

Council Members

R. Gary Allen
Charmaine Crabb

Jerry 'Pops' Barnes
Glenn Davis

Tyson Begly
Bruce Huff

R. Walker Garrett
Toyia Tucker

Judy W. Thomas
Joanne Cogle

Clerk of Council
Sandra T. Davis



Council Chambers
C. E. "Red" McDaniel City Services Center- Second Floor
3111 Citizens Way, Columbus, GA 31906

October 10, 2023
9:00 AM
Regular Meeting

MAYOR'S AGENDA

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Pastor Jason Wade, Wynnton Methodist Church of Columbus, Georgia

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Henderson

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the September 26, 2023 Council Meeting and Executive Session.

PROCLAMATIONS:

2. **Proclamation: Paint the Town Pink Week**

Receiving: Cheryl Johnson, West Central Georgia Cancer Coalition

3. **Proclamation: Communities in Motion**

Receiving: Rosa Evans, METRA Director and Everett Fleming, METRA Assistant Director

4. **Proclamation: National School Lunch Week**

Receiving: Marian Clark, School Nutrition, Muscogee County School District

APPOINTMENT:

5. A resolution authorizing the appointment of Interim Chief Stoney Mathis as Chief of the Columbus Police Department.

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

1. **1st Reading-** REZN-06-23-0111: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **119 Bascom Court** (parcel # 073-027-003) from Residential Office (RO) Zoning District to General Commercial (GC) Zoning District with conditions. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Continued on 1st Reading from 9-12-23) (proposed amendment) (Councilor Davis)
2. **1st Reading-** REZN-09-23-0017: An ordinance amending the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) of the Columbus Code to revise the text of a definition in Chapter 13. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Mayor Pro-Tem)
3. **1st Reading-** REZN-08-23-0159: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **3617 2nd Avenue** (parcel # 008-009-010) from Residential Office (RO) Zoning District to Single Family Residential - 4 (SFR4) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Garrett)
4. **1st Reading-** REZN -04-23-0630: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **910 Talbotton Road** (parcel# 016- 027-016) from Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District to Residential Office (RO) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Cogle)
5. **1st Reading-** An ordinance providing for the demolition of various structures located at: 1) **923 39th Street** (Douglas & M Elliott, Owner); 2) **353 Marlboro Avenue** (Wallace Biggers, Owner); 3) **815 Hardegree Drive** (Valencia Melvin, Owner); 4) **529 Chesterfield Avenue** (Hiawatha Covington, Owner); 5) **318 24th Street** (Leonard III & Lorenzo Brown, Owner); 6) **1544 11th Avenue** (Jean Rodgers, Owner); and 7) **2015 5th Avenue** (Lewis P. Green Jr., Owner) and for demolition services for the Inspections and Code Department in accordance with the attached Tabulation of Bid sheet. (Mayor Pro-Tem)
6. **1st Reading-** An Ordinance amending Section 2-296 of the Columbus Code to add two members to the Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board; and for other purposes. (Councilor Cogle)

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Mr. David Eaton, Re: Open Record Request.
2. Mr. DeMarco Johnson, Re: Steam Road Project.
3. Rev. Johnny Flakes, III, representing Fourth Street Missionary Baptist Church, Re: Public Safety.
4. Mr. Jason Breaux, Re: Recent spending of city funds.
5. Mr. Nathan Smith, Re: Support for the hiring of a Police Chief.
6. Mrs. Danielle Varner, representing the Springer Opera House, Re: The plans for the new Judicial Center.
7. Mr. Wane Hailes, representing NAACP, Re: Law Enforcement Accountability.
8. Dr. Donald Moeller, Re: The need for Oral Health Care for Veterans at the Poydasheff VA Medical Clinic.
9. Mr. Tony Stark, representing Ronlast Enterprise, Re: Crime Prevention.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. 2023 Comprehensive Plan Update

Approval is requested for the approval of the 2023 Columbus Plan Update. This mid-decade (also done in 2003, 2013, and now) update includes an updated Needs & Opportunities, the accomplishments from the 2019-2023 Community Work Program, and the new 2024-2028 Community Work Program (CWP). The CWP is used to guide the development and growth in Columbus over the next 5 years.

2. 2024 Legislative Agenda

Approval is requested of the resolution for the 2024 Legislative Session of the Georgia General Assembly, which the Mayor and Council deem appropriate.

3. FY 24 Local Government & Improvement Grant (LMIG)

Approval is requested to submit an application and accept if awarded, FY 24 Local Government & Improvement Grant (LMIG) from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT). The FY 24 LMIG allocation for Columbus-Muscogee County from GDOT is \$2,436,084.31 with a local 10% match requirement.

4. State Criminal Alien Assistance Program Grant (SCAAP)

Approval is requested to apply for and accept the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) grant from the U.S. Department of Justice for Fiscal Year 2024, in the amount of \$30,295, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the SCAAP project budget by the amount of the award.

5. Flint Energies Foundation Grant

Approval is requested to accept a grant in the amount of \$15,000 from the Flint Energies Foundation. No local match required.

6. PURCHASES

- A. Recreation Centers Roof Project – RFB No. 24-0001
- B. Professional Sign Making and Erecting Services for Alcohol Beverage License Applications (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 24-0006
- C. Trophies and Other Miscellaneous Awards (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 24-0004
- D. Sixteen (16) Pursuit Interceptor Utility Vehicles for the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office – Cooperative Purchase via Buyboard Contract #601-19
- E. Scoreboards for Parks and Recreation – TIPS-USA Cooperative Contract
- F. Amendment 12 for Construction Manager as General Contractor Services for Columbus Government Center Complex – RFQ No. 20-0002
- G. Cargo Van for the Coroner's Office – Georgia State Contract Cooperative Purchase
- H. Two (2) Buses for METRA – Georgia State Contract Cooperative Purchase
- I. River Road Radio Tower Replacement for Engineering Department – Georgia State Contract Cooperative Purchase
- J. Pursuit Vehicle Build Out (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 23-0015

7. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. Amber Clark, Airport Director, CSG Columbus Airport
- B. Judicial Center Update – Ryan Pruett, Director, Inspections & Code
- C. Sheriff's Office Administration Building Update – Ryan Pruett, Director, Inspections & Code
- D. UDO Updates Presentation – Will Johnson, Director, Planning

BID ADVERTISEMENT

DATE: October 10, 2023

October 11, 2023

1. Pool Slide Restoration for Double Churches Pool – RFB No. 24-0012

Scope of Bid

The Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) is seeking quotes from qualified vendors to provide pool slide restoration for the Columbus Parks & Recreation Double Churches Pool. The work shall be completed during Fall 2023, after swimming season.

2. Historic Bus Exterior Restoration and Repainting (Re-Bid) – RFB No. 24-0008

Scope of Bid

Specifications define the requirements for the exterior refurbish and repainting of one (1) historic, vintage bus which is operated by METRA Transit System as the stationary “Freedom Express Bus Museum”.

October 18, 2023

1. Touch Screen Information Kiosks for METRA – RFB No. 24-0011

Scope of Bid

The Columbus, Georgia, Metropolitan Transit System (METRA) is soliciting bid response for the procurement of one (1) Outdoor Double-Sided Information Kiosk and one (1) Indoor Single-Sided Information Kiosk for use at METRA’s bus station, the METRA Transfer Center.

REFERRALS:

Referrals: 9.26.23

CLERK OF COUNCIL’S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - INFORMATION ONLY

1. Notice from Suzanne Widenhouse, Chief Appraiser, Re: Update to prior notice of August 1, 2023, Tax Abatement Agreement on 2023 Series Bond.

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

2. RESOLUTION - A Resolution changing the regularly scheduled Council Meetings for the month of November 2023.
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4. Email Correspondence from Mr. Jack Rosenhammer, Chairman of the Civic Center Advisory Board, requesting that the seat of Ms. Nicole Adderly- District 7 representative be declared vacant due to a lack of attendance.
5. Email Correspondence from Ms. Natalie Bouyett, Board Secretary to the Land Bank Authority, requesting that the seat of Mr. Chris Phillips be declared vacant due to relocating outside of Muscogee County.
6. **Minutes of the following boards:**

Board of Health, January 25, February 22, March 22, April 26, May 24, June 28, & August 23, 2023

Board of Tax Assessors, #32-23 and #33-23

Hospital Authority of Columbus, July 25, and August 29, 2023

Housing Authority of Columbus, August 16, 2023

Land Bank Authority, July 12, and September 21, 2023

ADD-ON RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION - A resolution excusing Councilor Jerry "Pops" Barnes from the October 10, 2023 Council Meeting.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

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

A. CIVIC CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:

Jed G. Harris, Jr.

(Mayor's Appointment)

Not eligible to succeed

Term Expired: March 1, 2023

This is a three-year term. Board meets every other month.

8. **COUNCIL NOMINATIONS- THREE NOMINEES ARE SENT TO THE AUTHORITY FOR SELECTION:**

A. HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:

Warner Kennon, Jr.

Eligible to succeed

Term Expires: November 14, 2023

Open for Nominations
(Council's Nomination)

Sarah Banks-Lang

Eligible to succeed

Term Expires: November 14, 2023

Open for Nominations
(Council's Nomination)

Jennings Chester

Rotating off the authority

Term Expires: November 14, 2023

Open for Nominations
(Council's Nomination)

**The Council submits three (3) nominees to the Hospital Authority for each seat and the Hospital Authority selects the successor for Council's confirmation and the recommendation is as follows:*

For the seat of Jennings Chester: Wayne Joiner, Mike Mayhew and Tracy Sayers

For the seat of Warner Kennon, Jr: Warner Kennon, Jr., Mike Mayhew and Tracy Sayers

For the seat of Sarah Banks-Lang: Sarah Banks-Lang, Mike Mayhew and Tracy Sayers

The term is three years. Board meets monthly.

Women: 4

Senatorial District 15: 7

Senatorial District 29: 2

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

A. CIVIC CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:

Danielle Edwards

(Council District 1- Barnes)

Seat declared vacant

Term Expires: March 1, 2025

Nicole Adderly

(Council District 7- Cogle)

Seat declared vacant

Term Expires: March 1, 2025

Councilor Barnes is nominating Mr. Charles Huff to fill the unexpired term of Ms. Danielle Edwards.

Councilor Cogle is nominating Mr. Romeo Byll to fill the unexpired term of Ms. Nicole Adderly.

This is a three-year term. Board meets every other month.

UPCOMING BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

- A. Airport Commission (Council's Confirmation)
- B. Board of Elections & Registration (Council's Appointment)
- C. Board of Health (Council's Appointment)
- D. Board of Tax Assessors (Council's Appointment)
- E. Cooperative Extension Advisory Board (Council's Appointment)
- F. The Medical Center Hospital Authority (Council's Nomination/Authority's Selection)
- G. Tree Board (Council's Appointment)

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