

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

February 27, 2024
5:30 PM
Regular Meeting

MAYOR'S AGENDA

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Pastor Sherryl Sneed, Peters Chapel AME Church of Columbus, Georgia

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Henderson

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the February 13, 2024 Council Meeting and Executive Session.

PROCLAMATION:

2. **Proclamation:** National School Breakfast Week

Receiving: Jada Bone, Nutrition Specialist, School Nutrition Department, Muscogee Country School District

PRESENTATION:

3. River Valley Regional Commission Update (Presented by Jim Livingston, River Valley Regional Commission)

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

1. **2nd Reading-** REZN-11-23-2304: An ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **1323 Munro Avenue** (parcel # 185-029-006) from Single Family Residential -2 (SFR2) Zoning District to Residential Multifamily - 1 (RMF1) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Garrett)
2. **2nd Reading-** REZN-12-23-2400: An ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **7505 Veterans Parkway** (parcel # 073-029-001) from Light Manufacturing/Industrial (LMI) Zoning District to General Commercial (GC) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval) (Councilor Davis)
3. **2nd Reading-** REZN-01-24-0063: An ordinance amending the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) of the Columbus Code to revise the text of Section 9.3.4 to provide for representation of the Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board on the Board of Historical and Architectural Review. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval) (Mayor Pro-Tem)
4. **2nd Reading-** An ordinance to revise and clarify certain provisions of Chapter 2 of the Columbus Code which provide for meeting dates and procedures for the Columbus Council and for other purposes. (Councilor Thomas)
5. **2nd Reading-** FY23 FINAL BUDGET AMENDMENT: An ordinance amending the budgets for the Fiscal Year 2023 by appropriating amounts in each fund for various operational activities. (Budget Review Committee)
6. **1st 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 1st Reading from 2-13-24) (Councilor Begly)
7. **1st Reading-** An ordinance to provide for a levy of increase on ad valorem taxes for blighted property; to provide for identification of blighted property; to provide for remediation; to provide for a decrease on ad valorem taxes on property; and for other purposes. (continued of 1st Reading from 1-13-24) (Councilor Begly)

RESOLUTION

8. A Resolution concerning the Housing Authority of Columbus, Georgia's issuance of bonds to finance a residential housing project to be located at 1200 Warren Williams Road in Columbus, Georgia (Request of Housing Authority of Columbus, Georgia)

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Mr. Mick Etchison, representing Revolution Project, Re: The Muscogee County Jail.
2. Mr. Jackson Turner, Re: Permit to Picket.
3. Mrs. Claire Thomas, representing Animal Advocacy, Re: Columbus Animal Control and Care Center rabies vaccination protocols.
4. Mr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr., Re: A request for City Council to attend more diversified Cultural Events.
5. Mr. Paul Olson, Re: (1) Baseball Stadium, (2) Property Tax Mill Rollback to finance Stadium, (3) Property Tax Relief and (4) Referendum.
6. Ms. Allie Johnson, representing Columbus Animal Allies, Re: Animal welfare, veterinary care and animal shelter operations.
7. Mrs. Mimi Steger, representing Columbus Animal Allies, Re: Columbus Animal Control and Care Center with rescues, adoptions and reunions.
8. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: The 2028 Bicentennial and Municipal Court staffing.
9. Mrs. Kathy Tanner, Re: Columbus Animal Control and Care Center.
10. Rev. Johnny Flakes, III, representing Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance (IMA), Re: Baseball Park Initiative.
11. Rev. Ralph Huling, representing St. James Baptist Church, Re: Support of the baseball team and the economic impact that it will bring to South Columbus.
12. Mr. Melvin Tanner, representing the NAACP Columbus Branch, Re: Support of the expansion baseball team and the economic impact that it will bring to South Columbus.
13. Mr. Jerome Williams, representing A Call to Talk-A Community to Take Action, Re: Economic development on the Southside of Columbus with the expansion of the baseball team and improvement of A. J. McClung Stadium.
14. Mrs. Sandy Gunnels, Re: The dangers of not deworming puppies appropriately.
15. Ms. Anna-Claire Daniels, representing Animal SOS, Re: Columbus Animal Care and Control.
16. Mrs. Sherry Jones, Re: Medical Care at Columbus Animal Control.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Dragonfly Connection

Approval is requested to authorize the next Columbus Dragonfly Trails connector within Midtown that will connect Lakebottom Park from 13th Street to Garrard Street along Cherokee Avenue.

2. Riverwalk Public Art Addition – (11th Street to 12th Street)

Approval is requested to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Dragonfly Trails, Inc. for an addition to the public art mural located on the Riverwalk between 11th Street and 12th Street.

3. Integrated Waste One-Time Cart Fee

Approval is requested to charge a one-time cart fee of \$55.00 or current purchase price plus applicable local sale taxes per additional cart for customers who request an additional cart for household garbage and yard waste.

4. FY2025 Family Connection Grant

Approval is requested to continue to serve as fiscal agent and to submit an application and, if approved, accept a grant for \$52,500, or as otherwise awarded, from the Georgia Department of Human Services with no local match required. Approval is also requested to amend the Family Connection Partnership Fund (Fund 0985) by the amount of the award.

5. Georgia County Internship Program (GCIP) Grant

Approval is requested to apply for and accept a grant in the amount of \$3,259.50, or as otherwise awarded, from the ACCG Civic Affairs Foundation to promote a community-based “Risk and Safety Day” by the amount awarded with no match from the city.

6. Family Drug Court State Grant Request

Approval is requested to submit a grant application and if awarded, accept funds from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for the operation of the Muscogee County Family Drug Court up to \$100,000.00, or as otherwise awarded, and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the grant award. The grant period is from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

7. Juvenile Drug Court State Grant Request

Approval is requested to submit a grant application and if awarded, accept funds from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for the operation of the Muscogee County Juvenile Drug Court up to \$170,000.00, or as otherwise awarded, and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the grant award. The grant period is from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

8. PURCHASES

- A. Bulk Mailing Services for Various Departments (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 23-0012
- B. Commercial Electric Food Cutter and Commercial Convection Oven for Muscogee County Jail – BuyBoard Cooperative Purchase
- C. Five-Year Service Agreement for Automatic License Plate Recognition (ALPR) Security Camera System
- D. Design and Construction Services for Golden Park Improvements – RFP No. 24-0019
- E. Columbus Targeted Housing Market Needs Assessment
- F. Declaration of Surplus and Donation of Four Crown Victoria Vehicles for the Police Department
- G. Amendment 16 for Construction Manager as General Contractor Services for Columbus Government Center Complex – RFQ No. 20-0002

9. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. Best Ranger Competition - COL Christopher C. Hammonds and MAJ Phillip B. Clark
- B. State of Tourism Update - Peter Bowden, President-CEO, VisitColumbus
- C. Fiscal Conditions Update - Angelica Alexander, Director, Finance
- D. Comprehensive Camera Update - Lisa Goodwin, Deputy City Manager, Current Operations

BID ADVERTISEMENT

DATE: February 27, 2024

March 1, 2024

1. Temporary Staffing for the Columbus Consolidated Government (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 24-0006

Scope of RFP

The Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia (the City) invites proposal submissions from qualified vendors to provide temporary staffing for various positions within the Columbus Consolidated Government on an “as needed” basis.

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

March 6, 2024

1. Stage Curtains – RFB No. 24-0026

Scope of Bid

The Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia (the City) is requesting bids for a total of twenty-three (23) stage curtains, consisting of fourteen (14) side curtains and nine (9) middle stage curtains for the Columbus Civic Center arena. The curtains will be used as backdrops, to keep out sunlight, and to block backstage activity during shows. The curtains must meet or exceed specifications for DD 9919 Nirvana B.O.B.

REFERRALS:

Referrals 2.27.24

CLERK OF COUNCIL’S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

1. RESOLUTION - A resolution excusing Councilor Jerry “Pops” Barnes from the February 27, 2024 Council Meeting.
2. RESOLUTION - A resolution excusing Councilor Joanne Cogle from the February 27, 2024 Council Meeting. (Add-On)

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

Board of Elections & Registration, December 7, 2023

Board of Tax Assessors, #04-23

Commission on International Relations & Cultural Liaison Encounter (CIRCLE) February 20, 2024

Columbus Iron Works Convention & Trade Center Authority, October 19, 2023

Housing Authority of Columbus, December 13, 2023

Land Bank Authority, January 10, 2024

Retirees’ Health Benefits Committee, August 16, 2023

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

4. COUNCIL APPOINTMENT- READY FOR CONFIRMATION:

- A. HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD:** Mr. Michael Moore was nominated as the *Historic District Resident* to succeed Ms. Libby Smith. (*Councilor Cogle's nominee*) Term expires: January 31, 2027

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

A. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:

Mary B. Garcia

(Council District 7- Cogle)

Ineligible (city employee)

Term Expires: March 27, 2024

VACANT

(Council District 2- Davis)

Term Expires: March 27, 2024

Virginia Dickerson

(Council District 3- Huff)

Not Eligible to succeed

Term Expires: March 27, 2024

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

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

A. COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS & CULTURAL LIAISON ENCOUNTERS (CIRCLE):

Alia Teetshorn

Open for Nominations

Not Eligible to succeed

(Council's Appointment)

Term Expires: March 1, 2024

The terms are four years. Meets monthly.

Women: 2

Senatorial District 15: 1

Senatorial District 29: 4

UPCOMING BOARD APPOINTMENT:

A. Animal Control Advisory Board (Council Appointments & 2 Representative Seats)

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