

BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE



Councilor Judy W. Thomas- Chairperson
Councilor Tyson Begly- Vice Chairperson

Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen

Councilors: Councilor District 1 Seat (Vacant), Joanne Cogle,
Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis, R. Walker Garrett,
Bruce Huff and Toyia Tucker

May 7, 2024 / 9:00 AM /
Council Chambers
C. E. “Red” McDaniel City Services Center - Second Floor
3111 Citizens Way, Columbus, Georgia 31906

PRESENT: Chairperson Judy W. Thomas and Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen (arrived at 9:24 a.m.) and (*Councilor District 1 Seat – Vacant*) Joanne Cogle (arrived at 9:20 a.m.), Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis, R. Walker Garrett and Toyia Tucker. Mayor B. H. “Skip” Henderson, III, City Manager Isaiah Hugley, Deputy City Managers Lisa Goodwin and Pamela Hodge, City Attorney Clifton Fay, Assistant City Attorney Lucy Sheftall, Finance Director Angelica Alexander, Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis and Deputy Clerk Pro Tem Tameka Colbert.

ABSENT: Councilors Tyson Begly and Bruce Huff were absent.

CALL TO ORDER - Chairperson Judy W. Thomas, Presiding Officer called the meeting to order.

A G E N D A

PRESENTATIONS:

1. FY25 Budget Overview - Angelica Alexander, Finance Director - ***No Action Taken***
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NOTE: Councilor Davis left the committee meeting at 11:13 a.m. at the time of the break. Also, Mayor Henderson and City Attorney Clifton Fay left the meeting at this time. The meeting reconvened at 11:26 a.m.

2. FY25 Healthcare Update - Vanessa Stephens, NFP Benefits Consultant - ***No Action Taken***
3. Infrastructure Update - Pam Hodge, Deputy City Manager of Finance, Planning & Development - ***No Action Taken***

NOTE: The committee members took a lunch break at 12:00 p.m., and reconvened at 12:40, at which time, Councilor Garrett had left the meeting.

Budget Review Agenda Item #4: Add List: Increase Reserve Deputy Funding in the amount of \$300,000 and \$250,000 for \$200 a day stipend for hospital work on off-day for Deputies for a total amount of \$550,000; \$5,000 Base Pay increase for Sheriff Sworn Officers in the amount of \$1,889,475 (Councilor Tucker placed on the Add List.)

4. Sheriff's Office - Greg Countryman, Sheriff

Budget Review Agenda Item #5: Add List: Increase Training / Travel Budget in the amount of \$20,000; Increase Training Budget for Animal Care / Training Program in the amount of \$300,000 and Increase Base Pay for MCP Sworn Officers in the amount of \$346,920 (Councilor Tucker placed on the Add List.)

5. Muscogee County Prison - Herbert Walker, Warden

Budget Review ADD/DELETE List: Add List: Increase Base Pay for Fire/EMS Sworn Officers in the amount of \$2,500 for a total amount of \$1,235,902 (Councilor Tucker placed on the Add List.)

Budget Review Agenda Item #6: Add List: One (1) Legal Administrative Clerk G115 in the amount of \$47,098 and four (4) Victim Advocates G117 in the amount of \$201,560 (Mayor Pro Tem Allen placed on the Add List.)

6. District Attorney - William D. Kelly, Chief Assistant District Attorney

With there being no further business to bring before the committee, Chairperson Councilor Thomas declared the meeting adjourned with Councilors Davis and Garrett having left the meeting and Councilors Begly and Huff being absent from the meeting with the time being 1:42 p.m.