

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 13, 2024
9:00 AM
Regular Meeting

MAYOR'S AGENDA

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, R. Walker Garrett, Byron Hickey (arrived at 9:38 a.m.), Bruce Huff, Judy W. Thomas and Toyia Tucker. City Manager Isaiah Hugley, City Attorney Clifton Fay, Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis and Deputy Clerk of Council Lindsey G. McLemore.

The following documents have been included as a part of the electronic Agenda Packet: (1) Community Development Block Grant Presentation; (2) GRPA Swim Meet presentation; (3) Auctioned City Vehicles Presentation

The following documents were distributed around the Council table: (1) Substitute Ordinance for CA#9 with Redlined Proposed Ordinance Changes; (2) Documents Submitted by PA#4 Fred Greene; (3) Documents Submitted by PA#5 Gregory Foster; (4) Documents Submitted by PA#8 Ethelyn Riley; (5) Documents Submitted by PA#9 Sandy Gunnels; (6) Monthly Financial Snapshot (Unaudited) FY2024 – May 2024

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Pastor Jimmy Elder- First Baptist Church of Columbus, Georgia

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Henderson

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the July 30, 2024 Consent Agenda / Work 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 Hickey being absent from the vote.

PROCLAMATION:

2. **Proclamation:** Orchard View Rehabilitation & Skilled Nursing Center and Muscogee Manor & Rehabilitation Center

Receiving: Britt Hayes, President / CEO of Hospital Authority of Columbus

Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen read the proclamation into the record proclaiming Wednesday, August 7, 2024, as *Orchard View Rehabilitation & Skilled Nursing Center and Muscogee Manor & Rehabilitation Center Day*, recognizing the high-quality long-term care services provided by these centers.

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

1. **Ordinance (24-045) - 2nd Reading-** REZN-03-24-0635: An ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **8877 Veterans Parkway** (parcel # 079-001-006) from Residential Estate 1 (RE1) Zoning District to General Commercial (GC) Zoning District with conditions. (Planning Department recommends conditional approval and PAC recommends approval.) (Councilor Davis) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Thomas and carried unanimously by the nine members of Council present, with Councilor Hickey being absent from the vote.
2. **Ordinance (24-046) - 2nd Reading-** REZN-04-24-0772: An ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **2601 Courtland Ave and 6250, 6214, 0 Forrest Road** (parcel # 114-001-008/7, 114-001-002, 113-002-008) from Single Family Residential -3 (SFR3) Zoning District to Single Family Residential -4 (SFR4) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval) (Councilor Tucker) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Hickey being absent from the vote.
3. **Ordinance (24-047) - 2nd Reading-** An ordinance adopting new pay rates for the Civic Center temporary labor pool positions for the Consolidated Government and amending Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Ordinance No. 24-027; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Chambers and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Hickey being absent from the vote.
4. **1st 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) **(Public Hearing Held)**

Mr. Harlan Price, President of Architectural Innovations Design Group, LLC, approached the rostrum to explain the purpose of the rezoning is to change the properties to General Commercial, and the properties on 1st Avenue will be used for parking for the business on 38th Street.

5. **1st 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) **(Public Hearing Held)**

Mr. Harlan Price, President of Architectural Innovations Design Group, LLC, approached the rostrum to explain the purpose of the rezoning is to accommodate new tenants.

6. **1st 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) **(Public Hearing Held)**

Mr. Terry Langfitt (Applicant) approached the rostrum to explain the request for rezoning and provide images of the property and improvements made to the adjacent property.

Ms. Robin Buntin approached the rostrum to speak in favor of the proposed rezoning as a property owner in the area.

7. 1st 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) **(Public Hearing Held)**

Mr. Craig Greenhaw, Greenhaw & Mitchell Contractors, LLC (Applicant), approached the rostrum to explain the purpose of the proposed rezoning is for the development of retail space.

Ms. Theresa El-Amin approached the rostrum to speak in opposition to the proposed rezoning, stating there needs to be more residential development and less retail development in Columbus.

8. 1st 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) **(Public Hearing Held)**

Mr. Carson Cummings, Coldwell Banker Commercial, approached the rostrum to represent the applicant, Dr. Kaizad Shroff, to explain the purpose of the proposed rezoning is to develop an event banquet hall at this location.

9. 1st Reading- An ordinance amending Chapter 5 of the Columbus Code so as to establish and clarify various standards for the tethering and restraint of dogs in Columbus, Georgia; and for other purposes. (Councilors Cogle and Davis) **(Public Hearing Held)**

Councilor Glenn Davis made comments regarding the reasons he and Councilor Cogle are sponsoring this proposed ordinance. He explained the guidelines outlined in the amendments to the Columbus Code is a means of meeting in the middle for pet owners and code enforcement.

Councilor Charmaine Crabb stated she believes four hours would be difficult for pet owners that working and suggests changing the hours to six to eight hours.

NOTE: Councilor Hickey arrived at 9:38 a.m.

Councilor Joanne Cogle suggested delaying the 2nd Reading of the proposed ordinance to September 10, 2024 to allow time for the members of Council to hear from the Animal Control Advisory Board.

Councilor Davis made a motion for Council to replace the ordinance as presented with the substitute ordinance passed around the table, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

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

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, Re: Historical account on the consolidation of Columbus and voting issues.
2. Mr. Timothy Veals, Re: The need for neighborhood cleanup and request for sidewalks on Head Street.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Have staff to look at the creeks that run through Holly Hills to determine if the City would be able to restore maintenance of the kudzu overgrowth from the creek. (*Request of Councilor Huff*)
- Have Code Enforcement to look at Head Street. (*Request of Councilor Chambers*)

3. Mr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr., Re: Homelessness Discussion from Work Session Agenda.
4. Mr. Fred Greene, Re: Proposed parking deck to be built at the Marriott Hotel, located at 800 Front Avenue.
5. Mr. Gregory Foster, representing Chatham Woods Subdivision, Re: The encroachment of foliage into the backyards of homes in the Chatham Woods Subdivision.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Reach out to Norfolk Southern regarding the concerns expressed by Mr. Foster. (*Request of Councilor Hickey*)
- Speak with contact person for Norfolk Southern regarding the railroad crossing on Smith Road. (*Request of Councilor Davis*)
- Speak with contact person for Norfolk Southern regarding the railroad crossing on 5th Avenue, down from the hospital and Sputnik Bar. (*Request of Councilor Cogle*)

6. Ms. Stacy McDowell, Re: Columbus Animal Care & Control Center. ***Not Present***
7. Ms. Vicki Edwards, Re: Rules of Animal Care & Control and treatment of citizens.
8. Ms. Ethelyn Riley, Re: Accountability in protecting animals.

9. Mrs. Sandy Gunnels, Re: Columbus Consolidated Government Organization Chart and accountability.
10. Mr. Nathan Smith, Re: A request for Council to control investigations.
11. Mrs. Ashleigh Annecchiarico, Re: Columbus Animal Care & Control Management.
12. Ms. Martha Greene, Re: Citizens input on Public Works.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Intergovernmental Agreement with the Development Authority for SPLOST Economic Development Project

Resolution (253-24): A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, to authorize the City Manager to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the Development Authority to implement the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax Economic Development Project allocated a total of \$9 million. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

2. Acquisition of Property for Fire/EMS Department Administration – Revision

Resolution (254-24): A resolution authorizing the execution of a purchase and sales agreement for approximately 2.52 acres located at 1112 Veterans Parkway to house the Fire & EMS Department's Administration and rescind Resolution No. 179-24. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

4. State Criminal Alien Assistance Program Grant

Resolution (255-24): A resolution authorizing the submission and acceptance, if awarded, the Fiscal Year 2025 State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) Funding from the U.S. Department of Justice, in the estimated amount of \$35,000, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the SCAAP Budget by the amount awarded. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

5. State of Georgia Gang Activity Prosecution (GAP) Grant

Resolution (256-24): A resolution authorizing the application and acceptance, if awarded, a Gang Activity Prosecution Grant from the State of Georgia, Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency, in the amount up to \$1,250,000.00 or as otherwise awarded, to the Columbus Police Department with no local match required, and to amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount awarded. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

6. FY 2025 Gang Activity Prosecution (GAP) Grant Application – Sherriff's Office

Resolution (257-24): A resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant of \$84,040.00, or as otherwise awarded, from the Georgia Emergency Management and

Homeland Security Agency (GEMA/HS), FY25 Gang Activity Prosecution Grant, with no local match requirement, and to amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount awarded. Funds will be utilized for the purchase of forensic and surveillance equipment. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

3. Subrecipient Agreements for Occupational Training and Retention Services

Approval is requested to execute subrecipient agreements for Occupational Training (Internships, Work Experience, On-the-Job Training and/or post-secondary training; and retention services) for economically disadvantaged (low-income) individuals residing in Muscogee County for a grand total amount of \$1,100,000 or otherwise awarded to address the poverty in Muscogee County. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Chambers and opened for further discussion.

Dr. Valerie Thompson, Director of Workforce Investment Acts (WIA), approached the rostrum to introduce herself as the new Director of WIA and to respond to questions from the members of Council. At the request of Councilor Tucker, Dr. Thompson then provided information on the funding amount to be awarded to the various organizations to provide internships, work experience, on-the-job training, post-secondary training, and retention services.

Councilor Tucker made a substitute motion to delay this item and bring back for approval with an itemized list of the funding being awarded to organizations, seconded by Councilor Thomas and carried by a seven-to-three vote, with Councilors Cogle, Crabb, Davis, Garrett, Hickey, Thomas and Tucker voting in favor, and Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Chambers and Huff voting in opposition.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Provide specific information on the funding granted to the various partners in the future when asking for approval. (*Request of Councilor Davis*)
- Bring information requested at the last meeting regarding the reallocation of ARP funds. (*Request of Councilor Tucker*)
- Provide information on the projected date in which the renovations for the Fire Department Offices and Fire Station No. 1 are expected to begin. (*Request of Councilor Thomas*)

7. Liberty Theatre Cultural Arts Center Donation Acceptance

Resolution (258-24): A resolution authorizing the acceptance of donated funds, for the Liberty Theatre and Cultural Arts Center. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

8. PURCHASES

- A. Change Order 2 - Roofing Services at Carver Park Gym – RFB No. 22-0018

Resolution (259-24): A resolution authorizing the execution of Change Order 2 with Southeast Roofing Solutions, Inc. (Macon, GA) in the amount of \$37,000.00 for roofing services at Carver Park Gym. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

- D. One (1) 2024 Ford Explorer for Inspections and Code Department – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (260-24): A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) 2024 Ford Explorer for the Inspections and Code Department from Wade Ford (Smyrna, GA) in the amount of \$37,935.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-0001-SPD0000183-0006. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

- E. Three (3) 2024 Ford F-150 Pick-Up Trucks for Parks and Recreation Department – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (261-24): A resolution authorizing the purchase of three (3) 2024 Ford F-150 pick-up trucks for the Parks and Recreation Department from Wade Ford (Smyrna, GA) at a unit price of \$39,920.00 and a total cost of \$119,760.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-0001-SPD0000183-0006. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

- F. One (1) 2024 Ford Explorer XL for Information Technology – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (262-24): A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) 2024 Ford F-150 Explorer L for the Information Technology Department from Allan Vigil Ford (Morrow, GA) in the amount of \$46,510.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-001-SPD-ES40199373-002. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

- G. One (1) 2024 Ford 350 Transit Van for the Public Works Department – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (263-24): A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) 2024 Ford 350 Transit Van for the Public Works Department from Wade Ford (Smyrna, GA) in the amount of \$55,090.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-SPD-ES40199373-009S. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

- H. One (1) 2024 Ford F-150 for Sheriff's Office – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (264-24): A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) 2024 Ford F-150 for the Sheriff's Office from Wade Ford (Smyrna, GA) in the amount of \$49,175.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-0001-SPD0000183-0006. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

- I. One (1) 2024 Ford F-150 Crew 4X4 for Engineering Department – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (265-24): A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) 2024 Ford F-150 Crew 4x4 for the Engineering Department from Wade Ford (Smyrna, GA) in the amount of \$47,145.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-001-

SPD0000183-0006. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

J. Two (2) 2024 Ford F-150 Crew 4X2 for Engineering Department – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (266-24): A resolution authorizing the purchase of two (2) 2024 Ford F-150 Crew 4x2 for the Engineering Department from Wade Ford (Smyrna, GA) at a unit price of \$42,255.00 and a total cost of \$84,510.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-0001-SPD0000183-006. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

K. Three (3) Maverick Pick-Up Trucks for Inspections and Code Department – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (267-24): A resolution authorizing the purchase of three (3) 2024 Maverick Pick-Up Trucks for the Inspections and Code Department from Wade Ford (Smyrna, GA) at a unit price of \$31,530.00 and a total cost of \$94,050.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-0001-SPD0000183-0006. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

L. Five (5) Ford Explorer Trucks for Parks and Recreation Department – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (268-24): A resolution authorizing the purchase of five (5) 2024 Ford Explorer Trucks for the Parks and Recreation Department from Wade Ford (Smyrna, GA) at a unit price of \$45,780.00 and a total cost of \$228,900.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-0001-SPD0000183-0006. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

M. Network Upgrade Services for the Columbus Convention and Trade Center

Resolution (269-24): A resolution authorizing the purchase of network upgrade services for the Columbus Convention and Trade Center from NetPlanner Systems, Inc. (Columbus, GA) in the total amount of \$989,741.74. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

N. Household Trash Carts for Public Works – Sourcewell Cooperative Contract Purchase

Resolution (270-24): A resolution authorizing the purchase of 95-gallon black trash carts from Rehrig Pacific Company (Lawrenceville, GA) in the amount of \$39,640.00 (702 units @ \$55 each, plus freight in the amount of \$1,030.00). The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Sourcewell Contract #041521-REH. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

O. Household Yard Waste Carts for Public Works – Sourcewell Cooperative Contract Purchase

Resolution (271-24): A resolution authorizing the purchase of 95-gallon green yard waste carts from Rehrig Pacific Company (Lawrenceville, GA) in the amount of \$39,640.00 (702 units @ \$55 each,

plus freight in the amount of \$1,030.00). The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Sourcewell Contract #041521-REH. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

P. Declaration of Surplus and Disposal of Miscellaneous Office Equipment and Furniture

Resolution (272-24): A resolution authorizing the declaration as surplus certain miscellaneous office equipment and furniture in accordance with Section 7-501 of the Charter of Columbus Consolidated Government and authorizing the disposal of said items by Gilbane Building Company (in association with Freeman & Associates). Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

Q. Repair of Aljon Compactor for Public Works

Resolution (273-24): A resolution authorizing payment to C & C Manufacturing, LLC/S2 Manufacturing (Chicago, IL), in the amount of \$30,621.26 for the repair of a 2012 Aljon Compactor, Vehicle #11354. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

R. IPlan Tables Workstations for Inspections and Code Department

Resolution (274-24): A resolution authorizing the purchase of four (4) IPlan Table Workstations for the Inspections and Code Department from IProject Solutions, LLC, (Cheyenne, WYY) in the amount of \$40,810.00. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

S. Provision and Installation of Digital Sign Marquee for METRA – Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (275-24): A resolution authorizing the purchase and installation of a digital sign marquee for Metra from Nevco Sports, LLC (Greenville, IL) in the amount of \$111,290.50. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Sourcewell Contract #030223-NVC. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

T. In-Car Video Camera Systems and Accessories for the Police Department – Federal GSA Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (276-24): A resolution authorizing the purchase of forty-two (42) in-car video camera systems and accessories for the Police Department from ProLogic ITS, LLC (Acworth, GA) in the amount of \$302,975.50. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Federal GSA Contract #47QTCA19DooMM. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

U. Five-Year Plan for Body Worn Cameras and Accessories for the Police Department – Federal GSA Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (277-24): A resolution authorizing the 5-year plan for the purchase of one hundred twenty (120) body worn cameras and accessories for the Police Department from ProLogic ITS, LLC (Acworth, GA) for the initial cost of \$255,930.17. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via federal GSA Contract #47QTCA19D00MM. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to

approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

V. Repair of Tub Grinder for Public Works

Resolution (278-24): A resolution authorizing the purchase of repair services from Vermeer Southeast Sales & Service (Marietta, GA) in the amount of \$204,565.10 for the repair of a 2017 TG5000 Tub Grinder, Equipment #11578. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

B. Change Order 4 - 2021 New Inground Pools Design and Construction Services – RFP No. 23-0001

Resolution (279-24): A resolution authorizing the execution of Change Order 4 with Freeman and Associates, Inc. (Columbus, GA) in the amount of \$900,000.00 for new inground pools design and construction services. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

C. Change Order 5 - 2021 New Inground Pools Design and Construction Services – RFP No. 23-0001

Resolution (280-24): A resolution authorizing the execution of Change Order 5 with Freeman and Associates, Inc. (Columbus, GA) in the amount of \$64,122.00 for new inground pools design and construction services. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

Inspections & Code Director Ryan Pruett approached the rostrum to respond to questions from the members of Council and explain the approval requests for change orders for the outdoor pools and splash pad projects.

Parks & Recreation Director Holli Browder came forward to explain the engagement of local schools on the design selection for these projects.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Let's make an effort to minimize/reduce the five-month design to ensure the splash pads are ready for next summer. (*Request of Councilor Tucker*)
- Include a school in District 4 in the design selection survey. (*Request of Councilor Tucker*)

9. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Cure Violence Update - Reggie Lewis, Co-Founder/Executive Advisor, Cure Violence

Cure Violence Co-Founder/Executive Advisor Reggie Lewis approached the rostrum to provide an update on Cure Violence. He shared information on the community outreach events held and the relationships established with local gang members to connect these individuals with resources to obtain their GED and employment opportunities.

B. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 50th Birthday - Robert Scott, Director, Community Reinvestment

Community Reinvestment Director Rob Scott approached the rostrum to provide the history and an update on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program in celebration of the program's 50th birthday. He also shared information on the birthday celebration event being held at 3:00 p.m. on August 22, 2024, at City Hall.

C. Tyler Technology Odyssey Update - Forrest Toelle, Director, Information Technology. *Not Presented*

D. State Swim Meet - Holli Browder, Director, Parks & Recreation

Parks & Recreation Deputy Director Becky Summerlin approached the rostrum to provide an update on the State Swim Meet held at the Columbus Aquatics Center as requested by Mayor Pro Tem Allen.

E. Salvaged CCG Vehicles - Drale Short, Director, Public Works

Public Works Director Drale Short approached the rostrum to provide a presentation on salvaged CCG vehicles, to include the guidelines and process. She requested approval from the Council to sell the salvage vehicles in the annual auction.

Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the request to sell salvage vehicles in the annual auction, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Chambers and Huff being absent for the vote.

F. Finance Update - Angelica Alexander, Director, Finance

Finance Director Angelica Alexander approached the rostrum to provide a monthly finance update for May 2024.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Let's work with the School District to make sure the tree limbs are cut back so that the citizens will know that they are entering a school zone and are able to see the speed limit signs. (*Request of Councilor Thomas*)

BID ADVERTISEMENT

DATE: August 13, 2024

August 14, 2024

1. Steel Trash Receptacles (Annual Contract)– RFB No. 25-0002
Scope of Bid

Provide steel, 32-gallon trash receptacles to METRA Transit System on an “as needed” basis.

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

August 16, 2024

1. Traffic Incident Management Services & Towing Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 25-0001
Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government invites qualified vendors to submit proposals to provide Traffic Incident Management Services (TIMS), which are overseen by Public Safety Departments (**Option 1**) and Towing Services for City-owned vehicles and equipment (**Option 2**). The services will be procured on an “as needed” basis. **Vendors may submit proposals for one or both options.**

The term of the contract shall be for five (5) years.

2. Design and Construction Services for Columbus Convention and Trade Center Parking Garage– RFP No. 25-0002
Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) is requesting proposals from qualified contractors to engage a Design-Builder to design and construct an approximately 500 space parking garage for the Columbus Convention Center.

The selected Design-Builder will be responsible for all design and construction services related to the delivery of the new parking garage.

3. 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.

CLERK OF COUNCIL’S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

1. Minutes of the following boards:

457 Deferred Compensation Board, April 18, 2024

Animal Control Advisory Board, March 14, 2024

Audit Committee, December 13, 2023 & March 28, 2024

Board of Tax Assessors, #24-24, #25-24 & #26-24

Columbus Golf Course Authority, June 25, 2024

Development Authority of Columbus, June 6, and July 18, 2024

Planning Advisory Commission, June 12, 2024

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

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

2. 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.

3. 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*). There were none.

A nominee for a seat on the Youth Advisory Council as the District 5 Representative for the 2024-2025 School Year (*Council District 5- Crabb*). Councilor Crabb nominated Carley Mayhew as the District 5 Representative on the Youth Advisory Council. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

A nominee for a seat on the Youth Advisory Council as the District 8 Representative for the 2024-2025 School Year (*Council District 8- Garrett*). Councilor Garrett nominated Paxton Dunn as the District 8 Representative on the Youth Advisory Council. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

4. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS- READY FOR CONFIRMATION:

A. BOARD OF HONOR: Judge Bobby Peters was nominated to serve another term of office. (*Councilor Huff's nominee*) Term expires: October 31, 2028. Councilor Huff made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

B. BOARD OF HONOR: Ms. Barbara Pierce was nominated to serve another term of office. (*Councilor Huff's nominee*) Term expires: October 31, 2028. Councilor Huff made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

C. BOARD OF HONOR: Ms. Vivian Creighton Bishop was nominated to serve another term of office. (*Councilor Huff's nominee*) Term expires: October 31, 2028. Councilor Huff made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

5. **COUNCIL'S CONFIRMATION – RECOMMENDATIONS FROM ORGANIZATION / AGENCIES:**

A. **HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD:**

A nominee for the seat of Jack Hayes (*Resigned*) for a term expiring on January 31, 2025, as the Columbus Homebuilders Association Representative on the Historic & Architectural Review Board (*Council's Appointment*). Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to confirm the appointment of Kyle Pelletier to fill the unexpired term of Jack Hayes as recommended by the Columbus Homebuilders Association, seconded by Councilor Huff 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*). There were none.

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*). Clerk of Council Davis explained Ms. Paige Shields was confirmed on July 23, 2024 to fill the seat of Sabine Stull; however, she is not a resident of Muscogee County. There were no nominations.

B. **KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION:**

A nominee for the seat of William Bandy (*Eligible to succeed- Not seeking reappointment*) for a term that expired on June 30, 2023, as the Senatorial District 29 Representative on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Tucker nominated Katie Franklin to succeed William Bandy on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission as recommended by the Keep Columbus Beautiful Director.

UPCOMING BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

- A. Board of Water Commissioners – (Council's Appointment)
- B. Convention & Visitors Board of Commissioners – (Mayor's Appointment)

PUBLIC AGENDA (continued):

- 1. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, Re: Historical account on the consolidation of Columbus and voting issues.
- 3. Mr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr., Re: Homelessness Discussion from Work Session Agenda.

HONORARY DESIGNATION APPLICATION:

Councilor Thomas made a motion for Council to reconsider the action taken at the July 23, 2024, Council Meeting regarding the Honorary Designation Application submitted by Jason Crowson / Stephanie Callahan to honor Richard Callahan at Godwin Creek Golf Course, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

Councilor Thomas made a motion to approve the original request and for the applicants to work with the Golf Course Authority, seconded by Councilor Crabb and opened for further discussion.

After a discussion was held, Councilor Tucker made a substitute motion to preference a plaque in the appropriate location working with the Callahans and the Columbus Golf Course Authority in honor of Richard Callahan, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried by an eight-to-one vote, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Chambers, Cogle, Crabb, Garrett, Hickey, Huff and Tucker voting in favor, Councilor Thomas voting in opposition, and Councilor Davis being absent for the vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Henderson entertained a motion to go into executive session to discuss matters of property acquisition and disposal, personnel, and potential 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 Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote, and the time being 1:32 p.m.

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 3:32 p.m., at which time, Mayor Henderson announced that the Council did meet in executive session to discuss matters of property acquisition and disposal, personnel, and potential 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 13, 2024 Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council, with the time being 3:32 p.m.

Sandra T. Davis, CMC
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