

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

January 24, 2023
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 Joanne Cogle, Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis, R. Walker Garrett (via Microsoft Teams), John M. House (via Microsoft Teams), Bruce Huff, Judy W. Thomas and Toyia Tucker. 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 Jerry “Pops” Barnes was absent.

The following documents have been included as a part of the electronic Agenda Packet: (1) Animal Care & Control Internal Audit Presentation; (2) Proposed Short Term Rental Ordinance Revisions Presentation; (3) FFY 2023 HUD Grant Cycle Presentation

The following documents were distributed around the Council table: (1) Internal Audit Report for Public Works Department; (2) Transitional Internal Audit of the Public Works Department Presentation; (3) Audit Report for Animal Care and Control of Columbus (ACCC); (4) Correspondence, Re: 931 5th Avenue; (5) Correspondence. Re: 615 8th Street Demolition; (6) Public Agenda #2 Presentation; (7) Public Agenda #3 Timeline; (8) Response from Muscogee County Tax Commissioner, Re: Property Tax 2nd Notices

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Dr. Valerie Thompson, Revelation Missionary Baptist Church of Columbus, Georgia

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Henderson

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the January 3, 2023, Council Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

PROCLAMATION:

2. **Proclamation:** **Four Chaplains Sunday**
Receiving: American Legion Post 35

Councilor Tovia Tucker read the proclamation into the record, proclaiming Sunday, February 5, 2023, as *Four Chaplains Sunday*, recognizing the sacrifice of the four chaplains of different denominations who lost their lives while rescuing civilian and military personnel as the American Troup Ship SS Dorchester sank on February 3, 1943.

RESOLUTION

3. **Gertrude “Ma” Rainey, Mother of the Blues**

A resolution honoring local music legend, Gertrude “Ma” Rainey, upon the occasion of her posthumous receipt of the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Recording Academy. (*NOTE: This item was delayed.*)

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At the request of Councilor Crabb, Mayor Henderson entertained a motion to go into executive session to discuss matters of personnel and Mayor Henderson included litigation, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting, and the time being 5:41 p.m.

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 6:45 p.m., at which time, Mayor Henderson announced that the Council did meet in executive session to discuss matters of personnel and litigation; however, there were no votes taken.

PRESENTATION:

4. **Audit Report on Public Works (Presented by Donna McGinnis, Internal Auditor/Compliance Officer)**

Internal Auditor/Compliance Officer Donna McGinnis approached the rostrum to provide a presentation on the transitional audit that was conducted on the Public Works Department. She provided information on the divisions of Rainwater Management, Fleet Maintenance, Animal Control, and Waste Management. She offered audit recommendations on potential grant funding, additional personnel and the separation of budget line items.

5. **Audit, Animal Care and Control Center (Presented by Elizabeth Barfield, Forensic Auditor)**

Forensic Auditor Elizabeth Barfield approached the rostrum to provide a presentation on the internal audit conducted on the Animal Care and Control Center. She stated the full audit scope focused on the operations and administrative aspects of Animal Care and Control, with that information being available in the audit report. She explained the presentation would be focusing on statistics, staffing, complaints, Animal Care and Control Advisory Board, and volunteers.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE INTERNAL AUDITOR:

- Provide a timeline for follow-up. (*Request of Councilor Tucker*)

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Locate funding for a development study and how much funding is needed to build additional runs at Animal Care and Control. *(Request of Councilor Davis)*
- Consider providing car allowance for internal auditors. *(Request of Councilor Davis)*

CITY MANAGER’S AGENDA

7. Atlanta Humane Society – Capital Improvement Grant

Resolution (018-23): A resolution authorizing the City Manager or his designee to submit an application and accept, if awarded, a grant from the Atlanta Humane Society in the amount of approximately \$10,000-\$30,000, or as otherwise awarded, for Columbus Animal Care and Control Center, with no local match required, and to amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the award. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting. *(NOTE: This item was called up as the next order of business as listed on the City Manager’s Agenda Item 7)*

Public Works Director Drale Short approached the rostrum to respond to a question asked by Councilor Crabb, stating there is a need to have a washing station to prepare the animals for adoption and a meet-and-greet area to allow citizens the opportunity to spend time with the animals they are considering adopting.

CITY ATTORNEY’S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

1. **1st Reading-** REZN-11-22-2066: An ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **1200 / 1226 6th Avenue** (parcel # 018-009-005 / 0T18-009-004A) from LMI (Light Manufacturing / Industrial) Zoning District to UP (Uptown) Zoning District. Planning Department and PAC recommend approval. (Councilor Cogle)
2. **1st Reading-** REZN-11-22-2067: An ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia; this amendment changes certain boundaries of a district located at **1947 Wynnton Road** (parcel # 184-019-001A) from RO (Residential Office) Zoning District to GC (General Commercial) Zoning District. Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Huff)

Attorney Chandler Riley approached the rostrum to explain the purpose for the requested rezoning. He explained the plan for the property located at 1947 Wynnton Road is for a high-end market.

3. **1st Reading-** REZN-11-22-2068: An ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia; to change certain boundaries of a district located at **8215 Cooper Creek Road** (parcel # 080-001-004) from RO (Residential Office) Zoning District to SFR1 (Single Family Residential 1) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Mayor Pro-Tem)

Planning Director Will Johnson approached the rostrum to explain the purpose for the requested rezoning.

4. **1st Reading-** REZN-11-22-2069 An ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **4030 Veterans Court** (parcel # 072-010-028) from RO (Residential Office) Zoning District with conditions to GC (General Commercial) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Davis)
5. **1st Reading-** REZN-11-22-2070: An ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **6330 Lynridge Avenue** (parcel # 071-009-003) from SFR3 (Single Family Residential) Zoning District to RO (Residential Office) Zoning District with conditions. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval with conditions.) (Councilor Davis)
6. **1st Reading-** REZN-11-22-2158: An ordinance amending the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) for Columbus, Georgia to add certain definitions and provide standards for various uses. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Mayor Pro Tem)

Planning Director Will Johnson approached the rostrum to explain the purpose for the requested amendments. He explained one of the reasons for amendment is to restrict crypto mining in the community due to the noise issues experienced by other communities around the nation.

7. **1st Reading-** REZN-11-22-2184: An ordinance amending the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) of the Columbus Code to revise the text of certain sections of Chapter 4 Article 9 – Short-Term Rentals. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Mayor Pro-Tem) Councilor Cogle made a motion to amend the ordinance to limit the number of short-term rentals to thirty-five for the Downtown Historic District and twenty to the St. Elmo Historic District, and to limit the occupancy to no more than two (2) occupants per bedroom plus one additional occupant per unit, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried by a seven-to-two vote, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Cogle, Davis, Garrett, House, Huff and Tucker voting in favor, Councilors Crabb and Thomas voting in opposition, and Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting. Councilor Crabb made a motion to amend the previous motion to limit the occupancy of short-term rentals to three persons per room, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and resulted in an inconclusive three-to-six vote, with Councilor Cogle, Davis and Tucker voting in favor, Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Crabb, Garrett, House, Huff and Thomas voting in opposition, and Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

Inspections & Code Director Ryan Pruett approached the rostrum to provide a presentation on the proposed revisions to the Unified Development Ordinance pertaining to short-term rentals. He explained the changes would require permit applicants to notify adjacent property owners of the proposed short-term rental and provide contact information, the displaying of a short-term rental door sticker, limiting the number of occupants to no more than sixteen, and not allowing short-term rentals to be rented for a period of less than twenty-four hours. He stated the proposed revisions would introduce a cap on the number of short-term rentals in Historic Districts, including the Downtown Historic District and the Weracoba/St. Elmo Historic District.

Ms. Nancy Gordy approached the rostrum to share her concerns with short-term rentals in the St. Elmo and Weracoba Historic District.

Ms. Verona Campbell approached the rostrum share her concerns with short-term rentals in the Downtown Historic District and the proposed sixteen occupant maximum.

Ms. Robin Trimarchi approached the rostrum to express her concerns as the current President of the Historic District Preservation Society. She stated the society supports the 5% cap for historic districts.

Mr. John Stuart approached the rostrum to express his concerns as the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Park District.

Ms. Fran Carpenter approached the rostrum to express her concerns regarding short-term rentals in the Downtown Historic District.

Councilor Cogle made a motion for a 90-day moratorium on the issuance of permits for short-term rentals to be brought forward on 1st Reading, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

CHANGE IN COUNCIL MEETING TYPE FOR JANUARY 31, 2023:

Councilor Thomas made a motion to change the January 31, 2023 Consent Agenda and Work Session to a Regular Meeting, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

CONTINUATION OF 1ST READING FOR CITY ATTORNEY AGENDA ITEM #7- SHORT TERM RENTALS:

Mr. Chance Chancellor approached the rostrum to express his concerns regarding short-term rentals in the Downtown Historic District.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Require permit applicants applying to operate short-term rentals to apply for a special rezoning to include notifying neighbors. *(Request of Mayor Pro Tem Allen)*

RESOLUTIONS

10. Resolution (019-23): A resolution authorizing the Columbus Water Works to accept a \$8,869,800 Clean Water State Revolving Fund Loan from the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority and authorizing the City Manager to sign necessary documents to facilitate the transaction. (Request of Columbus Water Works) Councilor Davis made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Cogle being absent for the vote and Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

11. Resolution (020-23): A resolution authorizing the Columbus Water Works to accept a \$11,230,200 Clean Water State Revolving Fund Loan from the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority and authorizing the City Manager to sign necessary documents to facilitate the

transaction. (Request of Columbus Water Works) Councilor Davis made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Cogle being absent for the vote and Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

- 12. Resolution (021-23):** A resolution authorizing the Columbus Water Works to accept a \$7,526,000 Clean Water State Revolving Fund Loan from the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority and authorizing the City Manager to sign necessary documents to facilitate the transaction. (Request of Columbus Water Works) Councilor Davis made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Cogle being absent for the vote and Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

President Steve Davis (Columbus Water Works) approached the rostrum to respond to questions from Councilor Crabb.

- 8. 1st Reading-** An ordinance providing for the demolition of various structures located at:

- 1) 2947 Schatulga Road (Linda Brantly Hood & Virginia S Hood, Owner)
- 2) 931 5th Avenue (Luel LLC, Owner)
- 3) 615 8th Street (Lula Lunsford Huff et al, Owner)
- 4) 926 Lawyers Lane (926 Lawyers Lane LLC, Owner)
- 5) 4110 2nd Avenue (Arguello Victor Manwell Rodriguez, Owner)
- 6) 2501 Hamilton Road (Joan Dannelly, Owner)
- 7) 21 Mathews Street (George Kebe Jr, Owner)

and for demolition services for the Inspections and Code Department in accordance with the attached Tabulation of Bid sheet. (Mayor Pro-Tem) Councilor Thomas made a motion to grant a 60-day delay on the demolition of 931 5th Avenue, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried by a seven-to-one vote, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Cogle, Davis, Garrett, House, Thomas and Tucker voting in favor, Councilor Crabb voting in opposition, Councilor Huff being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

Inspections & Code Director Ryan Pruett approached the rostrum to present the properties on the demolition list.

Ms. Lula Huff approached the rostrum to speak as the Attorney-in-Fact for the property at 931 5th Avenue and a Trustee for the property at 615 8th Street. She explained the property located at 931 5th Avenue has historical significance to the City of Columbus with it being the home of the late Elizabeth Cady and requested a 60-day delay.

Mr. Chance Chancellor approached the rostrum to voice his concerns regarding the demolition of properties in historic districts.

- 9. 1st Reading-** An ordinance amending the new Classification and Pay Plan for the Consolidated Government (as adopted by Ordinance 22-045) to establish step-based career ladder advancement provisions for Official Superior Court Reporters; authorizing up to \$15,000.00 in transcript page charges per fiscal year when authorized by a Superior Court Judge; adopting Policies and Procedures for Court Reporters; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro Tem)

Human Resources Director Reather Hollowell approached the rostrum to explain the purpose for the amendment.

RESOLUTIONS (continued)

13. Resolution (022-23): A resolution authorizing Sunday sale of alcoholic beverages at all on-premises locations within Columbus on Sunday February 12, 2023. (Councilor Cogle) Councilor Davis made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

ADD-ON RESOLUTION

Resolution (023-23): A resolution authorizing the Tax Commissioner of Muscogee County to waive penalties and interest on certain taxes due for the 2022 Tax Year. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Mr. Jack Rosenhammer, Re: The state of hockey in Columbus.
2. Ms. Lisa Pyburn, Re: Homelessness, illegal dumping, arson and infrastructure.
3. Mrs. Lori Greeff, Re: ARP Grant.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Power Easement Request from Georgia Power

Resolution (024-23): A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a power easement to be in the vicinity of the “Follow Me Trail” Pedestrian Bridge crossing Victory Drive for Georgia Power to replace a power pole on city property and re-route underground service in said area in preparation to cross Victory Drive, underground. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

2. Event Coordinators, Inc. Agreement

Resolution (025-23): A resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a five-year agreement between the Columbus Civic Center and Event Coordinators, Inc. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

3. Lease Agreement – Fox Community Center: 3720 5th Avenue, Columbus, Georgia 31904 – U-Grow Inc.

Resolution (026-23): A resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with the U-Grow, Inc. to lease space at the Fox Community Center located at 3720 5th Avenue, Columbus, Georgia 31901 for a shared kitchen project. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to allow Councilor Davis to recuse himself from voting on this item, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote and Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Allen then made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Thomas and carried unanimously by eight members present, with Councilor Davis being recused and Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

4. \$10,000 Donation from Flint Energies Foundation Grant for Muscogee County Sheriff's Office

Resolution (027-23): A resolution authorizing the acceptance of the \$10,000 donation from Flint Energies Foundation Grant for the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office for tools and equipment. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

5. Apply for Additional Funds from METRA's FY23 FTA Sec. 5339 Formula Grant

Resolution (028-23): A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, authorizing the City Manager to apply and accept a \$331,352 amendment to the FY23 FTA Sec. 5339 Formula Grant and amend the Transportation Fund for the awarded amount. The funds will be used to replace 2 Paratransit Buses for Metra Transit System's Dial-A-Ride Service and to procure additional bus support amenities. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

6. Georgia Trauma Commission – Georgia Trauma Care Network

Resolution (029-23): A resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant of \$7,659.60, or as otherwise awarded, from the Georgia Trauma Commission – Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission Grant, with no local match requirement and to amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount awarded. Funds will be utilized for the purchase of trauma equipment to aid the citizens of Columbus and surrounding counties. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

7. Atlanta Humane Society – Capital Improvement Grant

Approval is requested to submit and accept an animal welfare grant from \$10,000 - \$30,000 from the Atlanta Humane Society. This grant will pay for capital improvements to the facility. If granted an outside Animal Washing Station and Meet and Greet Area will be created. (*NOTE: This item was called upon earlier in the meeting during the Mayor's Agenda.*)

8. FY23- FY24 – Solicitor General Crime Victim Assistance Grant

Resolution (030-23): A resolution authorizing the Solicitor General to accept a VOCA Grant award of \$201,950 or as otherwise awarded to operate the Solicitor General’s Victim Witness Assistance Program from October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023. Amend the Multi-Governmental Fund 0216 by the amount awarded. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

9. 2022-23 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Base Grant

Resolution (031-23): A resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit an application, on behalf of the District Attorney and, if approved, to accept a VOCA Grant of \$408,804 or as otherwise awarded from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council of Georgia along with \$102,201 from the 5% Crime Victim Assistance Surcharge Fund allocated in the FY23 Budget, to provide funding for crime victim assistance in the Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit from October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023, and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by like amount. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

10. 2022-23 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Compensation Grant

Resolution (032-23): A resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit an application, on behalf of the District Attorney and, if approved, to accept a VOCA Grant of \$50,049 or as otherwise awarded from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council of Georgia along with \$12,512 from the 5% Crime Victim Assistance Surcharge Fund allocated in the FY23 Budget, to provide funding for crime victim assistance in the Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit from October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023, and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by like amount. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

11. State Criminal Alien Assistance Program Grant Application

Resolution (033-23): A resolution authorizing the City Manager, the Mayor, or their designee to submit and accept, if awarded, the Fiscal Year 2023 State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) Funding from the U.S. Department of Justice, in the amount of \$30,000 to \$35,000, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the SCAAP Project Budget by the amount awarded. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

12. PURCHASES

A. Bus Vacuum System – RFB No. 22-0012

Resolution (034-23): A resolution approving the purchase of a bus vacuum system from N/S Corporation (Inglewood, CA), for use in the Department of Transportation / METRA Lower Bus Shop, in the amount of \$350,676.00. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

B. Collection Services for Returned Checks – Res. No. 25-17

Resolution (035-23): A resolution authorizing the extension of the annual contract for collection services for returned checks with Envision Payment Solutions, Inc. (Duluth, GA), for a period of six (6) months, through July 23, 2023. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

C. Upgrade of Juvenile Court Case Management System (JCATS)

Resolution (036-23): A resolution authorizing the upgrade to the Juvenile Court Automated Tracking System (JCATS) provided by Canyon Solutions (Phoenix, AZ), in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

13. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Tax Commissioner Update – Lula Huff, Tax Commissioner

Tax Commissioner Lula Huff approached the rostrum to provide an update on the second notice for payment of taxes due not being sent to taxpayers on December 1, 2022. She explained that the Tax Commissioner’s Office relies on an outside software vendor to calculate and process property tax bills in a timely manner, but a software update caused an unforeseen issue during the property tax billing period. She also explained the reason for the delay in providing financial data to the external auditors was due to short staffing.

B. River Valley Regional Commission Update - Jim Livingston, River Valley Regional Commission Executive Director. *Delayed*

C. NCDA Audrey Nelson Award- Kim Mitchell, Assistant Director, Community Reinvestment. *Delayed*

D. FY 2024 HUD Grant Cycle Announcement- Kim Mitchell, Assistant Director, Community Reinvestment

Community Reinvestment Assistant Director Kim Mitchell approached the rostrum to provide an announcement regarding the FY 2024 HUD Grant Cycle.

BID ADVERTISEMENT

January 25, 2023

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. Risk Management Information System – RFP No. 23-0006

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government is seeking proposals from qualified vendors to provide a Risk Management Information System (RMIS). The RMIS will communicate with the Workers Compensation and Accident Reporting systems currently in use to produce reports that will enable Risk Management Staff to work with other City Departments in an effort to reduce accidents and injuries.

January 27, 2023

1. Workplace Ergonomics Training and Consulting Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 23-0005

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government is requesting proposals for workplace ergonomics training and consulting services for the Risk Management Program. The successful firm shall assist with development of an ergonomics policy and provide training services on an-as needed basis.

The contract term 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.

January 30, 2023

1. Workers’ Compensation Claims Management Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 23-0020

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government invites qualified firms to submit proposals to provide workers’ compensation claim management services to its workforce of approximately 3000 employees in various occupations, ranging from public safety to field force to administrative positions. The services shall commence on March 1, 2024.

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

CLERK OF COUNCIL’S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

- 1. **RESOLUTION (037-23)-** A resolution excusing Councilor Jerry “Pops” Barnes from the January 24, 2023 Council Meeting. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.
 - 2. Travel Authorization Request for Councilor Joanne Cogle to attend the Newly Elected Officials Training in March of 2023. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.
 - 3. **Minutes of the following boards:**
 - 457 Deferred Compensation Board, October 20, 2022
 - Board of Tax Assessors, #39-22
 - Board of Zoning Appeals, December 7, 2022
 - Building Authority of Columbus, June 29, 2022
 - Civic Center Advisory Board, May 19, July 21 & September 15, 2022
 - Convention & Visitors Board of Commissioners, November 16, 2022
 - Employees’ Pension Fund, Board of Trustees, August 10 & September 14, 2022
 - Historic & Architectural Review Board, September 12, October 11 & November 14, 2022
 - Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission, January 11, 2023
 - Medical Center Hospital Authority, April 27, 2022
 - Planning Advisory Commission, October 5 & December 7, 2022
 - Retiree Health Benefits Committee, February 16, May 18, August 17 & November 16, 2022
 - River Valley Regional Commission, October 26 & December 7, 2022
- Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to receive the minutes of various boards, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

4. **MAYOR’S APPOINTMENTS- ANY NOMINATIONS MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:**

A. PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION:

A nominee for the seat of Pete Temesgen (*Vacant seat*) for a term that expires on October 31, 2023, on the Public Safety Advisory Commission (*Mayor’s Appointment*). Mayor Henderson nominated Chuck McClure to succeed Pete Temesgen on the Public Safety Advisory Commission. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting.

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

- A. **LAND BANK AUTHORITY:** Ms. Lauren Chambers was nominated to succeed Mr. Tyler Pritchard. (*Councilor Davis' nominee*) Term expires: October 31, 2026. 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 meeting.

6. **COUNCIL DISTRICT SEAT APPOINTMENTS- ANY NOMINATIONS MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:**

A. **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:**

A nominee for the seat of John Partin (*Interested in service another term*) for a term expiring on March 27, 2022, as the District 6 Representative on the Community Development Advisory Council (*District 6 – Mayor Pro Tem Allen*). Mayor Pro Tem Allen renominated John Partin to serve another term on the Community Development Advisory Council. Councilor Thomas 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 meeting.

B. **RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD:**

A nominee for the seat of Lonnie Boyd (*Seat declared vacant*) for a term expiring on December 31, 2025, as the District 1 Representative on the Recreation Advisory Council (*District 1 – Barnes*). Clerk of Council Davis stated Councilor Barnes is nominating Lane Ogletree-Battle to succeed Lonnie Boyd on the Recreation Advisory Board. Councilor Tucker 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 meeting.

7. **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. **COLUMBUS AQUATICS COMMISSION:**

A nominee for the seat of David Helmick (*Not eligible to succeed*) for term a that expired on June 30, 2022, on the Columbus Aquatics Commission (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Bruce Samuels (*Not eligible to succeed*) for a term that expired on June 30, 2022, on the Columbus Aquatics Commission (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for a vacant seat with a term that expired on June 30, 2022, on the Columbus Aquatics Commission (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Cogle nominated Jenson Melton to fill the vacant seat on the Columbus Aquatics Commission.

C. 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.

D. TREE BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of Chris Henson (*Does not desire reappointment*) for a term that expired on July 1, 2022, as the Environmental Advocacy Representative on the Tree Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Troy Keller (*Not eligible to succeed*) for a term that expired on December 31, 2020, as the Educator Representative on the Tree Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Frank Tommey (*Not eligible to succeed*) for a term that expired December 31, 2020, as the Residential Development Representative on the Tree Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

UPCOMING BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

- A. Board of Zoning Appeals (Council Appointment)
- B. Building Authority of Columbus (Mayor and Council Appointments)
- C. Commission on International Relations & Cultural Liaison Encounters (Mayor and Council Appointments)
- D. Civic Center Advisory Board (Mayor and Council Appointments)
- E. Crime Prevention Advisory Board (Mayor Appointments)
- F. Historic & Architectural Review Board (Council Appointment)
- G. Planning Advisory Commission (Council Appointment)

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Allen to adjourn the January 24, 2023 Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote, Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting, and the time being 11:39 p.m.



Sandra T. Davis, CMC
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