

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

October 11, 2022
9:00 AM
Regular Meeting

MAYOR'S AGENDA

PRESENT: Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III and Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen and Councilors Jerry "Pops" Barnes (arrived at 9:30 a.m.), Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis (arrived at 9:10 a.m.), John M. House, Judy W. Thomas, Toyia Tucker, and Evelyn "Mimi" Woodson. City Manager Isaiah Hugley, City Attorney Clifton Fay, Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis, and Deputy Clerk of Council Lindsey G. McLemore were present.

ABSENT: Councilors R. Walker Garrett and Bruce Huff were absent.

The following documents have been included as a part of the electronic Agenda Packet: (1) Entertainment Districts and Tour Service Vehicles Presentation; (2) 8th Street, 13th Street and 17th Avenue Corridors Study Presentation

The following documents were distributed to the members of Council: (1) Columbus 2025: Jobs Talent Place Strategy 2022-2025 Booklet; (2) Internal Audit Report of The Office of the District Attorney; (3) Internal Audit of the Office of the District Attorney Presentation

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Pastor Moneka Askew, Carter's Monumental CME Church of Columbus, Georgia

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Henderson

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the September 27, 2022, Council Meeting. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Barnes and Davis being absent for the vote, and Councilors Garrett and Huff being absent for the meeting.

PRESENTATIONS:

2. Columbus 2025 (Presented by Tabetha Getz, Executive Director of Columbus 2025)

Columbus 2025 Chair Betsy Covington approached the rostrum to provide an update on Columbus 2025. She explained Columbus 2025 is a collaborative community and economic development strategic framework focusing on the community's efforts on jobs, local talent, and place making this a more prosperous and competitive region by the year 2025.

Immediate Past Chair Audrey Tillman approached the rostrum to express the need of the Columbus Consolidated Government's participation and leadership in investing in Columbus 2025. She

explained Columbus has been blessed to have investments from public and private donors over the decades, but that it is now the time for Columbus 2025 to be transformational. She stated it is the request of Columbus 2025 for the Columbus Consolidated to invest \$3 million over a three-year period.

Executive Director Tabetha Getz approached the rostrum to respond to members of Council with questions.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Look into increasing the travel budget for Council in upcoming fiscal year and implementing new requirements for traveling Councilors. (*Request of Councilor Woodson*)

3. Audit Report of the District Attorney's Office (Presented by Donna McGinnis, Internal Auditor)

Internal Auditor Donna McGinnis approached the rostrum to provide the recommendations from the internal audit conducted on the District Attorney's Office. She explained that it is her recommendation that the District Attorney's Office develop a monthly management flash report providing updates on budget performance, case load progress and treasury management activity in asset forfeiture and food stamp fraud account. She also recommended a follow-up by the internal auditor at the calendar year-end to review the Annual Compliance Report prior to it being submitted to the Prosecuting Attorney's Council of Georgia.

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to allow the Internal Auditor to conduct a follow-up as recommended, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the vote, and Councilors Garrett and Huff being absent for the meeting. (*Councilor Tucker upon returning to her respective seat, requested that her vote be cast in the affirmative.*)

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

1. **Ordinance (22-050) - 2nd Reading-** REZN-07-22-1372: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **8401 / 8421 / 8439 Veterans Pkwy / 2020 Old Guard Road** (parcel # 079-001-038 / 001 / 031 / 041) from SFR1 (Single Family Residential 1) and RE1 (Residential Estate 1) Zoning Districts to RO (Residential Office) and GC (General Commercial) Zoning Districts. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval) (proposed amendment) (Councilor Davis) Councilor Davis made a motion to amend the ordinance, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the vote, and Councilors Garrett and Huff being absent for the meeting. Councilor Davis made a motion to adopt the ordinance as amended, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Woodson being absent for the vote, and Councilors Garrett and Huff being absent for the meeting.

Attorney Chandler Riley (Page, Scrantom, Sprouse, Tucker & Ford) approached the rostrum, representing Developer Steve Corbitt, to respond to the questions asked by members of Council regarding the proposed rezoning for 8401, 8421 and 8439 Veterans Parkway, and 2020 Old Guard Road for the development of an apartment community.

Councilor Glenn Davis stated for the record that he has spoken to the developer regarding the traffic issues with the schools. He also stated that there are no grounds for Council to deny this rezoning based on other developments that have been approved in that area.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Send CCG's Traffic Engineer to meet with the appropriate staff of the Muscogee County School District to address the traffic during drop off and pick up at North Columbus Elementary School.
(Request of Councilor Thomas)

- 2. **1st Reading-** REZN-08-22-1488: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **7300 Old Moon Road** (parcel # 081-022-001) from RO (Residential Office) Zoning District to RMF2 (Residential Multifamily 2) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Davis)

- 3. **1st Reading-** An Ordinance approving Clarification of Governing Accounts, Logins, And Access as Addendum 3 and Cybersecurity Training Governance as Addendum 4 to the Acceptable and Supportable Use of Technology Policy Number 210-1000-004. (Mayor Pro-Tem)

- 4. **1st Reading-** An Ordinance imposing a moratorium on certain mandatory promotional procedures for the Columbus Police Department and the Columbus Fire and EMS Department until the earlier of the Implementation Date of Ordinance No. 22-45 or January 31,2023. (Mayor Pro Tem)

- 5. **1st Reading-** An Ordinance amending Article IV of Chapter 19 of the Columbus Code to exempt certain Court Reporters hired by Superior Court Judges from the licensing requirements of the Article; and for other purposes. (Councilor Garrett)

City Manager Isaiah Hugley explained the purpose of this proposed ordinance to make Court Reporters hired by Superior Court Judges exempt from the licensing requirements in the Columbus Code. He explained the Superior Court Judges have requested this amendment due to the shortage in Court Reporters.

- 6. **1st Reading-** An Ordinance amending Chapter 3 of the Columbus Code pertaining to alcoholic beverages to insert a new code section creating entertainment district(s) in which open containers of alcoholic beverages are permitted in certain circumstances; and for other purposes. (Councilor Woodson)

Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge approached the rostrum to provide a presentation on Entertainment Districts and Tour Service Vehicles. She explained this presentation is in response to the request made by Councilor Woodson to bring recommendations for Council's consideration to allow the Pedal Pub to operate in Uptown Columbus and allow alcoholic beverages on the vehicle while in operation. She stated the establishment of an Entertainment District would allow outdoor consumption of alcohol within the defined boundaries of the district from the hours of 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. She explained a request to delay this item may be coming to allow a public meeting to be held with the local merchants, residents, and Uptown Columbus.

City Attorney Clifton Fay advised that this ordinance would come back on first reading in two weeks.

Mr. Antwane Darby, representing Pedal Pub Columbus Georgia, approached the rostrum to explain the changes made to the safety policies for pilots of Pedal Pub to address an incident that occurred in another city.

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Mr. Wane Hailes, representing NAACP, Re: A request to add to the legislative agenda to make Muscogee County a single county Judicial Circuit.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. 2023 Legislative Agenda

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

1. **HOUSING AFFORDABILITY:** The Columbus Consolidated Government is requesting that the local legislative delegation introduce an amendment to said statewide legislation to allow cities and counties to enact localized anti-displacement policies for properties in Qualified Census Tracts (QCTs) and Difficult Development Areas (DDAs) economically depressed zones as defined by general law of the General Assembly. (*Request of Councilor Toyia Tucker*) Councilor Crabb made a motion to delay this item, seconded by Councilor Thomas and carried by a six-to-two vote, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Barnes, Crabb, Davis, House and Thomas voting in favor of the delay, Councilors Tucker and Woodson voting in opposition, and Councilors Garrett and Huff being absent for the meeting.

2. SHORT TERM RENTALS

Resolution (308-22): A resolution supporting legislation which maintains local municipal control of units used as short-term rentals. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Garrett and Huff being absent for the meeting.

3. **MAYOR/MAYOR PRO TEM COMPENSATION:** The Columbus Consolidated Government is requesting that the local delegation to the General Assembly introduce a local Act setting the salary of the Mayor of Columbus, Georgia at 70% of the salary of the City Manager; and setting the salary of the Mayor Pro-Tem at 35% of the salary of the Mayor; to be effective in January 2027; and to repeal any conflicting provisions of the Columbus Charter. (*Request of City Manager Isaiah Hugley*) Councilor Thomas made a motion to delay this item, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Garrett and Huff being absent for the meeting.

4. MUSICAL PRODUCTION STATE SALES TAX CREDIT

Resolution (309-22): A resolution whereas, current legislation in Georgia provides for certain state sales tax credits for production companies producing music or musical theatre productions in Georgia while touring the production. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Garrett and Huff being absent for the meeting.

5. **DESIGNATION OF MUSCOGEE COUNTY AS A SINGLE COUNTY JUDICIAL CIRCUIT:** The Columbus Consolidated Government is requesting the local legislative delegation introduce legislation to create a Muscogee Judicial Circuit comprised of judges from Muscogee County Superior Court. (*Request of Councilor Toyia Tucker and Evelyn Mimi Woodson*) Councilor Thomas made a motion to delay this item, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Garrett and Huff being absent for the meeting.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Get input from the judges, District Attorney, and whomever else would be impacted. (*Request of Councilor House*)
- Include the NAACP in discussions on this issue. (*Request of Councilor Tucker*)

6. **AMENDMENT OF CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST PROVISION FOR REDEVELOPMENT POWERS LAW**

Resolution (310-22): A resolution whereas, the conflict-of-interest provision of Redevelopment Powers Law, Title 36, Chapter 44 is broadly and unclearly worded in a way that leaves all CCG officials, even employees whose positions have nothing to do with creation or administration of a Tax Allocation District, subject to possible disclosure requirements and prohibitions from voluntarily acquiring a direct or indirect interest in property in any TAD created by Council. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Garrett and Huff being absent for the meeting.

7. **COUNTY SPECIAL LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX MAINTENANCE RESERVE**

Resolution (311-22): A resolution requesting that the Local Legislative Delegation introduce legislation to amend the County Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) to allow that Consolidated Governments may allocate up to 5% of the tax levied to the maintenance of the capital outlay projects approved by referendum. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Garrett and Huff being absent for the meeting.

8. **RECIPROCAL SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY**

Resolution (312-22): A resolution requesting that the Local Legislative Delegation support legislative actions that will encourage negotiations with Alabama to provide for reciprocal sovereign immunity. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Garrett and Huff being absent for the meeting.

9. **FUNDING FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, ADDICTIVE DISEASES AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

Resolution (313-22): A resolution requesting the support of funding for behavioral health, addictive diseases, and developmental disabilities. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Barnes and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Garrett and Huff being absent for the meeting.

10. **PERSONAL CARE HOMES (*Prompt Notification of Local Authorities Upon Licensing*)**

Resolution (314-22): A resolution requesting that the local legislative delegation to the Georgia General Assembly introduce state-wide legislation that will require prompt notification of county and city police and fire departments, licensing departments, and planning and zoning departments upon licensing of child-caring institutions, foster care homes, and personal care homes. Councilor Barnes made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Garrett and Huff being absent for the meeting.

11. **PERSONAL CARE HOMES (*Minimum Staffing Requirement*)**

Resolution (315-22): A resolution requesting that the local legislative delegation to the Georgia General Assembly introduce state-wide legislation that will require minimum staffing of two trained supervisors or managers between the hours of 6:00 pm and 6:00 am at child-caring institutions, foster care homes, and personal care homes. Councilor House made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Garrett and Huff being absent for the meeting.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Add an item requiring personal care homes to post signage where the children residing in the home have information on how to call for help if needed. (*Request of Councilor Davis*)

12. **CASINO GAMING REFERENDUM:** The Columbus Consolidated Government is requesting the legislative delegation introduce or support legislation to authorize a statewide referendum for a constitutional amendment to allow Georgia citizens to vote as to whether casino gaming should be allowed in Georgia for the purpose of Hope Scholarship funding. Further, if any such constitutional amendment is adopted, this Council requests a local referendum be established for approval or rejection of any such casino gaming in Muscogee County. (*Request of Evelyn Mimi Woodson/Carry Over from Previous Years*) Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and ended in an inconclusive vote of five-to-three, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Barnes, Thomas, Tucker and Woodson voting in favor of the resolution, Councilors Crabb, Davis and House voting in opposition, and Councilors Garrett and Huff being absent for the meeting.

2. **FFY2021/FY 2022 HUD Annual Action Plan – (HOME-ARP Allocation Recommendations)**

Resolution (316-22): A resolution authorizing the Home-ARP recommendations filed through the FY 2021-FY 2022 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Annual Action Plan. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Garrett and Huff being absent for the meeting.

3. **Recycling, Waste Reduction, and Diversion Grant Application**

Resolution (317-22): A resolution authorizing the application and acceptance of grant funding for recycling carts to allow for the expansion of the Columbus Consolidated Government Curbside Cart-Based Recycling Program. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by

Councilor Barnes and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Garrett and Huff being absent for the meeting.

4. PURCHASES

- A. Two Golf Carts for METRA Department of Transportation – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (318-22): A resolution authorizing the purchase of two (2) 2022 Golf Carts (Club Car Onward FLA L6 Lifted) for the Metra Department of Transportation, from Golf Cars of Canton (Canton, GA), by cooperative purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-SPD-SPD0000175-0006, at a unit cost of \$18,217.69, and a total cost of \$36,435.38. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Garrett and Huff being absent for the meeting.

- B. Real and Personal Property Mail/Processing Services (Annual Contract) - RFP No. 22-0028

Resolution (319-22): A resolution authorizing the execution of a contract with Tailored Business Systems d/b/a Harris Local Government – Print and Mail (Easley, SC) for real and personal property mail/processing services for the offices of the Tax Assessor and Tax Commissioner. Both departments budget annually for these services. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Garrett and Huff being absent for the meeting.

- C. Feeding the Valley Midland Addition – RFB No. 23-0001

Resolution (320-22): A resolution authorizing the execution of a construction contract with Thayer-Bray Construction, LLC (Phenix City, AL) in the amount of \$3,980,241.00 for an addition to the Feeding the Valley Facility in Midland, Georgia. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Garrett and Huff being absent for the meeting.

- D. Annual Maintenance Support Payment for the ShopFax Fleet System

Resolution (321-22): A resolution authorizing payment to Snider Fleet Solutions/Snider Tire (Newton, NC), in the amount of \$30,950.00, for the annual maintenance support of the SHOPFAX Fleet System. This payment covers the period from October 1, 2022 – September 30, 2023. This resolution also authorizes payment for future annual maintenance support for the SHOPFAX System, which will be budgeted per fiscal year. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Garrett and Huff being absent for the meeting.

- E. Amendment to QPublic Subscription for the Board of Tax Assessors

Resolution (322-22): A resolution authorizing the professional services agreement from Schneider Geospatial/QPublic (Indianapolis, IN) to amend the subscription services, per the following pay schedule: Year 1 – January 1, 2023 – June 30, 2023 - \$18,222 (setup: \$5,520, hosting: \$12,702 – prorated); Year 2 – July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024 - \$25,404; and Year 3 – July 1, 2024 – June 23, 2025 - \$25,404. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Garrett and Huff being absent for the meeting.

F. Ball Field Soil Conditioner and Field Materials (Annual Contract) RFB No. 23-0006

Resolution (323-22): A resolution authorizing the purchase of ball field soil conditioner and field materials from Columbus Fire & Safety Equipment Co., Inc. d/b/a Columbus Trophy & Screenprint (Columbus, GA) for the estimated annual contract value of \$88,900.00. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Garrett and Huff being absent for the meeting.

G. Repair of Caterpillar D7E Dozer

Resolution (324-22): A resolution authorizing payment to Yancey Brothers (Fortson, GA), in the amount of \$31,424.53, for the repair of a Caterpillar D7E Dozer, Vehicle #11658. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Garrett and Huff being absent for the meeting.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Include a discussion on sporting facility maintenance at next Work Session. (*Request of Councilor Davis*)
- Include information on the tax revenue received. (*Request of Councilor Tucker*)

EMERGENCY PURCHASES

1. FORD MAVERICKS FOR FIRE & EMS AND INSPECTIONS AND CODE

On September 23, 2022, the City Manager approved the emergency purchase of three (3) Ford Mavericks; one (1) for the Fire and EMS Department, and two (2) for Inspections and Code Department/Special Enforcement Division, due to exigent circumstances, per the Procurement Ordinance, Article 3-115, Emergency Procurement.

Inspections and Code Department/Special Enforcement Division was approved to purchase two (2) Ford F-150s in the FY23 Budget for use by staff in the performance of their daily duties. However, due to the rise in cost for the 2023 F-150 model and the closing of the order bank, the department requested to purchase the Ford Maverick which is priced \$2,650.00 cheaper than the F-150 and is better suited for their needs.

Likewise, the Fire Department was approved for a Ford Explorer; but they too have determined that the Ford Maverick will be better suited for their needs.

The State Contract vendor, Allan Vigil Ford, notified the Public Works Director on September 21, 2022, that the Order Bank for these vehicles will close on September 22, 2022, after only being open since September 15, 2022. Consequently, the vehicles had to be ordered as soon as possible.

The Ford Maverick is not available on any of the Cooperative Contracts; however, Allan Vigil Ford has offered to sell us these trucks at their price which is \$2,650.00 less than the 2023 Ford F-150.

The vehicles will be purchased from Allan Vigil Ford at the unit prices as follows: one (1) at a unit price of \$26,340.00; two (2) at a unit price of \$24,429.00, and a total price of \$48,858.00; for a grand total of \$75,198.00. These are replacement vehicles.

Funding is available as: Lost-Public Safety Fund – Fire & EMS – Public Safety-LOST – Automobiles; 0102-410-9900-LOST-7721 - \$26,340.00; and General Fund – Community Development – Special Enforcement – Light Trucks; 0101-240-2400-SENF-7722 - \$48,858.00.

2. **FORD ESCAPES FOR TAX ASSESSOR'S OFFICE – COOPERATIVE PURCHASE - GEORGIA STATEWIDE CONTRACT**

On September 23, 2022, the City Manager approved the emergency purchase of two (2) Ford Escapes for the Tax Assessor's Office, due to exigent circumstances, per the Procurement Ordinance, Article 3-115, Emergency Procurement.

These vehicles were approved in the FY23 Budget for use by staff in the performance of their daily duties. The State Contract vendor, Allan Vigil Ford, notified the Public Works Director on September 22, 2022, that the Order Bank for these vehicles will close on September 22, 2022. Consequently, the vehicles had to be ordered as soon as possible.

The vehicles will be purchased from Allan Vigil Ford at a unit price of \$26,340.00, and a total price of \$52,680.00, by Cooperative Purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-SPD-ES40199373-002.

Funding is available as: General Fund – Boards and Commissions – Tax Assessor – Automobiles; 0101-290-1000-TAXA-7721 - \$52,680.00.

5. **UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS**

A. ARP Update - Pam Hodge, Deputy City Manager of Finance Planning & Development

Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge approached the rostrum to provide an update on the funding received from the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021. She explained the final rule was released by the Treasury on January 6, 2022, and became effective on April 1, 2022, allowing more flexibility and a wider range of uses for the funds received. She also provided information on the various requests of departments with the funding from the APR Phase 2.

B. Indigent Care RFP Update - Pamela Hodge Deputy City Manager of Finance, Planning & Development

Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge approached the rostrum to provide an update on the RFP for indigent care services. She explained since this is an active RFP, the information that she is able to provide is limited.

C. Department of Defense Innovative Readiness Training Event Success Report (Add-On) - Sarah Lang, CEO Valley Healthcare System

CEO Sarah Lang (Valley Healthcare System) approached the rostrum to provide information on the success of the Department of Defense Innovative Readiness Training Event that was held at various sites for fifteen days in August. She explained during this event, over 2,723 individuals were provided healthcare services at no cost.

D. 8th Street, 13th Street and 17th Avenue Corridors Study Update (Add-On) – Donna Newman, Director of Engineering

Engineering Director Donna Newman came forward and introduced the update on the study conducted on the 8th Street, 13th Street and 17th Avenue corridors and the presenter, Mr. Mitchell Greenway.

Mitchell Greenway approached the rostrum to provide the update, giving the various concepts for each corridor improvement. He explained the concepts outlined in the presentation will improve parking, traffic flow, and pedestrian safety.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Look into the signs in the community to take an inventory; so, that we would know where they are located. (*Request of Councilor Davis*)

BID ADVERTISEMENT

October 12, 2022

1. **PI 0011436 – Muscogee County Buena Vista Road Improvements at Spiderweb-Phase II – RFB No. 23-0005**

Scope of Bid

Phase II of the Buena Vista Road Improvements at the Spiderweb includes the construction of two (2) bridges, one (1) of which requires Norfolk southern permitting; construction of a roundabout at Illges Road and Ace Way Drive; construction of Buena Vista Road east of the intersection with Annette Avenue, Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard north of Brewer Elementary School, Illges Road, Lindsay Drive, Andrews Road, Morris Road and Ace Way Drive, as well as the installation of traffic signals.

Utilities were relocated in Phase I of the project. The Annette Avenue roundabout at Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard and Annette Avenue were constructed in Phase I.

October 14, 2022

1. **Architectural & Engineering Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 23-0007**

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government is requesting proposals from qualified firms to provide professional architectural and engineering services on an as-needed basis for various construction projects.

The contract term shall 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 Contractors.

2. **Roofing Consulting Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 23-0008**

Scope of RFP

Provide complete roofing consulting services, on an as-needed basis, for individual buildings. Columbus Consolidated Government owns buildings consisting of approximately 60 buildup roofs, 40 metal roofs and 75 shingle roofs; however, services may not be required for all the buildings.

The contract term shall 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 Contractors

October 19, 2022

1. Rock River Rifles – PQ No. 23-0006

Scope of PQ

The Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) is seeking quotes from qualified vendors to provide ten (10) Rock River LE20202M rifles for the Columbus Police Department.

2. Confiscated Firearms for Credit or Swap – RFB No. 23-0003

Scope of Bid

The Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) is offering confiscated firearms for sale to a licensed firearms dealer who can issue a credit to purchase or swap for Rock River LE2020M rifles with accessories.

3. 30' Low Floor Trolley Heavy Duty Bus (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 23-0017

Scope of Bid

The Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) is seeking vendors to provide 30' low floor trolley heavy duty buses to METRA on an “as needed” basis. The City anticipates purchasing approximately 3-4 during Fiscal Year 2023 through Fiscal year 2026. The contract term will be for three years.

October 28, 2022

1. Professional Healthcare Services for Medically Indigent Persons in Muscogee County (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 23-0009

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government is seeking proposals for health care services for medically indigent persons in Muscogee County to include certain services for inpatient and outpatient care for incarcerated persons at the Muscogee County Jail. The requested services consist of medical, pharmaceutical, and mental health services.

Medical services include but not are limited to acute inpatient and outpatient hospital care, x-ray, laboratory, and primary medical care.

2. Space Planning and Programming & Design Professional Services for Fire Station No. 5 Replacement – RFQ No. 23-0001

Scope of RFQ

Columbus Consolidated Government (“Owner”) is soliciting statements of qualifications from firms interested in providing space planning and programming and professional design services for the replacement of fire station #5 (“Project”).

This Request for Qualifications (RFQ) seeks to identify potential providers of the above-mentioned services. Some firms that respond to this RFQ, who are determined by the Owner to be sufficiently qualified, may be deemed eligible to offer proposals for these services and may be invited for interviews.

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

Scope of RFQ

Columbus Consolidated Government (“Owner”) is soliciting statements of qualifications from firms interested in providing construction manager as general contractor services for Fire Station No. 5 replacement.

This Request for Qualifications (RFQ) seeks to identify the most qualified potential providers of the above-mentioned services. Some firms which respond to this RFQ, and who are determined by the Owner to be especially qualified, may be deemed eligible and may be invited to offer proposals for these services.

CLERK OF COUNCIL’S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - INFORMATION ONLY

1. Certificate of Need Application filed by the Medical Center, Inc. d/b/a Piedmont Columbus Regional Midtown (PCRM) for its project to relocate the Children’s Hospital at PCRM from the main hospital building to another location on the hospital campus.

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

2. **RESOLUTION (325-22)** - A Resolution changing the regularly scheduled Council meetings for the month of November 2022. Councilor House made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Garrett and Huff being absent for the meeting.
3. **RESOLUTION (326-22)** - A Resolution changing the regularly scheduled Council meetings for the month of December 2022. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Garrett and Huff being absent for the meeting.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CLERK OF COUNCIL:

- Send amended meeting schedule for November and December 2022 to the members of Council.
(Request of Mayor Henderson)

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

Board of Tax Assessors, #28-22 & #29-22

Columbus Board of Health, April 27, May 25 & August 24, 2022

Hospital Authority of Columbus, June 28, July 26 & August 30, 2022

Uptown Facade Board, July 18, 2022

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to receive the minutes of various boards, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Garrett and Huff being absent for the meeting.

ADD-ON RESOLUTION (327-22) – A Resolution excusing Councilor R. Walker Garrett from the October 11, 2022, Regular Council Meeting. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Garrett and Huff being absent for the meeting.

ADD-ON RESOLUTION (328-22) – A Resolution excusing Councilor Bruce Huff from the October 11, 2022, Regular Council Meeting. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Garrett and Huff being absent for the meeting.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

5. COUNCIL’S DISTRICT SEAT APPOINTMENT- ANY NOMINATIONS MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:

A. PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION:

A nominee for the seat of Byron Hickey (*Not eligible to succeed*) as the District 1 Representative for a term that expires on October 31, 2022, on the Public Safety Advisory Commission (*Council District 1- Barnes*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Donald Watkins (*Not eligible to succeed*) as the District 5 Representative for a term that expires on October 31, 2022, on the Public Safety Advisory Commission (*Council District 5- Crabb*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Scott Taft (*Eligible to succeed*) as the District 9 Representative for a term that expires on October 31, 2022, on the Public Safety Advisory Commission (*Council District 9- Thomas*). Councilor Thomas nominated Scott Taft to serve another term as the District 9 Representative on the Public Safety Advisory Commission. Councilor House made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Garrett and Huff being absent for the meeting.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CLERK OF COUNCIL:

- Request for an email with information on the Public Safety Advisory Commission, i.e., description and meeting dates. (*Request of Councilor Barnes*)

6. COUNCIL’S CONFIRMATION- ORGANIZATION / AGENCY NOMINATIONS MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:

A. HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of Robert Anderson (*Resigned*) as the Liberty Cultural Center Representative for a term that expires on January 31, 2024, on the Historical & Architectural Review Board (*Council’s Appointment*). Clerk of Council Davis explained Reverend Curtis West was previously confirmed to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Anderson; however, Rev. West will be relocating outside of Muscogee County. She also explained the Liberty Cultural Center is nominating Mr. Zeph Baker to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Robert Anderson. Councilor Woodson made a motion to confirm the appointment of Zeph Baker. The motion died for lack of a second.

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

A. LAND BANK AUTHORITY:

A nominee for the seat of Tyler Pritchard (*Does not desire reappointment*) for a term that expires on October 31, 2022, on the Land Bank Authority (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

UPCOMING BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

- A. Airport Commission (Council's Confirmation / Airport's Recommendation)
- B. Board of Tax Assessors (Council's Appointment)
- C. Columbus Board of Health (Council's Appointment)
- D. Cooperative Extension Advisory Board (Council's Appointment)
- E. Personnel Review Board (Council's Appointment)
- F. The Medical Center Hospital Authority (Council's Confirmation / Authority's selection)

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Henderson entertained a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss matters of litigation and personnel 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 Woodson and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Garrett and Huff being absent for the meeting, and the time being 1:35 p.m.

The regular meeting reconvened at 2:21 p.m., at which time, Mayor Henderson announced that the Council did meet in executive session to discuss matters of litigation and personnel; however, there were no votes taken.

ADD-ON RESOLUTION (329-22) – A Resolution authorizing a refund of Ad Valorem Property Taxes in the amount of \$22,474.71 to the Medical Center Hospital Authority. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Thomas being absent for the vote, and Councilors Garrett and Huff being absent for the meeting.

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Councilor House to adjourn the October 11, 2022, Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Thomas being absent for the vote, and Councilors Garrett and Huff being absent for the meeting, and the time being 2:24 p.m.

Sandra T. Davis, CMC
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