

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

January 23, 2024
5:30 PM
Regular Meeting

MAYOR'S AGENDA

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Pastor Ralph Huling, St. James Baptist Church of Columbus, Georgia

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Henderson

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the January 9, 2024 Council Meeting and Executive Session.

PRESENTATION:

2. External Audit - (Presented by Charlie Peeler with Troutman Pepper)

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

1. **2nd Reading-** An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **4228 3rd Avenue** (parcel # 013-001-041) from Light Manufacturing/Industrial (LMI) Zoning District to Residential Multifamily - 1 (RMF1) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Garrett)

2. **2nd Reading-** REZN-10-23-2056: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **3300 6th Avenue** (parcel # 014-019-010A) from Residential Multifamily- 2 (RMF2) Zoning District to Residential Multifamily - 1 (RMF1) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Garrett)
3. **2nd Reading-** An Ordinance amending the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) of the Columbus Code to revise the text of a section in Chapter 6 pertaining to the application process for Resource Conservation Subdivisions. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Mayor Pro-Tem)
4. **2nd Reading-** An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain portions of a district known as the Conversation Use Valuation Assessment, from RE1 (Residential Estate 1) Zoning District to RE10 (Residential Estate 10) Zoning District. (Planning Department recommends approval.) (Mayor Pro Tem and Councilor Davis)
5. **1st Reading-** REZN-11-23-0218: An ordinance amending the text of the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) for Columbus, Georgia to add a new Section 4.2.25 pertaining to key lockboxes and to add a new Article X to Chapter 4 pertaining to Electric Vehicle Infrastructure. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (as amended) (Mayor Pro-Tem) **(continued on 1st Reading from 12-5-23)**
6. **1st Reading -** An ordinance providing for the demolition of various structures located at: **2937 10th Street** (Robin Thompson & Robert J. Holston, Owner); **2928 10th Street** (Hardy Williams, Owner); **480 Timberlane Drive** (Estate of Kathryn/Jacquelyn Wiggins, Owner); **406 17th Avenue** (Lamroz LLC, Owner); **4131 2nd Avenue** (Jonnie L. General, Owner); **5210 Forrest Road** (Premium Oil Station No. 6, Owner); **5912 Gleneden Drive** (Willie C. Smith, Owner); and **2904 9th Street** (Malissa Hall, Owner) and for demolition services for the Inspections and Code Department in accordance with the attached Tabulation of Bid sheet. (Mayor Pro-Tem)
7. **1st Reading-** An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 23-038 which adopted the Fiscal Year 2024 Salary and Wages Pay Plan for the Consolidated Government to provide a \$5,000.00 pay increase to Sworn Officers and Emergency 911 Technicians effective February 3, 2024; to incorporate a new payscale for the Public Safety Personnel of the Columbus Police Department; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem)
8. **1st Reading-** An Ordinance amending the budgets for the Fiscal Year 2024 by appropriating amounts in each fund for various operational activities. (Budget Committee)
9. **1st Reading-** An Ordinance amending Section 2-68 of the Columbus Code to provide that the internal auditor/compliance officer shall be solely subject to the direction of the Columbus Council; and for other purposes. (Councilor Tucker)

RESOLUTIONS

10. A Resolution authorizing Sunday sales of alcoholic beverages at all on-premises locations within Columbus, Georgia on Sunday March 17, 2024. (Councilor Cogle)

11. A Resolution authorizing variances for Wasserman Group, LLC for Subdivision located off 2045 Old Guard Road. (Request of Wasserman Group, LLC)
12. A Resolution concerning the Northwest Georgia Housing Authority's issuance of bonds to finance facilities to be located in Columbus, Georgia (Request of Wasserman Group, LLC)

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Ms. Pat Frey, representing GA 505 Continuum of Care, Re: 2024 Point in Time Count.
2. Mr. Mick Etchison, representing St. Thomas Episcopal Churches Creation Keepers, Re: A request for the Columbus City Council to join with other Georgia cities in voicing opposition to the mining proposal of our State's national treasure, the Okefenokee Swamp.
3. Mr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr., Re: Professional Baseball in Columbus, Georgia.
4. Mr. Nathan Smith, Re: Baseball.
5. Rev. Richard Jessie, representing The Friends of Historic Claflin, Inc., Re: To announce the return of the FHC and to present our plan to help restore social order.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Street Acceptance

Approval is requested for the acceptance of Brownie Lane, that portion of Elliotts Avenue, and that portion of Providence Lane located in Phase Two, Elliotts Walk.

2. Memorandum of Understanding with Columbus Youth Soccer Association (CYSA) for 2024

Approval is requested to allow the City Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with CYSA for the 2024 seasons.

3. FY24 HUD Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendment

Approval is requested for the submission of the FY24 Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendment to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

4. FY25 Holiday Schedule

Approval is requested to approve the Holiday Schedule for the FY25 Budget Year. It is recommended that Thursday, December 26, 2024 be designated as the floating holiday.

5. Firehouse Subs Grant

Approval is requested to apply for and accept if awarded, a grant funded by Firehouse Subs in the amount of \$27,015 for the purchase of a Yamaha Four Alarm Ambulance. The Multi-Governmental Fund will be amended by the amount if awarded.

6. International Associations of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) Donation of Equipment

Approval is requested to accept the donation of three (3) Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) kits valued at approximately \$14,285. No local match is required.

7. PURCHASES

- A. Firefighter Cancer Insurance Policy Renewal
- B. Mott's Green Plaza P.I. #0015287 (Re-Bid) – RFB No. 21-0037
- C. One (1) 2024 Ford F-150 Police Responder Pursuit Rated for Muscogee County Prison – Georgia State Contract Cooperative Contract
- D. Facial Recognition Software (Afix Face) and Maintenance for Police Department

8. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. Records Court Update - David Ranieri, Chief Judge, Recorder's Court

BID ADVERTISEMENT

DATE: January 23, 2024

January 24, 2024

1. Design and Construction Services for Golden Park Improvements – RFP No. 24-0019

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) is requesting proposals from qualified contractors to engage a Design-Builder to design and construct improvements to Golden Park in order to bring it up to standards required by Major League Baseball. Applicants should have experience in designing and building baseball facilities. The estimated project cost is \$50 million. Project must be completed by April 2025. The selected Design-Builder will be responsible for all programming, design, and construction.

January 31, 2024

2. Swim Gear and Lifeguard Accessories (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 24-0021

Scope of RFB

It is the intent of the Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) to secure an annual contract with a vendor to provide various types of swimming gear and lifeguard accessories, on an “as needed” basis, to the Columbus Parks and Recreation Division of the City of Columbus, Georgia.

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

February 2, 2024

1. Multi-Purpose Dog Handler Packages (K-9) (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 24-0018

Scope of RFP

The Columbus GA Police Department (CPD) is seeking proposals for the provision of Multi-Purpose Dog Handler Packages (K-9) to assist in providing added public safety for the City of Columbus, Georgia, on an “as needed” basis. The CPD requires a vendor with the capability of providing quality and healthy canines, handler training, equipment, vehicle upfitting and full support. An initial purchase of two (2) packages is anticipated. The contract term shall be for one (1) year with the option to renew for four (4) additional twelve-month periods.

February 7, 2024

1. Used Oil & Antifreeze Recycling Services (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 24-0020

Scope of RFB

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.

REFERRALS:

Referrals 01.23.24

CLERK OF COUNCIL’S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - INFORMATION ONLY

1. Certificate of Need Application submitted on behalf of Southeastern Cardiology Associates, P.C. to establish a Positron Emission Service in Columbus, Georgia.

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

2. RESOLUTION - A resolution excusing Councilor Jerry "Pops" Barnes from the January 23, 2024 Council Meeting.
3. Travel Authorization Request for Councilor Bruce Huff to attend the ACCG Annual Conference during the month of April 2024.
4. **Minutes of the following boards:**

Board of Tax Assessors, #43-23

Board of Water Commissioners, January 8, 2024

Board of Zoning Appeals, November 1, and December 6, 2023

Employees' Pension Fund, Board of Trustees, August 16 and September 13, 2023

Housing Authority of Columbus, October 18, 2023

Land Bank Authority, December 13, 2023

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

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

A. CIVIC CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:

Jed Harris, Jr.

(Mayor's Appointment)

Not Eligible to succeed

Term Expired: March 1, 2023

These terms are three years. Meets quarterly.

Women: 3

Senatorial District 15: 8

Senatorial District 29: 5

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

Aaron Guest- Interested in serving another term
Eligible to succeed
Term Expires: March 1, 2024

(Mayor's Appointment)

Merrill Rushin
Does not desire reappointment
Term Expires: March 1, 2024

(Mayor's Appointment)

Akear Mewborn (Vacant)
Does not desire reappointment
Term Expired: March 1, 2022

(Mayor's Appointment)

The terms are four years. Board meets monthly.

Women: 7
Senatorial District 15: 7
Senatorial District 29: 4

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

- A. **BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS:** Ms. Kathleen Mullins was nominated to serve another term of office. *(Councilor Crabb's nominee)* Term expires: March 31, 2027
- B. **BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS:** Mr. Douglas M. Jefcoat was nominated to serve another term of office. *(Councilor Crabb's nominee)* Term expires: March 31, 2027
- C. **BUILDING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:** Ms. Olive Vidal-Kendall was nominated to serve another term of office. *(Councilor Huff's nominee)* Term expires: March 24, 2026
- D. **BUILDING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:** Mr. Christopher Smith was nominated to serve another term of office. *(Councilor Thomas' nominee)* Term expires: March 24, 2026
- E. **COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS & CULTURAL LIAISON ENCOUNTERS (CIRCLE):** Mr. Pythias "Pete" Temesgen was nominated to serve another term of office. *(Councilor Garrett's nominee)* Term expires: March 1, 2028
- F. **COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS & CULTURAL LIAISON ENCOUNTERS (CIRCLE):** Ms. Chie Canady was nominated to serve another term of office. *(Councilor Huff's nominee)* Term expires: March 1, 2028

- G. PLANNING ADVISORY COMMISSION:** Mr. Brad P. Baker was nominated to serve another term of office. (*Councilor Crabb's nominee*) Term expires: March 31, 2027
- H. PLANNING ADVISORY COMMISSION:** Ms. Lakshmi Karthik was nominated to succeed Ms. Patricia A. Weekley. (*Councilor Davis' nominee*) Term expires: March 31, 2027
- I. PLANNING ADVISORY COMMISSION:** Mr. Michael Ernst was nominated to succeed Mr. James Dudley. (*Councilor Crabb's nominee*) Term expires: March 31, 2027

7. **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

Glenn Kyle Albright (Council District 8- Garrett)
Does not desire reappointment
Term Expires: March 27, 2024

Evan M. Collins (Council District 10- Begly)
No longer a resident of Muscogee County
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.

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

A. BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS:

Tomeika Farley

Not Eligible to succeed

Term Expires: March 31, 2024

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Councilor Huff is nominating Angela Strange to succeed Tomeika Farley.

The terms are three years. Meets monthly.

Women: 2

Senatorial District 15: 1

Senatorial District 29: 4

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

Alia Teetshorn

Not Eligible to succeed

Term Expires: March 1, 2024

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

The terms are four years. Meets monthly.

Women: 2

Senatorial District 15: 1

Senatorial District 29: 4

C. HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD:

Libby Smith

Historic District Resident

Not Eligible to succeed

Term Expires: January 31, 2024

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

The term is three years. Meets monthly.

Women: 5

Senatorial District 15: 9

Senatorial District 29: 2

D. TREE BOARD:

Frank Tommey

Residential Development Seat

Not eligible to succeed

Term Expired: December 31, 2020

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

The term is three years. Meets as needed.

Women: 7

Senatorial District 15: 5

Senatorial District 29: 6

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