

**COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MINUTES**

Council Chambers  
C. E. “Red” McDaniel City Services Center- Second Floor  
3111 Citizens Way, Columbus, GA 31906

August 10, 2021  
9:00 AM  
Regular Meeting

**MAYOR’S A G E N D A**

**PRESENT:** Mayor B. H. “Skip” Henderson, III and Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen and Councilors Jerry “Pops” Barnes, Charmaine Crabb, R. Walker Garrett, John M. House, Bruce Huff (arrived at 9:33 a.m.), and Judy W. Thomas. City Manager Isaiah Hugley, City Attorney Clifton Fay, Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis, and Deputy Clerk of Council Lindsey G. McLemore were present.

**ABSENT:** Councilors Glenn Davis, Toyia Tucker and Evelyn “Mimi” Woodson were absent.

**The following documents were distributed around the Council table:** (1) Vendor Audit Report: Spectra Food Services & Hospitality; (2) Letter Addressed to Theresa El-Amin; (3) A.J. McClung Memorial Stadium Lease Agreement; (4) Letter Correspondence Addressed to City Council from Eugene Gilbert, Milestone Marketing and Distribution Group; (5) Emergency Bulk Waste Pick-Up & Delivery Services Presentation; (6) Augusta Homeless Task Force – Columbus Visit and Tour Preliminary Agenda; (7) Feeding the Valley Food Bank Presentation; (8) Animal Care and Control Services Update Presentation

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III, Presiding

**INVOCATION:** Offered by Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Mayor Henderson

**MINUTES**

1. Approval of minutes for the July 27, 2021, Council Meeting and Executive Session. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilor Huff being absent for the vote, and Councilors Davis, Tucker and Woodson being absent for the meeting.

**UPDATE:**

2. An update on COVID-19

**Mayor B. H. “Skip” Henderson** gave a brief update on COVID-19. He explained the impact of the COVID-19 variant on the community with it being much more transmissible. He suggested for those who are on the fence regarding the COVID-19 vaccinations to conduct their research and talk to their primary care physician. He also encouraged those citizens who are not able to take the vaccine or chooses not to, to wear their mask to protect themselves and others.

### **PRESENTATION:**

3. Audit Report on Spectra. (Presented by Elizabeth M. Barfield, Forensic Auditor)

**Forensic Auditor Elizabeth Barfield** approached the rostrum to give a presentation on the audit conducted on the vendor for the Columbus Ironworks Convention & Trade Center, Spectra. She explained there were some fees that were charged incorrectly, but that the vendor and the staff of the Columbus Ironworks Convention & Trade Center are working together to make the necessary corrections and come up with a solution to the problem going forward.

## **CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA**

### **7. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS**

- A. BolaWrap Donation Presentation - Jed Harris, Jr., Back Columbus Blue

**Chaplain Paul Voorhees** approached the rostrum to introduce the representatives of BolaWrap presenting the donation of equipment to the various law enforcement agencies of Muscogee County. He commended the members of public safety and their dedication to serving the community. (*NOTE: This presentation was called up as the next order of business as listed on the City Manager’s Agenda Item 7“A”*)

**Mr. John Deluca, BolaWrap** came forward to give a presentation on the equipment and it’s uses in the law enforcement field and the virtual reality training equipment that is also available.

**Mr. David Morgan** approached the rostrum to speak on the cost involved with equipment and the software licensing. He advised that the virtual reality training is approximately \$20.00 a month per officer. Afterwards, **Police Chief Freddie Blackmon and Sheriff Greg Countryman** came forward to speak on the assessment of this product and the training.

### **1. Columbus Police Department: Donation Request**

**Resolution (246-21):** A resolution authorizing the Columbus Police Department to accept two (2) BolaWrap Devices valued at \$2,400 from Back Columbus Blue and Chaplain Paul Vorhees. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Davis, Tucker and Woodson being absent for the meeting. (*NOTE: This item was called up as the next order of business as listed on the City Manager’s Agenda Item 1*)

## **CITY ATTORNEY’S AGENDA**

### **ORDINANCE**

1. **Ordinance (21-049) - 2nd Reading-** An ordinance amending Ordinance No.14-41 which renewed Business Improvement Districts in Columbus, Georgia through December 31, 2024; and for other purposes. (Request of Uptown Columbus BID, Inc.) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Thomas and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Davis, Tucker and Woodson being absent for the meeting.

### **RESOLUTION**

2. **Resolution (247-21):** A resolution authorizing execution of Federal Aviation Administration Grant Airport Improvement Program (AIP) GRANT NO. 3-13-0035-050-2021 Addendum (Request of Columbus Airport Commission) Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Davis, Tucker and Woodson being absent for the meeting.

## **PUBLIC AGENDA**

1. Mr. Ricky Fannin, representing Regency Park Neighborhood Watch, Re: New construction on Forrest Road, (2) Liquor stores and convenience stores on the South and East side of Columbus and (3) Speeding in the Regency Park Neighborhood.

**Planning Director Rick Jones** came forward to explain there is not a notification process or requirement for new businesses coming into an area if that area is already zoned for the appropriate classification of the business.

### **REFERRAL(S):**

#### **FOR THE CITY MANAGER:**

- Provide long-term options to address speeding issues throughout the community. (*Request of Councilor Barnes*)
2. Mr. Paul Olson, Re: OLOST Sales Tax (2) Crime Prevention (3) Columbus's murder rate (4) Shortage of Police Officers.
  3. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Access to quality healthcare.
  4. Ms. Pamela McClary, representing the United States Post Office, Re: The hiring for the USPS.
  5. Mr. Eugene Gilbert, Re: The high cost of ticketing fees to sponsor an event.
  6. Ms. Patricia Frey, representing United Way's Home for Good Program, Re: The upcoming visit from Augusta, Georgia's Homeless Task Force for the group to visit two community partners.

## **CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA**

### **1. Columbus Police Department: Donation Request**

Approval is requested to accept two (2) BolaWrap® remote restraint devices from Back Columbus Blue and Chaplain Paul Vorhees. The donated value of two BolaWraps® is approximately \$2,400. Training will be required for any officer using this item, as well as, updated policies. (*NOTE: This item was called upon earlier in the meeting after the Mayor's Agenda.*)

### **2. FY 2022 Georgia Department of Transportation – Transportation Planning Contract**

**Resolution (248-21):** A resolution of the Columbus, Georgia, authorizing the City Manager of Columbus, Georgia to execute a contract with the Georgia Department of Transportation on behalf on the City for financial assistance to carry out the FY 2022 transportation planning activities of the Columbus-Phenix City Transportation Study (C-PCTS) Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Davis, Tucker and Woodson being absent for the meeting.

### **3. GEMA Hazard Mitigation Plan Grant**

**Resolution (249-21):** A resolution authorizing the Mayor or his designee to apply for and accept a hazard mitigation grant from the Georgia Emergency Management Agency in the amount of \$40,201.00, or as otherwise awarded, to update the existing Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Plan currently in effect for Columbus, GA/Muscogee County as required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and to amend the Multi-Governmental Fund Budget Fund by like amount. This plan is due for review and revision in keeping with the accepted timetable for the revision. This grant award amount includes a required a local match totaling \$8,500, which will be “in kind”, meaning the local match will consist of the hours put in by local personnel toward the coordination and guidance with the eventual selected vendor. This grant shall be administered by the Emergency Management Division of the Columbus Fire and Emergency Medical Services. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Davis, Tucker and Woodson being absent for the meeting.

### **4. Midland Commons Tax Allocation District Fund Grant – Modification to the Midland Commons Initial Request**

**Resolution (250-21):** A resolution authorizing a grant from the Midland Commons Tax Allocation District Fund to the JMC Flatrock Partners, LLC., to support the construction of improvements to enhance the traffic circulation and on-site infrastructure for the development of the Midland Commons Site and to provide funding for a new banquet facility and science lab to be constructed at Flat Rock in an amount not to exceed fourteen million five hundred and fourteen thousand two hundred and forty-three dollars (\$14,514,243); authorizing the negotiation, execution, and delivery of a development agreement and ancillary documents in connection with such allocation and for other purposes. Councilor Barnes made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Davis, Tucker and Woodson being absent for the meeting.

## 5. State of Georgia - State of Fiscal Recovery Fund Application

**Resolution (251-21):** A resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply, and if awarded, accept and amend the American Rescue Fund by the amount awarded for American Rescue Plan Projects approved by the State of Georgia – State of Fiscal Recovery Funds. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Davis, Tucker and Woodson being absent for the meeting

## 6. PURCHASES

### A. Fuel Pumps and Controls – RFP No. 21-0017

**Resolution (252-21):** A resolution authorizing the execution of a contract with Atlanta Petroleum Equipment Co., Inc. (Tucker, GA) for the purchase and installation of fuel pumps and controls for city operations, as well as perform annual maintenance per location for five (5) years; and rescind Resolution No. 198-21, which awarded the contract to Service Station Equipment Repair, Inc. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Davis, Tucker and Woodson being absent for the meeting.

### B. Computer Equipment and Accessories (Annual Contract) – Cooperative Purchase

**Resolution (253-21):** A resolution authorizing the annual contract with Virtucom, Inc., (Norcross, GA) for the purchase of computer equipment and accessories, on an as needed basis. The purchase will be accomplished via Cooperative Purchase utilizing RFP No. 21-014, issues and awarded by the Muscogee County School District. This five-year contract has an estimated annual contract value of approximately \$930,000.00. The amount of the intended purchases shall not exceed the amount budgeted for various departments for computer equipment. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Davis, Tucker and Woodson being absent for the meeting.

### D. Emergency Bulk Waste Pick-up and Delivery Services

**Resolution (254-21):** A resolution authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and enter into contract(s) with vendors and individuals to provide emergency bulk waste pick-up and delivery services. The vendors/individuals will provide curbside pick-up of bulk waste and deliver the landfill. The bulk items will consist of large household appliances and bulk furniture as well as large piles of branches that cannot be collected by regular garbage trucks. The vendors/individuals will be paid \$250 per ton for providing the service. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Davis, Tucker and Woodson being absent for the meeting.

### C. Sixty-Five Gallon Recycling Containers – Cooperative Contract

**Resolution (255-21):** A resolution authorizing the purchase of 3,000 sixty-five-gallon recycling containers from IPL North America, Inc. (St. Damien de Buckland, Canada) in the amount of

\$126,000.00. The purchase will be made by cooperative purchasing via HGACBuy Contract #RC01-21. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the sis members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote and Councilors Davis, Tucker and Woodson being absent for the meeting.

**Public Works Director Michael Criddle** came forward to respond to questions regarding the new recycling containers and the need for replacements.

**REFERRAL(S):**

**FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:**

- Address issue of recycling containers and trash cans being left in the street after emptied by the automated trucks. (*Request of Councilor Thomas*)

**6. PURCHASES**

D. Emergency Bulk Waste Pick-up and Delivery Services

**Deputy City Manager Lisa Goodwin** approached the rostrum to give a presentation on the proposed emergency bulk waste and pick-up services. She explained this proposal will allow individuals and local vendors to pick-up bulk items consisting of large household appliances, bulk furniture, and large piles of branches that are not able to be picked up by regular garbage trucks and delivering these items to the landfill. The vendors and/or individuals will be paid \$250 per ton for providing these services.

**EMERGENCY PURCHASES**

**1. Weapons for the Sheriff's Office**

On August 3, 2021, Sheriff Countryman notified the City Manager of the need to expedite the purchase of three hundred thirty (330) Glock Model G-45 9mm pistols and accessories. The Sheriff's Office will trade-in their old .45 caliber weapons for the 9mm weapons.

The further documents the following reasons for the emergency purchase:

- Most .45 caliber weapons are 15+ years in service
- Manufacturers recommend a "Service Weapon" not to exceed 5 to 7-years
- Although all weapons are inspected annually, the cost for replacement parts are increasing yearly
- The 9mm is now the recommended duty caliber through the FBI as they have done numerous studies to show that the round is superior to that of the .45 caliber.
- The Sheriff's Office began the process of trying to purchase the new weapons near the beginning of the year in order to make the purchase as soon as possible. October was earmarked as the timeframe the weapons should be received, because that is a time when the Sheriff's Office Training Division will have designated time to transition all sworn personnel to the new weapon system. Other times of the year are filled with other required training. The vendors had informed the Department that it takes 6 months to a year to receive the guns and the Sheriff's Office wanted to avert a situation where the current weapons may have malfunctions, causing deputy safety issues.
- As an agency, the Sheriff's Office is responsible for providing the deputies the best equipment to do their jobs as effectively and efficiently as possible. The MCSO has been trying to purchase new weapons for the last eight (8) years, but other needs took precedent.
- 9mm ammunition is a significantly cheaper than .45 caliber that will lead to cost savings over the future.

The Sheriff's Office found that vendor sources for the weapons are becoming depleted. Smyrna Police Distributors (Smyrna, GA) was able to contact the manufacturer to have weapons shipped to them in preparation for the Sheriff's Office purchase. If the weapons are not purchased by the Sheriff's Office, the weapons will be distributed to other purchasers. The purchase amount, with trade-in, is \$116,677.50.

The City Manager approved the Emergency Purchase on August 3, 2021.

Funds are budgeted in the FY22 Budget: LOST/Public Safety – Sheriff – Public Safety/LOST – Other Equipment; 0102 – 550 - 9900 – LOST - 7762.

## **CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA**

### **ENCLOSURES - INFORMATION ONLY**

1. Certificate of Need Application submitted by Columbus Ambulatory Healthcare Services d/b/a Columbus Regional Medical Group for the replacement of a CT Scanner.

### **ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED**

2. **RESOLUTION (256-21)** - A Resolution cancelling the September 7, 2021 and October 5, 2021 Proclamation Sessions. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilors Davis, Tucker and Woodson being absent for the meeting.
3. **RESOLUTION (257-21)** - A Resolution excusing Councilor Toyia Tucker from the August 10, 2021 Council Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilors Davis, Tucker and Woodson being absent for the meeting.
4. **RESOLUTION (258-21)** - A Resolution excusing Councilor Evelyn "Mimi" Woodson from the August 10, 2021 Council Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilors Davis, Tucker and Woodson being absent for the meeting.
5. **Minutes of the following boards:**
  - Airport Commission, June 30, 2021
  - Board of Tax Assessors, #24-21 and #25-21
  - Columbus Board of Health, June 23, 2021
  - Columbus Golf Authority, July 27, 2021
  - Hospital Authority of Columbus, June 29, 2021

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to receive the minutes of various boards, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilors Davis, Tucker and Woodson being absent for the meeting.

**ADD-ON RESOLUTION:**

**RESOLUTION (259-21)** - A Resolution excusing Councilor Glenn Davis from the August 10, 2021, Council Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilors Davis, Tucker and Woodson being absent for the meeting.

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED**

6. **MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS- ANY NOMINATIONS MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:**

**A. COLUMBUS IRONWORKS CONVENTION & TRADE CENTER AUTHORITY:**

A nominee for the seat of S. Carson Cummings (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on October 24, 2021 on the Columbus Ironworks Convention & Trade Center Authority (*Mayor's Appointment*). Mayor Henderson renominated S. Carson Cummings to serve another term. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Davis, Tucker and Woodson being absent for the meeting.

**B. YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:**

A nominee for the Youth Advisory Council (*Mayor's Appointment*). Mayor Henderson nominated Victoria Watson. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Davis, Tucker and Woodson being absent for the meeting.

7. **COUNCIL'S DISTRICT SEAT APPOINTMENT- ANY NOMINATIONS MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:**

**A. KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION:**

A nominee for the seat of Warren Wagner (*Resigned*) as the District 5 Representative for a term expiring on June 30, 2021, on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (*Council District 5-Crabb*). Councilor Crabb nominated Lee Jordan to serve as the District 5 Representative. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Davis, Tucker and Woodson being absent for the meeting.



**B. YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:**

A nominee for the Youth Advisory Council for the District 1 Representative. (*Council District 1-Barnes*). There were none.

A nominee for the Youth Advisory Council for the District 2 Representative. (*Council District 2-Davis*). There were none.

A nominee for the Youth Advisory Council for the District 3 Representative. (*Council District 3-Huff*). There were none.

A nominee for the Youth Advisory Council for the District 4 Representative. (*Council District 4-Tucker*). There were none.

A nominee for the Youth Advisory Council for the District 5 Representative. (*Council District 5-Crabb*). There were none.

A nominee for the Youth Advisory Council for the District 6 Representative. (*Council District 6-Allen*). There were none.

A nominee for the Youth Advisory Council for the District 7 Representative. (*Council District 7-Woodson*). There were none.

A nominee for the Youth Advisory Council for the District 8 Representative. (*Council District 8-Garrett*). There were none.

A nominee for the Youth Advisory Council for the District 10 Representative. (*Council District 10- House*). There were none.

**8. COUNCIL'S APPOINTMENTS- ANY NOMINATIONS WOULD BE LISTED FOR THE NEXT MEETING:**

**A. ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD:**

A nominee for the seat of Dr. Rene LeFranc (*Resigned*) as the Veterinary Association Representative for a term that expired on October 15, 2019 on the Animal Control Advisory Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Jayne Dunn (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on October 15, 2021 on the Animal Control Advisory Board (*Council's Appointment*). Mayor Pro Tem Allen renominated Jayne Dunn to serve another term.

A nominee for the seat of Lindsay Ellis (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on October 15, 2021 on the Animal Control Advisory Board (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Huff renominated Lindsay Ellis to serve another term.

**B. BOARD OF FAMILY & CHILDREN SERVICES:**

A nominee for the seat of Dr. Deepali Agarwal (*Not eligible to succeed*) for a term that expires on June 30, 2021, on the Board of Family and Children Services (*Council’s Appointment*). Clerk of Council Davis explained there are specific categories that members of this board must fall under to serve. She also explained that the Department of Family & Children Services is recommending Darlene Small to fill this seat. Councilor Huff nominated Darlene Small as recommended.

A nominee for the seat of Charonda Huff (*Resigned*) for a term that expires on June 30, 2022, on the Board of Family and Children Services (*Council’s Appointments*). There were none.

**C. BOARD OF HONOR:**

A nominee for the seat of Norma “Beth” Harris (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on October 31, 2021 on the Board of Honor (*Council’s Appointment*). Mayor Pro Tem Allen renominated Norma “Beth” Harris to serve another term.

**D. COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS & CULTURAL LIAISON ENCOUNTERS (C.I.R.C.L.E):**

A nominee for the seat of SarhaAnn Arcila (*Resigned*) for a term expiring on March 1, 2024 on the Commission on International Relations & Cultural Liaison Encounters (*Council’s Appointment*). There were none.

**E. UPTOWN FACADE BOARD:**

A nominee for the seat of James “Jay” Lewis (*Eligible to succeed*) as a representative of the Uptown Business Improvement District for a term expiring on October 31, 2021, on the Uptown Facade Board (*Council’s Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Alan Udy (*Eligible to succeed*) as a representative of the Uptown Business Improvement District for a term expiring on October 31, 2021, on the Uptown Facade Board (*Council’s Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Hannah Israel (*Eligible to succeed*) as a representative of the Uptown Business Improvement District for a term expiring on October 31, 2021, on the Uptown Facade Board (*Council’s Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Debbie Young (*Eligible to succeed*) as a representative of the Uptown Business Improvement District for a term expiring on October 31, 2021, on the Uptown Facade Board (*Council’s Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Jud Richardson (*Eligible to succeed*) as a representative of Uptown Columbus Inc. for a term expiring on October 31, 2021, on the Uptown Facade Board (*Council’s Appointment*). There were none.

## **PUBLIC AGENDA (continued)**

3. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Access to quality healthcare.

### **REFERRAL(S):**

#### **FOR THE CITY MANAGER:**

- Make sure door in back hallway of Council Chambers is shut during meetings. (*Request of Councilor Thomas*)

## **CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA (continued)**

### **7. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Bolo Wrap Donation Presentation - Jed Harris, Jr., Back Columbus Blue. (*NOTE: This item was called upon earlier in the meeting after the Mayor's Agenda.*)
- B. Feeding the Valley Update - Rob Scott, Community Reinvestment Director

**Community Reinvestment Director Rob Scott** approached the rostrum to introduce the update and presenters.

**President & CEO Frank Sheppard, Feeding the Valley**, approached the rostrum to give an update on Feeding the Valley and the impact the COVID-19 Pandemic has had on the community. He explained the pandemic has uncovered a need for expansion of the program facilities in Midland, Georgia in order to meet the demand recognized in the region.

**Regional Planner Scott DeClue, River Valley Regional Commission (RVRC)**, came forward to provide details on how the expansion of the Feeding the Valley Facilities will be accomplished. He explained the expansion will be accomplished by utilizing funds from the CDBG-CV Program, which originated from the CARES Act of 2020 to provide relief from the pandemic.

- C. Code Enforcement Update - Ryan Pruett, Inspections & Codes Director. ***Delayed***
- D. Stormwater Update - Donna Newman, Engineering Director

**Engineering Director Donna Newman** approached the rostrum to introduce the update and the presenter.

*NOTE: Mayor Henderson left the meeting at approximately 11:35 a.m., at which time, Councilor Thomas assumed the role of presiding officer.*

**Project Manager David Bishop, Barge Design Solutions**, came forward to provide the stormwater update. He gave an update on the slope failure on the Riverwalk at Bay Avenue, the culvert crossing on Warm Springs Road, and the sedimentation at Lake Oliver.

E. Corridor Study Update - Donna Newman, Engineering Director

**Engineering Director Donna Newman** approached the rostrum to introduce the update and the presenter.

**Engineer Mitchell Greenway, Stantec,** came forward to provide an update on the study of 8<sup>th</sup> Street, 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

F. American Rescue Plan Update - Pam Hodge, Deputy City Manager. *Delayed*

G. Add-On - Animal Care & Control Services Update - Lisa Goodwin, Deputy City Manager

**Deputy City Manager Lisa Goodwin** approached the rostrum to give a brief update on the RFP process and the status of an RPF that went out for bid for animal care and control services.

**BID ADVERTISEMENT**

**August 18, 2021**

**1. Service Contract for Various Types of Engines (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 22-0001**

**Scope of Bid**

The Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia is requesting bids to repair/rebuild various types of engines for METRA Transit System. The services will be procured on an as-needed basis. The contract term shall be for three (3) years.

**2. Uniform Dress Shoes and Boots (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 22-0003**

**Scope of Bid**

Columbus Consolidated Government is requesting bids from qualified vendors to provide uniform dress shoes and boots for various City Departments on an “as needed” basis. To accommodate walk-in service on some occasions, the successful bidder shall have a business located within a 25-mile radius of Muscogee County. The contract term shall be for two (2) years with the option to renew for three (3) additional twelve-month periods.

**August 20, 2021**

**1. Asbestos Abatement for Former Georgia State Farmers Market – RFP No. 22-0001**

**Scope of RFP**

Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) is requesting proposals from qualified asbestos abatement contractors to provide all labor, materials, equipment, permits, and incidentals necessary to complete all tasks associated with remediating asbestos-containing building materials identified in structures located at the former Georgia State Farmers Market.

**2. Treatment Providers for Mental Health Court and Veterans Treatment Court (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 21-0031**

**Scope of RFP**

Columbus Consolidated Government, on behalf of the Mental Health Court and Veterans Treatment Court, is soliciting proposals to provide treatment to participants in PTSD Counseling and Psychological Assessment. *Offerors may submit proposals to provide either or both areas of treatment. The services will be procured on an as-needed basis.*

The contract term shall be for two (2) years with the option to renew for three (3) additional twelve-month periods.

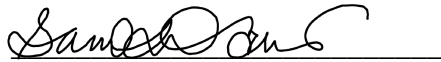
**September 3, 2021**

**1. Engineering Services for Military Drive P. I. #0017138 – RFP No. 22-0005**

**Scope of RFP**

The Columbus Consolidated Government is accepting proposals from qualified firms to provide professional engineering plans and drawings to be used in the construction of the new Military Drive, which will begin at Infantry Road (this road is not yet built) and end at the Hampton Inn located on South Lumpkin Road in Columbus, Georgia.

With there being no further business to discuss, Councilor Thomas declared the August 10, 2021 Regular Council Meeting adjourned due to the lack of a quorum with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Garrett having left the meeting and Councilors Davis, Tucker and Woodson being absent for the meeting with the time being 12:17 p.m.



Sandra T. Davis, CMC  
Clerk of Council  
Council of Columbus, Georgia