

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

February 13, 2024
9:00 AM
Regular Meeting

MAYOR'S AGENDA

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

ABSENT: City Attorney Clifton Fay was absent.

The following documents have been included as a part of the electronic Agenda Packet: (1) METRA: Service to Brookstone Centre Presentation; (2) Dragonfly Trail Network: Fall Line Trace Extension & Lakebottom Park Trail Alignment Presentation; (3) Elections & Registration Update Presentation; (4) City Hall Parking Garage Presentation; (5) Cost of Service and Rate Study Presentation; (6) Columbus Integrated Waste Presentation; (7) Columbus Power Producers (CPP) February 2024 Update Presentation; (8) Columbus Animal Care and Control Presentation

The following documents were distributed around the Council table: (1) Golden Park Renovation Opposition Information; (2) Georgia Strong Families: Men's Resource Fair Event Flyer

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Pastor Lynn Meadows-White with the Methodist Children's Home

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Henderson

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the January 23, 2024 Council Meeting and Executive Session; January 30, 2024 Consent Agenda / Work Session. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote.

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

1. **Ordinance (24-006) - 2nd Reading-** REZN-11-23-0218: An ordinance amending the text of the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) for Columbus, Georgia to add a new Section 4.2.25 pertaining to key lockboxes and to add a new Article X to Chapter 4 pertaining to Electric Vehicle Infrastructure. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (as amended) (Mayor Pro-Tem) Councilor Cogle made a motion to amend the ordinance to move forward with the lockbox portion and remove proposed amendments to Chapter 4 pertaining to Electric Vehicle Infrastructure, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously

by the ten members of Council. Councilor Tucker made a motion to adopt the ordinance as amended, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

Deputy Chief of Community Risk Reduction Ricky Shores approached the rostrum to explain the quick disconnect between the electric vehicle and the high voltage charging stations in public locations. He stated with the quick disconnect capability, public safety officials can quickly disable the higher charging stations in the case of an electrical runaway event.

Inspections & Code Director Ryan Pruett came forward to explain that all new wiring for commercial charging stations requires a wiring permit.

2. **Ordinance (24-007) - 2nd Reading** - An ordinance providing for the demolition of various structures located at: **2937 10th Street** (Robin Thompson & Robert J. Holston, Owner); **480 Timberlane Drive** (Estate of Kathryn/Jacquelyn Wiggins, Owner); **406 17th Avenue** (Lamroz LLC, Owner); **4131 2nd Avenue** (Jonnie L. General, Owner); **5210 Forrest Road** (Premium Oil Station No. 6, Owner); and **2904 9th Street** (Malissa Hall, Owner) and for demolition services for the Inspections and Code Department in accordance with the attached Tabulation of Bid sheet. (as amended) (Mayor Pro-Tem) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.
3. **Ordinance (24-008) - 2nd Reading-** An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 23-038 which adopted the Fiscal Year 2024 Salary and Wages Pay Plan for the Consolidated Government to provide a \$5,000.00 pay increase to Sworn Officers and Emergency 911 Technicians effective February 3, 2024; to incorporate a new payscale for the Public Safety Personnel of the Columbus Police Department; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.
4. **Ordinance (24-009) - 2nd Reading-** An ordinance amending the budgets for the Fiscal Year 2024 Beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024, for certain funds of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, appropriating amounts shown in each fund for various activities; and for other purposes. (Budget Review Committee) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.
5. **1st Reading-** REZN-12-23-2400: An ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **7505 Veterans Parkway** (parcel # 073-029-001) from Light Manufacturing/Industrial (LMI) Zoning District to General Commercial (GC) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval) (Councilor Davis) (**Public Hearing Held**)
6. **1st Reading-** REZN-11-23-2304: An ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **1323 Munro Avenue** (parcel # 185-029-006) from Single Family Residential -2 (SFR2) Zoning District to Residential Multifamily - 1 (RMF1) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Garrett) (**Public Hearing Held**)

7. **1st Reading-** REZN-01-24-0063: An ordinance amending the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) of the Columbus Code to revise the text of Section 9.3.4 to provide for representation of the Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board on the Board of Historical and Architectural Review. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval) (Mayor Pro-Tem) **(Public Hearing Held)**
8. **1st Reading-** An ordinance to revise and clarify certain provisions of the Columbus Code which provide for the foreclosure of liens on property for which funds are due and owing to the consolidated government; and for other purposes. (Councilor Begly) **(Public Hearing Held)**

Councilor Tyson Begly stated the purpose of the proposed ordinances listed as CA#8 and CA#9 are designed to address the three types of unoccupied parcels throughout the community. He explained that the new process to address properties with liens would be the City cleans the property, the owner then becomes active, or transfer is made to a new owner, and the City collects fees and has an active property owner. He shared to address unresponsive owners is to allow the city the option to use a third-party service to serve owner with a court date. Lastly, he explained to address properties requiring major clean-up Council would support the adoption of a blight tax like the one recently adopted in Savannah which would enact a blight tax of seven times higher taxes to engage owner, or to make the property eligible for tax sale before incurring major expenses.

Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge approached the rostrum to respond to questions from the members of Council. She explained the current process in addressing abandoned properties and the process involving the Tax Commissioner.

Councilor Tucker made a motion to continue the ordinance on 1st Reading, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY ATTORNEY:

- Wants a redline copy of the ordinance showing the proposed changes to the current code. (*Request of Councilor Crabb*)
- Create a standard operating procedure stating, “in accordance with State Law and local ordinances that this process will occur”. (*Request of Council Tucker*)
- Ask the Tax Commissioner to be present for the next meeting when this ordinance is continued on 1st Reading. (*Request of Councilor Thomas*)
- Would like to see a schedule on the process when brought back. (*Request of Councilor Davis*)

9. **1st Reading-** An ordinance to provide for a levy of increase on ad valorem taxes for blighted property; to provide for identification of blighted property; to provide for remediation; to provide for a decrease on ad valorem taxes on property; and for other purposes. (Councilor Begly)

Councilor Tucker made a motion to continue the ordinance on 1st Reading, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

10. **1st Reading-** An ordinance to revise and clarify certain provisions of Chapter 2 of the Columbus Code which provide for meeting dates and procedures for the Columbus Council and for other purposes. (Councilor Thomas)

Councilor Cogle made a motion to release the Council Meeting agendas on the Wednesday prior to the meeting allowing citizens to submit an application to appear on the Public Agenda to discuss current topics, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and opened for discussion.

During the discussion, **Councilor Bruce Huff** expressed his concerns on the impact this change would have on the staff that prepare and publish the agendas.

Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis explained this change would not create much of an issue other than the possible influx of applications submitted for the Public Agenda. She also agreed that she could list the agenda as a draft from Wednesday to Friday when the final agenda is published.

Councilor Cogle made a substitute motion to release a draft agenda to the public by 5:00 p.m. on the Thursday prior to a Council Meeting, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote.

Ms. Theresa El-Amin approached the rostrum to speak on the proposed ordinance, voicing her concerns regarding the deadline for Public Agenda Applications and suggesting the deadline be extended to 5:00 p.m. on the Friday prior to a meeting.

11. 1st Reading- FY23 FINAL BUDGET AMENDMENT: Approve an ordinance amending the budgets for the Fiscal Year 2023 by appropriating amounts in each fund for various operational activities. (Budget Review Committee)

Finance Director Angelica Alexander approached the rostrum to explain the final budget amendment for Fiscal Year 2023. She explained this amendment is to ensure the budget is balanced and all outstanding invoices are paid. She stated there were some departments that went over budget and \$313,000 in reserves was utilized for overages.

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Ms. Cornelia Grant, representing BAND (Beallwood Area Neighborhood Development), Inc., Re: The transfer of leased property at 5001 12th Avenue.
2. Mrs. Shirianne King, Re: Magnolia Manor. **Not Present**
3. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Wage gap, evictions and poverty.
4. Ms. Pamela Moss, Re: Renovation at Golden Park.
5. Ms. Patricia Stephens, Re: Golden Park and all other properties within Georgia HR157.
6. Mr. Jerome Lawson, Re: Challenges to reputation that caused decisions to be made that affected a program in Columbus. **Not Present**
7. Rev. Johnny Flakes, III, representing Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance (IMA), Re: The results of the latest audit.
8. Ms. Sharon Moore, representing West Central Health District, Re: Georgia Strong Families Fatherhood Program at the Columbus Health Department.
9. Mrs. Claire Thomas, representing Animal Advocacy, Re: The Columbus Animal Control and Care Center: Veterinary Protocols/Practices. **Cancelled**

10. Mr. Jerome Williams, representing A Call to Talk-A Call to Take Action, Re: City Officials working together. *Not Present*
11. Mr. Nathan Smith, Re: The office of the City Manager.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Surplus Property – 5 Properties on Veterans Pkwy, and 3 Scattered-Site Residential Properties

Resolution (030-24): A resolution declaring the City properties as listed on the attached spreadsheet and identified on the attached tax maps surplus and to authorize the Community Reinvestment Department to advertise, accept sealed bids and sell said property in accordance with Section 7-501(1) of the Columbus Charter. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Davis and Tucker being absent for the vote.

2. Property Sale - 1333 and 0 Warren Ave

Resolution (031-24): A resolution to sell 1333 and 0 Warren Avenue to the adjacent landowners in accordance with Section 7-501 Paragraph 5 of the Columbus Charter, and to authorize the City Manager to execute all contracts, agreements and understandings related to the conveyance of City properties. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Davis and Tucker being absent for the vote.

3. Premium Dial-A-Ride service by METRA

Resolution (032-24): A resolution authorizing the implementation of a Premium Dial-A-Ride Service by Metra as recommended by Nelson/NYGAARD Consulting Associates, Inc. and to begin service on a date to be determined by Metra once additional staffing has been hired and trained. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote.

Metra Director Rosa Evans approached the rostrum to address questions from the members of Council. She explained when there is a major expansion, such as the proposed service to Brookstone Centre, to the fixed route, FTA guidelines must be followed since we are federally funded. She then provided a brief presentation outlining the requirements set in the guidelines.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Get a study started to see what can be done to meet the needs of the citizens needing transportation to the Brookstone Centre. (*Request of Councilor Thomas*)

4. Acceptance of Property Donation

Resolution (033-24): A resolution to authorize the City acceptance of a donation of property from RTX Corporation, Pratt & Whitney Division to the City of Columbus, Georgia for the construction of Fire Department Station 5 replacement. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution,

seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote.

5. Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Grant - Adult Drug Felony Court

Resolution (034-24): A resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit and if approved, accept a grant of \$455,756 or as otherwise awarded from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council to fund the Superior Court Accountability Courts from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 with a 15% cash local match requirement and also authorizing Dr. Andrew Cox as the sole provider for evaluation and clinical service for the program for Fiscal Year 2024/2025 and to amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the award amount. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote.

6. FY24- FY25 – Solicitor General Crime Victim Assistance Grant

Resolution (035-24): A resolution authorizing the Solicitor General to accept a VOCA Grant Award of \$57,483 or as otherwise awarded to operate the Solicitor General’s Victim Witness Assistance Program from October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024. Amend the Multi-Governmental Fund 0216 by the amount awarded. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote.

8. PURCHASES

- A. Two (2) 2023 Ford Explorers for Columbus Fire Department – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (036-24): A resolution authorizing the purchase of two (2) 2023 Ford Explorers for the Columbus Fire Department from Allan Vigil Ford, Inc. (Morrow, GA): one (1) vehicle in the amount of \$43,072.00, and one (1) vehicle in the amount of \$43,771.00, for a grand total of \$86,843.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-SPD-ES40199373-002. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote.

- B. Amendment 6 for Space Planning and Programming & Design Professional Services for Columbus Consolidated Government Center Project – RFQ No. 20-0001

Resolution (037-24): A resolution authorizing the execution of Amendment 6 with the S/L/A/M Collaborative, Inc. (Orlando, FL), which is formerly CBRE/Heery, Inc., in the amount of \$452,000.00 for design services related to furniture and furniture systems for the new Judicial Center. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote.

- C. Amendment 7 for Space Planning and Programming & Design Professional Services for Columbus Consolidated Government Center Project – RFQ No. 20-0001

Resolution (038-24): A resolution authorizing the execution of Amendment 7 with the S/L/A/M Collaborative, Inc. (Orlando, FL), which is formerly CBRE/Heery, Inc., in the amount of \$742,000.00 for additional design costs related to the redevelopment of the Judicial Center plan. Mayor Pro Tem

Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote.

E. Declaration of Surplus and Trade-in of Harley Davidson Motorcycles for the Police Department

Resolution (039-24): A resolution authorizing the declaration of the following Harley Davidson Motorcycles from the Police Department, as surplus, in accordance with Section 7-501 of the Charter of Columbus Consolidated Government; and authorize the trade-in towards the purchase of two new motorcycles. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote.

F. HVAC System Replacement for Civic Center – Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (040-24): A resolution authorizing the contract with Prime Contractors, Inc. (Powder Springs, GA) in the amount of \$4,697,335.02, plus contingencies, for the Civic Center HVAC system replacement. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Sourcewell Contract #GA-ST02-040820-PCI. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote.

G. Fitness Equipment for Fire & EMS – BuyBoard Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (041-24): A resolution authorizing the purchase of fitness equipment for Fire & EMS from Johnson Health Tech Retail d/b/a Johnson Fitness and Wellness (Cottage Grove, WI) in the amount of \$345,961.14. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via BuyBoard Contract #665-22. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote.

H. Replacement Glass for Jail Cell Block Windows and Dorm Windows for the Sheriff's Office

Resolution (042-24): A resolution authorizing the purchase of replacement glass for cell block windows and dorm windows, for the Sheriff's Office, from LTR Glass, Inc. (Columbus, GA) in the amount of \$42,233.20. The project will be funded utilizing SCAAP (State Criminal Alien Assistance) Award. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote.

I. Additional Fiber Switch for Citizen's Service Center for Information Technology – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (043-24): A resolution authorizing the purchase of an additional fiber switch for the Citizens Service Center from CPAK (Lagrange, GA) in the amount of \$66,680.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-SPD-T20120501-0006. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote.

- J. Network Switches and Wireless Access Points for Sheriff's New Administration Building – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (044-24): A resolution authorizing the purchase of network switches and wireless access points for the Sheriff's new Administration Building from CPAK (Lagrange, GA) in the amount of \$396,279.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-SPD-T20120501-0006. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote.

- D. Design and Construction Services for Golden Park Improvements – RFP No. 24-0019

Councilor Judy W. Thomas expressed her opposition to approving this purchase when the funding source has not been identified and approved by Council for the project. She made it clear that she is not opposing the project, but that she would feel more comfortable once the funding source is approved.

Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge explained the RFP process and stated this was an expedited process due to the project timeline.

Councilor Tyson Begly stated for Council to move forward with the lease terms and then if they do not approve the bonds, puts us at very high risk of people not wanting to do business with the city.

City Manager Isaiah Hugley stated he was pulling the resolution at this time, but doing this could cause a delay in the project timeline.

9. **UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Dragonfly Update -Becca Zajac, Executive Director, Dragonfly Trails

Executive Director Becca Zajac, Dragonfly Trails, approached the rostrum to provide an update on the Dragonfly Trail to include an explanation of the Fall Line Trace extension listed on the agenda for approval.

7. **Fall Line Trace extension – Y230 Grant Funds**

Resolution (045-24): A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, authorizing the City Manager to apply for and accept if awarded funding form the FY 2024 Surface Transportation Block Grant Y230 Funds from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and amend the appropriate fund. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote.

- B. Elections Update - Nancy Boren, Director, Elections and Registration

Elections and Registration Director Nancy Boren approached the rostrum to provide an update on the upcoming elections. During the presentation she provided information on voting locations and what citizens can expect to see on the ballot.

- C. City Hall Parking - Ryan Pruett, Director, Inspections & Code

Inspections & Code Director Ryan Pruett approached the rostrum to provide a presentation regarding the parking garage at City Hall. He explained that there have been some concerns expressed by citizens and councilors on the parking for residents of the lofts adjacent to City Hall.

During the discussion, **City Manager Isaiah Hugley** stated he would bring back a lease agreement after several councilors expressed their desire for sixteen parking spaces to be designated for the loft residents.

D. Integrated Waste Update - Drale Short, Director, Public Works

Public Works Director Drale Short approached the rostrum to begin the presentation by providing the waste collection cost and the various issued containers. She also shared the importance of the city converting to the one cart system and the options for additional cart fee options.

Principal Abby Goldsmith, A Goldsmith Resources, LLC, came forward to provide the results of the rate study and cost analysis. She explained the calculated revenue required from fees to cover operating expenses, annual payments on outstanding leases, purchase of equipment, funding for future costs of facility development and closure and post-closure care and subtracting revenue from sources other than fees.

Engineer Monte Jones, Atlantic Coast Consulting, came forward to provide a presentation on integrated waste. During the presentation, he shared information on the post closure care of the city's landfills according to the EPD guidelines. He explained they plan to implement a vertical expansion at Pine Grove to increase the airspace by 2.5 million cubic yards and increase the life expectancy of the landfill by twenty-five years.

Director of Sales & Project Delivery Mike Fenton, Landfill Group, came forward to provide an update on the Methane Gas Extraction Program. During the presentation he shared future plans of Columbus Power Producers (CPP).

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Come up with rules for yard services companies to adhere to requiring them to be responsible for yard waste left at customer's properties. *(Request of Councilor Thomas)*
- Get the numbers of apartment complexes, tonnage of waste, landfill cost, and the revenue received from the complexes. *(Request of Councilor Begly)*
- Wants to see if cost analysis changes for the next ten years if waste collection services were contracted out. *(Request of Councilor Crabb)*
- Compare what we do with Phenix City, Alabama. *(Request of Councilor Davis)*

E. Animal Control Update – Canita Johnson, Animal Control Manager, Animal Control

Animal Control Division Manager Canita Johnson, Public Works Department, approached the rostrum to finish an update that was first presented at the Council Meeting held on December 12, 2023, where she left off with the software implementation portion. She explained that the shelter software comparison identified AnimalsFirst as the best fit for the needs of Columbus Animal Care & Control.

Dr. Hank Hall, DVM, approached the rostrum to respond to questions from the members of Council.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Get more details on what customizations offered by AnimalsFirst that are not offered by others. *(Request of Councilor Begly)*
- For the FY 2025 budget, compare the industry guidelines with the audit. *(Request of Councilor Begly)*
- Start tracking the spay and neutering; how many animals are leaving and how many are coming back. *(Request of Councilor Begly)*
- Get an update at the next meeting on the bridge portion of the spiderweb project. *(Request of Councilor Huff)*
- Update on the softball fields at Frank D. Chester Recreation Center. *(Request of Councilor Huff)*
- Have staff look at lighting for the corridor from the River Road round-a-bout to Mobley Road. *(Request of Councilor Davis)*

BID ADVERTISEMENT

DATE: February 13, 2024

February 14, 2024

1. Truck and Trailer Wrap Graphics for Parks and Recreation (Re-Bid) – PQ No. 24-0002

Scope of Quote

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.

February 16, 2024

1. On-Call Project Management Services for Capital Improvement Projects (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 24-0023

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) invites qualified offerors to submit proposals to provide professional project management services for various capital improvement projects. Types of projects include facility, transportation, stormwater, and recreation. These services will be procured on an as-needed basis by various departments. At its sole discretion, the City reserves the right to utilize City staff for certain projects as deemed in the City’s best interest.

The initial term of the contract will be for two years, with the option to renew for three additional twelve-month periods. Contract renewal shall be contingent upon the mutual agreement of the City and the Contractor.

2. Multi-Purpose Dog Handler Packages (K-9) (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 24-0018

Scope of RFP

The Columbus GA Police Department (CPD) is seeking proposals for the provision of Multi-Purpose Dog Handler Packages (K-9) to assist in providing added public safety for the City of Columbus, Georgia, on an “as needed” basis. The CPD requires a vendor with the capability of providing quality and healthy canines, handler training, equipment, vehicle upfitting and full support. An initial purchase of two (2) packages is anticipated.

The contract term shall be for one (1) year with the option to renew for four (4) additional twelve-month periods.

February 21, 2024

1. Electric Motor Repair Services (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 24-0024

Scope of Bid

It is the intent of the Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) to secure an annual contract with a vendor to provide repair services for electric motors, on an “as needed” basis. The repairs will include all single and three phase electric motors up to 150 HP to include, but not limited to, Belt-Drive A/C Blower Motors, Direct-Drive A/C Blower Motors and Water Circulators.

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

February 23, 2024

1. Veterinary Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 24-0020

Scope of RFP

Provide veterinarian services for the Columbus Animal Care and Control Center (ACCC) under the Public Works Department. **The options are (A) Full-Time Licensed Veterinarian & On-Call Services, (B) Part-Time Licensed Veterinarian & On-Call Services, (C) Licensed Veterinarian Practice to provide Full Time & On-Call Services, (D) Licensed Veterinarian Practice to provide Part-Time & On-Call Services and (E) On-Call Services Only (5 p.m. – 7:00 a.m.).**

The initial term of the contract will be for two years, with the option to renew for three additional twelve-month periods. Contract renewal shall be contingent upon the mutual agreement of the City and the Contractor.

March 1, 2024

1. Temporary Staffing for the Columbus Consolidated Government (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 24-0006

Scope of RFP

The Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia (the City) invites proposal submissions from qualified vendors to provide temporary staffing for various positions within the Columbus Consolidated Government on an “as needed” basis.

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

ENCLOSURES - INFORMATION ONLY

10. Council Memo FHWA

REFERRALS:

Referrals 1.30.24

CLERK OF COUNCIL’S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - INFORMATION ONLY

1. Notice from Suzanne Widenhouse, Chief Appraiser, Re: Update to prior notice of August 1, 2023, October 2, 2023 and December 18, 2023, Tax Abatement Agreement on 2023 Series Bonds.
2. Activity Report for private Probation Entities (Georgia Probation Services, Inc.) for the period: 1/1/2023 to 12/31/2023.

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

3. **RESOLUTION (046-24)** - A resolution excusing Councilor Jerry "Pops" Barnes from the January 30, 2024 Consent Agenda / Work Session. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote.
4. **RESOLUTION (047-24)** - A resolution excusing Councilor Bruce Huff from the January 30, 2024 Consent Agenda / Work Session. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Thomas and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote.
5. **RESOLUTION (048-24)** - A resolution excusing Councilor R. Walker Garrett from the January 30, 2024 Consent Agenda / Work Session. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Thomas and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote.
6. **RESOLUTION (049-24)** - A resolution excusing Councilor Judy W. Thomas from the January 30, 2024 Consent Agenda / Work Session. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Thomas and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote.

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

457 Deferred Compensation Board, October 19, 2023

Animal Control Advisory Board, June 13, August 29, and November 9, 2023

Board of Tax Assessors, #01-23, #02-24 and #03-24

Development Authority of Columbus, December 7, 2023

Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission, October 25, 2023

Planning Advisory Commission, December 6, 2023

Recreation Advisory Board, March 23, and September 28, 2022

River Valley Regional Commission, December 6, 2023

Councilor Thomas a motion to receive the minutes of various boards, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS- ACTION REQUESTED:

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

A. **CIVIC CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:**

A nominee for the seat of Jed Harris, Jr. (*Not Eligible to succeed*) for a term that expired on March 1, 2023, on the Civic Center Advisory Board (*Mayor's Appointment*). Mayor Henderson has nominated Robert Watkins to serve in the expired term of Jed Harris, Jr. Councilor Crabb made a motion for

confirmation, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote.

B. COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS & CULTURAL LIAISON ENCOUNTERS (CIRCLE):

A nominee for the seat of Merrill Rushin (*Eligible to succeed – Does not desire reappointment*) for a term expiring on March 1, 2024, on the Commission on International Relations & Cultural Liaison Encounters (*Mayor's Appointment*). Mayor Henderson nominated Merrill Rushin to serve another term of office. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote.

A nominee for the vacant seat formerly held by Akear Mewborn (*Does not desire reappointment*) for a term that expired on March 1, 2022, on the Commission on International Relations & Cultural Liaison Encounters (*Mayor's Appointment*). There were none.

9. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS- READY FOR CONFIRMATION:

- A. BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS:** Ms. Angela Strange was nominated to succeed Ms. Tomeika Farley. (*Councilor Huff's nominee*) Term expires: March 31, 2027. Councilor Huff made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote.

10. 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 (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on March 27, 2024, as the District 7 Representative on the Community Development Advisory Council (*Council District 7- Cogle*). There were none.

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 2- Davis*). There were none.

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

A. COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS & CULTURAL LIAISON ENCOUNTERS (CIRCLE):

A nominee for the seat of Alia Teetshorn (*Not Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring March 1, 2024, on the Commission on International Relations & Cultural Liaison Encounters (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

B. HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of Libby Smith (*Not Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring January 31, 2024, as the Historic District Resident on the Historic & Architectural Review Board (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Cogle nominated Michael Moore to succeed Libby Smith as the Historic District Resident representative.

PUBLIC AGENDA (continued)

3. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Wage gap, evictions and poverty.
4. Ms. Pamela Moss, Re: Renovation at Golden Park.
5. Ms. Patricia Stephens, Re: Golden Park and all other properties within Georgia HR157.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Henderson entertained a motion to go into executive session to discuss matters of potential litigation and personnel as requested by Assistant City Attorney Sheftall earlier in the meeting. Councilor Crabb made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote, and the time being 4:16 p.m.

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 4:36 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.

ADD-ON RESOLUTION:

Resolution (050-24): A resolution authorizing a payment of \$50,000 to settle all damage claims of Martavius Ford stemming from the incident which occurred on June 15, 2023, and to execute all appropriate settlement documents to this effect. Councilor Thomas made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote.

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Councilor Crabb to adjourn the February 13, 2024 Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote, and the time being 4:37 p.m.

Sandra T. Davis, CMC
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