

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

April 9, 2024
9:00 AM
Regular Meeting

MAYOR'S AGENDA

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Pastor Jason Wade of Wynnton United Methodist Church of Columbus, Georgia

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Henderson

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the March 26, 2024 Council Meeting and Executive Session.

PROCLAMATIONS:

2. **Proclamation:** Arts & Culture Month

Receiving: Carrie Beth Wallace, The Columbusite, ArtFest Block Party

3. **Proclamation:** National Therapy Animal Day

Receiving: Angi Zapata, Pet Partners of Columbus

4. **Proclamation:** Child Abuse Prevention Month

Receiving: Margaret Koepfer, The Exchange Club

5. Proclamation commending the League of Women Voters of the Chattahoochee Valley and its election volunteers. Receiving - Jane Wilson

PRESENTATIONS:

6. Georgia General Assembly Post Legislative Update (Presented by State Senator Ed Harbison)
7. FY23 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) (Presented by David Irwin, External Auditors, Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC)
8. Presentation of Professional Level Certified Emergency Manager Certification - GEMA Area Director Jason Ritter

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

1. **1st Reading-** REZN-02-24-0242: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **6943 Flat Rock Road** (parcel # 109-001-109) from Light Manufacturing/Industrial (LMI) Zoning District to General Commercial (GC) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Mayor Pro-Tem)
2. **1st Reading-** REZN-02-24-0344: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **1615 Wynnton Road** (parcel # 026-021-004) from Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District to Residential Multifamily - 1 (RMF1) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Cogle)
3. **1st Reading-** REZN-02-24-0345: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia; this amendment changes certain boundaries of a district located at **1000 Wynnton Road** (parcel # 018-018-004/5 and 019-004-001) from Light Manufacturing/Industrial (LMI) Zoning District to General Commercial (GC) and Residential Multifamily - 2 (RMF2) Zoning Districts (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Cogle)
4. **1st Reading-** REZN-02-24-0347: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **4834 Warm Springs Road** (parcel # 082-044-007/8/8H/9, 083-012-002/4/5) from Single Family Residential -1 (SFR1) and Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning Districts to Residential Multifamily - 2 (RMF2) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Crabb)

5. **1st Reading-** REZN-02-24-0349: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **2911/3005/3007 3rd Avenue** (parcel # 007-003-007/012/013) from Light Manufacturing/Industrial (LMI) Zoning District to Residential Multifamily - 2 (RMF2) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Garrett)

6. **1st Reading-** REZN-03-24-0476: An Ordinance amending the text of Chapters 7, 9, and 13 of the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) of the Columbus Code. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Mayor Pro-Tem)

7. **1st Reading-** An ordinance providing for the demolition of various structures located at:
 - 1) **1655 Elvan Avenue** (Murtuza Ali Khan, Owner); 2) **2545 Pye Avenue** (Clark Property Management LLC, Owner); 3) **32 Woodland Circle** (Edna Anderson, Owner); 4) **2903 10th Avenue** (Dustin Cooper, Owner); and 5) **2409 Heard Street** (Estate of Catherine Greene, Owner);

and for demolition services for the Inspections and Code Department in accordance with the attached Tabulation of Bid sheet. (Mayor Pro-Tem)

8. 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. (Mayor Pro-Tem)

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Mr. Patrick R. Davidge, Re: Illegal immigration City/County Policy.
2. Mr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr., Re: Charter of Columbus, Georgia.
3. Mr. Gregory Foster, representing Chatham Woods Subdivision, Re: Upcoming rezoning for 5201 Macon Road.
4. Mr. Edward Berry, representing Legitimation Station, Re: The purpose and mission of Legitimation Station.
5. Mr. Micah Asante, Re: A request to have the remaining balance of an invoice for EMS services waived.
6. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Responsible Representation.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Integrated Waste One Cart System

Approval is requested to implement the one-cart system effective July 1, 2024. The one-cart system is a method of collecting waste curbside with an automated collection system. The one-cart system provides a uniform collection process eliminating un-containerized waste. Implementing the one-cart system will eliminate ground trash, litter, and scavenging by varmints. Also, the system will streamline the collection process, improving the collection method's efficiency. This will improve the aesthetics of our community.

2. METRA's 2024 Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP)

Approval is requested to submit the 2024 Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP), and to implement this Safety Plan in compliance with federal requirements is also recommended.

3. FY 24 Local Road Assistance Administration Funds (LRA)

Approval is requested to submit an application and accept if awarded the FY24 Local Road Assistance Administration (LRA) in the amount of \$3,016,810.17 from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) with no local match required.

4. Georgia Recreation and Park Association (GRPA) New Initiative Grant: Youth 3D Program

Approval is requested to apply for a grant and, if awarded, accept a grant in the amount of \$1000.00 with no local match requirement. The funds will provide additional opportunities to expand and improve support for all students in the city's after-school programs and amend the Multi-governmental Fund by the amount awarded.

5. Georgia Statewide Afterschool Network BOOST Grant Summer 2024. "Building Opportunities for Out of School Time"

Approval is requested to apply for a grant and, if awarded, accept a grant valued at approximately \$60,000.00 or the amount awarded and amend the Multi-governmental Fund by the amount awarded. The funds will assist the City in administering programs to keep youth productively engaged and off the streets during the summer break.

6. Donation Acceptance: Liberty Theatre Cultural Center

Approval is requested to accept one financial donation totaling \$5,000 given in support of the Liberty Theatre Cultural Center.

7. PURCHASES

- A. Steel Signal Strain Poles (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 24-0017
- B. Solar-Powered Bus Stop Lights (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 24-0025
- C. One (1) Low-Floor Paratransit Cutaway Bus – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase
- D. Two Variable Message Signs for the Civic Center – Federal GSA Cooperative Contract Purchase
- E. Comparison Microscope for Police Department – Federal GSA Cooperative Contract Purchase
- F. Mobile Trailer with High Resolution Camera for Engineering Department – Federal GSA Cooperative Contract Purchase
- G. Stryker Lifepak 15 Monitor Defibrillator and Accessories for Fire & EMS Department
- H. Fire Service Apparatus with Equipment for Fire & EMS – HGACBuy Cooperative Contract Purchase
- I. Microsoft Software Licensing Upgrade
- J. Amendment 17 for Construction Manager as General Contractor Services for Columbus Government Center Complex – RFQ No. 20-0002
- K. Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) and Records Management System (RMS) Project for Police Department – Sourcewell Cooperative Contract Purchase

8. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. Cure Violence Financial Update - Reggie Lewis, Co-Founder/Executive Advisor
- B. Information Technology Update - Forrest Toelle, Director, Information Technology
- C. Enterprise Zone Update - Will Johnson, Director, Planning
- D. Homeowner Occupied Accessibility Rehab Program (HARP) Update - Rob Scott, Director, Community Reinvestment
- E. Critical Vacancies - Reather Hollowell, Director, Human Resources
- F. Golden Park Update - Ryan Pruett, Director, Inspections & Code Enforcement
- G. Judicial Building Update - Ryan Pruett, Director, Inspections & Code Enforcement

BID ADVERTISEMENT

DATE: April 9, 2024

April 17, 2024

1. **Used Oil & Antifreeze Recycling Services (Annual Contract) Re-Bid – RFB No. 24-0031**

Scope of Bid

Vendor will pay a fee for the contractual right to remove and recycle used oil & antifreeze, at the following locations: 1011 Cusseta Road, 3950 Schatulga Road and 814 Linwood Blvd, Columbus, Georgia. The initial term of this contract shall be for three years, with the option to renew for two additional twelve-month periods.

2. **Interactive Flooring System – RFB No. 24-0034**

Scope of Bid

The Columbus Consolidated Government (“the City”) is seeking bids from qualified vendors to provide two (2) immersive, educational and recreational projection flooring systems, to be used by the Department of Parks and Recreation.

May 1, 2024

1. **Bus Route Signs & Poles (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 24-0036**

Scope of Bid

The Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia is requesting bids for bus route signs and poles. METRA Transit System will purchase the signs and poles on an as-needed basis.

The contract period shall be for three (3) years.

2. **Public Safety Uniforms (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 24-0023**

Scope of Bid

Provide uniforms for Columbus Consolidated Government Public Safety Departments 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.

3. **Swim Gear and Lifeguard Accessories (Re-Bid) (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 24-0035**

Scope of Bid

Provide swim gear and lifeguard accessories on an “as needed” basis for the Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) Department of Parks and Recreation, Aquatics Division.

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

May 3, 2024

1. Waste Collection Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 24-0017

Scope of RFP

The Consolidated Government of Columbus GA (the City) invites qualified offerors to submit proposals to provide weekly waste collection and disposal services, including all the necessary equipment and labor needed to collect and dispose of the following options:

Option A: Household Waste Option D: Bulk Waste Only

Option B: Yard Waste Only Option E: All Collection and Disposal Services

Option C: Recycling Collection

May 8, 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:

Referrals 4.9.24

CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

1. RESOLUTION – A resolution excusing Councilor Glenn Davis from the March 26, 2024 Council Meeting.

2. RESOLUTION – A resolution excusing Councilor Jerry “Pops” Barnes from the April 9, 2024 Council Meeting.
3. Email Correspondence from Mr. Jack Hayes resigning from his seat on the Historic & Architectural Review Board.
4. **Minutes of the following boards:**
 - Airport Commission, February 28, 2024
 - Board of Tax Assessors, # 07-24, # 08-24, # 09-24 and # 10-24
 - Columbus Golf Course Authority, February 27, 2024
 - Convention & Visitors Board of Commissioners, February 21, 2024

BOARD APPOINTMENTS- ACTION REQUESTED:

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

- A. **DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:** Ms. Geniece Granville was nominated to serve another term of office. (*Councilor Thomas’ nominee*) Term expires: April 30, 2028
- B. **DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:** Mr. Travis Chambers was nominated to serve another term of office. (*Councilor Thomas’ nominee*) Term expires: April 30, 2028
- C. **DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:** Mr. Selvin Hollingsworth was nominated to serve another term of office. (*Councilor Thomas’ nominee*) Term expires: April 30, 2028
- D. **DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:** Mr. Charles Sheffield was nominated to serve another term of office. (*Councilor Thomas’ nominee*) Term expires: April 30, 2028
- E. **DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:** Mr. Doug Jenkins was nominated to succeed Mr. Heath Schondelmayer. (*Mayor Pro Tem Allen’s nominee*) Term expires: April 30, 2028
- F. **PERSONNEL REVIEW BOARD:** Ms. Natalie McDowell was nominated to fill the expired term of Dr. Shanita Pettaway (*Resigned*) as Alternate Member 5. (*Mayor Pro Tem Allen’s nominee*) Term expires: December 31, 2025

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

A. **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:**

VACANT

Term Expired: March 27, 2024

(Council District 2- Davis)

Virginia Dickerson

Not Eligible to succeed

Term Expired: March 27, 2024

(Council District 3- Huff)

Members appointed by Council shall serve for two-year terms and members appointed by Mayor shall serve for three-year terms. Board Meets quarterly.

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

A. **ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD:**

Dr. Jean Waguespack

Veterinarian Association Representative

(Seat declared vacant)

Term Expires: October 15, 2024

Open for Nominations

(Council's Appointment)

Dr. Scott McDermott

Veterinarian Association Representative

(Seat declared vacant)

Term Expires: October 15, 2025

Open for Nominations

(Council's Appointment)

B. 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)

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

C. HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:

Cynthia Williams Jordan

Seat declared vacant

Term Expires: November 14, 2024

Open for Nominations
(Council's Nomination)

The following nominees would be forwarded to the Hospital Authority of Columbus: Mr. Darrell Floyd, 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: 2

Senatorial District 15: 5

Senatorial District 29: 3

D. KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION:

Lee Jordan

(SD-29 Representative)

Eligible to succeed

Term Expired: June 30, 2023

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.

The Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission Director is recommending Ms. Taylor G. Martin to succeed Mr. Lee Jordan.

Women: 6

Senatorial District 15: 6

Senatorial District 29: 3

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