

**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

April 11, 2023  
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, Joanne Cogle, Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis, R. Walker Garrett, John M. House, 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 Bruce Huff was absent.

**The following documents have been included as a part of the electronic Agenda Packet:** (1) CVB: Tourism is an Economic Development Strategy Presentation; (2) Integrated Waste Update Presentation; (3) Outdoor Pool Update Presentation; (4) Demolition Update Presentation

**The following documents were distributed around the Council table:** (1) Walden Pond Subdivision Presentation; (2) Muscogee County Sheriff’s Office Eviction Information for March 2023

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

**INVOCATION:** Offered by Rev. Emily Bel, Forgiving Heart United Church of Christ of Columbus, Georgia

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

**MINUTES**

1. Approval of minutes for the March 28, 2023 Council Meeting & April 6, 2023 Special Called Meeting and Executive Sessions. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor Barnes and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent for the meeting.

**PROCLAMATIONS:**

2.   **Proclamation:**

Mayor’s Inaugural Golf Tournament

**Receiving:**

Keep Columbus Beautiful

**Councilor Toyia Tucker** read the proclamation into the record, proclaiming Monday, April 17, 2023, as *KCBC Mayor’s Inaugural Golf Tournament*, recognizing the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission in their efforts to keep the community clean by hosting events to raise proceeds to fund community outreach programs.

- 3. **Proclamation:** Muscogee County Teacher of the Year  
**Receiving:** Muscogee Educational Excellence Foundation

**Councilor Judy W. Thomas** read the proclamation into the record, proclaiming Tuesday, April 11, 2023, as *Vanessa Ellis Day*, recognizing Ms. Vanessa Ellis, Veterans Memorial Middle School Eighth Grade Teacher, for being named as the Muscogee County Teacher of the Year.

- 4. **Proclamation:** Fair Housing Month  
**Receiving:** CCG Community Reinvestment Department

**Councilor Charmaine Crabb** read the proclamation into the record, proclaiming April 2023, as *Fair Housing Month*, recognizing the Community Reinvestment Department for their efforts in connecting citizens with the appropriate resources for fair housing in the community.

**RESOLUTION**

- 5. **Resolution (127-23):** A resolution authorizing the acceptance of donations in support of the Mayor’s Commission for Unity, Diversity, and Prosperity’s Black Historical Monument Project. 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 Huff being absent from the meeting.

**CITY ATTORNEY’S AGENDA**

**ORDINANCES**

- 1. **Ordinance (23-018) - 2nd Reading-** An ordinance amending the Columbus Code to add a new Article VIII to Chapter 14 which provides comprehensive local regulation of Coin Operated Amusement Machines in Columbus, Georgia to the extent permitted by State Law; and for other purposes. (Councilors Barnes, Tucker, and Cogle) 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 Huff being absent for the meeting.
- 2. **2nd Reading-** An ordinance to amend the Columbus Code to revise and restate Articles III and VII of Chapter 16B which provide the procedures for certain personnel actions; to amend Article VIII of the Columbus Code pertaining to probationary employees; to repeal conflicting ordinances; to establish an effective date; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem) Councilor Tucker made a motion to postpone the ordinance indefinitely, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried by an eight-to-one vote, with Councilors Barnes, Cogle, Crabb, Davis, Garrett, House, Thomas and Tucker voting in favor, Mayor Pro Tem Allen voting in opposition, and Councilor Huff being absent for the meeting.

**Ms. Theresa El-Amin** approached the rostrum to speak on this ordinance since she was unable to gain entry into the Council Chambers at the March 28, 2023, Council Meeting due to the room being at maximum capacity.

**Human Resources Director Reather Hollowell** approached the rostrum to explain the proposed ordinance and respond to questions from the members of Council.

**Councilor Judy W. Thomas** explained that she agrees with Councilor Tucker wanting to postpone the adoption of this ordinance. She explained that she wants the questions of Council to be responded to openly to where all the Councilors are made aware of the answers.

3. **1st Reading-** REZN-02-23-0213: An ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **4128 Forrest Road** (parcel # 086-024-002) from NC (Neighborhood Commercial) Zoning District to SFR2 (Single Family Residential 2) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Barnes)
4. **1st Reading-** REZN-02-23-0214: An ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **5769 / 5747 Veterans Parkway** (parcel # 189-011-011 / 189-011-012) from NC (Neighborhood Commercial) Zoning District to GC (General Commercial) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Garrett)
5. **1st Reading-** REZN-02-23-0215: An ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **3019 5th Avenue** (parcel # 015-002-019) from GC (General Commercial) Zoning District to LMI (Light Manufacturing / Industrial) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Garrett)
6. **1st Reading-** REZN-02-23-0216- An ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **5436 Forrest Road** (parcel # 096-022-015) from NC (Neighborhood Commercial) Zoning District to GC (General Commercial) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Barnes)
7. **1st Reading-** An ordinance extending the business and occupation tax licensing deadline established by local law for the year 2023; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem)

## **RESOLUTIONS**

8. **Resolution (128-23):** EXCP-02-23-0217- A Resolution approving a special exception to allow existing buildings located at 151 30th Avenue to operate a Day Care Center (Type III) on the subject property. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Cogle)  
Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote, and Councilor Huff being absent for the meeting.

9. **Resolution (129-23):** EXCP-02-23-0219- A resolution authorizing a special exception to operate new and used auto/truck sales on property in excess of 0.50 acre, but less than two (2) acres, located at **1300 5th Avenue**. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Cogle) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote, and Councilor Huff being absent for the meeting.

**Planning Director Will Johnson** approached the rostrum to explain the location for the proposed special exception.

10. **Resolution (130-23):** A Resolution designating May and June 2023 as amnesty months for interest and penalties on demolition liens. (Mayor Pro-Tem) Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Davis being absent from the vote, and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

**Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge** approached the rostrum to explain the proposed resolution would allow citizens with demolition liens on properties to pay the principle and for the City of Columbus to forgive the penalties and interest.

11. **Resolution (131-23):** A Resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia (the “Council”), declaring its official intent to enter into a second amendment to intergovernmental contract with the Hospital Authority of Columbus, Georgia (the “Authority”), in accordance with a request by the authority asking that the consolidated government of Columbus, Georgia (“Columbus”), enter into such Second Amendment to contract with the Authority to provide security for the payment of the authority’s proposed refunding revenue anticipation certificates, Series 2023 (the “Series 2023 Certificates”), the proceeds from which shall be used to refund all or a portion of the Authority’s outstanding Revenue Anticipation Certificates, Series 2013; to authorize the mayor, city manager, city attorney, finance director and other officials of Columbus to take such further actions as are necessary relating to the issuance of the Series 2023 certificates; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Thomas and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

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

##### **FOR THE CITY ATTORNEY:**

- Check on an ordinance that can address the semi-trucks parking in the old Walmart parking lot on Buena Vista Road. (*Request of Councilor Tucker*) Also, look into the dumping that is occurring. (*Request of Councilor Barnes*)

#### **PUBLIC AGENDA**

1. Mr. Ralph Corizzo, Re: A request to exempt Walden Pond Development from the requirement to install sidewalks on Emerson Way and Thoreau Court.

**Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen** advised that he would like the opportunity to meet with Mr. Corizzo and the neighbors to discuss this matter and bring it back at the next meeting.

**Engineering Director Donna Newman** approached the rostrum to explain the neighborhood does not meet the requirements set in the UDO for a special exception.

2. Mr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr., Re: The severance offer to the Police Chief.
3. Ms. Montric McClendon, representing Affluence Family Services, Inc., Re: Homicide concerns.
4. Mr. Timothy Veal, Re: Safety in the community and the rundown house in the neighborhood.
5. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Rights of citizens to participate in Council Meetings.
6. Mr. Matthew Bolin, Re: Issues in public safety and public safety leaders (2) The severance package. *Not Present*
7. Ms. Arreasha Z. Lawrence, representing Music & Entertainment Council, Re: Music Education Offer via MEC for the youth of Columbus Georgia and MaFest.
8. Mr. Emmanuel Rosado, Re: To offer opinion for the Interim Chief of Police position. *Not Present*
9. Mrs. Christy Edenfield, Re: The Columbus Police Department.
10. Ms. Meghan Kraus, Re: Support for an Interim Chief of Police. *Not Present*
11. Mr. Ricket Carter, Re: Request for a GBI Investigation into a murder case.
12. Mr. Byron Hickey, Re: Confirmation of a Police Chief. *Not Present*

## **CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA**

### **1. 415 Mellon Street Property Purchase**

**Resolution (132-23):** A resolution approving a purchase and sale agreement with CHI Asset Management LLC for the acquisition of the property at 415 Mellon Street for the development of a new park. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent for the meeting.

### **2. Design Services for Oglethorpe Bridge**

**Resolution (133-23):** A resolution authorizing the Columbus Consolidated Government to enter into an agreement with Volkert, Inc. for development of visual iconic upgrades to the proposed project for replacement of the SR 520/US 280 Chattahoochee River Bridge. 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 Huff being absent for the meeting.

**Engineering Director Donna Newman** approached the rostrum to explain that the Oglethorpe Bridge is on the state route and is currently being designed by the Georgia Department of Transportation. She stated the bridge was being designed as a normal concrete bridge, but with it being the entryway into the City of Columbus for many people, they believe it should be a spotlight and therefore are suggesting upgrades.

### **3. South Columbus Residential Lighting Upgrades**

**Resolution (134-23):** A resolution authorizing the execution of a lighting service agreement with Georgia Power for Phase 2 Residential Lighting Upgrades in South Columbus. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent for the meeting.

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

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

- Come back with a discussion on the cost impact of switching to LED lighting throughout the city.  
(Request of Councilor Davis)

### **4. Georgia Traffic Incident Management Enhancement (TIME) Task Force Grant**

**Resolution (135-23):** A resolution authorizing the City Manager to approve the grant application for equipment in the amount of \$4,814.64, or as otherwise awarded, from the Georgia Time Task Force. Funds requested in the amount of \$4,814.64 does not require any matching funding. The Multi-Governmental Fund will be amended by the amount of the award. The equipment requested will be 108 Tear-Away Safety Vests. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote, and Councilor Huff being absent for the meeting.

### **5. State Criminal Alien Assistance Program Grant Application**

**Resolution (136-23):** A resolution authorizing the acceptance, if awarded, the Fiscal Year 2023 State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) Funding from the U.S. Department of Justice, in the amount of \$30,295.00 or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the SCAAP Budget by the amount awarded. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote, and Councilor Huff being absent for the meeting.

### **6. Marathon Grant for First Responders**

**Resolution (137-23):** A resolution authorizing the approval of the grant application for equipment in the amount of \$4,960.55, or as otherwise awarded, from the Marathon Grant for First Responders. Funds requested in the amount of \$4,960.55 does not require any matching funding. The Multi-Governmental Fund will be amended by the amount of the award. The equipment requested will be a heavy rescue package and hazmat test kit. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote, and Councilor Huff being absent for the meeting.

## 7. FEMA- Fire Prevention and Safety Grant

**Resolution (138-23):** A resolution authorizing the application and acceptance, if awarded, a grant for smoke alarms of \$14,982.00, or as otherwise awarded, from the FEMA Fire Prevention and Safety Grant Funds with Columbus Fire and Emergency Medical Services paying the 5% match of \$713.42. The Multi-Governmental Fund will be amended by the amount of the award. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote, and Councilor Huff being absent for the meeting.

## 8. FY24 Congressional Appropriations Grant

**Resolution (139-23):** A resolution authorizing the grant application approval for equipment in the amount of \$139,055.00, or as otherwise awarded, from the FY24 Congressional Appropriations Grant Funds requesting in the amount of \$139,055.00. Does not require any matching funding. The Multi-Governmental Fund will be amended by the amount of the award. The equipment requested will be a cardiac monitor, Ford Explorer, and medical equipment for the implementation of Mobile Integrated Healthcare. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote, and Councilor Huff being absent for the meeting.

## 9. Columbus Police Department: Donation Receipt

**Resolution (140-23):** A resolution authorizing the Columbus Police Department to accept a donation of 30,000 single-serve cartons of spring water from WaterBox, LLC. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote, and Councilor Huff being absent for the meeting.

## 10. PURCHASES

### A. Security Surveillance and Security Access Equipment (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 23-0002

**Resolution (141-23):** A resolution authorizing the execution of an annual contract with AdaptToSolve, Inc. (LaGrange, GA) for the provision and maintenance services of security surveillance and security access equipment for various locations of the Columbus Consolidated Government. This contract is valued at an estimated \$210,000.00 per year based upon prior usage. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote, and Councilor Huff being absent for the meeting.

### B. Network Switches and Access Point Upgrade for Information Technology Department – NCPA Cooperative Purchase

**Resolution (142-23):** A resolution authorizing the purchase of network switches and access point upgrades from Cpak LLC/TD Synnex accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via NCPA (National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance) Contract #01-97. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote, and Councilor Huff being absent for the meeting.

C. Air-Gapped Backup and Recovery Solution for Information Technology – Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase

**Resolution (143-23):** A resolution authorizing the purchase of an air-gapped backup and recovery solution from CDW Government, LLC (Vernon Hills, IL) in the amount of \$512,881.00. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Sourcewell Contract # 081419-CDW. Additionally, it is requested that Council approve payments for the ongoing license and subscription fees after the initial purchase. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote, and Councilor Huff being absent for the meeting.

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

**Resolution (144-23):** A resolution authorizing the execution of a contract with Thayer-Bray Construction, LLC (Phenix City, AL) for Construction Manager as General Contractor Services for the Fire Station No. 5 Replacement Project. The entire budget for the project is \$5,000,000.00; the recommended contractor’s cost proposal is within the amount budgeted. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote, and Councilor Huff being absent for the meeting.

**INFORMATION ONLY: EXIGENT “OFF THE LOT” VEHICLE PURCHASE**

1. Information Only: Exigent “Off the Lot” Vehicle Purchase – Resolution No. 067-23

On April 4, 2023, a purchase order was executed for five (5) utility police interceptor vehicles for the Columbus Police Department due to exigent circumstances, as approved by Council per Resolution No. 067-23.

The vehicles were purchased from Wade Ford (Smyrna, GA) at a unit price of \$43,182.00, and a total price of \$215,910.00 via Georgia State Contract #99999-001-SPD000183-0006. Wade Ford had vehicles available on their lot. The vehicles will be used by officers to patrol the streets of Columbus. These are replacement vehicles.

Funding is available in the FY23 Budget as follows: 2021 Sales Tax Project Fund – 2021 SPLOST – 21 SPLOST Public Safety – Light Trucks; 0567-696-3111-STPS-7722-54151-20230.

**11. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS**

A. CCVB Update - Peter Bowden, Visit Columbus GA. President - CEO

**Visit Columbus, GA President & CEO Peter Bowden** approached the rostrum to provide a presentation on the status of tourism in the City of Columbus. He explained the various economic anxieties felt by travelers, the experiences that travelers are looking for in choosing a destination, and that many travelers are now being accompanied by their pets while traveling.

B. Integrated Waste Update - Drale Short, Director of Public Works & Angelica Alexander, Director of Finance



**Public Works Director Drale Short** approached the rostrum to introduce the new Integrated Waste Manager, Mr. John Pitman.

**Integrated Waste Manager John Pittman** approached the rostrum to provide an update on integrated waste. He shared information on the challenges faced by the Public Works Department regarding solid waste pick up and how the department has moved forward in addressing those challenges. He provided information on operational changes that are planned to better serve the citizens of Columbus.

**AmWaste Chief Operating Officer Randy Lee** approached the rostrum to explain the services provided to the City of Columbus by AmWaste.

Councilor Thomas made a motion to approve the Call-In Bulk Waste Hotline, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent for the meeting.

**Finance Director Angelica Alexander** approached the rostrum to provide information on the deficit of the Integrated Waste Fund.

**REFERRAL(S):**

**FOR THE CITY MANAGER:**

- Look at simplifying the 311 app to make it more user friendly. *(Request of Councilor Crabb)*
- Provide information on the money being saved by the City with vacant positions and equipment associated with contracting out for waste pick up. *(Request of Councilor Crabb)*

C. Pool Update - Holli Browder, Director of Parks and Recreation

**Parks and Recreation Director Holli Browder** approached the rostrum to provide an update on the outdoor pools. She provided information on the plan to redesign and remodel the outdoor pools, and the construction of splash pads throughout the community.

D. Demolition Update - Ryan Pruett, Director of Inspections and Code

**Inspections and Code Director Ryan Pruett** approached the rostrum to provide information on the various codes that pertain to demolition cases. He explained in detail the lengthy process for these cases, to include notices, hearings, and other opportunities for the property owners to be involved before it comes to Council.

**Councilor Joanne Cogle** expressed her concerns in the demolition of historic houses. She stated she would like to see the Historic & Architectural Review Board involved in demotion proposals for historic houses and structures going forward.

Councilor Cogle made a motion to remove the property located at 931 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue from the demolition list, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried by a six-to-two vote, with Councilors Barnes, Cogle, Crabb, Garrett, Thomas and Tucker voting in favor; Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor House voting in opposition with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote, and Councilor Huff being absent for the meeting.

E. Civic Center Update - Lisa Goodwin, Deputy City Manager for Operations.

**Finance Director Angelica Alexander** came forward to present the request being submitted by Deputy City Manager Lisa Goodwin, who is acting as the Interim Civic Center Director, for approval to exceed the FY 2023 Budget by \$300,000 for expenses related to hockey events. She explained this request comes before the Council pursuant to Ordinance No. 13-39, which requires any department or elected official to come before the Council to request additional appropriations before exceeding their budget.

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the request to allow the Civic Center to exceed its budget by \$300,000, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent for the meeting.

**BID ADVERTISEMENT**

**April 12, 2023**

**1. Carbon Dioxide Liquid Bulk and Tank Rentals for City Swimming Pools (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 23-0028**

Scope of RFB

It is the intent of the Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) to secure an annual contract with a vendor to provide carbon dioxide liquid in bulk, and the rental of six (6) 750lb tanks, for City swimming pools.

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

**2. Investigation Interview Audio/Video Recording System for Columbus Fire & EMS Department – PQ No. 23-0012**

Scope of PQ

The Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) is seeking quotes from qualified vendors to provide and install one (1) digital audio/video interview recording system, Legaltek LX Oracle (LXO) 1080P HD, or current production model equivalent, for investigation interviews for the Columbus Fire & EMS Department. The quote should include all labor and material for a turn-key solution.

**April 14, 2023**

**1. Advisory and Consulting Services for the Columbus Consolidated Government 457 Deferred Compensation Plan and Its Board (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 23-0016**

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government seeks qualified firms to submit proposals for providing professional advisory and investment consulting services for the Columbus Consolidated Government’s 457 Deferred Compensation Plan.

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

**2. Recycling Facility Operations and Management Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 23-0021**

Scope of RFP

The Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia (the City) invites qualified offerors to submit proposals to provide recycling processing equipment, provide operations and maintenance of the equipment and the facility, market the processing capacity of the facility, market processed recyclable materials, and assist the City with public education services.

Option A is for the Offeror to provide personnel to operate the facility and Option B is for the City to provide personnel to operate the facility. Offerors may submit proposals for either or both options.

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

**May 5, 2023**

**1. Automated Speed Detection for School Zone Safety Enforcement (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 23-0036**

Scope of RFP

The Columbus Consolidated Government is requesting proposals for automated speed detection for school zone safety enforcement systems and services, specifically LiDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) with ALPR (Automated License Plate Readers) functions to integrate with the existing Flock Safety system for the Columbus Police Department.

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

**May 12, 2023**

**1. Master Plan for Golf Courses – RFP No. 23-0032**

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government (CCG) is requesting proposals from qualified golf course design and architect professionals to prepare a master plan allowing for the anticipation of maintenance and renovation of existing and potentially planned facilities. The services are for Bull Creek Golf course (36 holes), \*Oxbow Creek Golf Course (9 holes) and Godwin Creek Golf Course (9 holes). Proposals should be comprehensive for each respective property. Proposals should also identify opportunities and address issues before major problems occur.

Persons interested in visiting the golf courses may do so by contacting Mr. Jim Arendt, PGA at 706-329-5713 to schedule an appointment. Interested parties are responsible for contacting Mr. Arendt in a timely manner. *If pertinent RFP questions or concerns arise during the site visits, they should be submitted at least five business days before the due date as specified on pages 8 and 9.*

**2. Feasibility Study for Additional Holes at Oxbow Creek Golf Course – RFP No. 23-0034**

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government (CCG) is requesting proposals from qualified golf industry professional consultants to provide a feasibility study regarding an additional 9 holes at Oxbow Creek Golf Course. The comprehensive proposal shall identify opportunities and address the level of likely support from the local and surrounding markets.

**CLERK OF COUNCIL’S AGENDA**

**ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED**

- 1. Honorary Designation Application submitted by Becky Summerlin- Department of Parks & Recreation to name the Cooper Creek Tennis Center Clubhouse in honor of Mr. Rick Gordon. *(The Council may vote to send to the Board of Honor.)* Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to forward the request to the Board of Honor, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.
- 2. Email Correspondence from Attorney Jack Schley advising that the Hospital Authority of Columbus has selected Mr. Charles K. Hecht, III to succeed Ms. Susan McKnight. *(The Council would confirm the selection.)* Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Thomas and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent for the meeting.

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

- Board of Tax Assessors, #10-23 & 11-23
- Board of Zoning Appeals, March 1, 2023
- Columbus Golf Authority, March 28, 2023
- Hospital Authority of Columbus, January 31 and February 28, 2023
- Housing Authority of Columbus, February 15, 2023
- Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission, February 6, 2023
- Pension Fund, Employees’ Board of Trustees, October 12 and November 9, 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 Huff being absent for the meeting.

**ADD-ON RESOLUTION**

**Resolution (145-23):** A resolution excusing the absence of Councilor Bruce Huff from the April 11, 2023 Council Meeting. 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 Huff being absent for the meeting.

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED**

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

**A. CIVIC CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:**

A nominee for the seat of Jed G. Harris, Jr. (*Not eligible to succeed*) for a term that expired on March 1, 2023, on the Civic Center Advisory Board (*Mayor's Appointment*). There were none.

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

**A. COOPERATIVE EXTENSION ADVISORY BOARD:** Ms. Sandra Hawthorne was nominated to fill the unexpired term of Ms. Margaret Higdon. (*Mayor Pro Tem Allen's nominee*) Term expires: December 31, 2027. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

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

**A. BUILDING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:**

A nominee for the seat of Leila Carr (*Does not desire reappointment*) for a term expiring on March 24, 2023, on the Building Authority of Columbus (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Vincent Allen (*Resigned*) for a term expiring 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*). Councilor Crabb nominated Tim Crabb to succeed David Helmick on the Columbus Aquatics Commission.

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.

**C. COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS & CULTURAL LIAISON ENCOUNTERS (CIRCLE):**

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

**D. COOPERATIVE EXTENSION ADVISORY BOARD:**

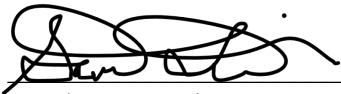
A nominee for the seat of Helen Williams (*Does not desire reappointment*) for a term that expires on December 31, 2022, on the Cooperative Extension Advisory Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Mayor Henderson entertained a motion to go into executive session to discuss matters of real estate acquisition and disposal, and potential and pending litigation as requested earlier in the meeting by City Attorney Fay. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote, Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting, and the time being 1:55 p.m.

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 3:06 p.m., at which time, Mayor Henderson announced that the Council did meet in executive session to discuss matters of real estate acquisition and disposal, and potential and pending litigation; however, there were no votes taken.

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Councilor Garrett to adjourn the April 11, 2023, Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting, and the time being 3:06 p.m.



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