

Council Members

R. Gary Allen
Charmaine Crabb

District 1 Seat (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

June 11, 2024
9:00 AM
Regular Meeting

MAYOR'S AGENDA

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Reverend Marcus Gibson, Greater Shady Grove Missionary Baptist Church of Columbus, Georgia

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Henderson

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the June 4, 2024 Council Meeting and Executive Session.

PUBLIC HEARING:

2. **TAXPAYER BILL OF RIGHTS PUBLIC HEARING:** 9:00 a.m. The budget tentatively adopted by the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, requires a millage rate higher than the rollback millage rate. Therefore, before the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, may finalize the tentative budget and set a final millage rate, Georgia Law requires that three public hearings be held to allow the public an opportunity to express their opinions on this increase.

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

1. **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. (continued on 2nd Reading due to inconclusive vote) (Councilor Begly)
2. **2nd Reading-** An ordinance adopting an operating and capital improvement budget for the Fiscal Year 2025 beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, for certain funds of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, and appropriating the amounts shown in each budget; and for other purposes. (Budget Review Committee)
3. **2nd Reading-** An ordinance adopting non-operating budgets for the fiscal year 2024 beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, for certain funds of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, and appropriating the amounts shown in each budget. (Budget Review Committee)
4. **2nd Reading-** An ordinance providing for contributions to the Columbus, Georgia General Government Employees' Pension Plan for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025. (Budget Review Committee)
5. **2nd Reading-** An ordinance providing for the governmental contributions to the Columbus, Georgia Pension Plan for employees of the Department of Public Safety for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025. (Budget Review Committee)
6. **2nd Reading-** An ordinance providing for Government funding of a Major Disability Income Plan for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025. (Budget Review Committee)
7. **2nd Reading-** An ordinance providing for Government funding of a Death Benefit Escrow for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025. (Budget Review Committee)
8. **2nd Reading-** An ordinance amending Article VII of Chapter 13 of the Columbus Code Solid Waste Collection and Disposal by updating certain fees and the guidelines for an offset to the residential rate for low-income households; and for other purposes. (Budget Review Committee)
9. **2nd Reading-** An ordinance adopting new permit fees for Building Code inspections in Section 8-14.4 of the Columbus Code; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem)
10. **1st Reading-** An ordinance providing for the establishment of taxing districts, including a county-wide general services district and three (3) urban services districts and three (3) Business Improvement Districts (BID); providing for the levy, assessment, and collection of taxes for Columbus, Georgia within such districts for the year 2024 as provided under the Charter of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia; providing penalties for violations of the provisions of said ordinance; and for other purposes. (Budget Review Committee)

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Ms. Simi Barnes, Re: A message from her late father, Jerry “Pops” Barnes and (2) The appointment of the District 1 Councilor.
2. Mr. Clairmont Barnes, Jr., representing the Barnes Family, Re: A message from his late father, Jerry “Pops” Barnes and (2) The appointment of the District 1 Councilor.
3. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Construction on 13th Avenue.
4. Mr. Adrian Chester, IMA (Inter Denominational Ministerial Alliance), Re: Lack of representation for City Council District 1.
5. Mr. Mark Lawrence, IMA (Inter Denominational Ministerial Alliance), Re: Questions about the recent external audit.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. TSPLOST Projects, Band 2

Approval is requested to proceed with executing and funding the preconstruction requirements for Band 2 Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST) Projects that will be handled locally to include right of way acquisition, permanent and temporary construction easements, utility relocation, environmental mitigation and other necessary agreements to prepare projects for construction.

2. GDOT/Norfolk Southern Agreement for 9th Street Crossing Improvements

Approval is requested to enter into an agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and Norfolk Southern Railroad to upgrade the crossing at 9th Street and Veterans Parkway.

3. Gateway Foundation Agreement

Approval is requested to enter into an agreement with Gateway Foundation to obtain the proper permits from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and have the letters changed accordingly to Fort Moore prior to July 10 on the Gateway Structure at the I-185/Fort Moore interchange.

4. Lease of Equipment for City Golf Courses

Approval is requested to approve the lease of 41 golf cars for use at Oxbow Creek Golf Course and 6 golf cars for use at Godwin Creek Golf Course. The golf cars will replace the existing fleet that are at the end of their lease term. This is a budgeted expense.

5. Georgia Fund I Investment Pool Signatory Update

Approval is requested to update the signatories for the City at the “Georgia Fund I” Investment Pool which is operated by the state Office of Treasury and Fiscal Services.

6. Columbus Civic Center: Donation Acceptance

Approval is requested to accept financial donations in support of our Juneteenth event celebration.

7. PURCHASES

- A. Used Oil & Antifreeze Recycling Services (Re-Bid) (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 24-0031
- B. Amendment 18 for Construction Manager as General Contractor Services for Columbus Government Center Complex – RFQ No. 20-0002
- C. Grapple Truck Repair for Public Works
- D. Tables for Outdoor Pools for Parks and Recreation – OMNIA Partners Cooperative Contract Purchase

PURCHASES INFORMATION ONLY:

- 1. Information Only: Exigent “Off the Lot” Vehicle Purchases – Resolution No. 106-24

1. ONE (1) 2024 FORD EXPLORER FOR PUBLIC WORKS

On May 31, 2024, a purchase order was executed for one (1) 2024 Ford Explorer XLT 4DR 4x2 for the Public Works 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 \$43,890.00. The vehicle will be used by Administrative Staff in the performance of Infrastructure duties. This is a new vehicle.

Funds are budgeted in the FY24 Budget: General Fund – Public Works – Public Works – Light Trucks; 0101-260-1000-PSDR-7722.

2. ONE (1) 2024 CHEVROLET TAHOE FOR MUSCOGEE COUNTY PRISON

On May 31, 2024, a purchase order was executed for one (1) 2024 Chevrolet Tahoe for the Muscogee County Prison 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 \$75,928.00. The vehicle will be used by the Muscogee County Prison for transportation to and from training, off-site training commonly hosted out-of-town. This is a replacement vehicle.

Funds are budgeted in the FY24 Budget: LOST-Public Safety – Muscogee County Prison – Public Safety-LOST - Automobiles; 0102-420-9900-LOST-7721.

3. ONE (1) 2024 FORD 350 15-PASSENGER TRANSIT VAN

On May 31, 2024, a purchase order was executed for one (1) 2024 Ford 350 15-Passenger Transit Van for the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office due to exigent circumstances, as approved by Council per Resolution No. 106-24.

The vehicle will be purchased from Brannen Motors (Unadilla, GA) at a unit price of \$58,000.00. The vehicle will be used by the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office to transport inmates.

Funds are budgeted in the FY24 Budget: 2021 Sales Tax Project Fund – 2021 SPLOST – 21 SPLOST Public Safety – Light Trucks; 0567-696-3111-STIF-7722.

4. TWO (2) 2024 FORD 350 15-PASSENGER TRANSIT VANS

On May 31, 2024, a purchase order was executed for two (2) 2024 Ford 350 15-Passenger Transit Vans for the Parks and Recreation Department due to exigent circumstances, as approved by Council per Resolution No. 106-24.

The vehicles will be purchased from Brannen Motors (Unadilla, GA) at a unit price of \$58,000.00 each and a total cost of \$116,000.00. The vehicles will be used by Parks and Recreation staff to transport program participants.

Funds are budgeted in the FY24 Budget: 2021 Sales Tax Project Fund – 2021 SPLOST – 21 SPLOST Public Safety – Light Trucks; 0567-696-3111-STIF-7722.

8. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. Police Department Briefing - Stoney Mathis, Chief, Columbus Police Department

REFERRALS:

CLERK OF COUNCIL’S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

- 1. RESOLUTION – A resolution excusing Councilor Toyia Tucker from the June 11, 2024 Council Meeting.
- 2. Honorary Designation Application submitted by Dr. Frank Brown to rename the Double Churches Pool in honor of Miss Joni Ressemeyer. *(The Council may vote to forward the application to the Board of Honor.)*

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

- Board of Tax Assessors, #17-24
- Budget Review Committee, May 14, 2024
- Development Authority of Columbus, April 4, 2024

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

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

A. **YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:**

District 2 Nominee: _____ District 5 Nominee: _____
District 4 Nominee: _____ District 8 Nominee: _____

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

A. COLUMBUS AQUATICS COMMISSION:

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. 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- Interested in serving

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)

Councilor Crabb is nominating Pamela Green Thomas to serve another term; however, she would serve in the seat of Eddie Florence as the SD-15 Representative.

Councilor Crabb is nominating Leasa Hastings for the At-Large Representative seat of Pamela Green Thomas.

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

Women: 6

Senatorial District 15: 6

Senatorial District 29: 3

C. REGION 6 REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES:

Christopher Posey

Does not desire reappointment

Term Expires: June 30, 2024

Open for Nominations

(Council's Appointment)

These are three-year terms. Meets every other month beginning in January.

Women: 3

Senatorial District 15: 2

Senatorial District 29: 2

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