

# 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 26, 2024  
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 (via teleconference), Tyson Begly (via teleconference), Joanne Cogle, Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis, R. Walker Garrett, 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.

**ABSENT:** Councilor Glenn Davis was absent.

**The following documents have been included as a part of the electronic Agenda Packet:** (1) 2024 National Community Development Week & Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Month Presentation

**The following documents were distributed around the Council table:** (1) Documents submitted by Pamela Moss, Re: South Commons; (2) Document submitted by Theresa El-Amin, Re: CPD Proposed Reorganization – Bureau of Investigations

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

**INVOCATION:** Offered by Dr. Delta Outley, Abundant Life Church of Columbus, Georgia

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

## CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

### RESOLUTIONS

- Resolution (098-24):** A Resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia (the "Council"), approving Resolutions of the Columbus Building Authority (the "Authority"); authorizing the issuance of its Series 2024 Taxable Lease Revenue Bonds in accordance with a request of the Council contained in its Resolution No. 463-23; to approve the best bid for the Series 2024 Taxable Bonds; to authorize the Mayor to transfer property to the Authority and to execute the Lease; to authorize the Mayor and other officials of Columbus to take such further actions as are necessary to provide for the issuance and delivery of the Series 2024 Taxable Bonds; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem) Councilor Garrett made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried by a six-to-three vote, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Barnes, Begly, Garrett, Huff and Thomas voting in favor; Councilors Cogle, Crabb and Tucker voting in opposition, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting. (Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative votes of Councilors Barnes and Begly.)

**Mr. Doug Gebhardt, First Vice President of Public Finance, Davenport & Co.,** approached the rostrum to provide information on the proposed bond issuance. (*NOTE: This item was called up as the next order of business as listed on the City Attorney's Agenda Item 2*) He explained this request is for a bond issuance of \$50 million, with twenty-year final maturity, and annual payments of \$4.1 million starting in Fiscal Year 2026.

**Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge** approached the rostrum to respond to questions from Councilor Thomas. She explained the plan is to utilize OLOST Infrastructure Funds for the repayment of these bonds, with a commitment of not increasing the millage rate for repayment. However, she did advise that in future years, the Council may make a different decision.

## **MAYOR'S AGENDA (continued)**

### **MINUTES**

1. Approval of minutes for the March 12, 2024 Council Meeting and Executive Session. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting. (*Clerk of Council Davis indicated to Mayor Henderson the affirmative votes of Councilors Barnes and Begly.*)

### **PROCLAMATIONS:**

2. **Proclamation:** Pacelli State Championships

**Receiving:** Corry Black- Athletic Director, St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School

**Councilor Toyia Tucker** read the proclamation into the record, proclaiming Saturday, March 2, 2024, as *Pacelli State Championship Day*, honoring the Pacelli High School Girls and Boys Basketball Teams for their many wins throughout the school year.

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

#### **FOR THE MAYOR & CITY MANAGER:**

- Get championship sign to Pacelli High School. (*Request of Councilor Tucker*)

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*NOTE: Councilor Barnes exited the meeting via teleconference at 5:47 p.m.*

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3. **Proclamation:** National Community Development Week & Community Development Block Grant Month

**Receiving:** Rob Scott, Community Development, CCG

**Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen** read the proclamation into the record, proclaiming April 1-5, 2024, as *National Community Development Week* and April 2024 as *Community Development Block Grant Month*, recognizing the Community Reinvestment Department.

**Community Reinvestment Director Rob Scott** approached the rostrum to accept the proclamation and to provide a presentation. During the presentation, Director Scott shared information on the funding and partnership opportunities that are available through the Community Reinvestment Department. He also provided an update on CDBG Projects and upcoming ARP Projects.

# **CITY ATTORNEY’S AGENDA**

## **ORDINANCE**

1. **Ordinance (24-015) - 2nd Reading-** REZN-11-23-0218: An ordinance amending the text of the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) for Columbus, Georgia to add a new Article X to Chapter 4 pertaining to Electric Vehicle Infrastructure. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Mayor Pro-Tem) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the eight members present with Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting. *(Clerk of Council Davis indicated to Mayor Henderson the affirmative vote of Councilor Begly.)*

## **RESOLUTIONS**

3. **Resolution (099-24):** A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a letter of support for CHIPS4CHIPS, Inc. to compete for a United Way EDA Recompete Pilot Grant which will support the presence of a semi-conductor facility and its related supply chain in the Columbus Region (Request of Chattahoochee Hub for Innovation and Production of Semiconductors Inc. “CHIPS4CHIPS ”) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the eight members present with Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting. *(Clerk of Council Davis announced that Councilor Barnes has exited the meeting by teleconference. She then confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Begly.)*

**General (Ret.) Andy Hilmes** approached the rostrum to answer questions by explaining the importance of procuring a transportation study/audit from an independent mass transit ridership and route selection consultant. He explained this study/audit would determine improvements to the public transportation system to reduce any transportation related employment barriers.

**United Way President & CEO Ben Moser** approached the rostrum to respond to questions from Councilor Thomas regarding the legislation passed recently. He shared all the support received to move the initiative forward.

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*NOTE: Councilor Begly exited the meeting via teleconference at 6:42 p.m.*

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## **PUBLIC AGENDA**

2. Ms. Karen Gaskins, representing Sears Woods Subdivision, Re: Upcoming rezoning for 5201 Macon Road.
1. Mr. Keith Parker, representing Farmington Subdivision, Re: Upcoming rezoning for 5201 Macon Road.
3. Mr. George Mabry, representing Shenandoah Forrest Subdivision, Re: Upcoming rezoning for 5201 Macon Road.
4. Mr. Bryan Newman, representing Windtree Subdivision, Re: Upcoming rezoning for 5201 Macon Road.

5. Ms. Chloe Landreth, representing New Horizons Behavioral Health, Re: Gift to Council for Intellect and Developmental Disability Awareness Month.
6. Ms. Pamela Moss, Re: The removal of restrictions on South Commons.

**Councilor Joanne Cogle** stated for the record she does not support removing voter's rights under any circumstances and feels this is something to look at going forward.

7. Mr. Gregory Foster, representing Chatham Woods Subdivision, Re: Upcoming rezoning for 5201 Macon Road. *Not Present*
8. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Murder Count and Child Poverty.
9. Ms. Debbie Wooten, representing Columbus Animal Allies, Re: Columbus Animal Control Felines.
10. Ms. Vicki L. Edwards, Re: Stricter laws for animals.
12. Ms. Kenya Peachey, Re: The current trash issues as a driver with Public Works.
11. Mrs. Sandy Gunnels, Re: The spread of Parvo.
13. Mr. Nathan Smith, Re: The previous meeting.

## **CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA**

### **1. Memorandum of Understanding with the Muscogee County School District**

**Resolution (100-24):** A resolution authorizing the execution of a memorandum of understanding with the Muscogee County School District for the School Zone Automated Speed Enforcement Program and also authorize RedSpeed Georgia, LLA to serve as designated point of contact with the Georgia Department of Revenue for said program. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes and Begly being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

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*NOTE: Clerk of Council Davis announced once again for the record that Councilor Barnes had previously exited the meeting by teleconference and also announced at this time that Councilor Begly has exited the meeting by teleconference.*

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### **2. Payments to Artists for the Sale of Goods**

**Resolution (101-24):** A resolution authorizing a special exception to Columbus Code Section 19-36 (B) in order to process payments to artists for the sale of goods created at the Britt David Pottery Studio. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes and Begly being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

**City Manager Isaiah Hugley** stated they will also come back with an ordinance amendment to permanently address this issue.

### **3. American Rescue Plan (ARP) Affordable Housing Initiative Written Agreement Execution**

**Resolution (102-24):** A resolution authorizing the execution of written agreements for the development of affordable housing funded through the American Rescue plan Act of 2021. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes and Begly being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

### **4. Extension of the Subrecipient Agreement**

**Resolution (103-24):** A resolution authorizing the City Manager to extend the subrecipient agreement with the Columbus Department of Public Health to fund the Cure Violence Columbus Initiative for an award amount up to \$500,000.00 to address community violence exacerbated by the Covid-19 Pandemic. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garret and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes and Begly being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

**City Manager Isaiah Hugley** explained this resolution is extending the agreement between Columbus and Cure Violence. He stated Cure Violence has not expended the \$500,000.00 awarded to them and this resolution just allows them additional time to use the money awarded.

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

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

- Provide the status of Cure Violence getting financial support from other organizations. (*Request of Councilor Crabb*)

### **5. Street Acceptance- Garrett Pines**

**Resolution (104-24):** A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, authorizing the acceptance of a deed to that of Pine Tar Drive and that portion of Pine Straw Drive located in Section Nineteen, Garrett Pines, on behalf of Columbus, Georgia. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes and Begly being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

### **6. Street Acceptance – Riegel Pointe.**

**Resolution (105-24):** A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, authorizing the acceptance of a deed to Zachary Court and that portion of Woodstream Drive located in Phase 3 Riegel Pointe, on behalf of Columbus, Georgia. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes and Begly being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

### **7. FY2024 Exigent Vehicle Purchases**

**Resolution (106-24):** A resolution authorizing, “off the lot” vehicle purchases, due to on-going supply chain issues, for vehicles that have been approved as part of the budget for FY 2024, with the exception of vehicles purchased using federal funds, that have been either directly awarded or passed through another entity to CCG. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes and Begly being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

## 8. Little League Baseball Grants

**Resolution (107-24):** A resolution, whereas, at its Budget Review Session on May 16, 2023, Council voted to add \$100,000 to the FY2024 Parks & Recreation Budget for Parks Maintenance with the intent of assisting various sports leagues to improve and maintain their playing fields and facilities. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes and Begly being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

## 9. SAMHSA Grant

**Resolution (108-24):** A resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit and if approved, accept a grant of \$2,000,000 or as otherwise awarded from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to fund the Adult Drug Court Project from September 30, 2024, through September 29, 2029 with no match requirement and also authorizing Dr. Andrew Cox as the sole provider for evaluation of the program and to amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the award amount. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes and Begly being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

## 10. PURCHASES

### A. Additional Bulk Mailing Services for Various Departments – Georgia Statewide Cooperative Contract

**Resolution (109-24):** A resolution authorizing the purchase of bulk mailing services for various departments from RR Donnelley & Sons (Atlanta, GA) as an additional source for these services. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract 99999-001-SPD0000211-0003. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes and Begly being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

### B. One (1) 2024 Ford F-350 Super Duty for the Public Works Department – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase

**Resolution (110-24):** A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) 2024 Ford F-350 Super Duty for the Public Works Department from Allan Vigil Ford, Inc. (Morrow, GA) in the amount of \$64,290.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract 99999-SPD-ES40199373-002. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes and Begly being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

### C. Auditing Services for HUD-Entitlement Funds for the Community Reinvestment Department – RFP No. 24-0014

**Resolution (111-24):** A resolution authorizing the execution of a contract with PJC Group, LLC (Atlanta, GA) for auditing services related to HUD-Entitlement Funds for the Community Reinvestment Department. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes and Begly being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

D. Four (4) Double-Cab Service Trucks for the Public Works Department – Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase

**Resolution (112-24):** A resolution authorizing the purchase of four (4) Double Cab Service Trucks (2024 Chevy Silverado 2500HD Double Cab 2WD 8' Bed Work Truck) for the Public Works Department from Alan Jay Fleet Group (Sebring, FL) at a unit price of \$60,787.00, and a total price of \$243,148.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Sourcewell Contract #091521-NAF and #060920-NAF. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes and Begly being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

E. Engineering Design Services for Resurfacing of Eight (8) Streets – RFQ No. 24-0001

**Resolution (113-24):** A resolution authorizing the execution of a contract with TTL, Inc. (Atlanta, GA) for preliminary and final design plans and environmental documentation for the resurfacing of approximately 11.10 miles of roads within Muscogee County. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes and Begly being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

F. Genfare Software Support Agreement for METRA

**Resolution (114-24):** A resolution authorizing a three (3) year software support agreement with Genfare – a division of SPX Corporation (Elk Grove Village, IL) in the total amount of \$41,551.00; which includes the software license renewal in the amount of \$2,450.00, and annual software support to be paid as follows: Year 1 - \$12,650.00; Year 2 - \$13,030.00 and Year 3 - \$13,421.00. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes and Begly being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

G. Upgrade/Purchase of Fast Fare Fareboxes for METRA

**Resolution (115-24):** A resolution authorizing the upgrade/purchase of twenty-six (26) fast fare fareboxes from Genfare – A division of SPX Corporation (Elk Grove Village, IL) in the amount of \$591,358.00. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes and Begly being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

H. Farebox Vault Upgrade for METRA

**Resolution (116-24):** A resolution authorizing the purchase of the upgrade to the Farebox Vault for Metra from Genfare – A division of SPX Corporation (Elk Grove Village, IL) in the total amount of \$54,800.86. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes and Begly being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

I. Electric Vehicle Charging Stations for METRA

**Resolution (117-24):** A resolution authorizing the purchase and installation of electric vehicle charging stations, during FY24 and FY25, from Georgia Power in the total amount of \$934,899.58. The charging stations will be placed at park and ride locations throughout the city. Councilor Tucker

made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes and Begly being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

J. Arena Polar Deck for the Civic Center – Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase

**Resolution (118-24):** A resolution authorizing the purchase of an arena deck for the Civic Center from Athletica Sport Systems, Inc. (Shakopee, MN) in the amount of \$173,812.50. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Sourcewell Contract #120320-ATH. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes and Begly being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

K. Telescopic Seating System for the Civic Center Arena Bowl – Sourcewell Cooperative Contract Purchase

**Resolution (119-24):** A resolution authorizing the purchase of telescopic seating system for the Civic Center Arena Bowl from Hussey Seating (North Berwick, ME) in the amount of \$496,200.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Sourcewell Contract #091719-HSC. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes and Begly being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

L. Quote Adjustment for the Police Department’s Video Surveillance Project

**Resolution (120-24):** A resolution authorizing the quote adjustment for the Police Department’s Video Surveillance Project from the Flock Group, Inc. d/b/a Flock Safety (Atlanta, GA), in the amount of \$886,400.00. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes and Begly being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

M. Installation of Wooden Poles and Power Supply for the Police Department’s License Plate Reader Camera Project

**Resolution (121-24):** A resolution authorizing the purchase of installation services for nine (9) wooden poles and power supply from Georgia Power in the amount of \$30,609.00. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes and Begly being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

N. Provision and Installation of Stadium Lighting at AJ McClung Stadium for Parks and Recreation – Sourcewell Cooperative Contract Purchase

**Resolution (122-24):** A resolution authorizing the provision and installation of stadium lighting at AJ McClung Stadium from Musco Sports Lighting, LLC (Oskaloosa, IA) in the amount of \$798,124.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Sourcewell Contract #041123-MSL. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes and Begly being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.



O. Three (3) Tahoes for Sheriff's Office

**Resolution (123-24):** A resolution authorizing the purchase of three (3) Chevrolet Tahoes from Brannen Emergency Vehicles (Unadilla, GA), in the amount of \$167,700.00, for the Sheriff's Office. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes and Begly being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

P. Print Shop Equipment – Omnia Partners Cooperative Contract Purchase

**Resolution (124-24):** A resolution authorizing the purchase of a RISO ComColor GL7430 Printer in the amount of \$77,000.00 and an imagePRESS V1000 Copier in the amount of \$622,436.20 from Canon Solutions America, Inc. (Montgomery, AL). The total amount is \$699,436.20 for Year 1, payable in twelve monthly installments of \$58,286.35. The cost for Years 2-5 will be in the annual amount of \$2,063.00. Year 6 and subsequent years will be in the annual amount of \$30,937.00. The excess per image charge will be \$0.00370 each for the RISO ComColor GL7430 Printer. The excess per image charges for the imagePRESS V1000 Copier will be \$0.0090 for black/white and \$0.03950 for color. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via OMNIA Partners Contract #FI-R0251-18. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes and Begly being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

**EMERGENCY PURCHASES**

1. Three (3) Pursuit Vehicles for Muscogee County Sheriff's Office

**THREE (3) PURSUIT VEHICLES FOR MUSCOGEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE:**

On March 6, 2024, the Muscogee County Sheriff's office notified the Finance Department and City Manager of the need to purchase three (3) pursuit vehicles required to carry out the functions of the Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff cited the vehicles were desperately needed because there are deputies traveling daily across the state transporting juveniles and adults and few suitable vehicles are available. The Sheriff's Office found available vehicles after several months of searching. Three (3) 2023 Dodge Truck Durango pursuit vehicles were purchased from Carville Chrysler Dodge Jeep RAM (Greenville, TN) at a unit price of \$46,500.00 and a total price of \$139,500.00. The Sheriff's Office located these vehicles that are available on the vendor's lot.

The City Manager approved the emergency request on March 6, 2024.

Funds are budgeted in the FY24 Budget: 2021 Sales Tax Project Fund – 2021 SPLOST – 21 SPLOST Public Safety – Light Trucks - Heavy Equipment/Vehicles Public Works; 0567 – 696 – 3111 – STPS – 7722 – 54153 – 20240.

2. Two (2) Vehicles for Muscogee County Sheriff's Office

**TWO (2) VEHICLES FOR MUSCOGEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE:**

On March 6, 2024, the Muscogee County Sheriff's office notified the Finance Department and City Manager of the need to purchase two (2) vehicles required to carry out the functions of the Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff cited the vehicles were desperately needed because there are deputies traveling daily across the state transporting juveniles and adults and few suitable vehicles are available. The Sheriff's Office found available vehicles after several months of searching.

Two vehicles were purchased from Headquarter Nissan of Columbus (Columbus, GA), one (1) 2023 Dodge Challenger at a unit price of \$49,500.00, and one (1) 2022 Dodge Charger at a unit price of \$43,732.00 for a total price of \$93, 232.00. The Sheriff’s Office located these vehicles that are available on the vendor’s lot.

The City Manager approved the emergency request on March 6, 2024.

Funds are budgeted in the FY24 Budget: 2021 Sales Tax Project Fund – 2021 SPLOST – 21 SPLOST Public Safety – Light Trucks - Heavy Equipment/Vehicles Public Works; 0567 – 696 – 3111 – STPS – 7722 – 54153 – 20240.

**BID ADVERTISEMENT**

**DATE:** March 26, 2024

**March 29, 2024**

**1. Pre-Qualification for Storm Drain Rehabilitation through Internal Pipe Line Priority 1 Pipes Contract 6 – RFQ No. 24-0002**

Scope of RFQ

Columbus Consolidated Government (CCG) requests vendors to apply for pre-qualification to provide storm sewer rehabilitation through internal pipe lining. The *initial project* will include the installation of cured in-place pipe (CIPP) for approximately 5,100 feet of varying material type storm sewer pipe, ranging in size from 10-inch VCP to 60-inch CMP in diameter. Additionally, the project includes the installation of centrifugally cast cementitious or geopolymer lining (CC) for approximately 2,500 linear feet of storm sewer pipe varying in sizes and material type from 36-inch brick to 46- inch by 72-inch CMP, located throughout Columbus.

*Contractors deemed prequalified by CCG will be requested to submit bids for the initial project as well as future projects for installation of CIPP or CC for rehabilitation of other portions of the storm sewer system.* The length, diameter, and scope of CIPP or CC rehabilitation per Contract will be at the discretion of CCG. Minimally, CCG desires to qualify three (3) contractors.

**April 3, 2024**

**1. Confiscated Firearms for Credit or Swap – RFB No. 24-0030**

Scope of RFB

The Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) is offering confiscated firearms for sale to a licensed firearms dealer who can issue a credit to purchase or swap for Rock River LE2020M rifles with accessories.

**April 5, 2024**

**1. Lease of Ice Rink Pro Shop (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 24-0024**

Scope of RFP

The Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) seeks a qualified firm or individual to lease and operate the Ice Rink Pro Shop.

The lease term will be for one (1) year, with the option to renew for two (2) additional twelve-month periods.

**2. Consultant for Grant Application and Construction Project Management Services – RFP No. 24-0026**

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government (the “City”) is soliciting information about the feasibility of acquiring the services of a consultant (the “Vendor”) to develop an application for the Federal Transit Administration’s (FTA) 5339(b) Discretionary – Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Program (or other available DOT/FTA competitive infrastructure grants for transit projects such as RAISE) on behalf of METRA Transit System (METRA).

The Vendor shall advise METRA on the best grant program to pursue given the nature of the project. METRA seeks to apply for federal funding in the amount of \$10,000,000 for transit campus construction, renovations, and expansion. In the event that this competitive grant is awarded to METRA, the Vendor will then serve in the role of construction management consultant for the proposed project. The intention is for a single consultant, if feasible, to guide METRA through the entire construction process.

If awarded, the consultant will work in conjunction with METRA, the Engineering Department, the Inspections and Code Department, and an architect firm (developing the site schematics) in developing specifications for the subsequent construction bid. The vendor will also ensure that the development process complies with federal regulations.

Please be advised that this is phase II of the initial RFI process (Phase I). METRA has decided to proceed with a solicitation based on the responses to the Request for Information (RFI). Phase II is the formal Request for Proposal (RFP) process to be administered in accordance with the procurement ordinance of the City and procurement procedures compliant with FTA C. 4220.1F and other applicable federal regulations.

### **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 3.12.24

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

### **ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED**

1. Email Correspondence from Contreana Pearson- Board Secretary, requesting that the seat of Dr. Jean Waguespack (*Veterinarian Seat*) on the Animal Control Advisory Board be declared vacant due to the lack of attendance. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to declare the seat of Dr. Jean Waguespack as vacant, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes and Begly being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.
2. Email Correspondence from Contreana Pearson- Board Secretary, requesting that the seat of Dr. Scott McDermott (*Veterinarian Seat*) on the Animal Control Advisory Board be declared vacant due to the lack of attendance. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to declare the seat of Dr. Scott McDermott as vacant, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the seven

members present, with Councilors Barnes and Begly being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

**Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis** noted that with the vote to declare the two veterinarian seats vacant, this would mean that the Animal Control Advisory Board will not have a veterinarian serving on this board.

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

Animal Control Advisory Board, November 9, 2023 and January 18, 2024

Building Authority of Columbus, June 29 and October 25, 2022

Civic Center Advisory Board, February 15, 2024

Columbus Ironworks Convention & Trade Center Authority, December 14, 2023

Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board, November 15, 2023 and January 10, 2024

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to receive the minutes of various boards, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes and Begly being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED**

4. **MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT- ANY NOMINATION MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:**

A. **HOUSING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:**

A nominee for the seat of Dr. Linda Hadley (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on April 30, 2024, on the Housing Authority of Columbus (*Mayor's Appointment*). Mayor Henderson renominated Dr. Linda Hadley to serve another term. Councilor Huff made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Thomas and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes and Begly being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

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

A. **ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD:** Ms. Ethelyn W. Riley was nominated to succeed Mr. Raymond Culpepper. (*Councilor Garrett's nominee*) Term expires: April 11, 2026. Councilor Garrett made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes and Begly being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

B. **ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD:** Ms. Courtney Pierce (*PAWS Humane Society Representative*) was nominated to serve another term of office. (*Councilor Cogle's nominee*) Term expires: April 11, 2026. Councilor Tucker made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes and Begly being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

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

**A. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:**

A nominee for the seat of Mary B. Garcia (*Ineligible -city employee*) for a term expiring on March 27, 2024, as the District 7 Representative on the Community Development Advisory Council (*Council District 7- Cogle*). Councilor Cogle nominated Brandy Tolbert to succeed Mary B. Garcia as the District 7 Representative on the Community Development Advisory Board. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes and Begly being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

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'S CONFIRMATION – RECOMMENDATION FROM ORGANIZATIONS / AGENCIES:**

**A. UPTOWN FACADE BOARD:**

A nominee for the seat of Cesar Bautista (*Seat declared vacant*) for a term expiring on October 31, 2026, as the Uptown Business Improvement District Representative on the Uptown Facade Board (*Council's Appointment*). Clerk of Council Davis stated the Uptown Business Improvement District is recommending Rachel Kelly to fill the unexpired term of Cesar Bautista. Councilor Huff made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes and Begly being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

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

**A. 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 Bd 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.

**B. DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:**

A nominee for the seat of Geniece Granville (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on April 30, 2024, on the Development Authority of Columbus (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Thomas renominated Geniece Granville to serve another term.

A nominee for the seat of Travis Chambers (*Eligible to succeed- Interested in serving another term*) for a term expiring on April 30, 2024, on the Development Authority of Columbus (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Thomas renominated Travis Chambers to serve another term.

A nominee for the seat of Selvin Hollingsworth (*Eligible to succeed- Interested in serving another term*) for a term expiring on April 30, 2024, on the Development Authority of Columbus (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Thomas renominated Selvin Hollingsworth to serve another term.

A nominee for the seat of Charles Sheffield (*Eligible to succeed- Interested in serving another term*) for a term expiring on April 30, 2024, on the Development Authority of Columbus (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Thomas renominated Charles Sheffield to serve another term.

A nominee for the seat of Heath Schondelmayer (*Not Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on April 30, 2024, on the Development Authority of Columbus (*Council's Appointment*). Mayor Pro Tem Allen nominated Doug Jenkins to succeed Heath Schondelmayer. Clerk of Council Davis stated that Councilor Davis is nominating Mr. Will White for this seat. Councilor Thomas advised that Councilor Davis was not present to make the nomination.

### **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*). There were none.

**Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis** explained the Council submits three nominees to the Hospital Authority for each seat and the Hospital Authority selects the successor for Council's confirmation.

### **D. PERSONNEL REVIEW BOARD:**

A nominee for the seat of Dr. Shanita Pettaway (*Resigned*) for a term that expired on December 31, 2022, as the Alternative Member 5 on the Personnel Review Board (*Council's Appointment*). Mayor Pro Tem Allen nominated Natalie McDowell to fill the expired term of Dr. Shanita Pettaway.

## **PUBLIC AGENDA - Continued (3 Additional Minutes):**

9. Ms. Debbie Wooten, representing Columbus Animal Allies, Re: Columbus Animal Control Felines.

11. Mrs. Sandy Gunnels, Re: The spread of Parvo.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Mayor Henderson entertained a motion to go into executive session to discuss matters of personnel, litigation, and potential litigation as requested by City Attorney Fay 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 Barnes and Begly being absent for the vote, Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting, and the time being 8:15 p.m.

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 9:33 p.m., at which time, Mayor Henderson announced that the Council did meet in executive session to discuss matters of personnel, litigation, and potential litigation; however, there were no votes taken.

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*NOTE: At the time the meeting reconvened, Councilor Thomas had left the meeting.*

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**ADD-ON RESOLUTION:**

**Resolution (125-24):** A resolution whereas, the Columbus, Georgia Board of Tax Assessors and Elizabeth D. Heard have finalized a settlement agreement for the cases of Board of Tax Assessors v. Heard (SU 2023-CV-002485 and SU 2023-CV-001220) covering tax years 2021, 2022, and 2023. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Barnes, Begly and Thomas being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

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 26, 2024 Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Barnes, Begly and Thomas being absent for the vote, Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting, and the time being 9:35 p.m.

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Sandra T. Davis, CMC  
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