

# 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

March 28, 2023  
5:30 PM  
Regular Meeting

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### **MAYOR'S AGENDA**

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**PRESENT:** Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III and Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen and Councilors Jerry "Pops" Barnes, Joanne Cogle, Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis, R. Walker Garrett, John M. House, Bruce Huff, Judy W. Thomas, and Toyia Tucker. City Manager Isaiah Hugley, City Attorney Clifton Fay, Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis, and Deputy Clerk of Council Lindsey G. McLemore were present.

**The following documents have been included as a part of the electronic Agenda Packet:** (1) FY23 Budget Snapshot February 2023 (2) City Hall Parking Garage Options Presentation; (3) American Rescue Plan (ARP) Presentation; (4) Community Reinvestment ARP Projects Presentation; (5) From Ft. Benning to Ft. Moore Presentation; (6) Phase 2 Streetlight Project Presentation

**The following documents were distributed around the Council table:** (1) Columbus Consolidated Government 2022 Annual Report

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

**INVOCATION:** Offered by Pastor Curtis Crocker, Metropolitan Baptist Church of Columbus, Georgia

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Mayor Henderson

### **MINUTES**

1. Approval of minutes for the March 14, 2023 Council Meeting and Executive Session. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

### **RESOLUTION**

2. Resolution in Recognition of Dr. Judy Purnell.

**Resolution (104-23):** A resolution in recognition of Dr. Judy Purnell. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Barnes and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

**Councilor Toyia Tucker** read the resolution into the record, honoring Dr. Judy Purnell for her dedication in teaching the history of African American Culture to many generations.

# **CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA**

## **ORDINANCES**

- 1. Ordinance (23-017) - 2nd Reading-** REZN-01-23-0036: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **2925 Manchester Expressway** (parcel # 069-008-004 / 069-008-022 / 069-008-023) from LMI (Light Manufacturing / Industrial) Zoning District to GC (General Commercial) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Crabb) Councilor Crabb made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members present.
- 2. 1st Reading-** An Ordinance amending the Columbus Code to add a new Article VIII to Chapter 14, which provides comprehensive local regulation of Coin Operated Amusement Machines in Columbus, Georgia to the extent permitted by State Law; and for other purposes. (Councilors Barnes, Tucker, and Cogle)

**Mr. Paul Olson** approached the rostrum to speak on the proposed ordinance.

- 3. 1st Reading-** An Ordinance to amend the Columbus Code to revise and restate Articles III and VII of Chapter 16B which provide the procedures for certain personnel actions; to amend Article VIII of the Columbus Code pertaining to probationary employees; to repeal conflicting ordinances; to establish an effective date; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem)

**Human Resources Director Reather Hollowell** approached the rostrum to explain some of the details of the proposed ordinance and respond to questions from the members of Council.

## **PUBLIC AGENDA**

1. Mr. Royce Morris, Re: The Code Enforcement Department relating to dilapidated houses in the community. **CANCELLED**
2. Mr. Antonio Carter, Re: **Not Present**
3. Ms. Letisha Rice, Re: ARP Grant questions and concerns.
4. Mr. Wane Hailes, representing NAACP, Re: The Strategic Plan.
5. Rev. Johnny Flakes, III, representing Fourth Street Missionary Baptist Church, Re: Questions on the process as it relates to the position of Police Chief.
6. Rev. Michael Powell, representing Asbury UMC, Re: The implementation of the Columbus Police Department Strategic Plan.
7. Mr. Alton Russell, Re: Public Safety issues. **CANCELLED**
8. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: CPD Strategic Plan.
9. Mrs. Elizabeth Garcia, Re: The need for new leadership at the Columbus Police Department. **Not Present**
10. Mr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr., Re: Injustices with the process with the Police Chief.

11. Mr. Eric Finch, representing NOBLE (National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives), Georgia Chapter Area Vice-President, Re: To speak on behalf of the Police Chief.
12. Ms. Nadine Moore, Re: The Severance Packet.
13. Mr. Paul Olson, Re: 1. Executive Session, 2. Counseling and Adverse Evaluation Reports, 3. Dismissal and Appeal of City Officer IAW City Charter, 4. Public Safety Advisory Commission and 5. Incorporating the Police Department into the Sheriff's Department by City Council.

## **CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA**

### **1. Columbus Police Department Quarterly Retention Bonuses and Incentives for Calendar Year 2023**

Approval is requested to provide \$1,500 quarterly retention bonuses for calendar year 2023 applicable to full-time Sworn Officers and full-time 911 Communications Technicians employed in the Columbus Police Department as well as relocation assistance up to \$3,000 and employee referral incentives of \$600 for employees in the Columbus Police Department.

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Huff. Councilor Thomas made a substitute motion to table this item until the FY2024 Budget discussions, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

### **2. Uptown Columbus – City Chattahoochee River Park Management MOU Renewal and Amendment**

**Resolution (105-23):** A resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute the first amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding with Chattahoochee River Park Management, renewing and amending the MOU with Uptown Columbus, Inc., a Non-Profit Corporation (UCI), to manage and operate the Chattahoochee River Park for an additional ten years. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

### **3. Oglethorpe Bridge/4th Avenue Replacement Project**

**Resolution (106-23):** A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia requesting sidewalks and multiuse path facilities be included as part of the replacement of the SR 520/US 280 Oglethorpe Bridge/4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Project. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

### **REFERRAL(S):**

#### **FOR THE CITY MANAGER:**

- Send a survey to citizens for their input. (*Request of Councilor Cogle*)

### **5. FY23 Violence Against Women Act Grant Award**

**Resolution (107-23):** A resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept a VAWA Grant award of \$50,000.00 or as otherwise awarded, with a local match of \$16,667.00 to operate the Solicitor General's Violence Against Women Act Program from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023, and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund 0216 by the amount of the award. Councilor Tucker made a

motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

**6. Georgia Statewide Afterschool Network BOOST Grant Summer 2023. “Building Opportunities for Out of School Time”**

**Resolution (108-23):** A resolution authorizing the City to apply for the Summer Boost Grant Year 2 and, if awarded, accept the monies granted by the Georgia Statewide Afterschool Program Network “Building Opportunities for Out of School Time” Summer Boost Grant, Tier 2. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

**7. Therapeutic Recreation: Tables and Chairs Donation**

**Resolution (109-23):** A resolution authorizing the City Manager to approve and accept a donation of ten tables and forty chairs to be used in the Therapeutic Recreation Section of the Parks and Recreation Department. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

**8. Approval to serve as Fiscal Agent and apply for FY2024 Family Connection Grant**

**Resolution (110-23):** A resolution authorizing the City Manager or his designee to continue to serve as fiscal agent and to submit an application and, if approved, accept a grant from the Georgia Department of Human Services in the amount of \$52,500, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match requirement, for Fiscal Year 2024, to support the Columbus/Muscogee County Family Connection Collaborative for improving child health and welfare, school performance, family stability, family economic capacity, and to reduce child abuse, neglect, and teenage pregnancy, and to amend the Family Connection Partnership Fund (Fund 985) by the amount of the award. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

**9. Donation Request for the 2023 Columbus Civic Center Juneteenth Jubilee**

**Resolution (111-23):** A resolution to accept both financial and equipment donations from local business and organizations to be used for the 2023 Columbus Civic Center Juneteenth Jubilee. The Second Annual Juneteenth Jubilee will be June 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

**4. Federal Fiscal Year 2024 Congressionally Directed Spending Request for Funding to Provide On-Demand Transit Service**

**Resolution (112-23):** A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia authorizing the City Manager to accept, and amend the Transportation Fund by an amount up to \$2,630,000 in funding from FFY 2024 Congressionally Directed Spending. Councilor Davis made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent for the vote.

**METRA Director Rosa Evans** approached the rostrum to explain how beneficial this funding is for providing services to those areas of Columbus that do not currently have transportation services.

## 10. PURCHASES

- A. Overhead Door Installation and Maintenance Services (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 23-0032

**Resolution (113-23):** A resolution authorizing the execution of an annual contract for the provision of overhead door installation & maintenance services from River City Door, LLC (Columbus, GA), for the estimated annual contract value of \$9,500.00. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

- B. Alternators & Starters for METRA (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 23-0031

**Resolution (114-23):** A resolution authorizing an annual contract with Romaine Electric Corporation (Kent, WA), for the purchase, repair and rebuilding of alternators and starters for METRA, on an “as needed” basis. METRA anticipates an annual contract value of \$10,000.00 based on prior year’s usage and inflation. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

- C. Amendment 1 for the Mobile Technology System for Waste Collection Vehicles – RFP No. 21-0015

**Resolution (115-23):** A resolution authorizing the execution of Amendment 1 with Gofleet Corporation (Mississauga, Ontario) for the purchase of a mobile application software for METRA’s Uptown Shuttle Service in the amount of \$15,000 for product development and \$2,400 for hosting and annual maintenance. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

- D. Contract Extension for Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan, CAPER, and Equity Plan – RFP No. 21-0019

**Resolution (116-23):** A resolution authorizing an extension to the contract with Mosaic Community Planning, LLC (Atlanta, GA) for the total fixed fee of \$173,570.00 for ongoing assistance with planning work related to various community development programs. The services include 2023-2027 Annual Action Plans, 2022-2026 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Reports (CAPERS), 2026-2030 Consolidated Plan, and a 2025 Equity Plan (or Comparable Fair Housing Study). The services also include environmental review records in the amounts of \$115, \$230, \$345 and \$485, depending on the level of review required; the pricing is subject to annual increase by a percentage not to exceed 5% year-over-year. On-Call Technical Assistance will be on an hourly basis: \$225 for a Principal; \$200 for a Senior Consultant; \$170 for a Senior Planner and \$115 for an Associate Planner. The contract extension will be for a five-year period. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

- E. Workers’ Compensation Claims Management Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 23-0020

**Resolution (117-23):** A resolution authorizing the execution of an annual contract with USIS, Inc. d/b/a Amerisys (Alpharetta, GA) for workers’ compensation claims management services, including access and use of the firm’s Risk Management Information System (RMIS). Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

F. Maintenance, Repair & Operation (MRO), Industrial Supplies and Tools – State Cooperative Contract

**Resolution (118-23):** A resolution authorizing the purchase of maintenance, repair & operations (MRO), industrial supplies and tools from Lowe Electric Supply Co., Home Depot USA, Inc., Miller Hardware Company, Inc., Kipper Tool Company, HD Supply Facilities Maintenance LTD, Acuity Specialty Products, Inc. d/b/a Zep Company, and W.W. Grainger, Inc., for the annual estimated contract value of \$36,650.00. The purchases will be made via Georgia State Contract SWC-99999-001-SPD-0000181, which commenced on April 1, 2021, and will continue through March 31, 2023, and any additional contract renewals or extensions awarded by the State. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

G. Front-End Loader for Parks and Recreation – Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase

**Resolution (119-23):** A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) front-end loader (2023 John Deere 524 P Wheel Loader with Tag Manufacturing Log & Lumber Forks w/ Single Paddle Style Top Clamp) from Dobbs Equipment (Albany, GA), in the amount of \$201,210.69. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Sourcewell Contract #032119-JDC. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

H. Gators™ for Parks and Recreation Department – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase

**Resolution (120-23):** A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) 2023 John Deere Gator™ HPX615E in the amount of \$14,804.73 for the Cooper Creek Tennis Courts; and two (2) 2023 John Deere Gator™ TS Model at a unit price of \$7,611.63, and a total cost of \$15,223.26 for Park Services; for a grand total cost of \$30,027.99. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-001-SPD0000175-0005. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

I. Industrial Sink with Disposal for Muscogee County Prison – Federal GSA Cooperative Purchase

**Resolution (121-23):** A resolution authorizing the purchase of an industrial sink with disposal from Mobile Fixture & Equipment Company, Inc. (Mobile, AL) in the amount of \$30,246.81. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Federal GSA Contract #GS-07F-0154V. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

J. Cloud-Based Phone System and Contact Center for Information Technology Department – Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase

**Resolution (122-23):** A resolution authorizing to approve the purchase of a Cloud-Based Phone System (WebX Calling) and Contact Center (WebX Contact) from CDW Government, LLC (Vernon Hills, IL) over a 7-year period as follows: Year 1: \$544,191.53; Year 2: \$271,549.20; Year 3: \$271,549.20; Year 4: \$271,549.20; Year 5: \$271,549.20; Year 6 \$255,949.20 and Year 7 \$255,949.20, for a grand total cost of \$2,142,286.73. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Sourcewell Contract #081419-CDW. Additionally, this resolution authorizes payments for the ongoing license and subscription fees after the initial purchase. Mayor

Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

K. Calltower for Cloud-Based Phone System for Information Technology – Federal GSA Cooperative Purchase

**Resolution (123-23):** A resolution authorizing the purchase of calltower from Team Consulting, Inc. (TCI) (Washington D.C.) over a 3-year period as follows: Year 1 - \$53,568.90; Year 2 - \$46,914.00 and Year 3 - \$46,914.00. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Federal GSA Contract # GS-35F-328GA. Additionally, this resolution authorizes payments for the ongoing license and subscription fees after the initial purchase. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

L. Firewall Upgrade for Information Technology – Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase

**Resolution (124-23):** A resolution authorizing the purchase of computer firewall upgrade (Palo Alto Networks) from CDW Government, LLC (Vernon Hills, IL) in the amount of \$359,899.00. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Sourcewell Contract # 081419-CDW. Additionally, this resolution authorizes payments for the ongoing license and subscription fees after the initial purchase. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

M. Plumbing Services for Public Works Department – Federal GSA Cooperative Purchase

**Resolution (125-23):** A resolution authorizing payment to Gilbane Building Company (Atlanta, GA) in the amount of \$80,588.65 for plumbing services provided at the jail; as well as, authorizing future payments to Gilbane Building Company for the provision of ongoing plumbing services, until Public Works is able to hire plumbers for the City. The plumbing services are provided by Cooperative Purchase via Federal GSA Contract #GS-23F-0024R and #GS-29F-0017P. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

### **EMERGENCY PURCHASES**

1. Emergency Purchase – Information Only

**FORENSIC TRANSPORT VEHICLE FOR CORONER’S OFFICE:**

On March 21, 2023, the City Manager was notified of the need for a new Forensic Transport vehicle for the Coroner’s Office as a matter of Public Health and Safety. This vehicle is used to transport the deceased to the GBI for autopsies and to also transport bodies to the morgue in the event the family has no arrangements for disposition, or no family is available.

The current vehicle has over 230,000 miles, is inoperable and has been taken out of service per the Fleet Manager, due to fuel line damage, as well as a long list of repairs that make it unfit for use. The maintenance log and justifications for removing the vehicle from service are available. The Fleet Manager advised that the standard cargo van is no longer available, but that J.A.R. Capital Group, Inc. dba Quality Vans & Specialty Vehicles can provide the needed van. The vendor quoted a Ford Transit 350 146" EB EL Tall Roof 10600 GVWR dual rear wheel van at a cost of \$111,700.

The City Manager approved the emergency request on March 21, 2023, upon submission from the Coroner's Office.

Funds are budgeted in the FY23 Budget: LOST/Public Safety Fund – Coroner – Public Safety/LOST – Light Trucks; 0102 – 570 – 9900 – LOST – 7722.

## **11. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS**

### A. Finance Update - Angelica Alexander, Finance Director

**Finance Director Angelica Alexander** came forward to provide a monthly finance update for February 2023.

### B. City Hall Parking Garage Update - Pam Hodge, Deputy City Manager of Finance, Planning & Development

**Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge** approached the rostrum to provide an update on the options for the parking garage at the new City Hall as a follow-up to discussions held at the March 14, 2023 Council Meeting. The information she provided explains the various options to meet the needs of the departments moving into the new buildings and citizens visiting to handle business.

**Mr. Jason McKenzie (Ride on Bikes)** approached the rostrum to speak on the parking needed by various surrounding businesses in Uptown for their patrons and employees.

**Mr. Buddy Nelms (Business Owner)** approached the rostrum to speak on the importance of allowing public parking in the parking garage for City Hall.

**Uptown CEO Ed Wolverton** approached the rostrum to explain how parking is an issue faced by many downtown areas all over the country. He expressed the need for additional public parking for patrons of the Uptown Area.

Councilor Cogle made a motion to keep the first two floors open to the public 24-hours a day, seven days a week, with no time limit, and exploring the option of installing a gate on the third floor to possibly allow additional public parking for special events. For clarification, Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge added that levels three through six would be for city employees, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

### D. ARP Update - Pam Hodge, Deputy City Manager of Finance, Planning & Development

**Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge** approached the rostrum to provide an update on various projects funded by the American Rescue Plan (ARP).

**Community Reinvestment Director Rob Scott** approached the rostrum to provide a presentation on Community Reinvestment American Rescue Plan (ARP) funded projects. The projects he discussed included utility assistance, homeowner occupied rehabilitation and affordable housing.

### C. 931 5th Avenue Demolition Update - Pam Hodge, Deputy City Manager of Finance, Planning & Development

**Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge** approached the rostrum to provide an update on the property located at 931 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, which is listed on the demolition list. She explained the reason this property



was recommended for demolition is due to the certified building authority deeming it as an unsafe structure.

**Councilor Joanne Cogle** made a motion to remove the property located at 931 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue from the demolition list, seconded by Councilor Tucker. After further discussion, Councilor Cogle withdrew her motion with the understanding that the Inspections & Code Director would provide an update on the condition of the property at the April 11, 2023 Council Meeting.

E. Renaming Fort Benning Update - Will Johnson, Planning Director

**Planning Director Will Johnson** approached the rostrum to provide an update on the transition of the military base naming from Fort Benning to Fort Moore, as it pertains to roadway names, signage, and facilities. He explained the changes local businesses and residents on Fort Benning Road and Benning Drive if Council chooses to change the names of these roads to coincide with the renaming of Fort Benning.

F. Streetlight Project - Robert Scott, Community Reinvestment Director

**Community Reinvestment Director Rob Scott** approached the rostrum to provide an update on Phase 2 of the Streetlight Project coming to the community. He explained the next phase to the project is replacement of existing fixtures with new fixtures to improve lighting, with the replacement improving vehicle and pedestrian safety.

**Engineering Director Donna Newman** came forward to explain the difference between the monthly cost of the current streetlights throughout the City of Columbus and the proposed new lighting. She stated they have a meeting planned with Georgia Power to gain a better understanding of the new lighting and the maintenance that comes with the new lighting.

## **BID ADVERTISEMENT**

### **March 29, 2023**

1. **Patches & Emblems (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 23-0015**

Scope of Bid

Provide patches and emblems for Columbus Consolidated Government Departments, to include but not limited to, the following: Columbus Police Department, Columbus Fire and EMS, Muscogee County Prison and METRA Transit on an “as needed” basis. This contract may also be utilized by any other City agency requiring the goods.

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

2. **Recycling Facility Operations and Management Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 23-0021**

A **Non-Mandatory** Site Visit/Walk-Thru is scheduled for 9:00 AM on Wednesday, March 29, 2023, at the Recycling Center located at 8001 Pine Grove Way in Columbus, GA.

### **March 31, 2023**

1. **Lead-Based Paint/Asbestos & Clearance Testing Services (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 23-0011**

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government is seeking proposals from qualified vendors to provide Lead-Based Paint/Asbestos & Clearance Testing Services for the housing rehabilitation (single and multi-family), rental assistance program (tenant and project-based), and supportive services/operations programs. These services will be utilized primarily by the Community Reinvestment Department on an “as needed” basis.

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

2. **Assessment Entity for Promotional Testing Services for CPD (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 23-0025**

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government is seeking an Assessment Entity to provide promotional testing services for the Columbus Police Department on an “as needed basis”.

The contract term shall be for five (5) years with an option to renew for five (5) additional twelve-month periods.

3. **Recruitment Advertising Services – RFP No. 23-0030**

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government invites qualified firms to submit proposals to provide the Columbus Police Department with a 3:00 to 4:00 minute documentary style video for recruiting purposes. In addition, the vendor should also be able to provide other advertising media in the form of brochures, billboards and other media resources to aid in the recruitment and retention of officers. **Time is of the essence; therefore, the ability to immediately start on the project and provide a quality, finished product as soon as possible will be a major consideration in awarding of the contract.**

**April 5, 2023**

1. **Investigation Interview Audio/Video Recording System for Fire & EMS – PQ No. 23-0012**

Scope of PQ

The Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) is seeking quotes from qualified vendors to provide and install one (1) digital audio/video interview recording system, Legaltek LX Oracle (LXO) 1080P HD, or current production model equivalent, for investigation interviews for the Columbus Fire & EMS Department. The quote should include all labor and material for a turn-key solution.

2. **Advertisement Signs for METRA Buses – PQ No. 23-0011**

Scope of PQ

The Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) is seeking quotes from qualified vendors to provide and install advertisement signs on buses for the Department of Transportation/METRA.

3. **Truck and Trailer Wrap Graphics for Parks and Recreation – PQ No. 23-0013**

Scope of PQ

The Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) is seeking quotes from qualified vendors to design, provide and install truck and trailer wrap graphics for the Parks and Recreation Department.

**April 7, 2023**

**1. Pursuit Vehicle Build Out (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 23-0015**

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government requires the services of a qualified provider on an “as needed” basis to acquire and install the specified equipment into the pursuit vehicles purchased by the City each year and prepare them for delivery to the City of Columbus Fleet Maintenance Shop, as a fully functional pursuit vehicle, for use by one of the Law Enforcement Agencies of the City of Columbus.

The contract term shall be for five (5) years with an option to renew for five (5) additional twelve-month periods.

**2. 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.*

**3. 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.

**April 12, 2023**

**1. Carbon Dioxide Liquid Bulk and Tank Rentals for City Swimming Pools (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 23-0028**

Scope of RFB

It is the intent of the Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) to secure an annual contract with a vendor to provide carbon dioxide liquid in bulk, and the rental of six (6) 750lb tanks, for City swimming pools.

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

**April 14, 2023**

**1. Advisory and Consulting Services for the Columbus Consolidated Government 457 Deferred Compensation Plan and Its Board (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 23-0016**

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government seeks qualified firms to submit proposals for providing professional advisory and investment consulting services for the Columbus Consolidated Government's 457 Deferred Compensation Plan.

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

**2. Recycling Facility Operations and Management Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 23-0021**

**Scope of RFP**

The Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia (the City) invites qualified offerors to submit proposals to provide recycling processing equipment, provide operations and maintenance of the equipment and the facility, market the processing capacity of the facility, market processed recyclable materials, and assist the City with public education services.

Option A is for the Offeror to provide personnel to operate the facility and Option B is for the City to provide personnel to operate the facility. Offerors may submit proposals for either or both options.

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

## **CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA**

### **ENCLOSURES - INFORMATION ONLY**

1. Certificate of Need Application submitted by the Medical Center, Inc. d/b/a Piedmont Columbus Regional Midtown (PCRM) for its project to upgrade and reconfigure its ICU rooms and associated areas.

### **ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED**

2. Official Appointment Form for New Horizons Behavioral Health- Mental Health, Addictive Diseases and Developmental Disabilities- Community Service Board recommending reappointment of Nancy Schroeder and Sandra Gill for a term beginning on July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2026. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to confirm the reappointment of Nancy Schroeder and Sandra Gill, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

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

Animal Control Advisory Board, February 3, 2023

Board of Tax Assessors, #08-23 & #09-23

Convention & Visitors Board of Commissioners, February 15, 2023

Planning Advisory Commission, March 1, 2023

River Valley Regional Commission, February 22, 2023

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

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED**

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

**A. COOPERATIVE EXTENSION ADVISORY BOARD:**

A nominee for the seat of Margaret Higdon (*Does not desire reappointment*) for a term that expired on December 31, 2021, on the Cooperative Extension Advisory Board (*Council's Appointment*). Clerk of Council Davis advised that Mayor Pro Tem Allen is nominating Sandra Hawthorne to succeed Ms. Margaret Higdon.

**PUBLIC AGENDA CONTINUED (3 Additional Minutes)**

5. Rev. Johnny Flakes, III, representing Fourth Street Missionary Baptist Church, Re: Questions on the process as it relates to the position of Police Chief.
6. Rev. Michael Powell, representing Asbury UMC, Re: The implementation of the Columbus Police Department Strategic Plan.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Mayor Henderson entertained a motion to go into executive session to discuss matters of potential litigation and personnel 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 ten members present, with the time being 10:02 p.m.

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 11:25 p.m., at which time, Mayor Henderson announced that the Council did meet in executive session to discuss matters of potential litigation and personnel; 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 March 28, 2023 Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Councilor Barnes and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Garrett and House being absent for the vote, and the time being 11:25 p.m.

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