

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

September 28, 2021
5:30 PM
Regular Meeting

MAYOR'S AGENDA

PRESENT: Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III and Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen (attended virtually) and Councilors Jerry "Pops" Barnes, Charmaine Crabb, R. Walker Garrett, John M. House, Bruce Huff (arrived at 5:46 p.m.), Judy W. Thomas, Toyia Tucker, and Evelyn "Mimi" Woodson. City Manager Isaiah Hugley, City Attorney Clifton Fay, Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis and Deputy Clerk of Council Lindsey G. McLemore were present.

ABSENT: Councilor Glenn Davis was absent.

<p><u>The following documents were distributed around the Council table:</u> (1) Probate Court Final Limited-Scope Audit Report</p>
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CALL TO ORDER: Mayor B.H. "Skip" Henderson, III, Presiding

INVOCATION: Offered by Rev. Wes Stinson at Wynnbrook Baptist Church of Columbus, Georgia

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Henderson

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the September 14, 2021 Council Meeting and Executive Session. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present with Mayor Pro Tem Allen casting his yea vote virtually, Councilor Huff being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent for the meeting.

UPDATE:

2. An update on COVID-19

Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson gave a brief update on the impact of COVID-19 on the community. He stated the number of positive COVID-19 cases are continuing to slowly decline, giving some relief to our local hospitals. He explained though the number of hospitalizations has gone down, with the symptoms being more severe for those patients diagnosed with COVID-19, there is a larger strain being put on the Intensive Care Units.

PROCLAMATIONS:

3. **PROCLAMATION:** Wynnbrook Christian School Warrior Archery High School Day

RECEIVING: Head Coach Brad Bolick, Wynnbrook Christian School Warrior Archery team, Assistant Coaches, and Amanda Bolick

Councilor John House read the proclamation into the record, proclaiming Tuesday, September 28, 2021, as *Wynnbrook Christian School Warrior Archery High School Day*, recognizing them for placing first in the 2021 NSAP Georgia State Archery Tournament, making them the 2021 Georgia State Champions.

4. **PROCLAMATION:** Communities in Motion Day

RECEIVING: Rosa Evans, METRA Transit System

Councilor Toyia Tucker read the proclamation into the record, proclaiming Tuesday, October 5, 2021, as *Communities in Motion Day*, recognizing the valuable contribution public transportation has on the communities in which they serve.

TRI-CITY LATINO FESTIVAL:

Councilor Evelyn “Mimi” Woodson thanked the community and personnel of CCG for their support of the 2021 Tri-City Latino Festival. She also thanked all the sponsors and vendors for their participation.

PRESENTATION:

5. Limited Scope Audit of Probate Court Office-Systems & Controls (Presented by Donna McGinnis, Forensic Auditor)

Forensic Auditor Donna McGinnis came forward to provide a report on the limited scope audit conducted on Probate Court. She explained the scope of the audit consisted of reviewing the daily operations of estates, wills, passports, marriage certificates, weapons permits and passport tills, the weekly operations of summary reconciliations and preparation of bank deposits, and the monthly operations of bank consolidations and payment of outstanding invoices for approved vendors. She stated the audit findings show that the existing controls are effective, the leadership team is doing a good job, and after some initial challenges with the vendor Eagle Recorder, service is now improving.

Probate Judge Marc D’Antonio came forward to respond to the audit findings, stating there was a significant difference in the implementation teams of the various software utilized by the Probate Court. He explained the team for the Odyssey Software was extremely involved with their processes and needs; whereas the team for the Eagle Recorder Software was dismissive to the needs and wants of the personnel. Judge D’Antonio explained after much collaboration and discussions, they are now moving forward in a positive direction.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Apply for the \$1,000 bonus being offered by the Governor to Emergency Personnel for their service during COVID-19 Pandemic. (*Request of Councilor Thomas*)

- Council to have a discussion at the October 12th meeting to discuss the length of the meeting agendas and the possibility of meeting on the first Tuesday of each month. *(Request of Councilor Thomas)*
- Request for the Hometown Connection to be held in-person instead of virtually. *(Request of Councilor Thomas)*
- Keep informed on the naming of the new veteran's clinic being named in honor of the late Mayor Bob Poydasheff. *(Request of Councilor Thomas)*

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Acquisition of Property for Administrative Space

(NOTE: This update was called up as the next order of business as listed on the City Manager's Agenda Item 1)

Resolution (330-21): A resolution authorizing the acquisition of approximately 3.5932 acres including a 634-space parking facility located at 1146/1148 Broadway, 14 12th Street/1137 1st Avenue, 1140-1144 Broadway, 1124-1132 Broadway and 29 11th Street by executing a purchase and sales agreement and authorize the City Manager to enter into a lease agreement for the time necessary to allow the seller to move from various portions of the property. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the nine members present with Mayor Pro Tem Allen casting his yea vote virtually, and Councilor Davis being absent for the meeting.

Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson introduced the item by explaining the history of the necessary improvements made to the Government Center over the past few years, and the desperate need for additional space due to the growth and functions of the Columbus Consolidated Government.

City Manager Isaiah Hugley approached the podium to give a presentation on the request for property acquisition of various buildings currently owned by Synovus between Broadway and 1st Avenue. He explained this property came up during the evaluation of options of the Government Center and the possibility of separating the Judicial and Administration functions of the Columbus Consolidated Government. He stated acquiring these properties would allow all the administration departments to come together under one roof, while not increasing taxes for the taxpayers. He explained the terms of the purchase agreement would be for a purchase price of \$25 million, with a closing date of March 1, 2022, Synovus to vacate the Uptown Center, Bradley and Jordan Buildings no later than July 31, 2022, and Synovus vacating the Main Office no later than July 31, 2024, with the execution of a lease agreement for \$500,000, making the net purchase price \$24,500,000. City Manager Hugley went on to explain the funding source would be from the issuance of approximately \$50,000,000 in Columbus Building Authority Bonds for the acquisition and renovation of the buildings, and the debt service is estimated at .50 mills, but no overall millage rate increase is anticipated beginning in FY2023.

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS

3. **Resolution (331-21):** A Resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, requesting that the Columbus Building principal amount of approximately \$50,000,000 for the acquisition, renovation and improvement of buildings, structures, and related facilities for use by Columbus in the performance of its governmental, administrative, and proprietary functions (collectively,

the “Project”); to declare the official intent of Columbus to reimburse planned expenditures from the proceeds of the Bonds; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem) Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the nine members present with Mayor Pro Tem Allen casting his yea vote virtually, and Councilor Davis being absent for the meeting.

Synovus CEO Kevin Blair approached the rostrum to speak on the approval of the property acquisition, as the CEO of the 29th largest financial institution in the United States of America. He assured the community that Synovus is not relocating its headquarters but does have plans to condense and consolidate the current team members under one roof with its existing building and with the possibility of an additional branch for opportunities to collaborate. He expressed the commitment of Synovus to the community of Columbus, Georgia.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

11. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Cure Violence Update - Reggie Lewis, DHP/Cure Violence Columbus, GA

(NOTE: This update was called up as the next order of business as listed on the City Manager's Agenda Item 11 "A")

Mr. Reggie Lewis, Cure Violence Columbus, approached the rostrum to provide an update on the Cure Violence Initiative. He explained Cure Violence views violence as a health epidemic rather than labelling people as “bad”. He stated violence is the result of several contributing factors, with many people involved with violence experiencing three of these factors in their lives, such as abuse, trauma, poverty, discrimination, and lack of opportunity.

Chief Program Officer Brent Tucker, Cure Violence Global, came forward to give information on the plan to take a proactive approach to address the violence in Columbus, Georgia. He stated since the target areas have been identified, they plan on recruiting members of the community that can serve as violence interrupters and outreach workers in order to reach the high-risk areas.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CURE VIOLENCE COLUMBUS:

- Include Key Elementary in the programming since it sits in one of the target areas. *(Request of Councilor Woodson)*
- Schedule community meetings on days other than Tuesdays so the members of Council can be present. *(Request of Councilor Woodson)*
- Find ways to implement into the various programs ways to encourage children to read books. *(Request of Councilor Thomas)*

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA (continued)

ORDINANCES

1. **Ordinance (21-052) - 2nd Reading:** An Ordinance amending Ordinance No.21-032, the budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, to reclassify certain positions of the Consolidated

Government of Columbus, Georgia; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem) Councilor Tucker made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent for the meeting. *(Councilor Woodson requested her vote be cast in the affirmative upon returning to her respective seat at the dais.)*

2. **1st Reading- REZN:07-21-1337:** An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia by changing certain boundaries of a district located at 1305 Hilton Avenue (parcel # 185-048-007) from RMF2 (Residential Multifamily 2) Zoning District to RO (Residential Office) Zoning District with conditions. Planning Department and PAC recommend conditional approval. (Councilor Huff)

RESOLUTIONS

4. **Resolution (332-21):** A Resolution approving the execution of an IGA with the Muscogee County School District regarding TAD #8 South Columbus River District (Mayor Pro-Tem) Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent for the meeting. *(Councilor Woodson requested her vote be cast in the affirmative upon returning to her respective seat at the dais.)*
5. **Resolution (333-21):** A resolution amending Resolution No. 302-21 authorizing the City Manager to provide for the closing of Carver Park except during the hours of 7:00 am through 7:00 pm on Monday through Friday until November 1, 2021. (Councilor Tucker) Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent for the meeting. *(Councilor Woodson requested her vote be cast in the affirmative upon returning to her respective seat at the dais.)*

Councilor Toyia Tucker thanked her colleagues for voting in favor of this resolution and spoke on the tragic realization that citizens are not able to visit Carver Park without worrying for their safety and the safety of their families. She expressed the need for the community to be more involved to get the violence under control and help those who have lost their way.

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Mr. Jerome Lawson, Re: Violence in the community and the underlining issues for that violence.
2. Mr. Ralph E. Sims, Re: Lien on Church Property.

City Manager Isaiah Hugley stated he has been out to this property, and he sees where it is of no use to the Columbus Consolidated Government. He stated he would prefer to bring back a recommendation to Council for consideration and his suggestion would be to remove the lien.

City Attorney Clifton Fay added that the city manager has the authorization to waive a demolition lien as long as it under \$25,000.

3. Ms. Jennifer Le Denney, Re: NDO in regards to individuals affected by physical and developmental disabilities. ***Not Present***

4. Mr. Paul Olson, Re: SPLOST Projects. *Cancelled*

INTRODUCTION:

City Manager Isaiah Hugley introduced **Mr. Steven Hood, Deputy to the Garrison Commander in Fort Stewart, Georgia** who is in town attending the meeting of hub city mayors and city managers. He explained Mr. Hood has been designated to work with him in Columbus through the intern program as they have used in the past and wanted to take the opportunity to introduce him to Council and the community.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA (continued)

2. **Acquisition of 803 5th Ave., 413 8th St. and 417 8th St.**

Resolution (334-21): A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a purchase and sale agreement with the estate of Florence H. Pendleton for the acquisition of 803 5th Avenue, 413 8th Street, and 417 8th Street. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent for the meeting.

3. **FY 22 Local Government & Improvement Grant (LMIG)**

Resolution (335-21): A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, authorizing the Mayor to make application and receive the FY 2022 Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant (LMIG) from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT). Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent for the meeting.

4. **Detention Ponds Acceptance – Section Fourteen, Garrett Pines**

Resolution (336-21): A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia authorizing the acceptance of a deed to the detention ponds, for the 22,203 square foot detention pond noted as Pond #4 and the 44,938 square foot detention pond noted as Pond Lot #5, located in Section Fourteen, Garrett Pines, on behalf of Columbus, Georgia. Councilor House made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent for the meeting.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Look into the detention pond at the River Rock Subdivision on Reese Road to consider doing the same for this one. (*Request of Councilor Crabb*)
- Check into the detention pond on Georgia Drive. (*Request of Councilor Tucker*)

6. Columbus Police Department: Financial Donations

Resolution (337-21): A resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept donated funds of \$250.00 from MovementForward, Inc., with no additional funds required. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent for the meeting.

7. Use of Whitewater Reserve Funds

Resolution (338-21): A resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a memorandum of understanding with Uptown Whitewater Management, LLC. for the release of Whitewater Reserve Funds for Whitewater repair and maintenance up to \$233,919. Councilor House made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent for the meeting.

5. Street Acceptance – Calf Pasture Drive, that portion of Hayfields Road and that portion of Hereford Lane located in Phase One, Section One, Heiferhorn Farms

Resolution (339-21): A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, authorizing the acceptance of a deed to Calf Pasture Drive, that portion of Haysfields Road and that portion of Hereford Lane, located in Phase One, Section One, Heiferhorn Farms on behalf of Columbus, Georgia. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent for the meeting.

8. FY 22 Georgia Department of Transportation – Z230 Funds for Resurfacing

Resolution (340-21): A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, authorizing the City Manager to apply for and receive the FY 2022 Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Z230 Funds from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT). Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent for the meeting.

9. Quit Claim Deed to Ben Eric Billings for a Portion of Talokas Lane

Resolution (341-21): A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, authorizing the changing of the official street map and tax maps of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia by officially closing and abandoning a portion of the cul-de-sac of Talokas Lane that has been extended as shown on plat entitled “Right of Way Acquisition Survey of Talokas Lane Parcel “1000B & 1000C, Billings Crossing, Part of Land Lots 36 and 61, 9th District, Columbus, Muscogee County, Georgia”; authorizing the execution of a quit claim deed to Ben Eric Billings; reserving utility easements; and for other purposes. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent for the meeting.

10. PURCHASES

- A. One Ladder Truck with Loose Equipment for Fire/EMS – Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (342-21): A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) E-One 78' Straight Aerial (Quint) Ladder Truck with Loose Equipment, in the amount of \$1,084,730.00, from Fireline, Inc. (Winder, GA), by cooperative purchase, via HGACBuy Contract #FS12-19. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent for the meeting.

B. GMA Lease for One Ladder Truck with Loose Equipment for Fire/EMS

Resolution (343-21): A resolution to authorize and direct the City Manager to execute one or more lease supplements for a lease or leases under the GMA Direct Leasing Program; to designate such leases as qualified tax-exempt obligations; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent for the meeting.

C. E-One Rescue Pumpers with Loose Equipment for Fire/EMS – Cooperative Contract

Resolution (344-21): A resolution authorizing the purchase of five (5) E-One 1500 GPM Top Mount Rescue Pumpers, with 780 Gallon Booster Tanks mounted on new 2022 Custom E-One Cyclone Cabs & Chassis and Loose Equipment, in the amount of \$3,755,348.00 (\$751,069.60 each), from Fireline, Inc. (Winder, GA), cooperative purchase, via HGACBuy Contract #FS12-19. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent for the meeting.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Provide an update at the next meeting on where we are regarding the purchase and/or lease of the vehicles needed by the Fire and EMS Department. (*Request of Councilor Thomas*)

D. All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) and Accessories for the Police Department – Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (345-21): A resolution authorizing the purchase of thirteen (13) All-Terrian Vehicles (ATVs) and accessories, in the amount of \$217,595.07, from Polaris Sales, Inc. (Medina, MN) by cooperative purchase via Sourcewell Cooperative, Contract #122220-PSI. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent for the meeting.

E. Ford Explorers for Engineering Department – Cooperative Contract

Resolution (346-21): A resolution authorizing the purchase of two (2) 2022 Ford Explorer Vehicles from Allan Vigil Ford Lincoln (Morrow, GA) in the amount of \$30,848.00 each, for a total of \$61,696.00. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase, via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-SPD-ES40199373-002. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present,

with Mayor Pro Tem Allen being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent for the meeting.

F. Ford F-250 Pickup Trucks for Engineering Department – Cooperative Contract

Resolution (347-21): A resolution authorizing the purchase of two (2) 2022 Ford F-250 Regular Cab 4x2 pickup trucks from Allan Vigil Ford Lincoln (Morrow, GA); one in the amount of \$29,777.00, and one in the amount of \$34,207.00, for a total of \$63,984.00. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase, via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-SPD-ES40199373-002. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent for the meeting.

G. Commercial Dishwasher for Muscogee County Jail – Cooperative Contract

Resolution (348-21): A resolution authorizing the purchase of a commercial dishwasher from 1st Choice Restaurant Equipment (San Antonio, TX), in the amount of \$159,577.00 for the Muscogee County Jail. The purchase will be made by Cooperative Purchase via BuyBoard, Contract #598-19. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent for the meeting.

H. Xomad Project Funding Payment to the Community Foundation of The Chattahoochee Valley

Resolution (349-21): A resolution authorizing a payment of \$30,000 to the Community Foundation of the Chattahoochee Valley, Inc. to assist with funding the Xomad Social Media Project to encourage Covid Vaccinations and support contact tracing. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent for the meeting.

I. ADD-ON: Amendment 1 for Space Planning and Programming & Design Professional Services for Columbus Consolidated Government Center Project – RFQ No. 20-0001

Resolution (350-21): A resolution authorizing the execution of Amendment 1 with the S/L/A/M Collaborative, Inc. (Orlando, FL), formerly CBRE/Heery, Inc., in the amount of \$51,700.00 for space planning and programming & design services for the Muscogee County Jail. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent for the meeting.

11. **UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS**

A. Cure Violence Update - Reggie Lewis, DHP/Cure Violence Columbus, GA

(NOTE: This update, as provided by City Manager Isaiah Hugley, was called upon earlier in the meeting during the City Attorney's Agenda.)

B. Columbus Visitors Bureau Update - Peter Bowden, CEO

CEO Peter Bowden approached the rostrum to provide an update on the local hospitality industry. He explained the difficulties experienced in Fiscal Year 2021 due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and provided information on the strategic plan going forward based on data analysis through the use of social media platforms.

C. City Resource Center Update - Reather Hollowell, Human Resources Director

Human Resource Director Reather Hollowell came forward to give a presentation on the City Resource Center. She explained there will be kiosks setup at recreation centers throughout the city allowing citizens to access the online City Resource Center. This will allow citizens to apply for jobs and research the various city services available.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Look into having the kiosks at the grocery stores and other public places. (*Request of Councilor Woodson*)

City Manager Isaiah Hugley reminded that this is a startup program.

D. Monthly Finance Update - Angelica Alexander, Finance Director

Finance Director Angelica Alexander approached the rostrum to provide the monthly finance update for the month of August 2021.

BID ADVERTISEMENT

September 29, 2021

1. **Pharmaceutical Supply Services (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 22-0011**

Scope of Bid

The City of Columbus, Georgia is seeking bids from area hospitals interested in providing Pharmaceutical Supply Services for the Columbus Fire and Emergency Medical Services. The City reserves the right to add additional related items during the term of the contract.

The contract period will be for two (2) years with the option to renew for three (3) additional twelve-month periods, if agreeable to both parties.

October 4, 2021

1. **Architectural Services for Feeding the Valley Facility Expansion – RFP No. 22-0004**

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government is requesting proposals from qualified offerors to provide architectural plans and drawings for Feeding the Valley Facility Enhancement. Feeding the Valley is a food bank serving several counties and communities in the River Valley region. The organization is looking to expand by adding an additional facility at its Columbus location in order to meet the growing needs of the food insecure in the area.

This is a Section 3 Covered Contract and Section 3 Business Concerns are encouraged to apply.

October 13, 2021

1. Traffic Safety Equipment (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 22-0014

Scope of Bid

Columbus Consolidated Government is requesting bids from qualified vendors to provide traffic safety equipment to include barricades, safety flags, traffic cones, drums, various signs, stands, etc., to the Public Works Department. These items will be procured on an “as needed” basis.

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

October 20, 2021

1. Classification and Compensation Study and Analysis

Scope of RFP

The City of Columbus is seeking proposals from qualified Consultant/Firms to conduct a classification and compensation study. The Consultant/Firm will work with Human Resources and City leadership to review our classification and compensation structure and recommend comparable public/private survey markets. Consultant/Firms shall consider the compensation and benefits package received by employees with the City as it relates to both the external and internal markets.

CLERK OF COUNCIL’S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

1. RESOLUTION – A Resolution excusing Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen from the September 28, 2021 Council Meeting. Clerk of Council Davis withdrew the resolution due to Mayor Pro Tem Allen being present virtually for the meeting.

2. Email Correspondence from Contreana Pearson, Secretary to the Animal Control Advisory Board, requesting that the seat of Christy Noullet be declared vacant due to a lack of attendance. Councilor Crabb made a motion to declare the seat of Christy Noullet vacant on the Animal Control Advisory Board, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen, and Councilor Davis being absent for the meeting.

3. Minutes of the following boards:

Animal Control Advisory Board, June 8 and August 3, 2021

Board of Tax Assessors, 30-21 & 31-21

Convention & Visitors Board of Commissioners, August 18, 2021

Housing Authority of Columbus, August 18, 2021

Land Bank Authority, September 9, 2021

Planning Advisory Commission, August 18, 2021

Public Safety Advisory Commission, August 19, 2021

River Valley Regional Commission, August 25, 2021

Councilor Woodson made a motion to receive the minutes of various boards, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent for the meeting.

ADD-ON RESOLUTION:

RESOLUTION (351-21) - A Resolution excusing Councilor Glenn Davis from the September 28, 2021 Council Meeting. Councilor Woodson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent for the meeting.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS- ACTION REQUESTED:

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

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

A nominee for the seat of Marianne Richter (*Not eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on December 31, 2021, as a representative of the Restaurant/Retail Industry on the Convention & Visitors Bureau Board of Commissioners (*Mayor's Appointment*). There were none.

B. **HOUSING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:**

A nominee for the seat of Tiffani Stacy (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on November 16, 2021, as the Resident Member on the Housing Authority of Columbus (*Mayor's Appointment*). Mayor Henderson nominated Tiffani Stacy to serve another term. Councilor Woodson made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent for the meeting.

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

A. **HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD:** Ms. Fran Carpenter was nominated to fill the unexpired term of Ms. Shannon Smallman. (*Councilor Woodson's nominee*) Term expires: January 31, 2023. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Woodson and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent for the meeting.

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

A. **KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION:**

A nominee for the seat of David Goldberg (*Moving out of the county*) as an At-Large Member for a term expiring on June 30, 2021, on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Arsburn “Oz” Roberts (*Not Eligible to succeed*) as an At-Large Member for a term expiring on June 30, 2021, on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (*Council’s Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Dr. William Kendall (*Not Eligible to succeed*) as an At-Large Member for a term expiring on June 30, 2021, on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (*Council’s Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Fran Fluker (*Not Eligible to succeed*) as an At-Large Member for a term expiring on June 30, 2021, on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (*Council’s Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Orlean Baulkmon (*Not Eligible to succeed*) as an At-Large Member for a term expiring on June 30, 2021, on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (*Council’s Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Larry Derby (*Did not desire reappointment*) as an At-Large Member for a term expiring on June 30, 2020, on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (*Council’s Appointment*). There were none. Clerk of Council Davis explained Mr. William R. Bandy was nominated during the September 14, 2021 Meeting to succeed Mr. Larry Derby; however, there was a name mishap and it was determined that Mr. Bandy had already been appointed to serve as the District 8 Representative. Therefore, the seat of Mr. Larry Derby is still listed for nomination.

B. TREE BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of Frank Tommey (*Not eligible to succeed*) as the Residential Development Member on the Tree Board for a term that expired on December 31, 2020 (*Council’s Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Troy Keller (*Not eligible to succeed*) as the Educator Member on the Tree Board for a term that expired on December 31, 2020 (*Council’s Appointment*). There were none.

C. UPTOWN FACADE BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of James “Jay” James (*Eligible to succeed – Interested in serving another term*) as the Uptown Business Improvement District Representative for a term that expires on October 31, 2021 (*Council’s Appointment*). Councilor Woodson renominated James “Jay” Lewis to serve another term.

A nominee for the seat of Hannah Israel (*Eligible to succeed – Interested in serving another term*) as the Uptown Business Improvement District Representative for a term that expires on October 31, 2021 (*Council’s Appointment*). Councilor Woodson renominated Hannah Israel to serve another term.

A nominee for the seat of Alan Udy (*Eligible to succeed*) as the Uptown Business Improvement District Representative for a term that expires on October 31, 2021 (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Woodson renominated Alan Udy to serve another term.

A nominee for the seat of Debbie Young (*Eligible to succeed*) as the Uptown Business Improvement District Representative for a term that expires on October 31, 2021 (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Woodson renominated Debbie Young to serve another term.

A nominee for the seat of Jud Richardson (*Eligible to succeed*) as the Uptown Columbus, Inc. Representative for a term that expires on October 31, 2021 (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Woodson renominated Jud Richardson to serve another term.

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Councilor Garrett to adjourn the September 28, 2021 Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent for the meeting, and the time being 9:10 p.m.

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