

Columbus Consolidated Government Council Referrals

Item #	Status	Date of Request	Requested By	Proposed Work Session Item and/or Referral	Assigned To	Responses
1	In Progress	11/19/2024	Joanne Cogle	<p>Squatters and abandoned houses Mr. City Manager,</p> <p>As council we continue to report these issues that our rightfully concerned citizens continue to bring forward.</p> <p>It seems like there are a rising amount of squatters living in our abandoned houses. Council has approved a blight ordinance and I know our public safety is doing what is in confines of their ability.</p> <p>I would like to know what are our options here? Can your departments effectively and efficiently handle these issues?</p> <p>Thank you.</p>	Code Enforcement Public Works City Manager's Office	<p>City Manager's Office: Councilor Cogle,</p> <p>I do not have an immediate answer to this serious concern. I will get with staff, and we will look at best practices in other communities as this is a problem all over the country. I will also check with GMA to see if they have best practices from other communities. I will consult our legal department on this matter as well.</p>
2	In Progress	11/19/2024	Joanne Cogle	<p>Projected Cost Comparison Provide a projected cost comparison to address the conflicts outlined for the east and west sides of the connector</p>	Deputy City Manager of Infrastructure and Financial Planning	<p>Deputy City Manager of Infrastructure and Financial Planning: An update will be provided to the Council on 12/10/2024.</p>
3	In	11/19/2024	Charmaine	<p>Gateway Signage</p>	Engineering	

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	Progress		Crabb	Bring a presentation on the gateway signage options.		
4	In Progress	11/19/2024	Byron Hickey	Bulldog Bait & Tackle Lease Renewal Look into extending the lease for another 5-years.	Deputy City Manager of Infrastructure and Financial Planning Parks & Recreation	
5	In Progress	11/19/2024	Byron Hickey	Ownership of Building for Bulldog Bait & Tackle See if there is a past agreement between CCG and Mr. and Mrs. Williams, granting them ownership of the building after 15-years and investment in the building.	Deputy City Manager of Infrastructure and Financial Planning	
6	In Progress	11/19/2024	Byron Hickey	Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) Update Please ask Community Reinvestment Director Rob Scott for an update on the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER).	Community Reinvestment	Community Reinvestment: An update will be provided at the December 17th meeting.
7	Completed	11/19/2024	Byron Hickey	Expanded Buffers Please send Councilor Hickey a list of all the properties that have been rezoned in the past year with a 50 ft buffer.	Planning	Planning: The attachment was emailed to Councilor Hickey on 11/14/2024 Attachments Included:

EXPANDED BUFFERS

Address	Ord. #	Buffer	Use of property
Miller Tract	#04-32	100 feet	MCSD
(11017 Macon Road)	#04-33	100 feet	MCSD
2780 Smith Road	#06-2	100 feet	quarry
2723 Smith Road	#06-3	100 feet	quarry
5070 Warm Springs Road	#08-35	50 feet	small office park
8794 Veterans Parkway	#11-1	50 feet	duplex development
8800 Veterans Parkway	#14-7	100 feet	subdivision
8692 Veterans Parkway	#16-3	40 feet	retail

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8	Partially Completed	11/19/2024	Judith Thomas	City Hall Handicap Parking Have someone assess and revamp the handicapped parking in the garage at City Hall. Additional space is needed between the handicap spots to allow wheelchair access.	Deputy City Manager of Infrastructure and Financial Planning Inspections & Code/ Building	Expanded Buffer.xlsx Deputy City Manager of Infrastructure and Financial Planning: Our consultant is reviewing the options for handicap parking at City Hall.
9	Completed	11/19/2024	Charmaine Crabb	Trash pick up issues Trash cans on Coweta Drive are not being picked up Trash can was damaged at 704 Greenbriar Drive.	Integrated Waste Management Deputy City Manager of Operations	Deputy City Manager of Operations: Coweta Drive has been cleared. The cart for 704 Greenbriar Drive will be delivered this morning. Thank you for bringing this to our attention.
10	Completed	11/19/2024	Toya Tucker	Funding for 10 additional positions for CPD Requests that the Finance Director identify funding for the additional ten positions being requested for CPD.	Finance	Finance: Funding will be provided from the reserves. Please see the attached ordinance.
11	Completed	11/19/2024	Robert Garrett	Animal Control Banned Volunteers Requested the list of banned volunteers from Animal Care & Control with reasons that he previously requested.	Public Works	Public Works: CPD confiscated all records related to this topic.
12	In Progress	11/19/2024	Joanne Cogle	Public Safety 86 hours Start exploring how we can address Public Safety Employees working eighty-six (86)	Human Resources Police	Attachments Included: Ordinance Amending Chapter 17.pdf

ORDINANCENO. 24-063

An ordinance amending Chapter 17 of the Columbus Code so as revise certain provisions relating to the organizational structure and authorized positions for the Columbus Police Department; and for other purposes.

SECTION 1.

Article II of Chapter 17 of the Columbus Code is hereby amended by striking that Article in its entirety and replacing it with a new Article II to read as follows:

“Sec. 17-21.1. Bureaus; office of professional standards; sections.

There are hereby created the following four bureaus and respective sections within the Columbus Police Department:

- (1) Bureau of patrol services, and within the bureau, there shall be the following sections:
 - a. Patrol shifts.
 - b. Special weapons and tactics.
 - c. Mobile field force.
 - d. Motor squad and bike patrol.
 - e. Honor guard.
 - f. Crisis negotiations.

- (2) Bureau of investigative services, and within the bureau, there shall be the following sections:
 - a. Crime scene investigations.
 - b. Special victims.
 - c. Violent Crimes.
 - d. Property Crimes.
 - e. Technology.
 - f. Special Operations.

- (3) Bureau of support services, and within the bureau, there shall be the following sections:
 - a. Records section.
 - b. Desk services section.
 - c. Property and evidence section.
 - d. 911 center.
 - e. Records Room

- (4) Bureau of administrative services, and within the bureau, there shall be the following sections:
 - a. Community relations.
 - b. Personnel.
 - c. Training.
 - d. Recruitment.
 - e. Polygraph.
 - f. Community Policing.
 - g. Criminal Intelligence/Analysis.

Sec. 17-21.2. Office of chief of police.

The office of the chief of police shall consist of:

- (a) The chief of police.
- (b) Office of professional standards.
- (c) Planning and research.
- (d) Accreditation.
- (e) Internal investigations.
- (f) Open Records
- (g) Budget.
- (h) Chief of staff/public information officer.

Cross reference(s)—Duties of chief of police, § 17-14.

Sec. 17-21.3. Assignment of personnel.

All personnel in all sections, units and bureaus shall be assigned by the chief of police.

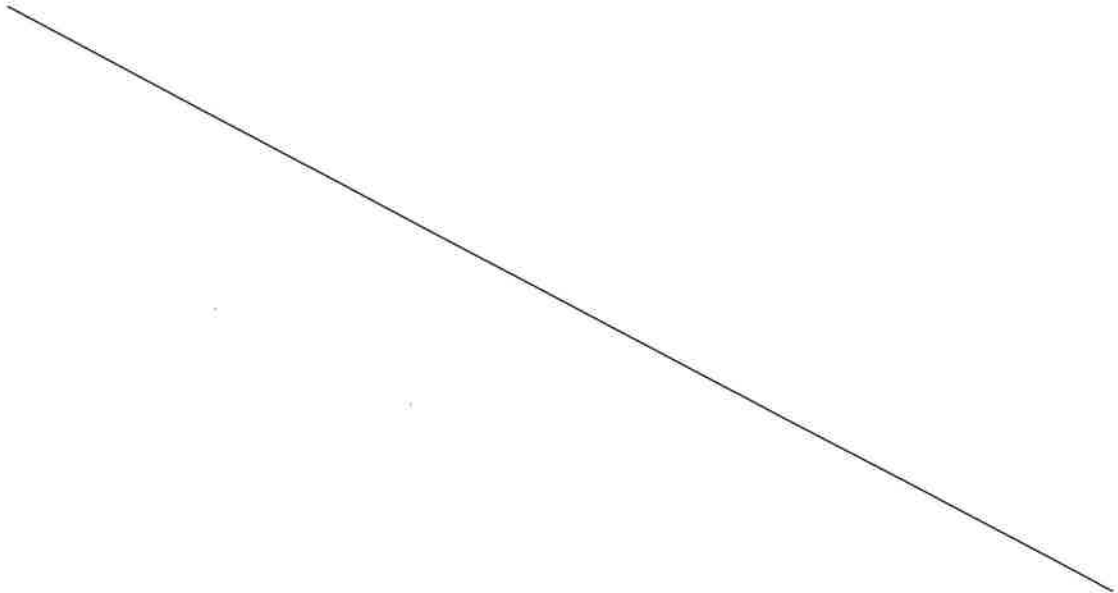
Sec. 17-21.4. Appointment of personnel.

One assistant chief, appointed by the chief of police, shall be responsible for the administrative duties of the Bureau of Administrative Services and the Bureau of Support Services, and one assistant chief, appointed by the chief, shall be responsible for the administrative duties of the Bureau of Investigative Services and the Bureau of Patrol Services.

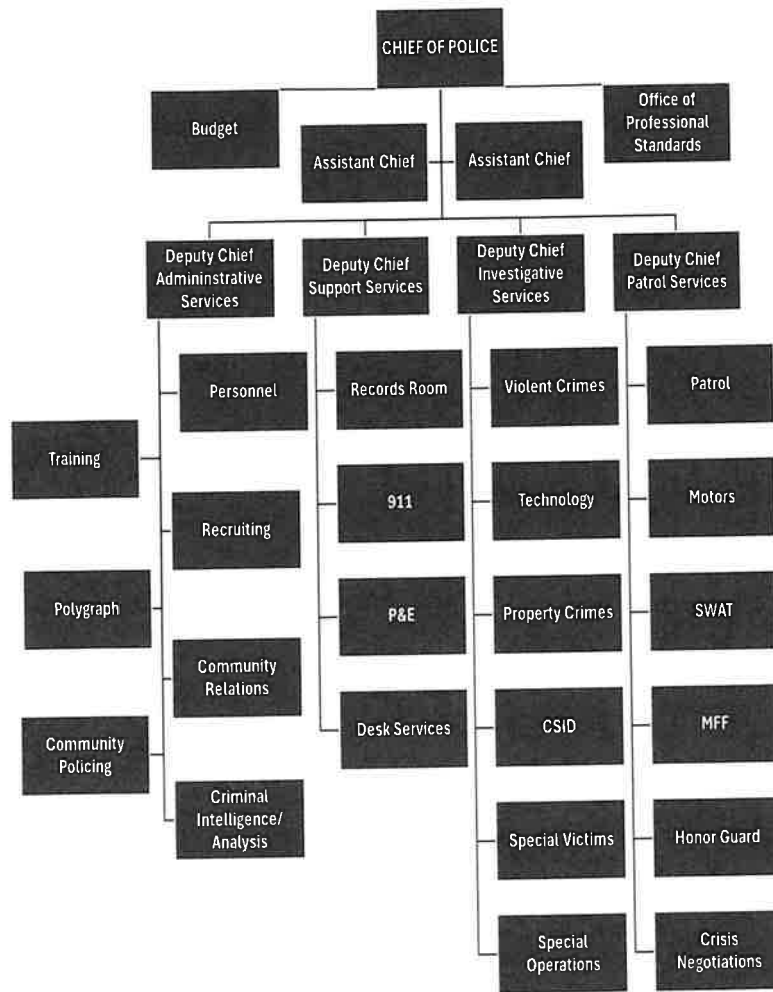
Each bureau shall be commanded by a deputy chief, appointed by the chief of police, and shall be responsible for all non-administrative duties of their assigned bureau. Each bureau deputy chief shall report operationally to the chief of police while reporting all administrative components to their designated assistant chief.

Sec. 17-21.5. Positions confirmed in the organizational chart.

All positions in the organizational chart as set forth in section 17-21.6 herein, are hereby confirmed and made a part of the Columbus Police Department.



Sec. 17-21.6. Organizational chart.



SECTION 2.

Article IV of Chapter 17 of the Columbus Code is hereby amended by striking that article in its entirety and replacing it with a new Article IV to read as follows:

“ARTICLE IV. APPOINTIVE POSITIONS

Sec. 17-30. Position of assistant chief of police.

- (a) The position of assistant chief of police is hereby created in the Columbus Police Department.
- (b) The rank of assistant chief of police is an appointed rank. Said appointment is to be made by the chief of police. To be eligible for the position of assistant chief of police, a candidate must have held the permanent rank of captain for one year or the permanent rank of lieutenant for two years or the appointed rank of deputy chief for one year. To be considered eligible for this position the candidate must possess a bachelor's degree, master's degree preferred, in any field within the educational guidelines set forth by the Columbus Police Department.
- (c) The job description for assistant chief of police is hereby incorporated in the personnel rules and regulations.

(Ord. No. 20-058, § 3, 12-15-20)

Sec. 17-31. Position of deputy chief.

- (a) There is hereby created the position and rank of deputy chief in the Columbus Police Department. The job description for deputy chief is incorporated in the personnel rules and regulations.
- (b) The rank of deputy chief is an appointed rank. Said appointment is to be made by the chief of police.
- (c) To be appointed to the rank of deputy chief, a candidate shall have held the permanent rank of captain for a minimum of one year or the permanent rank of lieutenant for a minimum of two years and possess a bachelor's degree, master's degree preferred, in any field within the educational guidelines set forth by the Columbus Police Department. Consideration shall be given to the following:
 - (1) Leadership;
 - (2) Directing;
 - (3) Coordinating;
 - (4) Decision-making;
 - (5) Planning;
 - (6) Communicating; and
 - (7) Public relations.

Sec. 17-32. Position of chief of staff.

The Chief of Police shall have the authority to appoint a Chief of Staff to assist with the day-to-day operation of the Chief's Office.

Sec. 17-33. Position of command sergeant.

To be appointed command sergeant, a sergeant shall have held the permanent rank of sergeant for a minimum of two years and possess an associate's degree."

SECTION 3.

Article V of Chapter 17 of the Columbus Code is hereby amended by striking that article in its entirety and replacing it with a new Article V to read as follows:

"ARTICLE V. AUTHORIZED POSITIONS

Sec. 17-34. Authorized personnel for Columbus Police Department.

- (a) There shall be a chief of police.
- (b) The Columbus Police Department shall be authorized two assistant chief of police positions, who shall be appointed by the chief of police.
- (c) The Columbus Police Department shall be authorized four deputy chiefs, who shall be appointed by the chief of police and shall be assigned as follows:
 - (1) Deputy chief in charge of the bureau of patrol services.
 - (2) Deputy chief in charge of the bureau of investigative services.
 - (3) Deputy chief in charge of the bureau of support services.
 - (4) Deputy chief in charge of bureau of administrative services.
- (d) The Columbus Police Department shall be authorized one chief of staff who shall be appointed by the chief of police.
- (e) The Columbus Police Department shall be authorized three command sergeant positions, who shall be appointed by the chief of police.
- (h) The ranks of assistant chief, deputy chief, chief of staff/public information officer, command sergeant and corporal are appointed ranks, to be appointed by the chief of police, and any officer who fails to perform the duties of these ranks satisfactorily may at any time be reverted to his former permanent rank.

(i) Sworn personnel.

(1) The following positions are hereby established as the authorized strength of the sworn personnel of the Columbus Police Department:

Chief of police....	1
Assistant chief of police....	2
Deputy chief....	4
Captain....	10
Lieutenant....	18
Chief of staff-....	1
Command sergeant....	3
Sergeant....	67
Corporal....	117
Police officer....	245

(2) The job descriptions are incorporated in the personnel rules and regulations.

Sec. 17-35. Police cadets.

- (a) *Position created.* The position of police cadet is hereby created in the Columbus Police Department.
- (b) *Qualifications.* A person seeking the position of police cadet shall possess the same minimum qualifications as a police officer except for the age requirements for initial employment as a cadet shall be the ages of 18 through 20.


Secs. 17-36—17-43. Reserved.”


SECTION 4.

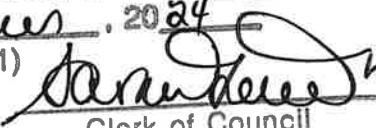
All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed as of its effective date.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 8th day of October 2024; introduced a second time at a regular meeting of said Council held on the 22nd day of October 2024 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of nine members of said Council.

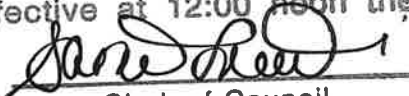
Councilor Allen	voting	<u>YES</u>
Councilor Chambers	voting	<u>YES</u>
Councilor Cogle	voting	<u>YES</u>
Councilor Crabb	voting	<u>YES</u>
Councilor Davis	voting	<u>ABSENT</u>
Councilor Garrett	voting	<u>YES</u>
Councilor Hickey	voting	<u>YES</u>
Councilor Huff	voting	<u>YES</u>
Councilor Thomas	voting	<u>YES</u>
Councilor Tucker	voting	<u>YES</u>

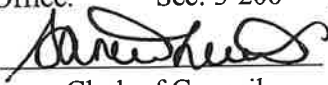

 Sandra T. Davis
 Clerk of Council


 B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III
 Mayor

This ordinance submitted to the Mayor for his signature, this the 23rd day of October, 2024.
 Sec: 3-202 (1) 
 Clerk of Council

This is to certify that the caption of this ordinance was published in the Columbus Ledger on the 30th day of October, 2024. The full text is available for public inspection in the Clerk of Council's Office. Sec: 3-206

This ordinance received, signed by the Mayor at 10:21 A.M. on the 24th day of October, 2024, and became law at said time received and became effective at 12:00 noon the following day.
 Sec: 3-202 (2) 
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13	Completed	11/19/2024	Toya Tucker	<p>hours within a pay period.</p> <p>Play Area of Animal Control Look at bringing in a company to clean the back play area at Animal Care & Control and someone to test the surfaces for Parvo.</p>	<p>Finance</p> <p>Animal Control</p>	<p>Animal Control : The Georgia Department of Public Health, Environmental Health Section has provided us with the names of several testers in our district. We have reached out to four individuals in our immediate area and will schedule to have this done. We are still waiting to hear from those we have contacted to confirm a day and time for testing.</p> <p>Since, November 12, 2024, the PAWS Vet and the Dept. of Agriculture Inspector stated they felt this area could be re-opened and it is being used.</p>
14	Completed	11/19/2024	Robert Garrett	<p>Animal Control Volunteers Reevaluate individuals banned from volunteering at Animal Care & Control and if there is still a legitimate reason for an individual to continue to be banned, bring that information to Council for final determination.</p>	<p>Animal Control</p>	<p>Animal Control : All records related to this matter have been confiscated during the investigation.</p>
15	Completed	9/5/2024	Joanne	<p>Third Party Management</p>	<p>Animal Control</p>	<p>Animal Control : The City Manager</p>

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			Cogle	Look at putting out an RFP for a 3rd party to manage Animal Care & Control, with the condition that members of the Council can meet with staff prior to the RFP going out to ensure some of the conditions included in the original RFP are amended to meet the concerns expressed by the citizens.		has assembled a negotiation team to work with PAWS to determine any contractual services they can provide for the City of Columbus including the Enforcement component.
16	In Progress	8/19/2024	Toyia Tucker	Life Guards Let's do a markup of how much it would cost to increase the pay for lifeguards and the part-time employees in Parks & Recreation.	Parks & Recreation	
17	In Progress	9/9/2024	Toyia Tucker	Homelessness in Columbus Schedule a meeting to discuss concerns about other cities bringing homeless people to our community to reduce their homelessness PIT count.	Community Reinvestment	Community Reinvestment: Pat Frey from Home for Good is handling the coordination of this meeting.
18	In Progress	9/6/2024	Charmaine Crabb	Relocation of Animals in Court Cases Is requesting that we find a permanent place for the dogs involved in court cases so their numbers don't affect the amount of animals that we can keep at Animal Control	Deputy City Manager of Operations Animal Control	
19	In Progress	11/19/2024	Joanne Cogle	Cost Benefit Analysis I would like to ask for a cost-benefit analysis for Public Works to determine whether it's best to privatize, do a hybrid, or operate ourselves.	Deputy City Manager of Operations Integrated	

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				They want to know how much it costs to operate. The previous presentation was potential, not actual. She is asking for all the information at one time (Competitive RFP, Hybrid, and our operations) and to compare them side by side.	Waste Management	
20	Partially Completed	6/21/2024	Judith Thomas	Service Into Brookstone What do we need to do to look into providing service to Brookstone?	METRA Transit Deputy City Manager of Operations	METRA Transit: A Comprehensive Transit Study was approved by Council in the City's FY25 Budget. The Consultants hired to conduct the study will assess our current service, determine the need for On-Demand, microtransit service, service to Brookstone Centre, and other locations in Columbus currently not serviced by METRA's fixed routes. METRA will begin the RFP process with the Purchasing Division.
21	Partially Completed	8/20/2024	Joanne Cogle	Rigdon Park Requests that we purchase a gate at Rigdon Park similar to the gate that we installed at Carver Park.	Deputy City Manager of Operations Parks & Recreation	Parks & Recreation: The gates have been ordered and will be installed by the vendor once the gates are fabricated.
22	Partially	4/17/2024	Glenn	Integrated Waste Numbers	Deputy City	Integrated Waste Management:

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	Completed		Davis	<p>Requests the following information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the total operational cost of the recycling center? 2. The annual Cost of what we have to do on maintenance, excluding heavy equipment (EPD maintenance of landfill). 3. What is the total cost to mitigate the closure of portions of the landfill? 	Manager of Operations Integrated Waste Management	<p>Q1. What is the total operational cost of the recycling center? FY'24 Budget total operational cost including staffing is \$1,063,597.00.</p>
23	In Progress	4/22/2024	Charmaine Crabb	<p>Parks & Recreation Update - Clean Up Requests that a day of work or weekend of work be coordinated for citizens in Heath Park</p>	Deputy City Manager of Operations Parks & Recreation	<p>Parks & Recreation: Councilor Crabb sent Holli an email on 9-18-23 stating that she had reached out to the homeowners association and would get back to us. As of 9-20-23, we have not heard back from Councilor Crabb. Update 10/24/23 Councilor Crabb is working on getting a grant from the Georgia Association of Realtors to fund the upgrades. 12/12/2023 No other response can be provided by Parks and Recreation.</p>

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						Resources will be provided when the homeowner's association contacts the department to schedule a date.