nays. Norwood Amendment was again before Council. Councilmember Bottoms was recognized and Called the Question. It was Seconded by

Councilmember Wan and the Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 11 yeas; 4 nays. Consequently, Norwood's Amendment #28 (Amend#4/Norwood#1) FAILED by a roll call vote of 2 yeas; 13 nays. Subsequently, the Motion to Adopt as Amended was made by Chairperson Wan, Seconded by Councilmember Martin and CARRIED by a roll call vote of 14 yeas; 1 nay.

**ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 14 YEAS;  
1 NAY**

**VIII. SUSPEND THE RULES OF COUNCIL**

Councilmember Martin made a Motion to Suspend the Rules of Council to allow Mayor Kasim Reed to address the Council. It was properly Seconded and CARRIED by a roll call vote of 14 yeas; 0 nays. The Rules of Council were suspended.

**ADOPTED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 14 YEAS; 0 NAYS**

**Reconvene**

After Mayor Kasim Reed addressed the Council, Councilmember Young made a Motion to re-enter Regular Session. It was properly Seconded and CARRIED by a roll call vote of 14 yeas; 0 nays. Council then re-entered Regular Session.

**ADOPTED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 14 YEAS; 0 NAYS**

**PERSONAL PAPER(S)/ITEM(S) FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION**

15-R-3795 (1) - A RESOLUTION BY COUNCILMEMBERS NATALYN ARCHIBONG, CLETA WINSLOW, ANDRE DICKENS, CARLA SMITH AND MARY NORWOOD SUPPORTING THE EAST ATLANTA CORNER PROJECT  
**Councilmember Archibong made a Motion to Adopt Resolution 15-R-3795. It was properly Seconded and CARRIED by a roll call vote of 15 yeas; 0 nays.**

**ADOPTED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 15 YEAS; 0 NAYS**

15-R-3796 (2) - A RESOLUTION BY COUNCILMEMBERS ANDRE DICKENS, C.T. MARTIN, ALEX WAN, KESHIA LANCE BOTTOMS, IVORY LEE YOUNG JR., FELICIA A. MOORE, ANDRE DICKENS, CLETA WINSLOW, KWANZA HALL, JOYCE SHEPERD, HOWARD SHOOK, CARLA SMITH, YOLANDA ADREAN, MARY NORWOOD, MICHAEL JULIAN BOND, AND NATALYN ARCHIBONG URGING THE GOVERNOR OF GEORGIA AND THE GEORGIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO REMOVE THE CONFEDERATE BATTLE FLAG OR OTHER SYMBOLS OF THE CONFEDERACY AS OPTIONS FOR STATE LICENSE PLATES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
**Councilmember Dickens made a Motion to Adopt 15-R-3796. It was properly Seconded and the Motion CARRIED by a roll call vote of 15 yeas; 0 nays.**

**ADOPTED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 15 YEAS; 0 NAYS**

**X. GENERAL REMARKS**

**Council President Ceasar C. Mitchell requested a moment of silence for families in Charleston, South Carolina for the victims at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church.**

**XI. ADJOURNMENT ROLL CALL**

**Municipal Clerk Rhonda Dauphin Johnson called the adjourning roll call at 6:29p.m.**