

COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

April 9, 2024
9:00 AM
Regular Meeting

MAYOR'S AGENDA

PRESENT: Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III and Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen (via teleconference) and Councilors Tyson Begly, Joanne Cogle, Charmaine Crabb (arrived at 9:09 a.m.), Glenn Davis (arrived at 10:19 a.m.), R. Walker Garrett, Bruce Huff, Judy W. Thomas and Toyia Tucker. City Manager Isaiah Hugley, Assistant City Attorney Lucy Sheftall, Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis, and Deputy Clerk of Council Lindsey G. McLemore were present.

ABSENT: Councilor Jerry "Pops" Barnes and City Attorney Clifton Fay were absent.

The following documents have been included as a part of the electronic Agenda Packet: (1) Columbus Consolidated Government Financial & Compliance Audit Presentation; (2) Demolition Properties Presentation; (3) 1118 & 1120 Broadway Demolition Presentation; (4) Columbus Business Development Center – Enterprise Zone Presentation; (5) Homeowner Accessibility Rehabilitation Program Presentation; (6) Critical Vacancies Update Presentation; (7) Golden Park Presentation; (8) Judicial Center Update Presentation

The following documents were distributed around the Council table: (1) Legitimation Station Information;

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Pastor Jason Wade of Wynnton United Methodist Church of Columbus, Georgia

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Henderson

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the March 26, 2024 Council Meeting and Executive Session. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Crabb and Davis being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent for the meeting. (*Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Mayor Pro Tem Allen.*)

PRESENTATIONS:

6. Georgia General Assembly Post Legislative Update (Presented by State Senator Ed Harbison)

State Senator Ed Harbison approached the rostrum to introduce an update on the recent sessions of the Georgia General Assembly.

NOTE: Councilor Crabb arrived at 9:09 a.m.

State Representative Carolyn Hugley approached the rostrum to provide information on the preparation of the allotted \$36.1 billion budget for Fiscal Year 2025. She stated \$850,055.00 was appropriated for the 5th of the 7-year expansion of the Mercer Medical School and \$4.8 million for the renovation of the Davison Student Center at Columbus State University. She shared further information on funding designated for medical and mental health institutions, programs, and initiatives.

State Representative Debbie Buckner approached the rostrum to provide information on the bills that were addressed regarding tax measures. She explained the delegation went over all the tax credits and exemptions to see which were not being used in the state and gave those measures a 5-year sunset to access if they are being used, if they are beneficial to the taxpayer or the State of Georgia.

State Senator Randy Robertson approached the rostrum to share comments on the hard work and dedication of the delegation in setting a budget and the 4,000 bills that were presented during the sessions. He stated the interchange at Manchester Expressway and I-85 will be named in honor of the late State Representative Richard H. Smith.

State Representative Vance Smith approached the rostrum to speak on the Richard H. Smith CHIPS Act. He explained the need for chip production to return to the U.S. and his excitement that this passed and is now awaiting the Governor's signature.

State Representative Teddy Reese approached the rostrum to share bills that were presented to address housing. He stated a bill was passed to address tenants rights to ensure tenants are provided decent housing. He spoke of their commitment to Public Safety and to efforts to reduce crime in the area. He then announced the nearly \$6 billion in the budget that would go towards the contribution for a GBI Office in Columbus, as well as, a gang prosecute out of the Attorney General's Office that would come in and assist in this area. He also shared various bills that will be reintroduced next year for further discussion.

PROCLAMATIONS:

2. **Proclamation:** Arts & Culture Month

Receiving: Carrie Beth Wallace, The Columbusite, ArtFest Block Party

Councilor Joanne Cogle read the proclamation into the record, proclaiming April 2024, as *Arts & Culture Month*, recognizing individuals in the community involved with arts and culture within the community and the positive impact it has on the citizens.

3. **Proclamation:** National Therapy Animal Day

Receiving: Angi Zapata, Pet Partners of Columbus

Councilor Tyson Begly read the proclamation into the record, proclaiming April 30, 2024, as *National Therapy Animal Day*, recognizing Pet Partner of Columbus for sharing their therapy animals to aid in the therapy and rehabilitation of the community.

4. **Proclamation:** Child Abuse Prevention Month

Receiving: Margaret Koepfer, The Exchange Club

Councilor Judy W. Thomas read the proclamation into the record, proclaiming April 2024, as *Child Abuse Prevention Month*, recognizing the Exchange Club for their efforts in bringing awareness to the community and helping families to prevent child abuse.

5. Proclamation commending the League of Women Voters of the Chattahoochee Valley and its election volunteers. Receiving - Jane Wilson

Councilor Toyia Tucker read the proclamation into the record, proclaiming Tuesday, April 9, 2024, as *The League of Women Voters of the Chattahoochee Valley Day*, recognizing the League of Women Voters of the Chattahoochee Valley for their efforts in educating the community and increasing voter's access to the polls.

NOTE: Councilor Davis arrived at 10:19 a.m.

PRESENTATIONS (continued):

7. FY23 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) (Presented by David Irwin, External Auditors, Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC)

Mr. David Irwin, CPA (Partner with Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC) approached the rostrum to present the Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. During the presentation, Mr. Irwin commended the Council and management for almost doubling the Fund Balance since 2019. He also shared recommendations for improvement to include cash management in the Tax Commissioner's Office, excess funds in the Superior Court and Sheriff's Office, and the backlog of business license and alcohol beverage license renewals.

8. Presentation of Professional Level Certified Emergency Manager Certification - GEMA Area Director Jason Ritter

GEMA Area Director Jason Ritter approached the rostrum to present Emergency Management & Homeland Security Director Chance D. Corbett with his Professional Level Certified Emergency Manager Certification, the highest level of certification in emergency management.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Integrated Waste One Cart System

Approval is requested to implement the one-cart system effective July 1, 2024. The one-cart system is a method of collecting waste curbside with an automated collection system. The one-cart system provides a uniform collection process eliminating un-containerized waste. Implementing the one-cart system will eliminate ground trash, litter, and scavenging by varmints. Also, the system will streamline the collection process, improving the collection method's efficiency. This will improve the aesthetics of our community.

Councilor Charmaine Crabb shared her reasons for requesting a delay on this item by explaining there is much discussion to be had on the issue and her concern for the employees of Public Works present to be waiting for an extended period of time.

Councilor Crabb made a motion to delay this item indefinitely, seconded by Councilor Cogle that resulted in an inconclusive five-to-four vote, with Councilors Cogle, Crabb, Davis, Thomas and Tucker voting in favor; Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Begly, Garrett and Huff voting in opposition, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting. (*Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the opposing vote of Mayor Pro Tem Allen.*)

BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE:

Councilor Judy W. Thomas shared the meeting schedule of the Budget Review Committee to review and implement budget for Fiscal Year 2025 and the required advertisements and public hearings. She encouraged all directors and elected officials to appear before the Budget Review Committee to share their input in the budgets of their respective departments.

ADDITIONAL HOUSEHOLD WASTE CART FEE:

Councilor Toyia Tucker requested an ordinance be on 1st Reading at the April 23, 2024 Council Meeting to address waiving the fee on an additional household waste cart for the 278 low-income households in the community.

Assistant City Attorney Lucy Sheftall stated the one cart system concept listed for approval as Item #1 on the City Manager's Agenda would not be implemented until July 1, 2024. She recommended if the Council wishes to approve the free additional carts to low-income households, to make an amendment to the resolution once approved.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY ATTORNEY:

- Ordinance requested on 1st Reading for the April 23, 2023 Council Meeting, waving the additional cart fee for low-income households. (*Request of Councilor Tucker*)

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

- 1. 1st Reading-** REZN-02-24-0242: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **6943 Flat Rock Road** (parcel # 109-001-109) from Light Manufacturing/Industrial (LMI) Zoning District to General Commercial (GC) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Mayor Pro-Tem) (**Public Hearing Held**) *Applicant Present*
- 2. 1st Reading-** REZN-02-24-0344: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **1615 Wynnton Road** (parcel # 026-021-004) from Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District to Residential Multifamily - 1 (RMF1) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Cogle) (**Public Hearing Held**)

Assistant City Attorney Lucy Sheftall stated this ordinance would be continued on 1st Reading due to the Applicant not being present.

3. **1st Reading-** REZN-02-24-0345: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia; this amendment changes certain boundaries of a district located at **1000 Wynnton Road** (parcel # 018-018-004/5 and 019-004-001) from Light Manufacturing/Industrial (LMI) Zoning District to General Commercial (GC) and Residential Multifamily - 2 (RMF2) Zoning Districts (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Cogle) **(Public Hearing Held)** *Applicant Present*
4. **1st Reading-** REZN-02-24-0347: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **4834 Warm Springs Road** (parcel # 082-044-007/8/8H/9, 083-012-002/4/5) from Single Family Residential - 1 (SFR1) and Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning Districts to Residential Multifamily - 2 (RMF2) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Crabb) **(Public Hearing Held)** *Representative present on behalf of Applicant.*
5. **1st Reading-** REZN-02-24-0349: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **2911/3005/3007 3rd Avenue** (parcel # 007-003-007/012/013) from Light Manufacturing/Industrial (LMI) Zoning District to Residential Multifamily - 2 (RMF2) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Garrett) **(Public Hearing Held)** *Applicant Present*
6. **1st Reading-** REZN-03-24-0476: An Ordinance amending the text of Chapters 7, 9, and 13 of the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) of the Columbus Code. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Mayor Pro-Tem) **(Public Hearing Held)** *Applicant- Planning Department*

Planning Director Will Johnson approached the rostrum to explain the proposed text amendment to the UDO. He explained the text amendments would update the limitation of single entrances in housing developments to 120 units to reflect the Fire Code and give the Historic & Architectural Review Board (BHAR) the power to set and approve setbacks in the Historic District.

7. **1st Reading-** An ordinance providing for the demolition of various structures located at:

1) **1655 Elvan Avenue** (Murtuza Ali Khan, Owner); 2) **2545 Pye Avenue** (Clark Property Management LLC, Owner); 3) **32 Woodland Circle** (Edna Anderson, Owner); 4) **2903 10th Avenue** (Dustin Cooper, Owner); and 5) **2409 Heard Street** (Estate of Catherine Greene, Owner);

and for demolition services for the Inspections and Code Department in accordance with the attached Tabulation of Bid sheet. (Mayor Pro-Tem) **(Public Hearing Held)** *Ryan Pruett - Director of Building Inspections and Code Enforcement Department*

Inspections & Code Director Ryan Pruett approached the rostrum to give a presentation on the various properties listed for demolition.

Ms. Edna Anderson came forward to speak on the property located at 32 Woodland Circle. She explained this property was inherited from her mother and she had family that was to help with the

renovation, but to no prevail. Ms. Anderson stated she wishes to acquire her own estimate at condemning the property and investigate possibly selling the property as-is, so she requested an extension.

Mr. John Greene came forward to speak on the property located at 2409 Heard Street. He explained this property was owned by his late mother and he has received several offers, but he has not decided whether to repair or sell the property. He requested additional time to decide.

8. 1st Reading- An ordinance providing for the demolition of various structures located at:

- 1) **1118 Broadway** (Mary C Wohlwender, Owner)
- 2) **1120 Broadway** (Mary C Wohlwender, Owner)

and for demolition services for the Inspections and Code Department in accordance with the attached Tabulation of Bid sheet. (Mayor Pro-Tem) **(Public Hearing Held) Ryan Pruett - Director of Building Inspections and Code Enforcement Department**

Inspections & Code Director Ryan Pruett approached the rostrum to give a presentation on the various properties listed for demolition. He explained these two properties are adjacent to the new City Hall on Broadway, where there has been a fence installed to block the entrances and sidewalk in front of these buildings for the safety of pedestrians. He then provided further information on the condition of the properties and the danger these properties pose to the neighboring properties and the public.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE INSPECTIONS & CODE DIRECTOR:

- Require a barrier be installed on the facade of the property located at 1118 Broadway once demolished to deter foot traffic. *(Request of Councilor Cogle)*

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City Manager Isaiah Hugley introduced the resolution, explaining the need for the implementation of a one-cart system to sustain the level of service necessary to collect trash like other communities around the country.

Public Works Director Drale Short approached the rostrum to further elaborate on the need to implement a one-cart system for waste collection. She stated that the City of Columbus no longer needs to invest in trucks that require three people to operate and transitioning to a one-cart system is the most sensible with the approved purchase of forty ASL trucks in years prior for \$16 million.

Integrated Waste Manager John Pittman came forward to speak on the need to implement a one-cart system to cut back on the overtime hours employees are required to work in order to cover all routes.

Finance Director Angelica Alexander came forward to respond to Councilor Tucker's suggestion in using AMWaste to cover several routes while discussions continue regarding the one-cart system and until the RFP is complete. She explained AMWaste was charging \$31,400.00 per route and once the city received notice that the vendor planned to add additional charges, the city ended business with AMWaste toward the end of 2023.

NOTE: Councilor Garrett left the meeting at 1:02 p.m.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Provide information on the system and implementation to the media and churches. (*Request of Councilor Tucker*)
- Look at utilizing American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds to provide relief on some of the heavier routes that collect yard waste. (*Request of Councilor Tucker*)
- Provide an update on the American Rescue Plan (ARP) at the April 23, 2024 Council Meeting. (*Request of Councilor Tucker*)

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Mr. Patrick R. Davidge, Re: Illegal immigration City/County Policy.
2. Mr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr., Re: Charter of Columbus, Georgia.
3. Mr. Gregory Foster, representing Chatham Woods Subdivision, Re: Upcoming rezoning for 5201 Macon Road.
4. Mr. Edward Berry, representing Legitimation Station, Re: The purpose and mission of Legitimation Station.
5. Mr. Micah Asante, Re: A request to have the remaining balance of an invoice for EMS services waived.
6. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Responsible Representation. *Not Present*

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA (continued)

2. METRA's 2024 Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP)

Resolution (126-24): A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, authorizing the approval and submittal of a Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) on behalf of the City. Councilor Davis made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Mayor Pro Tem Allen.)*

3. FY 24 Local Road Assistance Administration Funds (LRA)

Resolution (127-24): A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, authorizing the Mayor to make application and receive the FY 2024 Local Road Assistance Administration Funds Grant (LRA) from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT). Councilor Davis made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Mayor Pro Tem Allen.)*

4. Georgia Recreation and Park Association (GRPA) New Initiative Grant: Youth 3D Program

Resolution (128-24): A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, authorizing the Parks and Recreation Department to apply for and accept, if awarded, the new initiative grant: Youth 3D Program, in the amount of \$1,000.00 or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, from the Georgia Recreation and Parks Association, and to amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the award. Councilor Davis made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Mayor Pro Tem Allen.)*

5. Georgia Statewide Afterschool Network BOOST Grant Summer 2024. "Building Opportunities for Out of School Time"

Resolution (129-24): A resolution authorizing the City to apply for the Summer Boost Grant Year 3 and, if awarded, accept the monies granted by the Georgia Statewide Afterschool Program Network "Building Opportunities for Out of School Time" Summer Boost Grant, Year 3. No local match is required, and the Multi-Governmental Fund would be amended by the amount of the award. Councilor Davis made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Mayor Pro Tem Allen.)*

6. Donation Acceptance: Liberty Theatre Cultural Center

Resolution (130-24): A resolution authorizing the acceptance of donated funds of \$5,000.00 from Lulie and Harrison Wallace, with no additional funds required. Councilor Davis made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from

the meeting. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Mayor Pro Tem Allen.)*

7. PURCHASES

A. Steel Signal Strain Poles (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 24-0017

Resolution (131-24): A resolution authorizing the purchase of steel signal strain poles from CDK Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Southern Lighting & Traffic Systems (Cumming, GA). The Traffic Engineering Division budgets approximately \$275,000.00, per fiscal year, for steel signal strain poles. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Mayor Pro Tem Allen.)*

B. Solar-Powered Bus Stop Lights (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 24-0025

Resolution (132-24): A resolution authorizing the purchase of solar-powered bus stop lights from Gama Sonic USA, Inc. (Norcross, GA) at a cost of \$350.00 per unit, and total estimated contract value of \$175,000.00. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Mayor Pro Tem Allen.)*

C. One (1) Low-Floor Paratransit Cutaway Bus – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (133-24): A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) Low Floor Paratransit Cutaway Bus (ARBOC Spirit of Freedom 6.6L V8 Gas 165” WB 14,200 GWVR with CBS options) for Metra from Creative Bus Sales, Inc. (College Park, GA) in the amount of \$201,477.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-SPD-SPD0000212-0005. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Mayor Pro Tem Allen.)*

E. Comparison Microscope for Police Department – Federal GSA Cooperative Contract Purchase

Resolution (134-24): A resolution authorizing the purchase of one comparison microscope from Leica Microsystems, Inc. (Deerfield, IL) in the amount of \$89,117.22. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Federal General Services Administration (GSA) Contract #GS-07F-138CA. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Mayor Pro Tem Allen.)*

F. Mobile Trailer with High Resolution Camera for Engineering Department – Federal GSA Cooperative Contract Purchase

Resolution (135-24): A resolution authorizing the purchase of one mobile trailer with high resolution camera from EarthCam, Inc. (Upper Saddle River, NJ) in the amount of \$47,699.00. The purchase

will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Federal General Services Administration (GSA) Contract #GS-35F-0719P. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Mayor Pro Tem Allen.)*

G. Stryker Lifepak 15 Monitor Defibrillator and Accessories for Fire & EMS Department

Resolution (136-24): A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) Stryker LifePak 15 Monitor Defibrillator and accessories from Stryker Medical (Chicago, IL) in the amount of \$45,9203.00, Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Mayor Pro Tem Allen.)*

H. Fire Service Apparatus with Equipment for Fire & EMS – HGACBuy Cooperative Contract Purchase

Resolution (137-24): A resolution authorizing the purchase of fire apparatus to include: one (1) Pierce Enforcer Ladder/Quint with equipment, in the amount of \$1,322,885.00; and two (2) Pierce Enforcer Engines in the amount of \$1,764,736.00 (2 @ \$882,368.00 each) from Ten-8 Fire and Safety, LLC (Bradenton, FL) for a total purchase amount of \$3,087,621.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase, via HGACBuy Contract #FS12-23. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Mayor Pro Tem Allen.)*

I. Microsoft Software Licensing Upgrade

Resolution (138-24): A resolution authorizing the purchase of Microsoft Software Licensing Upgrade from CDW Government, LLC (Vernon Hills, IL), in the annual amount of \$1,435,648.54; and authorize the City Manager to enter into all agreements pertaining to this purchase, maintenance/support and renewals. The licensing upgrade includes a 3-year commitment with future renewals. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Sourcewell Contract #081419-CDW. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Mayor Pro Tem Allen.)*

J. Amendment 17 for Construction Manager as General Contractor Services for Columbus Government Center Complex – RFQ No. 20-0002

Resolution (139-24): A resolution authorizing the execution of Amendment 17 in the amount of \$142,363,044.00 with Gilbane Building Company (Atlanta, GA), in association with Freeman & Associates, Inc., for construction manager as general contractor services for the Government Center Complex. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Mayor Pro Tem Allen.)*

K. Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) and Records Management System (RMS) Project for Police Department – Sourcewell Cooperative Contract Purchase

Resolution (140-24): A resolution authorizing the five-year agreement from Tyler Technologies (Plano, TX) to provide the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) and Records Management System (RMS) for the Police Department. The cost for the project includes the following: (1) one-time cost to initiate the project, includes: Tyler Software, implementation services, third-party products and estimated travel in the amount of \$1,857,055.00; (2) annual recurring fees for Tyler Software Maintenance in the amount of \$259,755.00; (3) annual recurring fee for software as a service (SAAS) in the amount of \$59,550.00, and (4) annual recurring fees for third-party software in the amount of \$6,195.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Sourcewell Contract #090320-TTI. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Mayor Pro Tem Allen.)*

D. Two Variable Message Signs for the Civic Center – Federal GSA Cooperative Contract Purchase

Resolution (141-24): A resolution authorizing the purchase two (2) variable message signs for the Civic Center from American Signal Company (Atlanta, GA) in the amount of \$29,195.86 (\$14,122.93 each, plus \$950.00 freight). The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Federal General Services Administration (GSA) Contract #47QSMA21D08R6. This purchase will be funded from the Friends of Columbus Account for the Civic Center. Councilor Thomas made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Mayor Pro Tem Allen.)*

8. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

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

City Manager Isaiah Hugley stated Mr. Reggie Lewis presented at the March 12, 2024 Council Meeting, where he provided an update and answered questions regarding Cure Violence. He went on to state there were questions brought up by Councilor Crabb at the March 26, 2024 Council Meeting when the extension for Cure Violence was approved through the end of the year, and Mr. Lewis is present to respond to those questions.

Co-Founder/Executive Advisor Reggie Lewis approached the rostrum to provide information on the finances of Cure Violence. He stated they are working on obtaining their 501(c)(3), allowing Cure Violence to receive private funding and accept donations from individuals who wish to receive tax breaks, and they are working with various partners and organizations, such as Urban League of River Valley and the Pastoral Institute for grant funding.

B. Information Technology Update - Forrest Toelle, Director, Information Technology

IT Director Forrest Toelle approached the rostrum to explain the Smart Cities Grant. He explained Columbus, Georgia was named a Smart 20 Award Winner by Smart Cities Connect for the Digital Twin River Safety Project initiated by the Information Technology (IT) Department. He stated this prototype is used to identify various levels of emergencies on the Chattahoochee River.

Columbus Fire & EMS Chief Sal Scarpa approached the rostrum to speak on the partnership between Columbus Fire & EMS, Information Technology, and Georgia Tech in working on this prototype that will take water safety to a higher level and save lives.

C. Enterprise Zone Update - Will Johnson, Director, Planning

Planning Director Will Johnson approached the rostrum to provide an update on Enterprise Zones. During the presentation, he provided the history of Enterprise Zones in Columbus, criteria for business and residential, and incentives negotiated on a case-by-case basis. He also provided information on what is to come with improvements and expansions.

D. Homeowner Occupied Accessibility Rehab Program (HARP) Update - Rob Scott, Director, Community Reinvestment

Community Reinvestment Director Rob Scott approached the rostrum to provide an update on the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Homeowner Occupied Accessibility Rehab Program (HARP). He explained the program targets the cost of necessary repairs and improvements to residential dwells, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) home improvements, supports vulnerable low-income households, and the preservation of affordable housing.

E. Critical Vacancies - Reather Hollowell, Director, Human Resources

Human Resources Director Reather Hollowell approached the rostrum to provide an update on the critical vacancies in various departments throughout the Columbus Consolidated Government. She defined critical vacancies as positions that are vacant for six months or longer, required for an organization to function effectively, hard to fill due to specialized area of work, and skills that are in high demand.

NOTE: Councilor Cogle left the meeting at 2:59 p.m.

F. Golden Park Update - Ryan Pruett, Director, Inspections & Code Enforcement

Inspections & Code Director Ryan Pruett approached the rostrum to provide an update on Golden Park. During the presentation, a site plan was shown and information shared on the tree plan. He explained the tree plan has been developed and submitted as part of the site development application, which is being reviewed by City Staff and revisions will be made as necessary.

G. Judicial Building Update - Ryan Pruett, Director, Inspections & Code Enforcement

Inspections & Code Director Ryan Pruett approached the rostrum to provide an update on the Judicial Building. He provided a timeline for demolition and stated foundation work would begin in May. Photographs of the site were shown during the presentation.

Principal Architect Will Barnes, Barnes Gibson Partners Architects, LLC, came forward to present information on the tree plan for the Judicial Center. He explained a total of forty-three trees are to be demolished from the existing site and adjacent right of way, with two trees from the existing site having been relocated to another City property per direction from the City Arborist. He stated the

current plans call for sixty trees to be planted inside the property lines and an additional thirty-five on City right of way adjacent to the property.

BID ADVERTISEMENT

DATE: April 9, 2024

April 17, 2024

1. **Used Oil & Antifreeze Recycling Services (Annual Contract) Re-Bid – RFB No. 24-0031**

Scope of Bid

Vendor will pay a fee for the contractual right to remove and recycle used oil & antifreeze, at the following locations: 1011 Cusseta Road, 3950 Schatulga Road and 814 Linwood Blvd, Columbus, Georgia. The initial term of this contract shall be for three years, with the option to renew for two additional twelve-month periods.

2. **Interactive Flooring System – RFB No. 24-0034**

Scope of Bid

The Columbus Consolidated Government (“the City”) is seeking bids from qualified vendors to provide two (2) immersive, educational and recreational projection flooring systems, to be used by the Department of Parks and Recreation.

May 1, 2024

1. **Bus Route Signs & Poles (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 24-0036**

Scope of Bid

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

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

2. **Public Safety Uniforms (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 24-0023**

Scope of Bid

Provide uniforms for Columbus Consolidated Government Public Safety Departments on an “as needed” basis.

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

3. **Swim Gear and Lifeguard Accessories (Re-Bid) (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 24-0035**

Scope of Bid

Provide swim gear and lifeguard accessories on an “as needed” basis for the Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) Department of Parks and Recreation, Aquatics Division.

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

May 3, 2024

1. **Waste Collection Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 24-0017**

Scope of RFP

The Consolidated Government of Columbus GA (the City) invites qualified offerors to submit proposals to provide weekly waste collection and disposal services, including all the necessary equipment and labor needed to collect and dispose of the following options:

Option A: Household Waste Option D: Bulk Waste Only

Option B: Yard Waste Only Option E: All Collection and Disposal Services

May 8, 2024

1. PI 0011436 Muscogee County Buena Vista Road Improvements at Spiderweb Phase II (Re-Bid) – RFB No. 24-0029

Scope of Bid

Phase II of the Buena Vista Road Improvements at the Spiderweb includes the construction of two (2) bridges, one (1) of which requires Norfolk Southern permitting; construction of a roundabout at Illges Road and Aceway Drive; construction of Buena Vista Road east of the intersection with Annette Avenue, Martin Luther King Boulevard north of Brewer Elementary School, Illges Road, Lindsay Drive, Andrews Road, Morris Road and Ace Way Drive, as well as the installation of traffic signals. This Re-Bid includes an alternative for maintaining traffic throughout construction and an alternative for complete closure.

Utilities were relocated in Phase I of the project. The Annette Ave. roundabout at MLK and Annette Ave. were constructed in Phase I.

REFERRALS:

Referrals 4.9.24

CLERK OF COUNCIL’S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

1. **RESOLUTION (142-24)** – A resolution excusing Councilor Glenn Davis from the March 26, 2024 Council Meeting. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Cogle and Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Mayor Pro Tem Allen.)*

2. **RESOLUTION (143-24)** – A resolution excusing Councilor Jerry “Pops” Barnes from the April 9, 2024 Council Meeting. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Cogle and Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Mayor Pro Tem Allen.)*

3. Email Correspondence from Mr. Jack Hayes resigning from his seat on the Historic & Architectural Review Board. Councilor Thomas made a motion to receive the resignation with regrets, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Cogle and Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Mayor Pro Tem Allen.)*

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

Airport Commission, February 28, 2024

Board of Tax Assessors, # 07-24, # 08-24, # 09-24 and # 10-24

Columbus Golf Course Authority, February 27, 2024

Convention & Visitors Board of Commissioners, February 21, 2024

Councilor Crabb made a motion to receive the minutes of various boards, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Cogle and Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Mayor Pro Tem Allen.)*

BOARD APPOINTMENTS- ACTION REQUESTED:

5. COUNCIL APPOINTMENT- READY FOR CONFIRMATION:

- A. DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:** Ms. Geniece Granville was nominated to serve another term of office. *(Councilor Thomas' nominee)* Term expires: April 30, 2028. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Thomas and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Cogle and Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Mayor Pro Tem Allen.)*
- B. DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:** Mr. Travis Chambers was nominated to serve another term of office. *(Councilor Thomas' nominee)* Term expires: April 30, 2028. Councilor Huff made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Cogle and Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Mayor Pro Tem Allen.)*
- C. DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:** Mr. Selvin Hollingsworth was nominated to serve another term of office. *(Councilor Thomas' nominee)* Term expires: April 30, 2028. Councilor Huff made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Cogle and Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Mayor Pro Tem Allen.)*
- D. DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:** Mr. Charles Sheffield was nominated to serve another term of office. *(Councilor Thomas' nominee)* Term expires: April 30, 2028. Councilor Huff made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Cogle and Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Mayor Pro Tem Allen.)*
- E. DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:** Mr. Doug Jenkins was nominated to succeed Mr. Heath Schondelmayer. *(Mayor Pro Tem Allen's nominee)* Term expires: April 30, 2028. Councilor Davis nominated Will White to succeed Heath Schondelmayer.
- F. PERSONNEL REVIEW BOARD:** Ms. Natalie McDowell was nominated to fill the expired term of Dr. Shanita Pettaway *(Resigned)* as Alternate Member 5. *(Mayor Pro Tem Allen's nominee)* Term expires: December 31, 2025. Councilor Tucker made a motion to for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Cogle and Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes

being absent from the meeting. (*Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Mayor Pro Tem Allen.*)

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

A. **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:**

A nominee for the vacant seat of the District 2 Representative for a term expiring on March 27, 2024, on the Community Development Advisory Council (*Council District 2- Davis*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Virginia Dickerson (*Not Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on March 27, 2024, as the District 3 Representative on the Community Development Advisory Council (*Council District 3- Huff*). There were none.

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

A. **ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD:**

A nominee for the seat of Dr. Jean Waguespack (*Seat declared vacant*) as a Veterinarian Association Representative for a term expiring on October 24, 2024, on the Animal Control Advisory Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Dr. Scott McDermott (*Seat declared vacant*) as a Veterinarian Association Representative for a term expiring on October 24, 2025, on the Animal Control Advisory Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis advised that we would bring this forward again once we receive nominees for these two seats from the Veterinarian Association.

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

A nominee for the seat of Rev. Curtis West (*No longer a resident of Muscogee County*) for a term that expired on January 31, 2024, as the Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board Representative on the Historic & Architectural Review Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis advised this seat is slated for a member currently serving on the Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board, in accordance with Ordinance No. 24-012.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CLERK OF COUNCIL:

- Check with the Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board for a recommendation to serve in this seat on the Historic & Architectural Review Board. (*Request of Councilor Huff*)

C. **HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:**

A nominee for the seat of Cynthia Williams Jordan (*Seat declared vacant*) for a term that expires on November 14, 2024, on the Hospital Authority of Columbus (*Council's Nomination*). Councilor Crabb made a motion to forward Darrell Floyd, Bob Jones and Tracy Sayers as nominees for the Hospital Authority to select a successor, seconded by Councilor Thomas and carried unanimously by

the seven members present, with Councilors Cogle and Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Mayor Pro Tem Allen.)*

D. KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION:

A nominee for the seat of Lee Jordan *(Eligible to succeed)* as a Senatorial District 29 Representative for a term that expired on June 30, 2023, on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission *(Council's Appointment)*. Councilor Huff nominated Taylor G. Martin to succeed Lee Jordan, as recommended by the Keep Columbus Beautiful Director.

A nominee for the vacant seat of a Senatorial District 29 Representative for a term that expires on June 30, 2026, on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission *(Council's Appointment)*. There were none.

PUBLIC AGENDA (continued) – Additional 3 minutes:

2. Mr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr., Re: Charter of Columbus, Georgia.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Henderson entertained a motion to go into executive session to discuss matters of potential litigation as requested by Assistant City Attorney Sheftall earlier in the meeting. Councilor Tucker made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Cogle and Garrett being absent for the vote, Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting, and the time being 3:32 p.m. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Mayor Pro Tem Allen.)*

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 3:40 p.m., at which time, Mayor Henderson announced that the Council did meet in executive session to discuss matters of potential litigation; however, there were no votes taken.

ADD-ON RESOLUTION:

Resolution (144-24): A resolution authorizing a payment of \$40,000 to settle all damage claims of Rhonda Grant stemming from an incident which occurred on September 3, 2019. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Thomas and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Cogle and Garrett being absent for the vote, and Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Mayor Pro Tem Allen.)*

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Councilor Crabb to adjourn the April 9, 2024 Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Cogle and Garrett being absent for the vote, Councilor Barnes being absent from the meeting, and the time being 3:44 p.m. (*Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Mayor Pro Tem Allen.*)

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