

COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING **MINUTES**

Columbus Civic Center
400 4th Street, Arena Floor
Columbus, Georgia 31901

July 28, 2020
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, Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis (arrived at 5:40 p.m.), R. Walker Garrett (via Microsoft Teams), John M. House, Bruce Huff, Judy W. Thomas, Valerie A. Thompson and Evelyn 'Mimi' Woodson (via Microsoft Teams). City Manager Isaiah Hugley, City Attorney Clifton Fay and Deputy Clerk of Council Lindsey G. McLemore were present.

ABSENT: Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis was absent.

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Councilor Valerie A. Thompson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Henderson.

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the July 14, 2020 Council Meeting and Executive Session. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to receive the minutes, seconded by Councilor Barnes and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote.

UPDATES

2. An update on COVID-19

Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson gave a brief update on COVID-19 and its impact on Columbus, Georgia. He explained the numbers seem to be stabilizing, with a total of 3,976 confirmed cases and 76 deaths.

3. Census 2020

Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson urged the citizens of Columbus to complete their Census 2020 Survey if they have not already done so.

APPOINTMENT:

4. Appointment of New Chief of Fire/Ems.

Mayor B. H. “Skip” Henderson thanked Interim Fire Chief Greg Lang for putting off his retirement to help lead the Columbus Fire Department & EMS during the transition from Retired Chief Meyers to the new Chief.

Interim Chief Greg Lang approached the rostrum to thank Mayor Henderson for his kind words and his positive outlook on the department under the leadership of Sal Scarpa.

Resolution (200-20): A resolution authorizing the appointment of Mr. Salvatore Scarpa as Chief of the Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Barnes and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote.

Fire Chief Salvatore “Sal” Scarpa came forward to thank the Mayor and Council for the opportunity to serve the City of Columbus.

MEETING REQUEST:

Councilor Bruce Huff stated a couple purchased a home in the Hilton Area and was concerned over the safety of their children backing out onto the busy roadway. Not being aware of the proper procedures, the homeowners hired a contractor to put in a circular driveway without a permit. He explained without a permit, the construction came to a halt the day the concrete trucks arrived at the property.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Meeting with the homeowners and the appropriate departments to go over the permit process.
(Request of Councilor Huff)

CITY ATTORNEY’S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

- 1. Ordinance (20-034) - 2nd Reading – REZN-05-20-1679:** An ordinance rezoning 1.15 acres of land located at 4204 / 4216 / 4220 Buena Vista Road. The current zoning is NC (Neighborhood Commercial). The proposed zoning is GC (General Commercial). The proposed use is Pawn Shop. The Planning Advisory Commission and the Planning Department recommend approval. The applicant is DSBV Property, LLC. (Councilor Barnes) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the ten members present.
- 2. Ordinance (20-035) - 2nd Reading – REZN-05-20-1772:** An ordinance rezoning .32 acres of land located at 4228 Buena Vista Road. The current zoning is NC (Neighborhood Commercial). The proposed zoning is GC (General Commercial). The proposed use is Convenience Store, with Gas Sales. The Planning Advisory Commission and the Planning Department recommend conditional approval based on Staff Report and compatibility with existing land uses. The applicant is Rajeshree Shah. (Councilor Thompson) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to amend the ordinance by changing the wording to include “business hours of operation shall be prohibited from midnight to 6 a.m.”, seconded by Councilor Barnes and carried unanimously by the ten members present. Councilor Thomas made a motion to adopt the ordinance as amended, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

3. **Ordinance (20-036) - 2nd Reading** - An Ordinance providing for the levy, assessment, and collection of taxes for the public-school system of Columbus, Georgia; and for other purposes. (To be amended) (Budget Review Committee) Councilor Huff made a motion to amend the ordinance to include the rollback millage rate of 23.321, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the ten members present. Councilor Crabb made a motion to adopt the ordinance as amended, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

Superintendent Dr. David Lewis (Muscogee County School District) approached the rostrum explain the change in the millage rate. He explained for over twenty years, the millage rate was 23.37 mills and was lowered in 2017 to 23.321. Dr. Lewis stated the millage rate has stayed the same since and the intent of the School Board was to leave the rollback millage rate at 23.321 to not increase individual taxes.

4. **Ordinance (20-037) - 2nd Reading** - An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 11-61 so as to remove the residency and citizenship requirement for two members representing professional sports leagues on the Civic Center Advisory Board; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem) Councilor Crabb made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

5. **1st Reading** - Public Safety Advisory Commission Ordinance – An Ordinance amending Sections 2-234 and 2-234.1 of the Columbus Code so as to provide that the Public Safety Advisory Commission may review certain investigations of the Columbus Police Department and may subpoena persons concerning certain investigations; and for other purposes. (Councilor Barnes) Councilor Davis made a motion to amend the ordinance to add “review of closed investigations” to Section 2, Subparagraphs A, B and C, seconded by Councilor Barnes and carried unanimously by the ten members present. Councilor Thomas made a motion to delay the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Barnes and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

Minister Tracy Belt (Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.) approached the rostrum to voice her support of the ordinance being sponsored by Councilor Barnes. She introduced a video showing various members of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. giving their support for change within public safety across the country.

Ms. Carolyn Randolph (Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.) approached the rostrum to show her support for the ordinance as a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., as well as, a member of the Board of Directors.

Ms. Vernita Harris (Delta Sigma Theta, Inc.) approached the rostrum to show her support for the ordinance as the South Georgia State Coordinator for Delta Sigma Theta, Inc., as well as, the Outgoing President for the Columbus, Georgia Alumnae Chapter.

School District Representative Kia Chambers (Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.) approached the rostrum to show her support for the ordinance as the President of Columbus, Georgia Chapter of The Link Incorporated.

Ms. Erika Thomas (Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.) approached the rostrum to show her support for the ordinance as the President of the Rho Rho Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Ms. Pauline Talley (Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.) approached the rostrum to show her support for the ordinance as the President of the Gamma Tau Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Ms. Vicki Williams-Wiley (Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.) approached the rostrum to show her support for the ordinance as a representative of the Columbus Metropolitan Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and on behalf of their President, Ms. Michelle Nelson-Hawkins.

Ms. Tonya Mahoney (Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.) approached the rostrum to show her support for the ordinance as the President of the Columbus, Georgia Epsilon Eta Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

Ms. Pamela Watson approached the rostrum to show her support for the ordinance as the President of the Columbus, Georgia Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc.

State Representative Carolyn Hugley (Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.) approached the rostrum to show her support for the ordinance and thanked Councilor Barnes for his leadership.

Mr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr. approached the rostrum to show his support for the ordinance and shared a personal experience he had in Hamilton, Georgia.

Councilor Jerry “Pops” Barnes stated this ordinance is not an accusation of the Columbus Police Department, nor is it in opposition to CPD, but is to provide respect and peace within the community. He spoke on the death of George Floyd and his own personal experiences.

Ms. Juanita Booker approached the rostrum to show her support for the ordinance.

Ms. Tonza Thomas approached the rostrum to show her support for the ordinance as the First Vice Chair of the Democratic Party.

Ms. Cheryl Walker approached the rostrum to show support for the ordinance on behalf of her daughter, Ms. Kayla Walker.

Pastor Ralph Huling (St. James Baptist Church) approached the rostrum to show his support for the ordinance.

Ms. Tiesha Bryant approached the rostrum to show her support for the ordinance as the Founder, CEO and Program Director of We Have a Purpose.

Mr. Bryon Hickey approached the rostrum to show his support for the ordinance as a member of the Public Safety Advisory Commission and a retired police officer with the Columbus Police Department.

Ms. Toyia Tucker approached the rostrum to show her support for the ordinance and listed positive aspects of having oversight agencies for public safety departments.

Ms. Shameika Averett approached the rostrum to show her support for the ordinance and her support for public safety, as she commended them on the investigation into the murder of her mother, brother, and daughter, which was solved by the Columbus Police Department.

Ms. Tacara Hemingway approached the rostrum to show her support for the ordinance as one of the Founders of My Black Has A Purpose.

Mr. Justin Allen approached the rostrum to show his support for the ordinance as a resident of Columbus, Georgia.

Mr. Harry Underwood approached the rostrum to show his support for the ordinance on behalf of the LGBTQ Community.

Mr. Alton Russell approached the rostrum to express his opposition to giving subpoena power to an appointed board as a resident of Columbus, Georgia, and the Chairman of the Muscogee County Republican Party.

Mr. Brad Peters approached the rostrum to express his opposition to the ordinance as someone that works in Columbus, Georgia. He explained he believes no one from the public should have decision making power over our Police Department.

Mr. Michael B. Jackson approached the rostrum to express his opposition to the ordinance and thanked the men and women of the Columbus Police Department for their service.

Ms. Eve Tidwell approached the rostrum to express the need to protect the police officers of the Columbus Police Department.

Attorney Lance LoRusso approached the rostrum to express his opposition to the ordinance and gave information to support his viewpoint. He gave information on his research on use of force encounters and his experience in representing police officers.

Lieutenant Lance Deaton (Columbus Police Department) approached the rostrum to express his opposition, on behalf of many police officers, to the proposed ordinance. He explained various situations experienced by police officers while serving and protecting their community.

School District Representative Pat Hugley Green approached the rostrum to show her support for the ordinance and how she has spoken to young people in the community who have said they do not feel safe.

Captain Joyce Dent-Fitzpatrick (Columbus Police Department) approached the rostrum to express her opposition to the ordinance as the President of the West Georgia Chapter of the Police Benevolent Association and to give a presentation. She gave responses from the PBA to the guidelines already addressed by the local public safety departments.

Mr. Jackie Lee approached the rostrum to express his opposition to the ordinance as a Retired Officer of the Columbus Police Department and former President of the West Georgia Chapter of the Police Benevolent Association.

Lieutenant Antoinette Holloway (Muscogee County Sheriff's Department) approached the rostrum to express her opposition to the ordinance as a member of the West Georgia Chapter of the Police Benevolent Association.

Mr. Shawn Gatewood approached the rostrum to address points brought forward by various speakers and to show his support for the ordinance.

City Attorney Clifton Fay suggested Council amend the ordinance to add "closed investigations" to Section 2, Subparagraphs A, B and C to avoid conflict with ongoing investigations.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY ATTORNEY:

- Check for conflicting verbiage in proposed ordinance and State Law. (*Request of Councilor Davis*)

6. 1st Reading - An ordinance amending Sections 2-234 and 2-234.1 of the Columbus Code so as to provide that the Public Safety Advisory Commission will participate in certain training; to provide for Commission review of certain closed investigations of the Columbus Police

Department based on use of force reports provided to them; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem) Councilor Thomas made a motion to continue the 1st Reading of this ordinance to the August 11, 2020 Council Meeting, seconded by Councilor Barnes and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen spoke on the tragic incident that resulted in the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Mayor B. H. “Skip” Henderson explained the need to enhance the communication between public safety and citizens.

7. 1st Reading - An Ordinance amending Chapter 2 of the Columbus Code by adopting a new Article XXII to be known as the Columbus, Georgia Non-discrimination Ordinance; and for other purposes. (Councilor Garrett) Councilor Garrett made a motion to delay this item for thirty days, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

8. 1st Reading - An ordinance amending Section 17-21.1 of the Columbus Code so as to remove the school-crossing guards’ section from the Bureau of Patrol Services; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to delay this item, seconded by Councilor Barnes and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

RESOLUTIONS

9. Resolution - A resolution providing policy guidelines that are or will be included in the Columbus Police Department Manual. (Councilor Barnes) Councilor Barnes made a motion to delay the resolution, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the ten members present. Councilor Davis made a motion to amend the resolution by #2 reading “use of chokeholds will be prohibited, except when an officer reasonably believes his/her life is in danger”, seconded by Councilor Barnes and carried by a nine-to-one vote, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Barnes, Crabb, Davis, Garrett, House, Huff, Thompson and Woodson voting yes, and Councilor Thomas voting no.

Police Chief Ricky Boren approached the rostrum to address the policy guidelines as proposed in the resolution, stating these guidelines are already outlined in the Columbus Police Department Manual.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY ATTORNEY:

- Look at amending or changing resolution for those policies that are already being done in the Columbus Police Department. (*Request of Councilor Crabb*)

10. Resolution (201-20) - A resolution concerning the Americus and Sumter County Hospital Authority's issuance of bonds to refinance facilities located in Columbus, Georgia. (For TEFRA Approval) (Request of Americas-Sumter Hospital Authority) Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

Mr. Blake Sharpton approached the rostrum to explain the reason for the refinancing.

11. Resolution (202-20) - A resolution concerning the issuance of revenue bonds by the Development Authority of Columbus, Georgia for the benefit of Columbus Highland Terrace II, LP. (Request of Development Authority of Columbus) Councilor Barnes made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Thompson and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

Attorney Robert McKenna approached the rostrum to explain Phase 2 of the Highland Terrace Project.

12. Resolution (203-20) - A resolution designating additional temporary alternative locations for all Superior, State, Municipal, and Magistrate Courts sitting in Muscogee County to hold proceedings during the COVID-19 emergency and reopening period. (Request of Chief Judge Bemon McBride, State Court Judges Andy Prather and Ben Richardson, and Municipal Court Judge Stephen Smith) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

13. Resolution (204-20) - A resolution authorizing payment of attorney fees which may be incurred for legal services rendered regarding Risk Management issues during Fiscal Year 2021. (Mayor Pro Tem) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

14. Resolution (205-20) - A resolution expressing our sincere condolences and deepest sympathy to the family of Congressman John Robert Lewis, American civil rights icon and beloved Georgian. (Councilor House) Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

Councilor John House read the resolution into the record.

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. State Representative Carolyn Hugley, Re: Ordinance sponsored by Councilor Barnes regarding positive police improvements. (*Note: Commentary was given during the 1st Reading of Item #5 on the City Attorney's Agenda.*)
2. Mr. Jacobe Love, Re: A Feature Documentary titled, A Dangerous Silence. The film focuses on Domestic Violence in Columbus, Georgia.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. FY 2021 Georgia Department of Transportation – Transportation Planning Contract

Resolution (206-20): A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia authorizing the City Manager of Columbus, Georgia to execute a contract with the Georgia Department of Transportation on behalf on the City for financial assistance to carry out the FY 2021 Transportation Planning Activities of the Columbus-Phenix City Transportation Study (C-PACTS) Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

Approval is requested to execute a contract with the Georgia Department of Transportation for Financial Assistance to carry out the FY 2021 Transportation Planning Work Activities of the Columbus-Phenix City Transportation Study (C-PCTS).

2. Columbus Fire and EMS Strategic Plan and Standards of Cover/Community Risk Assessment Update

Resolution (207-20): A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, updating the Columbus Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services Strategic Plan and Standard of Cover/Community Risk Assessment Documents. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

Approval is requested for the Columbus Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services Strategic Plan and Standards of Cover/Community Risk Assessment documents. These documents are updated annually. The updated Strategic Plan and Standards of Cover will be forwarded to the Mayor, City Council and City Manager's Office.

3. Old Guard Road Residential Development-Variance for Cul-de-Sac Length

Resolution (208-20): A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, granting a variance request for Old Guard Road Residential Development made pursuant to Sections 7.8.4.C.1 of the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) of Columbus, Georgia. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

Approval is requested for granting a variance to Section 7.8.3.H.1 of the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) excusing the requirements for Design Standards for Streets, Maximum Length for Dead End Streets and Cul-de-Sac.

4. Georgia Emergency Management Agency/Homeland Security EOD K9 Program Grant

Resolution (209-20): A resolution authorizing the Sheriff's Office to accept a grant from Georgia Emergency Management Agency/Homeland Security in the amount of \$6,000, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, for operating expenses of the Explosive Detection K9 Program, and to amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the award. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

Approval is requested for the Sheriff's Office to accept a grant from the Georgia Emergency Management Agency/Homeland Security for \$6,000, or as otherwise awarded, for operation of the explosive detection canine program, and to amend the Multi-governmental fund by the amount awarded. This is a one-time grant with no local match requirement.

5. GEMA/HS EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL/BOMB SQUAD GRANT

Resolution (210-20): A resolution authorizing the Sheriff's Office to accept a grant from Georgia Emergency Management Agency/Homeland Security in the amount of \$88,553.00, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, for operating expenses of the Columbus Hazardous Devices Response Team, and to amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the award. Councilor Davis made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

Approval is requested for the Sheriff's Office to accept a grant from the Georgia Emergency Management Agency/Homeland Security for \$88,553.00, or as otherwise awarded, for operation of the Columbus Hazardous Devices Response Team, and to amend the Multi-governmental fund by the amount awarded.

6. Resolution Requesting Harris County Commissioners to Require Additional Traffic Studies and Coordination for The Proposed Redevelopment of Woodland Hills in Harris County

Resolution (211-20): A resolution requesting the Harris County Commissioners to perform a thorough review the potential impact of the proposed Woodland Hills Subdivision on Mehaffey and County Line Roads in both Harris and Muscogee County. Councilor Barnes made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

Approval is requested allowing the Harris County Commission to request that additional traffic studies be performed for the redevelopment of the Woodland Hills area. The redevelopment of this area has the potential to significantly impact the current interchange at County Line Road and Manchester Expressway (US Alternate 27) causing the area within Muscogee County to become further congested. The resolution also calls for the coordination of development efforts for this project between our two governments.

Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge approached the rostrum to explain the need to inquire on the traffic impact on Muscogee County with the development of the Woodland Hills Subdivision in Harris County.

ADD-ON RESOLUTION: CARES Act - Coronavirus Relief Funds

Resolution (212-20): A resolution to accept Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Funding thru the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF), to authorize or ratify the Mayor and/or designee to execute all necessary documents, and to establish and amend budget to create a CARES Act Fund. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

Approval is requested to accept CARES Act funding, authorize the Mayor and/or his designee to execute all necessary documents, and establish and amend the budget to create a CARES Act Fund.

7. PURCHASES

A. Service Truck for METRA – Georgia Statewide Contract

Resolution (213-20): A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) service truck (2020 Ford F-150 4x2 Crew Cab Truck), for METRA, from Allan Virgil Ford (Morrow, GA), in the amount of \$28,043.00. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase, via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-SPD-ES40199373-002. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

B. Grab-All Truck for Public Works – Sourcewell Cooperative Contract

Resolution (214-20): A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) Grab All Truck (Pac-Mac KB-20), for Public Works, from Wastebuilt Environmental (Austell, GA), in the amount of \$146,760.00. The Sourcewell Contract #041217-HMC. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

BID ADVERTISEMENT

August 5, 2020

1. **Bus Route Signs & Poles (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 21-0001**

Scope of Bid

The Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia is requesting bids for bus route signs and poles for METRA Transit System. The signs and poles will be procured on an as-needed basis.

The contract term shall be for three (3) years.

2. **Mott's Green Plaza P. I. #0015287 (Re-Bid) – RFB No. 21-0007**

Scope of Bid

The Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia (the Owner) invites bids for construction of the proposed trail and landscape improvements along the Columbus Riverwalk. The work primarily involves installation of concrete paving and decorative planters and structures with landscaping, as depicted on the drawings. The DBE goal for this project is 8%.

The Bidder is advised that the governing specifications for this project, including such items as bidding requirements, general conditions, technical specifications and related items, shall be in accordance with the State of Georgia, Department of Transportation Standard Specifications, 2013 Edition, and applicable Supplemental Specifications and Special Provisions. The Owner assumes the Bidder is a pre-qualified bidder with the Department of Transportation and therefore is familiar with the stated reference documents or has access to same.

August 7, 2020

1. **Inmate Commissary Services for Muscogee County Prison (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 20-0026**

Scope of RFP

The Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia is seeking proposals from qualified vendors to provide inmate commissary services for the Muscogee County Prison.

The contract term shall be for two (2) years, with the option to renew for three (3) additional twelve-month periods. Contract renewal will be contingent upon the mutual agreement of the City and the Contractor.

August 12, 2020

1. **Playground Mulch (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 21-0006**

Scope of RFB

Columbus Consolidated Government is requesting bids from qualified vendors to provide playground mulch to be purchased on an "as needed" basis by the Department of Parks and Recreation.

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

2. **Landscape Materials (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 21-0003**

Scope of RFB

Provide landscape material consisting of pine straw, wheat straw and hay on an "as needed" basis to the Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) to be utilized by Park Services, Public Works and Cooperative Extension departments. The contract term will be for two years with the option to renew for three additional twelve-month periods.

3. **Electrical Fixtures, Parts and Supplies (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 21-0004**

Scope of RFB

Provide various electrical fixtures, parts and supplies to Columbus Consolidated Government on an "as needed" basis. The contract period will be for two years with the option to renew for three additional twelve-month periods.

August 14, 2020

1. Environmental Monitoring Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 21-0001

Scope of RFP

The Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia (the City) is soliciting proposals from qualified firms to conduct environmental monitoring services at all Columbus-owned municipal solid waste landfills: Pine Grove, Schatulga Road, and Wilson Camp / Satilla landfills. Environmental services may also be required on an as-needed basis for Granite Bluff Inert Landfill.

The term of the contract shall be for two (2) years, with the option to renew for three (3) additional twelve-month periods. Contract renewal will be contingent upon the mutual agreement of the City and the Contractor.

2. Speed Limit Feedback Radar Signs (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 21-0003

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government invites qualified firms to submit proposals for the provision of speed limit feedback radar signs for use by the Traffic Engineering Division.

The term of the contract shall be for two (2) years, with the option to renew for three (3) additional twelve-month periods. Contract renewal will be contingent upon the mutual agreement of the City and the Contractor.

August 19, 2020

1. Playground Mulch (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 21-0008

Scope of RFB

Provide traffic sign materials on an “as needed” basis to Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) to be utilized by the Traffic Engineering Division. The contract term will be for two (2) years with option to renew for three (3) additional twelve-month periods.

CLERK OF COUNCIL’S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

1. **RESOLUTION (215-20):** A resolution cancelling the August 4, 2020 Proclamation Session. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

2. **FINANCE REPORT RESOLUTION (216-20):** A resolution receiving the report of the Director of Finance concerning certain alcoholic beverage licenses processed during the month of June 2020 and approving the same. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

3. **Minutes of the following Boards:**
 - Board of Tax Assessors, #23-20 and #24-20.
 - Development Authority of Columbus, June 4, 2020.
 - Hospital Authority of Columbus, February 25, April 28 and May 26, 2020.
 - Planning Advisory Commission, May 20 and June 3, 2020.

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

BOARD APPOINTMENTS- ACTION REQUESTED:

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

A. **BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS:** Mr. Rodney Close was nominated to serve another term of office. (*Councilor Huff's nominee*) New Term expires: December 31, 2024. Councilor Huff made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

B. **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:** Mr. Chris Poirier is being nominated to succeed Angela Wagenti as the **District 2 Representative**. (*Councilor Davis's appointment*) New Term expires: March 27, 2022. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

5. **COUNCIL'S APPOINTMENTS- ANY NOMINATIONS WOULD BE LISTED FOR THE NEXT MEETING:**

A. **COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS & CULTURAL LIAISON ENCOUNTERS:**

A nominee for the seat of Tatsiana Savashynskaya (*vacant*) on the Commission on International Relations & Cultural Liaison Encounters for a term that expires on March 1, 2021. Mayor Pro Tem Allen nominated Samantha Wooden, as recommended by CIRCLE Chairman John Jackson.

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Councilor Barnes to adjourn the July 28, 2020 Regular Meeting, seconded by Councilor Thompson and carried unanimously by the ten members present, with the time being 11:03 p.m.

Lindsey G. McLemore
Deputy Clerk of Council
Council of Columbus, Georgia