

COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council Chambers
C. E. "Red" McDaniel City Services Center- Second Floor
3111 Citizens Way, Columbus, GA 31906

April 25, 2023
5:30 PM
Regular Meeting

MAYOR'S AGENDA

PRESENT: Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III and Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen and Councilors Jerry "Pops" Barnes, Joanne Cogle, Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis (via Microsoft Teams), R. Walker Garrett (via Microsoft Teams), John M. House, Bruce Huff, Judy W. Thomas, and Toyia Tucker (via Microsoft Teams). City Manager Isaiah Hugley, City Attorney Clifton Fay, Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis, and Deputy Clerk of Council Lindsey G. McLemore were present.

The following documents have been included as a part of the electronic Agenda Packet: (1) Georgia Cities Week Presentation; (2) Illegal Dumping Presentation; (3) County Line Road/Mehaffey Road Round-A-Bout

The following documents were distributed around the Council table: (1) Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Block Party Flyer; (2) Georgia Cities Week Activities Information; (3) Columbus, Georgia Consolidated Government Fiscal Year 2024 Recommended Operating Budget

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Henderson

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the April 11, 2023 Council Meeting and Executive Session. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

RESIGNATION OF COUNCILOR JOHN HOUSE:

Deputy Garrison Commander Brandon Cockrell and Chief of Current Operations Charles Auer approached the rostrum to present the Department of Army Meritorious Public Service Medal on behalf of Major General Curtis A. Buzzard and Colonel Colin P. Mahle to Councilor John House and his wife, Marilyn House, for their support of the soldiers and families of the Chattahoochee Valley Community.

Councilor John House made a statement, informing the citizens of Columbus, Georgia that he is resigning from his position as the District 10 At-Large City Councilors. He stated that this difficult decision was so that he could take care of his spouse of forty-nine years, Mrs. Marilyn House. He explained the process in Council choosing a councilor to take his place is governed by the Charter, and the election to fill his seat will take place in May 2024 with a Special Election and later in a General Election.

APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILOR:

Councilor House made a motion to appoint Mr. Tyson Begly to the District 10 At-Large seat, seconded by Councilor Crabb.

Councilor Huff made a motion for the appointment of Ms. Ku’Wonna Ingram.

Mayor Henderson called for the vote for the appointment of Mr. Tyson Begly, which was carried by a majority vote of nine with Councilor Huff voting for Ms. Ku’Wonna Ingram.

ADD-ON RESOLUTION

- 2. **Resolution (146-23)** - A resolution expressing appreciation to Councilor John House for his dedicated service to the Columbus Council and the citizens of Columbus, Georgia. After reading the resolution in its entirety into the records, Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Thomas and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

NOTE: Councilor John House left the meeting after the reading and presentation of the resolution in his honor.

OATH OF OFFICE

- 3. Oath of Office administered to the newly appointed Columbus Council District 10 At-Large member by Chief Superior Court Judge Arthur L. Smith, III and Probate Court Judge Marc E. D’Antonio.

NOTE: Newly appointed Councilor Tyson Begly took his respective seat at the Council dais.

PROCLAMATIONS:

- 4. **Proclamation:** National Therapy Animal Day
Receiving: Angie Zapata

Councilor Joanne Cogle read the proclamation into the record, proclaiming Sunday, April 30, 2023, as *National Therapy Animal Day*, recognizing various volunteers who take therapy animals to visit citizens in medical and nursing facilities.

- 5. **Proclamation:** Georgia Cities Week
Receiving: Deputy City Manager Lisa Goodwin

Councilor Charmaine Crabb read the proclamation into the record, proclaiming April 23-29, 2023, as *Georgia Cities Week*, recognizing the opportunity for local governments to inform and engage citizens on the functions of their cities.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

5. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

B. Georgia Cities Week - Lisa Goodwin, Deputy City Manager

Deputy City Manager Lisa Goodwin approached the rostrum to introduce a presentation given by various General Government Departments and Public Safety Departments, providing information on the events their respective departments have planned for Georgia Cities Week. (*NOTE: This presentation was called up as the next order of business as listed on the City Manager's Agenda Item 5"B*)

MAYOR'S AGENDA (continued)

6. **Proclamation:** Small Business Week

Receiving: Greater Columbus, Georgia Chamber of Commerce

Councilor Judy W. Thomas read the proclamation into the record, proclaiming April 30 thru May 6, 2023, as *Small Business Week*, recognizing small businesses in the community as the backbone of our economy and the cornerstones of our nation's promise.

7. **Proclamation:** Mental Health Awareness Month

Receiving: Staff of New Horizons

Councilor Jerry 'Pops' Barnes read the proclamation into the record, proclaiming May 2023 as *Mental Health Awareness Month*, recognizing the Staff of New Horizons for their efforts in bringing awareness to the community on the mental health.

8. **Proclamation:** National Library Week

Receiving: Columbus Area Library Association, Dr. Kimberly Scott

Councilor Charmaine Crabb read the proclamation into the record, proclaiming April 23-29, 2023, as *National Library Week*, recognizing local libraries for their promotion of the free exchange of information and ideas for all.

9. **Proclamation:** Gertrude "Ma" Rainey Celebration

Councilor Bruce Huff read the proclamation into the record, recognizing the late "Ma" Rainey-Mother of Blues, for receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award at the 2023 Grammys and celebrating her legacy and contributions to music.

PRESENTATIONS:

10. Post Legislative Update (Presented by Senator Ed Harbison)

Senator Ed Harbison approached the rostrum along with **Senator Randy Robertson, Representative Carolyn Hugley, Representative Debbie Buckner, and Representative Teddy Reese** to provide a post legislative update on the various legislative activities they were involved in during the recent sessions of the Georgia General Assembly.

11. Summer Youth Engagement - Proposing a united strategic plan for the summer to increase youth employment Monday - Saturday in one of the heavy crime areas of the city. (Presented by Dr. Gail Burgos, representing Girls Inc. of Columbus)

(NOTE: This presentation was postponed and not presented during the meeting.)

12. **MAYOR'S FY2024 BUDGET PRESENTATION:** Mayor Henderson presents the Recommended FY2024 Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

Mayor B. H. 'Skip' Henderson presented the Mayor's Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2024, where he addressed the difficulties faced during the preparation of the budget due to the concerted and intentional efforts of the Council to do what could be done to minimize the impact from supply lines and labor force issues. He explained the implementation of the new pay plan, supplementing for the Integrated Waste Fund Reserve Balance, and the delivery of emergency services through Columbus Fire & EMS. He stated for the eighth year in a row, an increase in the employee contribution to their benefits is not being recommended.

Finance Director Angelica Alexander approached the rostrum to provide the schedule for the Budget Review Committee, as well as the required public hearings.

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

1. **Ordinance (23-019) - 2nd Reading-** REZN-02-23-0213: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **4128 Forrest Road** (parcel # 086-024-002) from NC (Neighborhood Commercial) Zoning District to SFR2 (Single Family Residential 2) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Barnes) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Barnes and carried unanimously by the ten members present.
2. **Ordinance (23-020) - 2nd Reading-** REZN-02-23-0214: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **5769 / 5747 Veterans Parkway** (parcel # 189-011-011 / 189-011-012) from NC (Neighborhood Commercial) Zoning District to GC (General Commercial) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Garrett) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the ten members present.
3. **Ordinance (23-021) - 2nd Reading-** REZN-02-23-0215: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **3019 5th Avenue** (parcel # 015-002-019) from GC (General Commercial) Zoning District to LMI (Light Manufacturing / Industrial) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Garrett) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

4. **Ordinance (23-022) - 2nd Reading-** REZN-02-23-0216- An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **5436 Forrest Road** (parcel # 096-022-015) from NC (Neighborhood Commercial) Zoning District to GC (General Commercial) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Barnes) Councilor Barnes made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

5. **Ordinance (23-023) - 2nd Reading-** An ordinance extending the business and occupation tax licensing deadline established by local law for the year 2023; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem) Councilor Huff made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Mr. Ralph Corizzo, Re: A request to exempt Walden Pond Development from the requirement to install sidewalks on Emerson Way and Thoreau Court. (*Continuation from April 11, 2023 Meeting at the request of Mayor Pro Tem Allen*)

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the request for an exemption from requirements to install sidewalks on Emerson Way and Thoreau Court, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

2. Mrs. Bertha Averett, Re: The handling of the Police Chief's retirement. ***Not Present***
3. Ms. Porsche Edmonds, The Garden of Vision, Re: Crime in Columbus. ***Not Present***
4. Mr. Paul Cluverius, Re: Section 20-21.1 Personal Transportation Devices: Propose expanding the limits of travel to include the areas around Highside Market as well as Fetch Dog Park. (*Mr. Cluverius was not present in the Council Chambers when he was called upon to address the members of Council. See Below where Mayor Henderson recognized Mr. Cluverius later during the Public Agenda.*)
5. Mrs. Cora Jenkins, Re: False alarm concerns.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE MAYOR:

- Look into the system used to detect false alarms throughout the city and the rates charged to citizens. (*Request of Councilor Barnes*)
 - Let's schedule the topic of false alarms on the next work session agenda for further discussion. (*Request of Mayor Henderson*)
4. Mr. Paul Cluverius, Re: Section 20-21.1 Personal Transportation Devices: Propose expanding the limits of travel to include the areas around Highside Market as well as Fetch Dog Park.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Get the Columbus Police Department to come to Council to discuss expanding the areas in which citizens can operate personal transportation devices. (*Request of Councilor Cogle*)

- Include Columbus Fire & EMS in the discussion. (*Request of Councilor Thomas*)

6. Mr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr., Re: Public Agenda decorum.
7. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: A need for strategic planning to address the issues that will improve the quality of life for all citizens.
8. Mr. Wane Hailes, representing the Columbus NAACP, Re: Amending the 60 day rule and appointment of city council member.
9. Mrs. Evie M. Kettler, Re: A discussion on tethering.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Transit Trust Fund Program (TTFP) Grant Request for Solar Lighting at METRA Bus Stops.

Resolution (147-23): A resolution authorizing the submission of an application to the Transit Trust Fund Program (TTFP) in an amount up to \$213,295.00 or as otherwise awarded, and if awarded, amend the Transportation Fund by the amount of the grant award. There is no local match requirement. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

2. Liberty Theatre, State of Georgia Department of Community Affairs OneGeorgia Grant

Resolution (148-23): A resolution authorizing the acceptance of a OneGeorgia Grant from the State of Georgia Department of Community Affairs for \$150,000 and to amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the award. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

3. Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant Request

Resolution (149-23): A resolution authorizing the submission of an application to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for a grant to fund the Muscogee County Juvenile Court and, if awarded, accept the grant and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the grant award for the grant period is from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

4. PURCHASES

A. Property Clean-Up Services (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 23-0027

Resolution (150-23): A resolution authorizing the execution of an annual contract with Express Pressure Washing, LLC (McDonough, GA), to provide property clean-up services on an “as needed” basis for the estimated contract value of \$51,160.00. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

B. Tire Leasing Services for City Buses (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 23-0029

Resolution (151-23): A resolution authorizing the annual contract for tire leasing services from Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations, LLC (Nashville, TN), for the estimated contract value of

\$38,566.71 for the first year, \$39,706.12 for the second year, \$40,916.71 for the third year, and the total estimated three-year contract value of \$119,189.53. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

C. 7-Yard Dump Truck for Public Works Department – Georgia State Contract Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (152-23): A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) 7-yard dump truck (New International MV607 Single Axle Chassis with dump body mounted on complete unit) from Rush Truck Center (Atlanta, GA) in the amount of \$129,647.00 for the Rainwater Division. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-SPD-SPD0000155-0001. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

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

Resolution (153-23): A resolution authorizing the execution of an annual contract with Nexair, LLC (Memphis, TN) for the purchase of carbon dioxide in liquid bulk and the rental of six (6) 750lb tanks for the City swimming pools for the estimated annual contract value of \$30,532.50. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

E. Contract Amendments 6, 7, and 8 for Construction Manager as General Contractor Services for Columbus Government Center Complex – RFQ No. 20-0002

Resolution (154-23): A resolution authorizing the execution of Contract Amendments 6, 7, and 8 with Gilbane Building Company (Atlanta, GA), in association with Freeman & Associates, Inc., in the total amount of \$2,391,853.00 for costs associated with equipment purchases at the new Sheriff's Administration Building and for the addition of a generator and parking garage security cameras at City Hall. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

F. 18-Yard Dump Truck for Parks and Recreation Department – Georgia State Contract Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (155-23): A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) 18-yard dump truck (New International MV607 Tandem Chassis with dump body mounted on complete unit) from Rush Truck Center (Atlanta, GA) in the amount of \$159,861.00 for the Park Services Division. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-SPD-SPD0000155-0001. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

G. Twenty-One Foot Rigid Inflatable Patrol Boat (RIB) for Sheriff's Office – Cooperative Purchase via Federal GSA Grant

Resolution (156-23): A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) twenty-one foot (Fluid WaterCraft) rigid inflatable patrol boat from Phoenix Trading, Inc., (Rockville, MD), in the amount of \$83,169.70. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Federal GSA Contract #47QMCA18D0006. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

5. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. Illegal Dumping Hotline - Lisa Goodwin, Deputy City Manager for Operations

Deputy City Manager Lisa Goodwin approached the rostrum to provide information on the new Illegal Dumping Hotline that citizens can call to anonymously report illegal dumping. She explained that citizens can upload videos, pictures, and other information to the 311 APP, which then could be forwarded to the proper authorities.

- B. Georgia Cities Week - Lisa Goodwin, Deputy City Manager

(NOTE: This update, as provided by Deputy City Manager Lisa Goodwin, was called upon earlier in the meeting during the Mayor's Agenda.)

- C. Proposed interim measures for traffic at Mehaffey Road and County Line Road intersection
- Donna Newman, Director of Engineering

Engineering Director Donna Newman approached the rostrum to provide information on a proposed round-a-bout at the intersection of County Line Road and Mehaffey Road. She explained as long as there are no objections from the members of Council, they would begin ordering supplies once schools have let out for the summer.

- D. CACC Audit Findings: Staffing Issues - Drale Short, Public Works Director (Delayed because power point didn't go out as required.)

- E. Integrated Waste Update - Drale Short, Director, Public Works Director (Delayed because power point didn't go out as required.)

- F. Magistrate Court Update - Judge Steven Smith

Finance Director Angelica Alexander approached the rostrum to explain the Magistrate Court is appearing before Council pursuant to Ordinance 13-39, requesting an additional appropriation for this fiscal year starting May 1, 2023 of \$2,334.00 with an annual appropriation of about \$14,000 to increase the pay for public defender services.

Judge Steven Smith approached the rostrum to explain the need for an increase in funds to continue to contract an attorney to provide public defender services for Magistrate Court.

Councilor Thomas made a motion to approve \$14,000.00, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

- G. Fire/EMS Update - Chief Sal Scarpa

Finance Director Angelica Alexander approached the rostrum to explain the Fire & EMS Department is appearing before Council pursuant to Ordinance 13-39, requesting an additional \$1.1 million for their FY 2023 Budget for auto parts and supplies, fuel, and over-time compensation.

Councilor Thomas made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

Fire & EMS Chief Sal Scarpa approached the rostrum to explain the department has made great strides in reducing the overtime, and he foresees it no longer being an issue by this time next year. He stated that auto parts and fuel is expected to continue to be a challenge.

BID ADVERTISEMENT

April 26, 2023

1. Truck and Trailer Wrap Graphics for Parks and Recreation (Re-Bid) – PQ No. 23-0018

Scope of PQ

The Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) is seeking quotes from qualified vendors to design, provide and install truck and trailer wrap graphics for the Parks and Recreation Department.

April 28, 2023

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

Scope of RFP

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

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

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

May 5, 2023

1. Office Supplies (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 23-0019

Scope of RFP

The Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) is seeking to contract with a qualified vendor to provide office supplies for various City Departments on an “as needed” basis.

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

May 10, 2023

1. Concrete Pipe (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 23-0035

Scope of RFB

Columbus Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia (the City) is seeking vendors to provide concrete pipe in various sizes on an “as needed” basis for use by the Public Works Department.

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

May 12, 2023

1. Right of Way Acquisition Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 23-0026

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government of Columbus (the City) is seeking multiple consultants to provide Right of Way Acquisition Services on an “as needed” basis.

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

2. Emergency/Non-Emergency Notification System (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 23-0028

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government of Columbus (the City) is seeking proposals from qualified vendors to provide and support an emergency/non-emergency notification system.

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

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

Scope of RFP

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

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

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

Scope of RFP

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

5. On-Call Services for Installation or Replacement of Storm Sewer / Combined Sewer Systems (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 23-0035

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) invites qualified offerors to submit proposals to provide all materials, equipment and services required to install or replace elements of storm sewer / combined sewer systems located throughout Columbus-Muscogee County. The Engineering Department will procure the services on an as-needed basis.

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

6. Upgrade and/or Replace Existing Equipment for CCG-TV Operations – RFP No. 23-0037

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government of Columbus (the City) is seeking proposals from qualified vendors to provide TV production equipment upgrade or replacement with compatible brand equipment, if needed, for the CCG-TV Studio, Control Room, Council Chambers, Council Conference Room, CSC Lobby and CSC Community Room.

May 17, 2023

1. Historic Bus Exterior Restoration and Repainting (Re-Bid) – RFB No. 23-0034

Scope of RFB

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

May 19, 2023

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

Scope of RFP

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

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

CLERK OF COUNCIL’S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

1. Email Correspondence from Tonika Wadley, Muscogee County Director of Georgia Division of Family & Children Services, requesting that the seat of Ms. Tolua Puailoa be declared vacant due to a lack of attendance. Councilor Thomas made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote.

2. Minutes of the following boards:

Board of Elections & Registration, February 2, 2023

Board of Tax Assessors, #12-23 & 13-23

Development Authority of Columbus, March 2, 2023

Family & Children Services Board, November 18, 2021; March 17, April 21, July 21, August 18, September 15 and December 15, 2022

Planning Advisory Commission, March 15, 2023

Uptown Facade Board, March 20, 2023

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to receive the minutes of various boards, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

3. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS- READY FOR CONFIRMATION:

A. COLUMBUS AQUATICS COMMISSION: Mr. Tim Crabb was nominated to fill the expired term of Mr. David Helmick. (*Councilor Crabb's nominee*) Term expires: June 30, 2024. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote.

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

A. BUILDING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:

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

A nominee for the seat of Vincent Allen (*Resigned*) for a term that expired on March 24, 2023, on the Building Authority of Columbus (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

B. COLUMBUS AQUATICS COMMISSION:

A nominee for the seat of Bruce Samuels (*Not eligible to succeed*) for a term that expired on June 30, 2022, on the Columbus Aquatics Commission (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

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

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

D. COOPERATIVE EXTENSION ADVISORY BOARD:

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

UPCOMING BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

- A. Board of Family & Children Services (Council's Appointment)
- B. Columbus Aquatics Commission (Council's Appointment)

- C. Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (Council's Appointment)
- D. Pension Fund, Employees' Board of Trustees (Mayor & City Manager's Appointment)
- E. Region Six Regional Advisory Council for Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (Council's Appointment)
- F. Retirees' Health Benefits Committee (Mayor & Council's Appointment)
- G. Valley Partnership Joint Development Authority (Council's Appointment)

REGION SIX REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES:

Councilor Barnes nominated Ms. Latasha Morss for an upcoming expiring term on the Region Six Regional Advisory Council for Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities.

NEW POLICE CHIEF SEARCH:

Mayor Henderson gave a brief update on the search for a new police chief. He advised that they have been working with the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police, and the association has provided several candidates.

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Allen to adjourn the April 25, 2023 Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote and the time being 8:24 p.m.

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