

## 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 24, 2023  
5:30 PM  
Regular Meeting

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## MAYOR'S A G E N D A

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

**INVOCATION**: Offered by Pastor Vince Allen, Faith Nation of Columbus, Georgia

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**: Led by Mayor Henderson

### **MINUTES**

1. Approval of minutes for the October 10, 2023 Council Meeting and Executive Session.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

2. Water and Sewer Rate Study (Presented by Steve Davis, President Columbus Water Works)

# **CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA**

## **ORDINANCES**

1. **2nd 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) (as amended 10-10-23) (Councilor Davis)
2. **2nd 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. **2nd 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. **2nd 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. **2nd 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. (as amended) (Mayor Pro-Tem)
6. **2nd 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)
7. **1st Reading-** An ordinance suspending the enforcement of penalties and interest on business and occupational tax due and owing for years 2023 and prior through December 31, 2023; and for other purposes. (Councilors Cogle, Crabb, Davis and Garrett)

## **RESOLUTION**

8. A resolution approving the employment of two temporary non-classified employees to serve as the Project Manager and Quality Assurance Manager (Mayor Pro-Tem)

## **PUBLIC AGENDA**

1. Mr. Timothy Veals, Re: Cleanup of the neighborhood.
2. Mr. Norman Easterbrook, representing River Center for the Performing Arts, Re: Plans for the new Judicial Building.
3. Mr. Jose V. Ruiz, Re: A request to reduce / eliminate mandatory parking minimums.
4. Mr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr., Re: Vetting citizens' presentations appearing before City Council.
5. Mr. Paul Pierce, representing Springer Opera House, Re: Judicial Center Design.
6. Mr. Trinidad Villegas, representing Outdoor Solutions, Re: The Purchasing Division.
7. Mr. Jack Rosenhammer, representing Columbus Street Hockey, Re: Proposal for a ball hockey rink to be built at Frank Chester Recreation Center.
8. Mrs. Audrey Holston Palmore, Re: Vacant housing- demolitions providing information concerning heir property in the city.

## **CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA**

1. **Transit Trust Fund Program (TTFP) grant request for electric bus charging and maintenance equipment at METRA's campus located at 814 Linwood Blvd.**

Approval is requested to apply for and accept, if awarded, funds made available to METRA by the State Fiscal Year 2024 (SFY24) Transit Trust Fund Program (TTFP) to be used for the installation of electric bus charging and electric bus maintenance equipment at the METRA campus in the amount up to \$277,958, or as otherwise awarded, and amend the Transportation Fund by the amount of the grant award.

2. **2023 Brownfield Assessment Grant Re-Write**

Approval is requested to apply and accept if awarded and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount awarded up to \$300,000 from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The grant funding will be utilized to conduct Brownfield Assessments of properties and cleanup activities within the south and midtown areas of Columbus.

3. **BOOST Grant 2023 YEAR 3**

Approval is requested to apply for a grant and, if awarded, accept a grant valued at approximately \$200,000.00 or the amount awarded with no local match from the city. The funds provide assistance to the City in administering programs to keep youth productively engaged and off the streets.

**4. Maximus, Inc. for Georgia’s Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS) Program of the Bright from the Start Program.**

Approval is requested to apply for funding and, if awarded, accept a reimbursement amount valued up to approximately \$27,218.00. The funds provide an opportunity to offer expanded and improved support for all students in the Before and After School Programs.

**5. Bright from the Start – Snack Grant**

Approval is requested to apply for and accept a grant in the amount of \$67,989.00, or as otherwise awarded, from the Georgia Department of Early Childcare and Learning, Bright from the Start to continue the Child and Adult Care Food Program and amend the Multi-Government Grant Funds by the amount awarded. The grant will cross over 2023 and 2024 Fiscal Years.

**6. Georgia Department of Natural Resources Grant, Recreational Trails Program**

Approval is requested to submit an application for a Georgia Department of Natural Resources Grant, and if approved, accept funds from the Recreational Trails Program for the Dragonfly Trails.

**7. Donation of Supplies – Columbus Police Department**

Approval is requested to accept donations of building materials from The Home Depot for the construction of K-9 Training Aids at no cost to the city.

**8. Bingo Machine Donation**

Approval is requested to accept a Bingo Blower Professional Table Top with a five-foot long flashboard to be donated to the Frank D Chester Senior Center of the Parks and Recreation Department by the Muscogee County Sheriff’s Office. The total value of the bingo machine is \$3,495.00 at no cost to the city.

**9. PURCHASES**

- A. Retail Space for Park & Ride on Manchester Expressway (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 24-0003
- B. Grounds Maintenance Services II (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 24-0008
- C. Mental Health Services for Muscogee County Prison
- D. Repair of Compactor for Public Works Department

**10. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Trade Center Update – Hayley Tillery, Executive Director, Columbus Convention & Trade Center

- B. Sheriff's Office Administration Building Update – Ryan Pruett, Director, Inspections & Code

## **BID ADVERTISEMENT**

**DATE:** October 24, 2023

### **November 8, 2023**

**1. 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue Sidewalk Improvement Project – RFB No. 24-0014**

**Scope of Bid**

The scope of work includes clearing, excavation and removal, earthwork and grading, pavement and miscellaneous site improvements, soil erosion control measures, landscaping and tree planting.

This is a U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funded project, which utilizes Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding. The awarded contractor shall adhere to all HUD and CDBG project requirements, including Section 3. The requirements are listed on pages 15 - 35 of the Request for Bids (RFB) document.

### **November 17, 2023**

**1. Ambulance Billing and Collection Services for Columbus Fire & EMS Department (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 24-0004**

**Scope of RFP**

Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) invites qualified vendors to provide ambulance billing and collection services for the Columbus Fire & EMS Department. The services are required to enhance and develop an internal revenue cycle and will be procured on an as-needed basis.

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

## **REFERRALS:**

Referrals: 10.10.23

# **CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA**

## **ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED**

### **1. Minutes of the following boards:**

Board of Elections & Registration, July 6, and August 3, 2023

Board of Tax Assessors, #34-23

Civic Center Advisory Board, September 21, 2023

Land Bank Authority, August 9, and September 13, 2023

Pension Fund, Employees' Board of Trustees, April 12, May 10, and June 21, 2023

River Valley Regional Commission, August 23, 2023

Tree Board, October 24, 2022 and February 9, 2023

## **BOARD APPOINTMENTS- ACTION REQUESTED:**

### **2. COUNCIL APPOINTMENT- READY FOR CONFIRMATION:**

**A. BOARD OF TAX ASSESSORS:** Mr. Todd Hammons was nominated to serve another term of office. *(Councilor Crabb's nominee)* Term expires: December 31, 2029

### **3. COUNCIL APPOINTMENT: NOMINATION FROM THE COMMISSION AND MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:**

#### **A. AIRPORT COMMISSION:**

**James Barker**

**(Council's Confirmation)**

*Eligible to succeed*

Term Expires: December 31, 2023

**\*The Columbus Airport Commission has submitted its nominee of James Barker to serve another term of office.**

*These are five-year terms. Board meets monthly.*

**Women: 2**

**Senatorial District 15: 2**

**Senatorial District 29: 3**

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

A. **THE MEDICAL CENTER HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:**

**John Bucholtz**

*Eligible to succeed*

Term Expires: December 31, 2023

Open for Nominations  
(Council's Nomination)

**Fredrick McKnight**

*Eligible to succeed*

Term Expires: December 31, 2023

Open for Nominations  
(Council's Nomination)

*\*The Council submits three (3) nominees to the Medical Center Hospital Authority for each seat and the Medical Center Hospital Authority selects the successor for Council's confirmation and the recommendations are as follows:*

**For the seat of John Bucholtz: John Bucholtz, Tracy L. Sayers and Murray Solomon**

**For the seat of Fredrick McKnight: Fredrick McKnight, Tracy L. Sayers and Murray Solomon**

*The terms are five years. Board meets quarterly.*

**Women: 3**

**Senatorial District 15: 3**

**Senatorial District 29: 6**

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

A. **BOARD OF ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION:**

**Edwin Roldan**

*Eligible to succeed*

Term Expires: December 31, 2023

Open for Nominations  
(Council's Appointment)

**Margaret Jenkins**

*Rotating off the board*

Term Expires: December 31, 2023

Open for Nominations  
(Council's Appointment)

**Diane Scrimshire**

*Eligible to succeed*

Term Expires: December 31, 2023

Open for Nominations  
(Council's Appointment)

**Councilor Tucker is nominating Annette Williams for the seat of Margaret Jenkins.**

*These are four-year terms. Board meets monthly.*

**Women: 3**

**Senatorial District 15: 2**

**Senatorial District 29: 3**

**B. BOARD OF HEALTH:**

**Sylvester McRae-** Interested in serving another term

*Eligible to succeed*

Term Expires: December 31, 2023

Open for Nominations  
(Council's Appointment)

**James Lopez**

*Not Eligible to succeed*

Term Expires: December 31, 2023

Open for Nominations  
(Council's Appointment)

*These are five-year terms. Board meets monthly.*

**Women: 3**

**Senatorial District 15: 1**

**Senatorial District 29: 4**

**C. BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS:**

**Clint W. Cox**

*No longer a resident of Muscogee County*

Term Expires: December 31, 2026

Open for Nominations  
(Council's Appointment)



**Councilor Thomas is nominating Nick Smith for the seat of Clint W. Cox.**

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

**Women: 1**

**Senatorial District 15: 2**

**Senatorial District 29: 2**

**D. COOPERATIVE EXTENSION ADVISORY BOARD:**

**Lawanna Williams**

*Eligible to succeed*

Term Expires: December 31, 2023

Open for Nominations  
**(Council's Appointment)**

**VACANT**

Term Expires: December 31, 2028

Open for Nominations  
**(Council's Appointment)**

*The terms are six years. Meets quarterly.*

**Women: 4**

**Senatorial District 15: 2**

**Senatorial District 29: 2**

**E. LAND BANK AUTHORITY:**

**Chris Phillips**

*No longer a resident of Muscogee County*

Term Expires: October 31, 2026

Open for Nominations  
**(Council's Appointment)**

*The term is four years. Board meets monthly.*

**Women: 4**

**Senatorial District 15: 4**

**Senatorial District 29: 2**

**F. TREE BOARD:**

**Farah Dewsbury**

**At-Large Member**

*Eligible to succeed*

Term Expires: December 31, 2023

Open for Nominations  
**(Council's Appointment)**

**Robert Hecht**

**Commercial or Industrial Dev. Seat**

*Eligible to succeed*

Term Expires: December 31, 2023

Open for Nominations  
**(Council's Appointment)**

**Chris Henson**

**Environmental Advocacy Representative**

*Does not desire reappointment*

Term Expired: July 1, 2022

Open for Nominations  
**(Council's Appointment)**

**Troy Keller**

**Educator Seat**

*Not eligible to succeed*

Term Expired: December 31, 2020

Open for Nominations  
**(Council's Appointment)**

**Frank Tommey**

**Residential Development Seat**

*Not eligible to succeed*

Term Expired: December 31, 2020

Open for Nominations  
**(Council's Appointment)**

*These are four-year terms. Meets as needed.*

**Women: 7**

**Senatorial District 15: 5**

**Senatorial District 29: 6**

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