

Council Members

R. Gary Allen
Charmaine Crabb

Jerry 'Pops' Barnes
Glenn Davis

John M. House
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 24, 2023
5:30 PM
Regular Meeting

MAYOR'S AGENDA

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Dr. Valerie Thompson, Revelation Missionary Baptist Church of Columbus, Georgia

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Henderson

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the January 3, 2023 Council Meeting.

PROCLAMATION:

2. **Proclamation:** Four Chaplains Sunday

Receiving: American Legion Post 35

RESOLUTION

3. **Gertrude "Ma" Rainey, Mother of the Blues**

A resolution honoring local music legend, Gertrude "Ma" Rainey, upon the occasion of her posthumous receipt of the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Recording Academy.

PRESENTATION:

4. Audit Report on Public Works (Presented by Donna McGinnis, Internal Auditor/Compliance Officer)
5. Audit, Animal Care and Control Center (Presented by Elizabeth Barfield, Forensic Auditor)

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

1. **1st Reading-** REZN-11-22-2066: An ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **1200 / 1226 6th Avenue** (parcel # 018-009-005 / 0T18-009-004A) from LMI (Light Manufacturing / Industrial) Zoning District to UP (Uptown) Zoning District. Planning Department and PAC recommend approval. (Councilor Cogle)
2. **1st Reading-** REZN-11-22-2067: An ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia; this amendment changes certain boundaries of a district located at **1947 Wynnton Road** (parcel # 184-019-001A) from RO (Residential Office) Zoning District to GC (General Commercial) Zoning District. Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Huff)
3. **1st Reading-** REZN-11-22-2068: An ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia; to change certain boundaries of a district located at **8215 Cooper Creek Road** (parcel # 080-001-004) from RO (Residential Office) Zoning District to SFR1 (Single Family Residential 1) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Mayor Pro-Tem)
4. **1st Reading-** REZN-11-22-2069 An ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **4030 Veterans Court** (parcel # 072-010-028) from RO (Residential Office) Zoning District with conditions to GC (General Commercial) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Davis)
5. **1st Reading-** REZN-11-22-2070: An ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **6330 Lynridge Avenue** (parcel # 071-009-003) from SFR3 (Single Family Residential) Zoning District to RO (Residential Office) Zoning District with conditions. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval with conditions.) (Councilor Davis)
6. **1st Reading-** REZN-11-22-2158: An ordinance amending the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) for Columbus, Georgia to add certain definitions and provide standards for various uses. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Mayor Pro Tem)

7. **1st Reading-** REZN-11-22-2184: An ordinance amending the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) of the Columbus Code to revise the text of certain sections of Chapter 4 Article 9 – Short-Term Rentals. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Mayor Pro-Tem)
8. **1st Reading-** An ordinance providing for the demolition of various structures located at:
- 1) 2947 Schatulga Road (Linda Brantly Hood & Virginia S Hood, Owner)
 - 2) 931 5th Avenue (Luel LLC, Owner)
 - 3) 615 8th Street (Lula Lunsford Huff et al, Owner)
 - 4) 926 Lawyers Lane (926 Lawyers Lane LLC, Owner)
 - 5) 4110 2nd Avenue (Arguello Victor Manwell Rodriguez, Owner)
 - 6) 2501 Hamilton Road (Joan Dannelly, Owner)
 - 7) 21 Mathews Street (George Kebe Jr, Owner)
- and for demolition services for the Inspections and Code Department in accordance with the attached Tabulation of Bid sheet. (Mayor Pro-Tem)
9. **1st Reading-** An ordinance amending the new Classification and Pay Plan for the Consolidated Government (as adopted by Ordinance 22-045) to establish step-based career ladder advancement provisions for Official Superior Court Reporters; authorizing up to \$15,000.00 in transcript page charges per fiscal year when authorized by a Superior Court Judge; adopting Policies and Procedures for Court Reporters; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro Tem)

RESOLUTIONS

10. A resolution authorizing the Columbus Water Works to accept a \$8,869,800 Clean Water State Revolving Fund Loan from the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority and authorizing the City Manager to sign necessary documents to facilitate the transaction. (Request of Columbus Water Works)
11. A resolution authorizing the Columbus Water Works to accept a \$11,230,200 Clean Water State Revolving Fund Loan from the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority and authorizing the City Manager to sign necessary documents to facilitate the transaction. (Request of Columbus Water Works)
12. A resolution authorizing the Columbus Water Works to accept a \$7,526,000 Clean Water State Revolving Fund Loan from the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority and authorizing the City Manager to sign necessary documents to facilitate the transaction. (Request of Columbus Water Works)
13. A resolution authorizing Sunday sales of alcoholic beverages at all on-premises locations within Columbus on Sunday February 12, 2023. (Councilor Cogle)

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Mr. Jack Rosenhammer, Re: The state of hockey in Columbus.
2. Ms. Lisa Pyburn, Re: Homelessness, illegal dumping, arson and infrastructure.
3. Mrs. Lori Greeff, Re: ARP Grant.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Power Easement Request from Georgia Power

Approval is requested to enter into a Power Easement to be in the vicinity of the “Follow Me Trail” pedestrian bridge crossing Victory Drive for Georgia Power to replace a power pole on city property and re-route underground service in said area in preparation to cross Victory Drive, underground.

2. Event Coordinators, Inc. Agreement

Approval is requested to enter into a five-year Agreement with Event Coordinators, Inc. Contract dates March 29, 2024, through April 9, 2028. The current contract expires April 16, 2023. Event Coordinators, INC provides the annual Spring Fling Carnival which generates around \$60,000 annually.

3. Lease Agreement – Fox Community Center: 3720 5th Avenue, Columbus, Georgia 31904 – U-Grow Inc.

Approval is requested to enter into a lease agreement with U-Grow Inc. to lease space at the Fox Community Center located at 3720 5th Avenue, Columbus, Georgia 31904. The Columbus Consolidated Government will lease at the rate of \$1.00 per annum, being a sum of \$3.00 prior to the commencement of the initial lease and subsequent renewals.

4. \$10,000 Donation from Flint Energies Foundation Grant for Muscogee County Sheriff's Office

Approval is requested to accept the donation of \$10,000 from Flint Energies Foundation Grant for tools and equipment.

5. Apply for Additional Funds from METRA's FY23 FTA Sec. 5339 Formula Grant

Approval is requested for the City Manager to apply and accept a \$331,352 amendment to the FY23 FTA Sec. 5339 Formula Grant and amend the Transportation Fund for the awarded amount. The funds will be used to replace 2 paratransit buses for METRA Transit System's Dial-A-Ride service and to procure additional bus support amenities.

6. Georgia Trauma commission – Georgia Trauma Care Network

Approval is requested to apply for and accept a grant in the amount of \$7659.60, or as otherwise awarded, from the Georgia Trauma Commission – Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission, with no local match required and amend the Multi-Government Fund by the award amount. The grant funds will be used to purchase equipment that will be used to better equip Columbus Fire and EMS in the treatment of trauma patients.

7. Atlanta Humane Society – Capital Improvement Grant

Approval is requested to submit and accept an animal welfare grant from \$10, 000 - \$30,000 from the Atlanta Humane Society. This grant will pay for capital improvements to the facility. If granted an outside Animal Washing Station and Meet and Greet Area will be created.

8. FY23- FY24 – Solicitor General Crime Victim Assistance Grant

Request to accept a Federal VOCA (Victims of Crimes Act) Grant in the amount of \$201,950 or as otherwise awarded from the Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for the Solicitor General's Victim Assistance Program.

9. 2022-23 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Base Grant

Approval is requested to authorize the District Attorney's Victim-Witness Assistance Program to submit and if approved, accept a grant for \$408,804 or as otherwise awarded from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council of Georgia along with \$102,201 from the 5% Crime Victim Surcharge Fund allocated in the FY23 Budget to provide funding for Crime Victim Assistance in the Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit from October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023.

10. 2022-23 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Compensation Grant

Approval is requested to authorize the District Attorney's Victim-Witness Assistance Program to submit and if approved, accept a grant for \$50,049 or as otherwise awarded from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council of Georgia, along with \$12,512 from the 5% Crime Victim Surcharge Fund allocated in the FY23 Budget.

11. State Criminal Alien Assistance Program Grant Application

Approval is requested for the City Manager, the Mayor, or their designee to apply for and accept the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) grant from the U.S. Department of Justice for Fiscal Year 2023, in the amount of \$30,000 to \$35,000, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the SCAAP project budget by the amount of the award.

12. PURCHASES

- A. Bus Vacuum System – RFB No. 22-0012
- B. Collection Services for Returned Checks – Res. No. 25-17
- C. Upgrade of Juvenile Court Case Management System (JCATS)

13. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. Tax Commissioner update – Lulu Huff, Tax Commissioner
- B. River Valley Regional Commission Update - Jim Livingston, River Valley Regional Commission Executive Director
- C. NCDA Audrey Nelson Award- Kim Mitchell, Assistant Director, Community Reinvestment
- D. FY 2024 HUD Grant Cycle Announcement- Kim Mitchell, Assistant Director, Community Reinvestment

BID ADVERTISEMENT

January 25, 2023

1. Dumpster/Roll Off Container Rental and Servicing (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 23-0016

Scope of Bid

The Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia (the City) is seeking vendors to provide dumpsters/roll-off containers on a rental basis, to include servicing the equipment on an “as needed” basis. Services will be procured both during the week and on weekends.

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

2. Risk Management Information System – RFP No. 23-0006

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government is seeking proposals from qualified vendors to provide a Risk Management Information System (RMIS). The RMIS will communicate with the Workers Compensation and Accident Reporting systems currently in use to produce reports that will enable Risk Management Staff to work with other City Departments in an effort to reduce accidents and injuries.

January 27, 2023

1. Workplace Ergonomics Training and Consulting Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 23-0005

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government is requesting proposals for workplace ergonomics training and consulting services for the Risk Management Program. The successful firm shall assist with development of an ergonomics policy and provide training services on an-as needed basis.

The contract term will be for two years, with the option to renew for three additional twelve-month periods. Contract renewal shall be contingent upon the mutual agreement of the City and the Contractor.

January 30, 2023

1. **Workers' Compensation Claims Management Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 23-0020**

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government invites qualified firms to submit proposals to provide workers' compensation claim management services to its workforce of approximately 3000 employees in various occupations, ranging from public safety to field force to administrative positions. The services shall commence on March 1, 2024.

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

CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

1. RESOLUTION - A resolution excusing Councilor Jerry "Pops" Barnes from the January 24, 2023 Council Meeting.
2. Travel Authorization Request for Councilor Joanne Cogle to attend the Newly Elected Officials Training in March of 2023.
3. **Minutes of the following boards:**

457 Deferred Compensation Board, October 20, 2022

Board of Tax Assessors, #39-22

Board of Zoning Appeals, December 7, 2022

Building Authority of Columbus, June 29, 2022

Civic Center Advisory Board, May 19, July 21 & September 15, 2022

Convention & Visitors Board of Commissioners, November 16, 2022

Employees' Pension Fund, Board of Trustees, August 10 & September 14, 2022

Historic & Architectural Review Board, September 12, October 11 & November 14, 2022

Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission, January 11, 2023

Medical Center Hospital Authority, April 27, 2022

Planning Advisory Commission, October 5 & December 7, 2022

Retiree Health Benefits Committee, February 16, May 18, August 17 & November 16, 2022

River Valley Regional Commission, October 26 & December 7, 2022

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

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

A. **PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION:**

Pete Temesgen

(Mayor's Appointment)

Vacant seat

Term Expires: October 31, 2023

Mayor Henderson is nominating Mr. Chuck McClure to succeed Judge Pete Temesgen

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

A. **LAND BANK AUTHORITY:** Ms. Lauren Chambers was nominated to succeed Mr. Tyler Pritchard. *(Councilor Davis' nominee)* Term expires: October 31, 2026

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

A. **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:**

John Partin - Interested in serving another term

(District 6- Allen)

Eligible to succeed

Term Expired: March 27, 2022

These are three-year terms. Board meets the months of February, May, September and December.

B. RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD:

Lonnie Boyd

(District 1- Barnes)

Seat declared vacant

Term Expires: December 31, 2025

Councilor Barnes is nominating Ms. Lane Ogletree-Battle to succeed Mr. Lonnie Boyd.

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

A. BUILDING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:

Vincent Allen

Resigned

Term Expires: March 24, 2023

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

This is a two-year term. Board meets as needed.

Women: 3

Senatorial District 15: 2

Senatorial District 29: 3

B. COLUMBUS AQUATICS COMMISSION:

David Helmich

Not Eligible to succeed

Term Expired: June 30, 2022

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Bruce Samuels

Not Eligible to succeed

Term Expired: June 30, 2022

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

VACANT

Term Expired: June 30, 2022

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Councilor Cogle is nominating Ms. Jensen Melton for the vacant seat.

These are two-year terms. Meets monthly.

Women: 2

Senatorial District 15: 3

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 terms are three years. Board meets monthly.

Women: 3

Senatorial District 15: 5

Senatorial District 29: 3

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 four-year terms. Meets as needed.

Women: 5

Senatorial District 15: 5

Senatorial District 29: 6

UPCOMING BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

- A. Board of Zoning Appeals (Council Appointment)
- B. Building Authority of Columbus (Mayor and Council Appointments)
- C. Commission on International Relations & Cultural Liaison Encounters (Mayor and Council Appointments)
- D. Civic Center Advisory Board (Mayor and Council Appointments)
- E. Crime Prevention Board (Mayor Appointments)
- F. Historic & Architectural Review Board (Council Appointment)
- G. Planning Advisory Commission (Council Appointment)

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