

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

April 23, 2024
5:30 PM
Regular Meeting

MAYOR'S AGENDA

PRESENT: Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III and Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen (via teleconference) (*Councilor District 1 Seat – Vacant*) and Councilors Tyson Begly, Joanne Cogle, Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis, R. Walker Garrett (via teleconference), Bruce Huff and Judy W. Thomas. 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) Georgia Cities Week – CCG Showcase of Activities Presentation; (2) Columbus Airport Presentation; (3) Parks & Recreation 2024 Summer Fun Presentation; (4) Rigdon Park, Shirley Winston, and Psalm Road Pool Update Presentation; (5) Columbus Infrastructure Update Presentation

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Zion Daise, Student at Columbus High School

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Columbus Georgia Chapter of Jack & Jill of America, Inc.

PASSING OF COUNCILOR JERRY "POPS" BARNES- DISTRICT 1:

Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson spoke on the recent passing of District 1 City Councilor Jerry "Pops" Barnes. He shared information on the Celebration of Life public event that will be held.

Councilor Cogle made a motion to delay the naming of a successor for 30 days in remembrance and reverence of respect for Councilor Barnes, and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote.

Councilor Bruce Huff stated for the record, he has no issue with the delay and there is a lot of false information in the public. He stated all the conversations that began last week have been in reference to the passing of Councilor Barnes and the father of State Representative Calvin Smyre, the families, and arrangements.

Bradley Center Executive Director Brittany Luther approached the rostrum to share that the Psychiatric Graduate Education Learning Lab at the Bradley Center will be named in honor of Councilor Jerry "Pops" Barnes.

NOTE: Councilor Tucker arrived at 6:06 p.m.

CSU Assistant Professor of Nursing Chandler Padgett approached the rostrum to share her experience with Pops being a mentor to her and his servant leadership.

Director Tamara Condrey, CSU School of Nursing came forward to share the Columbus State University School of Nursing will miss Pops, but that his spirit will live on through them with their servant leadership.

Dr. Pamela Shaw, New Horizons Behavioral Health, came forward to share that Pops was their mentor and helped with many events to bring awareness to healthcare.

Nurse Practitioner Da Monica Alethea Cannon, Piedmont, came forward to share the efforts of Councilor Barnes in supporting healthcare and the Kappa Chi Chapter, Inc. of Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc.

At this time, several members of Council expressed their condolences to the family of Councilor Jerry “Pops” Barnes and shared their memories of his faithful years of public service. Also, Clerk of Council Davis read statements from the virtual attendees Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Garrett of their respective remembrances of Councilor Jerry “Pops” Barnes and shared stories of his support and guidance.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

9. PURCHASES

H. Underserved and Inmate Healthcare Consultant Indigent Care - RFP No. 24-0009

Resolution (145-24): A resolution authorizing the execution of a contract with PYA, P.C. (Atlanta, GA) for consulting services related to the development of a healthcare program for underserved and inmates’ indigent care. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the nine members present. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Garrett.)*

State Representative Teddy Reese approached the rostrum to recognize the commitment of Councilor Jerry “Pops” Barnes to the citizens of Columbus, Georgia and the surrounding counties.

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the April 9, 2024 Council Meeting and Executive Session. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the nine members present. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Garrett.)*

PROCLAMATION:

2. **Proclamation:** Georgia Cities Week

Receiving: Lisa Goodwin, Deputy City Manager

Councilor Tyson Begly read the proclamation into the record, proclaiming the week of April 21-27, 2024, as *Georgia Cities Week*, recognizing local governments in the State of Georgia.

Deputy City Manager Lisa Goodwin approached the rostrum to introduce a presentation that shared all the events various departments have planned to reach out to the citizens in the community in celebration of Georgia Cities Week.

3. **Proclamation:** National Correctional Officers Week

Receiving: Warden Herbert Walker

Councilor Bruce Huff read the proclamation into the record, proclaiming the week of May 5-11, 2024, as *National Correctional Officers Week*, recognizing correctional officers as an essential part of the criminal justice system.

PRESENTATION:

4. Columbus Airport Runway Closures and TSPLOST Plan (Presented by Amber Clark, Director of the Columbus Airport)

Airport Director Amber Clark approached the rostrum to provide an update on the runway closures at the Columbus Airport and the plan for maintenance utilizing designated TSPLOST funds. She shared information on the reconstruction of Runway 6-24 which shows signs of cracking, depressions, upheaval, and the failure of two horizontally placed storm drains located under the runway.

ADD-ON RESOLUTION:

Resolution (146-24): A resolution expressing support for the request made by the Airport Commission through Senator Jon Ossoff's Office for Congressional Directed Spending for the CSG Runway 6-24 Reconstruction Project. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and opened for discussion. Councilor Thomas made a substitute motion to delay this item until the April 30, 2024 Consent Agenda, seconded by Councilor Huff and resulted in an inconclusive four-to-five vote, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Garrett, Huff and Thomas voting in favor, and Councilors Begly, Cogle, Crabb, Davis and Tucker voting in opposition. The original motion for approval made by Councilor Crabb and seconded by Councilor Tucker was brought forward for a vote, and carried unanimously by the nine members present. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Garrett.)*

Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge came forward to explain the process in allocating TSPLOST Discretionary Funds.

CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

2. Honorary Designation Application submitted by the Columbus, Georgia Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. to rename Carver Park in honor of Former Mayor Pro Tem Evelyn Turner Pugh. *(The Council may vote to forward the application to the Board of Honor.) (NOTE: This item was called up as the next order of business as listed on the Clerk of Council's Agenda Item 2)* Councilor Crabb made a motion to forward the application to the Board of Honor, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the nine members present. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Garrett.)*

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

1. **Ordinance (24-016) - 2nd Reading-** REZN-02-24-0242: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **6943 Flat Rock Road** (parcel # 109-001-109) from Light Manufacturing/Industrial (LMI) Zoning District to General Commercial (GC) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Mayor Pro-Tem) Councilor Crabb made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Garrett.)*

2. **Ordinance (24-017) - 2nd Reading-** REZN-02-24-0345: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia; this amendment changes certain boundaries of a district located at **1000 Wynnton Road** (parcel # 018-018-004/5 and 019-004-001) from Light Manufacturing/Industrial (LMI) Zoning District to General Commercial (GC) and Residential Multifamily - 2 (RMF2) Zoning Districts (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Cogle) Councilor Thomas made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the nine members present. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Garrett.)*

3. **Ordinance (24-018) - 2nd Reading-** REZN-02-24-0347: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **4834 Warm Springs Road** (parcel # 082-044-007/8/8H/9, 083-012-002/4/5) from Single Family Residential -1 (SFR1) and Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning Districts to Residential Multifamily - 2 (RMF2) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Crabb) Councilor Crabb made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Garrett.)*

4. **Ordinance (24-019) - 2nd Reading-** REZN-02-24-0349: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **2911/3005/3007 3rd Avenue** (parcel # 007-003-007/012/013) from Light Manufacturing/Industrial (LMI) Zoning District to Residential Multifamily - 2 (RMF2) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Garrett) Councilor Crabb made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Garrett.)*

5. **Ordinance (24-020) - 2nd Reading-** REZN-03-24-0476: An Ordinance amending the text of Chapters 7, 9, and 13 of the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) of the Columbus Code. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Mayor Pro-Tem) Councilor Thomas made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the nine members present. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Garrett.)*

6. **Ordinance (24-021) - 2nd Reading-** An ordinance providing for the demolition of various structures located at:

1) **1655 Elvan Avenue** (Murtuza Ali Khan, Owner); 2) **2545 Pye Avenue** (Clark Property Management LLC, Owner); 3) **32 Woodland Circle** (Edna Anderson, Owner); 4) **2903 10th Avenue** (Dustin Cooper, Owner); and 5) **2409 Heard Street** (Estate of Catherine Greene, Owner);

and for demolition services for the Inspections and Code Department in accordance with the attached Tabulation of Bid sheet. (Mayor Pro-Tem) Councilor Crabb made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present. (*Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Garrett.*)

7. **2nd Reading-** An ordinance providing for the demolition of various structures located at:

1) **1118 Broadway** (Mary C Wohlwender, Owner)
2) **1120 Broadway** (Mary C Wohlwender, Owner)

and for demolition services for the Inspections and Code Department in accordance with the attached Tabulation of Bid sheet. (Mayor Pro-Tem) Councilor Thomas made a motion for adoption, seconded by Councilor Huff. After some additional discussion, Councilor Cogle made a motion to delay for 30 days, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present. (*Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Garrett.*)

Inspections & Code Director Ryan Pruett approached the rostrum to respond to questions from Councilor Davis regarding what options are available for the City of Columbus to recoup the cost of demolition.

City Attorney Clifton Fay stated it is beneficial for there to be a lien on the books when negotiating with developers.

Councilor Joanne Cogle stated she wishes to delay the adoption of this ordinance for 30 days to attempt to identify other options to lessen the cost to CCG for demolition of this property.

8. **1st Reading-** REZN-02-24-0344: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **1615 Wynnton Road** (parcel # 026-021-004) from Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District to Residential Multifamily - 1 (RMF1) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Continued on 1st Reading from 4-9-24) (Councilor Cogle) (**Public Hearing Held**)

Planning Director Will Johnson approached the rostrum to explain the property was previously a business and Residential Multifamily – 1 (RMF1) allows for single families as well.

Mr. Rooney Griffeth (Applicant) came forward responding to questions from Councilor Thomas, stating he would be residing on the property proposed for rezoning.

9. **1st Reading-** REZN-03-24-0502: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at 904 Fort Benning Road (parcel # 064-029-021) from General Commercial (GC) Zoning District to Residential Office (RO) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval) (Councilor Huff) (**Public Hearing Held**)

- 10. 1st Reading-** An ordinance to expand the current boundaries of the Enterprise Zone to include areas as noted in the attached map. **(Public Hearing Held)**

Planning Director Will Johnson approached the rostrum to respond to questions from Councilor Davis, stating a Tax Allocation District (TAD) and Enterprise Zone assigned to the same area would cancel each other out, as you can use one or the other and not both.

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Mr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr., Re: Change to Agenda Format.
2. Miss Cenda See, Re: Christmas lighting on the Riverwalk.
3. Mr. Carlos Coleman, representing Emanuel Prep, Re: Crime Prevention Grant proposal. ***Not Present***
4. Ms. Amy Spencer, Re: The potential development of South Commons.

Councilors Glenn Davis and **Joanne Cogle** commented on the information provided by Ms. Spencer, stating the original deed for the property states it is required to be used for a public park and playground, and the restriction can only be lifted if a special election is held without purpose and voted upon by two-thirds of the qualified voters.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY ATTORNEY:

- Find out if this needs to go back to the General Assembly or if a special election can be held.
(Request of Councilor Davis)

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

- 1. FY25 HUD Annual Action Plan Submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)**

Resolution (147-24): A resolution authorizing the filing of the FY24 Annual Action Plan with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the nine members present. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Garrett.)*

- 3. Firehouse Subs Grant**

Resolution (148-24): A resolution authorizing to apply for, and accept if awarded, a grant in the amount of \$27,015.00 or as otherwise awarded from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation with no matching funds required. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the nine members present. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Garrett.)*

4. FY25 Congressionally Directed Funding Grant

Resolution (149-24): A resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for and accept if awarded a grant for a vehicle and equipment to implement a mobile integrated healthcare program within Columbus Fire and Emergency Medical Services in the amount of \$153,232.99, or as otherwise awarded, from the FY25 Congressionally Directed Spending Program with no matching funds required. The Multi-Governmental Fund will be amended by the amount of the award. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the nine members present. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Garrett.)*

5. 2021 Homeland Security Hazmat Grant

Resolution (150-24): A resolution authorizing the acceptance of a grant for equipment in the amount of \$28,992.00 or as otherwise awarded, from the Homeland Security Hazmat Grant Program. These funds will be utilized for the purchase of new hazardous materials equipment. The team responds to hazardous materials emergencies in Muscogee County as well as surrounding communities to provide hazardous material containment, including chemical, radiological, and biological incidents. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the nine members present. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Garrett.)*

6. Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act Grant

Resolution (151-24): A resolution authorizing the application and acceptance, if awarded, a grant of \$200,000.00, or as otherwise awarded, from the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, FY24 Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act (LEMHWA) Implementation Projects, with no local match requirement, and to amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount awarded. Funds will be utilized for the purchase of training equipment and conducting mental health classes for deputies and corrections officers to support the mental health and emotional support of the officers including such things as suicide prevention, peer mentoring, clinical support, and family support services. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the nine members present. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Garrett.)*

7. Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant Request

Resolution (152-24): A resolution authorizing the submission of an application to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for a grant to fund the Muscogee County Juvenile Court and, if awarded, accept the grant and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the grant award for the grant period is from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the nine members present. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Garrett.)*

8. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) FY 2024 Grant

Resolution (153-24): A resolution authorizing the submission and acceptance, if awarded, Fiscal Year 2024 Funding from a U.S. Department of Justice Office Community Oriented Policing Services Grant, in the amount of \$908,000.00, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and

amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount awarded. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the nine members present. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Garrett.)*

2. Bulldog Bait and Tackle – Lease Amendment and Extension

Resolution (154-24): A resolution authorizing the execution of a lease amendment and extension through December 31, 2024, with Bulldog Bait and Tackle for the purpose of leasing space at 1300 Victory Drive. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Garrett.)*

9. PURCHASES

A. One (1) Articulating Lift for Public Works Department – Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (155-24): A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) articulating lift (2024 Caterpillar JLG T-350 Gas Engine) for the Public Works Department from Yancey Brothers (Fortson, GA) in the amount of \$39,954.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Sourcewell Contract #062320-CAT. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the nine members present. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Garrett.)*

B. One (1) Ditch Witch for Public Works Department – Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (156-24): A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) Ditch Witch (Charles Machine Works, Ditch Witch ST37XA Footings Trencher) for the Public Works Department from the Charles Machine Works, Inc. (Perry, OK) in the amount of \$50,982.64. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Sourcewell Contract #110421-CMW. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the nine members present. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Garrett.)*

C. One (1) Mini Excavator for Public Works Department – Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (157-24): A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) Mini Excavator (Caterpillar Model 303.5 OS Hydraulic Excavator) for the Public Works Department from Yancey Brothers (Fortson, GA) in the amount of \$54,178.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Sourcewell Contract #092222-CAT. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the nine members present. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Garrett.)*

D. One (1) Grapple Truck for Parks and Recreation Department – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (158-24): A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) Petersen TL-3 Grapple Truck for the Parks and Recreation Department from Environmental Products Group, Inc. (Atlanta, GA) in the amount of \$207,800.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Georgia

State Contract #99999-001-SPD0000177. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the nine members present. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Garrett.)*

- E. On-Call Services for Installation or Replacement of Sidewalks and ADA Ramps (Annual Contract) - RFP No. 23-0038

Resolution (159-24): A resolution authorizing the execution of annual contracts with Alexander Contracting Company, Inc. (Fortson, GA), JHC Corporation (Newnan, GA), Southeastern Site Development, Inc. (Newnan, GA), and the M. Mitchell Group (Carrollton, GA) for services to install or replace sidewalks and ADA ramps, as well as minor concrete work, on an as-needed basis. For each project, the Engineering Department will obtain written quotes from the awarded contractors. The estimated annual usage for the services is approximately \$1,256,140.89. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the nine members present. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Garrett.)*

- F. Replacement Cubicles for the Police Department - Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (160-24): A resolution authorizing the purchase of cubicles for the Police Department from the Hon Company (Muscatine, IA)/Malone Office Environments (Columbus, GA) in the amount of \$291,705.53. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-001-SPD0000198-0019. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the nine members present. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Garrett.)*

- G. Two (2) All Terrain Vehicles (ATV) for Fire and EMS - Florida Sheriffs Association Cooperative Purchasing Program Contract Purchase

Resolution (161-24): A resolution authorizing the purchase of two (2) All Terrain Vehicles (ATVs), for the Fire and EMS Department, from McKibben Powersports of Lake Wales (Lake Wales, FL) in the total amount of \$25,899.00 (one unit @ \$8,380.00 and one unit @ \$17,519.00). The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Florida Sheriffs Association Cooperative Purchasing Program Contract #FSA23-EQU21.0. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the nine members present. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Garrett.)*

- H. Underserved and Inmate Healthcare Consultant Indigent Care - RFP No. 24-0009

(NOTE: This item was called upon earlier in the meeting during the Mayor's Agenda.)

- I. Level III Body Armor and Ballistic Helmets for Homeland Security and Public Safety Departments - Sourcewell Cooperative Contract Purchase

Resolution (162-24): A resolution authorizing the purchase of Ballistic Helmets, in the amount of \$201,280.00; and Level III Body Armor, in the amount of \$239,446.43, for a grand total amount of \$440,726.43, from Atlantic Diving Supply/ADS, Inc. (Virginia Beach, VA). The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Sourcewell Contract #011221-ADS. Councilor Huff made

a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the nine members present. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Garrett.)*

J. Servers and Storage Devices for Information Technology - Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (163-24): A resolution authorizing the purchase of servers and storage devices from C-PAK Technology Solutions, (LaGrange, GA) in the amount of \$302,000.00. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-001-SPD0000139-0002. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the nine members present. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Garrett.)*

INFORMATION ONLY: EXIGENT “OFF THE LOT” VEHICLE PURCHASE:

1. ONE (1) 2024 FORD EXPLORER FOR THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

On April 8, 2024, a purchase order was executed for one (1) 2024 Ford Explorer for the Information Technology Department due to exigent circumstances, as approved by Council per Resolution No. 106-24.

The vehicle will be purchased from Rivertown Ford (Columbus, GA) at a unit price of \$46,231.43. The vehicle will be used by Technical Operations staff to transport staff and equipment to various locations throughout the City. This is a replacement vehicle.

Funds are budgeted in the FY24 Budget: General Fund – Information Technology – Information Technology – Light Trucks; 0101-210-1000-ISS-7722.

2. ONE (1) 2024 FORD EXPLORER FOR THE CITY MANAGER/PRINT SHOP

On April 8, 2024, a purchase order was executed for one (1) 2024 Ford Explorer truck for the City Manager/Print Shop due to exigent circumstances, as approved by Council per Resolution No. 106-24.

The vehicle will be purchased from Rivertown Ford (Columbus, GA) at a unit price of \$40,157.43. The vehicle will be used for delivering Print Shop materials/publications to various Columbus Consolidated Government Departments when needed. This is a replacement vehicle.

Funds are budgeted in the FY24 Budget: General Fund – Chief Administrator – Print Shop – Light Trucks; 0101-130-2550-PRNT-7722.

3. TWO (2) 2024 CHEVROLET EQUINOX LS VEHICLES FOR THE TAX ASSESSOR’S OFFICE

On April 8, 2024, a purchase order was executed for two (2) 2024 Chevrolet Equinox LS w/1LS 4-dr Front Wheel Drive for the Tax Assessor’s Office due to exigent circumstances, as approved by Council per Resolution No. 106-24.

The vehicles will be purchased from Sons Chevrolet (Columbus, GA) at a unit price of \$27,243.00 and an extended cost of \$54,486.00. The vehicles are replacements for two (2) 2023 Ford Escapes that were ordered as “emergency purchases” from Alan Vigil Ford. The vendor has informed Fleet Management the vehicles will not be available this year. Therefore, the purchase order issued to Alan Vigil Ford was cancelled.

Funds are budgeted in the FY24 Budget: General Fund – Boards and Commissions – Tax Assessor – Automobiles; 0101-290-1000-TAXA-7721.

4. THREE (3) 2024 FORD BRONCOS FOR THE COLUMBUS FIRE & EMS DEPARTMENT

On April 17, 2024, a purchase order was executed for three (3) 2024 Ford Broncos (Sport Big Bend 4dr 4x4) for the Columbus Fire & EMS Department due to exigent circumstances, as approved by Council per Resolution No. 106-24.

The vehicle was purchased from Rivertown Ford (Columbus, GA) at a unit price each of \$31,063.00, \$31,223.00, and \$32,413.00, respectively, for a grand total of \$94,699.00. The vehicles will be used by Community Risk Reduction Lieutenant Inspectors. These are replacement vehicles.

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 – 54152 – 20230. – [\$31,063.00]

2021 Sales Tax Project Fund – 2021 SPLOST – 21 SPLOST Public Safety – Light Trucks - Heavy Equipment/Vehicles Public Works; 0567 – 696 – 3111 – STPS – 7722 – 54152 – 20230. – [\$31,223.00]

2021 Sales Tax Project Fund – 2021 SPLOST – 21 SPLOST Public Safety – Light Trucks - Heavy Equipment/Vehicles Public Works; 0567 – 696 – 3111 – STPS – 7722 – 54152 – 20240. – [\$29,263.00] and 2021 Sales Tax Project Fund – 2021 SPLOST – 21 SPLOST Public Safety – Light Trucks - Heavy Equipment/Vehicles Public Works; 0567 – 696 – 3111 – STPS – 7722 – 54152 – 20230. – [\$3,150.00]

5. ONE (1) 2024 FORD TRANSIT-350 PASSENGER VAN FOR THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

On April 17, 2024, a purchase order was executed for one (1) 2024 Ford Transit-350 Passenger Van for the Engineering Department, Stormwater Division, due to exigent circumstances, as approved by Council per Resolution No. 106-24.

The vehicle was purchased from Rivertown Ford (Columbus, GA) at a unit price of \$60,248.25. The vehicle will be used by Stormwater Division employees to facilitate some requirements set out by the EPD MS4 Phase 1 Medium Permit for the Columbus Consolidated Government, primarily during creek walking season along with providing transportation for City VIPs or other guests coming to the City. This is a new vehicle.

Funds are budgeted in the FY24 Budget: Sewer (Stormwater) Fund – Engineering – Stormwater – Light Trucks; 0202 – 250 – 2600 – STRM – 7722.

6. ONE (1) 2024 FORD TRANSIT-250 CARGO VAN FOR THE COLUMBUS POLICE DEPARTMENT

On April 17, 2024, a purchase order was executed for one (1) 2024 Ford Transit-250 Cargo Van for the Columbus Police Department, due to exigent circumstances, as approved by Council per Resolution No. 106-24.

The vehicle was purchased from Rivertown Ford (Columbus, GA) at a unit price of \$52,058.00. The vehicle will be used by the CPD hazardous device response team (HDRT) members. The vehicle will be used to transport multiple pieces of large/bulky equipment needed by HDRT when they respond to calls. The vehicle will only be driven on calls, training, etc., but not by anyone for day-to-day use. This is a replacement vehicle.

Funds are budgeted in the FY24 Budget: LOST-Public Safety Fund – Police – Public Safety-LOST – Heavy Trucks; 0102 – 400 – 9900 – LOST – 7723.

7. ONE (1) 2024 FORD F-250 PICKUP TRUCK FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

On April 17, 2024, a purchase order was executed for one (1) 2024 Ford F-250 Pickup Truck for the Public Works Department, Animal Control Division, due to exigent circumstances, as approved by Council per Resolution No. 106-24.

The vehicle was purchased from Rivertown Ford (Columbus, GA) at a unit price of \$55,318.53. The vehicle will be used by staff to pull the animal control adoption trailer and horse trailer. This is a new vehicle.

Funds are budgeted in the FY24 Budget: General Fund – Public Works – Animal Control – Light Trucks; 0101 – 260 – 2400 – SPCL – 7722.

10. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Summer Activities – Holli Browder, Director, Parks & Recreation

Parks & Recreation Director Holli Browder approached the rostrum to provide a presentation on the recreation programs, activities, and events being held for the community this summer. She also shared information on the 2024 Summer Fun Passes that will be available for pickup at various locations at the beginning of May for citizens to enjoy discount opportunities and other offers from the many partners of Columbus Parks & Recreation.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Address the calls received regarding the lack of access to drinking water at Cooper Creek Park.
(Request of Councilor Davis)

B. Pool Update – Ryan Pruett, Director, Inspections & Code

Inspections & Code Director Ryan Pruett approached the rostrum to provide an update Rigdon Park, Shirley Winston, and Psalmound Road Pools. During the presentation conceptual renderings and a timeline for the pool construction and explained the delays due to required changes to obtain permits from the Health Department. He explained the pool at Rigdon Park is expected to be complete July 2024, Shirley Winston in August 2024, and Psalmound Road in September 2024.

Councilor Joanne Cogle explained since the pools have been closed, the splash pad in Uptown has been shouldering a lot of the activity for families. She stated Uptown Columbus has been campaigning to raise funds for the resurfacing of the playground and sunshades for the splash pad. She stated it would be a good gesture for the Council to take the \$250,000.00 Uptown Columbus is seeking out of the Uptown Tax Allocation District (TAD) funds.

City Manager Isaiah Hugley stated the TAD is a very good funding source for that project but requested the Council to allow staff to check on pending allocations out of this fund and other information before taking action to allocate \$250,000.00.

Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge came forward to share policies and procedures in the allocation of TAD funding that was approved by Council.

Councilor Cogle made a motion to begin the process of allocating \$250,000.00 of Uptown TAD funds for this project, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried by an eight-to-one vote, with Councilors

Begly, Cogle, Crabb, Davis, Garrett, Huff, Thomas and Tucker voting in favor, and Mayor Pro Tem Allen voting in opposition.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Provide a funding source for the Uptown Splash Pad project either from the TAD or another source by the April 30, 2024 Consent Agenda/Work Session. *(Request of Councilor Cogle)*
- Begin the set policies and procedures as quickly as possible to handle this project ASAP. Get in touch with the Muscogee County School District and set up meetings for this process ASAP. *(Request of Councilor Thomas)*
- Come up with ideas on what can be done with the A.J. McClung Stadium utilizing TAD funds. *(Request of Councilor Tucker)*

C. Infrastructure Update – Pam Hodge, Deputy City Manager, Finance, Planning & Development

Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge approached the rostrum to provide an update on infrastructure. She provided a summary on the infrastructure investments and projects from 2010 to April 2024 for a cost of \$1,173,979,972.00.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Bring back an update on the road project at 13th Street and 13th Avenue. *(Request of Councilor Thomas)*

D. Engineering FY24 Budget Update – Donna Newman, Director, Engineering

Finance Director Angelica Alexander approached the rostrum to explain Engineering Director Donna Newman is appearing before Council pursuant to Ordinance 13-39, requiring departments expected to go over budget to request additional funding from Council. She stated the Engineering Department is expected to exceed their budget for FY2024 in the amount of \$120,000.00 which should be offset by salary savings.

Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the request for an additional \$120,000.00 in the FY2024 Budget for the Engineering Department, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the nine members present. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Garrett.)*

E. Juvenile Court FY24 Budget Update – Samantha Cannon, Juvenile Court Director & Clerk

Finance Director Angelica Alexander approached the rostrum to explain Juvenile Court Director & Clerk Samantha Cannon is appearing before Council pursuant to Ordinance 13-39, requiring departments expected to go over budget to request additional funding from Council. She stated the Juvenile Court is expected to exceed their budget for FY2024 in the amount of \$98,000.00.

Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the request for an additional \$98,000.00 in the FY2024 Budget for Juvenile Court, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Garrett.)*

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Limit the number of presentations/updates at the May 14, 2024 Council Meeting if there are many department presentations planned for the Budget Review Meeting that afternoon. (*Request of Councilor Thomas*)

BID ADVERTISEMENT

DATE: April 23, 2024

May 1, 2024

1. Bus Route Signs & Poles (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 24-0036

Scope of Bid

The Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia is requesting bids for bus route signs and poles. METRA Transit System will purchase the signs and poles on an as-needed basis.

The contract period shall be for three (3) years.

2. Public Safety Uniforms (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 24-0023

Scope of Bid

Provide uniforms for Columbus Consolidated Government Public Safety Departments on an “as needed” basis.

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

3. Swim Gear and Lifeguard Accessories (Re-Bid) (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 24-0035

Scope of Bid

Provide swim gear and lifeguard accessories on an “as needed” basis for the Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) Department of Parks and Recreation, Aquatics Division.

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

4. Transmissions & Transmission Services for Public Work (Re-Bid) (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 24-0028

Scope of Bid

The Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) invites qualified vendors to submit bids to provide repair/rebuild services for various types of transmissions for the Public Works Department – Fleet Maintenance Shop on an “as needed” basis.

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

May 3, 2024

1. Waste Collection Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 24-0017

Scope of RFP

The Consolidated Government of Columbus GA (the City) invites qualified offerors to submit proposals to provide weekly waste collection and disposal services, including all the necessary equipment and labor needed to collect and dispose of the following options:

Option A: Household Waste Option D: Bulk Waste Only

Option B: Yard Waste Only Option E: All Collection and Disposal Services

Option C: Recycling Collection

2. **Alcohol Management Services for Columbus Civic Center Locations (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 24-0005**

Scope of RFP

The Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia (the City) is seeking proposals from qualified vendors to provide alcohol (beer/wine/liquor) management services for Columbus Civic Center locations. The contract shall commence on July 1, 2024 (date subject to change).

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 4.23.24

CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

1. Email Correspondence from Mr. Eddie Florence resigning from his seat on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission due to no longer being a resident of Muscogee County. Councilor Crabb made a motion to receive the resignation with regret, seconded by Councilor Thomas and carried unanimously by the nine members present. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Garrett.)*

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

Board of Tax Assessors, # 11-24, and # 12-24

Development Authority, March 7, 2024

Land Bank Authority, March 13, 2024

Planning Advisory Commission, March 6 & 20, 2024

Councilor Crabb made a motion to receive the minutes of various boards, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the nine members present. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Garrett.)*

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

4. MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:

A. YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:

A nominee for a seat on the Youth Advisory Council for the 2024-2025 School Year (*Mayor's Appointment*). There were none.

5. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS- READY FOR CONFIRMATION:

A. DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS: Mr. Will White was nominated to succeed Mr. Heath Schondelmayer. (*Councilor Davis' nominee*) Term expires: April 30, 2028. Councilor Davis made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present. (*Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Garrett.*)

B. KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION: Ms. Taylor G. Martin was nominated to fill the expired term of Mr. Lee Jordan. (*Councilor Huff's nominee*) Term expires: June 30, 2026. Councilor Cogle made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present. (*Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Garrett.*)

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

A. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:

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*). Councilor Davis nominated Marty O. Wynn to serve in the seat vacated by Christopher Poirer. Councilor Davis made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present. (*Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Garrett.*)

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.

B. YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:

A nominee for a seat on the Youth Advisory Council as the District 1 Representative for the 2024-2025 School Year (*Council District 1*). There were none.

A nominee for a seat on the Youth Advisory Council as the District 2 Representative for the 2024-2025 School Year (*Council District 2- Davis*). There were none.

A nominee for a seat on the Youth Advisory Council as the District 3 Representative for the 2024-2025 School Year (*Council District 3- Huff*). There were none.

A nominee for a seat on the Youth Advisory Council as the District 4 Representative for the 2024-2025 School Year (*Council District 4- Tucker*). There were none.

A nominee for a seat on the Youth Advisory Council as the District 5 Representative for the 2024-2025 School Year (*Council District 5- Crabb*). There were none.

A nominee for a seat on the Youth Advisory Council as the District 6 Representative for the 2024-2025 School Year (*Council District 6- Allen*). There were none.

A nominee for a seat on the Youth Advisory Council as the District 7 Representative for the 2024-2025 School Year (*Council District 7- Cogle*). There were none.

A nominee for a seat on the Youth Advisory Council as the District 8 Representative for the 2024-2025 School Year (*Council District 8- Garrett*). There were none.

A nominee for a seat on the Youth Advisory Council as the District 9 Representative for the 2024-2025 School Year (*Council District 9- Thomas*). There were none.

A nominee for a seat on the Youth Advisory Council as the District 10 Representative for the 2024-2025 School Year (*Council District 10- Begly*). There were none.

Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis explained the deadline for members of Council to submit their nominee for the Youth Advisory Council is June 15, 2024.

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

A. HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of Jack Hayes (*Resigned*) for a term expiring on January 31, 2025, as the Columbus Builders Association Representative on the Historic & Architectural Review Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Libby Smith (*Not eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on January 31, 2025, in a seat designated for a Historic District Resident on the Historic & Architectural Review Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none. Clerk of Council Davis explained that Michael Moore was confirmed to serve in the Historic District Resident seat; however, he is a not a registered voter of Muscogee County.

B. KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION:

A nominee for the vacant seat of a Senatorial District 29 Representative for a term that expires on June 30, 2026, on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

UPCOMING BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

- A. Board of Family & Children Services - (Council's Appointment)
- B. Columbus Aquatics Commission - (Council's Appointment)
- C. Columbus Golf Course Authority - (Council's Appointment)

- D. Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission - (Council's Appointment)
- E. Pension Fund, Employees' Board of Trustees - (Mayor's Appointment)
- F. Region Six Regional Advisory Council for Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities - (Council's Appointment)

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Have the Development Authority of Columbus come to Council to provide an update as required by resolution. *(Request of Councilor Davis)*
- Resolution excusing absence at the April 30, 2024 Consent Agenda/Work Session. *(Request of Councilor Tucker)*

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Henderson entertained a motion to go into executive session to discuss matters of acquisition and disposal of real estate and potential litigation as requested by City Attorney Fay earlier in the meeting. Councilor Crabb made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with the time being 9:41 p.m. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Garrett.)*

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 10:43 p.m., at which time, Mayor Henderson announced that the Council did meet in executive session to discuss matters of acquisition and disposal of real estate and potential litigation; however, there were no votes taken.

NOTE: Councilor Davis exited the meeting at 10:43 p.m.

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Councilor Tucker to adjourn the April 23, 2024 Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote, and the time being 10:43 p.m. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Garrett.)*

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