

Council Members

R. Gary Allen
Charmaine Crabb

Jerry 'Pops' Barnes
Glenn Davis

John M. House
Bruce Huff

R. Walker Garrett
Toyia Tucker

Judy W. Thomas
Evelyn 'Mimi' Woodson

Clerk of Council
Sandra T. Davis



Columbus Civic Center
400 4th Street, Arena Floor
Columbus, Georgia 31901

October 27, 2020
5:30 PM
Regular Meeting

MAYOR'S AGENDA

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Pastor Colley Williams of New Covenant Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Henderson

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the October 13, 2020 Council Meeting and Executive Session.

UPDATE:

2. An update on COVID-19

PROCLAMATIONS:

3. **PROCLAMATION:** Deputy Chief James Greg Lang Day

RECEIVING: Deputy Chief James Greg Lang

PROCLAMATION: Deputy Director Riley Land Day

RECEIVING: Deputy Director Riley Land

PROCLAMATION: Major John “J.D.” Hawk Day

RECEIVING: Major John “J.D.” Hawk

AUTHORIZATION REQUEST:

4. Authorization of a Vendor Audit of the Columbus Trade and Convention Center. (Requested by John Redmond, Internal Auditor)

PRESENTATION:

5. Water and Sewer Rate Study. (Presented by Alex Hinton, Secretary to the Board)

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

1. **2nd Reading** - An ordinance providing for the demolition of structures; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem)
2. **1st Reading** - An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 20-018, the budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 to reclassify positions in the Superior Court Accountability Court Program and the Solicitor General's Office Victim Witness Program; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem)
3. **HEARING:**
Request for tax property tax refund (Mr. Charles Wiggin)

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Ms. Sharon Bunn, Re: The Columbus Water Works and the water rates.
2. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern-Anti-Racism Network, Re: Criminal Justice Reform.
3. Mr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr., representing the Silent Majority, Re: Public Safety Advisory Commission Ordinance Committee and non-Partisan vs. Partisan Local Ballot.
4. Ms. Vickie Williams-Wiley, representing Sisters United, Re: Public art.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Public Art MOU – Advocacy thru Art

Approval is requested for the approval of an agreement between Columbus Consolidated Government and Columbus State University for an Advocacy thru Arts Mural Project at 18th Street and 5th Avenue.

2. Midland Commons Tax Allocation District Fund Grant – Midland Commons

Approval is requested for a Midland Commons Tax Allocation District (TAD) grant to JMC Flatrock Partners LLC, to enhance the traffic circulation and on-site infrastructure improvements for the development of the Midland Commons site.

3. Grants Management Policy Update

Approval is requested by resolution to update the City's Grants Management Policy. Revisions to the current policy are needed in order to ensure compliance with local, state, and federal rules and regulations pertaining to grants administration and oversight. Minor policy revisions include requiring pay plan classifications for all grant funded positions, prohibition of pay supplements using grant funds, and allowing adopted pay increases as approved by Council if grant funding is available.

4. Contract Extension with Columbus Convention and Visitors Bureau

Approval is requested to extend the intergovernmental agreement between the Columbus Consolidated Government and the Columbus Convention and Visitors Bureau (CCVB) for an additional five-year period.

5. Camp David RV Resort Lessor Agreement and Georgia Power Easement

Approval is requested of a Lessor Agreement, Georgia Power Easement, and any other documents pertaining to Historic Westville, Inc sublessor, Camp David RV Resort.

6. Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) Request- Weracoba Creek Basin Flood Study

Approval is requested to adopt and submit a LOMR to FEMA to revise the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) associated with the Weracoba Creek Basin

7. FY2022 5303 Grant Application for Planning Assistance

Approval is requested to authorize the Department of Transportation/METRA to apply to the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for capital, planning and operating grants in the amount of \$130,159.00 or otherwise awarded. Approval is also requested to authorize the City Manager to accept grant funds if approved and execute contracts with GDOT. A ten percent match from the City is required.

8. U.S. Department of Justice, Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant

Approval is requested to submit an application and accept a Project Safe Neighborhoods reimbursement grant for the Federal Fiscal Year 2020 for \$40,000, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match requirement, to be used for eligible projects as defined in the grant, and to amend the Multi-governmental Fund by the amount awarded. The Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant program is used to assist in the investigations, training, and education projects concerning criminal street gangs.

9. 2020 Legislative Agenda – Add-Ons

Approval is requested of the resolution for the 2021 Legislative Session of the Georgia General Assembly, which the Mayor and Council deem appropriate.

10. PURCHASES

- A. Dual Axle Utility Trailers with Tool Carrying Cage – RFB No. 20-0022
- B. Zero-Turn Mowers – Sourcewell Cooperative Contract
- C. Panasonic Toughbook Laptops for Sheriff's Department

ADD-ON RESOLUTION – A resolution authorizing each full time regular employee to receive a one-time COVID-19 bonus of \$650 for those employees on payroll as of 10/30/2020.

EMERGENCY PURCHASES

1. Emergency Purchase (Information Only)

IMPROVEMENTS AND EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

During the week of October 12th, two incidents occurred at the Government Center which required notification to City employees and visitors of possible safety threats. Although the incidents were handled professionally by Public Safety, the incidents revealed improvements were needed regarding notification to employees and visitors. This has led the City Manager to act immediately to improve the notification system for the Government Center Complex and other City facilities.

On October 17, 2020, the City Manager approved the purchase of an emergency notification system that will be delivered through the CISCO Desk Phone System of every employee when threats occur. The Sheriff's Office Security Division will make these calls when needed.

Additionally, the City Manager also approved the purchase of several additional cameras and/or the replacement of existing cameras throughout the Government Center and East/West Wings to provide additional coverage in areas that are lacking proper coverage.

The notification software system will be purchased from SingleWire in the amount of \$61,920.50. The Cameras will be purchased from the City's annual contracted vendor for Security Surveillance Equipment, Adaptosolve, in the amount of \$38,300.00.

Funds are available in the FY21 Budget: General Fund – Miscellaneous – Contingency.

11. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. CARES Act Update - Lisa Goodwin, Deputy City Manager
- B. Traffic Study Update, Donna Newman, Engineering Director
- C. COVID-19 Bonus Pay – Reather Hollowell, Human Resource Director

BID ADVERTISEMENT

October 28, 2020

1. Emergency Medical Supplies (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 21-0013

Scope of Bid

Provide various emergency medical supplies on an “as needed” basis to include: Airway Supplies, Intravenous Supplies, Oxygen Delivery Supplies, Bandages, Exposure Control Supplies, OB Supplies, First Aid Supplies, Cardiac Supplies, Exam Gloves and Warehouse Stock including PPE Supplies. The contract term will be for two (2) years with the option to renew for three additional twelve-month periods.

October 30, 2020

1. Redevelopment Opportunity for Farmers Market – RFP No. 21-0005

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government is seeking proposals from experienced, creative architects, building and real estate development firms OR a philanthropic individual or nonprofit group to present a redevelopment plan for adaptive reuse of the Former Georgia State Farmers Market. The redevelopment plan shall be consistent with applicable deed restrictions.

November 6, 2020

1. Supplemental Yard Waste Collection Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 21-0018

Scope of RFP

The Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia (the City) is soliciting proposals for supplemental yard waste collection services. The successful contractor(s) shall provide all equipment and personnel to perform yard waste collection services on five (5) of the City's fourteen (14) routes.

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

2. Mobile Technology System for Waste Collection Vehicles – RFP No. 21-0015

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government is seeking proposals from qualified vendors to provide a Mobile Technology System for use by the Department of Public Works/Solid Waste and Recycling Collection Division.

November 13, 2020

1. Paper & Plastic Products (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 21-0016

Scope of RFB

Provide paper and plastic products, of various types and quantities, to Columbus Consolidated Government (the City). The products will be purchased by the Public Works department on an "as needed" basis. This contract may also be utilized by any other City agency requiring the goods.

The term of contract shall be for two (2) years, with the option to renew for three (3) additional twelve-month periods. Contract renewal will be contingent upon the mutual agreement of the City and the Contractor.

CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - INFORMATION ONLY

1. Albright, Fortenberry & Nina, LLP submitted one (1) copy of the Audited Financial Statements and one (1) copy of the Compliance Reports for the Columbus Department of Public Health for the year ended June 30, 2020.

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

2. **RESOLUTION:** A resolution cancelling the November 3, 2020 and December 1, 2020 Proclamation Sessions.
3. **RESOLUTION:** A resolution excusing Councilor Evelyn “Mimi” Woodson from the October 13, 2020 Council Meeting.
4. **FINANCE REPORT RESOLUTION:** A resolution receiving the report of the Director of Finance concerning certain alcoholic beverage licenses processed during the month of September 2020 and approving the same.

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

Board of Tax Assessors, #35-20

Board of Water Commissioners, August 10, 2020

Community Development Advisory Council, May 11, 2020

Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission, October 8 and 13, 2020

Public Safety Advisory Commission Ordinance Committee, October 6, 2020

Uptown Facade Board, May 18 and July 20, 2020

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

6. **MAYOR’S APPOINTMENTS- ANY NOMINATIONS MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:**

A. **CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION:**

_____	<i>(Mayor’s Appointment)</i>
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B. HOUSING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:

Tiffani Stacy- Interested in Serving another term *(Mayor's Appointment)*
 (Resident Member)
Eligible to succeed
 Term Expires: November 16, 2020

7. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS- READY FOR VOTE TABULATION:

A. AIRPORT COMMISSION:

Thomas Forsberg *(Council's Appointment)*
Eligible to succeed
 Term Expired: December 31, 2020

***The Columbus Airport Commission has submitted three nominees for the seat of Mr. Thomas Forsberg: Mr. Art Guin, Dr. Kamesha Harbison and Mr. John P. Steed.**

These are five-year terms. Board meets monthly.

Women: 1
Senatorial District 15: 2
Senatorial District 29: 3

8. **COUNCIL DISTRICT SEAT APPOINTMENTS- ANY NOMINATIONS MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:**

A. **CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION:**

_____	<i>(District 1 Appointment- Barnes)</i>
_____	<i>(District 2 Appointment- Davis)</i>
_____	<i>(District 3 Appointment- Huff)</i>
_____	<i>(District 7 Appointment- Woodson)</i>
<u>John Shinkle</u>	<i>(District 9 Appointment- Thomas)</i>

B. **PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION:**

Geraldine Buckner- Nomination of Belvin Millner *(District 4- Tucker)*
Term Expires: October 31, 2020
Not Eligible to succeed
These terms are three years. Board meets monthly.

C. **RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD:**

John Lawson *(District 6- Allen)*
Not Eligible to succeed
Term Expires: December 31, 2019

Willie Dickerson *(District 4- Tucker)*
Not Eligible to succeed
Term Expires: December 31, 2020

Lonnie Boyd *(District 1- Barnes)*
Eligible to succeed
Term Expires: December 31, 2020

Brantley Pittman- Interested in Serving another term *(District 7- Woodson)*
Eligible to succeed
Term Expires: December 31, 2020

Hayden Barnes- Interested in Serving another term *(District 8- Garrett)*
Eligible to succeed
Term Expires: December 31, 2020

The terms are five years. Board meets every other month.

9. **COUNCIL’S APPOINTMENTS- ANY NOMINATIONS WOULD BE LISTED FOR THE NEXT MEETING:**

A. BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION:

Linda Parker *(Democratic Party Nomination)*
Eligible to succeed Council’s Confirmation
Term Expires: December 31, 2019

Women: 4
Senatorial District 15: 3
Senatorial District 29: 2

The term is four years. Board meets monthly.

B. BOARD OF HEALTH:

Yasmin Cathright- Interested in Serving another term Open for Nominations
Eligible to succeed **(Council’s Appointment)**
Term Expires: December 31, 2020

Women: 3
Senatorial District 15: 1
Senatorial District 29: 4

This is a five-year term. Board meets monthly.

C. BOARD OF TAX ASSESSORS:

Patricia Hunter- Interested in Serving another term
Eligible to succeed
Term Expires: December 31, 2020

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

**Councilor Barnes is re-nominating Patricia Hunter to serve another term.
Councilor Crabb is nominating Lanitra Sandifer for the seat of Patricia Hunter.**

(Members must meet special qualifications as required by Georgia Law.)

Women: 2
Senatorial District 15: 1
Senatorial District 29: 4

This is a four-year term. Board meets weekly.

D. COOPERATIVE EXTENSION ADVISORY BOARD:

Brenda Foreman
Not Interested in Serving another term
Term Expires: December 31, 2020

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Women: 5
Senatorial District 15: 2
Senatorial District 29: 3

This is a six-year term. Board meets quarterly.

E. CRIME PREVENTION BOARD:

Timothy K. Weeks
(Resigned)
SD-29 Representative
Term Expires: March 31, 2019

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

This is a four-year term. Board meets monthly.

Women: 2

Senatorial District 15: 3

Senatorial District 29: 4

F. HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:

Jennings Chester

Eligible to succeed

Term Expires: November 14, 2020

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Warner Kennon, Jr.

Eligible to succeed

Term Expires: November 14, 2020

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Sarah Banks-Lang

Eligible to succeed

Term Expires: November 14, 2020

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

****The Council submits three (3) nominees to the Hospital Authority for each seat and the Hospital Authority selects the successor for Council's confirmation.***

The terms are three years. Board meets monthly.

Women: 4

Senatorial District 15: 7

Senatorial District 29: 2

G. TREE BOARD:

Robert Hecht

Eligible to succeed

Commercial and Industrial Development Member

Term Expires: December 31, 2020

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Frank Tommey

Not Eligible to succeed

Residential Development Member

Term Expires: December 31, 2020

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Troy Keller

Not Eligible to succeed

Educator Member

Term Expires: December 31, 2020

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Beverly Kinner

Not Eligible to succeed

Residential Development Member

Term Expires: December 31, 2020

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

This is a four-year term. Meets as needed.

Women: 6

Senatorial District 15: 4

Senatorial District 29: 7

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