

## 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 8, 2023  
9:00 AM  
Regular Meeting

---

## MAYOR'S AGENDA

---

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

**INVOCATION:** Offered by Pastor Mitchell Harris, Youth Pastor, Pleasant Grove Baptist Church of Columbus, Georgia & Intern, Office of the Mayor

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

### **MINUTES**

1. Approval of minutes for the July 25, 2023 Council Meeting.

### **CRIME PREVENTION GRANTS**

2. 180 Degree Project - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a Local Assistance grant agreement with 180 Degree Project for \$10,000 in Crime Prevention funds.
3. Better Work - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a Local Assistance grant agreement with Better Work for \$20,000 in Crime Prevention funds.
4. Big Brother - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a Local Assistance grant agreement with Big Brother for \$10,000 in Crime Prevention funds.
5. Boys and Girls Club - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a Local Assistance grant agreement with Boys and Girls Club for \$10,000 in Crime Prevention funds.

6. Boyz 2 Men - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a Local Assistance grant agreement with Boyz 2 Men for \$25,000 in Crime Prevention funds.
7. Building Wellness - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a Local Assistance grant agreement with Building Wellness for \$15,000 in Crime Prevention funds.
8. Children 1st - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a Local Assistance grant agreement with Children 1st for \$10,000 in Crime Prevention funds.
9. Clement Arts - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a Local Assistance grant agreement with Clement Arts for \$15,000 in Crime Prevention funds.
10. Columbus Community Center - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a Local Assistance grant agreement with Columbus Community Center for \$30,000 in Crime Prevention funds.
11. Columbus Community Orchestra - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a Local Assistance grant agreement with Columbus Community Orchestra for \$5,000 in Crime Prevention funds.
12. Columbus Dream Center - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a Local Assistance grant agreement with Columbus Dream Center for \$20,000 in Crime Prevention funds.
13. Columbus Museum - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a Local Assistance grant agreement with Columbus Museum for \$10,000 in Crime Prevention funds.
14. Columbus Scholars - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a Local Assistance grant agreement with Columbus Scholars for \$10,000 in Crime Prevention funds.
15. CORTA - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a Local Assistance grant agreement with CORTA for \$20,000 in Crime Prevention funds.
16. Columbus Symphony Orchestra - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a Local Assistance grant agreement with Columbus Symphony Orchestra Projects for \$5,000 in Crime Prevention funds.
17. Columbus Technical College - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a Local Assistance grant agreement with Columbus Technical College for \$35,000 in Crime Prevention funds.
18. East Carver Heights - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a Local Assistance grant agreement with East Carver Heights for \$20,000 in Crime Prevention funds.
19. Emmanuel Preparatory - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a Local Assistance grant agreement with Emmanuel Preparatory for \$5,000 in Crime Prevention funds.
20. Flourishing Ladies - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a Local Assistance grant agreement with Flourishing Ladies for \$35,000 in Crime Prevention funds.

21. Focus Program - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a Local Assistance grant agreement with Focus Program for \$30,000 in Crime Prevention funds.
22. Girls Inc. - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a Local Assistance grant agreement with Girls Inc. for \$10,000 in Crime Prevention funds.
23. Hope Harbour - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a Local Assistance grant agreement with Hope Harbour for \$15,000 in Crime Prevention funds.
24. Legitimation Station - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a Local Assistance grant agreement with Legitimation Station for \$15,000 in Crime Prevention funds.
25. Life Bridge - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a Local Assistance grant agreement with Life Bridge for \$20,000 in Crime Prevention funds.
26. Literacy Alliance - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a Local Assistance grant agreement with Literary Alliance for \$20,000 in Crime Prevention funds.
27. Micah's Promise - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a Local Assistance grant agreement with Micah's Promise for \$20,000 in Crime Prevention funds.
28. NFOAAY - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a Local Assistance grant agreement with NFOAAY for \$20,000 in Crime Prevention funds.
29. Omega Lambda - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a Local Assistance grant agreement with Omega Lambda for \$25,000 in Crime Prevention funds.
30. Open Door - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a Local Assistance grant agreement with Open Door for \$15,000 in Crime Prevention funds.
31. Overflow - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a Local Assistance grant agreement with Overflow for \$15,000 in Crime Prevention funds.
32. Protégé Project - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a Local Assistance grant agreement with Protégé Project for \$10,000 in Crime Prevention funds.
33. REACH Project - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a Local Assistance grant agreement with REACH Project for \$15,000 in Crime Prevention funds.
34. Right from the Start - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a Local Assistance grant agreement with Right from the Start for \$15,000 in Crime Prevention funds.
35. Second Chance - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a Local Assistance grant agreement with Second Chance for \$50,000 in Crime Prevention funds.
36. Service for Humanity - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a Local Assistance grant agreement with Service for Humanity for \$10,000 in Crime Prevention funds.
37. STEAM Expo - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a Local Assistance grant agreement with STEAM Expo for \$10,000 in Crime Prevention funds.

38. STEAM Project - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a Local Assistance grant agreement with STEAM Projects for \$10,000 in Crime Prevention funds.
39. Teen Advisors - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a Local Assistance grant agreement with Teen Advisors for \$10,000 in Crime Prevention funds.
40. Truth Springs - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a Local Assistance grant agreement with Truth Springs for \$25,000 in Crime Prevention funds.
41. Turn Around Columbus - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a Local Assistance grant agreement with Turn Around Columbus for \$25,000 in Crime Prevention funds.
42. Whole Person - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a Local Assistance grant agreement with Whole Person for \$10,000 in Crime Prevention funds.
43. Wright Fitness - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a Local Assistance grant agreement with Wright Fitness for \$10,000 in Crime Prevention funds.
44. YMCA - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a Local Assistance grant agreement with YMCA Projects for \$10,000 in Crime Prevention funds.
45. Young Life - A resolution and contract authorizing a request to enter into a Local Assistance grant agreement with Young Life for \$15,000 in Crime Prevention funds.

## **CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA**

### **ORDINANCES**

1. **1st 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-06-23-0111: 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. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Davis)
3. **1st Reading-** REZN-06-23-0160: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to changes 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.) (Councilor Garrett)

## **RESOLUTION**

4. A Resolution adopting a revised City Vehicle / Car Allowance Policy (Councilor Thomas)

## **PUBLIC AGENDA**

1. Mr. Timothy Veals, Re: The work within the city for certain areas.

## **CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA**

1. **Memorandum of Understanding with Enrichment Services Program, Inc. for Utility Assistance Program Administration Services**

Approval is requested to authorize an MOU with Enrichment Services Program, Inc. to administer CCG's Utility Assistance Program funded by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

2. **PURCHASES**

- A. Master Plan for Golf Course – RFP No. 23-0032
- B. Declaration of Surplus and Donations of Fire Trucks
- C. Space Planning and Programming & Schematic Design Services for Muscogee County Jail – RFQ No. 23-0003
- D. Construction Manager as General Contractor Services for Muscogee County Jail – RFQ No. 23-0004
- E. Virtual Academy Training for the Police Department
- F. Removal of Residual Ground Material & Removal and Disposal / Reuse of Large Tree Trunks (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 23-0043
- G. Declaration of Surplus and Donations of Vehicles to New Horizons

## **EMERGENCY PURCHASE - INFORMATION ONLY**

Information Only: Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs) for Risk Management

### **AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS (AEDs) FOR RISK MANAGEMENT:**

On July 26, 2023, the City Manager was notified by Risk Management, of the need to purchase eighty-three (83) Automatic External Defibrillators as a matter of public health and safety.

The equipment is needed because several existing units will expire soon and need to be replaced. Additionally, AEDs need to be placed at City Hall. Risk Management obtained a quote from AED Brands (Kennesaw, GA) to provide the units, as they have purchased replacement units and replacement parts from the vendor in the past. Additionally, the vendor can expedite the order. The quoted price is \$182,635.00.

The City Manager approved the emergency purchase on July 26, 2023.

Funding is budgeted in the FY24 Budget: Risk Management Internal Service Fund – Human Resources – Unfunded Claims – Medical Supplies; 0860 – 220 – 3830 – RISK – 6795.

### **3. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Integrated Waste Study Update - Drale Short, Director, Public Works
- B. Critical Vacancies - Reather Hollowell, Director, Human Resources
- C. Clean Energy Columbus - Lisa Goodwin, Deputy City Manager, Current Operations
- D. Sheriff's Update - Gregory Countryman, Sheriff, and Angelica Alexander, Director, Finance

## **BID ADVERTISEMENT**

**DATE:** August 22, 2023

**August 9, 2023**

### **1. Agricultural Chemicals (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 24-0002**

#### **Scope of bid**

The Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia (City) is seeking vendors to provide agricultural chemicals, for the Parks and Recreation and Public Works Departments, on an “as needed” basis.

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

**August 15, 2023**

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

Mandatory Site Visits are scheduled for 8:30 AM (Eastern) on Tuesday, August 15, 2023. Contractors shall convene and sign in at the Facilities Maintenance Division, which is located at 1511 Cusseta Road in Columbus, GA. The site visits will be unguided, and attendees are responsible for supplying their own ladders to access the roofs.

**August 16, 2023**

**1. Fire Sprinkler Service and Inspections (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 24-0003**

**Scope of bid**

The Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia (the City) is seeking vendors to provide fire sprinkler service and inspections, for various City facilities, on an “as needed” basis.

The contract term shall be for two years with the option to renew for three additional twelve-month periods.

**August 18, 2023**

**1. Automated Speed Detection for School Zone Safety Enforcement (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 23-0036**

**Scope of RFP**

Columbus Consolidated Government is requesting proposals for automated speed detection for school zone safety enforcement systems and services, specifically LiDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) with ALPR (Automated License Plate Readers) functions to integrate with the existing Flock Safety system for the Columbus Police Department.

The contract term shall be for two years with the option to renew for three additional twelve-month periods.

**2. Engineering Design Services for Resurfacing of Eight (8) Streets – PI #0017691 – RFQ No. 24-0001**

**Scope of RFQ**

Columbus Consolidated Government is requesting statements of qualifications to provide preliminary and final design plans and environmental documentation for the resurfacing of approximately 11.10 miles of roads within Muscogee County, GA. The roads, as listed in the RFQ, were selected based on comprehensive pavement evaluations conducted by a third-party and are classified as Collectors or above.

The work shall be performed in accordance with GDOT Plan Development Process (PDP), Plan Presentation Guide (PPG), Design Policies and Manuals, and current software version approved by the Project Manager.

**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.

**REFERRALS:**

Referrals 7.25.23



## **CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA**

### **ENCLOSURES - INFORMATION ONLY**

1. Notice of Tax Abatement approvals as submitted by the Board of Tax Assessors in accordance with Resolution No. 218-23.

### **ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED**

2. RESOLUTION - A resolution excusing Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen from the August 8, 2023 Council Meeting.
3. RESOLUTION - A resolution excusing Councilor Jerry "Pops" Barnes from the August 8, 2023 Council Meeting.
4. Letter from Mr. Lance Hemmings, Chairperson of the Land Bank Authority, requesting that the seat of Ms. Lauren Chambers be declared vacant due to a lack of attendance.
5. Email Correspondence from Mr. Jack Rosenhammer, Chair of the Civic Center Advisory Board, submitting the resignation of Mr. Spencer Cantrell (District 2 Representative).
6. Email Correspondence from Mr. Jack Rosenhammer, Chair of the Civic Center Advisory Board, requesting the following two seats be declared vacant due to a lack of attendance: Danielle Edwards (District 1 Representative) and Latasha Lee (District 10 Representative).
7. **Minutes of the following boards:**

457 Deferred Compensation Plan, April 20, 2023

Board of Tax Assessors, #23-23, #24-23 and #25-23

Commission on International Relations & Cultural Liaison Encounters, July 18, 2023

Civic Center Advisory Board, January 19, March 16 and June 7, 2023

Hospital Authority of Columbus, June 27, 2023

Housing Authority of Columbus, June 21, 2023

Planning Advisory Commission, June 21, 202

Uptown Facade Board, March 20, April 17 and May 22, 2023

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

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

**A. HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:**

**Jennings Chester**

*Rotating off the authority*

Term Expires: November 14, 2023

Open for Nominations

**(Council's Nomination)**

*\*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**

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

**A. PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION:**

**Vacant**

Term Expires: October 31, 2023

**(Council District 6- Allen)**

**Mayor Pro Tem Allen is nominating Mitch Watkins for the vacant Council District 6 seat.**

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

**A. COOPERATIVE EXTENSION ADVISORY BOARD:**

**Helen Williams**

*Does not desire reappointment*

Term Expired: December 31, 2022

Open for Nominations

**(Council's Appointment)**

*The term is six years. Meets quarterly.*

**Women: 5**

**Senatorial District 15: 2**

**Senatorial District 29: 3**

**B. KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION:**

**Kimberly Wright**

**(SD-29 Representative)**

*Non-acceptance of appointment*

Term Expired: June 30, 2023

Open for Nominations

**(Council's Appointment)**

**Lee Jordan**

**(SD-29 Representative)**

*Eligible to succeed*

Term Expired: June 30, 2023

Open for Nominations

**(Council's Appointment)**

**Dr. Kar'retta Venable**

**(At-Large Member)**

*Not Eligible to succeed*

Term Expired: June 30, 2023

Open for Nominations

**(Council's Appointment)**

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

*\*Note: Ms. Kimberly Wright was confirmed to succeed Mr. William Bandy; however, she decided she would be unable to accept the appointment.*

**The Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission Director is recommending Avianca Dowdell to succeed Dr. Kar'retta Venable.**

**Women: 6**

**Senatorial District 15: 6**

**Senatorial District 29: 3**

**C. PERSONNEL REVIEW BOARD:**

**Dr. Shanita Pettaway**

**(Alternate Member 5)**

*Resigned*

Term Expired: December 31, 2022

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

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

**Women: 3**

**Senatorial District 15: 5**

**Senatorial District 29: 4**

**D. TREE BOARD:**

**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 three-year terms. Meets as needed.*

**Women: 7**

**Senatorial District 15: 5**

**Senatorial District 29: 6**

UPCOMING BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

- A. Animal Control Advisory Board (Council's Appointment)
- B. Board of Honor (Council's Appointment)
- C. Columbus Ironworks Convention & Trade Center Authority (Mayor's Appointment)
- D. Land Bank Authority (Council's Appointment)
- E. Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board (Council's Appointment)
- F. Public Safety Advisory Commission (Mayor & Council's Appointment)
- G. Uptown Facade Board (Recommendation from respective organization)

*The City of Columbus strives to provide accessibility to individuals with disabilities and who require certain accommodations in order to allow them to observe and/or participate in this meeting. If assistance is needed regarding the accessibility of the meeting or the facilities, individuals may contact the Mayor's Commission for Persons with Disabilities at 706-653-4492 promptly to allow the City Government to make reasonable accommodations for those persons.*