

Economic Development Report

MTP Clearing/Grading Update

Ms. Kendrick updated the board about the clearing and grading of MTP sites 12, 13 & 19. She advised the design work should be ready to go out to bid in the next few weeks.

Georgia Power Conceptual

Mr. Doug Jenkins advised the board that Georgia Power is working on a map for electricity infrastructure in Muscogee Technology Park. He noted that there is a need for a new 115 KV transmission line. Mr. Jenkins shared a proposed route. Ms. Missy Kendrick asked the board to authorize Mr. Hollingsworth to negotiate the rights of way that Georgia Power may need. Ms. Gower made a motion to approve. Mr. Sheffield seconded the motion. Mr. Hollingsworth, Mr. Sheffield, Mr. Jenkins, Ms. Tillman, Ms. Granville and Ms. Gower all voted in favor. Ms. Kendrick stated that any agreements would be ratified by the board.

Project Golden – South Commons Planning

Ms. Kendrick reported that the Planning Committee had selected the top three finalists from the firms that submitted a proposal for the Request for Qualifications (RFQ). She stated that she is currently arranging interviews for the Evaluation Committee to conduct with the finalists in order to select the final firm. Ms. Kendrick indicated that the selected firm should be engaged within the next three months. She also reported that a market study of the area is currently underway.

Leadership Presentation at GP Experience Center

Ms. Kendrick reported that the leadership presentation to the statewide project managers at the GP Experience Center was well received, with approximately 45 individuals in attendance. She expressed appreciation to Ms. Tillman, Mr. Hollingsworth, and Mr. Jenkins for attending. Ms. Kendrick noted that as the Columbus business landscape continues to evolve, she plans to provide another presentation to the statewide project managers in the future.

Office Build Out

Mr. Hollingsworth asked to move this to Executive Session.

Pratt & Whitney/RTX Ribbon Cutting – February 24 – 1:30 PM

Ms. Kendrick reported that the Pratt & Whitney ribbon cutting and expansion announcement held on February 24, 2026 was a significant event for Columbus. She reminded the Board that the capital investment associated with the project is \$200 million. Mr. Andy Camp of Georgia Power commented that he had never heard

of a community hosting both a ribbon cutting and an expansion announcement on the same day.

Project Activity

Ms. Kendrick reported that Project Bubblegum – Growing Room Day Care is nearing completion and is expected to open soon. She reminded the Board that the Development Authority previously approved payment of the first year’s lease and noted that the payment has been issued. Ms. Kendrick also shared that the center currently has a waiting list for enrollment and stated that the facility will help ease the burden for workers seeking childcare. The target date for the ribbon cutting is April 1, 2026.

Workforce Development/Military Affairs

A&P (Airframe & Power Plant Maintainer) Update

Mr. Andy Hilmes shared that Georgia Aerospace & Defense Alliance (GADA) has enthusiastically embraced CTC's A&P program proposal. Within the past week, both RTX and the Development Authority have sent letters of support to the Chairs of both the Senate and House appropriation's committees, requesting full funding of \$22M for the construction of a dedicated aviation maintenance facility at Columbus Airport. On crossover day (March 6th), a bill requesting \$2.2 M for the design work of the facility moved over to the House. If approved, we can expect design work to begin during FY27. We will then seek full construction funding during the FY28 Georgia budget process.

AUSA Day

Mayor Skip Henderson and Mr. Hilmes spoke at the Association of the United States Army Industry Day on Feb. 25 at Columbus Iron Works, where about 600 defense industry representatives discussed the evolving acquisition role of Fort Benning. Mr. Hilmes recommended the local Development Authority focus on establishing a defense technology hub in Columbus with secure communications and office space for defense firms, potentially expanding later to include a maker space and a coordinated entry point for on-post testing and experimentation.

EVTOL Update

Mr. Hilmes and Ms. Amber Clark, Executive Director of Columbus Airport (CSG), met with BETA Technologies to discuss the potential installation of an airside charging station for eVTOL aircraft. BETA estimates the cost of purchase and installation at approximately \$1.3 million. Pending an electrical distribution analysis to confirm sufficient power availability at the airport, a formal quote is expected within two weeks. Initial discussions with Columbus Consolidated Government indicated that designated federal transportation funds could be used for the project with a 20%

city match. Choose Columbus is working with the city to include this requirement in the FY27 transportation budget.

Ms. Kendrick mentioned that the Development Authority is working to get an FAQ posted to our website concerning Project Ruby.

Ms. Kendrick noted that guest seating has been moved inside the boardroom after it was brought to her attention that it was difficult to hear from outside the main room.

City Update

Ms. Pam Hodge informed the Board that the zoning overlay item was tabled pending review by the PAC. She noted that it is scheduled for the March 18, 2026 agenda, pending confirmation of the venue location.

Ms. Hodge reported that the City is closely monitoring House Bill 1116, which proposes eliminating property taxes, and will update the Board as additional information becomes available.

Interstate 14 Presentation

Mr. Frank Lumpkin, IV provided a presentation about the need for Interstate 14 to pass through Columbus. He asked the board for \$17,500 to help offset his costs for research and time. No vote was taken.

Legal Matters

Mr. Rob McKenna stated that the Cougar Village was being sold and the bond needed to be transferred. Ms. Granville made a motion to approve the assignment of the lease and the estoppel certificate. Ms. Gower seconded the motion. Mr. Hollingsworth, Mr. Sheffield, Mr. Jenkins, Ms. Tillman, Ms. Granville and Ms. Gower all voted in favor.

Mr. McKenna stated the BioTouch Inducement Resolution for the EDGE grant needed to be approved by the board. Ms. Granville made a motion to approve the Inducement Resolution. Ms. Tillman seconded the motion. Mr. Hollingsworth, Mr. Sheffield, Mr. Jenkins, Ms. Tillman, Ms. Granville and Ms. Gower all voted in favor.

Executive Session

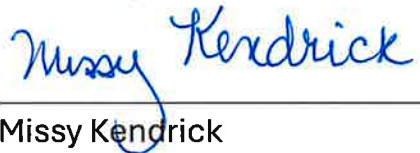
Mr. Sheffield made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss real estate. Ms. Gower seconded the motion. Mr. Hollingsworth, Mr. Sheffield, Mr. Jenkins, Ms. Tillman, Ms. Granville and Ms. Gower all voted in favor.

Ms. Gower made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Ms. Granville seconded the motion. Mr. Hollingsworth, Mr. Sheffield, Mr. Jenkins, Ms. Tillman, Ms. Granville and Ms. Gower all voted in favor.

Ms. Tillman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Sheffield seconded the motion. Mr. Hollingsworth, Mr. Sheffield, Mr. Jenkins, Ms. Tillman, Ms. Granville and Ms. Gower all voted in favor.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Missy Kendrick
President/CEO