

Council Members

R. Gary Allen
Charmaine Crabb

District 1 (Vacant)
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

May 28, 2024
5:30 PM
Regular Meeting

MAYOR'S AGENDA

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Paul Thomas, Evangel Temple of Columbus, Georgia

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Henderson

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the May 14, 2024 Council Meeting and Executive Session.

PROCLAMATION:

2. **Proclamation:** Foster Care Awareness Month

Receiving: Shawna Love, Boyz 2 Men Development, Inc.

BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE

1. **FY2025 ADD-DELETE LIST:** Chairperson Judy W. Thomas, Presiding Officer

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

1. **2nd Reading-** An ordinance providing for the demolition of various structures located at:
 - 1) **1118 Broadway** (Mary C Wohlwender, Owner)
 - 2) **1120 Broadway** (Mary C Wohlwender, Owner)

and for demolition services for the Inspections and Code Department in accordance with the attached Tabulation of Bid sheet. (Continued on 2nd Reading from 4-23-24.) (Mayor Pro-Tem)

2. **2nd Reading-** An ordinance to revise and clarify certain provisions of the Columbus Code which provide for the foreclosure of liens on property for which funds are due and owing to the consolidated government; and for other purposes. (Councilor Begly)
3. **2nd Reading-** Adoption of an ordinance listing the roadways approved for use of speed detection devices (radar) on all GDOT Routes and non-GDOT Routes in Columbus-Muscogee County. (Mayor Pro-Tem)

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Mr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr., Re: A decrease in Crime Prevention Grants.
2. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: HB404 enforcement, renters' rights.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Acquisition of Property for Fire/EMS Department Administration

Approval is requested to execute a Purchase and Sales Agreement for approximately 2.52 acres, including the property at 1112 Veterans Parkway, upon satisfactory completion of all due diligence and contingent upon the removal of easements on the parcel.

2. Uptown Tax Allocation District Fund Grant – Riverfront Place, LLC, Affiliate of WC Bradley Co. Real Estate, LLC

Approval is requested to enter into an agreement with Riverfront Place, LLC, an affiliate of W.C. Bradley Co. Real Estate, LLC, to provide Uptown Tax Allocation District (TAD) funds for

infrastructure improvements and financing to develop the Riverfront Place mixed-use development at 1300 Front Avenue.

3. Ignite Pro Hockey, L.L.C. Agreement

Approval is requested to enter into a five-year Agreement with Ignite Pro Hockey, L.L.C. effective May 1, 2025.

4. Marathon First Responder Grant

Approval is requested to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant in the amount of \$5,000.00 or as otherwise awarded from the Marathon Community Investment Programs. There are no matching funds required.

5. PURCHASES

- A. General Contractor Services and Housing Inspection Services for the Community Redevelopment Department (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 24-0012
- B. Contract Extension for Temporary Staffing for the Civic Center and Other City Departments (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 17-0021
- C. One (1) 2024 Silverado 2500HD 2WD Double Cab for Engineering Department – Sourcewell Cooperative Contract Purchase
- D. Two (2) Toro RM3100 Reel Mowers for Parks and Recreation – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase
- E. One (1) 2023 Ford T350 LR Passenger Van XL for Parks and Recreation – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase
- F. One (1) 2023 Ford T350 LR Passenger Van XL for Parks and Recreation – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase
- G. E911 Dispatch Consoles for Police Department – HGACBUY Cooperative Contract Purchase
- H. First-In Alerting Smart Station System for Fire & EMS – Sourcewell Cooperative Contract Purchase
- I. One (1) 2024 Ford F-150 Police Pursuit Rated Pick-Up Truck for Muscogee County Prison – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase

INFORMATION ONLY: EXIGENT “OFF THE LOT” VEHICLE PURCHASES – RESOLUTION NO. 106-24

1. ONE (1) 2024 CHEVROLET SUBURBAN FOR ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

On May 17, 2024, a purchase order was executed for one (1) 2024 Chevrolet Suburban for the Engineering Department due to exigent circumstances, as approved by Council per Resolution No. 106-24.

The vehicle will be purchased from Sons Chevrolet (Columbus, GA) at a unit price of \$75,413.00. The vehicle will be used by Survey Crews from the Engineering Department who survey City property and right-of-ways. This is a replacement vehicle.

Funds are budgeted in the FY24 Budget: Sewer (Stormwater) Fund – Engineering Department – Highways and Roads – Light Trucks; 0203-250-2200-STRM-7721.

2. ONE (1) 2024 FORD EXPLORER XLT 4DR 4x2 FOR ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

On May 17, 2024, a purchase order was executed for one (1) 2024 Ford Explorer for the Engineering Department due to exigent circumstances, as approved by Council per Resolution No. 106-24.

The vehicle will be purchased from Rivertown Ford (Columbus, GA) at a unit price of \$40,000. The vehicle will be used by the Engineering Department’s Traffic Operations Supervisor to visit work sites for signal/sign shop. This is a replacement vehicle.

Funds are budgeted in the FY24 Budget: General Fund – Engineering Department – Traffic Engineering – Light Trucks; 0101-250-2100-TRAF-7722.

6. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. School Zone Camera Update (Public and Private Schools) - Greg Countryman, Sheriff, Sheriff’s Department and Clyde Dent, Deputy Chief Bureau of Patrol Services, Columbus Police Department
- B. Tax Assessors Update - Suzanne Widenhouse, Chief Appraiser, Muscogee Board of Assessors
- C. Home Accessibility Rehabilitation Program (HARP) Update - Robert Scott, Director, Community Reinvestment
- D. Inspections and Code Update - Permit Fee Change - Ryan Pruett, Director, Inspections & Code

BID ADVERTISEMENT

DATE: May 28, 2024

May 29, 2024

1. **PI 0011436 Muscogee County Buena Vista Road Improvements at Spiderweb Phase II (Re-Bid) – RFB No. 24-0029**

Scope of Bid

Phase II of the Buena Vista Road Improvements at the Spiderweb includes the construction of two (2) bridges, one (1) of which requires Norfolk Southern permitting; construction of a roundabout at Illges Road and Aceway Drive; construction of Buena Vista Road east of the intersection with Annette Avenue, Martin Luther King Boulevard north of Brewer Elementary School, Illges Road, Lindsay Drive, Andrews Road, Morris Road and Ace Way Drive, as well as the installation of traffic signals. This Re-Bid includes an alternative for maintaining traffic throughout construction and an alternative for complete closure.

Utilities were relocated in Phase I of the project. The Annette Ave. roundabout at MLK and Annette Ave. were constructed in Phase I.

REFERRALS:

CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

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

Airport Commission, April 24, 2024

Board of Health, April 24, 2024

Board of Tax Assessors, # 15-24, and # 16-24

Board of Water Commissioners, May 13, 2024

Convention & Visitors, Board of Commissioners, March 20, and April 17, 2024

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

2. **MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:**

A. PENSION FUND, EMPLOYEES' BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Crystal Shahid

(Mayor's Appointment)

(Business Community)

Does not desire reappointment

Term Expires: June 30, 2024

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

3. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS- READY FOR CONFIRMATION:

A. BOARD OF FAMILY & CHILDREN SERVICES: Ms. Jennifer Melvin was nominated to serve another term of office in the *Former Foster Parent* seat. *(Councilor Tucker's nominee)* Term expires: June 30, 2029

B. COLUMBUS AQUATICS COMMISSION: Mr. Donald W. Hoffman was nominated to serve another term of office. *(Councilor Crabb's nominee)* Term expires: June 30, 2026

C. REGION 6 REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES: Ms. Marianne Young was nominated to serve another term of office. *(Mayor Pro Tem Allen's nominee)* Term expires: June 30, 2027

D. REGION 6 REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES: Mr. Christopher Posey was nominated to serve another term of office. *(Mayor Pro Tem Allen's nominee)* Term expires: June 30, 2027

4. COUNCIL'S DISTRICT SEAT APPOINTMENT- ANY NOMINATIONS MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:

A. PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION:

Saundra Ellison

(Council District 3- Huff)

Seat Declared vacant

Term Expires: March 27, 2024

B. YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:

District 2 Nominee: _____

District 5 Nominee: _____

District 3 Nominee: _____

District 8 Nominee: _____

District 4 Nominee: _____

District 9 Nominee: Amy Recinos-Agular

5. **COUNCIL’S CONFIRMATION – RECOMMENDATIONS FROM ORGANIZATIONS / AGENCY OR BOARDS MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:**

A. HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD:

Rev. Curtis West

Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Bd Rep.

No longer a resident of Muscogee County

Term Expired: January 31, 2024

Open for Nominations

(Council’s Appointment)

The Chairperson of the Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board is recommending Arreasha Z Lawrence to fill the seat of Rev. Curtis West.

In accordance with Ordinance 24-012, this seat is slated for a member serving on the Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board.

6. **COUNCIL APPOINTMENT- VOTE TABULATION:**

A. COLUMBUS GOLF COURSE AUTHORITY:

Richard Wright

Not Eligible to succeed

Term Expires: June 30, 2024

Open for Nominations

(Council’s Appointment)

**Mayor Pro Tem Allen nominated Ms. Karen Stewart for the seat of Richard Wright.
Councilor Crabb nominated Ms. Stephanie Leohr for the seat of Richard Wright.**

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

A. COLUMBUS AQUATICS COMMISSION:

Jensen Melton- Interested in serving
Eligible to succeed
Term Expires: June 30, 2024

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Timothy Crabb
Does not desire reappointment
Term Expires: June 30, 2024

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Richard Leary
Cols. Hurricane Rep.
Does not desire reappointment
Term Expires: June 30, 2024

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Janet Bussey
Not Eligible to succeed
Term Expires: June 30, 2024

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Bruce Samuels
Not Eligible to succeed
Term Expired: June 30, 2022

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

These are two-year terms. Board meets quarterly.

Women: 1
Senatorial District 15: 5
Senatorial District 29: 2

B. COLUMBUS GOLF COURSE AUTHORITY:

Richard Mahone - Interested in serving
Eligible to succeed
Term Expires: June 30, 2024

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

James Houston, Jr. - Interested in serving
Eligible to succeed
Term Expires: June 30, 2024

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

These are four-year terms. Board meets monthly.

**Note: There are no women currently serving on this board.*

Women: 0
Senatorial District 15: 3
Senatorial District 29: 6

C. HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:

Betty Tatum
Resigned
Term Expires: November 14, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council's Nomination)

**The following nominees would be forwarded to the Hospital Authority of Columbus:
Mr. Mike Mayhew, Mr. Bob Jones and Mr. Tracy Sayers.**

**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 with the exception of November and December.

Women: 1
Senatorial District 15: 5
Senatorial District 29: 3

D. KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION:

David Houser
Eligible to succeed
(SD-15 Representative)
Term Expires: June 30, 2024

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Pamela Green Thomas

Eligible to succeed

(At-Large Member)

Term Expires: June 30, 2024

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Tracy Walton-King

Not Eligible to succeed

(At-Large Member)

Term Expires: June 30, 2024

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Eddie Florence

(Resigned)

(SD-15 Representative)

Term Expires: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

VACANT

(SD-29 Representative)

Term Expires: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

These are three-year terms. Meets every even month.

Women: 6

Senatorial District 15: 6

Senatorial District 29: 3

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