

# COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

## CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

August 27, 2024  
5:30 PM  
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 and Councilors Travis L. Chambers, Joanne Cogle, Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis (arrived at 5:32 p.m.), R. Walker Garrett, Byron Hickey, Bruce Huff (arrived at 5:41 p.m.), Judy W. Thomas and Toyia Tucker. City Manager Isaiah Hugley, City Attorney Clifton Fay, Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis, Deputy Clerk of Council Lindsey G. McLemore and Deputy Clerk Pro Tem Tameka Colbert.

**The following documents have been included as a part of the electronic Agenda Packet:** (1) Homeland Security Emergency Management Update Presentation; (2) American Rescue Plan Update Presentation; (3) CSC and Carver Park Splash Pad Timelines Presentation; (4) Columbus Fire & EMS Building Renovation Presentation

**The following documents were distributed around the Council table:** (1) Documents Submitted by PA#6 Jene' McDowell; (2) Documents Submitted by Michael Waddell; (3) Documents Submitted by PA#9 Kathy Tanner; (4) Documents Submitted by PA#10 Kirven Boyce; (5) Muscogee County Coroner's Office – Budget Request Information

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

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*NOTE: Councilor Davis arrived at 5:32 p.m.*

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**INVOCATION:** Offered by Pastor Corey J. Neal- Greater Peace Baptist Church of Columbus, Georgia

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by FY2025 Youth Advisory Council.

**OATH OF OFFICE:** Mayor Henderson administered the Oath of Office to the FY2025 Youth Advisory Council.

### MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the August 13, 2024, Council Meeting and Executive Session. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent for the vote.

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*NOTE: Councilor Huff arrived at 5:41 p.m.*

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**PROCLAMATION:**

2. **Proclamation:** National Passport Awareness Month

**Receiving:** Danielle Forte, Clerk of Superior Court

**Councilor Toyia Tucker** read the proclamation into the record proclaiming September 2024, as *National Passport Awareness Month*, recognizing the Clerk of Superior Court’s Office for providing passport services to the community.

**PRESENTATION:**

4. Emergency Management Services Update - Chance Corbett, Director, Emergency Management & Homeland Security

**Emergency Management & Homeland Security Director Chance Corbett** approached the rostrum to provide an update on emergency management services in the community. Director Corbett shared information on the recent projects his department has headed or been part of, such as, the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, WHINSEC Exercises, Emergency Operations Center, Unified Mobile Command Vehicle, emergency notification methods, and various training courses.

**CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA**

**10. Homeland Security Grant Funding**

**Resolution (281-24):** A resolution requesting authorization to sign the grant application, associated documents to purchase a portable x-ray machine, and grant closeout documents as required by the Georgia Emergency Management Agency and Homeland Security. **(Add-On)** *(NOTE: This item was called up as the next order of business as listed on the City Manager’s Agenda Item 10)* Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

**REFERRAL(S):**

**FOR THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT & HOMELAND SECURITY:**

- Provide extra weather radios and QR codes for the *All-Hands-on Deck Event* on September 10, 2024, at Carver Park. *(Request of Councilor Tucker)*

**MAYOR'S AGENDA (continued)**

**PROCLAMATIONS:**

3. **Proclamation:** Donna Newman Day

**Receiving:** Donna Newman- Director of Engineering (Retirement Appreciation)

**Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen** read the proclamation into the record proclaiming Friday, August 30, 2024, as *Donna Newman Day*, recognizing the 35-years of dedicated service and retirement of Engineering Director Donna Newman.

# **CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA**

## **1. Director of Engineering**

**Resolution (282-24):** A resolution authorizing the appointment of Mr. Ronald Vance Beck as Director of the Department of Engineering. (*NOTE: This item was called up as the next order of business as listed on the City Manager's Agenda Item 1*) Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

## **MAYOR'S AGENDA (continued)**

### **CRIME PREVENTION GRANTS:**

**Crime Prevention Director Seth Brown** approached the rostrum to present the requests for Crime Prevention Grants, introduce the members of the Crime Prevention Boards, and respond to questions from the members of Council.

Councilor Tucker made a motion to allow Councilor Chambers to recuse himself from voting on the Mayor's Agenda Items 16 and 31, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to allow Councilor Cogle to recuse herself from voting on the Mayor's Agenda Item 24, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

5. Better Work Georgia - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a local assistance grant agreement with Better Work Georgia for \$15,000.00 in Crime Prevention funds.

**Resolution (283-24):** A resolution authorizing the execution of a one-year contract with Better Work for \$15,000 for the purpose of funding the Trade School Program. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

6. Boys and Girls Club - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a local assistance grant agreement with Boys and Girls Club for \$5,000.00 in Crime Prevention funds.

**Resolution (284-24):** A resolution authorizing the execution of a one-year contract with the Boys and Girls Club of Columbus for \$5,000 for the purpose of funding the Delinquency Prevention Initiative. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

7. Boyz 2 Men - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a local assistance grant agreement with Boyz 2 Men for \$20,000.00 in Crime Prevention funds.

**Resolution (285-24):** A resolution authorizing the execution of a one-year contract with Boyz2 Men for \$20,000 for the purpose of funding the initiatives of Boyz 2 Men. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

8. Building Toward Wellness - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a local assistance grant agreement with Building Toward Wellness for \$10,000.00 in Crime Prevention funds.

**Resolution (286-24):** A resolution authorizing the execution of a one-year contract with Building Towards Wellness for \$10,000.00 for the purpose of funding the initiatives of the Building Toward Wellness Community Coalition. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

9. Children 1st - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a local assistance grant agreement with Children 1st for \$10,000.00 in Crime Prevention funds.

**Resolution (287-24):** A resolution authorizing the execution of a one-year contract with Children 1<sup>st</sup> for \$10,000.00 for the purpose of funding the initiatives of Children 1<sup>st</sup>. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

10. Clement Arts - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a local assistance grant agreement with Clement Arts for \$15,000.00 in Crime Prevention funds.

**Resolution (288-24):** A resolution authorizing the execution of a one-year contract with Clement Arts for \$15,000.00 for the purpose of funding the initiatives of the Clement Arts Program. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

11. Columbus Community Center - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a local assistance grant agreement with Columbus Community Center for \$31,000.00 in Crime Prevention funds.

**Resolution (289-24):** A resolution authorizing the execution of a one-year contract with Columbus Community Center for \$31,000.00 for the purpose of funding the initiatives of the Columbus Community Center. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

12. Columbus Community Orchestra - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a local assistance grant agreement with Columbus Community Orchestra for \$5,000.00 in Crime Prevention funds.

**Resolution (290-24):** A resolution authorizing the execution of a one-year contract with Columbus Community Orchestra for \$5,000.00 for the purpose of funding the initiatives of the Orchestra Program. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

13. Columbus Dream Center - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a local assistance grant agreement with Columbus Dream Center for \$25,000.00 in Crime Prevention funds.

**Resolution (291-24):** A resolution authorizing the execution of a one-year contract with the Columbus Dream Center for \$25,000.00 for the purpose of funding the Restorative Program. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

14. Columbus Scholars - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a local assistance grant agreement with Columbus Scholars for \$10,000.00 in Crime Prevention funds.

**Resolution (292-24):** A resolution authorizing the execution of a one-year contract with Columbus Scholars for \$10,000.00 for the purpose of funding the education of juveniles within Muscogee County. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

15. Columbus Symphony Orchestra - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a local assistance grant agreement with Columbus Symphony Orchestra for \$15,000.00 in Crime Prevention funds.

**Resolution (293-24):** A resolution authorizing the execution of a one-year contract with Columbus Symphony Orchestra for \$15,000.00 for the purpose of funding the initiatives of the Making Music Matter Program. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

16. Columbus Technical College - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a local assistance grant agreement with Columbus Technical College for \$135,000.00 in Crime Prevention funds.

**Resolution (294-24):** A resolution authorizing the execution of a one-year contract with Columbus Technical College for \$135,000.00 for the purpose of funding the initiatives of the Non-Violent Felon Employment Program. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by nine members of Council, with Councilor Chambers being recused.

17. CORTA - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a local assistance grant agreement with CORTA for \$20,000.00 in Crime Prevention funds.

**Resolution (295-24):** A resolution authorizing the execution of a one-year contract with CORTA for \$20,000.00 for the purpose of funding the initiatives of CORTA. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

18. East Carver Heights - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a local assistance grant agreement with East Carver Heights for \$25,000.00 in Crime Prevention funds.

**Resolution (296-24):** A resolution authorizing the execution of a one-year contract with East Carver-Boxwood Soccer of Columbus for \$25,000.00 for the purpose of funding the Boxwood Mentoring/Soccer Program. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

19. Emmanuel Prep - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a local assistance grant agreement with Emmanuel Prep for \$20,000.00 in Crime Prevention funds.

**Resolution (297-24):** A resolution authorizing the execution of a one-year contract with Emmanuel Preparatory for \$20,000.00 for the purpose of funding the initiatives of Emmanuel Preparatory. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

20. F.A.I.T.H. - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a local assistance grant agreement with F.A.I.T.H. for \$20,000.00 in Crime Prevention funds.

**Resolution (298-24):** A resolution authorizing the execution of a one-year contract with Feeding, Accepting, Inspiring, the Hurting, Inc. (F.A.I.T.H.) for \$20,000.00 for the purpose of funding the initiatives of Feeding, Accepting, Inspiring, the Hurting, Inc. (F.A.I.T.H.). Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

21. F.L.O.W. - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a local assistance grant agreement with F.L.O.W. for \$50,000.00 in Crime Prevention funds.

**Resolution (299-24):** A resolution authorizing the execution of a one-year contract with Flouring Ladies for \$50,000.00 for the purpose of funding the initiatives of Flourishing Ladies. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

22. Focus Program - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a local assistance grant agreement with Focus Program for \$40,000.00 in Crime Prevention funds.

**Resolution (300-24):** A resolution authorizing the execution of a one-year contract with the Focus Program for \$40,000.00 for the purpose of funding the mentoring program. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

23. Girls Inc. - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a local assistance grant agreement with Girls Inc. for \$10,000.00 in Crime Prevention funds.

**Resolution (301-24):** A resolution authorizing the execution of a one-year contract with the Girls, Inc. of Columbus for \$10,000.00 for the purpose of funding the College and Career Prep Courses. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

24. Hope Harbour - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a local assistance grant agreement with Hope Harbour for \$15,000.00 in Crime Prevention funds.

**Resolution (302-24):** A resolution authorizing the execution of a one-year contract with Hope Harbour for \$15,000.00 for the purpose of funding the initiatives of Hope Harbour. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by nine members of Council, with Councilor Cogle being recused.

25. Kappa Alpha Psi - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a local assistance grant agreement with Kappa Alpha Psi for \$25,000.00 in Crime Prevention funds.

**Resolution (303-24):** A resolution authorizing the execution of a one-year contract with Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. Columbus (GA) Alumni Chapter for \$25,000.00 for the purpose of funding the initiatives of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. Columbus (GA) Alumni Chapter. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

26. Lifebridge - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a local assistance grant agreement with Lifebridge for \$20,000.00 in Crime Prevention funds.

**Resolution (304-24):** A resolution authorizing the execution of a one-year contract with the Life Bridge Program for \$20,000.00 for the purpose of funding the Mentoring Program. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

27. Literacy Alliance - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a local assistance grant agreement with Literacy Alliance for \$20,000.00 in Crime Prevention funds.

**Resolution (305-24):** A resolution authorizing the execution of a one-year contract with Literacy Alliance of Columbus for \$20,000.00 for the purpose of funding the initiatives of Literacy Alliance. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

28. Micah's Promise - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a local assistance grant agreement with Micah's Promise for \$20,000.00 in Crime Prevention funds.

**Resolution (306-24):** A resolution authorizing the execution of a one-year contract with Micah's Promise for \$20,000.00 for the purpose of funding the initiatives of the Micah's Promise Program. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

29. N.F.O.A.A.Y. - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a local assistance grant agreement with N.F.O.A.A.Y. for \$15,000.00 in Crime Prevention funds.

**Resolution (307-24):** A resolution authorizing the execution of a one-year contract with Neighborhoods Focused on African American Youth, Inc. for \$15,000.00 for the purpose of funding the initiatives of Neighborhoods Focused on African American Youth, Inc. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

30. Office of Dispute Resolution - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a local assistance grant agreement with Office of Dispute Resolution for \$17,000.00 in Crime Prevention funds.

**Resolution (308-24):** A resolution authorizing the execution of a one-year contract with Office of Dispute Resolution for \$17,000.00 for the purpose of funding the initiatives of Legitimation Station. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

31. Omega Lamplighter - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a local assistance grant agreement with Omega Lamplighter for \$25,000.00 in Crime Prevention funds.

**Resolution (309-24):** A resolution authorizing the execution of a one-year contract with Omega Lambda for \$25,000.00 for the purpose of funding the initiatives of the Mentoring Program. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by nine members of Council, with Councilor Chambers being recused.

32. Open Door - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a local assistance grant agreement with Open Door for \$15,000.00 in Crime Prevention funds.

**Resolution (310-24):** A resolution authorizing the execution of a one-year contract with Open Door Community House for \$15,000.00 for the purpose of funding the initiatives of Open Door. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

33. Overflow - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a local assistance grant agreement with Overflow for \$15,000.00 in Crime Prevention funds.

**Resolution (311-24):** A resolution authorizing the execution of a one-year contract with Overflow Outreach for \$15,000.00 for the purpose of funding the initiatives of the Overflow Outreach Program. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

34. Right from the Start - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a local assistance grant agreement with Right from the Start for \$20,000.00 in Crime Prevention funds.

**Resolution (312-24):** A resolution authorizing the execution of a one-year contract with Right from the Start for \$20,000.00 for the purpose of funding the initiatives of the Family Wellness Program. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

35. S.T.E.A.M. Expo - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a local assistance grant agreement with S.T.E.A.M. Expo for \$10,000.00 in Crime Prevention funds.

**Resolution (313-24):** A resolution authorizing the execution of a one-year contact with Let's Grow STEAM for \$10,000.00 for the purpose of funding the initiatives of Let's Grow STEAM and a one-time Expo. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

36. S.T.E.A.M. Projects - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a local assistance grant agreement with S.T.E.A.M. Projects for \$10,000.00 in Crime Prevention funds.

**Resolution (314-24):** A resolution authorizing the execution of a one-year contact with Let's Grow STEAM for \$10,000.00 for the purpose of funding the initiatives of Let's Grow STEAM. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

37. Second Chance - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a local assistance grant agreement with Second Chance for \$65,000.00 in Crime Prevention funds.

**Resolution (315-24):** A resolution authorizing the execution of a one-year contract with Second Chance W.O.R.K.S. for \$65,000.00 for the purpose of funding the initiatives of Second Chance W.O.R.K.S. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

38. Service for Humanity - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a local assistance grant agreement with Service for Humanity for \$15,000.00 in Crime Prevention funds.

**Resolution (316-24):** A resolution authorizing the execution of a one-year contract with Service for Humanity for \$15,000.00 for the purpose of funding the initiatives of Service for Humanity. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.



39. Springer Theatre Academy - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a local assistance grant agreement with Springer Theatre \$10,000.00 in Crime Prevention funds.

**Resolution (317-24):** A resolution authorizing the execution of a one-year contract with Springer Opera House for \$10,000.00 for the purpose of funding the initiatives of the First Act Program. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

40. Teen Advisors - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a local assistance grant agreement with Teen Advisors for \$5,000.00 in Crime Prevention funds.

**Resolution (318-24):** A resolution authorizing the execution of a one-year contract with Teen Advisors, Inc. for \$5,000.00 for the purpose of funding the initiatives of Teen Advisors, Inc. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

41. Truth Springs - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a local assistance grant agreement with Truth Springs for \$50,000.00 in Crime Prevention funds.

**Resolution (319-24):** A resolution authorizing the execution of a one-year contract with Truth Springs for \$50,000.00 for the purpose of funding the Trade School Program. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

42. Turn Around Columbus - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a local assistance grant agreement with Turn Around Columbus for \$40,000.00 in Crime Prevention funds.

**Resolution (320-24):** A resolution authorizing the execution of a one-year contract with Turn Around Columbus for \$40,000.00 for the purpose of funding the initiatives of Turn Around Columbus. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

43. Urban League - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a local assistance grant agreement with Urban League for \$40,000.00 in Crime Prevention funds.

**Resolution (321-24):** A resolution authorizing the execution of a one-year contract with Urban League of the River Valley (ULRV) for \$40,000.00 for the purpose of funding the initiatives of Urban League of the River Valley (ULRV). Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

44. Whole Person - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a local assistance grant agreement with Whole Person for \$10,000.00 in Crime Prevention funds.

**Resolution (322-24):** A resolution authorizing the execution of a one-year contract with Whole Person Ministries for \$10,000.00 for the purpose of funding the initiatives of Whole Person Ministries. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

45. Wright Fitness - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a local assistance grant agreement with Wright Fitness for \$17,000.00 in Crime Prevention funds.

**Resolution (323-24):** A resolution authorizing the execution of a one-year contract with Wright Fitness for \$17,000.00 for the purpose of funding the initiatives of Wright Fitness. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

46. Young Life - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a local assistance grant agreement with Young Life for \$15,000.00 in Crime Prevention funds.

**Resolution (324-24):** A resolution authorizing the execution of a one-year contract with Young Life for \$15,000.00 for the purpose of funding the initiatives of Young Life. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

**Chairman Danny Arencibia, Crime Prevention Board,** came forward to share how proud he is of the board's dedication and the many hours they put in to going through these grant applications. He thanked Councilor Thomas for the reminder of former Mayor Jim Wetherington's vision in bring about Crime Prevention.

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

#### **FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CRIME PREVENTION:**

- In the future he would like to see the Columbus Community Center receive more funding than they are being awarded this year. (*Request of Councilor Hickey*)
- He would like to see funding go to youth sports in the future to help parents with registration fees, game officials, and security. (*Request of Councilor Hickey*)

## **CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA**

### **ORDINANCES**

1. **Ordinance (24-048) - 2nd Reading-** REZN-05-24-1039: An ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **104 38th Street, 3566 1st Avenue and 3568 1st Avenue** (parcel # 008-009-001, 008-009-034/35) from Residential Office (RO) and Single Family Residential – 4 (SFR4) Zoning District to General Commercial (GC) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval) (Councilor Garrett). Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.
2. **Ordinance (24-049) - 2nd Reading-** REZN-05-24-1040: An ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **4211 Milgen Road** (parcel # 083-043-001) from General Commercial (GC) Zoning District to Light Manufacturing/Industrial (LMI) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval) (Councilor Crabb) Councilor Crabb made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.
3. **Ordinance (24-050) - 2nd Reading-** REZN-06-24-1149: An ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a

district located at **7758 Lloyd Road** (parcel # 191-014-041) from Single Family Residential -1 (SFR1) Zoning District to Single Family Residential -4 (SFR4) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Davis) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

4. **Ordinance (24-051) - 2nd Reading-** REZN-06-24-1267: An ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **3327 Gentian Boulevard** (parcel # 069-011-020) from Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District to General Commercial (GC) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval) (Councilor Crabb) Councilor Crabb made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.
5. **Ordinance (24-052) - 2nd Reading-** REZN-06-24-1268: An ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **6007 Veterans Parkway** (parcel # 189-017-038) from Light Manufacturing/Industrial (LMI) Zoning District to General Commercial (GC) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Davis) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.
6. **2nd Reading-** REZN-05-24-0918: An ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **1953 7th Avenue** (parcel # 016-025-001) from Residential Office (RO) Zoning District to General Commercial (GC) Zoning District with Conditions. (Planning Department Recommends Approval with conditions. PAC recommends denial.) (continued on 2nd Reading from 8-13-24) (Councilor Cogle) (**Public Hearing Held**)

Councilor Cogle made a motion for Council to replace the ordinance as presented with the substitute ordinance with the addition of Condition #6 and continue the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading for this meeting, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

**Ms. Erin Bouthillier** came forward to speak in opposition of the proposed ordinance as a business owner on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. She explained that the stakeholders board for the neighborhood wishes for the zoning to stay as it is to keep the cohesiveness of the neighborhood and in hopes of keeping crime down.

**Attorney Austin Gibson (Page, Scrantom, Sprouse, Tucker & Ford)** approached the rostrum to speak on behalf of the applicant. He stated that the applicant has tried to take some of the feedback from the citizens and Councilor Cogle, and the previous interested party that was looking to develop a gas station and restaurant is no longer involved, but the owner still wishes to proceed with the rezoning to General Commercial and plans to develop a coffee shop or fast service restaurant. He explained the need to keep the drive-thru option to attract franchises.

**Councilor Joanne Cogle** stated the overall concern is this development would be a gathering place for the homeless population that is in the Rosehill area and traffic concerns as it pertains to large trucks coming in and out.

**Planning Director Will Johnson** came forward to respond to Councilor Tucker's questions regarding setting an area max for the development of gas stations. He stated recommendations on

limiting the number of gas stations allowed in an area were provided to the members of Council about nine months prior.

At the conclusion of the public hearing, City Attorney Fay advised that the ordinance would be listed for 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading at the September 10<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.

**REFERRAL(S):**

**FOR THE CITY MANAGER:**

- Resend recommendations for limiting gas stations. (*Request of Councilor Tucker*)

7. **Ordinance (24-053) - 2nd Reading-** An ordinance to revise and clarify certain provisions of the Columbus Code which provide for the foreclosure of liens on property for which funds are due and owing to the consolidated government; and for other purposes. (continued on 2nd Reading from 6-11-24, 7-9-24, and 7-23-24) (Councilor Garrett) Councilor Garrett made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried by a six-to-five vote, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Cogle, Davis, Garrett and Thomas voting in favor; Councilors Chambers, Crabb, Hickey, Huff and Tucker voting in opposition, and Mayor Henderson casting his vote in favor to break the tie.
  
8. **1st Reading-** An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 15-51 pertaining to tax allocation districts to revise the Policies and Guidelines which were adopted by Section 2 of that ordinance; and for other purposes. (Councilor Davis) Councilor Davis made a motion to delay the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of this ordinance indefinitely, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

**Councilor Glenn Davis** stated that he wishes to delay this item to look further into the single-family residential component to have more discussion and he provided a perspective from a developer's standpoint. He explained this amendment would allow everyone to know on the frontend what the guidelines are within the agreement, it would keep developers from taking advantage of tax revenue and allowing that revenue to come back to the city.

**PUBLIC AGENDA**

1. Ms. Teresa Elliott, Re: Neonatal kitten care.
2. Mr. Chance Chancellor, Re: The required parking spots for the proposed parking deck on 800 Front Ave.
3. Ms. Meg Givans, Re: The treatment and welfare of the companion animals in the care of CACC.
4. Mr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr., Re: Respect and Decorum to Elected and Appointed Officials during Meetings.
5. Mrs. Evie Kettler, Re: The proposed tethering ordinance.
6. Ms. Jene' McDowell, Re: A petition relating to CACC management.

**REFERRAL(S):**

**FOR THE CITY MANAGER:**

- Look at putting out an RFP for a 3<sup>rd</sup> party to manage Animal Care & Control, with the condition that members of Council can meet with staff prior to the RFP going out to ensure some of the conditions included in the original RFP are amended to meet the concerns expressed by the citizens. *(Request of Councilor Cogle)*

7. Ms. Jennifer Herbek, representing the Columbus Aquatic Club, Re: A request for a modification of the inclement weather policy at the indoor Columbus Aquatic Center.

**REFERRAL(S):**

**FOR THE CITY MANAGER:**

- Look at revisiting the weather policy for the indoor and outdoor pools to be more in line with the policies of similar facilities nearby. Bring back at the September 10, 2024 Council Meeting. *(Request of Councilor Cogle)*

- Let's also include Chance Corbett from Emergency Management in the discussion on the inclement weather policy. *(Request of Councilor Thomas)*

- Ask the other organizations, city and counties about their insurance. *(Request of Mayor Pro Tem Allen)*

8. Mr. Michael Waddell, Re: Columbus Animal Care & Control.

9. Mrs. Kathy Tanner, Re: The play yard at CACC.

**REFERRAL(S):**

**FOR THE CITY MANAGER:**

- Look at bringing in a company to clean the back play area at Animal Care & Control and someone to test the surfaces for Parvo. *(Request of Councilor Tucker)*

10. Ms. Kirven Boyce, Re: CACC: recommendations for lifesaving reform.

**REFERRAL(S):**

**FOR THE CITY MANAGER:**

- Reevaluate individuals banned from volunteering at Animal Care & Control and if there is still a legitimate reason for an individual to continue to be banned, bring that information to Council for final determination. *(Request of Councilor Garrett)*

11. Ms. Amy McCormick, Re: Columbus Animal Care & Control.

12. Ms. Reggie Liparoto, Re: Columbus Animal Care & Control. ***Not Present***

13. Mr. Nathan Smith, Re: Good Leadership.

14. Mr. Melvin Tanner, representing the NAACP, Re: Internal Audit.

**REFERRAL(S):**

**FOR THE MAYOR:**

- We need to be consistent across the board with employees of General Government and Public Safety when it comes to putting employees on administrative leave during investigations. (*Request of Councilor Hickey*)

15. Mrs. Mimi Steger, representing Columbus Animal Allies, Re: Justice for Chai initiative.

16. Mrs. Sarah Gunnels Cochran, Re: Columbus Animal Care & Control.

17. Mrs. Jennifer Parker, Re: The animals at the CACC.

18. Ms. Becky Carter, representing Animal SOS, Re: Impact of current policies on rescue collaboration.

19. Ms. Anna-Claire Daniels, Re: Animal Control Advisory Board.

In response to a question from Councilor Crabb, **Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis** stated she does not schedule meetings for the Animal Control Advisory Board.

20. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Why City Council Meetings should not be treated as entertainment.

**ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT TRANSITION AUDIT:**

Councilor Thomas made a motion for a transition audit on the Engineering Department, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

**CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA**

**1. Director of Engineering**

A resolution authorizing the appointment of Mr. Ronald Vance Beck as Director of the Department of Engineering. (*NOTE: This item was called upon earlier in the meeting during the Mayor's Agenda.*)

**2. Subrecipient Agreements for Occupational Training and Retention Services**

A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, authorizing the City Manager to execute contract(s)/documentation to implement occupational training and retention service for economically disadvantages (low-income) individuals residing in Muscogee County in the grand total amount of \$99,503.80 or otherwise awarded to address the poverty level in Muscogee County. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff. Councilor Crabb suggested that the Council hear the ARP Fund Reallocation Presentation *before* voting on this matter. (*City Manager Agenda Item Number 11 "F" under Updates and Presentations*) (***See Below for the Final Action.***)

### **3. Street Acceptance –Phase Two, Section Two, Heiferhorn Farms.**

**Resolution (325-24):** A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, authorizing the acceptance of a deed to that portion of Kadie Way, that portion of Galloway Lane, that portion of Holstein Hill and Brahman Place located in Phase Two, Section Two, Heiferhorn Farms, on behalf of Columbus, Georgia. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

### **4. Consulting Services for the Tax Commissioner’s Office**

**Resolution (326-24):** A resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement with Strategic Collections & Consulting, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$27,000 to assist with the collection and reporting of current and delinquent property taxes, facilitation of tax sales, and other compliance functions for the Tax Commissioner’s Office. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Chambers and carried unanimously by the members of Council.

**Muscogee County Tax Commissioner Lula Huff** approached the rostrum to announce the location of a new tag renewal kiosk at Publix in Midland and a driver’s license renewal kiosk at Publix on Macon Road.

### **5. Street Acceptance – Paddock Court**

**Resolution (327-24):** A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, authorizing the acceptance of a deed to Paddock Court located in Section Six, Midland Downs, on behalf of Columbus, Georgia. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

### **6. Cooper Creek Pickleball Courts Donations**

**Resolution (328-24):** A resolution authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to receive donations for pickleball courts at Cooper Creek Park. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

**Councilor Glenn Davis** stated, for the record, he is thankful to the City Manager and staff for listening to the concerns raised and as we move forward everyone has a common goal in establishing a plan and bringing good things to Cooper Creek Park.

### **7. Donation Acceptance for the Police Department**

**Resolution (329-24):** A resolution authorizing the acceptance of donated funds of \$1,000 from Back Columbus Blue, Inc. and \$1,000 from Brasfield & Gorrie, LLC on behalf of the Columbus Police Department. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

### **8. Foosball Table Donation**

**Resolution (330-24):** A resolution authorizing the acceptance of the donation of several foosball tables for recreation services. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

## 9. Gallops Senior Center Pool Table Donation

**Resolution (331-24):** A resolution authorizing the acceptance of the donation of a pool table for the Gallops Senior Center. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

## 10. Homeland Security Grant Funding

Approval is requested for authorization to sign the grant application, associated documents to purchase a portable x-ray machine, and grant closeout documents as required by the Georgia Emergency Management Agency and Homeland Security. **(Add-On)** (*NOTE: This item was called upon earlier in the meeting during the Mayor's Agenda.*)

## 11. PURCHASES

- L. Portable Bomb X-Ray Equipment and Accessories for Homeland Security and Sheriff's Office – Federal GSA Cooperative Purchase **(Add-On)**

**Resolution (332-24):** A resolution authorizing the purchase of portable bomb X-ray equipment and accessories from Mistral Security, Inc., in the amount of \$47,775.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Federal GSA Contract #47qsms24D002T. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

- A. Two (2) 2023 Ford Expeditions for Police Department – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase

**Resolution (333-24):** A resolution authorizing the purchase of two (2) 2023 Ford Expeditions for the Police Department from Wade Ford (Smyrna, GA) at a unit price of \$54,820.00 and a total cost of \$109,640.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-0001-SPD0000183-006. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

- B. Two (2) 2024 Ford Escapes for Tax Assessor's Office – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase

**Resolution (334-24):** A resolution authorizing the purchase of two (2) 2024 Ford Escapes for the Tax Assessor's Office from Wade Ford (Smyrna, GA) at a unit price of \$30,540.00 and a total cost of \$61,080.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-0001-SPD0000183-006. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

- C. One (1) 2024 Chevrolet Tahoe for the Sheriff's Office – Sourcewell Contract Cooperative Purchase

**Resolution (335-24):** A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) 2024 Chevrolet Tahoe for the Sheriff's Office from Alan Jay Fleet Sales (Sebring, FL) in the amount of \$57,578.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Sourcewell Contract #091521-NAF and #032824-NAF. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.



D. Nine (9) 2024 Rotary Cutter Mowers for the Public Works Department – Sourcewell Cooperative Contract Purchase

**Resolution (336-24):** A resolution authorizing the purchase of nine (9) John Deere Rotary Cutter Mowers for the Public Works Department from Deere and Company (Columbus, GA) at a unit price of \$3,016.36 and a total cost of \$27,147.24. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-0001-SPD0000177-0026. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

E. Cardiac Monitor/Defibrillator and Accessories for Fire & EMS Department – Sourcewell Cooperative Contract Purchase

**Resolution (337-24):** A resolution authorizing the purchase of one Stryker LifePak 35 Cardiac Monitor/Defibrillator and accessories from Stryker Sales (Chicago, IL), in the amount of \$56,594.72. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Sourcewell Contract #041823-STY. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

F. Three 35-Foot Heavy Duty Diesel Buses for METRA – Georgia Statewide Cooperative Contract Purchase

**Resolution (338-24):** A resolution authorizing the purchase of three (3) 35-foot heavy duty diesel buses from New Flyer (St. Cloud, MN) in the amount of \$591,711.00, for a total purchase amount of \$1,775,131.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract # 99999-SPD-SPD0000212-0009. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

G. Household Recycling Carts for Public Works – Sourcewell Cooperative Contract Purchase

**Resolution (339-24):** A resolution authorizing the purchase of 96-gallon blue recycling carts from Rehrig Pacific Company (Lawrenceville, GA) in the amount of \$81,807.20 (1,404 units @ \$56.80 each, plus freight in the amount of \$2,060.00). The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Sourcewell Contract #041521-REH. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

H. Restoration Services at Government Center

**Resolution (340-24):** A resolution authorizing the payment to Servpro of Columbus (Columbus, GA), in the amount of \$31,747.19 for restoration services required at the Government Center. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

I. Repair of Aljon Compactor for Public Works

**Resolution (341-24):** A resolution authorizing payment to C & C Manufacturing, LLC/S2 Manufacturing (Chicago, IL), in the amount of \$40,004.75 for the repair of a 2005 Aljon Compactor, Vehicle #10916. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

J. Repair of Caterpillar D6T Bulldozer for Public Works

**Resolution (342-24):** A resolution authorizing payment to Yancey Brothers (Fortson, GA), in the amount of \$49,790.15, for the repair of a 2012 Caterpillar D6T XL T4 Bulldozer, Vehicle #11300. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

K. Declaration of Surplus Equipment

**Resolution (343-24):** A resolution authorizing the declaration as surplus, the equipment shown on the attached lists, as well as, miscellaneous office equipment and furniture, in accordance with Section 7-501 of the Charter of Columbus Consolidated Government; additionally, approval is also requested to declare any items as surplus, which may be added to the list prior to the auction. The equipment has either been replaced or placed out of service due to excess maintenance cost. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

**REFERRAL(S):**

**FOR THE MAYOR:**

- List the Internal Auditor on the next agenda to provide an update on where she is with the transition audits and the risk level of each department. *(Request of Councilor Tucker)*

**FOR THE CITY MANAGER:**

- Provide an update on the RFP done for JAG Grant for police dogs, which expires in December and was approved by Council in January. *(Request of Councilor Cogle)*

**11. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS**

- A. FY24 Budget Update Coroner - Buddy Bryan, Coroner, Coroner's Office & Angelica Alexander, Director, Finance

**Finance Director Angelica Alexander** approached the rostrum to explain the Muscogee County Coroner is appearing before Council pursuant to Ordinance 13-39, requesting an additional appropriation of \$9,540.00 for the Coroner's Office's FY 2024 Budget for personnel.

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the request for additional appropriation in the FY2024 Budget for the Coroner's Office in the amount of \$9,540.00, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Garrett and Hickey being absent for the vote.

- B. FY24 Budget Update Planning - Will Johnson, Director, Planning & Angelica Alexander, Director, Finance

**Finance Director Angelica Alexander** approached the rostrum to explain the Planning Director is appearing before Council pursuant to Ordinance 13-39, requesting an additional appropriation of \$13,360.00 for the Planning Department's FY 2024 Budget for personnel.

Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the request for additional appropriation in the FY2024 Budget for the Planning Department in the amount of \$13,360.00, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote.

C. FY24 Public Update Public Works - Drale Short, Director, Public Works & Angelica Alexander, Director, Finance

**Finance Director Angelica Alexander** approached the rostrum to explain the Public Works Director is appearing before Council pursuant to Ordinance 13-39, requesting an additional appropriation of \$1.5 million for the Public Works Department's FY 2024 Budget for maintenance.

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the request for additional appropriation in the FY2024 Budget for the Public Works Department in the amount of \$1.5 million, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote.

F. ARP Fund Reallocation - Pam Hodge, Deputy City Manager, Finance, Planning & Development

**Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge** approached the rostrum to provide an update on the reallocation of American Rescue Plan (ARP) Funding, where she provided information on the status of projects and funding. She answered questions from the members of Council regarding the Liberty Theatre and the HVAC system at the Trade Center.

During the discussion, **City Manager Isaiah Hugley** suggested Council allow staff to move forward with the Liberty Theatre since the 100-year celebration is in 2025 and the community has been asking when the city is going to do something with the facility.

Councilor Tucker made a motion to move the \$600,000.00 allocated for the Liberty Theatre HVAC (Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning) and roof repair to the Community Reinvestment Department's HARP (Homeowner Occupied Accessibility Rehabilitation Program), seconded by Councilor Hickey and opened for discussion.

Councilor Thomas made a substitute motion to delay until Council has an opportunity to review all the options that will be presented by the City Manager, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

**REFERRAL(S):**

**FOR THE CITY MANAGER:**

- Bring an outline for funding sources to handle all that has been discussed. (*Request of Councilor Thomas*)

**2. Subrecipient Agreements for Occupational Training and Retention Services**

**Resolution (344-24):** A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, authorizing the City Manager to execute contract(s)/documentation to implement occupational training and retention service for economically disadvantages (low-income) individuals residing in Muscogee County in the grand total amount of \$99,503.80 or otherwise awarded to address the poverty level in Muscogee County. Mayor Henderson called upon the previous motion from Mayor Pro Tem Allen to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

D. Pools/Splash Pads Timeline - Ryan Pruett Director, Inspections & Code, Holli Browder, Director, Parks & Recreation

**Inspections & Code Director Ryan Pruett** approached the rostrum to introduce an update on the outdoor pools and splash pad projects.

**Parks & Recreation Director Holli Browder** came forward to share information on a survey that has been put out for public input on the design options for the splashpads.

**Executive Vice President David Hawkins, Freeman & Associates,** came forward to provide the project timeline for the splashpads. He explained the start date for construction of the CSC Splashpad is November 2024, with an expected completion date of March 2025; and the construction start date for the Carver Park Splashpad being December 2024, with a completion date of May 2025.

E. Fire/EMS Administration Update - Ryan Pruett, Director, Inspections & Code

**Inspections & Code Director Ryan Pruett** approached the rostrum to provide an update on the Fire/EMS Administration Building Project. He explained the closing on the purchase of the property located at 1112 Veterans Parkway for Fire & EMS Administration will be in the next 15-days, design is estimated to begin September 1, 2024, and duration is estimated at 45-days, the completion date is estimated no later than April 2025. For Fire Station #1, Director Pruett stated the budget is estimated at \$8 million to \$10 million, with the design and construction estimated at 24-30 months from funding availability.

**BID ADVERTISEMENT**

**DATE:** August 27, 2024

**August 30, 2024**

1. **Comprehensive Inmate Healthcare Services for Muscogee County Jail (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 25-0005**  
Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government, on behalf of the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office, is seeking proposals for the provision of healthcare services for offenders incarcerated at the Muscogee County Jail. The requested services consist of medical, dental, and mental health, as well as healthcare personnel. Medical services include but are not limited to x-ray, laboratory, and prescription drug services for a rated capacity of 1069 inmates.

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

**September 6, 2024**

1. **Auditing Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 25-0006**  
Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government is requesting proposals to establish a contract for the professional services of a Certified Public Accountant for financial and compliance audits. The contract will be for five consecutive fiscal years beginning with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and ending with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2029, with an option to renew for five additional twelve-month periods.

2. **Residential General Contractor Services and Housing Inspection Services for the Community Reinvestment Department II (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 25-0008**  
Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) invites qualified vendors to provide residential general contractor services (Option A) and housing inspection services (Option B) for rehabilitative single-family housing located throughout Columbus-Muscogee County. The

Community Reinvestment Department will procure the services on an as-needed basis. **Vendors may submit proposals for one, both or all options.**

*Some activities could be a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funded project which utilizes Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding. Contracts utilizing CDBG funding are subject to state and local laws, as well as federal regulations found in §2 CFR 200.317 through §2 CFR 300.327 and §24 CFR 570.611. Potential bidders must assure that all project activities will be administered in compliance with labor and civil rights laws and regulations for CDBG funded projects.*

### **September 11, 2024**

1. **Liberty Theater Re-Roofing Project – RFB No. 25-0003**  
Scope of Bid

Provide all labor, equipment and materials to remove the existing roof at the Liberty Theater and install a new fully adhered Colonial Red FiberTite KEE fleecback roof system (or equal), in full compliance with the project manual.

### **September 20, 2024**

1. **Consulting Services for Recycling Center – RFP No. 25-0009**  
Scope of RFP

The Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia (the City) invites qualified and interested individuals or firms to provide consulting services to perform a needs assessment/recommendation. The consultant will assist with the purchasing of equipment, technology and the writing of specifications for these and other management services pertaining to the efficient operations of the City’s Recycling Facility, To include the processing, sales, marketing of the single stream recycling materials.

### **REFERRALS:**

Referrals 8.27.24

## **CLERK OF COUNCIL’S AGENDA**

### **ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED**

1. Email Correspondence from Ms. Nancy Anderson submitting her letter of resignation from the Animal Control Advisory Board. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to receive the letter of resignation, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

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

Board of Tax Assessors, #27-24 & #28-24

Board of Zoning Appeals, January 3, February 7, March 6, and April 3, 2024

Community Development Advisory Council, September 9, 2022

Land Bank Authority, February 14, April 10, June 12, and July 10, 2024

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to receive the minutes of various boards, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

**REFERRAL(S):**

**FOR THE CITY MANAGER:**

- Look into why some boards are having an issue getting a quorum present. (*Request of Councilor Thomas*)

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED**

3. **MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS- ANY NOMINATIONS MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:**

**A. COLUMBUS IRONWORKS CONVENTION & TRADE CENTER AUTHORITY:**

A nominee for the seat of S. Carson Cummings (*Not Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on October 24, 2024, on the Columbus Ironworks Convention & Trade Center Authority (*Mayor's Appointment*). There were none.

**B. CONVENTION & VISITORS BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:**

A nominee for the seat of Sherricka Day (*Eligible to succeed – Interested in serving another term*) for a term expiring on December 31, 2024 (*Mayor Appointment*). Mayor Henderson renominated Sherricka Day to serve another term. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

A nominee for the seat of Peter Jones (*Eligible to succeed – Interested in serving another term*) for a term expiring on December 31, 2024 (*Mayor Appointment*). Mayor Henderson renominated Peter Jones to serve another term. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

A nominee for the seat of Jaime Waters (*Not Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on December 31, 2024 (*Mayor Appointment*). Mayor Henderson nominated Alex Naik to succeed Jaime Waters. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

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

**A. YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:**

A nominee for a seat on the Youth Advisory Council as the District 1 Representative for the 2024-2025 School Year (*Council District 1- Hickey*). Councilor Hickey nominated Meagan Hatcher to serve as the District 1 Representative on the Youth Advisory Council. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

5. **COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS- READY FOR CONFIRMATION:**

**A. KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION:** Ms. Katie Franklin was nominated to fill the expired term of Mr. William Bandy. (*Councilor Tucker's nominee*) Term expires:

June 30, 2026. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

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

A. **ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD:**

A nominee for the seat of Channon Emery (*Not Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on October 15, 2024, on the Animal Control Advisory Board (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Hickey nominated Karen Gaskins to succeed Channon Emery.

A nominee for the seat of Sabine Stull (*Not Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on April 11, 2024, as the Animal Rescue Representative on the Animal Control Advisory Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

B. **BOARD OF TAX ASSESSORS:**

A nominee for the seat of Todd Hammonds (*Passed Away*) for a term expiring on December 31, 2029, on the Board of Tax Assessors (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Crabb nominated John Anker to fill the unexpired term of the late Todd Hammonds.

C. **BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS:**

A nominee for the seat of Rodney Close (*Not Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on December 31, 2024, on the Board of Water Commissioners (*Council's Appointment*). Clerk of Council Davis explained Councilor Thomas is nominating Oz Roberts to succeed Rodney Close, but he currently serves on the Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board and the current ordinance does not allow a member to serve on another board.

**Councilor Judy W. Thomas** stated she has asked the City Attorney to bring forward an ordinance to amend the Columbus Code to allow members of the Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board to also serve on other city boards.

**REFERRAL(S):**

**FOR THE CLERK OF COUNCIL:**

- Request as the Council Representative on the River Valley Regional Commission, bring back the hotel for the Georgia Association of Regional Commissions (GARC) Conference in November. (*Request of Councilor Tucker*)

**PUBLIC AGENDA (continued):**

4. Mr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr., Re: Respect and Decorum to Elected and Appointed Officials during Meetings.
14. Mr. Melvin Tanner, representing the NAACP, Re: Internal Audit.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Mayor Henderson entertained a motion to go into executive session to discuss matters of personnel and litigation as requested by City Attorney Fay earlier in the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote, and the time being 11:00 p.m.

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 11:55 p.m., at which time, Mayor Henderson announced that the Council did meet in executive session to discuss matters of personnel and litigation; however, there were no votes taken.

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Councilor Garrett to adjourn the August 27, 2024 Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council, with the time being 11:55 p.m.

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