



~~POST SUMMARY MINUTES~~

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

November 15, 2022
5:30 PM
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, Glenn Davis (arrived at 5:35 p.m.), R. Walker Garrett (via Microsoft Teams), John M. House, Bruce Huff (arrived at 5:34 p.m.), 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.

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Reverend Grace Burton-Edwards, St. Thomas Episcopal Church of Columbus, Georgia

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Henderson

MINUTES

Mayor's Agenda #1: Vote Result: APPROVED

1. Approval of minutes for the November 8, 2022, Council Meeting and Executive Session.

PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor's Agenda #2: No Action Taken

2. Muscogee County School District Highlights (Presented by Dr. David Lewis, Superintendent of Education, Muscogee County School District and Patricia Hugley-Green, Board Chair, Muscogee County Board of Education)

Mayor's Agenda #3: No Action Taken

3. New Siren Technology (Presented by Chance Corbett, Director, Emergency Management & Homeland Security)

RESOLUTION (ADD-ON):

Mayor's Agenda #4: Vote Result: APPROVED

4. A resolution authorizing the appointment of Ms. Donna McGinnis as Internal Auditor/ Compliance Officer.

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

City Attorney's Agenda #1: Vote Result: ADOPTED

1. **2nd 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)

City Attorney's Agenda #2: Vote Result: ADOPTED

2. **2nd 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)

RESOLUTION

City Attorney's Agenda #3: Vote Result: APPROVED

3. Resolution approving a contract with Georgia Probation Services, Inc. to provide probation services for Superior, Municipal and Recorder's Courts. (Mayor Pro-Tem)

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Ms. Abby Moorman, representing The Center at 909, Re: To present the functions, social services, and forensic medical services provided by Sexual Assault Support Center, Inc. dba The Center at 909. *No Action Taken*
2. Mr. Wane Hailes, representing the NAACP, Re: A request for the City Council to vote on a casino in Columbus, Georgia. *Not Present*

MEETING SCHEDULE CHANGE:

Add-On Item: Vote Result: APPROVED

An oral resolution changing the November 29, 2022 to a Regular Meeting and Work Session.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

City Manager's Agenda #1: Vote Result: APPROVED

1. **2023 Legislative Agenda Add Ons – Child Abuse Hotline Posting & Legitimation Procedures**

Approval is requested that the local Legislative Delegation to the Georgia General Assembly introduce statewide legislation that will require posting of appropriate hotlines to report abuse at child-caring institutions, foster care homes, and personal care homes.

City Manager's Agenda #2: Vote Result: APPROVED

2. **Transportation Investment Act of 2010 Project Agreement Steam Mill Road Improvements**

Approval is requested to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement for the Steam Mill Road Improvements Project. TSPLOST will fund 100% of the cost of this \$22,500,000 project. This includes but not limited to engineering, environmental, right of way, and construction cost. Funds will be reimbursed by GDOT TIA Office.

City Manager's Agenda #3: Vote Result: APPROVED

3. Street Acceptance – Hals Way, that portion of Plateau Drive, that portion of Elliotts Avenue, and that portion of Providence Lane located in Phase One, Elliotts Walk

Approval is requested for the acceptance of Hals Way, that portion of Plateau Drive, that portion of Elliotts Avenue, and that portion of Providence Lane located in Phase One, Elliotts Walk. No City funds are involved until maintenance is assumed after the two-year warranty.

City Manager's Agenda #4: Vote Result: APPROVED

4. Hawks Foundation Grant

Approval is requested to allow Parks and Recreation to apply for grants available through the Hawks Foundation and Georgia Recreation and Parks Association and, if awarded, accept the grant valued at \$2380.00. Six agencies per district will be awarded the needs-based scholarships.

City Manager's Agenda #5: Vote Result: APPROVED

5. Unused Sick Leave Payment

Approval is request authorizing payment to employees for unused sick leave in accordance with 16B-15-6(2) of the Columbus Code of Ordinances. As part of the FY2023 Budget, \$365,000.00 was allocated to pay for this benefit. The required expenditure may or may not exceed this amount.

City Manager's Agenda #6: Vote Result: APPROVED

6. Columbus Police Department: Donations

Approval is requested to accept donations totaling \$6,125 given in support of the Columbus Police Department.

City Manager's Agenda #7: Vote Result: APPROVED

7. Kemp ARP Neighborhood Grant

Approval is requested to apply for a grant and, if awarded, accept grant funds in an amount up to 2.9 million dollars to improve neighborhood parks, playgrounds, and facilities.

8. PURCHASES

- A. Declaration of Surplus and Donation of Structural Firefighting Pants and Jackets
- B. Bus Shelters (Annual Contract) - RFB No. 23-0011
- C. Extension of the Motorola Migration Assurance Plan (MAP) Lease Purchase Agreement for the 800 MHZ Radio System

ENCLOSURES - INFORMATION ONLY

1. 2023 Legislative Agenda – Add Ons

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

9. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. ARP Grant Program Update- Pam Hodge, Deputy City Manager of Finance, Planning and Development. *No Action Taken*
- B. Monthly Finance Update - Angelica Alexander, Finance Director. *No Action Taken*

BID ADVERTISEMENT

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 PQ

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. Service Contract for Various Types of Transmissions (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 23-0020

Scope of Bid

Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) is requesting bids to repair and rebuild B400R and 6R140 transmissions for METRA Transit System. The services will be procured on an as-needed basis. The City reserves the right to add additional transmissions as METRA Transit System receives new vehicles within the contract period.

The contract period shall be for three years.

3. 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.

4. 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.

December 7, 2022

1. Watershed Fertilization (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 23-0023

Scope of Bid

The Columbus Consolidated Government is seeking bids from vendors to provide erosion control at various watershed lakes.

The initial term of the contract will be for two years, with the option to renew for three additional twelve-month periods. Contract renewal shall be contingent upon the mutual agreement of the City and the Contractor.

December 9, 2022

1. Grounds Maintenance Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 23-0013

Scope of RFP

Provide routine grounds maintenance services on a weekly, monthly and yearly basis, to include fertilizing, weekly mowing, edging, weed control, irrigation, pruning, mulching, disease and insect control, etc. The Public Works Department manages one hundred and eleven (111) grounds maintenance sites within nine contract areas in Muscogee County. These areas enhance the appearance of major road arteries and high visibility areas and improve the quality of life for citizens.

The initial term of the contract will be for two years, with the option to renew for three additional twelve-month periods. Contract renewal shall be contingent upon the mutual agreement of the City and the Contractor.

2. Court Reporter Services for Recorder's Court (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 23-0014

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) is requesting proposals for court reporter services for all preliminary felony hearings at Recorder's Court. The court reporter shall also provide services for Advisement of Rights sessions that are held at 8 A.M. on Saturdays and some holidays. The services will be procured on an as-needed basis, and the contract shall commence on February 1, 2023 (date subject to change). **Existing City employees are prohibited from providing court reporting services for Recorder's Court.**

The initial term of the contract will be for two years, with the option to renew for three additional twelve-month periods. Contract renewal shall be contingent upon the mutual agreement of the City and the Contractor.

CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

Clerk of Council's Agenda #1: Vote Result: APPROVED

1. RESOLUTION - A Resolution appointing Jayne Govar to the Board of Tax Assessors for a term of office to begin on January 1, 2023 and expires on December 31, 2028.

Clerk of Council's Agenda #2: Vote Result: APPROVED

2. Travel Authorization Request for Councilor Toyia Tucker to attend NACo 2023 Legislative Conference during the month of February 2023.

Clerk of Council's Agenda #3: Vote Result: RECEIVED

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

Board of Tax Assessors, #33-22

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

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

Clerk of Council's Agenda #4(A): No Action Taken

A. BUILDING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:

Vincent Allen

Resigned

Term Expires: March 24, 2023

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

This is a two-year term. Board meets as needed.

Women: 3

Senatorial District 15: 2

Senatorial District 29: 3

Clerk of Council's Agenda #4(B): Nominations: Councilor Woodson renominated Janet Bussey and Richard Leary (Columbus Hurricane Representative) to serve another term on the Columbus Aquatics Commission.

B. COLUMBUS AQUATICS COMMISSION:

Janet Bussey- Interested in serving another term

Eligible to succeed

Term Expired: June 30, 2022

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Richard Leary- Interested in serving another term

Eligible to succeed

(Columbus Hurricane Representative)

Term Expired: June 30, 2022

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Barbara Cummings

Not Eligible to succeed

Term Expired: June 30, 2022

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

David Helmich

Not Eligible to succeed

Term Expired: June 30, 2022

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Bruce Samuels

Not Eligible to succeed

Term Expired: June 30, 2022

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

VACANT

Term Expired: June 30, 2022

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

These are two-year terms. Meets monthly.

Women: 2

Senatorial District 15: 3

Senatorial District 29: 3

Clerk of Council's Agenda #4(C): No Action Taken

C. HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD:

Fred Greene

Resigned

(Historic District Resident)

Term Expires: January 31, 2024

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

This is a three-year term. Board meets monthly.

Women: 4

Senatorial District 15: 9

Senatorial District 29: 2

Clerk of Council's Agenda #4(D): Nominations: Councilor Huff renominated Kristin Youngquist (At-Large Seat), Lisa Thomas-Cutts (KCBC Director or Commissioner), Tannis Danley (Landscape/Forestry), and Catherine Trotter (At-Large Seat) to serve another term on the Tree Board.

D. TREE BOARD:

Kristin Youngquist- Interested in serving another term Open for Nominations
At-Large Seat **(Council's Appointment)**
Eligible to succeed
Term Expires: December 31, 2022

Lisa Thomas-Cutts- Interested in serving another term Open for Nominations
KCBC Dir or Commissioner **(Council's Appointment)**
Eligible to succeed
Term Expires: December 31, 2022

Tannis Danley- Interested in serving another term Open for Nominations
Landscape/Forestry **(Council's Appointment)**
Eligible to succeed
Term Expires: December 31, 2022

Catherine Trotter- Interested in serving another term Open for Nominations
At-Large Seat **(Council's Appointment)**
Eligible to succeed
Term Expires: December 31, 2022

Chris Henson Open for Nominations
Environmental Advocacy Representative **(Council's Appointment)**
Does not desire reappointment
Term Expired: July 1, 2022

Troy Keller Open for Nominations
Educator Seat **(Council's Appointment)**
Not eligible to succeed
Term Expired: December 31, 2020

Frank Tommey Open for Nominations
Residential Development Seat **(Council's Appointment)**
Not eligible to succeed
Term Expired: December 31, 2020

These are four-year terms. Meets as needed.

Women: 5

Senatorial District 15: 5

Senatorial District 29: 6

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Allen to adjourn the November 15, 2022 Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council, and the time being 7:54 p.m.