

COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

Council Chambers	October 25, 2022
C. E. “Red” McDaniel City Services Center- Second Floor	5:30 PM
3111 Citizens Way, Columbus, GA 31906	Regular Meeting

M A Y O R ’ 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, Judy W. Thomas, Toyia Tucker and Evelyn “Mimi” Woodson. 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: Councilor Glenn Davis was absent.

The following documents have been included as a part of the electronic Agenda Packet: (1) Pricing Results Presentation – Series 2022C Bonds; (2) CCG New Pay Plan Update; (3) Advocacy through Art: Hope, Healing and Community Art Mural

The following documents were distributed to the members of Council: (1) Monthly Financial Snapshot (Unaudited) FY 2023 – September 2022

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 October 11, 2022, Council Meeting and Executive Session. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the meeting.

CITY ATTORNEY’S AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS

9. **Resolution (330-22):** A Resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, approving a resolution adopted by the Columbus Building Authority authorizing the issuance of its Series 2022C Lease Revenue Bonds in accordance with a request of the Council contained in its Resolution No. 221-22; to ratify the actions of the Authority approving the best bid for the Series 2022C Bonds; to authorize the Mayor to transfer property to the Authority and to execute the lease; to authorize the Mayor and other officials of Columbus to take such further actions as are necessary to provide for the issuance and delivery of the series 2022C Bonds;

and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the meeting. *(NOTE: This resolution was called up as the next order of business as listed on the City Attorney’s Agenda Item 9)*

Finance Director Angelica Alexander approached the rostrum to explain the resolution approving the issuance of Columbus Building Authority Bonds to renovate the buildings purchased for the Muscogee County Sheriff’s Department.

Senior Vice President Courtney Rogers (Davenport & Co.) approached the rostrum to provide a presentation on the results of the bonds sale from earlier that day and provided information on the bond rating for the Columbus Consolidated Government.

MAYOR’S AGENDA (continued)

PROCLAMATION:

2. **PROCLAMATION:** National American Indian Heritage Month
- RECEIVING:** Malone Moore and the Daughters of the American Revolution,
American Indians Committee

Councilor John House read the proclamation into the record, proclaiming November 2022, as *National American Indian Heritage Month*, recognizing Malone Moore and the Daughters of the American Revolution and the American Indians Committee in recognition of the influence and contribution of American Indians to the prosperity of the United States of America.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Director of Planning

Resolution (331-22): A resolution authorizing the appointment of Mr. John W. “Will” Johnson as Director of the Planning Department. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the meeting. *(NOTE: This resolution was called up as the next order of business as listed on the City Manager’s Agenda Item 1)*

MAYOR’S AGENDA (continued)

RESOLUTION:

3. A resolution authorizing the appointment of Ms. Donna McGinnis as Internal Auditor/ Compliance Officer. Councilor House made a motion to delay the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried by a six-to-three vote, with Councilors Crabb, Garrett, House, Huff, Thomas and Tucker voting in favor of the delay, and Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Barnes and Woodson voting in opposition.

CITY ATTORNEY’S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

1. **Ordinance (22-051) - 2nd Reading-** REZN-08-22-1488: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **7300 Old Moon Road** (parcel # 081-022-001) from RO (Residential Office) Zoning District to RMF2 (Residential Multifamily 2) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Davis) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the meeting.
2. **Ordinance (22-052) - 2nd Reading-** An Ordinance approving Clarification of Governing Accounts, Logins, And Access as Addendum 3 and Cybersecurity Training Governance as Addendum 4 to the Acceptable and Supportable Use of Technology Policy Number 210-1000-004. (Mayor Pro-Tem) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the meeting.
3. **2nd Reading-** An Ordinance imposing a moratorium on certain mandatory promotional procedures for the Columbus Police Department and the Columbus Fire and EMS Department until the earlier of the Implementation Date of Ordinance No. 22-45 or January 31, 2023. (Mayor Pro Tem) Councilor Crabb made a motion to delay the 2nd Reading of this ordinance until the November 8, 2022, Council Meeting, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the meeting.

Police Chief Freddie Blackmon approached the rostrum to explain the promotional process for the ranks of sergeant, lieutenant and captain.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE MAYOR:

- Have the various options to address the CPD promotion process issues brought before Council at a work session or in small group meetings, allowing time for discussion. (*Request of Councilor Woodson*)
4. **Ordinance (22-053) - 2nd Reading-** An Ordinance amending Article IV of Chapter 19 of the Columbus Code to exempt certain Court Reporters hired by Superior Court Judges from the licensing requirements of the Article; and for other purposes. (Councilor Garrett) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the meeting.
 5. **1st Reading-** An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **243 / 220 Oakley Drive** (parcel # 089-001-001 / 088-053-003) from RMF2 (Residential Multifamily 2) Zoning District to RO (Residential Office) Zoning District with conditions. (Planning Department and PAC recommend conditional approval.) (Councilor Huff)

Assistant Planning Director John Renfro approached the rostrum at the request of Councilor Huff to provide information on the requests made by citizens during public meetings that were included in the proposed rezoning. He explained the conditions that will be included are parking requirements waived to allow 189 parking spots, maximum building height restricted to 35-feet, total number of units on the property restricted to 210 units, and only multi-family dwellings permitted on the property.

6. **1st Reading-** An Ordinance amending Chapter 3 of the Columbus Code pertaining to alcoholic beverages to insert a new code section creating entertainment district(s) in which open containers of alcoholic beverages are permitted in certain circumstances; and for other purposes. (Councilor Woodson) (Continued on 1st Reading from 10-11-22) Councilor Woodson made a motion to amend the ordinance to add Highside Market as an Entertainment District, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the meeting. Councilor Thomas made a motion to amend the ordinance to include a 12-month review, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Huff being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent for the meeting.

Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge approached the rostrum to provide a presentation on tour service vehicles and entertainment districts. She also provided various comments made at a public meeting that was held on October 19, 2022. *(This presentation was not filed for the record.)*

Columbus Police Chief Freddie Blackmon approached the rostrum to respond to questions regarding open containers and permits for special events.

Ms. Niki Gedroic (Owner of Vertigo on 12th) approached the rostrum to speak in favor of the ordinance as proposed.

Mr. Garrett Lawrence (Owner of Maltitude and Co-Owner of Nonic) approached the rostrum to speak in favor of the ordinance as proposed.

Mr. Scottie DeClue approached the rostrum to speak in favor of the ordinance as proposed.

Ms. Alston Auten, representing Mr. Christopher Woodruff (Highside Market) came forward in support of the ordinance.

Mr. Buddy Nelms (Owner of The Loft Restaurant) approached the rostrum to speak in opposition of the ordinance.

Ms. Molly Smith approached the rostrum to speak in opposition of the ordinance as a resident on Broadway.

Mr. Frank Lumpkin approached the rostrum to speak in opposition of the ordinance as a property owner in Downtown Columbus.

Mr. Chad Scrimshire (Co-Owner of Nonic) approached the rostrum to speak in favor of the ordinance as proposed.

Mr. Chris Wightman approached the rostrum to speak in favor of the ordinance as a developer of Midland Commons, who plans to include an Entertainment District in the development.

Uptown CEO Ed Wolverton approached the rostrum to explain he plans to meet with the Uptown Columbus Board to decide on the required cups and other specifics regarding this proposed ordinance.

He explained the board meets every other month, but with the holidays, they will not be meeting until the first week of December. He stated the Executive Board has a meeting later this week and may call a special called meeting to discuss the ordinance.

Mr. Robert Battle (Co-Owner of Nonic) approached the rostrum to speak in favor of the ordinance, but expressed the local businesses concerns with the cost of the required cups.

7. **1st Reading-** An Ordinance amending Section 2-3.02 of the Columbus Code to exempt certain Board and Commission appointees from residency requirements; to amend the necessary Pension Plan provisions to remove the named members of that Board from the requirement that they reside in and be registered voters in Muscogee County; and for other purposes. (Councilor Woodson) Councilor Woodson made a motion to amend the ordinance to allow no more than two members to reside outside of Muscogee County, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and was inconclusive by a five-to-four vote, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Barnes, House, Tucker and Woodson voting in favor of the amendment, and Councilors Crabb, Garrett, Huff and Thomas voting in opposition, and Councilor Davis being absent for the meeting.
8. **1st Reading-** An Ordinance amending Sections 2-131, 2-134, and 2-137 pertaining to the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission to revise the membership positions and redefine the appointment process and duties for the Executive Director; and for other purposes. (Councilor Crabb)

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

15. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. CCG New Pay Plan Update- Reather Hollowell, Human Resources Director

Human Resources Director Reather Hollowell approached the rostrum to provide an update on the new pay plan to include the implementation timeline, employee appeals, and the resolution being presented to Council to authorize them to move forward with implementation. She explained employees would be able to appeal their recommended salary for up to two years by submitting a request to Human Resources, who would then gather all details of the appeal and forward that information to the City Manager for review and determination. She stated the employees would receive a written response from the City Manager after his review and determination. (*NOTE: This update was called up as the next order of business as listed on the City Manager's Agenda Item 15 "A"*)

Finance Director Angelica Alexander approached the rostrum to further explain the implementation timeline presented by Director Hollowell. She explained there are very few windows available for implementation of the new pay plan with minimal issues.

IT Director Forrest Toelle approached the rostrum to explain the implementation timeline from the standpoint of the IT Department. He explained it is imperative that the various cycles align within the software system. He agreed that the recommendation of November 12th is the best option for implementation.

CITY ATTORNEY’S AGENDA (continued)

10. A Resolution authorizing the implementation of the Columbus, Georgia Classification and Compensation Plan for the pay period beginning November 12, 2022 pursuant to Section 16 of Ordinance No. 22-045. (Mayor Pro-Tem)

(NOTE: Council took no action at this point in the meeting when the resolution was called upon. See Below for final action.)

11. **Resolution (332-22):** A Resolution opposing extending the consent decree entered into between the United States of America and Continental Carbon, Inc., A China Synthetic Rubber Corporation. **(Add-On Resolution)** Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent for the meeting.

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Ms. Jennifer Le Denney, Re: A request to add NOW/COMP (New Options Waiver Program and Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program) Planning list to the Legislative Agenda.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Have the staff bring forth a resolution for the Council to address this matter. *(Request of Councilor Woodson)*

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Director of Planning

A Resolution authorizing the appointment of Mr. John W. "Will" Johnson as Director of the Planning Department. *(NOTE: This item was called upon earlier in the meeting during the Mayor’s Agenda.)*

2. Public Art Design – 18th Street / 5th Avenue

Resolution (333-22): A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, for the final mural design at 18th Street and 5th Avenue per the memorandum of understanding between the Columbus Consolidated Government and Columbus State university for an Advocacy Thru the Arts Project. Councilor Garrett made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the meeting.

Professor of Art and Mural Project Director Hannah Israel approached the rostrum to provide a presentation entitled *Advocacy through Art: “Hope, Healing and Community Art Mural”*.

3. FY 2023 Georgia Department of Transportation – Y410 Funds -Transportation Planning Contract

Resolution (334-22): A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, authorizing the City Manager of Columbus, Georgia to execute a contract with the Georgia Department of Transportation on behalf of the City for financial assistance to carry out the FY 2023 Y410 Planning Funds for safe and accessible transportation options – (H.R. 3684 – SECT 11206), as outlined in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). This funding is required to be included in the transportation planning work activities of the Columbus-Phenix City Transportation Study (C-PCTS). Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the meeting.

4. FY 2023 Georgia Department of Transportation – Transportation Planning Contract

Resolution (335-22): A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, authorizing the City Manager of Columbus, Georgia to execute a contract with the Georgia Department of Transportation on behalf of the City for financial assistance to carry out the FY 2023 transportation planning activities of the Columbus-Phenix City Transportation Study (C-PCTS) Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the meeting.

5. Columbus 2025 Funding Support

Resolution (336-22): A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, to authorize the City Manager to develop a memorandum of understanding between the Columbus Consolidated Government and Development Authority to support the Columbus 2025 Initiative for \$3 million. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the meeting.

6. Increase in appearance per diem rate for court reporting services for the rapid resolution program

Resolution (337-22): A resolution authorizing an increase in the appearance per diem rate from \$200 per day to \$500 per day for Court Reporters who are independent contractors providing services to the Rapid Resolution Program. Councilor Garrett made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the meeting.

7. Recycling Infrastructure Grant Application

Resolution (338-22): A resolution authorizing the application for grant funding and the acceptance of these funds for recycling carts to allow for the expansion of the Columbus Consolidated Governments Curbside Cart-Based Recycling Program. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the meeting.

8. Recycling, Waste Reduction, and Diversion Grant Application

Resolution (339-22): A resolution authorizing the application and acceptance of grant funding for recycling carts to allow for the expansion of the Columbus Consolidated Government Curbside Cart-Based Recycling Program. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the meeting.

9. State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP)

Resolution (340-22): A resolution authorizing the Mayor, City Manager or designee to submit an application for, and if awarded, accept funding from the “State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program” (SLCGP) as administered by the State of Georgia through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the meeting.

10. GEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant for the Purchase of NOAA Severe Weather Radios

Resolution (341-22): A resolution authorizing the City Manager or his designee to apply for and accept a Hazard Mitigation Grant from the Georgia Emergency Management Agency in the amount of \$62,025.00, or as otherwise awarded, to purchase NOAA Weather Radios for city buildings, schools, public buildings, assisted living facilities, and more, and to amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the award. The grant is aligned with the Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Plan currently in effect for Columbus, GA/Muscogee County. This pre-application is to be submitted to the Georgia Emergency Management Agency for funding consideration. This grant requires a local match of 10% totaling \$6,202.50. The 10% local match will be a cash match which means it will be paid by Columbus Consolidated Government. This grant shall be administered by the Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Management. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the meeting.

11. State of Georgia Governor’s Office of Planning and Budget Public Safety and Community Violence Grant for the Columbus Police Department

Resolution (342-22): A resolution authorizing the City Manager or his designee to accept a grant of \$1,500,000, or as otherwise awarded, from the State of Georgia’s Governor’s Office of Planning and Budget Public Safety and Community Violence Reduction Grant, on behalf of the Columbus Police Department, with no local match requirement, and to amend the American Rescue Plan Act Fund by the amount awarded. Funds will be utilized for violent crime reduction programs equipment and technology and community violence intervention programs affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the meeting.

12. State of Georgia Governor’s Office of Planning and Budget Public Safety and Community Violence Grant for the Sheriff’s Office

Resolution (343-22): A resolution authorizing the City Manager or his designee to accept a grant of \$1,500,000, or as otherwise awarded, from the State of Georgia Governor’s Office of Planning and Budget Public Safety and Community Violence Reduction Grant, with no local match requirement and to amend the American Rescue Plan Act Fund by the amount rewarded. Funds will be utilized for the purchase of violent crime response equipment and training, including crime scene collections, investigations, canine, and investigative safety, that will support a violent crime reduction strategy that will be implemented by the Muscogee County Sheriff’s Office. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the meeting.

13. 2022 Brownfield Assessment Grant

Resolution (344-22): A resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply, and if awarded, accept, and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount awarded up to \$500,000 from the Environmental Protection Agency to fund Brownfield Assessments of properties within the City of Columbus. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the meeting.

14. PURCHASES

- A. Design and Construction Services for Shirley B. Winston, Rigdon Park, and Psalmond Road Pools – RFP No. 23-0001

Resolution (345-22): A resolution the execution of a contract with Freeman & Associates, Inc. (Columbus, GA) for the design and construction of new inground pools at Shirley B. Winston, Rigdon, and Psalmond Road Parks. The City has established a budget of \$15,000,000.00 for the total project budget, to include all project costs. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the meeting.

- B. Change Order 2 for Columbus Dragonfly Trail – Riverwalk to Martin Luther King, Jr. Connector – RFB No. 21-0017

Resolution (346-22): A resolution authorizing the execution of Change Order 2 with JHC Corporation, Inc. (Newnan, GA) in the amount of \$102,030.00 for the Columbus Dragonfly Trail Project. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the meeting.

- C. Cancer Screening Kits for Fire & EMS Department

Resolution (347-22): A resolution authorizing the purchase of 350 (three hundred fifty) cancer screening kits and accessories from 20/20 GeneSystems, Inc., (Gaithersburg, MD), in the amount of \$38,750.00. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the meeting.

D. Maintenance, Repair & Operation (MRO) Supplies/Equipment and Automotive Parts/Supplies – Cooperative Contracts

Resolution (348-22): A resolution authorizing the purchase of maintenance, repair & operation (MRO), supplies/equipment and automotive parts/supplies from Lawson Products (Chicago, IL), by cooperative purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract, SWC 99999-001-SPD-0000181-0006, and OMNIA Partners Contract #R211202. Various City Departments will purchase the supplies and equipment on an “as needed” basis. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the meeting.

ENCLOSURES- INFORMATION ONLY

- 1. 2023 Legislative Agenda Delayed Items

15. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. CCG New Pay Plan Update- Reather Hollowell, Human Resources Director

(NOTE: This update was called upon earlier in the meeting during the City Attorney’s Agenda.)

- B. Entertainment District Update - Pam Hodge, Deputy City Manager of Finance, Planning & Development

(NOTE: This update was called upon earlier in the meeting during the City Attorney’s Agenda.)

- C. Monthly Finance Update - Angelica Alexander, Finance Director

Finance Director Angelica Alexander came forward to provide a monthly finance update for September 2022.

BID ADVERTISEMENT

October 26, 2022

- 1. **Rock River Rifles – PQ No. 23-0006**
Scope of PQ
The Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) is seeking quotes from qualified vendors to provide ten (10) Rock River LE20202M rifles for the Columbus Police Department.

October 28, 2022

- 1. **Professional Healthcare Services for Medically Indigent Persons in Muscogee County (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 23-0009**
Scope of RFP
Columbus Consolidated Government is seeking proposals for health care services for medically indigent persons in Muscogee County to include certain services for inpatient and outpatient care for incarcerated persons at the Muscogee County Jail. The requested services consist of medical, pharmaceutical, and mental health services.

Medical services include but not are limited to acute inpatient and outpatient hospital care, x-ray, laboratory, and primary medical care.

2. Space Planning and Programming & Design Professional Services for Fire Station No. 5 Replacement – RFQ No. 23-0001

Scope of RFQ

Columbus Consolidated Government (“Owner”) is soliciting statements of qualifications from firms interested in providing space planning and programming and professional design services for the replacement of fire station #5 (“Project”).

This Request for Qualifications (RFQ) seeks to identify potential providers of the above-mentioned services. Some firms that respond to this RFQ, who are determined by the Owner to be sufficiently qualified, may be deemed eligible to offer proposals for these services and may be invited for interviews.

3. Construction Manager as General Contractor Services for Fire Station No. 5 Replacement - RFQ No. 23-0002

Scope of RFQ

Columbus Consolidated Government (“Owner”) is soliciting statements of qualifications from firms interested in providing construction manager as general contractor services for Fire Station No. 5 replacement.

This Request for Qualifications (RFQ) seeks to identify the most qualified potential providers of the above-mentioned services. Some firms which respond to this RFQ, and who are determined by the Owner to be especially qualified, may be deemed eligible and may be invited to offer proposals for these services.

November 2, 2022

1. Metal Storage Shed for METRA – PQ No. 23-0007

Scope of PQ

The Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) is seeking quotes from qualified vendors to provide one (1) metal storage shed (complete set) of commercial grade metal, for outdoor use at the Department of Transportation/METRA Transfer Center.

2. Confiscated Firearms for Credit or Swap – RFB No. 23-0003

Scope of Bid

The Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) is offering confiscated firearms for sale to a licensed firearms dealer who can issue a credit to purchase or swap for Rock River LE2020M rifles with accessories.

3. On-Call Plumbing Services (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 23-0018

Scope of Bid

The Columbus Consolidated Government is seeking proposals from State-licensed Plumbing Contractors for On-Call Plumbing Maintenance and Repair Services at various City facilities. This contract will be awarded to a Primary and Secondary Contractor. The Primary and Secondary Contractors will be selected based on the two lowest responsive, responsible vendors, who best meet the specifications.

The contract period will be for two (2) years with the option to renew for three (3) additional twelve-month periods, if agreeable to both the City and the Contractor.

November 9, 2022

1. 30' Low Floor Trolley Heavy Duty Bus (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 23-0017

Scope of Bid

The Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) is seeking vendors to provide 30' low floor trolley heavy duty buses to METRA on an “as needed” basis. The City anticipates purchasing approximately 3-4 during Fiscal Year 2023 through Fiscal year 2026. The contract term will be for three years.

November 16, 2022

1. Dumpster/Roll Off Container Rental and Servicing (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 23-0016

Scope of Bid

The Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia (the City) is seeking vendors to provide dumpsters/roll-off containers on a rental basis, to include servicing the equipment on an “as needed” basis. Services will be procured both during the week and on weekends.

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

November 30, 2022

1. PI 0011435 – Metra Park and Ride Facility – RFB No. 23-0019

Scope of Bid

Provide a park and ride facility for METRA Transit System. The project consists of grading a vacant lot and installing a parking lot and features for METRA Transit System. The project location is 1646 9th Avenue in Columbus, GA.

CITY ATTORNEY’S AGENDA (continued)

10. A Resolution authorizing the implementation of the Columbus, Georgia Classification and Compensation Plan for the pay period beginning November 12, 2022, pursuant to Section 16 of Ordinance No. 22-045. (Mayor Pro-Tem) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Barnes that resulted in an inconclusive vote, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Barnes, House and Woodson voting in favor; Councilors Crabb, Garrett, Huff, Thomas and Tucker voting in opposition, and Councilor Davis being absent for the meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen requested for the resolution to come back before Council for consideration at the meeting on November 8, 2022.

CLERK OF COUNCIL’S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

1. **RESOLUTION (349-22)** - A Resolution excusing Councilor Glenn Davis from the October 25, 2022, Council Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the meeting.

2. The Land Bank Authority is nominating Mr. Steve Anthony to fill the unexpired term of Mr. John Tuggle. *(The Land Bank Authority nominates three of the seven members to this authority with confirmation from the Council.)* Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to confirm the appointment of Steve Anthony to the Land Bank Authority, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the meeting.
3. Letter of Resignation submitted by Mr. Vincent Allen from his seat on the Building Authority of Columbus. *(The Council may receive the resignation.)* Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to receive the resignation of Vincent Allen with regrets, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the meeting.

4. **Minutes of the following boards:**

Development Authority of Columbus, September 1, 2022

Housing Authority of Columbus, July 27, 2022

Planning Advisory Commission, September 7 & 21, 2022

River Valley Regional Commission, June 22, 2022 & August 24, 2022

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

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

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

A. **PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION:**

A nominee for the seat of Byron Hickey (*Not eligible to succeed*) as the District 1 Representative for a term that expires on October 31, 2022, on the Public Safety Advisory Commission (*Council District 1- Barnes*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Donald Watkins (*Not eligible to succeed*) as the District 5 Representative for a term that expires on October 31, 2022, on the Public Safety Advisory Commission (*Council District 5- Crabb*). There were none.

6. **COUNCIL APPOINTMENT: NOMINATION FROM THE COMMISSION AND MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:**

A. **AIRPORT COMMISSION:**

A nominee for the seat of Don Cook (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term that expires on December 31, 2022, on the Airport Commission (*Council's Confirmation*). The Airport Commission has submitted its nominee of Delois Carr for the seat of Don Cook. Councilor Woodson made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the meeting.

7. **COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS- ANY NOMINATIONS WOULD BE LISTED FOR THE NEXT MEETING:**

A. BOARD OF TAX ASSESSORS:

A nominee for the seat of Jayne Govar (*Eligible to succeed- Interested in serving another term*) for a term that expires on December 31, 2022, on the Board of Tax Assessors (*Council's Appointment*). Mayor Pro Tem Allen nominated Jayne Govar to succeed herself on the Board of Tax Assessors.

B. COLUMBUS BOARD OF HEALTH:

A nominee for the seat of Devica Alappan (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term that expires on December 31, 2022, on the Columbus Board of Health (*Council's Appointment*). Mayor Pro Tem Allen nominated Devica Alappan to succeed herself on the Board of Health.

C. COOPERATIVE EXTENSION ADVISORY BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of Helen Williams (*Does not desire reappointment*) for a term that expires on December 31, 2022, on the Cooperative Extension Advisory Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Margaret Higdon (*Does not desire reappointment*) for a term that expires on December 31, 2022, on the Cooperative Extension Advisory Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

D. LAND BANK AUTHORITY:

A nominee for the seat of Tyler Pritchard (*Does not desire reappointment*) for a term that expires on October 31, 2022, on the Land Bank Authority (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

E. PERSONNEL REVIEW BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of Willie Butler (*Eligible to succeed*) as Regular Member 1 for a term that expires on December 31, 2022, on the Personnel Review Board (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Huff renominated Willie Butler to succeed himself on the Personnel Review Board.

A nominee for the seat of Yolanda Sumbry Sewell (*Eligible to succeed- Interested in serving*) as Regular Member 4 for a term that expires on December 31, 2022, on the Personnel Review Board (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Huff renominated Yolanda Sumbry Sewell to succeed herself on the Personnel Review Board.

A nominee for the seat of Michael Forte (*Eligible to succeed*) as Regular Member 5 for a term that expires on December 31, 2022, on the Personnel Review Board (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Huff renominated Michael Forte to succeed himself on the Personnel Review Board.

A nominee for the seat of Delano Leftwich (*Eligible to succeed*) as Alternate Member 4 for a term that expires on December 31, 2022, on the Personnel Review Board (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Huff renominated Delano Leftwich to succeed himself on the Personnel Review Board.

A nominee for the seat of Dr. Shanita Pettaway (*Resigned*) as Alternate Member 5 for a term that expires on December 31, 2022, on the Personnel Review Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

F. RETIREES' HEALTH BENEFITS COMMITTEE:

A nominee for the seat of Esther Radcliff (*Does not desire reappointment*) for a term that expired on June 30, 2022, on the Retirees' Health Benefits Committee (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor House nominated Cheryl Tate to succeed Esther Radcliff.

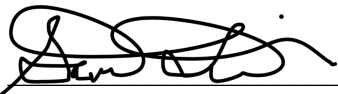
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilor Jerry "Pops" Barnes announced that Veterans United will be offering free food at Lakebottom Park for all veterans and their families, and for First Responders.

Councilor Jerry "Pops" Barnes also announced the Veterans Day Parade will be held on November 12, 2022 starting at 9:45 a.m. and there will be an event after the parade. **Councilor John House** further expounded on the event after the parade where the marker for the stadium would be presented, which explains the history of the stadium, and all the names of the Columbus area veterans that died during WWI. **Councilor Jerry "Pops" Barnes** continued by announcing that at the Civic Center, there would also be the Veterans Block Party from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Councilor Toyia Tucker also announced the Trunk or Treat event at Shirley B. Winston Park on October 29, 2022 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Councilor Woodson to adjourn the October 25, 2022 Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the meeting, and the time being 9:13 p.m.



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