

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

August 22, 2023
5:30 PM
Regular Meeting

MAYOR'S AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER: Councilor Judy Thomas, Presiding

INVOCATION: Offered by B. A. Hart - St. James AME Church of Columbus, Georgia

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Councilor Thomas

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the August 8, 2023 Council Meeting and Executive Session.

PRESENTATION:

2. Reducing the number of vacant and abandoned properties in Columbus. (Presented by Councilor Tyson Begly – District 10 At Large)

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

1. **2nd Reading-** REZN-05-23-0974: An ordinance amending the text of the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) for Columbus, Georgia to revise Chapter 3 to add an additional Special Exception use in the UPT (Uptown) zoning district. (Planning Department and PAC Recommend approval.) (Mayor Pro-Tem)

2. **1st Reading-** REZN-06-23-0160: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **3610 and 3744 Woodruff Road** (parcel # 187-001-021) from Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District to General Commercial (GC) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (1st Reading delayed from 8-8-23) (Councilor Garrett)

RESOLUTION

3. EXCP-05-23-1008 resolution approving a Special Exception to allow for a Tattoo and Body Piercing Shop in the existing building located at 221 9th Street located in the Uptown (UPT) zoning district. Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Cogle)

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Mr. Ronaldo Morrison, Re: A solution to the transportation coverage issues with the Dial-A-Ride Program.
2. Mr. Kirk Holcombe, Re: The concerns with the accessibility of the Dial-A-Ride Program for his employee.
3. Mr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr., Re: Public Official vs Private Citizen.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Variance for Sidewalk Installation at 1301 Victory Drive

Approval is requested for granting a variance to Section 7.10.1-Required Sidewalk of the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO), excusing the requirement to install sidewalks in all residential, commercial and industrial developments.

2. Fy24 Public Defender Contract

Approval is requested to enter into an agreement between the Circuit Public Defender Office of the Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit and Muscogee County for Indigent Defense Services in the amount of \$2,426,743 and to authorize monthly payments to the Georgia Public Defender Standards Council (GPDSC) for said services in the amount of \$142,330.81 per month. The monthly amount is included in the total contract amount of \$2,426,743 and it covers the cost of personnel services as well as a 5% administrative fee.

3. Amend Council Resolution 287-22 and the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Grant

Approval is requested to amend Council Resolution #287-22 and the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Grant to change the Action Plan from South Lumpkin Road to a City-Wide Action Plan. The City is required to pay a 20% local match. TSPLOST Discretionary funds will be used for the local match.

4. U.S. Department of Justice FY23 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant

The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, is seeking applications for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program FY 2023 Local Solicitation. The Columbus Consolidated Government is eligible to apply for up to \$119,951 in funding.

5. FY2025 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 a capital, planning and operating grant in the amount of \$155,999.00 or otherwise awarded. Approval is also requested to authorize the City Manager to accept the grant, if awarded, and execute any contracts with the Federal Transit Administration and/or the Georgia Department of Transportation relating to the grant.

6. Columbus Police Department: Sponsorship Donations (\$2,000)

Approval is requested to accept donations totaling \$2,000 for sponsorship of the Columbus Police Department's first annual Family Fun Day and other employee activities.

7. Columbus Police Department: Sponsorship Donations (\$19,000)

Approval is requested to accept donations totaling \$19,000 for sponsorship of the Columbus Police Department's first annual Family Fun Day and other employee activities.

8. Columbus Police Department: Expenditure of Donations

Approval is requested to allow the Police Department to expend funds specifically donated for the CPD Family Fun Day event.

9. PURCHASES

- A. Change Order 3 for Columbus Dragonfly Trail – Riverwalk to Martin Luther King, Jr. Connector – RFP No. 22-0017
- B. Patches and Emblems (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 23-0015
- C. Confiscated Firearms for Credit or Swap II for Police Department – RFB No. 23-0039
- D. Office Supplies (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 23-0019
- E. Onsite Process Training for the Tax Commissioner's Office

- F. Cybersecurity Software Renewal for Information Technology – Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase
- G. Hazard Mitigation Plan Update – RFP No. 23-0039

10. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. 2023 Comp Plan Update - Will Johnson, Director, Planning
- B. ARP Update - Pam Hodge, Deputy City Manager, Finance, Planning & Development

BID ADVERTISEMENT

DATE: August 22, 2023

August 25, 2023

1. Consultant for Grant Application & Construction Project Management Services – RFI No. 24-0001

Scope of RFI

Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) is soliciting information about the feasibility of acquiring the services of a consultant (the “Vendor”) to develop an application for the Federal Transit Administration’s (FTA) 5339(b) Discretionary – Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Program (or other available DOT/FTA competitive infrastructure grants for transit projects) on behalf of METRA Transit System (METRA). In the event that this competitive grant is awarded to METRA, the Vendor will then serve in the role of construction management consultant for the proposed project. The intention is for a single consultant, if feasible, to guide METRA through the entire construction process.

Please be advised that this may be a two-step process. Should METRA decide to proceed with a solicitation based on the responses to this Request for Information (RFI), then phase two will be a formal Request for Proposal (RFP) to be administered in accordance with the procurement ordinance of the City and procurement procedures compliant with FTA C. 4220.1F and other applicable federal regulations.

August 30, 2023

1. Recreation Centers Roof Project – RFB No. 24-0001

Scope of Bid

Provide all labor, equipment, and materials for the roofing project at Frank D. Chester Recreation Center, Northside Recreation Center, Psalmond Recreation Center, and Shirley Winston Recreation Center. This RFB will be awarded by location or in total; whichever is in the best interest of Columbus Consolidated Government (the City). The City will be the sole judge of the factors and will award the project accordingly.

2. **Williams Road at Fortson Road Roundabout – RFB No. 24-0007**

Scope of Bid

The Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia is requesting bids for the construction of a roundabout at Williams Road and Fortson Road. The project includes roadway construction, drainage, signing & marking, erosion control, landscaping & irrigation, and utility relocation.

September 6, 2023

1. **Trophies and Other Miscellaneous Awards – RFB No. 24-0004**

Scope of Bid

Provide trophies, plaques, hats, resin figures, medal trophy display cases, tombstone trophies and acrylics, t-shirts and golf shirts 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.

REFERRALS:

Referrals 8.8.2023

ENCLOSURES- INFORMATION ONLY:

The 16th Annual Hometown Connection/Legislative Agenda will be held on **October 12, 2023** from 11:30am – 1:30pm. Attached you will find the 2023 Legislative Agenda items. If you have any carry over items you wish to include from the previous year or any new items, please let me know no later than **Friday, September 15th** in an effort for us to provide the items for your review at the **September 26th** council meeting.

On **Tuesday, October 10th** the final Legislative Agenda items will be placed on the City Manager’s agenda as individual items for your consideration and approval. Those approved items will be presented to our Legislative Delegation during the October 12th Hometown Connection/Legislative Agenda Meeting.

CLERK OF COUNCIL’S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

1. RESOLUTION - A resolution excusing Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen from the August 22, 2023 Council Meeting.

2. MEDICAL CENTER HOSPITAL AUTHORITY: Letter from Tina Etheridge, Assistant Secretary, Board of Trustees, advising of the selection of Dr. Woodrow M. McWilliams, III to fill the expired term of Mr. Rodney Mahone that ended December 31, 2022. *(Council confirms the appointment.)*

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

Airport Commission, January 25, February 22, March 22, April 26, and May 22, 2023

Board of Tax Assessors, #26-23

Board of Water Commissioners, June 19, 2023

Land Bank Authority, February 27, August 6, October 1, and December 3, 2020; February 4, April 1, and July 1, 2021

The Medical Center Hospital Authority, June 27, and October 26, 2022; January 25 and April 26, 2022

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

4. **COUNCIL APPOINTMENT- READY FOR CONFIRMATION:**

- A. **KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION:** Ms. Avianca Dowdell was nominated to succeed Dr. Kar'retta Venable. *(Councilor Huff's nominee)* Term expires: June 30, 2026

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

- A. **CIVIC CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:**

Danielle Edwards

Seat declared vacant

Term Expires: March 2, 2025

(Council District 1- Barnes)

Spencer Cantrell

Resigned

Term Expired: March 2, 2022

(Council District 2- Davis)

B. PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION:

Chris Poirer

(Council District 2- Davis)

Eligible to succeed

Term Expires: October 31, 2023

Belvin Millner

(Council District 4- Tucker)

Eligible to succeed

Term Expires: October 31, 2023

David Rohwedder

(Council District 8- Garrett)

Eligible to succeed

Term Expires: October 31, 2023

Alexander King

(Council District 10- Begly)

Eligible to succeed

Term Expires: October 31, 2023

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

A. HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:

Jennings Chester

Open for Nominations

Rotating off the authority

(Council's Nomination)

Term Expires: November 14, 2023

**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 term is three years. Board meets monthly.

Women: 4

Senatorial District 15: 7

Senatorial District 29: 2

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

A. ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD:

Dr. Scott McDermott

(Veterinary Association Rep.)

Eligible to succeed

Term Expires: October 15, 2023

Veterinary Assoc. Selection

(Council's Confirmation)

Lori Turner

Eligible to succeed

Term Expires: October 15, 2023

Open for Nominations

(Council's Appointment)

Jayne Dunn

Not Eligible to succeed

Term Expires: October 15, 2023

Open for Nominations

(Council's Appointment)

These are two-year terms. Board meets as needed.

Women: 6

Senatorial District 15: 3

Senatorial District 29: 5

B. BOARD OF HONOR:

David Ebron

Eligible to succeed

Term Expires: October 31, 2023

Open for Nominations

(Council's Appointment)

Bob Hydrick

(passed away)

Term Expired: October 31, 2022

Open for Nominations

(Council's Appointment)

All of the members serving on this board must be former elected officials of Muscogee County.

This is a four-year term. Board meets as needed.

Women: 3

Senatorial District 15: 4

Senatorial District 29: 2

C. CRIME PREVENTION BOARD:

Patricia Flora

Senatorial District 29 Rep.

(passed away)

Term Expires: March 31, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

The term is a three-year term. Board meets every February, April, July and November.

Women: 2

Senatorial District 15: 2

Senatorial District 29: 4

D. LAND BANK AUTHORITY:

Lance Hemmings

Not Eligible to succeed

Term Expires: October 31, 2023

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Lauren Chambers

Seat declared vacant

Term Expires: October 31, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

The term is four years. Board meets monthly.

Women: 3

Senatorial District 15: 4

Senatorial District 29: 2

E. LIBERTY THEATRE & CULTURAL ARTS CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:

New Member

Term Expires: August 14, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

New Member

Term Expires: August 14, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

New Member

Term Expires: August 14, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

New Member

Term Expires: August 14, 2027

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

New Member

Term Expires: August 14, 2027

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

New Member

Term Expires: August 14, 2027

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

New Member

(Certified Public Accountant Rep)

Term Expires: August 14, 2027

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

New Member

Term Expires: August 14, 2027

Civic Center Dir. Rec
(Council's Confirmation)

New Member

Term Expires: August 14, 2027

Civic Center Dir. Rec
(Council's Confirmation)

The terms are four years after the initial terms.

F. UPTOWN FACADE BOARD:

Cesar Bautista

(Uptown Business Improvement Dist. Rep)

Eligible to succeed

Term Expires: October 31, 2023

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Robert Battle

(Uptown Business Improvement Dist. Rep)

Not Eligible to succeed

Term Expires: October 31, 2023

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Wayne Bond

(Historic Columbus Foundation Rep)

Not Eligible to succeed

Term Expires: October 31, 2023

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Ramon Brown

(Uptown Columbus Inc. Rep)

Not Eligible to succeed

Term Expires: October 31, 2023

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

NOTE: Nominations received from the respective organizations may be confirmed on meeting date presented.

The terms are three years. Board meets monthly.

Women: 5

Senatorial District 15: 6

Senatorial District 29: 3

BOARD HEARING:

A letter from the Columbus Golf Course Authority requesting that the seat of Ms. Stephanie Callahan be declared vacant for cause.

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