

## Council Members

R. Gary Allen  
Charmaine Crabb

Travis L. Chambers  
Glenn Davis

Byron Hickey  
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 8, 2024  
9:00 AM  
Regular Meeting

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## MAYOR'S AGENDA

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

**INVOCATION:** Offered by Colleen Cook – Pastor of New Hope Presbyterian Church of Columbus, Georgia

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

### **MINUTES**

1. Approval of minutes for the September 24, 2024 Council Meeting and Executive Session.

### **PROCLAMATIONS:**

2. **Proclamation:** Big Brothers Big Sisters Month  
**Receiving:** Erin D. Griffin, Regional Program Manager
3. **Proclamation:** Day of Atonement  
**Receiving:** Michael Muhammed
4. **Proclamation:** Paint the Town Pink Week  
**Receiving:** Cheryl Johnson

5. **Proclamation:** Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission

**Receiving:** Lisa Thomas-Cutts, KCBC Director

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

**Receiving:** Marian Clark

### **PRESENTATION:**

7. Mobile Command Vehicle - (Presented by Mr. Chance Corbett- Director of Emergency Management & Homeland Security)

## **CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA**

### **ORDINANCES**

1. **2nd Reading-** An ordinance amending Section 5-42 of the Columbus Code, to amend certain restrictions on the keeping of fowl; and for other purposes. (Councilor Crabb)
2. **2nd Reading-** An ordinance adding a new Section 2-3.08 of the Columbus Code, to establish a uniform policy for the acceptance of donations made to the consolidated government, and for other purposes. (Councilor Tucker)
3. **1st Reading-** REZN-08-24-1826: An ordinance amending Chapter 3 of the Unified Development Ordinance of the Columbus Code to allow Tattoo and Body Piercing Shops as a special exception use in the Central Riverfront District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval) (Councilor Cogle)
4. **1st Reading-** REZN-9-24-1941: An ordinance amending the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) for Columbus, Georgia to provide definitions and conditions for various uses. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Mayor Pro-Tem)
5. **1st Reading-** An ordinance adopting changes to the Evergreen Solutions recommended classification and pay plan for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem)
6. **1st Reading-** An ordinance adopting a new Article XXIII of Chapter 2 of the Columbus Code to create a Sports & Entertainment facilities Authority; and for other purposes. (Councilors Cogle, Davis, and Garrett)
7. **1st Reading-** An ordinance amending Chapter 17 of the Columbus Code so as to revise certain provisions relating to the organizational structure and authorized positions for the Columbus Police Department; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem)

## **RESOLUTION**

8. A Resolution concerning the Housing Authority of Columbus, Georgia's issuance of bonds to finance a projects located in Columbus, Georgia (Request of Columbus Housing Authority)

## **PUBLIC AGENDA**

1. Mr. Paul Olson, Re: 1. \$50 Million Baseball Stadium, Naming rights of Columbus Clingstones/Synovus Park 2. Partnerships with W.C. Bradley/Uptown Columbus Inc. 3. Tax Allocation District #8 4. Proposed Gambling Casino.
2. Ms. Veronica Lawrence, Re: Trash pickup.
3. Mr. David Young, Re: Speed cameras in school zones.
4. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: CACC scandal.
5. Mr. Nathan Smith, Re: Future Direction of CACC.
6. Ms. Allie Johnson, Re: Why citizens must be involved in major changes and initiatives undertaken by the city.
7. Mrs. Ashleigh Anecchiaro, Re: First Amendment rights.
8. Ms. Debbie Mayhew, Re: Why CACC should be removed from under Public Works.
9. Mrs. Sandy Gunnels, Re: Plan for CACC.
10. Mr. Andy Gunnels, Re: 90 day Plan for CACC.
11. Ms. Lisa Love, Re: Columbus Animal Care and Control Center.
12. Ms. Pamela Forrester, Re: CACC.
13. Ms. Robina Forrand, Re: Animal Welfare.
14. Miss Victoria Way, Re: Columbus Animal Care and Control Center.
15. Mrs. Sara Decker-Lund, representing Columbus Animal Allies, Re: Move CACC from under Public Works.
16. Ms. Jennifer LeDenney, Re: Disability Awareness Month.

# **CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA**

## **1. Resolution to Negotiate with PAWS Humane, Inc.**

A Resolution authorizing the negotiation of a contract with the PAWS animal services division of PAWS Humane, Inc. (Columbus, GA) for animal care and control services.

## **2. Subrecipient Agreement Amendment with the United Way of the Chattahoochee Valley**

Approval is requested to execute an amendment to Exhibit B-Program Budget of the subrecipient agreement with the United Way of the Chattahoochee Valley to fund the Poverty Reduction Initiative for an award amount of up to \$400,000 to address the poverty rate in Columbus.

## **3. FY2026 5303 Grant Application for Planning Assistance - METRA**

Approval is requested to submit an application and accept, if awarded, a capital, planning, and operating grant from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) in the amount of \$165,801.00 or otherwise awarded, with a ten percent match required from the City. Approval is then requested to execute any contracts with the Federal Transit Administration and/or the Georgia Department of Transportation relating to the grant.

## **4. U.S. Department of Justice FY24 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant**

Approval is requested to submit an application and accept, if awarded, an Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance (JAG) grant for the Federal Fiscal Year 2024 solicitation in the amount of \$53,407, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match requirement, to be used for eligible law enforcement, prosecution, and courts projects as defined in the grant, and to amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the award.

## **5. Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Justice Assistance (JAG) Grant - Juvenile Court**

Approval is requested to submit a grant application and if awarded, accept funds up to \$650,000 from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, with no local match required, for the operation of the Muscogee County Juvenile Court and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the grant award and enter into a memorandum of agreement with Evidence-Based Associates, LLC. The grant period is from January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025.

## **6. 2024/2025 Aflac Community Giving Grant - Liberty Theatre Cultural Arts Center**

Approval is requested to submit an application and accept, if awarded, a 2024/2025 Aflac Community Giving grant up to \$200,000.00, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match requirement, to be used in support of the Liberty Theatre Cultural Arts Center, and to amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount awarded.

## 7. PURCHASES

- A. One (1) John Deere 5075E Tractor for Public Works Department – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase
- B. Liberty Theater Re-Roofing Project – RFB No. 25-0003
- C. One (1) Caterpillar Mini Excavator – Sourcewell Cooperative Contract Purchase
- D. First-In Alerting Smart Station System for Fire & EMS – Sourcewell Cooperative Contract Purchase
- E. Declaration of Surplus and Donation of Two (2) Vehicles
- F. Contract Extension for Alcohol Management Services for Columbus Civic Center Locations (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 18-0020
- G. Contract Extension for Inmate Medical & Pharmacy Services for Muscogee County Prison (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 18-0022

### EMERGENCY PURCHASES

#### 1. Information Only: Emergency Purchase

On August 30, 2024, Warden Walker notified the City Manager of an urgent need to replace kitchen equipment at the Muscogee County Prison.

The Warden explained that the food service equipment at the Muscogee County Prison has been deemed unserviceable. The prison's food service equipment technicians have identified the following three current pieces of equipment, utilized to prepare bulk meals for the inmate population on a daily basis:

**-Two (2) Convection Steamers:** The facility is experiencing problem with its two convection steamers. These steamers currently do not work at all. Within the past two years, these steamers have been repaired multiple times and each time the repairs are short lived. The steamers are more than 15 years old.

**-Two (2) Pass-through Warmers:** The two pass-through warmers, used to keep food warm at the appropriate temperature until it is served, are more than 25 years old.

**-One (1) Kitchen Grill:** The kitchen grill was brought over from the old MCP location over 26 years ago.

The equipment will be purchased from Mobile Fixture & Equipment (Columbus, GA) by Cooperative Purchase, via Federal GSA Contract #07F-0154V.

Muscogee County Prison was approved \$183,000.00 in the FY25 budget to replace kitchen equipment.

The City Manager approved the emergency purchase on August 30, 2024.

## **8. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Trade Center Update - Hayley Tillery, Executive Director, Columbus Convention and Trade Center
- B. Project Update - Ryan Pruett, Director, Inspections & Code Enforcement
- C. Columbus Animal Care Control Facilities Operation Update, Drale Short, Director, Public Works

## **BID ADVERTISEMENT**

**DATE:** October 8, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Advertised Bids/RFPs/RFQs

### **October 11, 2024**

**1. Comprehensive Inmate Healthcare Services for Muscogee County Jail (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 25-0005**

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government, on behalf of the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office, is seeking proposals for the provision of healthcare services for offenders incarcerated at the Muscogee County Jail. The requested services consist of medical, dental, and mental health, as well as healthcare personnel. Medical services include but are not limited to x-ray, laboratory, and prescription drug services for a rated capacity of 1069 inmates.

The term of this contract will be for two (2) years, with the option to renew for three (3) additional twelve-month periods.

### **October 18, 2024**

**1. Consultant Services for Comprehensive Transit Study for METRA – RFP No. 25-0011**

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government (the "City") is soliciting proposals for acquiring the services of a Transit Consultant (the "Consultant") to conduct a comprehensive study on METRA's behalf. The Consultant will be responsible for conducting a full assessment of

METRA's fixed route bus service, including potential route service to Brookstone Centre, and an assessment of METRA's Dial-A-Ride ADA complementary paratransit service. In addition, a comprehensive study determining the costs, materials, personnel, and other resources needed for METRA to implement a micro-transit and or on-demand service within the boundaries of Muscogee County, Georgia shall be performed.

**REFERRALS:**

**CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA**

**ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED**

1. RESOLUTION - A resolution excusing Councilor Glenn Davis from the September 24, 2024 Council Meeting.
2. RESOLUTION - A Resolution changing the regularly scheduled Council Meetings for the month of November 2024.
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4. **Minutes of the following boards:**

Board of Elections and Registration, August 20, 2024

Board of Tax Assessors, #31-24, #32-24 & #33-24

Board of Water Commissioners, September 9, 2024

Columbus Golf Course Authority, September 23, 2024

Convention & Visitors Board of Commissioners, August 21, 2024

Land Bank Authority, August 14, 2024

Planning Advisory Commission, August 21, 2024

River Valley Regional Commission, August 28, 2024

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED**

5. **MAYOR’S APPOINTMENTS- ANY NOMINATIONS MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:**

**A. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:**

**Armando Fernandez**

*(Mayor’s Appointment)*

*Seat declared vacant*

Term Expires: March 27, 2025

**Tamika McKenzie**

*(Mayor’s Appointment)*

*Seat declared vacant*

Term Expires: March 27, 2025

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

**B. COLUMBUS IRONWORKS CONVENTION & TRADE CENTER AUTHORITY:**

**Craig Burgess**

*(Mayor’s Appointment)*

*Seat declared vacant*

Term Expires: October 24, 2025

**Mayor Henderson is nominating Jay Pitts to fill the unexpired term of Craig Burgess.**

*The terms are three years. Board meets bi-monthly.*

**Women: 1**

**Senatorial District 15: 1**

**Senatorial District 29: 4**

**C. HOUSING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:**

**Tiffany Stacy**

*(Mayor’s Appointment)*

**(Resident Member seat)**

*Eligible to succeed*

Term Expires: November 16, 2024



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

**Women: 3**

**Senatorial District 15: 4**

**Senatorial District 29: 3**

6. **COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS- READY FOR CONFIRMATION:**

- A. **BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS:** Mr. Oz Roberts was nominated to succeed Mr. Rodney Close. (*Councilor Thomas nominated Mr. Roberts on August 27, 2024.*) Term expires: December 31, 2028

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

A. **HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:**

**Ernest Smallman, IV**

*Eligible to succeed*

Term Expires: November 14, 2024

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

**Mike Welch**

*Eligible to succeed*

Term Expires: November 14, 2024

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

**John Kingsbury**

*Rotating off the authority*

Term Expires: November 14, 2024

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

**Councilor Thomas is nominating Ernest Smallman, IV and Mike Welch to serve another term.**

**Councilor Hickey is nominating Kelsea Garrett for a seat on the Hospital Authority.**

***\*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 recommendations are as follows:***

**For the seat of Ernest Smallman, IV: Ernest Smallman, IV, Mike Welch and Kelsea Garrett**

**For the seat of Mike Welch: Ernest Smallman, IV, Mike Welch and Kelsea Garrett**

**For the seat of John Kingsbury: Kelsea Garrett, Ernest Smallman, IV and Mike Welch**

*The terms are three years. Board meets monthly.*

**Women: 1**

**Senatorial District 15: 5**

**Senatorial District 29: 4**

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

**A. TREE BOARD:**

**Jeremy Cummings**

**(Public Utility Representative)**

*Resigned*

Term Expires: July 1, 2025

Open for Nominations

**(Council's Appointment)**

**Beautie Moore**

**(At-Large Seat)**

*Seat declared vacant*

Term Expires: July 1, 2025

Open for Nominations

**(Council's Appointment)**

**Frank Tommey**

**(Residential Development Seat)**

*Not eligible to succeed*

Term Expires: December 31, 2026

Open for Nominations

**(Council's Appointment)**

**Robert Hecht**

**(Commercial or Industrial Development Seat)**

*Seat declared vacant*

Term Expires: December 31, 2026

Open for Nominations

**(Council's Appointment)**

**Farah Dewsbury**  
**(At-Large Seat)**

*Seat declared vacant*

Term Expires: December 31, 2026

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

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

**Women: 5**

**Senatorial District 15: 5**

**Senatorial District 29: 6**

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