

COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

May 9, 2023
9:00 AM
Regular Meeting

MAYOR'S AGENDA

PRESENT: Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III and Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen and Councilors Jerry "Pops" Barnes, Tyson Begly, Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis, Bruce Huff (via Microsoft Teams), 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 were present.

ABSENT: Councilors Joanne Cogle and R. Walker Garrett were absent from the meeting.

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| <p><u>The following documents have been included as a part of the electronic Agenda Packet:</u> (1) Interstate 14: Columbus's Interstate Presentation; (2) Integrated Waste Proposal Presentation; (3) Animal Care & Control Presentation</p> |
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| <p><u>The following documents were distributed around the Council table:</u> (1) Interstate 14 Information and Sample Letter</p> |
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ABSENT: Councilors Joanne Cogle and R. Walker Garrett were absent from the meeting.

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Pastor Tim Jones, Britt David Baptist Church of Columbus, Georgia

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Henderson

INTERIM POLICE CHIEF:

Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III explained there was a press conference held the previous day at the Public Safety Building, introducing the new Interim Chief for the Columbus Police Department, Stoney Mathis. He stated Chief Mathis has chosen to come out of retirement to serve as Interim Chief while the search for a new chief continues.

Interim Police Chief Stoney Mathis approached the rostrum to thank Mayor Henderson and members of Council for the opportunity. He stated that he has met with many of the dedicated officers of the Columbus Police Department and listened to their thoughts and concerns.

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the April 25, 2023 Council Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Cogle and Garrett being absent from the meeting.

PROCLAMATIONS:

- 2. **Proclamation:** National Nurses Month
Receiving: Local Nursing Community

Councilor Jerry “Pops” Barnes read the proclamation into the record, proclaiming May 2023, as *National Nurses Month*, recognizing the dedication, care, and selflessness of nurses to meet the needs of their patients.

- 3. **Proclamation:** Diversity Inclusion in Memory Care Day
Receiving: Columbus Memory Center, PC

Councilor Jerry “Pops” Barnes read the proclamation into the record, proclaiming Tuesday, May 9, 2023, as *Diversity Inclusion in Memory Care Day*, recognizing the important work being done by the Columbus Memory Center, PC in educating and caring for the diverse community of Columbus, Georgia.

CITY ATTORNEY’S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

- 1. **1st Reading-** REZN-03-23-0472: An ordinance amending the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) for Columbus, Georgia to add Private Dog Park as a Special Exception in the GC (General Commercial Zoning District and add a new section of the UDO setting use standards for private dog parks. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval) (Mayor Pro-Tem)

- 2. **1st Reading-** REZN-03-23-0473: An ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **9423 / 9443 / 9463 Macon Road** (parcel # 131-001-042 / 131-001-044 / 131-001-043) from HMI (Heavy Manufacturing / Industrial) and RE1 (Residential Estate 1) Zoning Districts to GC (General Commercial) and SFR3 (Single Family Residential 3) Zoning Districts with conditions. (PAC and Planning Department recommend approval with conditions.) (Mayor Pro-Tem)

- 3. **1st Reading-** An ordinance to amend the Columbus Code to amend Article I of Chapter 14 to impose restrictions on fishing within a certain area of the Whitewater Park known as the Island; to repeal conflicting ordinances; and for other purposes. (Councilors Cogle and Begly)

Uptown Columbus Inc. President & CEO Ed Wolverton approached the rostrum to respond to questions from the members of Council. He explained this amendment is necessary to protect citizens that are rafting in the river as there have been instances where rafters were injured by those fishing on what is referred to as the island.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

City Attorney Fay requested an executive session for real estate acquisition and litigation.

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Comprehensive Plan 2038 and Affordable Housing. *Not Present*
2. Mr. Ricket Carter, Sr., Re: The racial issues within the black community and freedom of speech.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. **Street Acceptance –That portion of Barton Drive, located in Section Five, Midland Downs & Adjoining Property**

Resolution (157-23): A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, authorizing the acceptance of a deed to that portion of Barton Drive located in Section Five, Midland Downs & adjoining property, on behalf of Columbus, Georgia. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Cogle and Garrett being absent from the meeting.

2. **FY24 HUD Annual Action Plan Submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)**

Resolution (158-23): A resolution authorizing the filing of the FY24 Annual Action Plan with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Barnes and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Cogle and Garrett being absent from the meeting.

Community Reinvestment Director Rob Scott approached the rostrum to respond to questions from the members of Council. He explained there have been several workshops and public forums held to provide affordable housing information to the community, and there is information on the Community Reinvestment website.

3. **Lease of Equipment for Bull Creek Golf Courses**

Resolution (159-23): A resolution authorizing a lease agreement with Huntington Bank over a 48-month lease period in a total amount of \$152,236.80 to obtain equipment to be utilized at Bull Creek Golf Course. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Cogle and Garrett being absent from the meeting.

4. **METRA Capital and Operations – TSPLOST, Band 1 Project**

Resolution (160-23): A resolution authorizing the Columbus Consolidated Government to enter into an agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) in order to receive Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST) Funds and to proceed with all elements of work within the scope of the METRA Capital and Operations Project, P.I. 0019515. Councilor Barnes made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Cogle and Garrett being absent from the meeting.

5. Additional Transit Trust Fund Program (TTFP)

Resolution (161-23): A resolution authorizing the Columbus Consolidated Government to submit an application to Transit Trust Fund Program (TTFP) in an amount up to \$534,367.00 in additional funding or as otherwise awarded, and if awarded, amend the Transportation Fund by the amount of the grant award. There is no local match requirement. If awarded, funds shall be added to the original allotted amount of \$213,295 to form a new total amount of \$747,662. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Cogle and Garrett being absent from the meeting.

6. Juvenile Drug Court Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Grant

Resolution (162-23): A resolution authorizing the Columbus Consolidated Government to submit an application to the Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency and Prevention (OJJDP) for a grant to fund the Muscogee County Juvenile Drug Court in an amount up to one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) and if awarded, allow for payment of service providers, amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the grant award. There is a 25% cash or in-kind local match requirement, and the grant period is from October 1, 2023, to September 30, 2027. Councilor Barnes made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Cogle and Garrett being absent from the meeting.

Finance Director Angelica Alexander approached the rostrum to respond to questions from the members of Council. She explained the twenty-five percent match would come from the General Fund, where cash matches for grants are considered when setting budgets for the various departments that receive grants.

7. PURCHASES

- A. Soft Body Armor (Annual Contract) – NASPO Valuepoint/Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (163-23): A resolution authorizing the annual contract purchases of soft body armor from Federal Eastern International, LLC (Jacksonville, FL) for the estimated annual contract value of \$183,340.00, based on previous history. The purchases will be made on an “as needed” basis by cooperative purchase via the NASPO VALUEPOINT Georgia State Contract # 99999-SPD-NVPBA0501-0008 and Contract No. 99999-SPD-NVPBA0501-0012. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Cogle and Garrett being absent from the meeting.

- B. Milling Machine for Public Works Department – Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (164-23): A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) milling machine (Caterpillar PM312 Asphalt Pavers) from Yancey Brothers (Fortson, GA), in the amount of \$483,162.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Sourcewell Contract #032119-CAT. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Cogle and Garrett being absent from the meeting.

- C. Repair of Bulldozer for Public Works Department

Resolution (165-23): A resolution authorizing the payment to Yancey Brothers (Fortson, GA), in the amount of \$46,026.65, for the repair of a 2018 Caterpillar D6T XL Bulldozer, Vehicle #11299. Mayor

Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Cogle and Garrett being absent from the meeting.

D. Livescan Fingerprint System Upgrade for Police Department (*Pulled by City Manager*)

E. Modernization of the Computer Fleet for Information Technology – NCPA Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (166-23): A resolution authorizing the purchase of various computer equipment toward the modernization of the City’s computer fleet from Virtucom (Norcross, GA) in the amount of \$345,168.94. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via NCPA (National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance) Contract #01-97. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Cogle and Garrett being absent from the meeting.

INFORMATION ONLY: EXIGENT “OFF THE LOT” VEHICLE PURCHASE

Information Only: Exigent “Off the Lot” Vehicle Purchase – Resolution No. 067-23

1. THREE (3) 2023 FORD EXPLORERS FOR THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

On April 26, 2023, purchase orders were executed for three (3) 2023 Ford Explorers for the Engineering Department due to exigent circumstances, as approved by Council per Resolution No. 067-23.

The vehicles were purchased from Brannen Motor Company (Unadilla, GA) at a unit price of \$45,000.00, and a total price of \$135,000.00. Brannen Motor Company had vehicles available on their lot. The vehicles will be used by staff to visit and inspect work sites.

Funds are budgeted in the FY23 Budget: (1) - General Fund – Engineering – Traffic Engineering – Automobiles; 0101-250-2100-TRAF-7721; One (1) - Paving Fund – Engineering – Highways and Roads – Automobiles; 0203-250-2200-ROAD-7721; and One (1) - Sewer (Stormwater) Fund – Engineering – Drainage – Automobiles; 0202-250-2300-DRAN-7721.

2. SIX (6) 2023 FORD EXPLORERS FOR THE COLUMBUS FIRE/EMS DEPARTMENT

On May 1, 2023, a purchase order was executed for six (6) 2023 Ford Explorers for the Columbus Fire Department due to exigent circumstances, as approved by Council per Resolution No. 067-23.

The vehicles were purchased from Brannen Motor Company (Unadilla, GA) at a unit price of \$45,000.00, and a total price of \$270,000.00. These vehicles are not available on any cooperative contracts at this time; Ford is not taking orders and has not set a date for order bank to open. Brannen Motor Company had vehicles available on their lot. The vehicles will be used by station supervisors to carry out the daily operations for the Columbus Fire/EMS Department.

Funds are budgeted in the FY23 Budget: LOST-Public Safety Fund – Fire & EMS – Public Safety-LOST – Light Trucks; 0102-410-9900-LOST-7722.

3. TWO (2) 2023 FORD EXPLORERS FOR THE INSPECTION AND CODE ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT

On April 28, 2023, a purchase order was executed for two (2) 2023 Ford Explorers for the Inspections and Code Enforcement Department due to exigent circumstances, as approved by Council per Resolution No. 067-23.

The vehicles were purchased from Brannen Motor Company (Unadilla, GA) at a unit price of \$45,000.00, and a total price of \$90,000.00. These vehicles are not available on any cooperative contracts at this time; Ford is not taking orders and order bank is not set to open until late July. Brannen Motor Company had vehicles available on their lot. The vehicles will be used by staff to respond to citizens' complaints and to enforce City codes throughout Muscogee County.

Funds are budgeted in the FY23 Budget: General Fund – Community Development – Inspections & Code Enforcement – Light Trucks; 0102-410-9900-LOST-7722.

4. ONE (1) 2023 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 2500HD FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

On April 26, 2023, a purchase order was executed for one (1) 2023 Chevrolet Silverado 2500HD for the Public Works Department due to exigent circumstances, as approved by Council per Resolution No. 067-23.

The vehicle was purchased from Sons Chevrolet (Columbus, GA) at a unit price of \$60,237.00. The vehicle was not available on any cooperative contracts due to manufacturers' parts availability. Sons Chevrolet had the vehicle available on their lot because a business cancelled an order due to delayed delivery. The vehicle will be utilized as a service truck by an electrician in the daily operations of their duties for the Facilities Maintenance Division.

Funds are budgeted in the FY23 Budget: General Fund – Public Works – Facilities Maintenance – Light Trucks; 0101-260-2700-MNTN-7722.

5. ONE (1) 2023 FORD F-150 FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

On April 21, 2023, a purchase order was executed for one (1) 2023 Ford F-150 for the Department of Homeland Security due to exigent circumstances, as approved by Council per Resolution No. 067-23.

The vehicle was purchased from Rivertown Ford (Columbus, GA) at a unit price of \$59,855.00. The vehicle was purchased in place of a Ford Expedition ordered from Wade Ford in June 2022, but could not be delivered. The Ford order bank will not reopen until mid to late summer per the State Contract holder. Rivertown Ford had a vehicle available on their lot. The vehicle will be used by Homeland Security employees in their daily operations.

Funds are budgeted in the FY23 Budget: General Fund – Miscellaneous – Non-Categorical – Light Trucks; 0101-590-3000-NCAT-7722.

6. EIGHT (8) 2023 NISSAN FRONTIER TRUCKS FOR THE COLUMBUS FIRE/EMS DEPARTMENT

On May 3, 2023, a purchase order was executed for eight (8) 2023 Nissan Frontier trucks for the Columbus Fire Department due to exigent circumstances, as approved by Council per Resolution No. 067-23.

The vehicles were purchased from Headquarter Nissan of Columbus (Columbus, GA), one (1) each at the following unit prices: \$41,697.00, \$39,178.00, \$38,085.00, \$38,012.00, \$37,930.00, \$37,907.00, \$35,162.00, and \$32,191.00, for a total price of \$300,162.00. The vehicles will be used by the station supervisors to carry out the daily operations for Columbus Fire Department. The vehicles are not available from cooperative contract vendors; Ford has not set a date for the order bank to open.

Funds are budgeted in the FY23 Budget: LOST-Public Safety Fund – Fire & EMS – Public Safety-LOST – Light Trucks; 0102-410-9900-LOST-7722.

7. TWO (2) 2023 FORD F-150 TRUCKS FOR THE COLUMBUS FIRE/EMS DEPARTMENT

On May 3, 2023, a purchase order was executed for two (2) 2023 Ford F-150 trucks for the Columbus Fire Department due to exigent circumstances, as approved by Council per Resolution No. 067-23.

The vehicles were purchased from Rivertown Ford (Columbus, GA) at the following unit prices: one (1) at \$49,520.13 and one (1) at \$47,098.22, for a total price of \$96,618.35. The vehicles will be used by the station supervisors to carry out the daily operations for Columbus Fire/EMS Department. The vehicles are not available from cooperative contract vendors; Ford has not set a date for the order bank to open.

Funds are budgeted in the FY23 Budget: LOST-Public Safety Fund – Fire & EMS – Public Safety-LOST – Light Trucks; 0102-410-9900-LOST-7722.

8. ONE (1) 2022 FORD ESCAPE FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

On May 3, 2023, a purchase order was executed for one (1) 2022 Ford Escape for the Public Works Department due to exigent circumstances, as approved by Council per Resolution No. 067-23.

The vehicle was purchased from Rivertown Ford (Columbus, GA) at a unit price of \$28,679.00. The vehicle will be used by Fleet Administrative staff to carry out the daily operations for the Fleet Division to include couriering mail to Government Center, attending meetings in various locations, and other activities when needed. The vehicle is being purchased as an ‘off the lot’ purchase because the State Contract holder (Ford) and Sourcewell cooperative contract vendor not having any vehicles available at this time. Ford has not set a date for the order bank to open.

Funds are budgeted in the FY23 Budget: General Fund – Public Works – Fleet Management – Light Trucks; 0101-260-2300-VHCL-7722.

9. ONE (1) 2023 NISSAN ROGUE FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

On May 3, 2023, a purchase order was executed for one (1) 2023 Rogue for the Public Works Department due to exigent circumstances, as approved by Council per Resolution No. 067-23.

The vehicle was purchased from Headquarter Nissan of Columbus (Columbus, GA), at a unit price of \$29,085.00. The vehicle will be used by Animal Control administrative staff to carry out the day-to-day operations for the animal control center. The vehicle is being purchased because the State Contract holder (Ford) does not have mid-size SUVs available and has not released an order date yet.

Funds are budgeted in the FY23 Budget: General Fund – Public Works – Animal Control – Light Trucks; 0101-260-2400-SPCL-7722.

8. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. Interstate 14 Presentation – Frank Lumpkin, Interstate 14 Advocate

Mr. Frank Lumpkin approached the rostrum to provide an update on the Interstate 14 Initiative. He explained that he began presenting to the Council six years prior and he is happy to say that there are now resolutions from every municipality that would be along the corridor, showing their support for I-14. He explained that he will be asking for a letter from the Columbus Consolidated Government,

asking the Georgia Department of Transportation to open up a segment of I-14 through Columbus, Georgia on J.R. Allen Parkway.

City Manager Isaiah Hugley stated he would have staff give a presentation at the next meeting on their perspective on the pros and cons of I-14 as far as the impact on Columbus, Georgia.

C. Integrated Waste Update – Drale Short, Director, Public Works

Public Works Director Drale Short approached the rostrum to introduce the presentation.

Integrated Waste Division Manager John Pittman approached the rostrum to provide a presentation on the current state of Integrated Waste, various options, operational cost savings, AmWaste Operational and phase out costs, the future of Integrated Waste Collection, and recommendations.

Finance Director Angelica Alexander approached the rostrum to provide information on the operational cost to date for the contracted services with AmWaste. She explained the services with AmWaste began June 21, 2021, and the amount paid to AmWaste to date is \$7,786,338.08, which includes fuel surcharges of \$215,404. She stated the initial agreement was for five routes for June 2021 to August 2021, with the first amendment increasing services to ten routes for August 2021 to July 2022, and the second amendment increasing services to fourteen routes for August 2022 to July 2023. She also provided information on the phase out costs that are included in the budget for Fiscal Year 2024.

City Manager Isaiah Hugley explained though AmWaste has allowed the Columbus Consolidated Government to provide the waste services expected by citizens during COVID, the budget is not able to sustain paying AmWaste for these services going forward.

B. CACC Audit Findings: Staffing Issues – Drale Short, Director, Public Works

Public Works Director Drale Short approached the rostrum to introduce the new Animal Care and Control Division Manager, Ms. Canita Hardnett-Johnson.

Animal Care & Control Division Manager Canita Hardnett-Johnson approached the rostrum to provide a presentation on the findings from the internal audit that was conducted, providing a response to those findings, and providing information on a plan for the future operations of the Animal Care & Control.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Request for information on the cost of Veterinarian in Animal Care & Control. (*Request of Councilor Davis*)

D. Public Works Update – Drale Short, Public Works Director

Finance Director Angelica Alexander approached the rostrum to explain the Public Works Department is appearing before Council pursuant to Ordinance 13-39, requesting an additional \$300,000 for their FY 2023 Budget for unforeseen expenses related to repairs and maintenance of buildings and facilities.

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Cogle and Garrett being absent from the meeting.

E. Sheriff's Office Update – Greg Countryman, Sheriff

Finance Director Angelica Alexander approached the rostrum to explain the Sheriff's Office is appearing before Council pursuant to Ordinance 13-39, requesting an additional \$1.5 million for their FY 2023 Budget for utilities and operating materials for the Muscogee County Jail, fuel and overtime in personnel.

Sheriff Greg Countryman approached the rostrum to explain the overtime needed to cover the Muscogee County Jail.

Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Councilor Barnes and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Cogle and Garrett being absent from the meeting.

BID ADVERTISEMENT

May 10, 2023

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

Scope of RFB

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

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

May 12, 2023

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

Scope of RFP

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

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

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

Scope of RFP

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

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

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

Scope of RFP

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

May 17, 2023

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

Scope of RFB

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

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

Scope of RFP

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

3. Lawn Maintenance Equipment and Supplies (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 23-0033

Scope of RFB

Provide edgers, line trimmers, mowers, backpack blowers, chain saws, pole pruners, hydraulic pole chain saw and supplies on an “as needed” basis to Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) to be utilized by various City Departments. To accommodate walk-in service on some occasions, successful bidder shall have a business located within Muscogee County.

4. Dual Axle Utility Trailers – RFB No. 23-0036

Scope of RFB

The Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) is seeking bids from qualified vendors to provide fifteen (15) dual axle utility trailers.

May 19, 2023

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

Scope of RFP

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

CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - INFORMATION ONLY

1. Certification of Need Application of the Rehabilitation Hospital of Columbus, LLC for cost overruns related to establishment of 40-bed Comprehensive Inpatient Physical Rehabilitation Hospital.

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

2. **RESOLUTION (167-23)** - A resolution changing the regularly scheduled Council Meeting for the month of June by adding the June 20, 2023 Meeting at 9:00 a.m. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Cogle and Garrett being absent for the meeting.
3. **RESOLUTION (168-23)** - A resolution excusing Councilor Joanne Cogle from the May 9, 2023 Council Meeting. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Cogle and Garrett being absent from the meeting.
4. **RESOLUTION (169-23)** - A resolution excusing Councilor R. Walker Garrett from the May 9, 2023 Council Meeting. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Cogle and Garrett being absent from the meeting.
5. **EMPLOYEE BENEFITS COMMITTEE:** Memorandum from the Human Resources Director submitting the result of a survey for the Public Safety Representative where Ms. Rachel Blanks (Columbus Police Department) was selected to succeed Deputy Chief Lance Deaton. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Cogle and Garrett being absent from the meeting.
6. Email Correspondence from Lisa Thomas-Cutts, Keep Columbus Beautiful Director, requesting that the seats of Ms. Alyssa Williams and Mr. Douglas McLeod, Jr. be declared vacant due to a lack of attendance. Councilor Thomas made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Cogle and Garrett being absent from the meeting.

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

457 Deferred Compensation Board, January 19, 2023

Board of Elections & Registration, April 20, 2023

Board of Tax Assessors, #14-23 & 15-23

Board of Zoning Appeals, May 3, 2023

Columbus Golf Course Authority, March 28, 2023

Convention & Visitors Board of Commissioners, March 15, 2023

Hospital Authority of Columbus, March 28, 2023

Housing Authority of Columbus, March 15, 2023

Planning Advisory Commission, April 19, 2023

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to receive the minutes from various boards, seconded by Councilor Thomas and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Cogle and Garrett being absent from the meeting.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

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

A. **PENSION FUND, EMPLOYEES' BOARD OF TRUSTEES:**

A nominee for the seat of Dusty Wilson (*Eligible to succeed – Interested in serving*) for a term that expires on June 30, 2023, as the Business Community Representative on the Pension Fund, Employees' Board of Trustees (*Mayor's Appointment*). Mayor Henderson renominated Dusty Wilson to serve another term. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Cogle and Garrett being absent from the meeting.

B. **RETIREES' HEALTH BENEFITS COMMITTEE:**

A nominee for the seat of Peri V. Johnson (*Not Eligible to succeed*) for a term that expires on June 30, 2023, on the Retirees' Health Benefits Committee (*Mayor's Appointment*). There were none.

9. **CITY MANAGER'S APPOINTMENT - ANY NOMINATIONS MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:**

A. **PENSION FUND, EMPLOYEES' BOARD OF TRUSTEES:**

A nominee for the seat of Deputy City Manager Lisa Goodwin (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term that expires on June 30, 2023, as the City Employee Representative on the Pension Fund, Employees' Board of Trustees (*City Manager's Appointment*). City Manager Hugley renominated Deputy City Manager Lisa Goodwin to serve another term. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Cogle and Garret being absent from the meeting.

10. COUNCIL APPOINTMENT- READY FOR CONFIRMATION:

- A. REGION 6 REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES:** Ms. Latasha Morss was nominated to succeed Ms. Annie Davis. (*Councilor Barnes' nominee*) Term expires: June 30, 2026. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Cogle and Garret being absent from the meeting.

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

A. BOARD OF FAMILY & CHILDREN SERVICES:

A nominee for the seat of Gwendolyn McIntosh (*Eligible to succeed – Interested in serving*) for a term that expires on June 30, 2023, in the seat of a Mental Health Care Provider on the Board of Family & Children Services (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Crabb renominated Gwendolyn McIntosh to serve another term.

A nominee for the seat of Tolua Puailoa (*Seat declared vacant*) for a term that expires on June 30, 2025, on the Board of Family & Children Services (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

B. COLUMBUS AQUATICS COMMISSION:

A nominee for the seat of Christopher Kennedy (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term that expires on June 30, 2023, on the Columbus Aquatics Commission (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

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

C. DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:

A nominee for the seat of Tyson Begly (*Relinquish seat*) for a term that expires on April 30, 2026, on the Development Authority of Columbus (*Council's Appointment*). Clerk of Council Davis stated Councilor Garrett wishes to nominate Franklin Karl Douglass, Mayor Pro Tem Allen nominated Amy Bryan, and Councilor Crabb nominated Laura Gower.

D. KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION:

A nominee for the seat of Eddie Florence (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term that expires on June 30, 2023, as the SD-15 Representative on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Courtney A. Johnson (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term that expires on June 30, 2023, as the SD-29 Representative on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Tucker renominated Courtney A. Johnson to serve another term.

A nominee for the seat of William Bandy (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term that expires on June 30, 2023, as the SD-29 Representative on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Lee Jordan (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term that expires on June 30, 2023, as the SD-29 Representative on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Dr. Kar'retta Venable (*Not Eligible to succeed*) for a term that expires on June 30, 2023, as an At-Large Member on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Matt Horne (*Not Eligible to succeed*) for a term that expires on June 30, 2023, as the SD-15 Representative on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

E. REGION 6 REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES:

A nominee for the seat of Cynthia Smith (*Not Eligible to succeed*) for a term that expires on June 30, 2023 on the Region 6 Regional Advisory Council for Department of Behavioral Health and Development Disabilities (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

F. RETIREES' HEALTH BENEFITS COMMITTEE:

A nominee for the seat of Mike Massey (*Eligible to succeed – Not interested in serving*) for a term that expires on June 30, 2023, on the Retirees' Health Benefits Committee (*Councils' Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Renee McAneny (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term that expires on June 30, 2023, on the Retirees' Health Benefits Committee (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

G. VALLEY PARTNERSHIP JOINT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:

A nominee for the seat of Joseph Brannon (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term that expires on June 30, 2023, on the Valley Partnership Joint Development Authority (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Thomas renominated Joseph Brannon to serve another term.

A nominee for the seat of Herman Lewis (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term that expires on June 30, 2023, on the Valley Partnership Joint Development Authority (*Council's Appointment*). Mayor Pro Tem Allen renominated Herman Lewis to serve another term.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Henderson entertained a motion to go into executive session to discuss matters of real estate acquisition and litigation as requested earlier in the meeting by City Attorney Fay. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Thomas being absent for the vote, Councilors Cogle and Garrett being absent from the meeting, and the time being 12:58 p.m.

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 2:16 p.m., at which time, Mayor Henderson announced that the Council did meet in executive session to discuss matters of real estate acquisition 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 Mayor Pro Tem Allen to adjourn the May 9, 2023 Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote, Councilors Cogle and Garrett being absent for the meeting, and the time being 2:19 p.m.

Sandra T. Davis, CMC
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