

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

August 25, 2020
5:30 PM
Regular Meeting

MAYOR'S AGENDA

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Councilor Jerry "Pops" Barnes

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Henderson

OATH OF OFFICE:

1. **SWEARING-IN CEREMONY:** The Oath of Office for **Toyia Tucker** as the District Four Councilor for the City of Columbus, Georgia. (Oath of Office administered by Superior Court Chief Judge Gil McBride and Probate Court Judge Marc D'Antonio)

MINUTES

2. Approval of minutes for the August 11, 2020 Council Meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

3. Property Tax Update (Presented by Suzanne Widenhouse- Board of Tax Assessors Chief Appraiser)

UPDATES:

4. An update on COVID-19
5. Census 2020

PROCLAMATION: **2020 Census Day in Columbus, Georgia**

RECEIVING: CCG Planning Department

PROCLAMATION: **Public Safety Week**

RECEIVING: Susan Wood, Executive Director of House of Heroes

CITY ATTORNEY’S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

1. **2nd Reading - REZN-05-20-1776:** An ordinance rezoning 0.89 acres located at 5377 Veterans Parkway (parcel id #188-020-013). The current zoning is NC (Neighborhood Commercial). The proposed zoning is GC (General Commercial). The proposed use is Veterinary Clinic. The Planning Advisory Commission and the Planning Department recommend approval. The applicant is Michael Wright. (Councilor Garrett)
2. **2nd Reading - REZN-06-20-1910:** An ordinance rezoning 0.16 acres located at 530 Walnut Street (parcel id #014-002-001). The current zoning is GC (General Commercial). The proposed zoning is RMF1 (Residential Multifamily 1). The proposed use is Residential. The Planning Advisory Commission and the Planning department recommend approval. The applicant is NeighborWorks Columbus. (Councilor Garrett)
3. **2nd Reading** - An ordinance providing for the demolition of structures; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem)
4. **1st Reading** - An ordinance amending Sec. 20-13.11. of the Columbus Code pertaining to parking management districts to create a new parking enforcement district in the downtown historic district to be administered by the Department of Transportation (METRA); and for other purposes. (Councilors Woodson and Thomas)
5. **1st Reading** - An ordinance of the Columbus Council requiring the use of masks or face coverings in public during the COVID-19 public health emergency; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem)

RESOLUTIONS

6. **Resolution** – A resolution expressing our sincere condolences and deepest sympathy to the family of Bishop L.D. Skinner, Sr., founder of Bread of Life Christian Center. (Councilor House)

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Mr. Timothy Veals, Re: Run-down houses.
2. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Inmate Labor and the Budget.
3. Mr. Chris Breault, Re: A request for consideration of ideas with downtown development.
4. Captain Joyce Dent-Fitzpatrick, representing the Columbus, Georgia Police Department, Re: Citizen Review Advisory Board with subpoena power.
5. Mr. Byron N. Hickey, Re: Subpoena power for Public Safety Advisory Commission.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Community Development Block Grant – Corona Virus (CDBG-CV) Recommendations

Approval is requested to allocate the Community Development Block Grant – Corona Virus (CDBG-CV) of \$981,189 to qualified organizations for Economic Development, Housing Rehabilitation, Facility Modifications, and Public Services in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

2. Street Acceptance – That portion of Legion Drive located in Section Ten, Lexington Hills

Approval is requested for the acceptance of that portion of Legion Drive located in Section Ten, Lexington Hills. The Engineering Department has inspected said streets and recommends the acceptance.

3. PURCHASES

- A. Contract Extension for Environmental Monitoring Services (Annual Contract)
- B. Annual Maintenance Renewal for Cisco Switches
- C. ArcGIS Software License and Maintenance
- D. Drum Assembly for Public Works

EMERGENCY PURCHASES

PROVISION AND INSTALLATION OF AUTOMATIC DOORS AT VARIOUS CITY LOCATIONS

As a matter of public health to mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the City has identified various facilities that require automatic, hands free, contactless doors for entrances and exits.

The Facilities Maintenance Division of the Public Works Department contacted Door Specialties, Inc., - Automatic Door Sales & Service (Columbus, Georgia) to meet and discuss the project, as well as, perform a site visit to inspect all locations.

There are approximately thirty (30) facilities that either require replacement or new automatic doors. The doors installed will be either automatic swing doors or sliding doors based upon the location and existing conditions. Doors will be activated by handwave touchless switches or motion/presence sensors. All automatic doors proposed will be hands-free operated and will also comply with NFPA 101 Life Safety Codes and ADA Requirements. After inspecting all the sites, Door Specialties, Inc., determined the approximate cost for the project is \$480,285.00. The project completion date is estimated to be December 30, 2020, barring any unforeseen contingencies.

Door Specialties, Inc., has performed replacement and repair services for automatic doors currently installed at the Government Center, Public Safety Building and City Services Center.

The City Manager approved the emergency purchase on August 18, 2020.

Funding is available in the FY21 Budget: General Fund – Public Works – Facilities Maintenance – COVID19-Professional Services; 0101 – 260 – 2700 – MTNT - 6347.

MOVIE SCREEN PACKAGE FOR CIVIC CENTER

As a matter of public health to mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the Civic Center has identified the need to purchase a movie screen package to be used during Council meetings to provide large screen viewing access for citizens attending the live Council meetings and to be used for outdoor drive-in movie events held at the Civic Center.

The City has temporarily transformed the Civic Center into City Council chambers. This transformation required the purchase of various technology/equipment, to include audio visual equipment, furniture, etc. The monitors that were purchased are small and cannot be seen by citizens in the upper level of the Civic Center arena. For citizens in the upper level of the arena, city officials are so far away and spread out it is difficult to determine who is talking. The City must offer citizens a similar quality and experience at these COVID-19 City Council meetings that they were accustomed to when meetings were held in the state-of-the-art council chambers at the CSC. In order to have that experience and see the Mayor, members of Council and those on public agenda when they are speaking, a big screen monitor is needed as soon as possible.

Additionally, since the Civic Center is being used as the City Council Chambers, it is hindering the Civic Center from having any social distanced events inside the arena.

Consequently, the Civic Center is having a series of outdoor drive-in movies to give citizens the opportunity to enjoy some socially distanced activities during the remainder of the summer and early fall.

Columbus Tape and Video provided the portable City Council meeting system to the City; consequently, the Civic Center contacted the vendor to provide a quote for the indoor/outdoor movie screen package. The total cost is estimated at \$47,500.00. The vendor will provide the equipment, as well as, train City staff on its setup, use, teardown and storage.

The City Manager approved the emergency purchase on August 19, 2020.

Funding is available from the Friends of Columbus for the Civic Center.

4. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. Sales Tax Collection Update - Angelica Alexander, Finance Director
- B. Cares Act Update - Pam Hodge, Deputy City Manager and Angelica Alexander, Finance Director

BID ADVERTISEMENT

August 28, 2020

1. Bus Advertising (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 21-0002

Scope of RFP

The Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia (the City) is soliciting proposals for exterior and/or interior bus advertising for METRA Transit System.

The term of the 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.

2. Traffic Signal Equipment (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 21-0004

Scope of RFP

The Columbus Consolidated Government is seeking proposals for Traffic Signal Equipment to be provided to the Engineering Department /Traffic Division on an “as needed” basis.

The term of the contract shall be for one (1) year, with the option to renew for four (4) additional twelve-month periods. Contract renewal will be contingent upon the mutual agreement of the City and the Contractor.

September 2, 2020

1. Pest Control Services (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 21-0005

Scope of Bid

The Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia (the City) is seeking proposals to provide pest control services for one-hundred and one (101) City owned buildings. Contract requirements include the control of pests including mites, ticks, spiders, rodent, roaches, ants, reptiles, bats, fleas, etc.

The term of the 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.

September 9, 2020

1. COVID-19 Facility Decontamination Services/METRA (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 21-0009

Scope of Bid

Columbus Consolidated Government is requesting bids from qualified vendors to perform COVID-19 facility decontamination services on an “as needed” basis for the Department of Transportation/METRA.

The contract term shall be for three (3) years with no renewal options.

CLERK OF COUNCIL’S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

1. **RESOLUTION:** A resolution cancelling the September 1, 2020 Proclamation Session.
2. **RESOLUTION:** A resolution excusing Councilor Evelyn Woodson from the August 11, 2020 Council Meeting.
3. **FINANCE REPORT RESOLUTION:** A resolution receiving the report of the Director of Finance concerning certain alcoholic beverage licenses processed during the month of July 2020 and approving the same.
4. **MEDICAL CENTER HOSPITAL AUTHORITY:** Letter from Michael Gorum, Chairman advising that the Medical Center Hospital Authority voted to elect Ms. Brenda DeRamus to fill the unexpired term of Dr. Carole Rutland with a term ending date of December 31, 2021.
5. **Minutes of the following boards:**

Board of Tax Assessors, #27-20 and #28-20

Board of Elections and Registration, March 5, May 7, and June 9, 2020

Mayor's Commission on Reentry, March 14, April 22, June 10, July 15, and August 19, 2019

Mayor's Commission on Reentry, September 16, October 21, November 18 and December 16, 2019

Public Safety Advisory Commission, January 24, August 15 and September 19, 2019

Public Safety Advisory Commission, October 22 and November 19, 2019

BOARD APPOINTMENTS- ACTION REQUESTED:

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

A. **COLUMBUS IRONWORKS CONVENTION & TRADE CENTER AUTHORITY:**

Jonathan Payne- Interested in serving another term (Mayor's Appointment)

Term Expires: October 24, 2020

Eligible to succeed

These terms are three years. Board meets monthly.

B. **PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION:**

Pete Temesgen- Interested in serving another term (Mayor's Appointment)

Term Expires: October 31, 2020

Eligible to succeed

These terms are three years. Board meets monthly.

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

A. **PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION:**

Dothel Edwards, Jr. (District 2- Davis)

Term Expires: October 31, 2020

Not Eligible to succeed

Geraldine Buckner

(District 4- Tucker)

Term Expires: October 31, 2020

Not Eligible to succeed

Bill Ward

(District 6- Allen)

Term Expires: October 31, 2020

Eligible to succeed

Julio Portillo- Nominating David Rohwedder to succeed *(District 8- Garrett)*

Term Expires: October 31, 2020

Eligible to succeed

Tyson Begly

(District 10- House)

Term Expires: October 31, 2020

Eligible to succeed

These terms are three years. Board meets monthly.

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

A. **ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD:**

Dr. Rene LeFranc

(Council's Appointment)

Veterinarian Association

Term Expires: October 15, 2019

Resigned

Dr. Jean Waguespack- Interested in serving another term *(Council's Appointment)*

Veterinarian Association

Term Expires: October 15, 2020

Eligible to succeed

Carla Anthony

Open for Nominations

Term Expires: October 15, 2020

(Council's Appointment)

Not Eligible to succeed

Carol Bassett

Open for Nominations

Term Expires: October 15, 2020

(Council's Appointment)

Resigned

These terms are two years. Board meets as needed.

Women: 7

Senatorial District 15: 1

Senatorial District 29: 6

B. BOARD OF HONOR:

Bobby Peters- Interested in serving another term

Term Expires: October 31, 2020

Eligible to succeed

Open for Nominations

(Council's Appointment)

Barbara Pierce- Interested in serving another term

Term Expires: October 31, 2020

Eligible to succeed

Open for Nominations

(Council's Appointment)

Robert Poydasheff- Interested in serving another term

Term Expires: October 31, 2020

Eligible to succeed

Open for Nominations

(Council's Appointment)

These terms are four years. Board meets as needed.

Women: 2

Senatorial District 15: 4

Senatorial District 29: 3

C. UPTOWN FACADE BOARD:

Robert Battle- Interested in serving another term

Uptown Business Association

Term Expires: October 31, 2020

Eligible to succeed

(Council's Appointment)

Roger Stinson

Uptown Business Association

Term Expires: October 31, 2020

Not *Eligible to succeed*

(Council's Appointment)

These terms are three years. Board meets monthly.

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

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