

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

November 8, 2022
9:00 AM
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, Glenn Davis, R. Walker Garrett, John M. House (via Microsoft Teams), Bruce Huff, Judy W. Thomas, Toyia Tucker and Evelyn “Mimi” Woodson (arrived at 9:20 a.m.). City Manager Isaiah Hugley, City Attorney Clifton Fay, Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis, and Deputy Clerk of Council Lindsey G. McLemore were present.

The following documents have been included as a part of the electronic Agenda Packet: (1) Columbus Water Works FY 2022-23 Public Forum Presentation; (2) MCDUP Activities Overview Presentation; (3) Entertainment Districts and Tour Service Vehicles Presentation; (4) Infrastructure Investment Update and (5) Art Commission Project

The following documents were distributed to the members of Council: (1) Screenshots of Various Facebook Profiles Submitted by Angela White

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Pastor Seth Hon, Grace Baptist Church of Columbus, Georgia

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Henderson

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the October 25, 2022, Council Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the vote.

PROCLAMATIONS:

2. **PROCLAMATION:** Timothy Holloway Day
RECEIVING: Timothy Holloway

Councilor Toyia Tucker read the proclamation into the record, proclaiming Tuesday, November 8, 2022 as *Timothy Holloway Day*, recognizing Crew Leader Timothy Holloway with the Rainwater Division in Public Works, for his placing in the local and state competitive Public Works events, and being selected to represent the State of Georgia in the 2022 APWA National Rodeo.

3. **PROCLAMATION:** Down with Diabetes Awareness Day
RECEIVING: Nathan Sanderson and The Chattahoochee Valley Diabetes Awareness Committee

Councilor Jerry “Pops” Barnes read the proclamation into the record, proclaiming Saturday, November 19, 2022, as *Down with Diabetes Awareness Day*, recognizing Nathan Sanderson and The Chattahoochee Valley Diabetes Awareness Committee for their efforts in educating the community on the seriousness of diabetes for all ages.

PRESENTATION:

4. Water and Sewer Rate Study (Presented by Steve Davis, President Columbus Water Works and Joe Crea with Raftelis)

Executive Vice President Billy C. Cobb, Jr. approached the rostrum to present the Columbus Water Works FY 2022-23 Water and Sewer Rate Study. He explained the necessity of investing in infrastructure as a critical part of the operations of Columbus Water Works and the various factors that impact the service provided to the community.

Senior Vice President Carl G. Robertson (Division of Financial Services) approached the rostrum to provide the financial overview for 2023. He explained the main drivers for rates are materials, supplies, other operating costs, capital renewal, and financial policies. He stated capital spending is focused on the renewal of aging infrastructure and regulatory compliance.

Vice President Joe Crea (Raftelis) approached the rostrum to provide information on the proposed 4.95% rate increase needed to provide safe and reliable drinking water. He explained the increase will add approximately \$2.31 to most customers monthly bills and less than \$3.14 to over 80% of customers' bills.

5. An overview of activities for the Mayor's Commission on Unity, Diversity and Prosperity (Add-On) (Presented by Mr. Norman Hardman- Chair)

Chairman Norman Hardman approached the rostrum to provide an overview on the activities of the Mayor's Commission on Unity, Diversity and Prosperity. He explained the goal and various activities as part of the Community Remembrance Project, which is designed to create awareness and understanding of the history of the time. He addressed the commission's plans on erecting two Black History Monuments, stating the removal of the existing monument would cost approximately \$150,000 and the erection of new monuments celebrating local black history from the period would cost approximately \$8,000 to \$12,000 each. He explained these monuments would be erected at the median on 1st Avenue, between 10th Street and 11th Street in Uptown.

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS

8. **Resolution (350-22):** A Resolution authorizing the implementation of the Columbus, Georgia Classification and Compensation Plan for the pay period beginning January 7, 2023, pursuant to Section 16 of Ordinance No. 22-045. (Mayor Pro-Tem) Councilor Thomas made a motion to amend the resolution with an implementation date of November 12, 2022, with any retroactive payments being paid by separate check as soon as practicably possible, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council. Councilor Thomas made a motion to approve the resolution as amended, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

Councilor Judy W. Thomas stated when Council did not take a position at the meeting held on October 25, 2022, it did not “kill” the pay plan, the vote was inconclusive. She explained there are several issues members of Council still want to address such as the compensation for longevity and education, but she believes the pay plan should move forward. She stated to the City Manager and Finance Director that if the resolution is approved, she wants the pay plan to go into implementation as soon as possible, pulling out all the stops to include overtime and moving other things around to get it accomplished.

Councilor R. Walker Garrett stated a lot of false information was put out to employees and explains that the members of Council want all employees to be paid fairly. He explained with almost 500 appeals, hundreds of employees were not getting an increase because they were recently promoted, and now is making less than an employee under them. He stated he does not approve of the methodology of this plan, but he does believe in the City Manager and submitted an amendment for Council’s consideration and stated he would support additional funding to get the plan implemented by the end of November.

Finance Director Angelia Alexander approached the rostrum to respond to Council regarding the implementation date. She explained the alternate implementation date of January 7, 2023, was carefully considered given the required software updates, testing, and other processes. She also provided information on the complications with the payroll software when including retroactive pay.

Councilor Bruce Huff stated the members of Council were never going to vote down the pay plan. He explained the members of Council would never spend \$3 million of the taxpayer’s money for a pay study and not move forward, but that Council was trying to work through issues that are causing compression and penalizing long-term employees that have been recently promoted. He stated he wants the employees to understand that employees have been the number one concern of Council while working through issues.

Assistant IT Director Jeremy Miles approached the rostrum to explain that a lot of the software processes addressed by the Finance Director cannot be conducted concurrently, which affects the timeline of when the implementation can take place. He stated that the various departments will do everything they can to get the new plan implemented as quickly as possible.

City Manager Isaiah Hugley addressed the timeline of implementation of the new pay plan and stated he and the various departments would do whatever they have to do to make sure the employees are taken care of. He also addressed the referral made by Councilor Garrett regarding the agenda being submitted early than has historically been done, stating it would delay when items come before Council for approval and would be difficult for some Department Heads due to delays.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY ATTORNEY:

- Draft a Transparency in Government Act that would require the meeting agenda and supporting documents, to include presentations, be published Monday week prior to scheduled meetings; consideration being given to emergency add-on items. *(Request of Councilor Garrett)*

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Review appeals submitted by employees within sixty days. *(Request of Councilor Garrett)*

ORDINANCES

3. **Ordinance (22-054) - 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. (Continued on 2nd Reading) (Mayor Pro Tem) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance as amended to include the wording in Section 1 “The current promotional rosters for Columbus Police Department Lieutenants and Captains which are scheduled to lapse during the term of this moratorium shall remain in effect until 14 calendar days after the expiration of the moratorium. Promotional candidates shall continue to undergo the testing at assessment centers as previously scheduled. However, no new CPD promotional list may be formed, and the results of the assessment will not be used by the Chief of Police, until the current promotional roster has lapsed as provided above”, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried with an eight-to-two vote, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Barnes, Garrett, House, Huff, Thomas, Tucker and Woodson voting in favor, and Councilors Crabb and Davis voting in opposition.

Mayor B. H. “Skip” Henderson explained that the promotional process for public safety employees is very specific according to ordinance. He stated the purpose of the proposed moratorium is to try to prevent a domino effect in promotions that would negatively affect employees’ pay due to the implementation of the new pay plan.

Police Chief Freddie Blackmon approached the rostrum to explain how the promotional process works for the Columbus Police Department for various positions and the timelines that governs when the positions must be filled. He also explained how the implementation of the new pay plan will affect the pay of those officers being promoted.

Fire & EMS Chief Sal Scarpa approached the rostrum to explain that the Columbus Fire & EMS Department currently has thirteen employees going through the promotional process and every one of those employees being promoted will lose money if the proposed moratorium is not adopted and if they are promoted prior to the implementation of the new pay plan.

1. **Ordinance (22-055) - 2nd 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) Councilor Crabb made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.
2. **2nd 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. (As amended) (Councilor Woodson) Councilor Thomas made a motion to table this ordinance and all discussions pertaining to entertainment districts, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote.

Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge approached the rostrum to provide information from the Entertainment Districts and Tour Service Vehicles Presentation submitted at the October 25, 2022 Council Meeting. She explained the various options pertaining to the boundaries of the proposed

Uptown Entertainment District and the addition of the Highside Market Entertainment District that has been added to the proposed ordinance. She stated the Pedal Pub would be able to operate in Uptown Columbus, but not with alcoholic beverages unless an entertainment district is approved.

Councilor Evelyn “Mimi” Woodson suggested as the District Councilor for the Uptown Area, Option 2 or Option 3 for the Uptown Entertainment District and stated she has received many phone calls and emails from the restaurants in Uptown who are in favor of the proposed ordinance. After there were comments for potential plans of a place of worship, she explained the original concept of Uptown falls in line with what an entertainment district is and a place of worship on Broadway would penalize future businesses that want to take part in what the original vision for Uptown Columbus was to be.

Councilor Charmaine Crabb stated she is not comfortable with approving the Uptown Entertainment District currently after receiving an email from Uptown Columbus President & CEO Ed Wolverton. She explained there are numerous small details that she believes needs to be addressed before approval.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY ATTORNEY:

- Bring back an ordinance for entertainment districts, without including specific districts in the ordinance. (*Request of Councilor Woodson*)

FOR THE DEPUTY CITY MANAGER:

- Review the options on how the Council can help the Pedal Pub to operate as the owner intended when starting his business. (*Request of Councilor Woodson*)

4. **Ordinance (22-056) - 2nd 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) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Crabb and Davis being absent for the vote.
5. **Ordinance (22-057) - 2nd 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) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote.
6. **1st Reading-** REZN-09-22-1673: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **7513 Veterans Parkway** (parcel # 073-029-002) from LMI (Light Manufacturing / Industrial) Zoning District to GC (General Commercial) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Davis)

7. **1st Reading-REZN-09-22-1674:** An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia; this amendment changes certain boundaries of a district located at **3201 / 3203 / 3205 / 3209 / 3213 / 3215 / 3217 / 3223 6th Avenue** (parcel # 014-018-022 / 023 / 024 / 025 / 046 / 026 / 026A / 026B) from RMF1 (Residential Multifamily 1) / LMI (Light Manufacturing / Industrial) Zoning District to RMF2 (Residential Multifamily 2) Zoning District with conditions. (Planning Department and PAC recommend conditional approval.) (Councilor Garrett)

Planning Assistant Director John Renfro approached the rostrum to confirm the condition listed in the ordinance is to reduce the front setback to ten feet.

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Mr. Timothy Veal, Re: The excessive trash in the neighborhood. ***Not Present***
2. Mrs. Angela White, representing Tuesdays Street Tacos & Burritos, Re: The enforcement on unlicensed and unpermitted food vendors in Muscogee County.
3. Mr. Ulysses Rayford, Re: The City's project prioritization and investment strategy to include utilization of protective services and funding earmarked for the southside of Columbus.

Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge approached the rostrum to offer a presentation on the two TSPLOST Projects List (2012 and 2022) to highlight what is being done in south Columbus to show the difference in what is being done in north Columbus. She concluded by stating that the total TSPLOST Investment for south Columbus is 64.02%

4. Ms. Drale Short, representing the Department of Public Works, Re: The Columbus Consolidated Governments Pay Compensation Study.
5. Ms. Rosa Evans, representing METRA Employees, Re: Pay Plan Considerations.
6. Ms. Annette Adams, Re: A request for yard waste pickup from yard and for neighbors to no longer be allowed to burn waste.
7. Ms. Ophelia Lowe, Re: Father's Estate. ***Not Present***
8. Ms. Alexis Gray, representing Columbus State University Alumni Office, Re: Student to Alumni Committee invitation to serve as mentors to CSU students. ***Not Present***
9. Mr. Joseph McNeil, representing Columbus Blinded Veterans, Re: Transportation issues for disabled veterans and citizens of Columbus GA. ***Not Present***
10. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Reparations and Ending prison slave labor. ***Not Present***

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. 2023 Legislative Agenda Add On – Tax Allocation Law Amendment

Resolution (351-22): A resolution requesting that the local legislative delegation to the Georgia General Assembly introduce an amendment to O.C.G.A. Section 36-44-21 which allows voluntary acquisition of property within a TAD by elected officials and employees of a political subdivision, but prohibits receipt of any TAD funding by such elected officials or employees; and to further amend said law so as to clarify that elected officials may conduct business within a TAD and that citizens owning a business, property or a home within a TAD can run for and hold any elected office in a county which has created TAD districts. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Make sure the emergency contact number is required in signage for the foster care homes item for the Legislative Agenda. *(Request of Councilor Davis)*

2. Columbus Civic Center Commercial Marketing Agreement Amendment

Resolution (352-22): A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, for Columbus Civic Center to Columbus Civic Center contract amendment for commercial rights marketing agreement. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

3. Columbus Civic Center Ticketmaster Contract Renewal

Resolution (353-22): A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, for Columbus Civic Center to renew and extend contract terms with Ticketmaster as exclusive seller. Councilor Garrett made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

4. Annual HUD Entitlement, Capital Fund Program and Moving to Work Funding Environmental Review Approval

Resolution (354-22): A resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute environmental review for the building and site improvements annually performed through HUD Entitlement, Capital Fund Program (CFP) and Moving to Work (MTW) Funds. Councilor Garrett made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

5. FY 23 Local Government & Improvement Grant (LMIG)

Resolution (355-22): A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, authorizing the Mayor to make application and receive the FY 2023 Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant (LMIG) from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT). Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

6. Foundation Source (Marathon Petroleum Foundation)

Resolution (356-22): A resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant from Marathon Petroleum Foundation for specialized rescue equipment for Columbus Fire and EMS, in the amount of \$5,000. or as otherwise awarded, with no local match requirement, and to amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the award. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

7. PURCHASES

A. Printing Postage and Mail Processing Service of Motor Vehicle Registration Renewal Notices for Tax Commissioner

Resolution (357-22): A resolution authorizing the expenditure of appropriated funds to Datamatx, Inc. for the provision of printing, postage and mail processing services of motor vehicle registration renewal notices for the Tax Commissioner, for the estimated contract value of \$55,000. The purchases will be made via Georgia Department of Revenue Contract 47400-040-DOR0000111 through September 30, 2023, and any additional contract renewals awarded by the state. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

B. Fox Senior Center Wall and Roof Project – RFB No. 23-0008

Resolution (358-22): A resolution authorizing the execution of a contract with Metro Waterproofing, Inc. (Scottdale, GA) in the amount of \$152,000.00 for the wall and roof project at Fox Senior Center. The unit prices for unforeseen work will be \$10.00 per board foot to replace existing deteriorated wood blocking and nailers; \$30.00 per square foot for rehabilitation of existing metal deck; \$35.00 for gutter removal and replacement; and \$15.00 for additional wet roof material removal and replacement. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

C. Exterior Wall Renovation at 29th Street Gym – RFB No. 22-0009

Resolution (359-22): A resolution authorizing the execution of a contract with Waterproofing Contractors, Inc. (Norcross, GA) in the amount of \$44,770.00 for exterior wall renovations at 29th Street Gym. The unit prices for unforeseen work will be \$12.00 per board foot to replace existing deteriorated wood blocking and nailers and \$12.00 per board foot to replace existing deteriorated wood fascia. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

D. Public Safety Building Deck & Wall Restoration – RFB No. 23-0010

Resolution (360-22): A resolution authorizing the execution of a contract with J. J. Morley Enterprises, Inc. (Alpharetta, GA) in the amount of \$157,655.00 for deck and wall restoration at the Public Safety Building. The unit prices for unforeseen work will be \$5.00 per linear foot for additional joint sealant removal and replacement; \$3,880.00 for each new drain; and \$80.00 per square foot for the rehabilitation of cast-in-place concrete deck. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

- E. Amendment 4 for Construction Manager as General Contractor Services for Columbus Government Center Complex – RFQ No. 20-0002

Resolution (361-22): A resolution authorizing the execution of Amendment 4 with Gilbane Building Company (Atlanta, GA), in association with Freeman & Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$58,500.00 for Construction Manager as General Contractor (CM/GC) for preconstruction services related to the Sheriff's Administration Building. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

- F. Amendment 4 for Space Planning and Programming & Design Professional Services for Columbus Consolidated Government Center Project – RFQ No. 20-0001

Resolution (362-22): A resolution authorizing the execution of Amendment 4 with S/L/A/M Collaborative, Inc. (Orlando, FL), which is formerly CBRE/Heery, Inc., in the amount of \$900,413.00 for space planning and programming & design services for the Sheriff's Office Administration Building. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

- G. Annual Maintenance/Support for the Jury Management Software

Resolution (363-22): A resolution authorizing the payment to Tyler Technologies (Dallas, TX), in the amount of \$33,660.00, for the annual maintenance/support of the jury management software, which includes enterprise jury hosting services at \$10,500.00 and enterprise jury summons (12,000 summons per year) at \$23,160.00. This payment will cover the period from September 10, 2022 through September 9, 2023. It is also requested that Council approve payment for the annual maintenance and support for subsequent years, including cost increases for all aspects of the system, which will be budgeted in the appropriate fiscal years. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

- H. Axon Officer Safety 7 Program for the Sheriff's Office

Resolution (364-22): A resolution authorizing payment to Axon Enterprise (Phoenix, AZ), in the amount of \$311,225.12, for the Axon Officer Safety 7 Program for the Sheriff's Office. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

- I. Annual License/Maintenance/Support Fee for Greykey Forensic Software for Police Department

Resolution (365-22): A resolution authorizing payment to Grayshift, LLC (Atlanta, GA), in the amount of \$27,995.00, for the annual license/maintenance/support of the Greykey Forensic Software used by the Police Department. The payment will cover the period from January 11, 2023 – January 10, 2024; and authorizing payment for the annual license/maintenance/support fees for subsequent years, including cost increases for all aspects of the system, which will be budgeted in the appropriate fiscal years. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

ENCLOSURES - INFORMATION ONLY

1. 2023 Legislative Agenda – Add Ons

Approval is requested of the resolution for the 2023 Legislative Session of the Georgia General Assembly, which the Mayor and Council deem appropriate.

8. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. Art Commission Advisory Board Presentation - Rob Landers, Director of the Columbus Civic Center

Civic Center Director Rob Landers approached the rostrum to provide a presentation on the proposal of an Art Commission Advisory Board. He stated some of the goals of this board would be to commission new artwork each year and celebrate the community's cultural diversity for the enjoyment of residents and visitors to Columbus, Georgia. He explained the board would be comprised of thirteen members from the community representing all Council Districts, who would propose two to three city owned locations or projects a year, allocate funds approved by council of \$20,000 to \$30,000 annually, with an application and RFP process for projects.

City Attorney Clifton Fay stated the Council passed a public art policy in 2020 and suggested the board follow that approved policy.

BID ADVERTISEMENT

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.

2. Minnow Tank for Parks and Recreation – PQ No. 23-0008

Scope of Bid

The Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) is seeking quotes from qualified vendors to provide one (1) minnow tank, 8 ft, with 6 compartments with a window in each. Two (2) carbon filter cells 16”, air manifold system to aerate tank and additional tubing and chemicals included for indoor use at the Parks & Recreation Lake Oliver Marina Bait Shop.

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.

2. Protective Driver Door Shields for Mass Transit Buses – RFB No. 23-0022

Scope of Bid

The Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, is seeking bids from qualified vendors to provide and install twenty-two (22) protective driver door shields for mass transit buses operated by the METRA Transit System.

3. Backhoe Loader Rental (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 23-0021

Scope of Bid

Provide rental of a backhoe on an “as needed” basis. The backhoe will be used by the Public Works Department for various projects. The contract term will be for two (2) years, with the option to renew for three 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.

CLERK OF COUNCIL’S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

1. Email Correspondence from Rex Wilkinson advising of the notice to resign on behalf of Mr. Fred Greene from his seat on the Historic & Architectural Review Board. *(The Council may receive the resignation.)* Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to receive the resignation with regrets, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Barnes and Garrett being absent for the vote.
2. **Minutes of the following boards:**

Animal Control Advisory Board, September 13, 2022

Board of Tax Assessors, #30-22, #31-22 and #32-22

Board of Zoning Appeals, September 7 and October 4, 2022

Columbus Golf Course Authority, September 27, 2022

Hospital Authority of Columbus, September 27, 2022

Tree Board, August 22 and October 24, 2022

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

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

3. **COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS- READY FOR CONFIRMATION:**

- A. **BOARD OF TAX ASSESSORS:** Ms. Jayne Govar was nominated to serve another term of office. *(Mayor Pro Tem Allen’s nominee)* New Term expires: December 31, 2028. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote.

- B. **COLUMBUS BOARD OF HEALTH:** Dr. Devica Alappan was nominated to serve another term of office. *(Mayor Pro Tem Allen’s nominee)* New Term expires: December 31, 2027. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote.

- C. **PERSONNEL REVIEW BOARD:** Mr. Willie Butler was nominated to serve another term of office. *(Councilor Huff’s nominee)* New Term expires: December 31, 2025. Councilor Huff made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote.

- D. **PERSONNEL REVIEW BOARD:** Ms. Yolanda Sumbry Sewell was nominated to serve another term of office. *(Councilor Huff’s nominee)* New Term expires: December 31, 2025. Councilor Huff made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote.

- E. **PERSONNEL REVIEW BOARD:** Mr. Michael Forte was nominated to serve another term of office. *(Councilor Huff’s nominee)* New Term expires: December 31, 2025. Councilor Huff made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote.

- F. **PERSONNEL REVIEW BOARD:** Mr. Delano Leftwich was nominated to serve another term of office. *(Councilor Huff’s nominee)* New Term expires: December 31, 2025. Councilor Huff made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote

- G. **RETIREES’ HEALTH BENEFITS COMMITTEE:** Ms. Cheryl Tate was nominated to succeed Ms. Esther Radcliff. *(Councilor Houses nominee)* New Term expires: June 30, 2025. Councilor Woodson made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote.

4. **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 expired on October 31, 2022, on the Public Safety Advisory Commission (*Council District 1- Barnes*). Clerk of Council Davis stated Councilor Barnes is nominating Abdel Hernandez to succeed Byron Hickey as the District 1 Representative on the Public Safety Advisory Commission. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote.

A nominee for the seat of Donald Watkins (*Not eligible to succeed*) as the District 5 Representative for a term that expired on October 31, 2022, on the Public Safety Advisory Commission (*Council District 5- Crabb*). Councilor Crabb nominated Jennifer S. Upshaw to succeed Donald Watkins as the District 5 Representative on the Public Safety Advisory Commission. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote.

B. RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of Carl Brown (*Not Eligible to succeed*) for a term that expires on December 31, 2022, as the District 9 Representative on the Recreation Advisory Board (*Council District 9- Thomas*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Irene Pate (*Interested in serving another term*) for a term that expires on December 31, 2022, as the District 10 Representative on the Recreation Advisory Board (*Council District 10- House*). Councilor House renominated Irene Pate to serve another term as the District 10 Representative on the Recreation Advisory Board. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote.

A nominee for the seat of James "Jay" Wilkoff (*Does not desire reappointment*) for a term that expired on December 31, 2021, as the District 2 Representative on the Recreation Advisory Board (*Council District 2- Davis*). There were none.

A nominee for a vacant seat with the term expiring on December 31, 2023, as the District 3 Representative on the Recreation Advisory Board (*Council District 3- Huff*). There were none.

A nominee for a vacant seat with the term expiring on December 31, 2025, as the District 1 Representative on the Recreation Advisory Board (*Council District 1- Barnes*). There were none.

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

A. BUILDING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:

A nominee for the seat of Vincent Allen (*Resigned*) for a term that expires on March 24, 2023, on the Building Authority of Columbus (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

B. 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.

C. LAND BANK AUTHORITY:

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

D. 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.

UPCOMING BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

- A. Columbus Aquatics Commission (Council’s Appointments)
- B. Tree Board (Council’s Appointments)

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:


- Provide an update at the next meeting on the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Funding, including the recent changes to the requirements. (*Request of Councilor Woodson*)

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Henderson entertained a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss matters of personnel as requested earlier in the meeting by City Attorney Fay. Councilor Woodson made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote, and the time being 2:12 p.m.

The regular meeting reconvened at 3:21 p.m., at which time, Mayor Henderson announced that the Council did meet in executive session to discuss matters of personnel; however, there were no votes taken.

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Councilor Tucker to adjourn the November 8, 2022, Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Councilor Thomas and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote, and the time being 3:22 p.m.



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