

# 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 10, 2023  
9:00 AM  
Regular Meeting

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### **MAYOR'S AGENDA**

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**PRESENT:** Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III and Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen (arrived at 9:06 a.m.) and Councilors Tyson Begly, Joanne Cogle, Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis (arrived at 9:06 a.m.), R. Walker Garrett, Bruce Huff, Judy W. Thomas and Toyia Tucker. City Manager Isaiah Hugley, City Attorney Clifton Fay, Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis, and Deputy Clerk of Council Lindsey G. McLemore were present.

**ABSENT:** Councilor Jerry "Pops" Barnes was absent from the meeting.

<p><b><u>The following documents have been included as a part of the electronic Agenda Packet:</u></b> (1) Columbus Airport Update Presentation; (2) Judicial Center Presentation; (3) UDO Update Presentation</p>
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<p><b><u>The following documents were distributed around the Council table:</u></b> (1) Letter from David Eaton, Re: Open Records Request</p>
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**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III, Presiding

**INVOCATION:** Offered by Pastor Jason Wade, Wynnton Methodist Church of Columbus, Georgia

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Students of Carver High School Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education (CTAE) Program

### **MINUTES**

1. Approval of minutes for the September 26, 2023 Council Meeting and Executive Session. Councilor Cogle made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

### **PROCLAMATIONS:**

2. **Proclamation: Paint the Town Pink Week**

**Receiving:** Cheryl Johnson, West Central Georgia Cancer Coalition

**Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen** read the proclamation into the record, proclaiming October 15 - 20, 2023, as *Paint the Town Pink Week*, recognizing the efforts of the West Central Georgia Cancer Coalition (WCGCC) and other local organizations in bringing awareness to Breast Cancer and celebrating survivors during the annual Paint the Town Pink Event.

3. **Proclamation: Communities in Motion Day**

**Receiving:** Rosa Evans, METRA Director and Everett Fleming, METRA Assistant Director

**Councilor R. Walker Garrett** read the proclamation into the record, proclaiming Wednesday, October 18, 2023, as *Communities in Motion Day*, recognizing the significance of public transportation in the lives of those in the community.

4. **Proclamation: National School Lunch Week**

**Receiving:** Marian Clark, School Nutrition, Muscogee County School District

**Councilor Judy W. Thomas** read the proclamation into the record, proclaiming October 9 - 13, 2023, as *National School Lunch Week*, recognizing the lunch program provided by the Muscogee County School District, where healthy meals are provided daily to their students.

**APPOINTMENT:**

5. **Resolution (354-23):** A resolution authorizing the appointment of Interim Chief Stoney Mathis as Chief of the Columbus Police Department. Councilor Thomas made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

**Mayor B. H. “Skip” Henderson** addressed NAACP President Wane Hailes and Reverend Johnny Flakes, III, who approached the rostrum requesting to speak before action was taken on this item. He explained citizens would not be permitted to speak unless a motion was made by a member of Council and vote was taken allowing that citizen to be heard. There was no motion.

**Columbus Police Chief Stoney Mathis** approached the rostrum to thank the Mayor and Council for the opportunity to serve Columbus, Georgia as Police Chief. He explained over the past five months, he has worked to establish relationships with the police force and citizens in the community. He stated the only way to make positive changes in the community is for the Columbus Police Department, Muscogee County Sheriff’s Office, elected officials, and citizens to all work together.

**Councilor Toyia Tucker** expressed her appreciation for Chief Mathis and his willingness to make himself accessible to the members of Council and everyone in the community. She explained the need for everyone in the community to come together and make changes.

**Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen** stated it has been a long time since he has seen the morale in the Columbus Police Department be so positive and that many citizens are very excited for Chief Mathis to come into office. He thanked Chief Mathis for a job well done and stated he looks forward to working with him.

**CITY ATTORNEY’S AGENDA**

**ORDINANCES**

1. **1st Reading-** REZN-06-23-0111: An ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **119 Bascom Court** (parcel # 073-027-003) from Residential Office (RO) Zoning District to General Commercial (GC) Zoning District with conditions. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Continued on 1st Reading from 9-12-23) (proposed amendment) (Councilor Davis)

**Councilor Glenn Davis** stated in working with the parties there are a number of challenges, and it is a difficult situation, but he is not sure they are making a lot of ground on the issue.

Councilor Davis made a motion to add the declaration of covenants, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Crabb and Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

2. **1st Reading-** REZN-09-23-0017: An ordinance amending the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) of the Columbus Code to revise the text of a definition in Chapter 13. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Mayor Pro-Tem)

**Planning Director Will Johnson** approached the rostrum to explain the proposed amendment to the UDO to address painted brick on historic structures and requiring this to be appealed with the Historic and Architectural Review Board (BHAR).

3. **1st Reading-** REZN-08-23-0159: An ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **3617 2nd Avenue** (parcel # 008-009-010) from Residential Office (RO) Zoning District to Single Family Residential - 4 (SFR4) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Garrett)
4. **1st Reading-** REZN -04-23-0630: An ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **910 Talbotton Road** (parcel# 016- 027-016) from Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District to Residential Office (RO) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Cogle)
5. **1st Reading-** An ordinance providing for the demolition of various structures located at: 1) **923 39th Street** (Douglas & M Elliott, Owner); 2) **353 Marlboro Avenue** (Wallace Biggers, Owner); 3) **815 Hardegee Drive** (Valencia Melvin, Owner); 4) **529 Chesterfield Avenue** (Hiawatha Covington, Owner); 5) **318 24th Street** (Leonard III & Lorenzo Brown, Owner); 6) **1544 11th Avenue** (Jean Rodgers, Owner); and 7) **2015 5th Avenue** (Lewis P. Green Jr., Owner) and for demolition services for the Inspections and Code Department in accordance with the attached Tabulation of Bid sheet. (Mayor Pro-Tem)

**Inspections & Code Director Ryan Pruett** approached the rostrum to provide a presentation on the demolition list.

**Attorney Steven Ray (Nicolson, Ray, and Turner Attorney at Law, LLC)** approached the rostrum to speak on the property located at 1544 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue. He explained in August 2023 he was appointed as the Emergency Conservator for the owner of this property, Ms. Jean Rodgers, and he attended the demolition hearing on her behalf and received the notice. He stated the demolition notice states this property would not come before Council until after the required forty-five days, which has been only nineteen days.

Councilor Thomas made a motion for the property located at 1544 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue to remain on the demolition list with the understanding that no action will be taken until after November 2, 2023, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

**Ms. Erin Bouthillier (2029 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Columbus, GA)** approached the rostrum to speak in support of the demolition for the property located at 2015 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

6. **1st Reading-** An ordinance amending Section 2-296 of the Columbus Code to add two members to the Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board; and for other purposes. (Councilor Cogle)

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Mayor Henderson entertained a motion to go into executive session to discuss matters of personnel as requested by City Attorney Fay. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the nine members present with Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting, with the time being 9:55 a.m.

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 11:07 a.m., at which time, Mayor Henderson announced that the Council did meet in executive session to discuss matters of personnel; however, there were no votes taken.

### **CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA**

#### **6. PURCHASES**

- I. River Road Radio Tower Replacement for Engineering Department – Georgia State Contract Cooperative Purchase

**Resolution (255-23):** A resolution authorizing purchase of a radio tower from Motorola Solution (Lawrenceville, GA), in the amount of \$1,221,675.00 by cooperative purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract # 99999-SPD-T20250623-0002. (*NOTE: This item was called up as the next order of business as listed on the City Manager's Agenda Item 6 "I"*) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Thomas and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

### **PUBLIC AGENDA**

1. Mr. David Eaton, Re: Open Record Request.

**Assistant Chief Joyce Dent-Fitzpatrick** approached the rostrum to respond to comments made by Mr. Eaton regarding the open records request submitted to the Columbus Police Department.

2. Mr. DeMarco Johnson, Re: Steam Road Project.
3. Rev. Johnny Flakes, III, representing Fourth Street Missionary Baptist Church, Re: Public Safety.
4. Mr. Jason Breaux, Re: Recent spending of city funds.
5. Mr. Nathan Smith, Re: Support for the hiring of a Police Chief.
6. Mrs. Danielle Varner, representing the Springer Opera House, Re: The plans for the new Judicial Center.
7. Mr. Wane Hailes, representing NAACP, Re: Law Enforcement Accountability.
8. Dr. Donald Moeller, Re: The need for Oral Health Care for Veterans at the Poydasheff VA Medical Clinic.

9. Mr. Tony Stark, representing Ronlast Enterprise, Re: Crime Prevention. *Not Present*

## **CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA**

### **1. 2023 Comprehensive Plan Update**

**Resolution (356-23):** A resolution, whereas, the 1989 Georgia General Assembly enacted House Bill 219, the Georgia Planning Act, requiring all local governments to prepare a Comprehensive Plan in accordance with the Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures promulgated by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Begly and Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

### **2. 2024 Legislative Agenda**

Approval is requested of the resolutions for the 2024 Legislative Session of the Georgia General Assembly, which the Mayor and Council deem appropriate.

#### **2 (1). ADOPT THE MENTAL HEALTH MODEL:**

**Resolution (357-23):** A resolution urging the governor and General Assembly of Georgia to continue efforts to reform and improve mental health services for the citizens of Georgia. 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 Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

#### **2 (2). ONE USER UTILITY BILL:**

**Resolution (358-23):** A resolution requesting that the Local Delegation support efforts to mandate “One Source” Billing for public utility services. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

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

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

- Notify the Muscogee County School District (MCSD) that this item is listed on the Legislative Agenda and see if they have any objections before the luncheon on Thursday. *(Request of Councilor Thomas)*

#### **2 (3). TECHNOLOGY FEE SURCHARGE ON RECORDER’S COURT FINES:**

**Resolution (359-23):** A resolution, whereas, the Chief Judge of Recorder’s Court of Columbus, Georgia, finds that a need exists for imposition and collection of a technology fee. Councilor Davis made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

#### **2 (4). ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES (APRN) LICENSING:**

**Resolution (360-23):** A resolution requesting that the Local Legislative Delegation to the Georgia Assembly support legislation which would remove barriers to APRN practice whereby decreasing a delay in care for the citizens of Georgia's access to medication and treatment. Councilor Davis made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

**2 (5).           ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES (APRN'S) SIGNING DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLE DISABILITY PARKING PERMITS:**

**Resolution (361-23):** A resolution requesting that the Local Legislation Delegation to the Georgia General Assembly support legislation which would add APRN's to the list of the Department of Motor Vehicle's approved practitioners to sign disability parking permits. Councilor Davis made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

**2 (6).           ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES (APRN'S) WRITING PRESCRIPTIONS FOR SCHEDULE II CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES:**

**Resolution (362-23):** A resolution requesting that the Local Legislative Delegation to the Georgia General Assembly introduce or support legislation which would authorize APRN's to write prescriptions for Schedule II Controlled Substances. Councilor Davis made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

**2 (7).           ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES (APRN'S) CERTIFYING ORDERS FOR HOME HEALTH AGENCY VISITS:**

**Resolution (363-23):** A resolution requesting that the Local Legislative Delegation to the Georgia General Assembly introduce or support legislation which would authorize APRN's to certify orders authorizing home health agencies to make home visits. Councilor Davis made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

**2 (8).           MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAMS FOR ADULT ABUSE, NEGLECT & EXPLOITATION:**

**Resolution (364-23):** A resolution requesting that the Local Legislative Delegation to the Georgia General Assembly introduce or support legislation requiring that the multidisciplinary teams for dealing with adult abuse, neglect and exploitation described in O.C.G.A. § 30-5-11 be mandatory in each judicial circuit of the State. Councilor Davis made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

**2 (9).           \$10 MILLION INCREASE IN FUNDING FOR HOME & COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES:**

**Resolution (365-23):** A resolution requesting that the Local Legislative Delegation to the Georgia General Assembly advocate for a \$10 million increase in funding for Home and Community Based Services (HBCS). Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

Carry Over Requests from Previous Years

**2 (10). SHORT TERM RENTALS:**

**Resolution (366-23):** A resolution supporting legislation which maintains local municipal control of units used as short-term rentals. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

**2 (11). MUSICAL PRODUCTION STATE SALES TAX CREDIT:**

**Resolution (367-23):** A resolution requesting that the Local Legislative Delegation to the Georgia General Assembly introduce legislation to expand certain state sales tax credits for production companies producing music or musical theatre productions. 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 Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

**2 (12). AMENDMENT OF CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST PROVISION FOR REDEVELOPMENT POWERS LAW:**

**Resolution (368-23):** A resolution requesting that the Local Legislative Delegation to the Georgia General Assembly introduce/support legislation to revise and to clarify the Conflict-of-Interest Provisions in the Redevelopment Powers Law. 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 Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

**2 (13). COUNTY SPECIAL LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX MAINTENANCE RESERVE:**

**Resolution (369-23):** 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 the referendum. 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 Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

**2 (14). Funding for Behavioral Health, Addictive Diseases and Developmental Disabilities:**

**Resolution (370-23):** A resolution requesting the that the legislative delegation advocate for support of a robust system of care for behavioral health, addictive diseases and developmental disabilities, and additional funding for crisis intervention teams throughout the state. 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 Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

**2 (15). PERSONAL CARE HOMES (Prompt Notification of Local Authorities Upon Licensing):**

**Resolution (371-23):** A resolution requesting that the Local Legislative Delegation 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 or licensing changes of child-caring institutions, foster care homes, and personal care homes. 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 Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

**2 (16). PERSONAL CARE HOMES (Minimum Staffing Requirement):**

**Resolution (372-23):** A resolution requesting that the Local Legislative Delegation introduce state-wide legislation that will require minimum staffing at child-caring institutions, foster care homes, and personal care homes. 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 Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

**2 (17). HOUSING AFFORDABILITY:**

**Resolution (373-23):** A resolution 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. 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 Tucker being absent for the vote and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting. (*SEE FINAL VOTE BELOW*)

**FINAL VOTE:** At different points in time, Councilors Crabb and Begly requested to amend their votes to reflect opposition of the resolution with a **final vote of approval of six-to-two;** Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Cogle, Davis, Garrett, Huff and Thomas voting in favor, Councilors Begly and Crabb voting in opposition, Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

**2 (18). NEW OPTIONS WAIVER PROGRAM AND COMPREHENSIVE SUPPORTS WAIVER PROGRAM:**

**Resolution (374-23):** A resolution requesting that the Local Legislative Delegation evaluate and appropriately fund operation of the New Option Wavier (NOW) and the Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP), which offer home and community-based services for people with Intellectual Disabilities (ID) or Developmental Disabilities (DD). 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 Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

**2 (19). CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE POSTING:**

**Resolution (375-23):** A resolution requesting that the Local Legislative Delegation to the Georgia General Assembly introduce statewide legislative that will require posting of appropriate hotlines to report abuse at child-caring institutions, foster care homes, and personal care homes. 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 Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

**REFERRAL(S):**

**FOR THE CITY MANAGER:**

- Group Legislative Agenda Items 15, 16 & 19 together when presenting them at the luncheon on Thursday. (*Request of Councilor Davis*)



**2 (20). LEGITIMATION PROCEDURES:**

**Resolution (376-23):** A resolution requesting that the Local Legislative Delegation to the Georgia General Assembly introduce/support legislation for making legitimation procedures more easily accessible to biological fathers. 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 Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

**2 (21). TAX ALLOCATION LAW AMENDMENT:**

**Resolution (377-23):** A resolution requesting that the Local Legislative Delegation to the Georgia General Assembly introduce an amendment to O.C.G.A. Section 36-44-21 which allows voluntary acquisition of property within a TAD by elected officials and employees of a political subdivision, but prohibits receipt of any TAD funding by such elected officials or employees; and to further amend said law so as to clarify that elected officials may conduct business within a TAD can run for and hold any elected office in a county which has created TAD Districts. 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 Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

**3. FY 24 Local Government & Improvement Grant (LMIG)**

**Resolution (378-23):** A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, authorizing the application and acceptance of the FY 2024 Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant (LMIG) from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT). Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

**4. State Criminal Alien Assistance Program Grant (SCAAP)**

**Resolution (379-23):** A resolution authorizing the submission and acceptance, if awarded, the Fiscal Year 2024 State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) Funding from the U.S. Department of Justice, in the amount of \$30,295., 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 Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

**5. Flint Energies Foundation Grant**

**Resolution (380-23):** A resolution authorizing the acceptance of a grant award of \$15,000 funded by the Flint Energies Foundation. The Multi-Governmental Fund will be amended by the amount of the award. Councilor Davis made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

**6. PURCHASES**

A. Recreation Centers Roof Project – RFB No. 24-0001

**Resolution (381-23):** A resolution authorizing the execution of a contract with Pittman Waller Roofing Company, LLC (Macon, GA) in the amount of \$1,539,497.00 for the recreation centers roofing project for the Parks and Recreation Department. The unit prices for any unforeseen work will be \$6.50 per board foot to replace deteriorated wood blocking and nailers, \$9.50 per square foot to rehabilitate the meal deck, \$18.00 per square foot to replace the metal deck, \$3.25 per square foot

to replace the roof insulation prior to recovering with new roofing, \$46.80 per square foot to replace the wall system, \$46.80 per square foot to replace the soffit/ceiling system, and \$6.50 per square foot to replace the coating system. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Davis and Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

B. Professional Sign Making and Erecting Services for Alcohol Beverage License Applications (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 24-0006

**Resolution (382-23):** A resolution authorizing the annual contract for professional sign making and erecting services for alcohol beverage license applications, on an “as-needed” basis, with RFG Management Group, LLC d/b/a Sunshine Banners and Signs (Columbus, GA) for the estimated annual contract value of \$10,000.00. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Davis and Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

C. Trophies and Other Miscellaneous Awards (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 24-0004

**Resolution (383-23):** A resolution authorizing the annual contract for the purchase of trophies & other miscellaneous awards from Columbus Fire and Safety Co., Inc. d/b/a Columbus Trophy and Screen Print (Columbus, GA) for the estimated annual contract value of \$102,102.00. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Davis and Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

D. Sixteen (16) Pursuit Interceptor Utility Vehicles for the Muscogee County Sheriff’s Office – Cooperative Purchase via Buyboard Contract #601-19

**Resolution (384-23):** A resolution authorizing the purchase of sixteen (16) vehicles from Caldwell Country Ford d/b/a Rockdale Country Ford, LLC (Rockdale, TX) as follows:

Description	Quantity	Unit cost	Total cost
2024 Ford Explorer Pursuit Interceptor Utility Vehicles (Color: Black)	6	\$55,978.75	\$336,272.50
2024 Ford Explorer Pursuit Interceptor Utility Vehicles (Color: White)	10	\$55,978.75	\$560,187.50
<b>BuyBoard Fee</b>			800.00
<b>Total Units</b>		16	<b>Grand Total</b>
			<b>\$896,460.00</b>

The purchase will be made by cooperative purchase via Buyboard, Contract #601-19. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Davis and Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

E. Scoreboards for Parks and Recreation – TIPS-USA Cooperative Contract

**Resolution (385-23):** A resolution authorizing purchase of scoreboards from Electro-Mech Scoreboard Company (Wrightsville, GA) as follows:

DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	TOTAL COST
LX 1373 BASEBALL SCOREBOARD, 14FT X 6 FT, WITH WIRELESS SYSTEM, ACCESSORIES AND FREIGHT	12	\$88,380.00

LX 3230 FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD, 14FT X 5 FT WITH WIRELESS SYSTEM, ACCESSORIES AND FREIGHT	3	\$24,140.00
LX 1250 BASEBALL SCOREBOARD, 14FT X 5 FT WITH WIRELESS SYSTEM, ACCESSORIES AND FREIGHT	1	\$5,840.00
<b>TOTAL UNITS</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>\$118,360.00</b>

The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via TIPS-USA Contract #220901. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Davis and Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

F. Amendment 12 for Construction Manager as General Contractor Services for Columbus Government Center Complex – RFQ No. 20-0002

**Resolution (386-23):** A resolution authorizing the execution of Amendment 12 in the amount of \$12,871,481.00 with Gilbane Building Company (Atlanta, GA), in association with Freeman & Associates, Inc., for Construction Manager as General Contractor Services for the Government Center Complex. Additionally, authorization is requested to execute any additional amendments not to exceed the remaining funding available in the bond issue. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Davis and Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

G. Cargo Van for the Coroner’s Office – Georgia State Contract Cooperative Purchase

**Resolution (387-23):** A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) Cargo Van (2024 Ford Cargo Van) from Wade Ford (Smyrna, GA) in the amount of \$47,848.00 for the Coroner’s Office. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-SPD-ES40199373-009S. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Davis and Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

H. Two (2) Buses for METRA – Georgia State Contract Cooperative Purchase

**Resolution (388-23):** A resolution authorizing the purchase of two (2) buses (New England Wheels Frontrunner Paratransit Shuttle Buses) from ABC Bus, Inc. (Winter Garden, FL) at a unit price of \$201,410.50, and a total cost of \$402,821.00, for METRA’s Department of Transportation. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-SPD-SPD0000212-0010. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Davis and Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

I. River Road Radio Tower Replacement for Engineering Department – Georgia State Contract Cooperative Purchase

*(NOTE: This item was called upon earlier in the meeting before the Public Agenda.)*

J. Pursuit Vehicle Build Out (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 23-0015

**Resolution (389-23):** A resolution authorizing the execution of an annual contract for pursuit vehicle build out services with Mobile Communications America, Inc. (Columbus, GA), services include the provision and installation of various ancillary equipment in pursuit vehicles, such as: light bars, sirens, prisoner restraint seats, radars, car video, laptops, etc. The contractor will also perform installations for other city-owned vehicles. The annual usage for this contract is approximately \$201,000.00. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and

carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Davis and Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

**REFERRAL(S):**

**FOR THE CITY MANAGER:**

- Look at installing a gate at Rigdon Park that may be able to be opened and closed by the Columbus Police Department. *(Request of Councilor Cogle)*

**7. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS**

A. Amber Clark, Airport Director, CSG Columbus Airport

**Airport Director Amber Clark** approached the rostrum to provide an update on the Columbus Airport. During the presentation she provided information on the logo, community engagement, FY23 grant awards, air services provided/offered, inclusivity, and the future.

B. Judicial Center Update – Ryan Pruett, Director, Inspections & Code

**Inspections & Code Director Ryan Pruett** approached the rostrum to begin the update on the Judicial Center by introducing developers present and stated the process is continuing to move forward with meetings being held with stakeholders such as judges and other judicial employees.

**Principal/Architect Doug Kleppin (S/L/A/M)** approached the rostrum to provide an update on the design of the Judicial Center. During the presentation, he provided alternative designs to address some of the concerns and suggestions brought forward during meetings with judicial employees that will be housed on the new campus. He explained some of the concerns addressed were future expansion and the adjacency of courtrooms, conference rooms, and chambers. He also responded to questions regarding changing designs and the potential cost associated with those delays.

**Senior Project Executive Henry Painter (Gilbane)** approached the rostrum briefly to respond to questions from Mayor Henderson regarding the concerns expressed by representatives of the Springer Opera House. He explained the processes used in ensuring that historic structures are not affected by development and construction.

**REFERRAL(S):**

**FOR THE CITY MANAGER:**

- Provide a list of questions he has received from citizens regarding the development and construction of the Judicial Center. *(Request of Councilor Davis)*
- Developers need to speak with the Fire Chief to discuss how firefighters will be able to get in and out of the fire station at the corner of 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and 10<sup>th</sup> Street during construction of the Judicial Center. *(Request of Councilor Thomas)*
- If traffic is going to be redirected to 9<sup>th</sup> Street during construction, keep in mind the condition of the roadway due to the railroad tracks and the stop of traffic when a train is passing through. *(Request of Councilor Cogle)*
- Wants the City Manager to drill down on the obligations, responsibilities, and any kind of reconciliation with current and future expenditures with this process. Wants to understand the bond obligations a little better with more concrete numbers. *(Request of Councilor Davis)*

- C. Sheriff's Office Administration Building Update – Ryan Pruett, Director, Inspections & Code. *DELAYED by the City Manager at the request of Muscogee County Sheriff Greg Countryman, who wishes to be present when update is provided.*

- D. UDO Updates Presentation – Will Johnson, Director, Planning

**Planning Director Will Johnson** approached the rostrum to provide an update on the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO). During the presentation, he addressed the need for direction from the Council on the proposed gas station policy update and the composition of the Historic & Architectural Review Board (BHAR).

### **BID ADVERTISEMENT**

**DATE:** October 10, 2023

#### **October 11, 2023**

1. **Pool Slide Restoration for Double Churches Pool – RFB No. 24-0012**

Scope of Bid

The Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) is seeking quotes from qualified vendors to provide pool slide restoration for the Columbus Parks & Recreation Double Churches Pool. The work shall be completed during Fall 2023, after swimming season.

2. **Historic Bus Exterior Restoration and Repainting (Re-Bid) – RFB No. 24-0008**

Scope of Bid

Specifications define the requirements for the exterior refurbish and repainting of one (1) historic, vintage bus which is operated by METRA Transit System as the stationary “Freedom Express Bus Museum”.

#### **October 18, 2023**

1. **Touch Screen Information Kiosks for METRA – RFB No. 24-0011**

Scope of Bid

The Columbus, Georgia, Metropolitan Transit System (METRA) is soliciting bid response for the procurement of one (1) Outdoor Double-Sided Information Kiosk and one (1) Indoor Single-Sided Information Kiosk for use at METRA's bus station, the METRA Transfer Center.

#### **REFERRALS:**

Referrals 9.26.23

### **CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA**

#### **ENCLOSURES - INFORMATION ONLY**

1. Notice from Suzanne Widenhouse, Chief Appraiser, Re: Update to prior notice of August 1, 2023, Tax Abatement Agreement on 2023 Series Bond.

#### **ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED**

2. **RESOLUTION (390-23)** - A Resolution changing the regularly scheduled Council Meetings for the month of November 2023. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution as

amended with the November 7, 2023, Council Meeting time being changed from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 a.m., seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

3. **RESOLUTION (391-23)** - A Resolution changing the regularly scheduled Council Meetings for the month of December 2023. Councilor Crabb made a motion to amend the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.
4. Email Correspondence from Mr. Jack Rosenhammer, Chairman of the Civic Center Advisory Board, requesting that the seat of Ms. Nicole Adderly- District 7 representative be declared vacant due to a lack of attendance. Councilor Thomas made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.
5. Email Correspondence from Ms. Natalie Bouyett, Board Secretary to the Land Bank Authority, requesting that the seat of Mr. Chris Phillips be declared vacant due to relocating outside of Muscogee County. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

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

Board of Health, January 25, February 22, March 22, April 26, May 24, June 28, & August 23, 2023

Board of Tax Assessors, #32-23 and #33-23

Hospital Authority of Columbus, July 25, and August 29, 2023

Housing Authority of Columbus, August 16, 2023

Land Bank Authority, July 12, and September 21, 2023

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to receive the minutes of various boards, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

**ADD-ON RESOLUTION**

**RESOLUTION (392-23)** - A resolution excusing Councilor Jerry "Pops" Barnes from the October 10, 2023 Council Meeting. 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 Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED**

7. **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.

**8. COUNCIL NOMINATIONS- THREE NOMINEES ARE SENT TO THE AUTHORITY FOR SELECTION:**

**A. HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:**

A nominee for the seat of Warner Kennon, Jr. (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on November 14, 2023, on the Hospital Authority of Columbus (*Council's Nomination*). Clerk of Council Davis stated the recommendations for the seat of Warner Kennon, Jr. are Mike Mayhew, Tracey Sayers and Warner Kennon, Jr. Councilor Huff made a motion to forward the recommendations to the Hospital Authority for selection, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

A nominee for the seat of Sarah Banks-Lang (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on November 14, 2023, on the Hospital Authority of Columbus (*Council's Nomination*). Clerk of Council Davis stated the recommendations for the seat of Sarah Banks-Lang are Mike Mayhew, Tracey Sayers and Sarah Banks-Lang. Councilor Huff made a motion to forward the recommendations to the Hospital Authority for selection, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

A nominee for the seat of Jennings Chester (*Rotating off the authority*) for a term expiring on November 14, 2023, on the Hospital Authority of Columbus (*Council's Nomination*). Clerk of Council Davis stated the recommendations for the seat of Jennings Chester are Wayne Joiner, Mike Mayhew and Tracey Sayers. Councilor Huff made a motion to forward the recommendations to the Hospital Authority for selection, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

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

**A. CIVIC CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:**

A nominee for the seat of Danielle Edwards (*Seat declared vacant*) for a term that expires on March 2, 2025, as the District 1 Representative on the Civic Center Advisory Board (*Council District 1- Barnes*). Clerk of Council Davis stated Councilor Barnes is nominating Charles Huff to fill the unexpired term of Danielle Edwards. Councilor Thomas made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

A nominee for the seat of Nicole Adderly (*Seat declared vacant*) for a term that expires on March 1, 2025, as the District 7 Representative on the Civic Center Advisory Board (*Council District 7- Cogle*). Councilor Cogle is nominating Romeo Byll to fill the unexpired term of Nicole Adderly. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously

by the eight members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting.

**UPCOMING BOARD APPOINTMENTS:**

- A. Airport Commission (Council's Confirmation)
- B. Board of Elections & Registration (Council's Appointment)
- C. Board of Health (Council's Appointment)
- D. Board of Tax Assessors (Council's Appointment)
- E. Cooperative Extension Advisory Board (Council's Appointment)
- F. The Medical Center Hospital Authority (Council's Nomination/Authority's Selection)
- G. Tree Board (Council's Appointment)

**BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS:**

**Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis** stated she would be bringing back on the next agenda for the Board of Water Commissioners the seat of Clint Cox, who will no longer be a resident of Muscogee County.

**BOARD OF TAX ASSESSORS:**

**Councilor Charmaine Crabb** renominated Todd Hammons to serve another term on the Board of Tax Assessors.

**REFERRAL(S):**

**FOR THE CITY MANAGER:**

- Check on a past referral made regarding signage on Old Guard Way. (*Request of Councilor Davis*)

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Allen to adjourn the October 10, 2023 Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote, Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting, and the time being 2:21 p.m.

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Sandra T. Davis, CMC  
Clerk of Council  
Council of Columbus, Georgia