

## 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

October 10, 2023  
9:00 AM  
Regular Meeting

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## MAYOR'S AGENDA

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

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

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

### **MINUTES**

1. Approval of minutes for the September 26, 2023 Council Meeting and Executive Session.

### **PROCLAMATIONS:**

2. **Proclamation: Paint the Town Pink Week**

**Receiving:** Cheryl Johnson, West Central Georgia Cancer Coalition

3. **Proclamation: Communities in Motion**

**Receiving:** Rosa Evans, METRA Director and Everett Fleming, METRA Assistant Director

4. **Proclamation: National School Lunch Week**

**Receiving:** Marian Clark, School Nutrition, Muscogee County School District

## **APPOINTMENT:**

- 5.** A resolution authorizing the appointment of Interim Chief Stoney Mathis as Chief of the Columbus Police Department.

## **CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA**

### **ORDINANCES**

- 1.** **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 with conditions. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Continued on 1st Reading from 9-12-23) (proposed amendment) (Councilor Davis)
- 2.** **1st Reading-** REZN-09-23-0017: An ordinance amending the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) of the Columbus Code to revise the text of a definition in Chapter 13. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Mayor Pro-Tem)
- 3.** **1st Reading-** REZN-08-23-0159: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **3617 2nd Avenue** (parcel # 008-009-010) from Residential Office (RO) Zoning District to Single Family Residential - 4 (SFR4) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Garrett)
- 4.** **1st Reading-** REZN -04-23-0630: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **910 Talbotton Road** (parcel# 016- 027-016) from Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District to Residential Office (RO) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Cogle)
- 5.** **1st Reading-** An ordinance providing for the demolition of various structures located at: 1) **923 39th Street** (Douglas & M Elliott, Owner); 2) **353 Marlboro Avenue** (Wallace Biggers, Owner); 3) **815 Hardegree Drive** (Valencia Melvin, Owner); 4) **529 Chesterfield Avenue** (Hiawatha Covington, Owner); 5) **318 24th Street** (Leonard III & Lorenzo Brown, Owner); 6) **1544 11th Avenue** (Jean Rodgers, Owner); and 7) **2015 5th Avenue** (Lewis P. Green Jr., Owner) and for demolition services for the Inspections and Code Department in accordance with the attached Tabulation of Bid sheet. (Mayor Pro-Tem)
- 6.** **1st Reading-** An Ordinance amending Section 2-296 of the Columbus Code to add two members to the Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board; and for other purposes. (Councilor Cogle)

## **PUBLIC AGENDA**

1. Mr. David Eaton, Re: Open Record Request.
2. Mr. DeMarco Johnson, Re: Steam Road Project.
3. Rev. Johnny Flakes, III, representing Fourth Street Missionary Baptist Church, Re: Public Safety.
4. Mr. Jason Breaux, Re: Recent spending of city funds.
5. Mr. Nathan Smith, Re: Support for the hiring of a Police Chief.
6. Mrs. Danielle Varner, representing the Springer Opera House, Re: The plans for the new Judicial Center.
7. Mr. Wane Hailes, representing NAACP, Re: Law Enforcement Accountability.
8. Dr. Donald Moeller, Re: The need for Oral Health Care for Veterans at the Poydasheff VA Medical Clinic.
9. Mr. Tony Stark, representing Ronlast Enterprise, Re: Crime Prevention.

## **CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA**

### **1. 2023 Comprehensive Plan Update**

Approval is requested for the approval of the 2023 Columbus Plan Update. This mid-decade (also done in 2003, 2013, and now) update includes an updated Needs & Opportunities, the accomplishments from the 2019-2023 Community Work Program, and the new 2024-2028 Community Work Program (CWP). The CWP is used to guide the development and growth in Columbus over the next 5 years.

### **2. 2024 Legislative Agenda**

Approval is requested of the resolution for the 2024 Legislative Session of the Georgia General Assembly, which the Mayor and Council deem appropriate.

### **3. FY 24 Local Government & Improvement Grant (LMIG)**

Approval is requested to submit an application and accept if awarded, FY 24 Local Government & Improvement Grant (LMIG) from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT). The FY 24 LMIG allocation for Columbus-Muscogee County from GDOT is \$2,436,084.31 with a local 10% match requirement.

**4. State Criminal Alien Assistance Program Grant (SCAAP)**

Approval is requested to apply for and accept the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) grant from the U.S. Department of Justice for Fiscal Year 2024, in the amount of \$30,295, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the SCAAP project budget by the amount of the award.

**5. Flint Energies Foundation Grant**

Approval is requested to accept a grant in the amount of \$15,000 from the Flint Energies Foundation. No local match required.

**6. PURCHASES**

- A.** Recreation Centers Roof Project – RFB No. 24-0001
- B.** Professional Sign Making and Erecting Services for Alcohol Beverage License Applications (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 24-0006
- C.** Trophies and Other Miscellaneous Awards (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 24-0004
- D.** Sixteen (16) Pursuit Interceptor Utility Vehicles for the Muscogee County Sheriff’s Office – Cooperative Purchase via Buyboard Contract #601-19
- E.** Scoreboards for Parks and Recreation – TIPS-USA Cooperative Contract
- F.** Amendment 12 for Construction Manager as General Contractor Services for Columbus Government Center Complex – RFQ No. 20-0002
- G.** Cargo Van for the Coroner’s Office – Georgia State Contract Cooperative Purchase
- H.** Two (2) Buses for METRA – Georgia State Contract Cooperative Purchase
- I.** River Road Radio Tower Replacement for Engineering Department – Georgia State Contract Cooperative Purchase
- J.** Pursuit Vehicle Build Out (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 23-0015

**7. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS**

- A.** Amber Clark, Airport Director, CSG Columbus Airport
- B.** Judicial Center Update – Ryan Pruett, Director, Inspections & Code
- C.** Sheriff’s Office Administration Building Update – Ryan Pruett, Director, Inspections & Code
- D.** UDO Updates Presentation – Will Johnson, Director, Planning



## **BID ADVERTISEMENT**

**DATE:** October 10, 2023

### **October 11, 2023**

#### **1. Pool Slide Restoration for Double Churches Pool – RFB No. 24-0012**

##### **Scope of Bid**

The Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) is seeking quotes from qualified vendors to provide pool slide restoration for the Columbus Parks & Recreation Double Churches Pool. The work shall be completed during Fall 2023, after swimming season.

#### **2. Historic Bus Exterior Restoration and Repainting (Re-Bid) – RFB No. 24-0008**

##### **Scope of Bid**

Specifications define the requirements for the exterior refurbish and repainting of one (1) historic, vintage bus which is operated by METRA Transit System as the stationary “Freedom Express Bus Museum”.

### **October 18, 2023**

#### **1. Touch Screen Information Kiosks for METRA – RFB No. 24-0011**

##### **Scope of Bid**

The Columbus, Georgia, Metropolitan Transit System (METRA) is soliciting bid response for the procurement of one (1) Outdoor Double-Sided Information Kiosk and one (1) Indoor Single-Sided Information Kiosk for use at METRA’s bus station, the METRA Transfer Center.

## **REFERRALS:**

**Referrals:** 9.26.23

## **CLERK OF COUNCIL’S AGENDA**

### **ENCLOSURES - INFORMATION ONLY**

1. Notice from Suzanne Widenhouse, Chief Appraiser, Re: Update to prior notice of August 1, 2023, Tax Abatement Agreement on 2023 Series Bond.

## **ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED**

2. RESOLUTION - A Resolution changing the regularly scheduled Council Meetings for the month of November 2023.
3. RESOLUTION - A Resolution changing the regularly scheduled Council Meetings for the month of December 2023.
4. Email Correspondence from Mr. Jack Rosenhammer, Chairman of the Civic Center Advisory Board, requesting that the seat of Ms. Nicole Adderly- District 7 representative be declared vacant due to a lack of attendance.
5. Email Correspondence from Ms. Natalie Bouyett, Board Secretary to the Land Bank Authority, requesting that the seat of Mr. Chris Phillips be declared vacant due to relocating outside of Muscogee County.
6. **Minutes of the following boards:**

Board of Health, January 25, February 22, March 22, April 26, May 24, June 28, & August 23, 2023

Board of Tax Assessors, #32-23 and #33-23

Hospital Authority of Columbus, July 25, and August 29, 2023

Housing Authority of Columbus, August 16, 2023

Land Bank Authority, July 12, and September 21, 2023

## **ADD-ON RESOLUTION**

RESOLUTION - A resolution excusing Councilor Jerry "Pops" Barnes from the October 10, 2023 Council Meeting.

## **BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED**

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

### **A. CIVIC CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:**

**Jed G. Harris, Jr.**

*(Mayor's Appointment)*

*Not eligible to succeed*

Term Expired: March 1, 2023

*This is a three-year term. Board meets every other month.*

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

**A. HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:**

**Warner Kennon, Jr.**

*Eligible to succeed*

Term Expires: November 14, 2023

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

**Sarah Banks-Lang**

*Eligible to succeed*

Term Expires: November 14, 2023

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

**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 and the recommendation is as follows:*

**For the seat of Jennings Chester: Wayne Joiner, Mike Mayhew and Tracy Sayers**

**For the seat of Warner Kennon, Jr: Warner Kennon, Jr., Mike Mayhew and Tracy Sayers**

**For the seat of Sarah Banks-Lang: Sarah Banks-Lang, Mike Mayhew and Tracy Sayers**

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

**Women: 4**

**Senatorial District 15: 7**

**Senatorial District 29: 2**

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

**A. CIVIC CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:**

**Danielle Edwards**

**(Council District 1- Barnes)**

*Seat declared vacant*

Term Expires: March 1, 2025

**Nicole Adderly**

**(Council District 7- Cogle)**

*Seat declared vacant*

Term Expires: March 1, 2025

**Councilor Barnes is nominating Mr. Charles Huff to fill the unexpired term of Ms. Danielle Edwards.**

**Councilor Cogle is nominating Mr. Romeo Byll to fill the unexpired term of Ms. Nicole Adderly.**

*This is a three-year term. Board meets every other month.*

**UPCOMING BOARD APPOINTMENTS:**

**A.** Airport Commission (Council's Confirmation)

**B.** Board of Elections & Registration (Council's Appointment)

**C.** Board of Health (Council's Appointment)

**D.** Board of Tax Assessors (Council's Appointment)

**E.** Cooperative Extension Advisory Board (Council's Appointment)

**F.** The Medical Center Hospital Authority (Council's Nomination/Authority's Selection)

**G.** Tree Board (Council's Appointment)

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**File Attachments for Item:**

1. Approval of minutes for the September 26, 2023 Council Meeting and Executive Session.

**COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MINUTES**

Council Chambers  
C. E. "Red" McDaniel City Services Center- Second Floor  
3111 Citizens Way, Columbus, GA 31906

September 26, 2023  
5:30 PM  
Regular Meeting

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**M A Y O R ' S   A G E N D A**

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**PRESENT:** Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III and Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen and Councilors Jerry "Pops" Barnes, Tyson Begly, Joanne Cogle, Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis, R. Walker Garrett, Bruce Huff, Judy W. Thomas and Toyia Tucker. City Manager Isaiah Hugley, City Attorney Clifton Fay, and Deputy Clerk of Council Lindsey G. McLemore were present.

**ABSENT:** Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis was absent from the meeting.

**The following documents have been included as a part of the electronic Agenda Packet:** (1) Land Bank Authority/Community Reinvestment Presentation; (2) Integrated Waste Transition Presentation; (3) Sheriff's Office Administration Building Presentation; (4) American Rescue Plan Update Presentation; (5) Budget Review Process- Suggested Changes Presentation

**The following documents were distributed around the Council table:** (1) Information on the Tri-City Prayer Initiative; (2) Blackmon Road Sidewalk Petition

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

**INVOCATION:** Offered by Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen

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

**MINUTES**

1. Approval of minutes for the September 12, 2023, Council Meeting and Executive Session. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for approval, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

**PROCLAMATION:**

2. **Proclamation:** Inaugural Tri-City Prayer Walk Day

**Receiving:** Carmen Evans, Tri-City Prayer Initiative

**Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen** read the proclamation into the record, proclaiming Saturday, October 21, 2023, as *Inaugural Tri-City Prayer Walk Day*, recognizing the event being held by the Tri-City Prayer Initiative, whose mission is to pray over the Tri-City Area to remove negative influences devaluing life through violence, murder, and other destructive measures, and to pray over the citizens, their homes, and our schools.

3. **Proclamation:** American Legion Day

**Receiving:** Commander Vickie Dykes, Eddie L. Roberts, American Legion Post 333

**Councilor Tovia Tucker** read the proclamation into the record, proclaiming Friday, September 29, 2023, as *American Legion Day*, recognizing the Eddie L. Roberts - American Legion Post 333 dedication to veterans and their families in the community.

## **CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA**

### **ORDINANCES**

1. **Ordinance (23-050) - 2nd Reading-** An ordinance amending the Columbus, Georgia Pension Plan for General Government Employees, and the Columbus, Georgia Pension Plan for Employees of the Department of Public Safety, and the Columbus, Georgia Employees Deferred Retirement Option Plan (collectively, the "Plans") to clarify that the Plans will not recognize Qualified Domestic Relations Orders. (Recommendation of Pension Board) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.
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 with conditions. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (continued on 1st Reading from 9-12-23) (proposed amendment) (Councilor Davis) Councilor Davis made a motion to delay the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of this ordinance until the October 10, 2023 Council Meeting to allow the parties involved to continue discussions, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

## **CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA**

### **1. Chips4Chips Funding Support**

**Resolution (341-23):** A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, to authorize the development of a memorandum of understanding between the Columbus Consolidated Government and the Development Authority to support the Chips4Chips Initiative for up to \$1.25 million. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council. (*NOTE: This item was called up as the next order of business as listed on the City Manager's Agenda Item 1*)

**United Way President & CEO Ben Moser** approached the rostrum to respond to questions from Council, stating the funding agreed upon would only be used for Muscogee County.

## **PUBLIC AGENDA**

1. Ms. Juanita Taylor, Re: Requesting no garbage fee increases.
2. Mr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr., representing Omega Lamplighters, Re: Student/Parent/Educator Forum "Supporting our Students through School & Life". ***Did Not Speak***
3. Mr. Louis Thomas, Jr., Re: the Columbus Parks and Recreation Department. **CANCELLED**



4. Ms. Sharon Bunn, Re: Trash pickup and cans.
5. Mr. David Eaton, Re: Open Record Request. **CANCELLED**
6. Mr. Joseph McNeil, representing Blinded Veterans Association, Re: Transportation for persons with disabilities.
7. Mr. Ricardo Glenn, representing Blinded Veterans Association, Re: Transportation.
8. Ms. Elizabeth Holmes, representing Blinded Veterans Association, Re: Transportation.

**METRA Director Rosa Evans** approached the rostrum to provide information on the upcoming public meetings regarding the changes to the service area. She stated there will be two meetings with one being on October 3, 2023, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room in the Community Room at the City Services Center, and the other being on October 5, 2023, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Hospitality Suite at the Civic Center.

9. Mr. Wane Hailes, representing the Columbus NAACP, Re: Accountability of Law enforcement regarding recent shootings. **Not Present**
10. Ms. Jacqueline Moffett, Re: The Buena Vista Road Project and maintenance of round-a-bouts in South Columbus.

**Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge** approached the rostrum to explain the round-a-bout on River Road was part of the Adopt-a-Spot Program and was adopted by the Gateway Foundation, which funded the enhancements of the round-a-bout. She stated round-a-bouts that are not part of the Adopt-a-Spot Program are under contract with third party vendors who are responsible for maintenance that is required to meet the standards as set in the RFP.

**Public Works Director Drale Short** approached the rostrum to explain the maintenance of round-a-bouts is part of the ground maintenance contract, which was originally held by one vendor. She stated there were issues that arose, and they now have multiple vendors to handle ground maintenance around the City.

11. Ms. Jennifer Le Denney, Blackmon Road Middle School Families, Re: Unsafe School Zone Conditions.
12. Mr. Kalel Le Denney, BRMS Classmates, Re: Lack of Sidewalks.

**Mayor B.H. "Skip" Henderson** stated while attending awards ceremonies at Blackmon Road Middle School, he always hears of the need for sidewalks from the school administration. He explained this is an issue at many of the schools since there are not enough bus drivers and the parents having to bring their children to and from school are parking where other children are walking, making it unsafe for the children walking to see oncoming traffic. He explained the need for a comprehensive plan to address the issue and suggested getting with the City Engineers to rate the needs of each school and start allocating resources.

#### **REFERRAL(S):**

##### **FOR THE CITY MANAGER:**

- Begin the comprehensive plan suggested by Mayor Henderson to address the need for sidewalks around schools in Muscogee County. *(Request of Councilor Tucker)*
- Check on the need for sidewalks and signage on American Way around Northside High School. *(Request of Councilor Davis)*
- Check on the concerns expressed by citizens regarding the handicap accessibility of sidewalks near stop lights. *(Request of Councilor Davis)*

- Check on parents parking their vehicles on the sidewalks around schools making it impossible for children to access the sidewalk. (*Request of Councilor Huff*)

## **CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA**

### **1. Chips4Chips Funding Support**

Approval is requested to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Development Authority to support the Chips4Chips Initiative for up to \$1,250,000. (*NOTE: This item was called upon earlier in the meeting after the City Attorney's Agenda.*)

### **2. Portion of Right-of-Way Abandonment for Frist Court**

**Resolution (342-23):** A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, authorizing the changing of the official street map and tax map of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia by officially closing and abandoning an approximately 260 ft. segment of Frist Court; authorizing the disposal of the said right of ways in accordance with applicable State Law; reserving utility and access easements and for other purposes. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

### **3. Sidewalk and Maintenance Easement Acceptance –That portion of a 6 ft. Sidewalk/Multi-Use Trail and Maintenance Easement located on 6855 Midland Commons along the right-of-way for Midland Commons Blvd. as shown on Easement Survey created by GEOSurvey**

**Resolution (343-23):** A resolution authorizing the acceptance of a 6 ft. sidewalk/multi-use trail and maintenance easement at 6855 Midland Commons Blvd. right-of-way, on behalf of Columbus, Georgia. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

### **4. 8889 River Road Cell Tower Lease – Third Amendment to Lease**

**Resolution (344-23):** A resolution authorizing the execution of a lease amendment and renewal through July 25, 2025, with Verizon Wireless for the purpose of leasing space at 8889 River Road to operate and maintain an existing telecommunications tower. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

### **5. Clean Communities Investment Partnership Application Funding Opportunity EPA-R-HQ-NCIF-23**

Approval is requested to provide a letter of support for the application from Clean Communities Investment Partnership, Inc. (CCIP) for the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) funding through the National Clean Investment Fund (NCIF)

Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and opened up for discussion.

**City Attorney Clifton Fay,** in response to questions from Councilor Thomas, stated this was his first time seeing the letter of support but that the letter can be reworded to reflect goals and aspirations only.

**Councilor Judy W. Thomas** stated she is apprehensive to vote in favor of this resolution before the City Attorney has had to the opportunity to review the letter of support thoroughly to ensure the Council is not obligating the City of Columbus for many years to meet unknown obligations.

**Councilor Bruce Huff** explained the purpose of the support letter is to allow this entity to apply for grant funding and not to impose obligations on the City of Columbus. Later in the discussion, he withdrew his motion to approve the resolution.

Councilor Begly made a motion to approve the resolution with the understanding the support letter would be modified, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and resulted in an inconclusive vote, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Begly, Garrett and Huff voting in favor, and Councilors Cogle, Crabb, Davis and Thomas voting in opposition; Councilors Barnes and Tucker were absent for the vote. *(See Below the final vote on this agenda item.)*

6. **PURCHASES**

A. Agricultural Chemicals (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 24-0002

**Resolution (345-23):** A resolution authorizing an annual contract for the purchase of agricultural chemicals on an “as needed” basis for the following vendors:

VENDOR	ESTIMATED CONTRACT VALUE
CENTRAL TURF & IRRIGATION SUPPLY (COLUMBUS, GA)	\$102,695.29
HERITAGE LANDSCAPE SUPPLY GROUP, INC. (MCKINNEY, TX)	\$64,151.16
OPTERRA SOLUTIONS, INC. (LEXINGTON, SC)	\$35,350.50
ORION SOLUTIONS, INC. (ROCKY MOUNT, VA)	\$4,615.00
SOUTHERN STATES COOPERATIVE (CARTERSVILLE, GA)	\$184,929.10
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED CONTRACT VALUE</b>	<b>\$391,741.05</b>

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Begly and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote.

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

**Resolution (346-23):** A resolution authorizing the annual contract for provision of fire sprinkler service & inspections with Acom Fire Solutions (Columbus, GA), for the estimated annual contract value of \$13,500.00. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Begly and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote.

C. Contract Extension for Temporary Staffing for the Civic Center (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 17-0021

**Resolution (347-23):** A resolution authorizing the extension of the temporary staffing for the Civic Center contract with Global Personnel Services (Columbus, GA), and labor finders (Columbus, GA) for an additional six-month period. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Begly and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote.

D. Forty-Three Vehicles for Columbus Police Department – HGACBUY Cooperative Contract

**Resolution (348-23):** A resolution authorizing the purchase of forty-three (43) vehicles from Rockdale Country Ford, LLC (Rockdale, TX):

Description	Quantity	Unit cost	Total cost
2024 Ford Pursuit Interceptor Utility Vehicles	22	\$55,978.75	\$1,231,532.50
2024 Ford Pursuit Interceptor Utility Vehicles	8	\$55,978.75	\$447,830.00
2024 Ford Explorer Vehicles	6	\$40,740.00	\$244,440.00
2024 Ford Expedition XL 4x2	3	\$59,739.00	\$179,217.00
2024 Ford Expedition XL 4x2	2	\$59,739.00	\$119,478.00
2024 Ford Expedition Max XL 4x2	2	\$62,215.00	\$124,430.00
BuyBoard Fee			400.00
Total Units	43	Grand Total	\$2,347,327.50

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Begly and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote.

F. Tractors for Parks and Recreation Department – Sourcewell Contract Cooperative Purchase

**Resolution (349-23):** A resolution authorizing to rescind Resolution #179-23 for the purchase of six (6) tractors (John Deere 5050E) from Deere & Company (Cary, NC) at a unit price of \$28,400.700, and a total price of \$170,404.20; and approve the purchase of six (6) tractors (John Deere 5045E) from Deere & Company (Cary, NC) at a unit price of \$31,533.35, and a total price of \$189,200.10, by cooperative purchase via Sourcewell Contract #110719-JDC. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Begly and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote.

G. Assessment of Premium Dial-A-Ride Services for METRA Transit System – Cooperative Purchase

**Resolution (350-23):** A resolution authorizing the execution of a contract with Nelson/Nygaard Consulting Associates, Inc. (Atlanta, GA) in the estimated amount of \$105,050.00 for an assessment of Premium Dia-A-Ride Services for Metra Transit System. The estimated amount is contingent upon additional services required outside the initial scope of work, to include an assessment of Microtransit Services. The purchase will be accomplished via the Chatham Area Transit Authority, Contracts and Procurement Department, Contract No. 2022-05. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Begly and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote.

H. Amendments 10 & 11 for Construction Manager as General Contractor Services for Columbus Government Complex – RFQ No. 20-0002

**Resolution (351-23):** A resolution authorizing the execution of Amendment 10 in the amount of \$1,374,613.00 and Amendment 11 in the amount of \$500,000.00 with Gilbane Building Company (Atlanta, GA), in association with Freeman & Associates, Inc., for construction manager as general contractor services for the Government Center Complex. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Begly and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Barnes being absent for the vote.

E. Payment for Supplemental Yard Waste Collection Services for August 2023

Approval is requested to submit payment to Amwaste, LLC (West Point, GA) for supplemental yard waste collection services in the amount of \$439,600.00 for the month of August 2023. Amwaste, LLC provided supplemental yard waste collection services for fourteen routes.

Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve payments to Amwaste for the months of August 2023 through December 2023, seconded by Councilor Thomas and opened for discussion.

**Councilor Charmaine Crabb** stated members of Council have made it clear they are concerned if Public Works can take over the routes covered by Amwaste at this time and provide the services expected by citizens. She stated Council has asked for a cost/benefits analysis on several occasions, which has not been provided, and she would like to see the requested analysis before changing services provided by Amwaste.

**Public Works Director Drale Short** approached the rostrum to respond to questions. She explained the process in addressing missed waste pick up.

**Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen** stated he has an issue with spending money that the City of Columbus does not have. He explained that Amwaste faces some of the same issues that Public Works does in occasionally missing houses and once the call is made to 311, Public Works sends someone out to correct the problem.

**City Manager Isaiah Hugley** stated Public Works Director Short has assured that Public Works is prepared to take back over the routes covered by Amwaste and he trusts her assessment. He also stated that we do not have the money to continue paying another company to provide the services that we are prepared to solely handle.

**Public Works Director Drale Short** approached the rostrum to respond to questions from Councilor Huff. She stated that the one cart system has worked in many communities and will work in Columbus once the citizens understand how the system works.

**Resolution (352-23) (As Amended):** A resolution approving payment to Amwaste, LLC (West Point, GA) for supplemental yard waste collection services in the amount of \$439,600.00 per month for the months of August 2023 through November 2023. Councilor Begly made a substitute motion to approve payments to Amwaste for waste collection services for the months of August 2023 through November 2023, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

#### **REFERRAL(S):**

##### **FOR THE CITY MANAGER:**

- Set up a meeting in each Council District to explain to citizens changes being made to waste pick up so citizens can prepare. *(Request of Councilor Huff)*

- G. Assessment of Premium Dial-A-Ride Services for METRA Transit System – Cooperative Purchase (*NOTE: This item was approved earlier in the meeting but was brought up for further discussion.*)

**Councilor Charmaine Crabb** asked a question in response to comments made by Mr. Joseph McNeil during the Public Agenda, where he stated that the Dial-A-Ride services have been altered in the past without an assessment. She then asked for an explanation on why an assessment is being done with the changes to service that Council has requested.

**City Manager Isaiah Hugley** explained if a city adds or deletes service, they are required to go through the Federal Process.

**Metra Director Rosa Evans** approached the rostrum to explain an assessment was conducted in 2016 and 2018 by consultants, where public meetings were held, and routes were changed. She then explained the Metra Transportation System Map that was shown and how the assessment is handled to address the needs of the citizens that utilize the public transportation system.

## 7. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. Land Bank Authority Update - Lance Hemmings, Board Chair, Land Bank Authority, and Natalie Bouyett, Real Estate Specialist, Community Reinvestment

**Land Bank Authority Chair Lance Hemmings** approached the rostrum to provide a presentation on the Land Bank Authority. He provided the history of the Land Bank Authority and its successes.

**Community Reinvestment Director Rob Scott** approached the rostrum to share the mission and vision of the Community Reinvestment Department. He also shared the collective vision of the Community Reinvestment Department and the Land Bank Authority.

**Real Estate Specialist Natalie Bouyett** approached the rostrum to provide information on the collaborative effort of the Community Reinvestment Department and the Land Bank Authority to leverage resources in a manner that is most equitable for the community. She explained how the online application process has been simplified and the information that interested homebuyers can access on the website.

### **REFERRAL(S):**

#### **FOR THE CITY MANAGER:**

- Wants to set up a meeting with Chairman Hemmings, Director Scott, and Real Estate Specialist Bouyett. *(Request of Councilor Huff)*

- B. Integrated Waste Transition Update - Drale Short, Director, Public Works

**Public Works Director Drale Short** approached the rostrum to introduce the update and briefly spoke about the diligent work of the Public Works Department to fill the vacancies of Waste Equipment Operators. Later in the presentation she provided information on a comparison of Columbus and Macon/Bibb in terms of services provided, fees, equipment, personnel, and resources.

**Integrated Waste Manager John Pittman** approached the rostrum to provide the Integrated Waste Transition Update. He explained the transition process and what citizens can expect with the implementation of the one cart system.

**Finance Director Angelica Alexander** came forward to explain the garbage fees collected and the landfill dumping fees by Macon/Bibb.

### **REFERRAL(S):**

#### **FOR THE CITY MANAGER:**

- Provide a proposal on how additional household waste cans will be handled. *(Request of Councilor Garrett)*
- Look at putting a notice with the water bill citizens receive for the next few months to ensure citizens are informed about the transition. *(Request of Councilor Thomas)*
- Information on revenue by customer type for Macon/Bibb and Columbus. *(Request of Councilor Begly)*
- Total operation cost of the Recycling Center. *(Request of Councilor Davis)*
- Annual cost for maintenance of the landfill, excluding heavy equipment. *(Request of Councilor Davis)*
- Total cost to mitigate the partial closure of the landfill. *(Request of Councilor Davis)*

- C. Sheriff's Office Administration Building Update - Ryan Pruett, Director, Inspections & Code

**Inspections & Code Director Ryan Pruett** approached the rostrum to provide an update on the Sheriff's Office Administration Building. He provided a timeline for the project and information on the additional needs that were requested by the Sheriff's Office but that could not be accommodated within the current budget.

**Muscogee County Sheriff Greg Countryman** approached the rostrum to comment on the need for a holding cell and other needs that were not included in the project.

**REFERRAL(S):**

**FOR THE CITY MANAGER:**

- Revisit the addition of a courtroom to accommodate the third Recorders Court Judge that Council approved with the understanding that a courtroom be added to the Sheriff's Office. (*Request of Councilor Thomas*)

5. **Clean Communities Investment Partnership Application Funding Opportunity EPA-R-HQ-NCIF-23** (*NOTE: This item had an inconclusive vote earlier in the meeting. It came forward for a second time with a motion made by Councilor Begly*)

**Resolution (353-23):** A resolution authorizing a letter of support for the application from Clean Communities Investment Partnership, Inc. (CCIP) for the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) funding through the National Clean Investment Fund (NCIF). Councilor Begly made a motion to approve the resolution with the understanding the support letter would be modified, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and was approved with a six-to-four vote, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Barnes, Begly, Garrett, Huff and Tucker voting in favor, and Councilors Cogle, Crabb, Davis and Thomas voting in opposition.

7. **UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS (continued)**

- D. ARP Update - Pam Hodge, Deputy City Manager of Finance, Planning and Development

**Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge** approached the rostrum to provide an update on the American Rescue Plan. She provided information on the funding received and the monies expended and/or allocated throughout each phase.

- E. Infrastructure Update - Pam Hodge, Deputy City Manager of Finance, Planning and Development

**Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge** approached the rostrum to provide an update on various infrastructure projects.

During the presentation, **Inspections & Code Director Ryan Pruett** came forward to provide information on the Judicial Center.

**BID ADVERTISEMENT**

DATE: September 26, 2023

**September 26, 2023**

1. **Grounds Maintenance Services II (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 24-0008**

Scope of RFP

Provide routine grounds maintenance services for Area 1 (I-185 Interstate Sites) and Area 6 (Median and Roundabout Sites) on a weekly, monthly and yearly basis, to include fertilizing, weekly mowing, edging, weed control, irrigation, pruning, mulching, disease and insect control, etc.

Grounds maintenance services may also be required for Area 8 (Resting Gardens/Cemeteries) as a future option based on funding availability.

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

**September 27, 2023****1. Transmissions & Transmission Services for Public Works (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 24-0009**Scope of Bid

Provide repair/rebuild services for various types of transmissions for Public Works Department – Fleet Maintenance Shop 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.

**October 11, 2023****1. Pool Slide Restoration for Double Churches Pool – RFB No. 24-0012**Scope of Bid

The Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) is seeking quotes from qualified vendors to provide pool slide restoration for the Columbus Parks & Recreation Double Churches Pool. The work shall be completed during Fall 2023, after swimming season.

**2. Historic Bus Exterior Restoration and Repainting (Re-Bid) – RFB No. 24-0008**Scope of Bid

Specifications define the requirements for the exterior refurbish and repainting of one (1) historic, vintage bus which is operated by METRA Transit System as the stationary “Freedom Express Bus Museum”.

**ENCLOSURES - INFORMATION ONLY****8. Legislative Agenda Draft**

The 16th Annual Hometown Connection/Legislative Agenda will be held on October 12, 2023 at the Columbus Convention and Trade Center, Foundry Room from 11 :30-1 :30. Attached you will find the 'Draft Legislative Agenda' for your review. If you have any additional items, please submit to Teasha Hollis as soon as possible.

On Tuesday, October 10th, the final Legislative Agenda items will be placed on my agenda as individual items for your consideration and approval. Those approved items will be presented to our Legislative Delegation during the Hometown Connection/Legislative meeting.

Legislative Agenda Draft Items are attached at the end.

**REFERRALS:**

Referrals 9.12.23



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

### **ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED**

#### **1. Minutes of the following boards:**

Board of Tax Assessors, #30-23 and #31-23

Region Six Regional Advisory Council for Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, July 12, 2023

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to receive the minutes of various boards, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

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

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

##### **A. HOUSING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:**

A nominee for the seat of Tiffani Stacy (*Eligible to succeed- Interested in serving another term*) for a term that expires on November 16, 2023, as the Resident Member on the Housing Authority of Columbus (*Mayor's Appointment*). Mayor Henderson nominated Tiffani Stacy to serve another term. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

#### **3. COUNCIL APPOINTMENT- READY FOR CONFIRMATION:**

**A. LAND BANK AUTHORITY:** Ms. Jackie Leonard was nominated to succeed Mr. Lance Hemmings. (*Councilor Tucker's nominee*) Term expires: October 31, 2026. Councilor Tucker made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

**B. LIBERTY THEATRE & CULTURAL ARTS CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:** Ms. Ku'Wonna Ingram was nominated to serve as a member on the newly created board. (*Councilor Huff's nominee*) Term Expires: August 14, 2027. Councilor Huff made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

**C. LIBERTY THEATRE & CULTURAL ARTS CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:** Ms. Delois Carr was nominated as the Civic Center Director's recommendation to serve as a member on the newly created board. (*Civic Center Director's nominee*) Term Expires: August 14, 2027. Councilor Huff made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

Councilor Cogle made a motion to add two additional positions to the Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board to represent the Latino and Indian Community, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

**Councilor Toyia Tucker** requested that each Councilor have a District Representative in future appointments to this board.

**City Attorney Clifton Fay** advised this change would have to be made by ordinance since the board was created by ordinance. He stated this ordinance would have to come back to Council for consideration and having a representative for each District can be decided at that time.

4. **COUNCIL APPOINTMENT- VOTE TABULATION:**

A. **COLUMBUS GOLF COURSE AUTHORITY:**

A nominee for the seat of Stephanie Callahan (*Seat declared vacant*) for a term that expires on June 30, 2026, on the Columbus Golf Course Authority (*Council's Appointment*). Deputy Clerk of Council McLemore explained Councilor Davis nominated Gerald Miley and Councilor Crabb nominated Karen Stewart. A vote tabulation was taken, with Councilors Barnes, Cogle, Davis, Garrett, Huff, Thomas and Tucker voting for Gerald Miley, and Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Begly and Crabb voting for Karen Stewart. Councilor Tucker made a motion to confirm the appointment of Gerald Miley to fill the unexpired term of Stephanie Callahan on the Golf Course Authority, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

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

A. **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:**

A nominee for the seat of Chris Poirer (*Resigned to accept another appointment*) for a term that expires on March 27, 2024, as the District 2 Representative on the Community Development Advisory Council (*Council District 2- Davis*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Sendreka Lakes (*Seat declared vacant*) for a term that expires on March 27, 2024, as District 9 Representative on the Community Development Advisory Council (*Council District 9- Thomas*). Councilor Thomas nominated Mike Welch to fill the unexpired term of Sendreka Lakes. Councilor Thomas made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

6. **COUNCIL'S CONFIRMATION- RECOMMENDATIONS FROM ORGANIZATIONS / AGENCIES:**

A. **UPTOWN FACADE BOARD:**

A nominee for the seat of Cesar Bautista (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on October 31, 2023, as the Uptown Business Improvement District Representative on the Uptown Facade Board (*Council's Appointment*). Deputy Clerk of Council McLemore stated that the Uptown Business Improvement District and Uptown Columbus, Inc. is recommending Cesar Bautista to serve another term. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to confirm the reappointment of Cesar Bautista, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

A nominee for the seat of Robert Battle (*Not Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on October 31, 2023, as the Uptown Business Improvement District Representative on the Uptown Facade Board (*Council's Appointment*). Deputy Clerk of Council McLemore stated the Uptown Business Improvement District and Uptown Columbus, Inc. is recommending Norman Easterbrook to succeed Robert Battle. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to confirm the appointment of Norman Easterbrook, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

A nominee for the seat of Ramon Brown (*Not Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on October 31, 2023, as the Uptown Columbus Inc. Representative on the Uptown Facade Board (*Council's Appointment*). Deputy Clerk of Council McLemore stated Uptown Columbus Inc. is recommending Evelyn Veloz to succeed Ramon Brown. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to confirm the appointment of Evelyn Veloz, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

A nominee for the seat of Wayne Bond (*Not Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on October 31, 2023, as the Historic Columbus Foundation Representative on the Uptown Facade Board (*Council's Appointment*). Deputy Clerk of Council McLemore stated Historic Columbus is recommending Frank Schley to succeed Wayne Bond. Councilor Tucker made a motion to confirm the appointment of Frank Schley, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council.

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

**A. HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:**

A nominee for the seat of Warner Kennon, Jr. (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on November 14, 2023, on the Hospital Authority of Columbus (*Council's Nomination*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Sarah Banks-Lang (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on November 14, 2023, on the Hospital Authority of Columbus (*Council's Nomination*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Jennings Chester (*Rotating off the authority*) for a term expiring on November 14, 2023, on the Hospital Authority of Columbus (*Council's Nomination*). There were none.

Deputy Clerk of Council McLemore stated the Council submits three nominees to the Hospital Authority for each seat and the Hospital Authority then selects the successor for Council's confirmation.

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

**A. ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD:**

A nominee for the seat of Jayne Dunn (*Not Eligible to succeed*) for a term that expires on October 15, 2023, on the Animal Control Advisory Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

**PRESENTATION:**

A. Budget Review Process (Presented by Councilor Tyson Begly)

**Councilor Tyson Begly** approached the rostrum to provide a presentation on the budget review process and his suggestions on changes to the process.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Mayor Henderson entertained a motion to go into executive session to discuss matters of personnel, real estate acquisition and disposal as requested earlier in the meeting by City Attorney Fay.

Councilor Davis made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members present, with the time being 10:35 p.m.

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 10:52 p.m., at which time, Mayor Henderson announced that the Council did meet in executive session to discuss matters of personnel, property acquisition and disposal; however, there were no votes taken.

**ANNOUNCEMENT:**

**Mayor B. H. “Skip” Henderson** announced after a very thorough process, careful consideration, and nationwide search Interim Police Chief Stoney Mathis will be forwarded to Council for confirmation as Police Chief with the Columbus Police Department. He explained Georgia Law requires fourteen days between the selection announcement and Council’s vote.

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Councilor Tucker to adjourn the September 26, 2023 Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members of Council, with the time being 10:53 p.m.

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Lindsey G. McLemore  
Deputy Clerk of Council  
Council of Columbus, Georgia

**File Attachments for Item:**

5. A resolution authorizing the appointment of Interim Chief Stoney Mathis as Chief of the Columbus Police Department.

**RESOLUTION****NO. \_\_\_\_\_****A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM CHIEF STONEY MATHIS AS CHIEF OF THE COLUMBUS POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

**WHEREAS**, the recruitment process for the Chief of Police position involved a nationwide recruitment organized by Mercer and Associates; and,

**WHEREAS**, a selection process which involved focus groups and interview panels was used, and the Mayor is recommending Interim Chief Stoney Mathis as Chief of the Columbus Police Department.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

That the Mayor is hereby authorized to appoint Stoney Mathis as Chief of the Columbus Police Department at a salary of **\$170,980.77**, Pay Grade PS9, effective October 10, 2023.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 10th day of October 2023 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting _____
Councilor Barnes	voting _____
Councilor Begly	voting _____
Councilor Cogle	voting _____
Councilor Crabb	voting _____
Councilor Davis	voting _____
Councilor Garrett	voting _____
Councilor Huff	voting _____
Councilor Thomas	voting _____
Councilor Tucker	voting _____

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**Sandra T. Davis**  
Clerk of Council

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**B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III**  
Mayor

**File Attachments for Item:**

**1. 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 with conditions. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (continued on 1st Reading from 9-12-23) (proposed amendment) (Councilor Davis)

## AN ORDINANCE

NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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 with conditions.

### THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

#### Section 1.

The Zoning Atlas on file with the Planning Department is hereby amended by changing the properties described below from Residential Office (RO) Zoning District to General Commercial (GC) Zoning District with conditions.

“All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Land Lot 42, 8<sup>th</sup> District, Columbus, Muscogee County, Georgia, and being known and designated as all of Lot 7 BASCOM COURT OFFICE PARK, as said lot is shown upon a plat of survey prepared by F. Wayne Allen R.L.S., dated February 7, 2001, and recorded in Plat Book 143 Page 50, in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Muscogee County, Georgia to which reference is made for the particular location and dimension of said lots.”

#### Section 2.

The above-described property is rezoned subject to the conditions set forth in the “DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS OF BASCOM OFFICE PARK” filed in Deed Book 5834 pg 102 on March 26, 2001, in the Real Estate Records of the Superior Court of Muscogee County for so long as those conditions remain in effect or as they are subsequently amended and filed of record.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023; introduced a second time at a regular meeting of said Council held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting _____
Councilor Barnes	voting _____



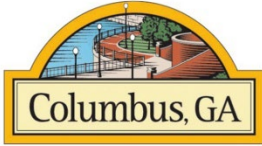
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Councilor Davis	voting _____
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Councilor Tucker	voting _____

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 PLANNING DEPARTMENT

## COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

**REZN-06-23-0111**

<b>Applicant:</b>	Sam Hewitt
<b>Owner:</b>	Sam Hewitt
<b>Location:</b>	119 Bascom Court
<b>Parcel:</b>	073-027-003
<b>Acreage:</b>	0.90 Acres
<b>Current Zoning Classification:</b>	Residential Office (RO)
<b>Proposed Zoning Classification:</b>	General Commercial (GC)
<b>Current Use of Property:</b>	General Commercial
<b>Proposed Use of Property:</b>	Office/Warehouse
<b>Council District:</b>	District 2 (Davis)
<b>PAC Recommendation:</b>	<b>Approval</b> based on the Staff Report
<b>Planning Department Recommendation:</b>	<b>Approval</b> based on compatibility with existing land uses.
<b>Fort Benning's Recommendation:</b>	N/A
<b>DRI Recommendation:</b>	N/A
<b>General Land Use:</b>	Inconsistent Planning Area A
<b>Current Land Use Designation:</b>	General Commercial
<b>Future Land Use Designation:</b>	Mixed Use

<b>Compatible with Existing Land-Uses:</b>	No								
<b>Environmental Impacts:</b>	The property does not lie within the floodway and floodplain area. The developer will need an approved drainage plan prior to issuance of a Site Development permit, if a permit is required.								
<b>City Services:</b>	Property is served by all city services.								
<b>Traffic Impact:</b>	Average Annual Daily Trips (AADT) will decrease by 34 trips if used for warehouse use.								
<b>Traffic Engineering:</b>	This site shall meet the Codes and regulations of the Columbus Consolidated Government for commercial usage.								
<b>Surrounding Zoning:</b>	<table> <tr> <td><b>North</b></td><td>Residential Multifamily – 1 (RMF1)</td></tr> <tr> <td><b>South</b></td><td>Residential Office (RO)</td></tr> <tr> <td><b>East</b></td><td>Residential Office (RO)</td></tr> <tr> <td><b>West</b></td><td>Single Family Residential – 1 (SFR1)</td></tr> </table>	<b>North</b>	Residential Multifamily – 1 (RMF1)	<b>South</b>	Residential Office (RO)	<b>East</b>	Residential Office (RO)	<b>West</b>	Single Family Residential – 1 (SFR1)
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<b>Reasonableness of Request:</b>	The request is compatible with existing land uses.								
<b>School Impact:</b>	N/A								
<b>Buffer Requirement:</b>	<p>The site shall include a Category C buffer along all property lines bordered by the SFR1 and RMF1 zoning district. The 3 options under Category C are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) <b>20 feet</b> with a certain amount of canopy trees, under story trees, and shrubs / ornamental grasses per 100 linear feet.</li> <li>2) <b>10 feet</b> with a certain amount of shrubs / ornamental grasses per 100 linear feet and a wood fence or masonry wall.</li> <li>3) <b>30 feet</b> undisturbed natural buffer.</li> </ol>								
<b>Attitude of Property Owners:</b>	<b>Thirteen (13)</b> property owners within 300 feet of the subject properties were notified of the rezoning request. The Planning Department received <b>4</b> calls and/or emails regarding the rezoning.								

**Approval**      **0 Responses**

**Opposition**    **4** Responses

**Additional Information:**

N/A

**Attachments:**

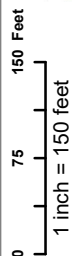
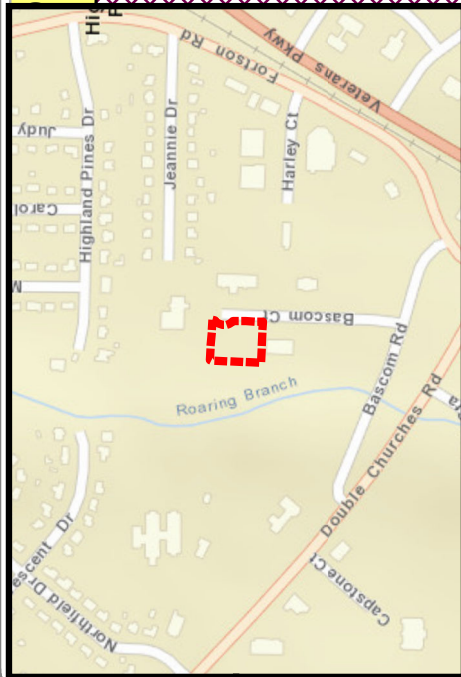
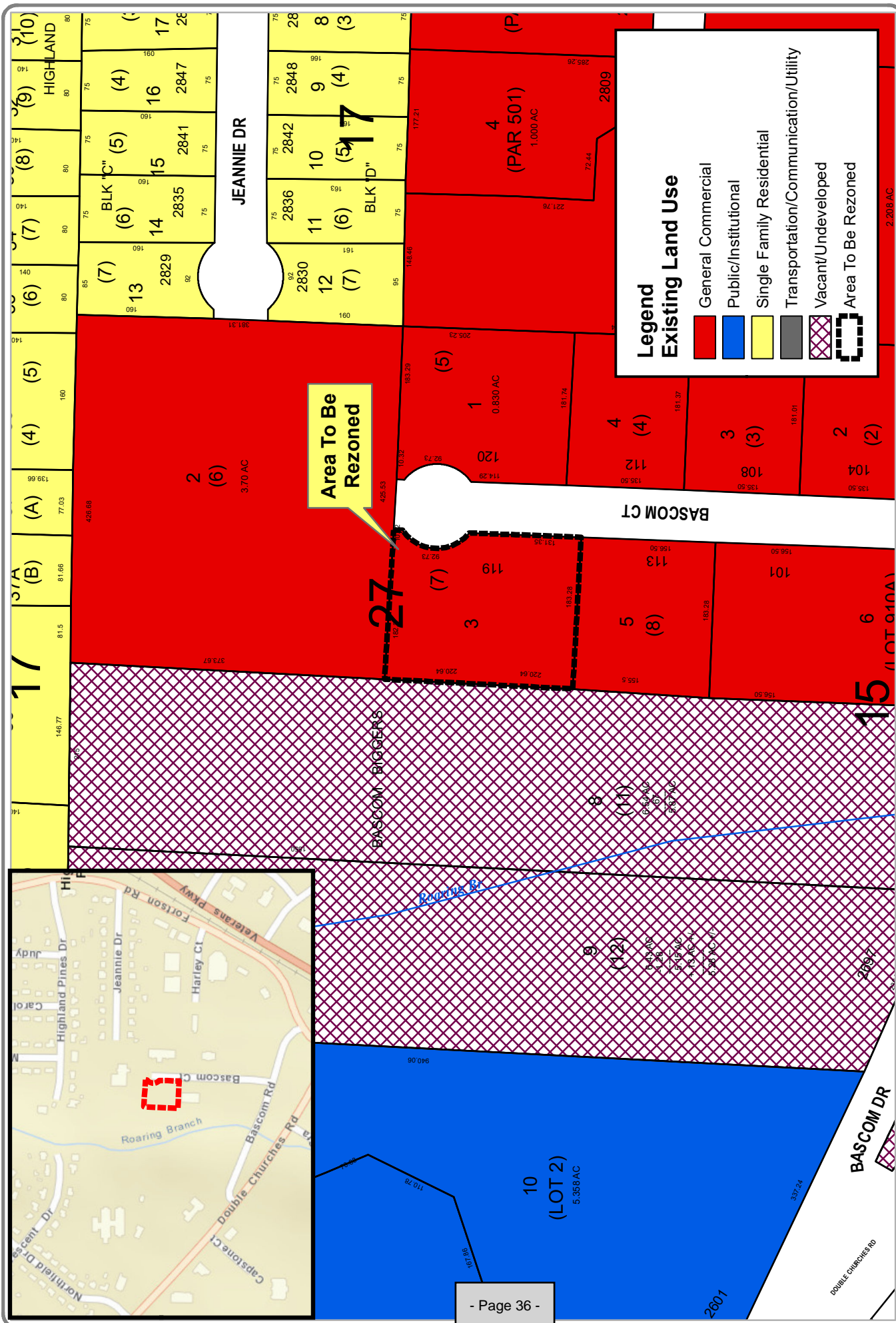
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Future Land Use Map  
Flood Map  
Traffic Report  
Site Plan











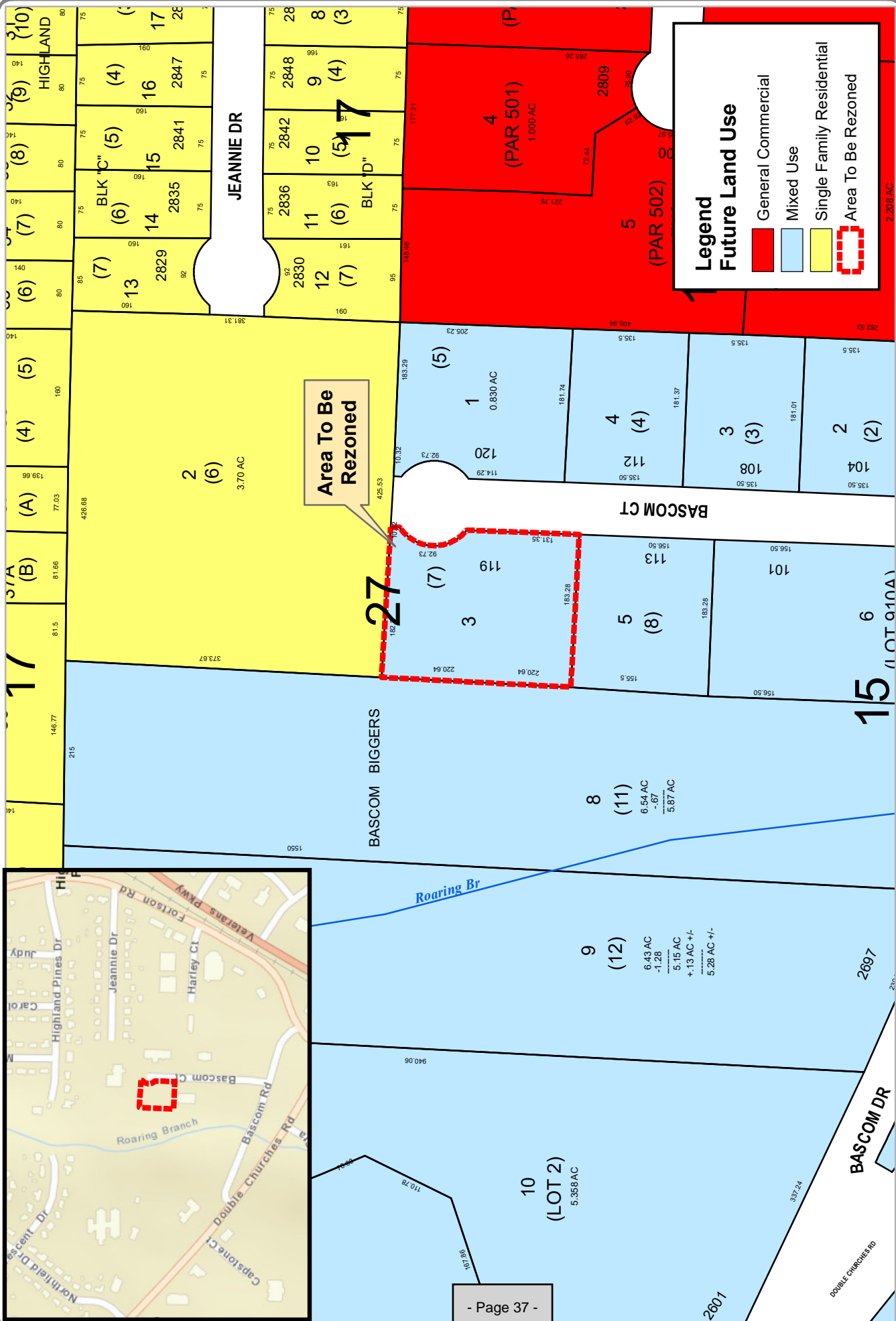
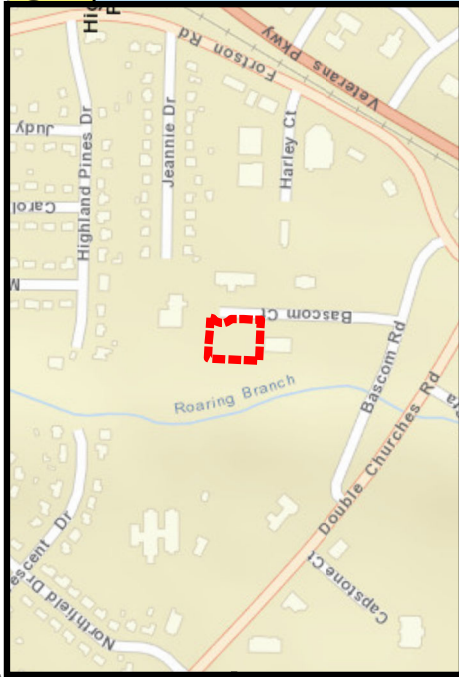
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Existing Land Use Map for REZN 06-23-0111  
Map 073 Lot 027 Block 003  
Planning Department-Planning Division  
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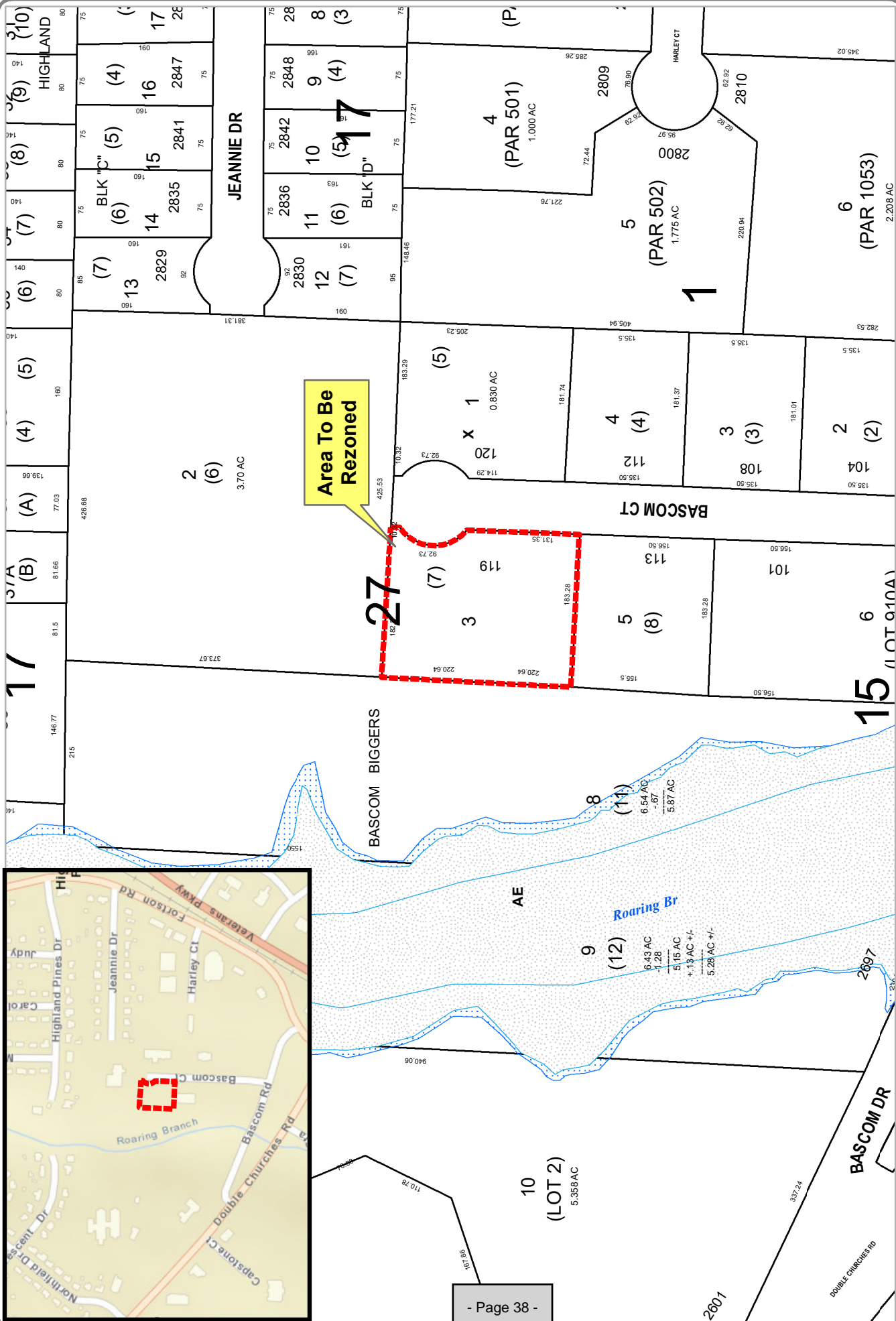
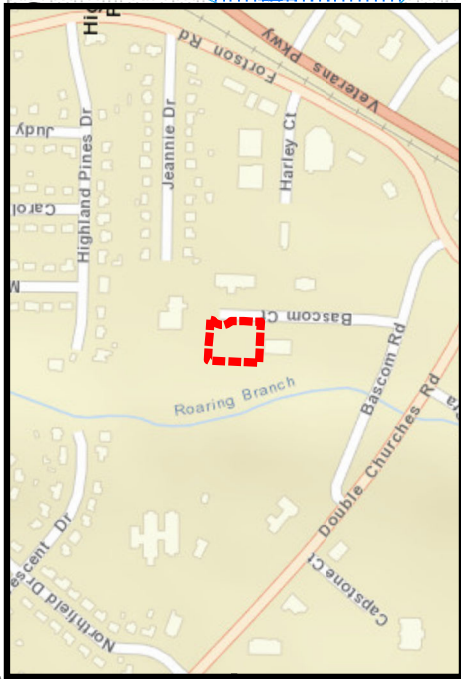




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Item #1.

**Columbus Planning**

Flood Hazard Map for REZN 06-23-0111  
Map 073 Lot 027 Block 003

Planning Department-Planning Division  
Prepared By Planning GIS Tech

0 75 150 Feet  
1 inch = 150 feet

Data Source: IT/GIS  
Author: DavidCooper

ZONING CASE NO.	REZN 06-23-0111
PROJECT	119 Bascom Court
CLIENT	RO to GC
REZONING REQUEST	

Trip Generation Land Use Code *	210, 715 & 945
Existing Land Use	Residential-Office - (RO)
Proposed Land Use	General Commercial - (GC)
Existing Trip Rate Unit	RO - Acreage converted to square footage.
Proposed Trip Rate Unit	GC - Acreage converted to square footage.

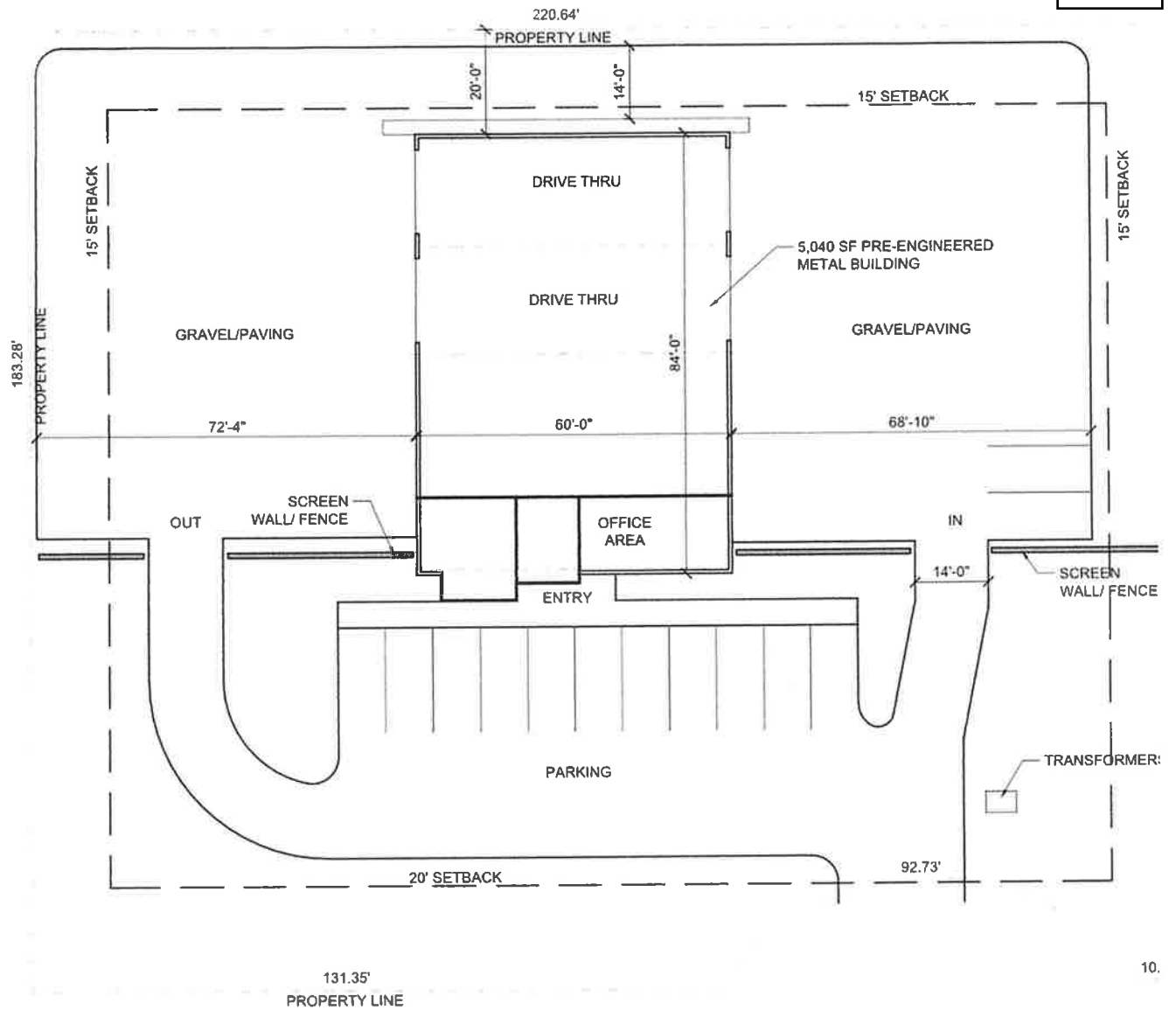
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## TRAFFIC PROJECTIONS

Name of Street	Double Churches Road
Street Classification	Collector
No. of Lanes	2
City Traffic Count (2021)	9,120
Existing Level of Service (LOS)**	D
Additional Traffic due to Existing Zoning	51
Total Projected Traffic (2021)	9,171
Projected Level of Service (LOS)**	D

Project Details		Project Name
Name of Street	Double Churches Road	
Street Classification	Collector	
No. of Lanes	2	
City Traffic Count (2021)	9,120	
Existing Level of Service (LOS)**	D	
Additional Traffic due to Proposed	17	
Total Projected Traffic (2021)	9,137	
Projected Level of Service (LOS)**	D	

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## SITE PLAN

SCALE: 1"=20'-0"



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**File Attachments for Item:**

**2. 1st Reading-** REZN--09-23-0017: An ordinance amending the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) of the Columbus Code to revise the text of a definition in Chapter 13. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.)(Mayor Pro-Tem)

**AN ORDINANCE****NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

An ordinance amending the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) of the Columbus Code to revise the text of a definition in Chapter 13:

**THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY ORDAINS:****SECTION 1.**

Section 13.1. 1 of the Unified Development Ordinance is hereby amended to revise the definition of *Material Changes in Appearance* to read as follows:

*“Material changes in appearance* means a change that will affect the exterior architectural features or environmental features of a historic property or of any structure, site, or work of art within a historic district and may include any one or more of the following: (1) a reconstruction or alteration of the size, shape, or facade of a historic property, including relocation of any doors or windows or removal or alteration of any architectural features, details, or elements, **excepting any painting of previously painted surfaces**; or (2) demolition of a historic property; or (3) commencement of excavation; or (4) a change in the location of advertising visible from the public right-of-way on any historic property; or (5) the erection, alteration, restoration, or removal of any building or other structures within designated historic district, including walls, fences, steps, pavements, driveways, trees or other appurtenant features, **excepting any painting of previously painted surfaces.**”

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 24th day of January, 2023; introduced a second time at a regular meeting of said Council held on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023 and adopted as amended at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

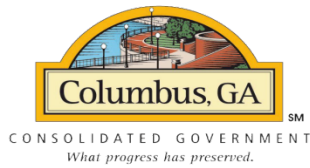
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**Sandra T Davis**  
Clerk of Council

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**B. H. “Skip” Henderson, III**  
Mayor



*Planning Department*

## Staff Report

**REZN-09-23-0017**

### Text Amendment Changes to the UDO

A request to amend the text of the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO).

#### UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE REVISIONS (Explanation of Revisions)

#### **1. Explanation of Revisions: Amend Section 13.1.1 by amending the definition of Material Change in Appearance.**

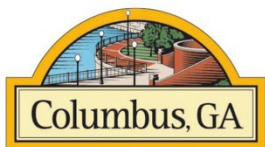
ORIGINAL ORDINANCE	PROPOSED ORDINANCE CHANGE
<p><b>Sec. 13.1.1. Definitions.</b></p> <p><b>Section 13.1.1</b></p> <p><i>Material changes in appearance</i> means a change that will affect the exterior architectural features or environmental features of a historic property or of any structure, site, or work of art within a historic district and may include any one or more of the following: (1) a reconstruction or alteration of the size, shape, or facade of a historic property, including relocation of any doors or windows or removal or alteration of any architectural features, details, or elements; or (2) demolition of a historic property; or (3) commencement of excavation; or (4) a change in the location of advertising visible from the public right-of-way on any historic property; or (5) the erection, alteration, restoration, or removal of any building or other</p>	<p><b>Sec. 13.1.1. Definitions.</b></p> <p><b>Section 13.1.1</b></p> <p><i>Material changes in appearance</i> means a change that will affect the exterior architectural features or environmental features of a historic property or of any structure, site, or work of art within a historic district and may include any one or more of the following: (1) a reconstruction or alteration of the size, shape, or facade of a historic property, including relocation of any doors or windows or removal or alteration of any architectural features, details, or elements, <b>excepting any painting of previously painted surfaces;</b> or (2) demolition of a historic property; or (3) commencement of excavation; or (4) a change in the location of advertising visible from the public right-of-way on any historic property; or (5) the erection,</p>

structures within designated historic district, including walls, fences, steps, pavements, driveways, trees or other appurtenant features, except exterior paint alterations.	alteration, restoration, or removal of any building or other structures within designated historic district, including walls, fences, steps, pavements, driveways, trees or other appurtenant features, excepting any painting of previously painted surfaces
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**File Attachments for Item:**

**3. 1st Reading-** REZN-08-23-0159 : An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **3617 2nd Avenue** (parcel # 008-009-010) from Residential Office (RO) Zoning District to Single Family Residential - 4 (SFR4) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.)(Councilor Garrett)



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## COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

**REZN-08-23-0159**

<b>Applicant:</b>	Justin Krieg
<b>Owner:</b>	Bibb City Lofts LLLP
<b>Location:</b>	3617 2 <sup>nd</sup> Avenue
<b>Parcel:</b>	008-009-010
<b>Acreage:</b>	0.13 Acres
<b>Current Zoning Classification:</b>	Residential Office
<b>Proposed Zoning Classification:</b>	Single Family Residential - 4
<b>Current Use of Property:</b>	Vacant
<b>Proposed Use of Property:</b>	Single Family Residential
<b>Council District:</b>	District 8 (Garrett)
<b>PAC Recommendation:</b>	<b>Approval</b> based on the Staff Report and compatibility with existing land uses.
<b>Planning Department Recommendation:</b>	<b>Approval</b> based on compatibility with existing land uses.
<b>Fort Benning's Recommendation:</b>	N/A
<b>DRI Recommendation:</b>	N/A
<b>General Land Use:</b>	Inconsistent Planning Area F
<b>Current Land Use Designation:</b>	Single Family Residential

<b>Future Land Use Designation:</b>	Mixed Use								
<b>Compatible with Existing Land-Uses:</b>	Yes								
<b>Environmental Impacts:</b>	The property does not lie within the floodway and floodplain area. The developer will need an approved drainage plan prior to issuance of a Site Development permit, if a permit is required.								
<b>City Services:</b>	Property is served by all city services.								
<b>Traffic Engineering:</b>	This site shall meet the Codes and regulations of the Columbus Consolidated Government for residential usage.								
<b>Surrounding Zoning:</b>	<table> <tr> <td><b>North</b></td><td>Residential Office (RO)</td></tr> <tr> <td><b>South</b></td><td>Residential Office (RO)</td></tr> <tr> <td><b>East</b></td><td>General Commercial (GC)</td></tr> <tr> <td><b>West</b></td><td>Residential Office (RO)</td></tr> </table>	<b>North</b>	Residential Office (RO)	<b>South</b>	Residential Office (RO)	<b>East</b>	General Commercial (GC)	<b>West</b>	Residential Office (RO)
<b>North</b>	Residential Office (RO)								
<b>South</b>	Residential Office (RO)								
<b>East</b>	General Commercial (GC)								
<b>West</b>	Residential Office (RO)								
<b>Reasonableness of Request:</b>	The request is compatible with existing land uses.								
<b>School Impact:</b>	N/A								
<b>Buffer Requirement:</b>	<p>The site shall include a Category A buffer for all property lines bordered by the RO zoning district. The 3 options under Category A are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) <b>5 feet</b> with a certain amount of canopy trees, under story trees, and shrubs / ornamental grasses per 100 linear feet.</li> <li>2) <b>10 feet</b> with a certain amount of shrubs / ornamental grasses per 100 linear feet and a wood fence or masonry wall.</li> <li>3) <b>20 feet</b> undisturbed natural buffer.</li> </ol>								
<b>Attitude of Property Owners:</b>	<b>Forty-three (43)</b> property owners within 300 feet of the subject properties were notified of the rezoning request. The Planning Department received <b>no</b> calls and/or emails regarding the rezoning.								
<b>Approval</b>	<b>0 Responses</b>								
<b>Opposition</b>	<b>0 Responses</b>								
<b>Additional Information:</b>	The applicant is requesting to rezone the lot for a single-family residence. A house will be moved								

onto the property.

The applicant is requesting a ten-foot front yard setback be allowed. The minimum front yard setback in SFR4 is 20 feet. The purpose is for consistency with the front setback of the neighboring houses.

**Table 2.2.10**

Zoning District	Property Development Regulations									
	Min. Lot Size (Square Feet)	Max. Density (Units per Acre)	Max. Lot Coverage	Min. Lot Width (Feet)	Max. Bldg Height (Feet)	Minimum Required Yard/Setback (Feet)				Notes
						Front	Side	Side Corner	Rear	
SFR4										
SF Detached	6,000	7.25	35%	50	35	20	5	20	30	

**Attachments:**

Aerial Land Use Map  
 Location Map  
 Zoning Map  
 Existing Land Use Map  
 Future Land Use Map  
 Flood Map  
 Site Plan







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**Location Map for REZN 08-23-0159**

**Map 008 Block 009 Lot 010**

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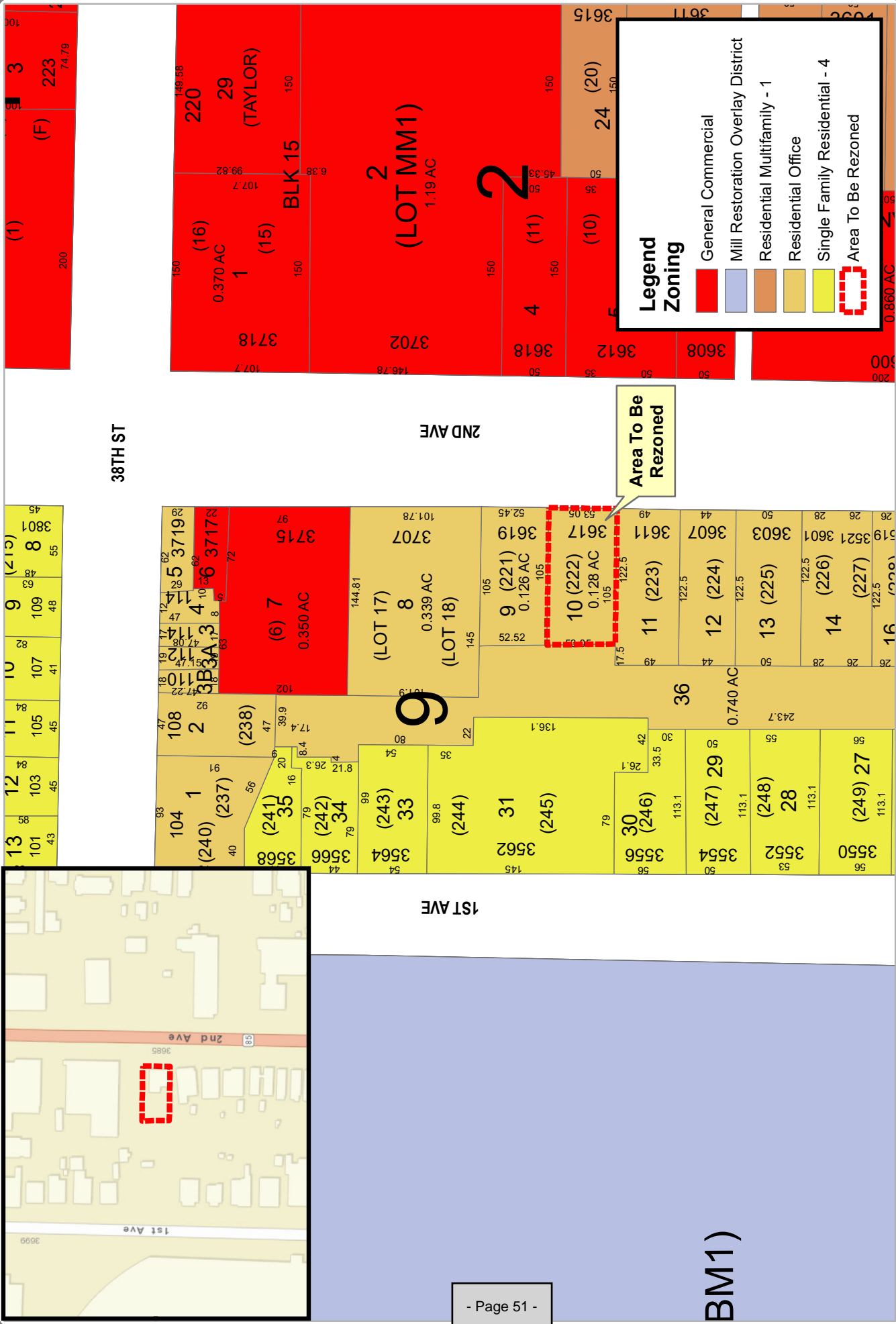
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Future Land Use Map for REZN 08-23-0159  
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Flood Hazard Map for REZN 08-23-0159

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Answer:

Box 2291

Columbus, CA 31902

Proposed Use:

Resident

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Proposed Zoning  
SFR 4

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**THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY ORDAINS AS  
FOLLOWS:**

Section 1.

The Zoning Atlas on file with the Planning Department is hereby amended by changing the properties described below from Residential Office (RO) Zoning District to Single Family Residential-4 (SRF4) Zoning District with conditions.

“All that lot, tract and parcel of land situate, lying and being in Columbus, Muscogee County, Georgia, and being known and designated as all of LOT 222, SURVEY FOR BIBB MANUFACTURING COMPANY, as said lot is shown on a map or plat entitled “Survey For Bibb Manufacturing Company, Bibb Village, Bibb City, Muscogee County, Georgia”, prepared by G. V. Carr & Company, Engineers, dated October, 1963, recorded in PLAT BOOK 32, FOLIO 134, of the records in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Muscogee County, Georgia, to which reference is made for the specific location and dimensions of the real property herein described.”

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023; introduced a second time at a regular meeting of said Council held on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

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**B. H. “Skip” Henderson, III**  
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**File Attachments for Item:**

**4. 1st Reading-** REZN -04-23-0630: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **910 Talbotton Road** (parcel# 016- 027-016) from Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District to Residential Office (RO) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Cogle)

## ORDINANCE

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NO. \_\_\_\_\_

An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **910 Talbotton Road** (parcel# 016-027-016) from Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District to Residential Office (RO) Zoning District.

### **THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:**

#### Section 1.

The Zoning Atlas on file with the Planning Department is hereby amended by changing the property described below Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District to Residential Office (RO) Zoning District.

"All That Lot, Tract, Or Parcel Of Land Known As Lot 1 Of Crawford Subdivision Of The Chappell Property, Lying And Being In Land Lot 71 Of The 8th District, Columbus, Muscogee County, Georgia, Being More Particularly Described As Follows: Commencing At A Concrete Monument Found At The Southwest Corner Of The Mitered Intersection Of The Southerly Right-Of-Way Of Talbotton Road (R/W Varies) And The Northeasterly Right-Of-Way Of North Avenue (40' R/W); Thence Along The Northeasterly Right-Of-Way Of North Avenue S21°46'13"E A Distance Of 16.23' To A Concrete Monument Found; Thence Along The Northeasterly Right-Of-Way Of North Avenue S67°48'43"W A Distance Of 1.13' To A Concrete Monument Found; Thence Along The Northeasterly Right-Of-Way Of North Avenue S21°57'08"E A Distance Of 106.00' To A 1" Crimped-Top-Pipe Found. Thence Leaving The Northeasterly Right-Of-Way Of North Avenue And Running Along The Common Property Line Between John B. Buck And Columbus Ga 1968 Medical Properties, Lie. N68°24'38"E A Distance Of 139.83' To A 1" Crimped-Top-Pipe Found; Thence Along The Common Property Line Between Columbus Ga 1968 Medical Properties, Lie. And Medical Center Hospital Authority & Hospital Authority Of Columbus S22°03'54"E A Distance Of 44.66' To A 1" Crimped-Top-Pipe Found. Thence Along The Common Property Line Between Columbus Ga 1968 Medical Properties, Lie. And Medical Center Hospital Authority & Hospital Authority Of Columbus S22°03'54"E A Distance Of 44.67' To A 1" Crimped-Top-Pipe Found; Thence Along The Common Property Line Between Medical Center Hospital Authority & Hospital Authority Of Columbus And Togbedia, Lie. N68°37'27"E A Distance Of 139.90' To A Drill Hole In Concrete Found On The Southwesterly Right-Of-Way Of 10th Avenue (85' R/W). Thence Along The Southwesterly Right-Of-Way Of 10th Avenue N22°01'48"W A Distance Of 47.40' To A 1" Crimped-Top-Pipe Found On The Southwesterly Right-Of-Way Of 10th Avenue. Thence Along The Southwesterly Right-Of-Way Of 10th Avenue



N21°58'27"W A Distance Of 206.47' To A Concrete Monument Found. Thence Along The Mitered Intersection Of The Southwesterly Right-Of-Way Of 10th Avenue And The Southerly Right-Of-Way Of Talbotton Road N71°45'58"W A Distance Of 20.90' To A Concrete Monument Found. Thence Along The Southerly Right-Of-Way Of Talbotton Road S65°04'28"W A Distance Of 104.87' To A Concrete Monument Found; Thence Along The Southerly Right-Of-Way Of Talbotton Road S57°53'14"W A Distance Of 27.31' To A Concrete Monument Found; Thence Along The Southerly Right-Of-Way Of Talbotton Road S57°31'51"W A Distance Of 114.14' To A Concrete Monument Found; Thence Along The Mitered Intersection Of The Southerly Right-Of-Way Of Talbotton Road And The Northeasterly Right-Of way Of North Avenue S17°58'21"W A Distance Of 29.22' To The Point Of Beginning. Said Lot Contains 1.335 Acres.

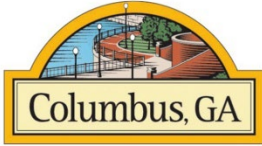
Bearings Stated Herein Are Based On The Georgia West Zone (Nad83/2011) State Plane Coordinate System."

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## COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

**REZN-04-23-0630**

<b>Applicant:</b>	Planning Department
<b>Owner:</b>	Bosporus RE, LLC
<b>Location:</b>	910 Talbotton Road
<b>Parcel:</b>	016-027-016
<b>Acreage:</b>	1.34 Acres
<b>Current Zoning Classification:</b>	Neighborhood Commercial (NC)
<b>Proposed Zoning Classification:</b>	Residential Office (RO)
<b>Current Use of Property:</b>	Vacant
<b>Proposed Use of Property:</b>	Medical Research
<b>Council District:</b>	District 7 (Cogle)
<b>PAC Recommendation:</b>	<b>Approval</b> based on the Staff Report and compatibility with existing land uses.
<b>Planning Department Recommendation:</b>	<b>Approval</b> based on compatibility with existing land uses.
<b>Fort Benning's Recommendation:</b>	N/A
<b>DRI Recommendation:</b>	N/A
<b>General Land Use:</b>	Consistent Planning Area D
<b>Current Land Use Designation:</b>	Public/Institutional



<b>Future Land Use Designation:</b>	Office/Professional	
<b>Compatible with Existing Land-Uses:</b>	Yes	
<b>Environmental Impacts:</b>	The property does not lie within the floodway and floodplain area. The developer will need an approved drainage plan prior to issuance of a Site Development permit, if a permit is required.	
<b>City Services:</b>	Property is served by all city services.	
<b>Traffic Impact:</b>	No traffic study available for this location.	
<b>Traffic Engineering:</b>	This site shall meet the Codes and regulations of the Columbus Consolidated Government for commercial usage.	
<b>Surrounding Zoning:</b>	<b>North</b>	General Commercial (GC)
	<b>South</b>	Residential Office (RO)
	<b>East</b>	Neighborhood Commercial (NC)
	<b>West</b>	Residential Office (RO)
<b>Reasonableness of Request:</b>	The request is compatible with existing land uses.	
<b>School Impact:</b>	N/A	
<b>Buffer Requirement:</b>	N/A	
<b>Attitude of Property Owners:</b>	<b>Nineteen (19)</b> property owners within 300 feet of the subject properties were notified of the rezoning request. The Planning Department received <b>no</b> calls and/or emails regarding the rezoning.	
	<b>Approval</b>	<b>0</b> Responses
	<b>Opposition</b>	<b>0</b> Responses
<b>Additional Information:</b>	N/A	
<b>Attachments:</b>	Aerial Land Use Map Location Map Zoning Map Existing Land Use Map Future Land Use Map Flood Map Traffic Report	





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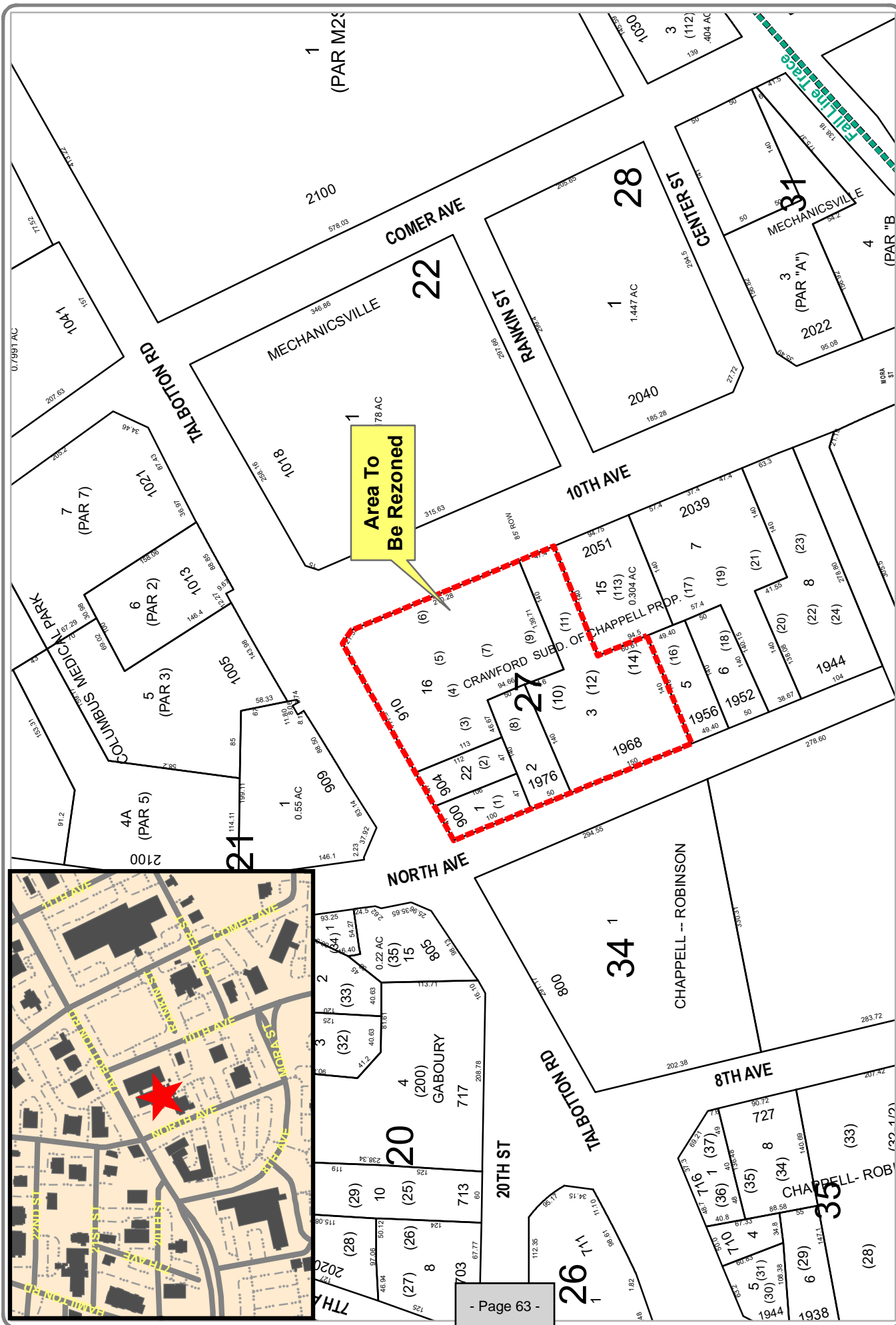
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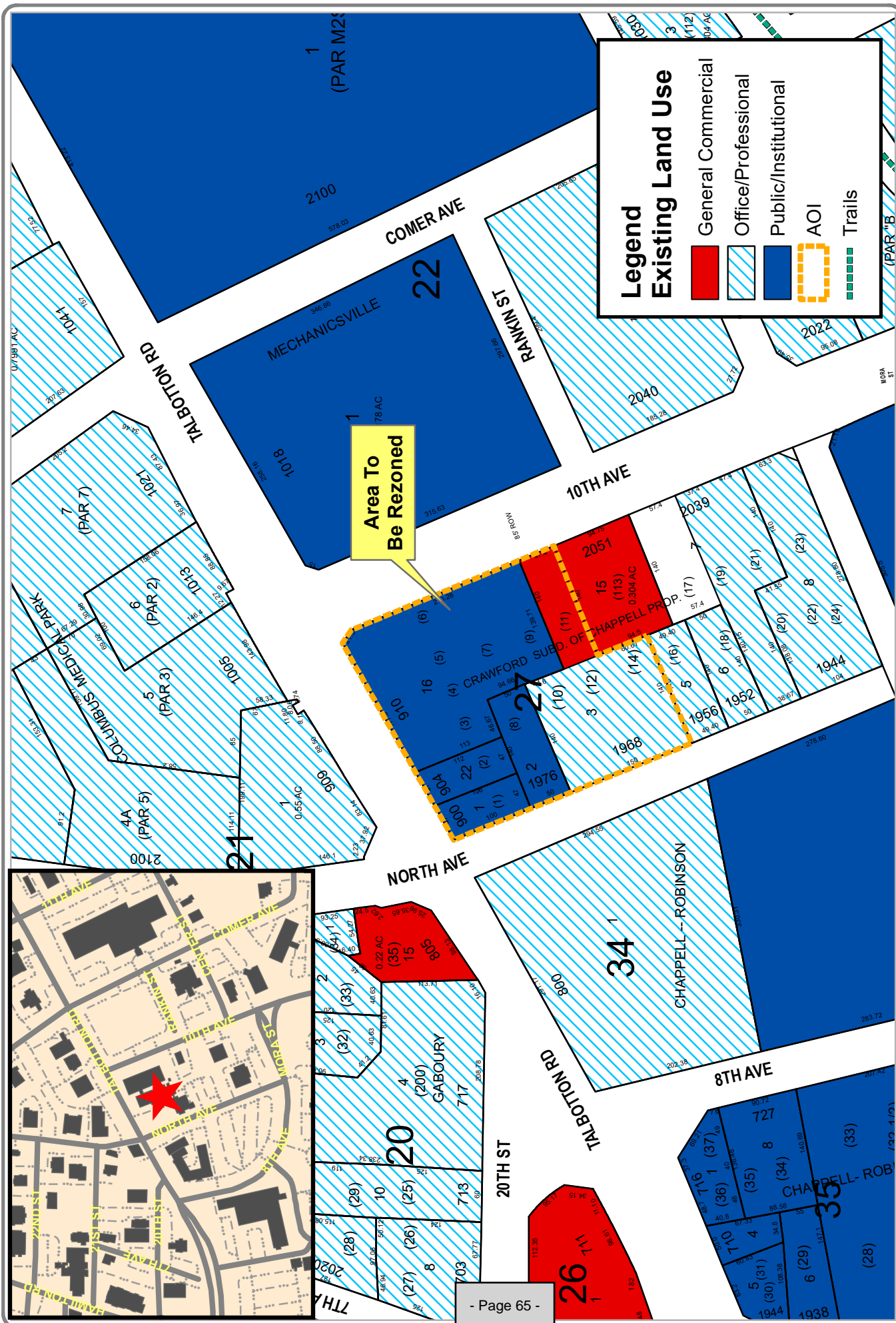
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Existing Land Use Map for REZN 04-23-0630

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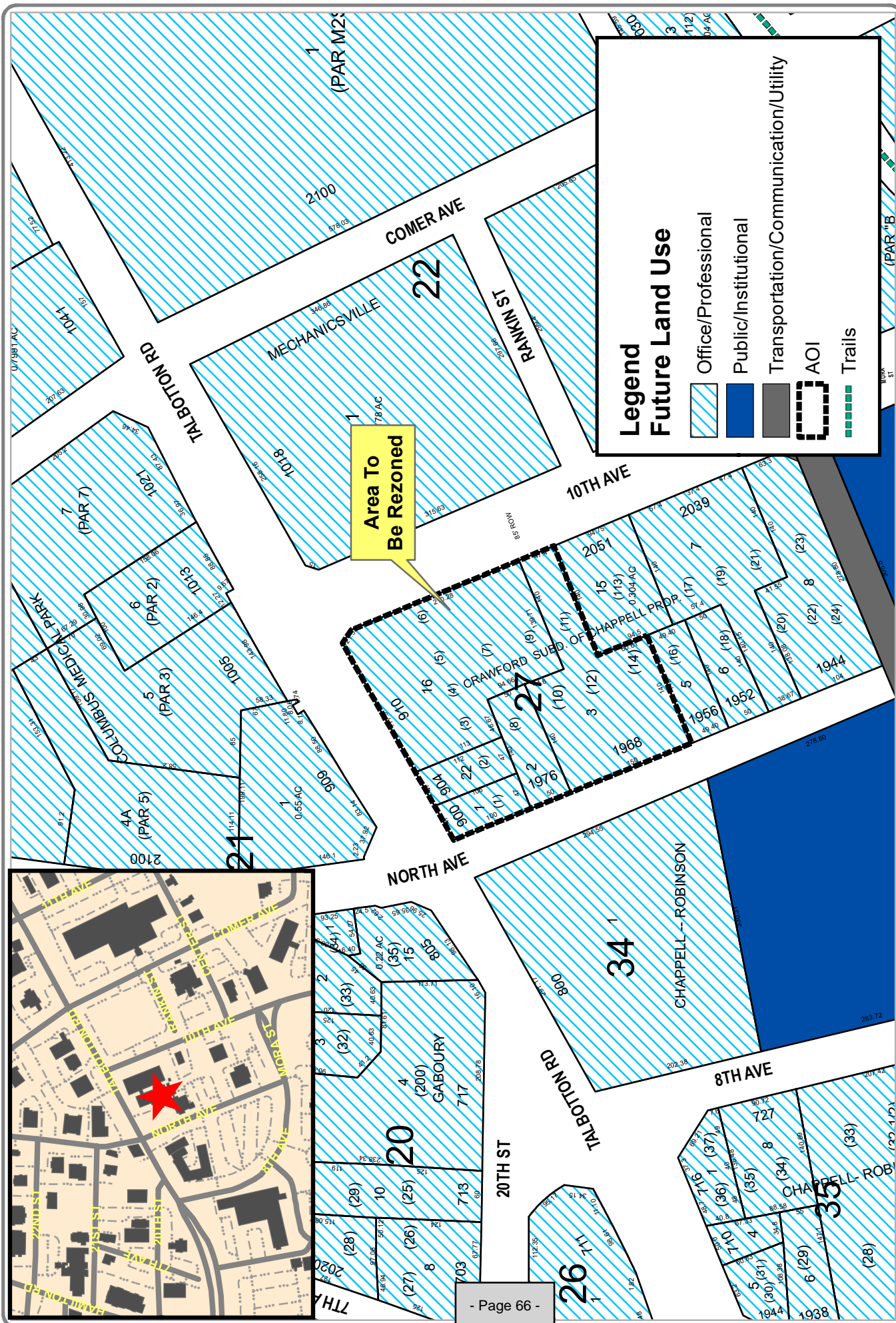
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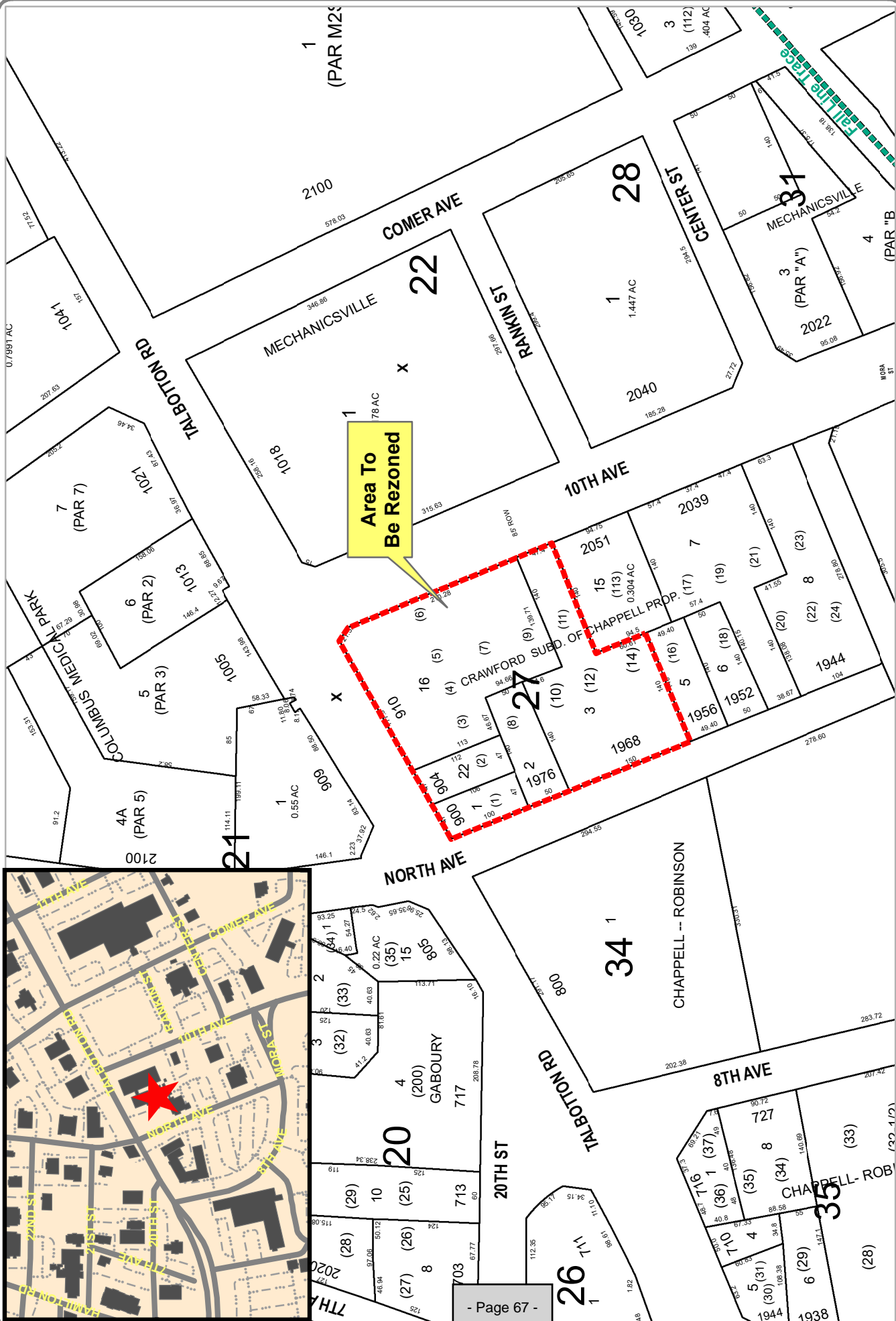
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Floodzone Map for REZN 04-23-0630  
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ZONING CASE NO.	REZN 04-23-0630
PROJECT	910 Talbotton Road
CLIENT	RO to NC
REZONING REQUEST	

Trip Generation Land Use Code *
Existing Land Use
Proposed Land Use
Existing Trip Rate Unit
Proposed Trip Rate Unit
715 and 630
Residential-Office - (RO)
Neighborhood Commercial - (NC)
RO - Acreage converted to square footage.
NC - Acreage converted to square footage.

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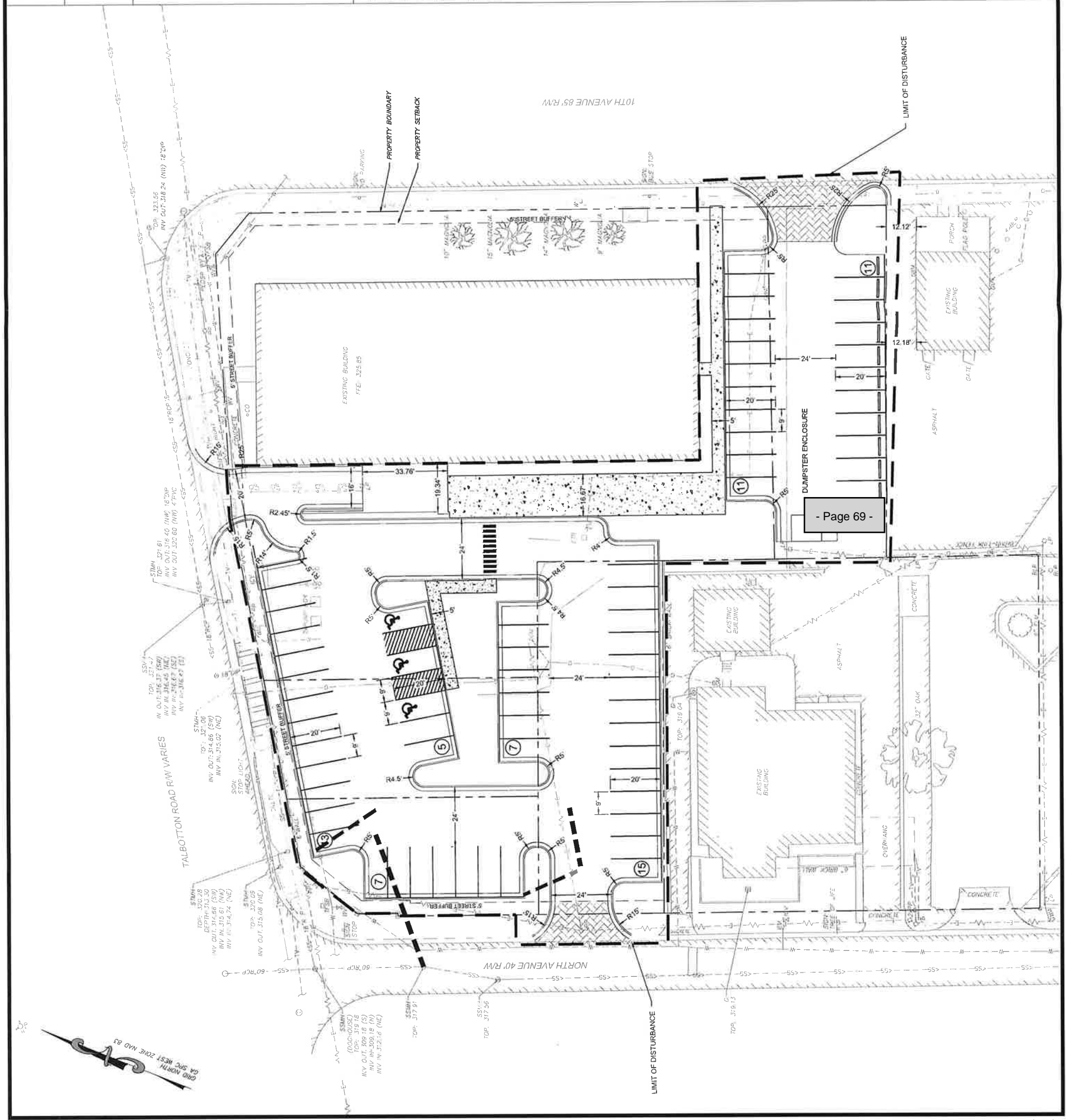
**EXISTING ZONING (RO)**

Name of Street	Talbotton Road
Street Classification	Undivided Arterial w/center In
No. of Lanes	4
City Traffic Count (2021)	10,700
Existing Level of Service (LOS)**	B
Additional Traffic due to Existing Zoning	27
Total Projected Traffic (2021)	10,727
Projected Level of Service (LOS)**	B

**PROPOSED ZONING (NC)**

Name of Street	Talbotton Road
Street Classification	Undivided Arterial w/center In
No. of Lanes	4
City Traffic Count (2021)	10,700
Existing Level of Service (LOS)**	B
Additional Traffic due to Proposed	192
Total Projected Traffic (2021)	10,892
Projected Level of Service (LOS)**	B





SITE INFORMATION:

ADDRESS: NORTH AVE AND TALBOTTON RD  
MUSCOGEE COUNTY, COLUMBUS, GA

PROPERTY ZONING: NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL (NC)

PARKING NOTES:

PARKING STALL DIMENSIONS: 9' X 20'

AVAILABLE PARKING: 70

DRIVE AISLE WIDTH: MIN 24'

SITE LAYOUT AND STAKING NOTES:

- IF THE PLANS ARE NOT CLEAR OR DISCREPANCIES OCCUR, THE CONTRACTOR IS TO CONTACT EMC ENGINEERING SERVICES, INC. AT (229) 435-5133 FOR CLARIFICATION IMMEDIATELY.
- ALL NORTHING AND EASTING ARE TO THE FACE OF CURB, EDGE OF BUILDING.
- CONTRACTOR SHALL CAREFULLY EXAMINE ALL DOCUMENTS AND THE CONSTRUCTION SITE TO OBTAIN FIRST HAND KNOWLEDGE OF EXISTING CONDITIONS.
- ENTIRE SITE SHALL BE DRESSED TO UNIFORM, WELL DRAINED, AND VISUALLY APPEALING SURFACE WITH A MINIMUM TOPSOIL LAYER OF FOUR INCHES.
- ALL STRIPING AND SIGNS SHALL CONFORM WITH THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE MANUAL ON UNIFORM TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES (MUTCD) LATEST EDITION. PARKING STALL STRIPING TO BE YELLOW WITH BLUE HANDICAPPED STRIPING.
- ALL HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACES AND ACCESSIBLE ROUTE SHALL CONFORM WITH THE AMERICAN WITH DISABILITY ACT DESIGN GUIDELINES AND SPECIFICATIONS LATEST EDITION.
- DIMENSIONS AND CURVE RADI ARE GIVEN TO THE FACE OF THE CURB, WHERE CURB AND GUTTER IS SHOWN. OTHERWISE, DIMENSIONS ARE GIVEN TO THE EDGE OF PAVEMENT. CONTRACTOR IS TO COORDINATE WITH THE ARCHITECTURAL PLANS AS TO THE BUILDING LAYOUT AND DIMENSIONS.
- ALL RADI ARE 5 FT UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

HATCH LEGEND:

- EXISTING ASPHALT PAVEMENT
- PROPOSED CONCRETE SIDEWALK
- PROPOSED ASPHALT PAVEMENT
- PROPOSED CONCRETE PAVEMENT

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SITE PLAN

CENTRICITY RESEARCH FACILITIES

NORTH AVE AND TALBOTTON RD

MUSCOGEE COUNTY, COLUMBUS, GA

Prepared for:

IAC

PROJECT NO.: 22-1024

DRAWN BY: CHD

DESIGNED BY: BRUNSON

SURVEY DATE: 2/24/22

CHECKED BY: CEB

SCALE: 1" = 20'

DATE: 9/16/22

SHEET 4 OF 10

**File Attachments for Item:**

**5. 1st Reading-** An ordinance providing for the demolition of various structures located at: 1) **923 39th Street** (Douglas & M Elliott, Owner); 2) **353 Marlboro Avenue** (Wallace Biggers, Owner); 3) **815 Hardegree Drive** (Valencia Melvin, Owner); 4) **529 Chesterfield Avenue** (Hiawatha Covington, Owner); 5) **318 24th Street** (Leonard III & Lorenzo Brown, Owner); 6) **1544 11th Avenue** (Jean Rodgers, Owner); and 7) **2015 5th Avenue** (Lewis P. Green Jr., Owner) and for demolition services for the Inspections and Code Department in accordance with the attached Tabulation of Bid sheet. (Mayor Pro-Tem)

## AN ORDINANCE

NO. \_\_\_\_\_

An ordinance providing for the demolition of various structures located at:

- 1) **923 39th Street** (Douglas & M Elliott, Owner)
- 2) **353 Marlboro Avenue** (Wallace Biggers, Owner)
- 3) **815 Hardegree Drive** (Valencia Melvin, Owner)
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- 7) **2015 5th Avenue** (Lewis P. Green Jr., Owner)

and for demolition services for the Inspections and Code Department in accordance with the attached Tabulation of Bid sheet.

**WHEREAS**, Section 8-81 through 8-90 of the Columbus Code specifies the procedure and requirements for removal of buildings unsafe or unfit for human habitation; and,

**WHEREAS**, these provisions and requirements have been and are fully complied with on the property listed below; and,

**WHEREAS**, administrative implementation instructions pertaining to this Ordinance are on file in the Finance Department, Accounting Division, the Inspections and Code Department, the Clerk of Council's Office, and the City Manager's Office;

**WHEREAS**, W.T. Miller is the contractor for the demolition of all structures located at:

- 1) **923 39th Street** (Douglas & M Elliott, Owner)
- 2) **353 Marlboro Avenue** (Wallace Biggers, Owner)
- 3) **815 Hardegree Drive** (Valencia Melvin, Owner)
- 4) **529 Chesterfield Avenue** (Hiawatha Covington, Owner)
- 5) **318 24th Street** (Leonard III & Lorenzo Brown, Owner)
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- 7) **2015 5th Avenue** (Lewis P. Green Jr., Owner)

in the total amount of **\$147,944.80** for demolition services; and,

**WHEREAS**, funds are budgeted in the FY24 Budget, Community Development Block Grant-Neighborhood Redevelopment-Site Improvements. (Demolitions under City contracts are funded by the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) and the General Fund (0101-240-2200-6381).

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY  
ORDAINS:**

SECTION 1.

After adoption and approval of this Ordinance and compliance with such required procedures, including the notices and hearing set forth, the demolition of the structures listed above, and for total costs listed above, in accordance with Sections 8-81 through 8-90 of the Columbus Code, is hereby authorized.

SECTION 2.

After validation by signature of duly appointed officials, the City's Chief Accountant shall cause the assessments to be entered in the Demolition Lien Book located in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court.

SECTION 3.

A copy of this Ordinance shall be mailed to each property owner immediately after entry with a noted date, page, and line number of the Demolition Lien Book.

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Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held on the 10th day of October, 2023; introduced a second time at a regular meeting of said council held on the 24th day of October 2023 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmation vote of members of Council.

Councilor	Allen	voting	_____
Councilor	Barnes	voting	_____
Councilor	Begly	voting	_____
Councilor	Cogle	voting	_____
Councilor	Crabb	voting	_____
Councilor	Davis	voting	_____
Councilor	Garrett	voting	_____
Councilor	Huff	voting	_____
Councilor	Thomas	voting	_____
Councilor	Tucker	voting	_____

**October 2023 Demolition Bid Tabulation Sheet**

<b>Property</b>	<b>Demolition Amount</b>
1) 923 39th Street (Douglas & M Elliott, Owner)	\$14,001.80
2) 353 Marlboro Avenue (Wallace Biggers, Owner)	\$15,670.80
3) 815 Hardegree Drive (Valencia Melvin, Owner)	\$48,742.50
4) 529 Chesterfield Avenue (Hiawatha Covington, Owner)	\$5,726.00
5) 318 24th Street (Leonard III & Lorenzo Brown, Owner)	\$10,913.70
6) 1544 11th Avenue (Jean Rodgers, Owner)	\$22,704.40
7) 2015 5th Avenue (Lewis P. Green Jr., Owner)	\$30,185.60
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$147,944.80</b>

**File Attachments for Item:**

**6. 1st Reading-** An Ordinance amending Section 2-296 of the Columbus Code to add two members to the Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board; and for other purposes. (Councilor Cogle)

## AN ORDINANCE

NO.

An Ordinance amending Section 2-296 of the Columbus Code to add two members to the Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board; and for other purposes.

## SECTION 1.

Section 2-296 the Columbus Code is hereby amended by striking current Section 2-296 and inserting a new Section 2-296 which shall read as follows:

**“Sec. 2-296. Operation generally.**

The board shall consist of eleven members. Members will be appointed by the council with two of the eleven members being nominated at the recommendation of the director of the civic center. Terms of office shall be four years. One of the eleven voting members will be a licensed CPA (Certified Public Accountant). The deputy city manager for operations shall be a non- voting member serving in an ex-officio capacity.”

## SECTION 2.

All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

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Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 10th day of October, 2023; introduced a second time at a regular meeting of said Council held on the \_\_\_\_ day of October, 2023 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting _____
Councilor Barnes	voting _____
Councilor Begly	voting _____
Councilor Cogle	voting _____
Councilor Crabb	voting _____
Councilor Davis	voting _____
Councilor Garrett	voting _____
Councilor Huff	voting _____
Councilor Thomas	voting _____
Councilor Tucker	voting _____

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**Sandra T Davis**  
Clerk of Council

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**B. H. “Skip” Henderson, III**  
Mayor

**File Attachments for Item:**

**1. 2023 Comprehensive Plan Update**

Approval is requested for the approval of the 2023 Columbus Plan Update. This mid-decade (also done in 2003, 2013, and now) update includes an updated Needs & Opportunities, the accomplishments from the 2019-2023 Community Work Program, and the new 2024-2028 Community Work Program (CWP). The CWP is used to guide the development and growth in Columbus over the next 5 years.



**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

Item #1.

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	<b>2023 Comprehensive Plan Update</b>
<b>AGENDA SUMMARY:</b>	Approval is requested for the approval of the 2023 Columbus Plan Update. This mid-decade (also done in 2003, 2013, and now) update includes an updated Needs & Opportunities, the accomplishments from the 2019-2023 Community Work Program, and the new 2024-2028 Community Work Program (CWP). The CWP is used to guide the development and growth in Columbus over the next 5 years.
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	<b>Planning Department</b>

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**Recommendation:** Approval is requested for the approval of the 2023 Columbus Plan Update. This mid-decade (also done in 2003, 2013, and now) update includes an updated Needs & Opportunities, the accomplishments from the 2019-2023 Community Work Program, and the new 2024-2028 Community Work Program (CWP).

**Background:** Comprehensive plans are fully overhauled every 10 years (latest was 2018). Five-year updates are required by Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA). This is the 5-year update.

**Analysis:** The CWP is used to guide the development and growth in Columbus over the next 5 years. DCA would prefer our future land-use maps to be updated but our growth has stayed consistent with the current maps. The pandemic slow down held back growth that would have happened in 2020 and 2021 but is just now picking up.

**Financial Considerations:** There are no financial obligations.

**Legal Considerations:** No legal considerations.

**Recommendation/Action:** Approval is requested for the approval of the 2023 Columbus Plan Update. This mid-decade (also done in 2003, 2013, and now) update includes an updated Needs & Opportunities, the accomplishments from the 2019-2023 Community Work Program, and the new 2024-2028 Community Work Program (CWP).

**A RESOLUTION****NO.**

**WHEREAS**, the 1989 Georgia General Assembly enacted House Bill 219, the Georgia Planning Act, requiring all local governments to prepare a Comprehensive Plan in accordance with the Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures promulgated by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Columbus Planning Department prepared the required 5-year Comprehensive Plan Update Report of Accomplishment, updated Needs and Opportunities, and 5-year Update of its Community Work Program; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

That the Columbus Council, acting on behalf of the Columbus Consolidated Government, does hereby submit the Comprehensive Plan update to the River Valley Regional Commission for review, comments, and recommendations.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting	_____
Councilor Barnes	voting	_____
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Councilor Thomas	voting	_____
Councilor Tucker	voting	_____

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. "Skip" Henderson, III Mayor

## **NEEDS & OPPORTUNITIES**

### ***Economic Development***

**Need: Stop the Brain Drain - align local business needs with the local school system.**

#### Opportunities:

- Create a comprehensive cradle-to-career (C2C) partnership to align education, training, business, and social services around increasing talent levels in Greater Columbus.
- Ensure that three- and four-year-olds have access to high-quality early childhood education.
- Expand efforts to introduce students to education and career possibilities from a young age.
- Launch a broad-based adult education campaign to connect individuals who did not complete high school or college coursework with opportunities for advancement and employment.

**Need: Columbus must retain its best and brightest workers.**

#### Opportunities:

- Support the pursuit of a microchip plant.
- Welcome and engage new residents who move to Greater Columbus with a relocating family member.

**Need: Attract talented individuals to Greater Columbus.**

#### Opportunities:

- Attract educated expatriates back to Greater Columbus through a "boomerang" marketing program.
- Support the promotion of Columbus State and Troy University's Phenix City campus as schools of choice for students from outside of the region.

**Need: Strengthen the culture of entrepreneurship in Columbus.**

#### Opportunity:

- Expand capital availability for individuals who lack access to traditional capital with a pre-seed microloan program.

**Need: Columbus and the immediate region need a cohesive image and identity.**

#### Opportunities:

- Pursue a major earned media campaign to generate positive coverage of Greater Columbus in external media markets.
- Support efforts to promote Greater Columbus through travel, tourism, and events.

**Need: To attract new business, Columbus has to be a vibrant and connected place.**

#### Opportunities:

- Collaborate across state lines to further promote activation of the Chattahoochee Riverfront through the region's core.
- Pursue policies and develop incentives to activate underutilized commercial, industrial, and neighborhood properties.
- Catalyze the development of new housing options and supportive neighborhood retail in the region's core neighborhoods.
- Beautify gateways into the region to make a positive first impression on visitors and enhance the built environment for the community.
- Evaluate options to expand public transportation coverage, frequency, and operating hours to connect residents to jobs and amenities.

### ***Housing***

**Need: Improve access to quality housing.**

Opportunity:

- Create and/or preserve affordable housing, such as housing rehabilitation assistance, down payment and/or closing cost assistance, and new construction.

**Need: Remove slum and blight.**

Opportunity:

- Efforts shall be made to demolish vacant and/or unsafe structures.

**Need: Increase efforts to promote economic development.**

Opportunity:

- Efforts shall be made to direct technical and business assistance, such as Section 108 loan repayments.

**Need: Increase efforts to provide public services.**

Opportunity:

- Expand and continue non-housing community development supportive services.

**Need: Increase efforts to create/expand housing and services to homeless persons.**

Opportunity: • Preserve short-term and long-term homeless facilities and associated services.

**Need: Maintain or expand planning and administration.**

Opportunity:

- Maintain (and possibly expand) administrative and planning costs to operate the CDBG and HOME programs successfully.

## **Land Use**

### **Need: Eliminate sprawl and slow greenfield development.**

#### Opportunities:

- Provide for more mixed-use development opportunities to create more density, reduce impacts on city services, and provide retail, jobs, and other amenities for residents. Areas proposed for appropriate mixed use development must be reviewed and planned to ensure viable services and amenities to create successful integration of the uses.
- Pursue policies and develop incentives to activate underutilized commercial, industrial, and neighborhood properties.

### **Need: Introduce new zoning regulations, techniques, and concepts to reintroduce into the urban core of Columbus.**

#### Opportunities:

- Study and review modern zoning regulations, techniques, and concepts to incorporate into the Unified Development Ordinance. Some of these possibilities include, but are not limited to, form-based codes; accessory dwelling units; pocket neighborhoods; incremental development; and/or transit oriented design.
- Review current mixed-use zoning regulations that can be adapted to infill development situations.
- Columbus will incentivize development within walking and bicycling distance of existing and future transit and trail corridors to achieve improved location efficiency for housing, employment, recreation, and civic spaces.

### **Need: Create a determined focus on sustainability.**

#### Opportunities:

- Implement a Plan4Health program in a pilot area of Columbus. Healthy environment places may provide access at varying levels to the resources for leading a healthier life, such as physical access to employment, healthcare, shopping, or social connections, for persons of all abilities.
- Create a pilot project that focuses on livable communities for all ages, with a focus on land-use, transportation, access to food, access to health services, and access to quality of life expectations.
- Focus efforts to create design legislation that supports aging in place.

### **Need: Research and implement new concepts regarding land-use and development.**

#### Opportunity:

- As Americans continue to move to urban areas, increased pressure is placed on services and infrastructure. Seeking alternatives to traditional land-use and development standards need to be pursued.

### **Need: Offer incentives (via partners) for adaptive reuse.**

Opportunity:

- Columbus is known statewide for adaptive reuse of buildings and property. Inventory historic properties throughout the community to identify need for adaptive reuse. Encourage market studies to be performed for these properties to establish opportunities.

**Need: Create a neighborhood identity program.**Opportunity:

- Columbus residents typically identify themselves by which neighborhood they live. Neighborhoods are a source of pride and utilizing a system like those used in the Park District, the Original Historic District, and Morningside would help showcase these neighborhoods and potentially help market those neighborhoods for new homeownership and redevelopment.

**Need: Remove barriers to redevelopment.**Opportunity:

- The limited amount of land available in Columbus for greenfield development creates a great opportunity for infill development back into the urban core. Barriers to redevelopment should be researched and potentially amended or removed.

**Need: Focus on repurposing brownfields and grayfields.**Opportunity:

- Brownfield and grayfield properties are typically in the urban core of Columbus and are in dire need of redevelopment and repurposing. Brownfield opportunities can be supported by state and federal grants, but grayfield redevelopment is the responsibility of local government and/or private property owners. Many municipalities have repurposed grayfields for civic uses, such as Columbus' own Civic Commons, which is home to the Citizen Service Center, the Columbus Natatorium, the Columbus Library, the Muscogee County School District headquarters, and the Rainey-McCullars School of Performing Arts. Finding incentives for private parties to repurpose grayfields should be researched.

**Needs Focus development efforts on infill development.**Opportunities:

- The limited amount of land available in Columbus for greenfield development creates a great opportunity for infill development back into the urban core. Barriers to redevelopment should be researched and potentially amended or removed.
- A land needs assessment can identify buildable land and lands available for redevelopment.

***Transportation*****Need: Preserve and/or enhance existing transportation facilities.**Opportunities:

- Prioritize maintenance of existing transportation infrastructure.

- Improve transportation opportunities for people with disabilities.
- Improve transportation opportunities for aging populations.

**Need: Relieve congestion.**

Opportunities:

- Continue to identify locations for intersection improvements including roundabouts.
- Expand Metra services to include new trends, such as electrification, ride-share partnerships, and smaller carrier vehicles.

**Need: Expand ideals of complete transportation.**

Opportunities:

- Build on the theme of alternative transportation modes and enhanced operational efficiency by introducing multi-modal plans and programs designed to create a seamless transportation system with efficient and effective operations.
- Continue commitment to expand multiple transportation options that provide transportation needs to all citizens and to enhance quality of life.
- Provide pedestrian and bicycle transportation as well as public transit.
- Implement 2014 Alternative Transportation Plan.

**Need: Implement plans for high speed rail connection with Atlanta**

Opportunities:

- Identify future Columbus Airport expansion opportunities.
- Provide safer transportation option between Atlanta and Columbus.
- Align with national transportation goals.

**Need: Develop and maintain Columbus airport**

Opportunities:

- Attract multiple low cost carriers.
- Increase connections with different regions.



## Action Summary Sheet

**Suspense Date:** 10/04/2023  
**Responsible Department:** Planning  
**Responsible Officials:** John Johnson  
**Date Completed:**

**Subject:** 2023 Update to the Comprehensive Plan

**Summary:** Comprehensive plans are fully overhauled every 10 years (2018). Five-year updates are required by Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA). In 2012, DCA changes rules on 5-year updates – requires more than just updating the Community Work Program. In 2013, 5-year update of the 2008 Comp Plan, CCG follows the old rules because DCA is working through implementation of 2012 rule changes. Now, in 2023, CCG has to abide by the new rules which require updated Needs & Opportunities, the accomplishments from the 2019-2023 Community Work Program, and the new 2024-2028 Community Work Program (CWP). Lines highlighted in Orange in the new CWP are new additions.

**Action Required:** Approval of resolution by Council to submit 2023 Updates to the River Valley Regional Commission for review.

**Department Profiles:** City Manager's Office, Community Reinvestment Department, Engineering, City Attorney's Office, Planning, METRA

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☐ General (department to department)

### City Manager's Office

Name	Status	Initials	Date	Comments
Valeseia Goodwin	Completed	PJH	10/03/2023	Need agenda report.
Pamela Hodge				
Teasha Hollis				
Syfrenia Frazier				
Marci Norris				

### Community Reinvestment Department

Name	Status	Initials	Date	Comments
Robert Scott	Not Started			
Kimberly Mitchell				

### Engineering

Name	Status	Initials	Date	Comments
Donna Newman	Not Started			
Ronald Beck				



## City Attorney's Office

Name	Status	Initials	Date	Comments
Clifton Fay	Form Approved	LTS	10/03/2023	Approved with edits to resolution
Lucy Sheftall				

## Planning

Name	Status	Initials	Date	Comments
John Johnson	Not Started			
John Renfro				

## METRA

Name	Status	Initials	Date	Comments
Rosa Evans	Not Started			

Columbus/Muscogee County Community Work Program Update 2023-2028								
	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	Responsibility	Cost	Funding
<b>Economic Development</b>								
<b>GOAL: Align local businesses with the local school system</b>								
Create a comprehensive cradle-to-career (C2C) partnership to align education, training, business, and social services around increasing talent levels in Greater Columbus.	X	X				Columbus 2025	TBD	PPP
Ensure that three- and four-year olds have access to high early childhood education.	X	X				Columbus 2025	TBD	Various public and philanthropic sources / PPP
Expand the Columbus State-Columbus Tech partnership to other higher learning institutions in the region			X	X	X	Columbus State University / Columbus Technical College	TBD	State of Georgia
Expand efforts to introduce students to education and career possibilities from a young age.	X	X				Columbus 2025	TBD	PPP
Launch a broad-based adult education campaign to connect individuals who did not complete high school or college coursework with opportunities for advancement and employment.	X	X				Columbus 2025	TBD	Various public and philanthropic sources / PPP
<b>GOAL: Greater Columbus must retain its best and brightest workers.</b>								
Support the pursuit of a microchip plant or support services	X	X	X	X	X	Chips4Chips Coalition	TBD	Various public and philanthropic sources / PPP
Pursue defense industries that collaborate with the mission at Fort Moore	X	X	X	X	X	Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce / Development Authority	TBD	PPP
Welcome and engage new residents who move to Greater Columbus with a relocating family member.	X	X				Columbus 2025	TBD	PPP
<b>GOAL: Attract talented individuals to Greater Columbus.</b>								

Columbus/Muscogee County Community Work Program Update 2023-2028								
	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	Responsibility	Cost	Funding
Attract educated expatriates back to Greater Columbus through a "boomerang" marketing program.	X	X				Columbus 2025	TBD	PPP
Support the promotion of Columbus State and Troy University's Phenix City campus as schools of choice for students from outside of the region.	X	X				Columbus 2025	TBD	Columbus State / Troy University
<b>GOAL: Greater Columbus must grow and expand existing businesses</b>								
Pratt-Whitney Expansion	X	X	X	X	X	Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce / Development Authority	\$206,000,000	Pratt-Whitney
Support expansion of Mercy Med to all parts of Columbus	X	X	X	X	X	Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce / The Mill District / Planning Department	TBD	Various public and philanthropic sources / PPP
<b>GOAL: Recruit new firms and investments.</b>								
Continue to pursue new companies to the Muscogee Technology Park.	X	X	X	X	X	Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce / Development Authority	TBD	Various public and philanthropic sources / PPP
<b>GOAL: Greater Columbus must advocate for economic growth.</b>								
Create a database of brownfields for potential redress.	X	X				Community Reinvestment Department	Staff Time	General Fund
Expand the local film industry.	X	X	X	X	X	Columbus State University / Columbus Convention & Visitors Bureau / Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce	Staff Time	Various public and philanthropic sources / PPP
<b>GOAL: Strengthen the culture of entrepreneurship in Greater Columbus</b>								

Columbus/Muscogee County Community Work Program Update 2023-2028								
	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	Responsibility	Cost	Funding
Streamline the start-up process for small businesses.	X	X	X			Planning Department / Inspections & Codes Department / Revenue Division	Staff Time	General Fund
<b>GOAL: Expand resources to open up entrepreneurship as a possibility for all residents</b>								
Develop policy including incentives for start up of small and existing busiensses.	X	X	X			CCG	Staff Time	General Fund
Establish a policy to reduce regulatory barriers for new businesses.	X	X	X			CCG	Staff Time	General Fund
<b>GOAL: Promote Greater Columbus to external audiences</b>								
Pursue a major earned media campaign to generate positive coverage of Greater Columbus in external media markets	X	X				Columbus 2025	TBD	PPP
Support efforts to promote Greater Columbus through travel, tourism, and events.	X	X				Columbus 2025 / CVB	TBD	CVB
<b>GOAL: Maximize the impact of the region's greatest natural resource - the Chattahoochee River</b>								
Collaborate across state lines to further promote activation of the Chattahoochee Riverfront through the region's core	X	X				Columbus 2025 / Uptown Columbus, Inc. / CCG	TBD	Various public and private sources
<b>GOAL: Promote vibrant and attractive neighborhoods, corridors, and activity centers</b>								
Pursue policies and develop incentives to activate underutilized commercial, industrial, and neighborhood properties.	X	X				Columbus 2025 / Planning Department / Community Reinvestment Department	Staff Time	CCG

Columbus/Muscogee County Community Work Program Update 2023-2028								
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Catalyze the development of new housing options and supportive neighborhood retail in the region's core neighborhoods	X	X				Columbus 2025 / Planning Department / Community Reinvestment Department	Staff Time	CCG
Expand the Painted Spaces Project.	X	X	X	X	X	Columbus 2025	Staff Time	Various public and private sources
Continue efforts of developing a Riverfront Activity Area	X	X				Columbus 2025 / Uptown Columbus, Inc. / CCG / City of Phenix City	Staff Time	Local public and private sources
Beautify gateways into the region to make a positive first impression on visitors and enhance the built environment for the community	X	X				Columbus 2025 / ALDOT / GDOT / CCG	TBD	Various public and private sources
Prepare new zoning options to establish appropriate development standards and incentives for infill and redevelopment. Prepare design standards for compatible infill development.	X	X				Planning Department	Staff Time	CCG
Prepare an amendment to the Unified Development Ordinance to grant bonus density incentives and development and design standards for in-town mixed-use developments.	X					Planning Department	Staff Time	CCG
Work closely with neighborhood groups to develop local events that will promote unique neighborhood attributes and potentially spur greater economic development.	X	X	X	X	X	CCG / MidTown, Inc. / Uptown Columbus, Inc.	Staff Time	Various private sources and grants
Implement the City Village Master Plan as an alternative to the 2nd Avenue Redevelopment Plan	X	X	X	X	X	CCG / Bibb Village Homeowners Association / City Village Stakeholders	Staff Time	Various public and private sources
Continue efforts in the Beallwood Redevelopment Area	X	X	X	X	X	Neighborworks Columbus	TBD	HOME

Columbus/Muscogee County Community Work Program Update 2023-2028								
	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	Responsibility	Cost	Funding
Continue efforts in the MidTown neighborhoods to preserve and revitalize the area.	X	X	X	X	X	Planning Department / Midtown Inc.	Staff Time	Various public and private sources
Continue efforts to preserve the historic fabric and revitalize the Bibb City area of the City.	X	X	X	X	X	Planning Department / Bibb Village Homeowner's Association	Staff Time	Various public and private sources
Inventory historic properties throughout the community to identify need for adaptive reuse. Encourage market studies to be performed for these properties to establish opportunities.		X	X	X	X	Historic Columbus Foundation / Planning Department	TBD	Grants / PPP
<b>GOAL: Connect people and places with expanded opportunities for walking, biking, and transit use.</b>								
Advance on-going and develop future efforts to improve walking and biking connectivity.	X	X				Columbus 2025 / CCG / MPO / ALDOT / GDOT / PATH Foundation	TBD	Various public and private sources
Evaluate options to expand public transportation coverage, frequency, and operating hours to connect residents to jobs and amenities	X	X	X	X	X	Metra	TBD	Various public sources
<b>GOAL: Promote civic improvement efforts as a tool of economic development</b>								
Continue to pursue additional revenue sources that are needed to staff, operate, and maintain public facilities.	X	X				City Manager	Staff Time	CCG
New Judicial Center.	X	X	X	X	X	CCG	\$200,000,000	SPLOST
New City Hall.	X	X				CCG	\$50,000,000	Columbus Building Authority Bonds
Develop and maintain a formal and detailed maintenance and replacement program for all City Facilities.	X					City Manager	Staff Time	CCG

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Establish levels of service for all major facilities and services (e.g. number of parks per person, libraries per person, etc.). Multiple service areas should be considered to accommodate the demands of different services and facilities differences. Part of this process should also include identifying areas where service deficiencies or excess service capacity exist.	X	X	X			City Manager	Staff Time	CCG
<b>Land Use</b>								
<b>GOAL: Eliminate sprawl and slow greenfield development</b>								
Provide for more mixed-use opportunities to create more density, reduce impacts on city services, and provide retail, jobs, and other amenities for residents.	X	X				Planning Department	Staff Time	CCG
Remove barriers to redevelopment.	X					Planning Department	Staff Time	CCG
Pursue policies and develop incentives to activate underutilized commercial, industrial, and neighborhood properties.	X					Columbus 2025 / Planning Department / Community Reinvestment Department	Staff Time	CCG
Implement the City Village Master Plan as an alternative to the 2nd Avenue Redevelopment Plan	X	X	X	X	X	CCG / Bibb Village Homeowners Association / City Village Stakeholders	Staff Time	Various public and private sources
Continue efforts in the Beallwood Redevelopment Area	X	X	X	X	X	Neighborworks Columbus	TBD	HOME
<b>GOAL: Introduce new zoning regulations, techniques, and concepts to reintroduce into the urban core of Columbus.</b>								

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Study and review cutting edge zoning regulations, techniques, and concepts to incorporate into the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO), such as density-bonuses; form-based codes; pocket neighborhoods; incremental development; transit-oriented design, and/or performance-based zoning.	X	X				Planning Department / Inspections and Codes Department	Staff Time	CCG
Create conservation districts in established neighborhoods.	X	X				Planning Department	Staff Time	CCG
Review current mixed-use zoning regulations that can be adapted to infill development situations.	X					Planning Department	Staff Time	CCG
Pursue incentivizing development within walking and bicycling distance of existing and future transit and trail corridors to achieve improved location efficiency for housing, employment, recreation, and civic spaces.	X	X	X	X	X	Planning Department / Finance Department	Staff Time	CCG
Consider using performance-based land use controls, authorizing staff to evaluate land use decisions in a flexible but consistent manner. These objectives should be considered based on the Future Land Use Map and core principles, including access to infrastructure, environmental sustainability, etc.	X					Planning Department	Staff Time	CCG
<b>GOAL: Create a determined focus on sustainability.</b>								
Implement the American Planning Association's Plan4Health program in a pilot area of Columbus. Healthy environment places should require access to varying levels of resources for leading a healthier life, such as physical access to employment, healthcare, shopping, or social connections, for persons of all abilities.	X	X	X			Planning Department / Various community partners	Staff Time	CCG



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Create a pilot project that focuses on livable communities for all ages, with a focus on land-use, transportation, access to food, access to health services, and access to quality of life expectations.	X	X				Planning Department / Various community partners	Staff Time	CCG
Focus efforts to create design legislation that supports aging in place.	X	X				Planning Department	Staff Time	CCG
Refine policies and ordinances to extend Complete Streets design principles into land development plans.	X	X	X	X	X	Planning Department / Engineering Department	Staff Time	CCG
Encourage developers to utilize alternative water resource management, including but not limited to better efficiency measures, rainwater harvesting, or green infrastructure BMPs.	X	X				Planning Department / Engineering Department / Columbus Water Works	Staff Time	CCG
Encourage developers and builders to incorporate solar energy infrastructure into new developments and structures.	X	X				Planning Department / Georgia Power / Diverse Power / Flint Energies	Staff Time	CCG
Conduct a land needs assessment to identify buildable lands, infrastructure needs, and redevelopment barriers.	X	X				Planning Department	Staff Time	CCG
Seek funding to offer redevelopment incentives for brownfield and greyfield properties.	X					Community Reinvestment Department / Planning Department	Staff Time	CCG / CDBG / Grants
<b>GOAL: Research and implement new concepts regarding land-use and development.</b>								
As America becomes almost exclusively urban, increased pressure is placed on services and infrastructure; seek alternatives to traditional land-use and development standards.	X					Planning Department	Staff Time	CCG
Use the Future Policy Map to define areas where future services should and should not be provided and redefine urban service district boundaries.	X					City Manager	Staff Time	CCG

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<b>GOAL: Offer incentives for adaptive reuse.</b>								
Inventory historic properties throughout the community to identify need for adaptive reuse. Encourage market studies to be performed for these properties to establish opportunities.	X					Historic Columbus Foundation / Planning Department	TBD	Grants / PPP
<b>GOAL: Create a Neighborhood Identity Program.</b>								
Columbus residents typically identify themselves by their neighborhood. Neighborhoods are a source of pride and an identification program may help market those neighborhoods for new homeownership and redevelopment.	X	X	X			Planning Department / Community Reinvestment Department / Keep Columbus Beautiful	Staff Time / Grants	Various private and public sources
<b>Transportation</b>								
<b>GOAL: Preserve or enhance existing transportation facilities.</b>								
Steam Mill Road Improvements	X	X	X			C-PC MPO / Engineering Department	\$22,500,000	TIA 2
8th Street Improvements	X					C-PC MPO / Engineering Department	\$500,000	TSPLOST Discretionary
17th Street Improvements	X					C-PC MPO / Engineering Department	\$500,000	TSPLOST Discretionary
13th Street Improvements	X					C-PC MPO / Engineering Department	\$500,000	TSPLOST Discretionary
Resurfacing of local streets	X					Engineering	\$2,000,000	TSPLOST Discretionary
Oxbow Creek Bridge Improvements	X					Engineering	\$50,000	SPLOST
Improve transportation opportunities for people with disabilities.	X	X	X			C-PC MPO / Engineering Department	TBD	CCG
Improve transportation opportunities for aging populations.	X	X	X			C-PC MPO / Engineering Department	TBD	CCG
Prioritize maintenance of existing transportation infrastructure	X	X	X			C-PC MPO / Engineering Department	\$25,000,000	SPLOST

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Study the feasibility of adding bike lanes to downtown areas that would compliment and potentially connect to the Riverwalk. As an element of the study, identify key locations for bicycle facilities.	X	X	X			C-PC MPO / Engineering Department	\$21,500,000	TIA 2
<b>GOAL: Relieve congestion.</b>								
Expand Metra services to include new trends, such as electrification, ride-share partnerships, and smaller carrier vehicles.	X	X	X	X	X	Metra	Staff Time	TIA2
Continue to identify locations for intersection improvements, including but not limited to roundabouts.	X	X	X	X	X	C-PC MPO / Engineering Department	Staff Time	CCG
<b>GOAL: Expand the ideals of complete transportation.</b>								
Build on the theme of alternative transportation modes and enhanced operational efficiency by introducing multi-modal plans and programs designed to create a seamless transportation system with efficient and effective operations.	X	X	X	X	X	MPO / Metra	TBD	CCG
Advance on-going and develop future efforts to improve walking and biking connectivity.	X	X	X	X	X	Columbus 2025 / CCG / C-PC MPO / ALDOT / GDOT / PATH Foundation	TBD	Various public and private sources
Integrate projects from the 2014 Alternative Transportation Plan into the Long Range Transportation Program (LRTP).	X	X				C-PC MPO	TBD	Federal/State DOT/Local
Develop a formal policy to expand alternative transportation opportunities by adding bicycle lanes, bicycle friendly shoulders, or parallel multi-use paths to roadways during all widenings and new construction projects for all collector or arterial streets. Expansions should be considered with other related bicycle studies.	X	X	X	X	X	C-PC MPO / Engineering Department	TBD	TBD

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Actively maintain an inventory of pedestrian facilities in GIS, including a record of their condition.	X	X	X	X	X	Engineering Department	Staff Time	CCG
Initiate a Sidewalk Connectivity program to fill identified gaps in the pedestrian network, placing priority on projects within a half mile of schools, parks, and transit stops.	X	X	X	X	X	Planning Department / Engineering Department / Public Works Department	TBD	Various public and private sources
Implement bicycle safety improvements throughout the community.	X	X	X	X	X	C-PC MPO	TBD	TBD
<b>GOAL: Implement plans for a high-speed rail connection to Atlanta</b>								
Identify future Columbus Airport expansion opportunities	X	X	X	X	X	C-PC MPO / Columbus Airport Commission / FAA	\$25,000,000	TIA 2
Provide safer transportation options between Atlanta and Columbus	X	X	X	X	X	C-PC MPO / GDOT / USDOT	TBD	Various public and private sources
Align Columbus with national transportation goals	X	X	X	X	X	C-PC MPO / GDOT / USDOT	Staff Time	Various public and private sources
<b>GOAL: Develop and maintain the Columbus Airport</b>								
Open communication to attract multiple, low-cost air carriers	X	X	X	X	X	Columbus Airport Commission	TBD	TBD
Resurface the runway and taxi-way.	X	X	X	X	X	Columbus Airport Commission	\$35,000,000	Various public and private sources
Increase connections with other smaller airports in the southeast region.	X	X	X	X	X	Columbus Airport Commission	TBD	TBD
Columbus Airport Terminal Expansion				X	X	Columbus Airport Commission	\$25,000,000	TIA 2
<b>GOAL: Identify future transportation projects and complete existing transportation projects.</b>								
Military Drive installation	X	X	X	X	X	CPC-MPO	\$2,714,209	M230
Williams Road & Fortson Road roundabout	X					Engineering Department / GDOT / C-PC MPO	\$1,551,968	LMIG

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Sidewalk / Trail Connectivity Study	X	X	X	X		CPC-MPO	\$200,000	LOST
Gateway signage	X	X				Engineering Department / GDOT / C-PC MPO	\$500,000	LOST
School Traffic Impact Study	X	X	X	X		CPC-MPO	\$200,000	LOST
Edgewood Road Study	X	X	X	X		CPC-MPO	\$40,000	LOST
Uptown Street Lighting Upgrade	X	X				Engineering Department / Uptown Columbus	\$250,000	LOST
JR Allen at Schomburg Road and Blackmon Road Intersection Improvements	X	X	X	X	X	GDOT	\$11,300,000	TIA 2 / FHWA
Whitesville Road Widening	X	X	X	X		CPC-MPO / Engineering Department	\$12,800,000	TIA 2
Columbus Riverwalk Repaving & Maintenance	X	X	X			CPC-MPO / Engineering Department	\$12,500,000	TIA 2
South Lumpkin Road Streetscape	X	X	X			CPC-MPO / Engineering Department	\$10,100,000	TIA 2
13th Avenue / 17th Street / Linwood Boulevard	X	X	X			CPC-MPO / Engineering Department	\$6,650,000	TIA 2
Liberty Theater Block Enhancement	X	X	X			CPC-MPO / Engineering Department	\$4,000,000	TIA 2
5th Avenue Trail Connector	X	X	X			CPC-MPO / Engineering Department	\$690,000	TIA 2

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Buena Vista Road Corridor Improvements	X	X	X			GDOT	\$10,700,000	TIA 2
Andrews Road Improvements	X	X	X			GDOT	\$6,800,000	TIA 2
Brennan Road Improvements	X	X	X			GDOT	\$9,200,000	TIA 2
University Avenue Road Diet / Streetscape	X	X	X			GDOT	\$6,000,000	TIA 2
Second Avenue Improvements	X	X	X	X	X	GDOT	\$18,200,000	TIA 2
Forrest Avenue Widening				X	X	TBD	\$15,400,000	TIA 2
Morris Road Improvements				X	X	TBD	\$12,000,000	TIA 2
Bridge Improvements: Miller Road & Manchester Expressway	X					C-PC MPO	\$18,000,000	Federal/State DOT/Local
54th Street Resurfacing	X	X	X	X	X	C-PC MPO	TBD	Federal/State DOT/Local
Billings Road Resurfacing	X	X	X	X	X	C-PC MPO	TBD	Federal/State DOT/Local
Torch Hill Road Resurfacing	X	X	X	X	X	C-PC MPO	TBD	Federal/State DOT/Local
Morris Road Resurfacing	X	X	X	X	X	C-PC MPO	TBD	Federal/State DOT/Local
North Lumpkin Road Resurfacing	X	X	X	X	X	C-PC MPO	TBD	Federal/State DOT/Local
30th Avenue Resurfacing	X	X	X	X	X	C-PC MPO	TBD	Federal/State DOT/Local

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Andrews Road Resurfacing	X	X	X	X	X	C-PC MPO	TBD	Federal/State DOT/Local
Double Churches Road Resurfacing	X	X	X	X	X	C-PC MPO	TBD	Federal/State DOT/Local
Bridge Improvements: SR 22 Spur & Weracoba Creek	X					C-PC MPO	\$2,154,356	Federal/State DOT/Local
Dragonfly Connector - Dinglewood Park	X					Dragonfly Trails / CCG / DNR		Various public and private sources
Dragonfly Connector - Lakebottom Park	X					Dragonfly Trails / CCG		Various public and private sources
Infantry Road & Follow Me Trail Extension	X	X	X	X	X	C-PC MPO	\$2,728,572	M230
Mott's Green Plaza rehabilitation	X					C-PC MPO	\$1,039,500	Federal/State DOT/Local
Dragonfly Connector - Cherokee Avenue	X	X	X			Dragonfly Trails / CCG		Various public and private sources
Buena Vista Road - I-185 interchange	X	X				C-PC MPO	\$47,670,000	TIA
Spiderweb reconfiguration	X	X	X			C-PC MPO	\$40,000,000	TIA
Cusseta Road & Old Cusseta Road interchange and reconfiguration	X	X	X	X		C-PC MPO	\$58,269,412	TIA
Evaluate options to expand public transportation coverage, frequency, and operating hours to connect residents to jobs and amenities	X	X	X	X	X	Metra	\$25,000,000	TIA 2
Conduct study of expanding public transportation to developing areas of the community.	X	X	X	X	X	Metra	\$25,000,000	TIA 2
Housing								
<b>GOAL: Improve access to affordable, quality housing.</b>								
Prepare housing conditions survey of in-town neighborhoods to identify and classify housing conditions, matching appropriate strategies to each.	X.					Community Reinvestment Department / Planning Department / Inspections and Code Enforcement Department	Staff Time	Various public sources

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Review the City's Unified Development Ordinance and consider providing incentives (density bonus, expedited permitting) for mixed-income housing in in-town neighborhoods.						Planning Department	Staff Time	CCG
Revise Unified Development Ordinance to allow accessory dwelling units and establish appropriate development and design standards for them.	X					Planning Department	Staff Time	CCG
Develop a regional housing plan.	X	X	X	X	X	Regional Housing Task Force	Staff Time	Various public and private sources
Utilize HOME funding for a CHDO to build one home	X					Community Reinvestment Department	\$160,688	HOME
Affordable Housing Development (8 homes)	X					Community Reinvestment Department	\$1,053,444	CDBG / HOME
Catalyze the development of new housing options and supportive neighborhood retail in the region's core neighborhoods	X					Columbus 2025 / Planning Department / Community Reinvestment Department	Staff Time	CCG
Accessibility Home Compliance Program (housing rehab)	X					Community Reinvestment Department	\$3,000	CDBG
Lead-Based Paint Testing Program	X					Community Reinvestment Department	\$1,000	CDBG
Utilize property acquisition to expand affordable housing opportunities.	X					Community Reinvestment Department	\$100,000	CDBG
Support the efforts of the Greater Columbus Housing Authority to redevelop public housing into income-based housing.	X	X	X	X	X	CCG / Greater Columbus Housing Authority	Staff Time	Various public and private sources
<b>GOAL: Remove slum and blight.</b>								



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Establish proactive inspection and code enforcement efforts in targeted neighborhoods with systematic code deficiencies that are contributing to disinvestment and coordinate with housing rehabilitation loans for owner-occupied stock.	X	X	X	X	X	Inspections and Code Enforcement Department	Staff Time	CCG
Work closely with neighborhood groups to develop local events that will promote unique neighborhood attributes and potentially spur greater economic development.	X	X	X	X	X	CCG / MidTown, Inc. / Uptown Columbus, Inc.	Staff Time	Various private sources and grants
Use Code Enforcement and/or rehabilitation assistance to maintain the quality of the housing stock and avoid serious deterioration.	X	X	X	X	X	Community Reinvestment Department / Planning Department / Inspections and Code Enforcement Department	Staff Time	Various public sources
Utilize the Land Bank to purchase property for redevelopment purposes, particularly in blighted communities.	X	X	X	X	X	Community Reinvestment Department	Staff Time	Various public sources
Determine which neighborhoods can benefit from action plans that address issues such as housing, vacant property, transportation, and quality of life.	X	X	X			Community Reinvestment Department / C-PC MPO / Inspections and Code Enforcement Department / Metra	Staff Time	CCG
Blight removal via demolition.	X					Community Reinvestment Department / Inspections and Code Enforcement Department	\$325,000	CDBG

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Establish funds and procedures to acquire, demolish and redevelop vacant housing units that are so under-maintained that they have become neighborhood nuisances and safety hazards.	X	X	X	X	X	Community Reinvestment Department / Inspections and Code Enforcement Department	TBD	CDBG / CCG / Possible grants
<b>GOAL: Increase efforts to promote economic opportunity and reduce poverty.</b>								
Create a comprehensive cradle-to-career (C2C) partnership to align education, training, business, and social services around increasing talent levels in Greater Columbus.	X	X				Columbus 2025	TBD	PPP
Ensure that three- and four-year olds have access to high early childhood education.	X	X				Columbus 2025	TBD	Various public and philanthropic sources / PPP
Ensure that infants, toddlers, and expecting parents have access to comprehensive child development and family support services.	X	X				Columbus 2025	TBD	Various public and philanthropic sources / PPP
Expand efforts to introduce students to education and career possibilities from a young age.	X	X				Columbus 2025	TBD	PPP
Leverage existing programs to coordinate a community-wide mentoring program for at-risk K-12 students.	X	X				Columbus 2025	TBD	PPP
Launch a broad-based adult education campaign to connect individuals who did not complete high school or college coursework with opportunities for advancement and employment.	X	X				Columbus 2025	TBD	Various public and philanthropic sources / PPP
<b>GOAL: Increase efforts to provide public services</b>								
Expand Metra services to include new trends, such as electrification, ride-share partnerships, and smaller carrier vehicles.	X	X	X	X	X	Metra	Staff Time	TIA2

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Initiate a Sidewalk Connectivity program to fill identified gaps in the pedestrian network, placing priority on projects within a half mile of schools, parks, and transit stops.	X	X	X	X	X	Planning Department / Engineering Department / Public Works Department	TBD	Various public and private sources
<b>GOAL: Increase efforts to create and/or expand housing and services to homeless persons</b>								
Work with homeless advocates to create alternative types of development, such as tiny house communities or container home communities.	X	X				Community Reinvestment Department / Home For Good	TBD	Various public and private sources
Preserve short-term and long-term homeless facilities and associated services.	X	X	X	X	X	Community Reinvestment Department / Home For Good / Homeless Resource Network / Valley Rescue Mission / Open Door / Safehouse	TBD	Various public and private sources
<b>GOAL: Maintain or expand planning and administration</b>								
Maintain and potentially expand administrative and planning costs to operate CDBG and HOME programs successfully	X	X	X	X	X	Community Reinvestment Department / Neighborworks Columbus	TBD	CDBG / HOME
Pursue more funding and political support for the Columbus Land Bank.	X	X	X	X	X	Community Reinvestment Department / The Land Bank Authority	TBD	Various public and private sources
Strengthen the existing tree ordinance by benchmarking existing regulations against state recommendations and other cities of similar size and characteristics.	X					Planning Department / Public Services Department	Staff Time	CCG
Urban Services								
<b>GOAL: Pursue park renovations / additions when economically feasible.</b>								

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Replace existing pool at Shirley Winston Park with a new pool / splash pad.	X	X	X			Parks & Recreation Department	\$5,000,000	SPLOST
Replace existing pool at Psalmond Road Park with a new pool / splash pad.	X	X	X			Parks & Recreation Department	\$5,000,000	SPLOST
Replace existing pool at Rigdon Park with a new pool / splash pad.	X	X	X			Parks & Recreation Department	\$5,000,000	SPLOST
Build 6 pickle ball courts at the Cooper Creek Park Tennis Complex	X	X				Parks & Recreation Department	\$90,000	SPLOST
City Park Upgrades / Renovations	X	X	X	X	X	Parks & Recreation Department	\$33,000,000	SPLOST
<b>GOAL: Columbus must maintain and follow its Capital Outlay Plan.</b>								
Lifting magnet and manhole cover dolly (2)	X					Engineering Department	\$1,686	Stormwater Fund
Improvements to recreational facilities in low-to-moderate income tracts.	X					Community Reinvestment Department / Parks & Recreation Department	\$400,261	CDBG
Expanded IT Storage	X					Information Technology	\$300,000	LOST
City Fiber Upgrade	X					Information Technology	\$200,000	LOST
Road resurfacing	X					Engineering	\$260,000	LOST
Stormwater Improvements	X					Engineering	\$600,000	LOST
Replace a portion of the Weracoba Creek retaining wall along Cherokee Avenue	X					Engineering	\$2,445,705	LOST / Capital Projects Fund
Jail Site Master Plan	X					MCSO / Finance	TBD	OLOST
Mini-splash pad at Carver Park	X					Park & Recreation Department	\$700,000	SPLOST
Mini-splash pad at Citizens Service Center	X					Park & Recreation Department	\$700,000	SPLOST
Replace the clubhouse at Bull Creek Golf Course.	X					Columbus Golf Authority	\$2,500,000	SPLOST
Replace the clubhouse at Oxbow Meadows Golf Course & Other Improvements	X					Columbus Golf Authority	\$2,500,000	SPLOST
Public Safety - Vehicles and Equipment / Facilities Renovation	X	X	X	X	X	Public Safety Agencies	\$44,000,000	SPLOST
Trade Center Parking Garage Improvements	X	X	X	X	X	Columbus Convention & Trade Center	\$5,000,000	SPLOST
Public Works - Vehicles and Equipment	X	X	X	X	X	Public Works	\$14,000,000	SPLOST

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Storm Water Improvements	X	X	X	X	X	Engineering Department	\$20,000,000	SPLOST
New Judicial Center	X	X	X	X	X	CCG	\$200,000,000	SPLOST
Civic Center Improvements	X	X	X	X	X	Civic Center	\$5,000,000	SPLOST
Economic Development infrastructure funds.	X	X	X	X	X	CCG / Development Authority	\$9,000,000	SPLOST
Information Technology Equipment and Improvements	X	X	X	X	X	Information Technology	\$5,000,000	SPLOST
<b>GOAL: Protect the Chattahoochee River and its subsidiaries to ensure water quality.</b>								
Columbus will need to step up its efforts to monitor and protect its clean water in the Chattahoochee River and other significant water bodies as new growth takes place. Five of the city's significant rivers and streams, along with Lake Oliver, have been identified as not fully supporting the water quality standards mandated by the Clean Water Act. It is important to buffer these critical water bodies and protect them from pollution from urban run-off.	X	X	X	X	X	CCG / CWW	Staff Time	CCG
Review the inventory and analysis of natural systems on a 5-year basis and continue to develop policy recommendations for preserving the environmental resources of the community.	X	X	X	X	X	CCG / CWW	Staff Time	CCG
Implement and maintain a program for both detecting and eliminating illicit discharges from the separate storm sewer system.	X	X	X	X	X	Engineering Department	Staff Time	CCG
Continue to implement the Columbus Water Works Management Plan.	X	X	X	X	X	Engineering Department / CWW	Staff Time	CCG
Monitor water quality in those creeks listed on the current 303(d) list (Waters not or partially meeting water quality standards associated with their intended use).	X	X	X	X	X	Engineering Department	Staff Time	CCG

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STWP Specific to Individual Character Areas								
Old Town								
Advance on-going and develop future efforts to improve walking and biking connectivity.	X	X	X			Columbus 2025 / CCG / MPO / ALDOT / GDOT / PATH Foundation	TBD	Various public and private sources
Encourage existing and future developments surrounding the MCSD Northside campuses to incorporate trails, sidewalks, and other non-vehicle accesses that access the campuses.	X	X	X			Planning Department	Staff Time	CCG
Encourage future developments within this character area to utilize unique design elements, setbacks, and aesthetics that help blend the developments yet also encourage individuality of developments.	X	X	X			Planning Department	Staff Time	CCG
Establish potential affordable housing incentives for this character area.	X	X	X			Planning Department	Staff Time	CCG
Veterans Parkway-Whittlesey Road Commercial Corridor								
Advance on-going and develop future efforts to improve walking and biking connectivity.	X	X	X			Columbus 2025 / CCG / MPO / ALDOT / GDOT / PATH Foundation	TBD	Various public and private sources
Study and review cutting edge zoning regulations, techniques, and concepts to incorporate into the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO), such as form-based codes; pocket neighborhoods; incremental development; transit-oriented design, and/or performance-based zoning.	X	X				Planning Department / Inspections and Codes Department	Staff Time	CCG
Pursue intersection improvements at Bradley Park Drive and the J.R. Allen Parkway.	X	X				GDOT	\$18,900,000	GDOT
Kendall Creek								
Advance on-going and develop future efforts to improve walking and biking connectivity.	X	X				Columbus 2025 / CCG / MPO / ALDOT / GDOT / PATH Foundation	TBD	Various public and private sources
Beaver Run								

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Create a sense of place for the entire character area (through development) that serves as an identification point.	X	X				Planning Department	Staff Time	CCG
Plan rural-scaled, mixed use clusters at major intersections for local commercial and institutional services.	X	X				Planning Department	Staff Time	CCG
<b>Arbor Point</b>								
Institute a neighborhood identification program for Arbor Point, EJ Knight, and Patriot Point.	X					Planning Department / Community Reinvestment Department / Keep Columbus Beautiful / Columbus Housing Authority	Staff Time / Grants	Various private and public sources
<b>Uptown</b>								
Focus marketing efforts and new growth on "The Loop".	X	X	X	X	X	UPTown Columbus Inc. / CCG / City of Phenix City	TBD	Various public and private resources
Encourage more mixed-use growth along the 6th Avenue Corridor to compliment, MidCity Yards, Chattabrewchee, and Fetch Dog Park.	X	X	X	X	X	Planning Department	Staff Time	CCG
Update the Uptown Façade Board Design Guidelines	X	X				Planning Department	\$10,000	Grant
Work with local advocates to create alternative types of development, such as tiny house communities or container home communities.	X	X				CCG / UPTown Columbus Inc.	TBD	Various public and private sources
Pursue an open container ordinance for parts of the Uptown entertainment area	X	X				CCG / UPTown Columbus Inc.	Staff Time	Various public and private sources
Continue to encourage more housing in Uptown.	X	X	X			CCG / UPTown Columbus Inc.	Staff Time	CCG

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Study and review cutting edge zoning regulations, techniques, and concepts to incorporate into the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO), such as form-based codes; pocket neighborhoods; incremental development; transit-oriented design, and/or performance-based zoning.	X	X				Planning Department / Inspections and Codes Department / Uptown Columbus Inc.	Staff Time	CCG
<b>Oxbow</b>								
Assist the Chamber and the National Infantry Museum on pursuing development of the proposed PUD north of the Museum.	X	X	X	X	X	CCG / Fort Benning / National Infantry Museum / Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce	TBD	Various public and private sources
Military Drive Installation	X	X	X	X	X	CPC-MPO	\$2,714,209	M230
Infantry Road & Follow Me Trail Extension	X	X	X	X	X	C-PC MPO	\$2,728,572	M230
Replace the clubhouse at Oxbow Meadows Golf Course & Other Improvements	X					Columbus Golf Authority	\$2,500,000	SPLOST
South Lumpkin Road Streetscape	X	X	X			CPC-MPO / Engineering Department	\$10,100,000	TIA 2
<b>Midtown Medical Corridor</b>								
Readopt a New Medical Center Redevelopment Plan	X	X	X	X		Planning Department	Staff Time	CCG
Support demolition of outdated medical offices and promote lot combinations for multi-user medical office complexes.	X	X	X	X		Planning Department / Inspections and Codes Department	Staff Time	TBD
Advance on-going and develop future efforts to improve walking and biking connectivity.	X					Columbus 2025 / CCG / MPO / ALDOT / GDOT / PATH Foundation	TBD	Various public and private sources
Create a Midtown Medical Corridor Overlay District.	X					Planning Department	Staff Time	TBD
<b>Five Points</b>								
Review existing land-uses and zoning and adjust accordingly (if necessary) for future redevelopment.	X	X				Planning Department / Midtown Inc.	Staff Time	TBD
Create a master plan for the area with a focus on mixed-use redevelopment.	X	X				Planning Department / Midtown Inc.	TBD	Various public and private sources



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Advance on-going and develop future efforts to improve walking and biking connectivity.	X	X				Columbus 2025 / CCG / MPO / ALDOT / GDOT / PATH Foundation	TBD	Various public and private sources
Promote and market its location based on proximity to Lakebottom Park, Uptown Columbus, Piedmont Columbus, and the 13th & 13th Redevelopment Corridor.	X	X				Midtown Inc.	TBD	Various public and private sources
13th Avenue / 17th Street / Linwood Boulevard	X	X	X			CPC-MPO / Engineering Department	\$6,650,000	TIA 2
17th Street Improvements	X					C-PC MPO / Engineering Department	\$500,000	TSPLOST Discretionary
13th & 13th								
Review existing land-uses and zoning and adjust accordingly (if necessary) for future redevelopment.	X	X				Planning Department / Midtown Inc.	Staff Time	TBD
Pursue a road diet and streetscape project along 13th Street.	X	X				Planning Department / Engineering Department / Midtown Inc. / GDOT	TBD	GDOT / CCG
Promote and market its location based on proximity to Lakebottom Park, Uptown Columbus, Piedmont Columbus, and Five Points.	X	X				Midtown Inc.	TBD	Various public and private sources
Create a master plan for the area with a focus on mixed-use redevelopment.	X	X				Planning Department / Midtown Inc.	TBD	Various public and private sources
Advance on-going and develop future efforts to improve walking and biking connectivity.	X	X				Columbus 2025 / CCG / MPO / ALDOT / GDOT / PATH Foundation	TBD	Various public and private sources
Dragonfly Connector - Dinglewood Park	X					Dragonfly Trails / CCG / DNR		Various public and private sources
Pursue EPA Brownfield grants to conduct environmental assessments of the areas immediately north of 13th Street.	X	X				Community Reinvestment Department / Midtown Inc.	TBD	EPA
Civic Commons								
Promote walkability by improving pedestrian infrastructure on Macon Road.	X	X				Engineering Department / GDOT / Midtown Inc.	TBD	TBD

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Pursue a streetscape project along Boxwood Boulevard.	X	X				Planning Department / Engineering Department / Midtown Inc. / GDOT	TBD	TBD
Identify other potential civic uses that could be utilized on the site.	X	X				CCG / MCSD	TBD	TBD
Advance on-going and develop future efforts to improve walking and biking connectivity.	X	X				Columbus 2025 / CCG / MPO / ALDOT / GDOT / PATH Foundation	TBD	Various public and private sources
<b>Liberty District</b>								
Advance on-going and develop future efforts to improve walking and biking connectivity.	X	X				Columbus 2025 / CCG / MPO / ALDOT / GDOT / PATH Foundation	TBD	Various public and private sources
Liberty Theater Block Enhancement	X	X	X			CPC-MPO / Engineering Department	\$4,000,000	TIA 2
Find grant funding for rehabilitation of the Liberty Theater	X	X	X	X	X	Planning Department	TBD	Grants
Encourage urban, dense mixed-use development along 8th Avenue.	X	X				Planning Department / Development Authority / Community Reinvestment Department	TBD	Various public and private sources
Institute a Liberty District identification program		X				Planning Department	TBD	Various public and private sources
Provide incentives for reinvestment and rehabilitation.						CCG	Staff Time	TBD
Encourage adaptive reuse of the existing early century structures.	X	X				Planning Department	Staff Time	TBD
Promote the Liberty District as an arts and entertainment district.						CCG	TBD	TBD
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Restore the street network by reopening 5th and 7th Streets between 5th and 6th Avenues and opening 7th Avenue between 5th and 7th Streets	X					Columbus Housing Authority	TBD	TBD
<b>Columbus Historic District</b>								
Work with partners to help preserve and improve the southern end of the district.	X	X	X	X	X	Planning Department / Historic Columbus Foundation / HDPS	Staff Time	TBD
Advance on-going and develop future efforts to improve walking and biking connectivity.	X	X	X	X	X	Columbus 2025 / CCG / MPO / ALDOT / GDOT / PATH Foundation	TBD	Various public and private sources
Provide incentives for reinvestment and rehabilitation on the southern end of the neighborhood.	X	X	X	X	X	Planning Department / Historic Columbus Foundation / HDPS	Staff Time	TBD
<b>South Commons</b>								
Expand the River District Redevelopment Area and TAD #2 to include South Commons.	X					Mayor's Office / Planning Department	Staff Time	TBD
Advance on-going and develop future efforts to improve walking and biking connectivity.	X	X	X	X	X	Columbus 2025 / CCG / MPO / ALDOT / GDOT / PATH Foundation	TBD	Various public and private sources
<b>Muscogee Technology Park (MTP)</b>								
Advance on-going and develop future efforts to improve walking and biking connectivity.	X	X	X	X	X	Columbus 2025 / CCG / MPO / ALDOT / GDOT / PATH Foundation	TBD	Various public and private sources
Identify areas for clustered commercial development that serves the businesses and employees of MTP	X	X	X	X	X	Development Authority	TBD	Various public and private sources
Identify areas close to MTP for workforce housing.	X	X	X	X	X	Planning Department	Staff Time	TBD
Market the area to defense industries that will collaborate with Fort Benning and reopen the Schatulga Road Access Control Point.	X	X	X	X	X	Development Authority / Fort Benning	TBD	Various public and private sources
<b>Cooper Creek Park</b>								

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Advance on-going and develop future efforts to improve walking and biking connectivity.	X	X	X	X	X	Columbus 2025 / CCG / MPO / ALDOT / GDOT / PATH Foundation	TBD	Various public and private sources
Create a master plan for the area with a focus on mixed-use redevelopment.	X	X	X	X	X	Planning Department / CORTA	TBD	Various public and private sources
Encourage adaptive reuse of industrial warehouses.	X	X	X	X	X	Planning Department	Staff Time	TBD
Encourage businesses that will compliment and benefit the Fall Line Trace.	X	X	X	X	X	Planning Department	Staff Time	TBD
Identify revitalization opportunities along corridors and plan streetscape projects for them.	X	X	X	X	X	Planning Department	Staff Time	TBD
Build 6 pickle ball courts at the Cooper Creek Park Tennis Complex	X	X				Parks & Recreation Department	\$90,000	SPLOST
Columbus State University (CSU)								
Advance on-going and develop future efforts to improve walking and biking connectivity.	X	X				Columbus 2025 / CCG / MPO / ALDOT / GDOT / PATH Foundation	TBD	Various public and private sources
Implement the proposed University Avenue road diet.	X	X	X			GDOT	\$6,000,000	TIA 2
Evaluate the possibility of installing roundabouts along College Drive.	X	X				CCG / CSU	TBD	TBD
Create additional on-campus building sites by replacing surface parking with parking garages.	X	X				CSU	TBD	TBD
Promote mixed-use development at the intersection of Gentian Boulevard and University Avenue.	X	X				Planning Department	Staff Time	TBD
City Village (Mill District)								
Advance on-going and develop future efforts to improve walking and biking connectivity.	X	X				Columbus 2025 / CCG / MPO / ALDOT / GDOT / PATH Foundation	TBD	Various public and private sources
Implement the City Village Master Plan.	X	X	X	X	X	CCG / Historic Columbus Foundation / Columbus Housing Authority / Development Authority	TBD	Various public and private sources

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Partner with the Mill District, Inc. to provide planning services.	X	X	X	X	X	Planning Department	Staff Time	CCG
Second Avenue Improvements	X	X	X	X	X	GDOT	\$18,200,000	TIA 2
Repair the culvert at 35th Street and 2nd Avenue	X					Engineering Department	\$2,100,000	LOST
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Implement the Mill District as a conservation district.	X	X				Planning Department	Staff Time	CCG
Eliminate Bibb City and City Village as character areas. Combine them into the Mill District.	X					Planning Department	Staff Time	CCG
<b>Bibb City (Mill District)</b>								
Develop and implement a conservation neighborhood.						Planning Department	Staff Time	TBD
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Second Avenue Improvements	X	X	X	X	X	GDOT	\$18,200,000	TIA 2
Advance on-going and develop future efforts to improve walking and biking connectivity.	X	X				Columbus 2025 / CCG / MPO / ALDOT / GDOT / PATH Foundation	TBD	Various public and private sources
Eliminate Bibb City and City Village as character areas. Combine them into the Mill District.	X					Planning Department	Staff Time	CCG
<b>Columbus Tech-Beallwood</b>								
Advance on-going and develop future efforts to improve walking and biking connectivity.	X	X				Columbus 2025 / CCG / MPO / ALDOT / GDOT / PATH Foundation	TBD	Various public and private sources

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Economic Development									
<b>GOAL: Align local businesses with the local school system</b>									
Create a comprehensive cradle-to-career (C2C) partnership to align education, training, business, and social services around increasing talent levels in Greater Columbus.	X	X	X			Columbus 2025	TBD	PPP	Underway (2025)
Ensure that three- and four-year olds have access to high early childhood education.	X	X	X			Columbus 2025	TBD	Various public and philanthropic sources / PPP	Underway (2025)
Ensure that infants, toddlers, and expecting parents have access to comprehensive child development and family support services.	X	X	X			Columbus 2025	TBD	Various public and philanthropic sources / PPP	Completed
Expand efforts to introduce students to education and career possibilities from a young age.	X	X	X			Columbus 2025	TBD	PPP	Underway (2025)
Leverage existing programs to coordinate a community-wide mentoring program for at-risk K-12 students.	X	X	X			Columbus 2025	TBD	PPP	Cancelled (no longer involved)
Launch a broad-based adult education campaign to connect individuals who did not complete high school or college coursework with opportunities for advancement and employment.	X	X	X			Columbus 2025	TBD	Various public and philanthropic sources / PPP	Underway (2025 )
<b>GOAL: Greater Columbus must retain its best and brightest workers.</b>									
Connect business and education providers to develop post-secondary programs and high school curricula that support target business growth and introduce young people to job opportunities.	X	X	X			Columbus 2025	TBD	Education providers / PPP	Completed
Challenge the region's business community to leverage, expand, and develop internship and apprenticeship opportunities for high school and college students	X	X	X			Columbus 2025	TBD	Private businesses / PPP	Completed
Develop a formal retention program for individuals retiring from or exiting the military.	X	X	X			Columbus 2025	TBD	PPP	Cancelled (Not pursued because of Covid)
Welcome and engage new residents who move to Greater Columbus with a relocating family member.	X	X	X			Columbus 2025	TBD	PPP	Underway (2025 )
<b>GOAL: Attract talented individuals to Greater Columbus.</b>									
Attract educated expatriates back to Greater Columbus through a "boomerang" marketing program.	X	X	X			Columbus 2025	TBD	PPP	Underway (2025 )
Support the promotion of Columbus State and Troy University's Phenix City campus as schools of choice for students from outside of the region.	X	X	X			Columbus 2025	TBD	Columbus State / Troy University	Underway (2025 )
<b>GOAL: Greater Columbus must grow and expand existing businesses</b>									
Formalize a collaborative business retention and expansion (BRE) program to ensure conditions are optimal for existing firms to thrive.	X	X				Columbus 2025	TBD	PPP	Cancelled (lacks support)
Launch a pilot "economic gardening" program to help second-stage firms grow in Greater Columbus	X	X	X			Columbus 2025	TBD	PPP	Cancelled (lacks support)
<b>GOAL: Recruit new firms and investments.</b>									
Develop an updated comprehensive economic development marketing program.	X	X	X			Columbus 2025	TBD	PPP	Completed
<b>GOAL: Pursue special opportunities for growth and diversification</b>									
Continue to pursue the development of an +B21 additional hotel adjacent to the Columbus Georgia Convention and Trade Center.	X	X	X	X	X	Columbus 2025	TBD	PPP	Cancelled (no longer involved)
Evaluate the viability of expanding cybersecurity research capacity in Greater Columbus.	X	X	X			Columbus 2025	TBD	PPP	Completed
Explore possibilities to leverage the Columbus campus of the Mercer University School of Medicine.	X	X	X	X	X	Columbus 2025	TBD	PPP	Completed
<b>GOAL: Greater Columbus must advocate for economic growth.</b>									
Continue to lobby on behalf of Fort Benning through the appropriate state and federal channels.	X	X	X	X	X	Columbus 2025	TBD	Grow Benning	Completed
Work with all appropriate partners to identify near- and long-term opportunities for improving connectivity between Greater Columbus and major markets	X	X	X	X	X	Columbus 2025	TBD	Chamber of Commerce / PPP	Completed
Ensure that the region's legislative agendas are aligned with strategic community and economic development needs.	X	X	X	X	X	Columbus 2025	TBD	Chamber of Commerce	Completed
<b>GOAL: Strengthen the culture of entrepreneurship in Greater Columbus</b>									
Develop a physical, flexible, and professionally staffed "center of gravity" for entrepreneurial activities in a highly visible location.	X	X	X			Columbus 2025 / Uptown Columbus, Inc.	TBD	Various public and philanthropic sources / PPP	Completed



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Work with organizers to make the Bob Wright Symposium on Business Empowerment the premier event of its kind.	X	X				Columbus 2025	TBD	PPP	Cancelled (discontinued due to Covid)
Pursue expanding option for food trucks by searching for appropriate private locations or public property sites. Food trucks provide start-up business options that are cheaper than brick-and-mortar businesses.	X	X				CCG	Staff Time	N/A	Completed
<b>GOAL: Expand resources to open up entrepreneurship as a possibility for all residents</b>									
Expand capital availability for individuals who lack access to traditional capital with a pre-seed microloan program.	X	X	X	X	X	Columbus 2025	TBD	Local banks and financial institutions / Philanthropic foundations and donors	Completed
Advance Greater Columbus' position in the "maker movement" through support for Columbus MakesIT.	X					Columbus 2025	TBD	Various private sources and grants	Completed
<b>GOAL: Establish a unifying community brand.</b>									
Research, define, and develop a community brand.	X					Columbus 2025	TBD	Various public and private partners	Completed
<b>GOAL: Promote Greater Columbus to external audiences</b>									
Pursue a major earned media campaign to generate positive coverage of Greater Columbus in external media markets	X	X	X			Columbus 2025	TBD	PPP	Underway (2025 )
Support efforts to promote Greater Columbus through travel, tourism, and events.	X	X	X	X	X	Columbus 2025 / CVB	TBD	CVB	Underway (2025 )
<b>GOAL: Maximize the impact of the region's greatest natural resource - the Chattahoochee River</b>									
Collaborate across state lines to further promote activation of the Chattahoochee Riverfront through the region's core	X	X	X	X	X	Columbus 2025 / Uptown Columbus, Inc. / CCG	TBD	Various public and private sources	Underway (2025 )
<b>GOAL: Promote vibrant and attractive neighborhoods, corridors, and activity centers</b>									
Pursue policies and develop incentives to activate underutilized commercial, industrial, and neighborhood properties.	X	X	X	X	X	Columbus 2025 / Planning Department / Community Reinvestment Department	Staff Time	CCG	Underway (2025 )
Catalyze the development of new housing options and supportive neighborhood retail in the region's core neighborhoods	X	X	X	X	X	Columbus 2025 / Planning Department / Community Reinvestment Department	Staff Time	CCG	Underway (2025 )
Create a formal partnership to promote a vibrant downtown Phenix City	X	X				Columbus 2025 / Uptown Columbus, Inc. / CCG / City of Phenix City	Staff Time	Local public and private sources	Cancelled (no interest between the bi-cities)
Continue efforts of developing a Riverfront Activity Area	X	X	X	X	X	Columbus 2025 / Uptown Columbus, Inc. / CCG / City of Phenix City	Staff Time	Local public and private sources	Underway (2025 )
Maximize community attachment and neighborhood beautification by fostering the creation and enhancement of spaces that are high in quality, beautiful, and designed for people.	X	X	X	X	X	Planning Department / Community Reinvestment Department / Keep Columbus Beautiful	Staff Time	Various public and private sources	Cancelled( No longer activity local gov intends to undertake due to staff shortages )
Beautify gateways into the region to make a positive first impression on visitors and enhance the built environment for the community	X	X	X	X	X	Columbus 2025 / ALDOT / GDOT / CCG	TBD	Various public and private sources	Underway (2025 )
Develop an Artist Relocation Program to expand and diversify the community's art capacity	X	X	X			Columbus 2025 / Cultural Arts Alliance / CCG / Historic Columbus Foundation / Uptown Columbus, Inc.	TBD	Local private sources with potential for public-sector involvement	Cancelled (project dropped)
Prepare new zoning options to establish appropriate development standards and incentives for infill and redevelopment. Prepare design standards for compatible infill development.			X	X	X	Planning Department	Staff Time	CCG	Underway (2025 )
Organize a Council of Neighborhoods with the goal of establishing permanent Neighborhood Planning Department Units for different quadrants of the city.				X	X	City Manager / Planning Department	Staff Time	CCG	Cancelled( No longer activity local gov intends to undertake due to staff shortages )
Seek grant-writing assistance for neighborhoods to seek federal, state, and foundation funding for neighborhood priorities.				X	X	Council of Neighborhoods/Planning Department	Staff Time	CCG	Cancelled( No longer activity local gov intends to undertake due to staff shortages )
Sponsor clean-up days in neighborhoods using City staff and volunteers to remove graffiti, litter, dumped trash, and other debris.	X	X	X	X	X	Keep Columbus Beautiful / CCG	Staff Time	Various public and private sources	Cancelled( No longer activity local gov intends to undertake due to staff shortages )



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Prepare an amendment to the Unified Development Ordinance to grant bonus density incentives and development and design standards for in-town mixed-use developments.			X			Planning Department	Staff Time	CCG	Underway (2024)
Work closely with neighborhood groups to develop local events that will promote unique neighborhood attributes and potentially spur greater economic development.	X	X	X	X	X	CCG / MidTown, Inc. / Uptown Columbus, Inc.	Staff Time	Various private sources and grants	Underway (2028)
Continue efforts in the 5th and 6th Avenue Redevelopment Area to preserve and revitalize the neighborhood.	X	X	X	X	X	CCG / Uptown Columbus, Inc.	Staff Time	Private investment	Completed
Implement the City Village Master Plan as an alternative to the 2nd Avenue Redevelopment Plan	X	X	X	X	X	CCG / Bibb Village Homeowners Association / City Village Stakeholders	Staff Time	Various public and private sources	Underway (2028)
Continue efforts in the Beallwood Redevelopment Area	X	X	X	X	X	Neighborworks Columbus	TBD	HOME	Underway (2028)
Support the Board of Historic and Architectural Review and the Faade Board in their preservation and redevelopment efforts.	X	X	X	X	X	Planning Department	Staff Time	CCG	Completed
Continue efforts in the MidTown neighborhoods to preserve and revitalize the area.	X	X	X	X	X	Planning Department / Midtown Inc.	Staff Time	Various public and private sources	Underway (2028)
Continue efforts to preserve the historic fabric and revitalize the Bibb City area of the City.	X	X	X	X	X	Planning Department / Bibb Village Homeowner's Association	Staff Time	Various public and private sources	Underway (2028)
Inventory historic properties throughout the community to identify need for adaptive reuse. Encourage market studies to be performed for these properties to establish opportunities.		X	X	X	X	Historic Columbus Foundation / Planning Department	TBD	Grants / PPP	Underway (2028)
<b>GOAL: Connect people and places with expanded opportunities for walking, biking, and transit use.</b>									
Advance on-going and develop future efforts to improve walking and biking connectivity.	X	X	X	X	X	Columbus 2025 / CCG / MPO / ALDOT / GDOT / PATH Foundation	TBD	Various public and private sources	Underway (2025 )
Evaluate options to expand public transportation coverage, frequency, and operating hours to connect residents to jobs and amenities	X	X				Metra	TBD	Various public sources	Underway (2032)
<b>GOAL: Promote civic improvement efforts as a tool of economic development</b>									
Establish a Capital Improvements Program to guide the construction and funding of major facilities in the City. The program should be coordinated with the Short Term Work Program and annual budgeting process. The CIP should be a very open process that involves open records that are accessible to the public.	X	X	X			Finance Department	Staff Time	CCG	Completed
Continue to pursue additional revenue sources that are needed to staff, operate, and maintain public facilities.	X	X	X	X	X	City Manager	Staff Time	CCG	Underway (2025)
Create and maintain a comprehensive inventory of all capital facilities with expected useful life and replacement costs of each.	X	X	X			City Manager	Staff Time	CCG	Completed
Develop and maintain a formal and detailed maintenance and replacement program for all City Facilities.	X	X	X			City Manager	Staff Time	CCG	Underway (2024)
Pursue action items as outlined on the City's Short Term Work Program. Track and update items listed as a part of annual budgeting process, and as new revenues become available add additional projects as determined appropriate.	X	X	X	X	X	Planning Department	Staff Time	CCG	Completed
Establish levels of service for all major facilities and services (e.g. number of parks per person, libraries per person, etc.). Multiple service areas should be considered to accommodate the demands of different services and facilities differences. Part of this process should also include identifying areas where service deficiencies or excess service capacity exist.	X	X	X	X	X	City Manager	Staff Time	CCG	Underway (2026)
Land Use									
<b>GOAL: Eliminate sprawl and slow greenfield development</b>									
Provide for more mixed-use opportunities to create more density, reduce impacts on city services, and provide retail, jobs, and other amenities for residents.	X	X	X	X	X	Planning Department	Staff Time	CCG	Underway (2025)
Identify quality and/or priority growth areas within the urban core of Columbus.	X	X	X	X	X	Planning Department	Staff Time	CCG	Completed
Remove barriers to redevelopment.	X	X	X	X	X	Planning Department	Staff Time	CCG	Underway (2024)
Identify urban areas that need infrastructure improvements to sustain redevelopment.	X	X	X	X	X	Planning Department	Staff Time	CCG	Completed

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Pursue policies and develop incentives to activate underutilized commercial, industrial, and neighborhood properties.	X	X	X	X	X	Columbus 2025 / Planning Department / Community Reinvestment Department	Staff Time	CCG	Underway (2024)
Continue efforts in the 5th and 6th Avenue Redevelopment Area to preserve and revitalize the neighborhood.	X	X	X	X	X	CCG / Uptown Columbus, Inc.	Staff Time	Private investment	Completed
Implement the City Village Master Plan as an alternative to the 2nd Avenue Redevelopment Plan	X	X	X	X	X	CCG / Bibb Village Homeowners Association / City Village Stakeholders	Staff Time	Various public and private sources	Underway (2028)
Continue efforts in the Beallwood Redevelopment Area	X	X	X	X	X	Neighborworks Columbus	TBD	HOME	Underway (2028)
<b>GOAL: Introduce new zoning regulations, techniques, and concepts to reintroduce into the urban core of Columbus.</b>									
Study and review cutting edge zoning regulations, techniques, and concepts to incorporate into the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO), such as density-bonuses; form-based codes; pocket neighborhoods; incremental development; transit-oriented design, and/or performance-based zoning.	X	X	X	X	X	Planning Department / Inspections and Codes Department	Staff Time	CCG	Underway (2025)
Review current mixed-use zoning regulations that can be adapted to infill development situations.	X	X				Planning Department	Staff Time	CCG	Underway (2024)
Pursue incentivizing development within walking and bicycling distance of existing and future transit and trail corridors to achieve improved location efficiency for housing, employment, recreation, and civic spaces.	X	X	X	X	X	Planning Department / Finance Department	Staff Time	CCG	Underway (2032)
Consider using performance-based land use controls, authorizing staff to evaluate land use decisions in a flexible but consistent manner. These objectives should be considered based on the Future Land Use Map and core principles, including access to infrastructure, environmental sustainability, etc.	X	X	X	X	X	Planning Department	Staff Time	CCG	Underway (2024)
<b>GOAL: Create a determined focus on sustainability.</b>									
Implement the American Planning Association's Plan4Health program in a pilot area of Columbus. Healthy environment places should require access to varying levels of resources for leading a healthier life, such as physical access to employment, healthcare, shopping, or social connections, for persons of all abilities.	X	X	X			Planning Department / Various community partners	Staff Time	CCG	Underway (2026)
Create a pilot project that focuses on livable communities for all ages, with a focus on land-use, transportation, access to food, access to health services, and access to quality of life expectations.	X	X	X	X	X	Planning Department / Various community partners	Staff Time	CCG	Underway (2025)
Focus efforts to create design legislation that supports aging in place.	X	X	X			Planning Department	Staff Time	CCG	Underway (2025)
Encourage building structure and orientation concepts to developers and governmental organizations. This includes locating building on site, integrating building into existing site features, the building envelope, and building configuration.	X	X	X	X	X	Planning Department / Inspections and Codes Department / Engineering Department	Staff Time	CCG	Completed
Encourage developers to utilize alternative water resource management, including but not limited to better efficiency measures, rainwater harvesting, or green infrastructure BMPs.	X	X	X	X	X	Planning Department / Engineering Department / Columbus Water Works	Staff Time	CCG	Underway (2025)
Encourage developers and builders to incorporate solar energy infrastructure into new developments and structures..	X	X	X	X	X	Planning Department / Georgia Power / Diverse Power / Flint Energies	Staff Time	CCG	Underway (2025)
Conduct a land needs assessment to identify buildable lands, infrastructure needs, and redevelopment barriers.	X	X	X	X	X	Planning Department	Staff Time	CCG	Underway (2025)
Seek funding to offer redevelopment incentives for brownfield and greyfield properties.	X	X	X	X	X	Community Reinvestment Department / Planning Department	Staff Time	CCG / CDBG / Grants	Underway (2024)
Continue to encourage the use of the City's Conservation Subdivision Ordinance.	X	X	X	X	X	Planning Department	Staff Time	CCG	Completed
Develop heat island mitigation guidelines for infill and redevelopment areas of the City for private development.		X	X	X		Planning Department	Staff Time	CCG	Completed
<b>GOAL: Annually review the Land-Use section of the Comprehensive Plan and identify potential adjustments to meet modern day development patterns and use changes.</b>									
In this fast-changing, technology-driven world, the Comprehensive Plan needs to be reviewed annually to remain relevant to new trends and changes.	X	X	X	X	X	Planning Department	Staff Time	CCG	Completed

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<b>GOAL: Research and implement new concepts regarding land-use and development.</b>									
As America becomes almost exclusively urban, increased pressure is placed on services and infrastructure; seek alternatives to traditional land-use and development standards.	X	X	X	X	X	Planning Department	Staff Time	CCG	Underway (2024)
Use the Future Policy Map to define areas where future services should and should not be provided and redefine urban service district boundaries.	X	X	X	X	X	City Manager	Staff Time	CCG	Underway (2023)
<b>GOAL: Promote mixed-use development.</b>									
Identify areas where mixed-use development/redevelopment opportunities will succeed in the community.	X	X	X	X	X	Planning Department	Staff Time	CCG	Completed
<b>GOAL: Offer incentives for adaptive reuse.</b>									
Where feasible, adaptive reuse should be pursued. If a potential retrofitting of a structure is too costly, consider implementing incentives, such as density bonuses, fire code modifications, administrative variances, discounted and/or waived CCG fees, and so forth.	X	X	X	X	X	City Manager's Office / Planning Department / Inspections and Codes Department / Finance Department	Staff Time	CCG	Completed
Inventory historic properties throughout the community to identify need for adaptive reuse. Encourage market studies to be performed for these properties to establish opportunities.		X	X	X	X	Historic Columbus Foundation / Planning Department	TBD	Grants / PPP	Underway (2024)
<b>GOAL: Create a Neighborhood Identity Program.</b>									
Columbus residents typically identify themselves by their neighborhood. Neighborhoods are a source of pride and an identification program may help market those neighborhoods for new homeownership and redevelopment.	X	X	X	X	X	Planning Department / Community Reinvestment Department / Keep Columbus Beautiful	Staff Time / Grants	Various private and public sources	Underway (2026)
Transportation									
<b>GOAL: Preserve or enhance existing transportation facilities.</b>									
Continue to improve access control requirements, such as medians, turn lanes and supportive local ordinances, in developing areas, including. Such controls help improve the driving atmosphere, preserve existing character, and improve safety for bikers and pedestrians.	X	X	X	X	X	C-PC MPO / Engineering Department	TBD	CCG	Completed
Assure that preservation or enhancement is conducted in the most efficient manner via Transportation System Management (TSM) early action strategies.	X	X	X	X	X	C-PC MPO / Engineering Department	TBD	CCG	Completed
Improve transportation opportunities for people with disabilities.	X	X	X	X	X	C-PC MPO / Engineering Department	TBD	CCG	Underway (2026)
Improve transportation opportunities for aging populations.	X	X	X	X	X	C-PC MPO / Engineering Department	TBD	CCG	Underway (2026)
Prioritize maintenance of existing transportation infrastructure	X	X	X	X	X	C-PC MPO / Engineering Department	TBD	CCG	Underway (2026)
Study the feasibility of adding bike lanes to downtown areas that would compliment and potentially connect to the Riverwalk. As an element of the study, identify key locations for bicycle facilities.	X	X	X	X	X	C-PC MPO / Engineering Department	\$21,500,000	TIA 2	Underway (2026)
<b>GOAL: Relieve congestion.</b>									
Forestall future congestion through coordination with land-use plans and decision-making.	X	X	X	X	X	Planning Department	Staff Time	CCG	Completed
Continue to identify locations for intersection improvements, including but not limited to roundabouts.	X	X	X	X	X	C-PC MPO / Engineering Department	Staff Time	CCG	Underway (2023)
Implement smart technology for signalization.	X	X	X	X	X	C-PC MPO / Engineering Department	TBD	Federal/State DOT/Local	Completed
Continue Travel Demand Management (TDM) program to promote air quality and reduce traffic congestion. Programs should include the following: car pools, ride sharing, promotion of flexible working hours with major employers, encouragement of trips made by transit, cycling or walking, and encouragement of working from home.	X	X	X	X	X	MPO	TBD	TBD	Completed
Review of future streets rights-of-way needs as the relate to the Land Use Plan and Columbus-Phenix City Transportation.	X	X	X	X	X	C-PC MPO / Engineering Department	Staff Time	City	Completed
<b>GOAL: Expand the ideals of complete transportation.</b>									
Build on the theme of alternative transportation modes and enhanced operational efficiency by introducing multi-modal plans and programs designed to create a seamless transportation system with efficient and effective operations.	X	X	X	X	X	MPO / Metra	TBD	CCG	Underway (2023)
Advance on-going and develop future efforts to improve walking and biking connectivity.	X	X	X	X	X	Columbus 2025 / CCG / C-PC MPO / ALDOT / GDOT / PATH Foundation	TBD	Various public and private sources	Underway (2023)

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Integrate projects from the 2014 Alternative Transportation Plan into the Long Range Transportation Program (LRTP).	X	X				C-PC MPO	TBD	Federal/State DOT/Local	Underway (2023)
Develop a formal policy to expand alternative transportation opportunities by adding bicycle lanes, bicycle friendly shoulders, or parallel multi-use paths to roadways during all widenings and new construction projects for all collector or arterial streets. Expansions should be considered with other related bicycle studies.	X	X	X	X	X	C-PC MPO / Engineering Department	TBD	TBD	Underway (2023)
Actively maintain an inventory of pedestrian facilities in GIS, including a record of their condition.	X	X	X	X	X	Engineering Department	Staff Time	CCG	Underway (2023)
Initiate a Sidewalk Connectivity program to fill identified gaps in the pedestrian network, placing priority on projects within a half mile of schools, parks, and transit stops.	X	X	X	X	X	Planning Department / Engineering Department / Public Works Department	TBD	Various public and private sources	Underway (2023)
Implement bicycle safety improvements throughout the community.	X	X	X	X	X	C-PC MPO	TBD	TBD	Underway (2023)
<b>GOAL: Implement plans for a high-speed rail connection to Atlanta</b>									
Identify future Columbus Airport expansion opportunities	X	X	X	X	X	C-PC MPO / Columbus Airport Commission / FAA	\$25,000,000	TIA 2	Underway (2028)
Provide safer transportation options between Atlanta and Columbus	X	X	X	X	X	C-PC MPO / GDOT / USDOT	TBD	Various public and private sources	Underway (2028)
Align Columbus with national transportation goals	X	X	X	X	X	C-PC MPO / GDOT / USDOT	Staff Time	Various public and private sources	Underway (2023)
<b>GOAL: Develop and maintain the Columbus Airport</b>									
Open communication to attract multiple, low-cost air carriers	X	X	X	X	X	Columbus Airport Commission	TBD	TBD	Underway (2023)
Increase connections with other smaller airports in the southeast region.	X	X	X	X	X	Columbus Airport Commission	TBD	TBD	Underway (2023)
<b>GOAL: Prepare the community and update infrastructure for driverless vehicles.</b>									
Promote demonstrations of driverless vehicle technology.				X	X	C-PC MPO / GDOT / USDOT	TBD	Various public and private sources	Cancelled (no programming)
Partner with Fort Benning, Auburn University, and other regional entities regarding driverless vehicle technology.				X	X	C-PC MPO / ALDOT / GDOT / USDOT	TBD	Various public and private sources	Cancelled (no programming)
Develop and implement policies governing driverless vehicle technology.				X	X	C-PC MPO / GDOT / USDOT	TBD	Various public and private sources	Cancelled (no programming)
<b>GOAL: Identify future transportation projects and complete existing transportation projects.</b>									
Beautify gateways into the region to make a positive first impression on visitors and enhance the built environment for the community	X	X	X	X	X	Columbus 2025 / ALDOT / GDOT / CCG	TBD	Various public and private sources	Completed
Construct new road projects as outlined in the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). Please see Appendix B for a current list of LRTP projects.	X	X	X	X	X	C-PC MPO	TBD	Federal/State DOT/Local	Completed
Update City Parking Management Plan to address changing parking concerns of businesses and employees in Downtown and Midtown. Review parking management division policies and practices, promote shared use of public facilities and identify additional areas requiring enforcement activities.	X	X				Planning Department / METRA / Uptown Inc. / City Manager's Office	TBD	CCG / Uptown	Completed
River Road & Bradley Park Drive roundabout	X	X				Engineering Department / GDOT / C-PC MPO	\$3,862,992	OLOST / Drainage Fund / LMIG	Completed
Williams Road & Fortson Road roundabout	X	X	X			Engineering Department / GDOT / C-PC MPO	\$1,551,968	LMIG	Underway (2024)
Brennan Road & Fort Benning Road roundabout	X	X				Engineering Department / GDOT / C-PC MPO	\$5,500,000	Paving Fund / LMIG	Completed
Bridge Improvements: Linwood Boulevard & 6th Avenue			X	X		Engineering Department / GDOT / C-PC MPO	\$4,250,000	TIA Discretionary / LMIG	Cancelled (railroad will not participate)
Bridge Improvements: Miller Road & Manchester Expressway	X	X	X	X	X	C-PC MPO	\$18,000,000	Federal/State DOT/Local	Underway (2024)
Bridge Improvements: US 80 & Kendall Creek	X	X	X	X	X	C-PC MPO	\$2,382,516	Federal/State DOT/Local	Completed
Bridge Improvements: SR 22 Spur & Weracoba Creek	X	X	X	X	X	C-PC MPO	\$2,154,356	Federal/State DOT/Local	Underway (2024)
Bridge Improvements: SR 22 / US 80 & Flat Rock Creek	X	X	X	X	X	C-PC MPO	\$4,048,612	Federal/State DOT/Local	Completed
Bridge improvements: Reese Road & Cooper Creek	X	X	X			Engineering Department	\$2,389,943	Transportation Fund / TIA Discretionary	Completed
Infantry Road & Follow Me Trail Extension			X	X	X	C-PC MPO	\$2,728,572	M230	Underway ( 2029)
Mott's Green Plaza rehabilitation		X	X	X	X	C-PC MPO	\$1,039,500	Federal/State DOT/Local	Underway (2023)
Bridge Improvements: Benning Drive	X	X	X			Engineering Department	\$1,318,706	TIA Discretionary	Completed
Buena Vista Road - I-185 interchange	X	X	X	X		C-PC MPO	\$47,670,000	TIA	Underway (2025)
Spiderweb reconfiguration	X	X	X	X		C-PC MPO	\$40,000,000	TIA	Underway (2026)
Cusseta Road & Old Cusseta Road interchange and reconfiguration	X	X	X	X	X	C-PC MPO	\$58,269,412	TIA	Underway (2027)



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Evaluate options to expand public transportation coverage, frequency, and operating hours to connect residents to jobs and amenities	X	X				Metra	\$25,000,000	TIA 2	Underway (2032)
Conduct study of expanding public transportation to developing areas of the community.	X	X	X	X	X	Metra	\$25,000,000	TIA 2	Underway (2032)
Housing									
<b>GOAL: Improve access to affordable, quality housing.</b>									
Prepare housing conditions survey of in-town neighborhoods to identify and classify housing conditions, matching appropriate strategies to each.	X.	X	X	X	X	Community Reinvestment Department / Planning Department / Inspections and Code Enforcement Department	Staff Time	Various public sources	Underway (2024)
Review the City's Unified Development Ordinance and consider providing incentives (density bonus, expedited permitting) for mixed-income housing in in-town neighborhoods.			X	X	X	Planning Department	Staff Time	CCG	Underway (2024)
Revise Unified Development Ordinance to allow accessory dwelling units and establish appropriate development and design standards for them.	X	X	X			Planning Department	Staff Time	CCG	Underway (2024)
Catalyze the development of new housing options and supportive neighborhood retail in the region's core neighborhoods	X	X	X	X	X	Columbus 2025 / Planning Department / Community Reinvestment Department	Staff Time	CCG	Underway (2024)
Work with private entities to identify appropriate locations for income-based housing.	X	X	X	X	X	Community Reinvestment Department / Planning Department	Staff Time	Various public and private sources	Completed
<b>GOAL: Remove slum and blight.</b>									
Establish proactive inspection and code enforcement efforts in targeted neighborhoods with systematic code deficiencies that are contributing to disinvestment and coordinate with housing rehabilitation loans for owner-occupied stock.	X	X	X	X	X	Inspections and Code Enforcement Department	Staff Time	CCG	Underway (2023)
Seek grant-writing assistance for neighborhoods to seek federal, state, and foundation funding for neighborhood priorities.				X	X	Council of Neighborhoods/Planning Department	Staff Time	CCG	Underway (2023)
Sponsor clean-up days in neighborhoods using City staff and volunteers to remove graffiti, litter, dumped trash, and other debris.	X	X	X	X	X	Keep Columbus Beautiful / CCG	Staff Time	Various public and private sources	Underway (2023)
Work closely with neighborhood groups to develop local events that will promote unique neighborhood attributes and potentially spur greater economic development.	X	X	X	X	X	CCG / MidTown, Inc. / Uptown Columbus, Inc.	Staff Time	Various private sources and grants	Underway (2023)
Use Code Enforcement and/or rehabilitation assistance to maintain the quality of the housing stock and avoid serious deterioration.	X	X	X	X	X	Community Reinvestment Department / Planning Department / Inspections and Code Enforcement Department	Staff Time	Various public sources	Underway (2023)
Utilize the Land Bank to purchase property for redevelopment purposes, particularly in blighted communities.	X	X	X	X	X	Community Reinvestment Department	Staff Time	Various public sources	Underway (2023)
Maximize community attachment and neighborhood beautification by fostering the creation and enhancement of spaces that are high in quality, beautiful, and designed for people.	X	X	X	X	X	Planning Department / Community Reinvestment Department / Keep Columbus Beautiful	Staff Time	Various public and private sources	Cancelled( No longer activity local gov intends to undertake due to staff shortages )
Organize a Council of Neighborhoods with the goal of establishing permanent Neighborhood Planning Department Units for different quadrants of the city.				X	X	City Manager / Planning Department	Staff Time	CCG	Cancelled( No longer activity local gov intends to undertake due to staff shortages )
Establish funds and procedures to acquire, demolish and redevelop vacant housing units that are so under-maintained that they have become neighborhood nuisances and safety hazards.	X	X	X	X	X	Community Reinvestment Department / Inspections and Code Enforcement Department	TBD	CDBG / CCG / Possible grants	Underway (2023)
<b>GOAL: Increase efforts to promote economic opportunity and reduce poverty.</b>									
Create a comprehensive cradle-to-career (C2C) partnership to align education, training, business, and social services around increasing talent levels in Greater Columbus.	X	X	X			Columbus 2025	TBD	PPP	Underway (2025)
Ensure that three- and four-year olds have access to high early childhood education.	X	X	X			Columbus 2025	TBD	Various public and philanthropic sources / PPP	Underway (2025)
Ensure that infants, toddlers, and expecting parents have access to comprehensive child development and family support services.	X	X	X			Columbus 2025	TBD	Various public and philanthropic sources / PPP	Underway (2025 )

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Expand efforts to introduce students to education and career possibilities from a young age.	X	X	X			Columbus 2025	TBD	PPP	Underway (2025)
Leverage existing programs to coordinate a community-wide mentoring program for at-risk K-12 students.	X	X	X			Columbus 2025	TBD	PPP	Underway (2025 )
Launch a broad-based adult education campaign to connect individuals who did not complete high school or college coursework with opportunities for advancement and employment.	X	X	X			Columbus 2025	TBD	Various public and philanthropic sources / PPP	Underway (2025 )
<b>GOAL: Increase efforts to provide public services</b>									
Ensure that senior housing is located within multi-modal transportation areas with excellent access to commercial businesses and healthcare services.	X	X	X	X	X	Planning Department	TBD	Various public sources / GDOT / FHWA	Cancelled (LIHTC scoring requires close proximity to multi-modal transportation)
Establish and publicize availability of affordable credit counseling for elderly and other homeowners who are facing foreclosure or first time homebuyers.	X	X	X	X	X	Neighborworks Columbus	Staff Time	HOME	Completed
<b>GOAL: Increase efforts to create and/or expand housing and services to homeless persons</b>									
Work with homeless advocates to create alternative types of development, such as tiny house communities or container home communities.	X	X	X			Community Reinvestment Department / Home For Good	TBD	Various public and private sources	Underway (2025)
Preserve short-term and long-term homeless facilities and associated services.	X	X	X	X	X	Community Reinvestment Department / Home For Good / Homeless Resource Network / Valley Rescue Mission / Open Door / Safehouse	TBD	Various public and private sources	Underway (2028)
<b>GOAL: Maintain or expand planning and administration</b>									
Maintain and potentially expand administrative and planning costs to operate CDBG and HOME programs successfully	X	X	X	X	X	Community Reinvestment Department / Neighborworks Columbus	TBD	CDBG / HOME	Underway (2023)
Coordinate with private efforts to conserve land in the city, particularly efforts to pursue land conservation easements near Fort Benning.	X	X	X	X	X	CCG / Coalition for Sound Growth / Planning Department / Chattahoochee Valley Land Trust	TBD	TBD	Completed
Strengthen the existing tree ordinance by benchmarking existing regulations against state recommendations and other cities of similar size and characteristics.	X	X				Planning Department / Public Services Department	Staff Time	CCG	Underway (2024)
Urban Services									
<b>GOAL: Pursue park renovations / additions when economically feasible.</b>									
Retrofit pools at Shirley Winston Park, Rigdon Road Park, and Psalmond Road Park to splash pads.	X	X				Parks & Recreation Department	\$15,000,000	SPLOST	Underway (2024)
Replace the 29th Street Park playground	X					Parks & Recreation Department	\$100,000	CDBG	Completed
Tillis Recreation Center renovations	X					Parks & Recreation Department	\$250,000	CDBG	Completed
Build 6 pickle ball courts at the Cooper Creek Park Tennis Complex	X	X				Parks & Recreation Department	\$90,000	SPLOST	Underway (2025)
Replace the Theo McGee playground	X	X				Parks & Recreation Department	\$80,000	Insurance claim / Private donations	Completed
Improve the Alexander Park facilities and cricket field	X					Parks & Recreation Department	\$265,000	Private donation	Completed
<b>GOAL: Reinstitute a government-wide maintenance / replacement plan for vehicles and equipment.</b>									
Develop and maintain a formal and detailed maintenance and replacement program for all vehicles and equipment.	X	X	X	X	X	City Manager	Staff Time	CCG	Completed
<b>GOAL: Columbus must maintain and follow its Capital Outlay Plan.</b>									
Lifting magnet and manhole cover dolly (2)	X					Engineering Department	\$1,686	Stormwater Fund	Underway (Only purchased one)
Ford F-550 Flat Bed w/ equipment modifications	X					Engineering Department	\$119,965	General Fund	Completed
Midsize SUV 4x4 Ford Explorer (2)	X					Engineering Department	\$65,000	Paving Fund	Completed
iPad Air 2 128 GB Tablet (6)	X					Engineering Department	\$2,760	Paving Fund	Completed
Zero-turn mower	X					Parks & Recreation Department	\$9,000	General Fund	Completed
Animal Control Truck w/ equipment	X					Public Works Department	\$69,506	General Fund	Completed
Full-size F250 Crew Cab truck	X					Public Works Department	\$33,077	General Fund	Completed
Zero-turn John Deere mower	X					Public Works Department	\$7,000	General Fund	Completed
Crew cab flat bed dump truck (3)	X					Public Works Department	\$128,757	Stormwater Fund	Completed
F150 Crew Cab 4x4 Pickup truck	X					Public Works Department	\$32,788	Stormwater Fund	Completed

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Large aluminum trench box	X					Public Works Department	\$14,000	Stormwater Fund	Completed
Eductor truck	X					Public Works Department	\$422,589	Stormwater Fund	Completed
7 YD dump truck	X					Public Works Department	\$96,226	Stormwater Fund	Completed
Tandem axle fuel/lube truck	X					Public Works Department	\$280,000	Paving Fund	Completed
3-ton vibratory asphalt roller with 47" drum	X					Public Works Department	\$44,000	Paving Fund	Completed
Excavator	X					Public Works Department	\$295,000	Paving Fund	Completed
Street sweepers (2) (Capital Lease Program)	X					Public Works Department	\$100,443	Paving Fund	Completed
Mid-size SUV 4x4 Ford Explorer	X					Public Works Department	\$32,500	Paving Fund	Completed
F250 Crew Cab 4x4 Pickup truck (2)	X					Public Works Department	\$66,154	Paving Fund	Completed
Farm tractors (7)	X					Public Works Department	\$136,500	Paving Fund	Completed
Sand spreader	X					Public Works Department	\$5,000	Paving Fund	Completed
F150 Crew Cab 4x4 Pickup truck	X					Public Works Department	\$27,873	Paving Fund	Completed
Single axel utility trailer	X					Public Works Department	\$6,000	Paving Fund	Completed
Zero-turn mower with bagger	X					Public Works Department	\$15,000	Paving Fund	Completed
Refuse collection trucks (4)	X					Public Works Department	\$228,824	Integrated Waste Fund	Completed
Grab All trucks (2) (Capital Lease Program)	X					Public Works Department	\$57,206	Integrated Waste Fund	Completed
Hay blower	X					Public Works Department	\$30,000	Integrated Waste Fund	Completed
Refuse collection truck (Capital Lease Program)	X					Public Works Department	\$57,206	Integrated Waste Fund	Completed
35-feet clean diesel bus (2)	X					Metra	\$834,238	Transportation Fund	Completed
DAR diesel bus	X					Metra	\$150,000	Transportation Fund	Completed
Parking garage gates	X					Metra	\$150,000	Transportation Fund	Completed
Heavy duty in-ground lifts (4)	X					Metra	\$240,000	Transportation Fund	Underway (2023)
Bus camera system	X					Metra	\$24,000	Transportation Fund	Completed
Automatic announcement system	X					Metra	\$48,396	Transportation Fund	Completed
Zero-turn mower	X					Parks & Recreation Department	\$9,000	CCG General Fund	Completed
Dash cameras (40 cameras)	X					Columbus Police Department	\$136,000	OLOST	Completed
Pursuit vehicles w/ technology packages (30 cars) (Capital Lease Program)	X					Columbus Police Department	\$262,314	OLOST	Completed
Personal protective equipment (92 units)	X					Columbus Fire & EMS Department	\$220,800	OLOST	Completed
3 Year Service & Maintenance Agreement for Burn Building	X					Columbus Fire & EMS Department	\$25, 281	OLOST	Completed
15-passenger inmate van	X					Muscogee County Prison	\$31,726	OLOST	Completed
License plate reader renewal	X					Marshal's Office	\$2,200	OLOST	Cancelled (Marshal's Office no longer exists)
Body Armor (2 units)	X					Marshal's Office	\$790	OLOST	Cancelled (Marshal's Office no longer exists)
Inmate video visitation system upgrade (annual)	X	X	X			Muscogee County Sheriff's Office	\$240,000	OLOST	Completed
Jail generator upgrade	X					Muscogee County Sheriff's Office	\$879,387	OLOST	Completed
<b>GOAL: Protect the Chattahoochee River and its subsidiaries to ensure water quality.</b>									
Columbus will need to step up its efforts to monitor and protect its clean water in the Chattahoochee River and other significant water bodies as new growth takes place. Five of the city's significant rivers and streams, along with Lake Oliver, have been identified as not fully supporting the water quality standards mandated by the Clean Water Act. It is important to buffer these critical water bodies and protect them from pollution from urban run-off.	X	X	X	X	X	CCG / CWW	Staff Time	CCG	Underway (2023)
Review the inventory and analysis of natural systems on a 5-year basis and continue to develop policy recommendations for preserving the environmental resources of the community.	X	X	X	X	X	CCG / CWW	Staff Time	CCG	Underway (2023)
Implement and maintain a program for both detecting and eliminating illicit discharges from the separate storm sewer system.	X	X	X	X	X	Engineering Department	Staff Time	CCG	Underway (2023)
Continue to implement the Columbus Water Works Management Plan.	X	X	X	X	X	Engineering Department / CWW	Staff Time	CCG	Underway (2023)

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Monitor water quality in those creeks listed on the current 303(d) list (Waters not or partially meeting water quality standards associated with their intended use).	X	X	X	X	X	Engineering Department	Staff Time	CCG	Underway (2023)
Strictly enforce soil erosion and sedimentation controls and stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs) within the Chattahoochee River corridor.	X	X	X	X	X	Engineering Department	Staff Time	CCG	Completed



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STWP Specific to Individual Character Areas									
Old Town									
Encourage the expansion of mixed-use developments in this area through the use of planned unit developments and conservation subdivisions to preserve the natural landscape, rock outcroppings, and open space.	X	X	X	X	X	Planning Department	Staff Time	CCG	Completed
Advance on-going and develop future efforts to improve walking and biking connectivity.	X	X	X	X	X	Columbus 2025 / CCG / MPO / ALDOT / GDOT / PATH Foundation	TBD	Various public and private sources	Underway (2026)
Encourage existing and future developments surrounding the MCSD Northside campuses to incorporate trails, sidewalks, and other non-vehicle accesses that access the campuses.	X	X	X	X	X	Planning Department	Staff Time	CCG	Underway (2026)
Encourage future developments within this character area to utilize unique design elements, setbacks, and aesthetics that help blend the developments yet also encourage individuality of developments.	X	X	X	X	X	Planning Department	Staff Time	CCG	Underway (2026)
Establish potential affordable housing incentives for this character area.	X	X	X	X	X	Planning Department	Staff Time	CCG	Underway (2026)
Veterans Parkway-Whittlesey Road Commercial Corridor									
Review this character area for redevelopment, such as mixed-use activity centers that can fill empty storefronts and bring a different vibrancy to help sustain an area.	X	X	X	X	X	Planning Department	Staff Time	CCG	Completed
Advance on-going and develop future efforts to improve walking and biking connectivity.	X	X	X	X	X	Columbus 2025 / CCG / MPO / ALDOT / GDOT / PATH Foundation	TBD	Various public and private sources	Underway (2026)
Ensure that vehicular traffic moves as efficiently and effortlessly as possible.	X	X	X	X	X	Planning Department / Engineering Department / GDOT	Staff Time	CCG	Completed
Identify areas for residential uses that complement the existing commercial land-uses.	X	X	X			Planning Department	Staff Time	CCG	Completed
Study and review cutting edge zoning regulations, techniques, and concepts to incorporate into the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO), such as form-based codes; pocket neighborhoods; incremental development; transit-oriented design, and/or performance-based zoning.	X	X	X	X	X	Planning Department / Inspections and Codes Department	Staff Time	CCG	Underway (2025)
Record and track vacant commercial properties for potential redevelopment or reuse.	X	X	X	X	X	Planning Department	Staff Time	CCG	Completed
Pursue intersection improvements at Bradley Park Drive and the J.R. Allen Parkway.		X	X	X		GDOT	\$18,900,000	GDOT	Underway (2025)
Pursue a rezoning effort to bring office uses along the northern portion of Bradley Park Drive into zoning compliance.	X					Planning Department	Staff Time	CCG	Completed
Kendall Creek									
Noise abatement from Fort Benning – utilize the JLUS to carefully review construction of noise sensitive uses	X	X	X	X	X	Planning Department	Staff Time	N/A	Completed
Preserve and protect the natural environment of the Kendall Creek character area.	X	X	X	X	X	Planning Department / Nature Conservancy	Staff Time	N/A	Completed
Control the quality and type of development along Highway 80 by adhering to the requirements of the Hwy 80 Overlay District.	X	X	X	X	X	Planning Department / Inspections and Code Department	Staff Time	N/A	Completed
Collaborate with the Nature Conservancy on long-leaf pine restoration, controlled burns, and establishing red-cockaded woodpecker habitats	X	X	X	X	X	Planning Department / Nature Conservancy / Fort Benning	TBD	DoD / Nature Conservancy	Completed
Preserve the natural viewsheds on the properties.	X	X	X	X	X	Nature Conservancy	TBD	Nature Conservancy	Completed
Advance on-going and develop future efforts to improve walking and biking connectivity.	X	X	X	X	X	Columbus 2025 / CCG / MPO / ALDOT / GDOT / PATH Foundation	TBD	Various public and private sources	Underway (2025)
Beaver Run									
Work with GDOT to seek appropriate measures to alleviate congestion and improve safety at all intersection.	X	X	X	X	X	Planning Department / Engineering Department / GDOT	TBD	TBD	Completed
Control the quality and type of development along Highway 80 by adhering to the requirements of the Hwy 80 Overlay District.	X	X	X	X	X	Planning Department / Inspections and Code Department	Staff Time	CCG	Completed
Utilize TAD funding (Midland Commons Redevelopment Area) to help fund infrastructure improvements.		X	X	X	X	CCG	TBD	MCRA TAD #7	Completed
Seek alternative truck routes to the intersection of Beaver Run Road and Flat Rock Road (east of bridge).	X	X	X			Planning Department / Engineering Department / GDOT	TBD	TBD	Completed
Create a sense of place for the entire character area (through development) that serves as an identification point.	X	X	X	X		Planning Department	Staff Time	CCG	Underway (2025)
Plan rural-scaled, mixed use clusters at major intersections for local commercial and institutional services.	X	X	X	X	X	Planning Department	Staff Time	CCG	Underway (2025)
Arbor Point									

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Support efforts to maintain and / or enhance the Columbus Enterprise Zone, the Columbus Opportunity Zone, and the US Opportunity Zone through active marketing and the provisions of redevelopment incentives.	X	X	X	X	X	Community Reinvestment Department / Planning Department	Staff Time	CDBG / CCG / Various public and private sources	Completed
Advance on-going and develop future efforts to improve walking and biking connectivity.	X	X	X	X	X	Columbus 2025 / CCG / MPO / ALDOT / GDOT / PATH Foundation	TBD	Various public and private sources	Completed
Pursue new development that enhances the new Spencer High School campus, which serves as the northern anchor of the area	X	X	X	X	X	Community Reinvestment Department / Planning Department	Staff Time	CDBG / CCG / Various public and private sources	Completed
Institute a neighborhood identification program for Arbor Point, EJ Knight, and Patriot Point.	X	X	X	X	X	Planning Department / Community Reinvestment Department / Keep Columbus Beautiful / Columbus Housing Authority	Staff Time / Grants	Various private and public sources	Underway (2024)
Uptown									
Focus marketing efforts and new growth on "The Loop".	X	X	X	X	X	UPTown Columbus Inc. / CCG / City of Phenix City	TBD	Various public and private resources	Underway (2023)
Advance on-going and develop future efforts to improve walking and biking connectivity.	X	X	X	X	X	Columbus 2025 / CCG / MPO / ALDOT / GDOT / PATH Foundation	TBD	Various public and private sources	Completed
Support protection of the Chattahoochee River and its tributaries by requiring adequate riparian buffers to control runoff and sedimentation from new development, and prohibit incompatible uses.	X	X	X	X	X	UPTown Columbus Inc. / CCG / City of Phenix City	TBD	TBD	Completed
Work with local advocates to create alternative types of development, such as tiny house communities or container home communities.	X	X	X			CCG / UPTown Columbus Inc.	TBD	Various public and private sources	Underway (2025)
Pursue an open container ordinance for parts of the Uptown entertainment area	X					CCG / UPTown Columbus Inc.	Staff Time	Various public and private sources	Delayed
Pursue replacing CCG (Metra) as the parking enforcement entity in Uptown	X	X				CCG / UPTown Columbus Inc.	TBD	TBD	Cancelled (Metra will continue enforcement)
Establish an agreement with CCG regarding trash pick-up and recycling efforts.	X	X				CCG / UPTown Columbus Inc.	TBD	TBD	Completed
Study and review cutting edge zoning regulations, techniques, and concepts to incorporate into the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO), such as form-based codes; pocket neighborhoods; incremental development; transit-oriented design, and/or performance-based zoning.	X	X	X	X	X	Planning Department / Inspections and Codes Department / Uptown Columbus Inc.	Staff Time	CCG	Underway (2025)
Oxbow									
Support efforts to partner with Fort Benning, the Department of the Army, and the Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce to relocate the United States Armor Museum to Oxbow.	X	X	X	X	X	CCG / Fort Benning / National Infantry Museum / Department of the Army / Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce	TBD	Various public and private sources	Completed
Assist the Chamber and the National Infantry Museum on pursuing development of the proposed PUD north of the Museum.	X	X	X	X	X	CCG / Fort Benning / National Infantry Museum / Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce	TBD	Various public and private sources	Underway (2028)
Advance on-going and develop future efforts to improve walking and biking connectivity.	X	X	X	X	X	Columbus 2025 / CCG / MPO / ALDOT / GDOT / PATH Foundation	TBD	Various public and private sources	Completed
Open Wren Lake to fishing and camping opportunities.	X	X				CCG / Westville	TBD	Various public and private sources	Completed
Noise abatement from Fort Benning – Discourage the noise-sensitive land uses, such as single family subdivisions, churches, hospitals, and schools in noise-impacted areas.	X	X	X	X	X	Planning Department	Staff Time	TBD	Completed
Support protection of the Chattahoochee River and its tributaries by requiring adequate riparian buffers to control runoff and sedimentation from new development, and prohibit incompatible uses.	X	X	X	X	X	CCG / State of GA	Staff Time	TBD	Completed
Restrict development in floodplain areas to protect sensitive wetlands and private property from the impact of seasonal flooding. Use floodplains as possible sites for pervious trails and passive recreational uses.	X	X	X	X	X	CCG	Staff Time	TBD	Completed
Midtown Medical Corridor									
Remove barriers to medical-use based redevelopment along the corridor. Single family housing should be discouraged.	X	X	X			Planning Department	Staff Time	TBD	Completed
Reduce driveway cuts along the Warm Springs Road corridor and utilize shared driveways and interparcel connectivity.	X	X	X	X	X	Planning Department / Engineering Department / GDOT	Staff Time	TBD	Completed
Support demolition of outdated medical offices and promote lot combinations for multi-user medical office complexes.	X	X	X	X	X	Planning Department / Inspections and Codes Department	Staff Time	TBD	Underway (2027)

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Identify areas for workforce housing close to the character area.	X	X	X			Planning Department / Community Reinvestment Department / Columbus Housing Authority	Staff Time	TBD	Completed
Identify commercial uses that will support medical businesses and employees.	X	X	X			Planning Department	Staff Time	TBD	Completed
Advance on-going and develop future efforts to improve walking and biking connectivity.	X	X	X	X	X	Columbus 2025 / CCG / MPO / ALDOT / GDOT / PATH Foundation	TBD	Various public and private sources	Underway (2024)
Create a Midtown Medical Corridor Overlay District.			X	X	X	Planning Department	Staff Time	TBD	Underway (2024)
Five Points									
Review existing land-uses and zoning and adjust accordingly (if necessary) for future redevelopment.	X	X				Planning Department / Midtown Inc.	Staff Time	TBD	Underway (2025)
Create a master plan for the area with a focus on mixed-use redevelopment.	X	X	X			Planning Department / Midtown Inc.	TBD	Various public and private sources	Underway (2025)
Advance on-going and develop future efforts to improve walking and biking connectivity.	X	X	X	X	X	Columbus 2025 / CCG / MPO / ALDOT / GDOT / PATH Foundation	TBD	Various public and private sources	Underway (2025)
Promote and market its location based on proximity to Lakebottom Park, Uptown Columbus, Piedmont Columbus, and the 13th & 13th Redevelopment Corridor.			X	X	X	Midtown Inc.	TBD	Various public and private sources	Underway (2025)
Encourage adaptive reuse of the existing mid-century structures.	X	X	X	X	X	Planning Department	Staff Time	TBD	Completed
Pursue affordable housing opportunities in this character area.	X	X	X	X	X	Planning Department / Community Reinvestment Department	Staff Time	TBD	Completed
Utilize TAD funding (Midtown West Redevelopment Area) to help fund infrastructure improvements.	X	X	X	X	X	CCG	TBD	Midtown West TAD #6	Completed
13th & 13th									
Review existing land-uses and zoning and adjust accordingly (if necessary) for future redevelopment.	X	X				Planning Department / Midtown Inc.	Staff Time	TBD	Underway (2025)
Pursue a road diet and streetscape project along 13th Street.	X	X	X			Planning Department / Engineering Department / Midtown Inc. / GDOT	TBD	GDOT / CCG	Underway (2025)
Promote and market its location based on proximity to Lakebottom Park, Uptown Columbus, Piedmont Columbus, and Five Points.			X	X	X	Midtown Inc.	TBD	Various public and private sources	Underway (2025)
Create a master plan for the area with a focus on mixed-use redevelopment.	X	X	X			Planning Department / Midtown Inc.	TBD	Various public and private sources	Underway (2025)
Advance on-going and develop future efforts to improve walking and biking connectivity.	X	X	X	X	X	Columbus 2025 / CCG / MPO / ALDOT / GDOT / PATH Foundation	TBD	Various public and private sources	Underway (2025)
Pursue affordable housing opportunities in this character area.	X	X	X	X	X	Planning Department / Community Reinvestment Department	Staff Time	TBD	Completed
Utilize TAD funding (Midtown West Redevelopment Area) to help fund infrastructure improvements.	X	X	X	X	X	CCG	TBD	Midtown West TAD #6	Completed
Pursue EPA Brownfield grants to conduct environmental assessments of the areas immediately north of 13th Street.				X	X	Community Reinvestment Department / Midtown Inc.	TBD	EPA	Underway (2025)
Civic Commons									
Promote walkability by improving pedestrian infrastructure on Macon Road.				X	X	Engineering Department / GDOT / Midtown Inc.	TBD	TBD	Underway (2025)
Pursue a streetscape project along Boxwood Boulevard.					X	Planning Department / Engineering Department / Midtown Inc. / GDOT	TBD	TBD	Underway (2025)
Identify other potential civic uses that could be utilized on the site.			X	X	X	CCG / MCSD	TBD	TBD	Underway (2025)
Advance on-going and develop future efforts to improve walking and biking connectivity.	X	X	X	X	X	Columbus 2025 / CCG / MPO / ALDOT / GDOT / PATH Foundation	TBD	Various public and private sources	Underway (2025)
Promote and pursue commercial redevelopment in the character area.			X	X	X	Planning Department / Midtown Inc. / Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce	TBD	Various public and private sources	Completed
Liberty District									
Advance on-going and develop future efforts to improve walking and biking connectivity.	X	X	X	X	X	Columbus 2025 / CCG / MPO / ALDOT / GDOT / PATH Foundation	TBD	Various public and private sources	Underway (2025)
Review the 2003 Liberty District Master Plan for possible revisions or modifications.	X					Planning Department	Staff Time	TBD	Completed
Pursue a strategy to preserve remaining single family houses and other structures.		X	X			Planning Department / Inspections and Codes Department	Staff Time	TBD	Completed
Encourage urban, dense mixed-use development along 8th Avenue.	X	X	X			Planning Department / Development Authority / Community Reinvestment Department	TBD	Various public and private sources	Underway (2025)
Institute a Liberty District identification program		X	X			Planning Department	TBD	Various public and private sources	Underway (2025)
Utilize TAD funding (River District Redevelopment Area) to help fund infrastructure improvements.	X	X	X	X	X	CCG	TBD	River District TAD #2	Completed

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Provide incentives for reinvestment and rehabilitation.			X	X	X	CCG	Staff Time	TBD	Underway (2025)
Encourage adaptive reuse of the existing early century structures.	X	X	X	X	X	Planning Department	Staff Time	TBD	Underway (2025)
Promote the Liberty District as an arts and entertainment district.			X	X	X	CCG	TBD	TBD	Underway (2025)
Columbus residents typically identify themselves by their neighborhood. Neighborhoods are a source of pride and an identification program may help market those neighborhoods for new homeownership and redevelopment.	X	X	X	X	X	Planning Department / Community Reinvestment Department / Keep Columbus Beautiful	Staff Time / Grants	Various private and public sources	Underway (2025)
Restore the street network by reopening 5th and 7th Streets between 5th and 6th Avenues and opening 7th Avenue between 5th and 7th Streets					X	CCG	TBD	TBD	Underway (2024)
Columbus Historic District									
Work with partners to help preserve and improve the southern end of the district.			X	X	X	Planning Department / Historic Columbus Foundation / HDPS	Staff Time	TBD	Underway (2028)
Advance on-going and develop future efforts to improve walking and biking connectivity.	X	X	X	X	X	Columbus 2025 / CCG / MPO / ALDOT / GDOT / PATH Foundation	TBD	Various public and private sources	Underway (2028)
Support protection of the Chattahoochee River and its tributaries by requiring adequate riparian buffers to control runoff and sedimentation from new development, and prohibit incompatible uses.	X	X	X	X	X	CCG / State of GA	Staff Time	TBD	Completed
South Commons									
Promote South Commons as the southern anchor of the River District Redevelopment Area.			X	X	X	Planning Department / Civic Center	Staff Time	TBD	Completed
Expand the River District Redevelopment Area and TAD #2 to include South Commons.		X	X			Mayor's Office / Planning Department	Staff Time	TBD	Underway (2024)
Advance on-going and develop future efforts to improve walking and biking connectivity.	X	X	X	X	X	Columbus 2025 / CCG / MPO / ALDOT / GDOT / PATH Foundation	TBD	Various public and private sources	Underway (2028)
Support protection of the Chattahoochee River and its tributaries by requiring adequate riparian buffers to control runoff and sedimentation from new development, and prohibit incompatible uses.	X	X	X	X	X	CCG / State of GA	Staff Time	TBD	Completed
Muscogee Technology Park (MTP)									
Advance on-going and develop future efforts to improve walking and biking connectivity.	X	X	X	X	X	Columbus 2025 / CCG / MPO / ALDOT / GDOT / PATH Foundation	TBD	Various public and private sources	Underway (2028)
Identify areas for clustered commercial development that serves the businesses and employees of MTP				X	X	Development Authority	TBD	Various public and private sources	Underway (2028)
Identify areas close to MTP for workforce housing.		X				Planning Department	Staff Time	TBD	Underway (2028)
Market the area to defense industries that will collaborate with Fort Benning and reopen the Schatulga Road Access Control Point.				X	X	Development Authority / Fort Benning	TBD	Various public and private sources	Underway (2028)
Promote Technology Parkway as a bypass to southeast Columbus.		X				Planning Department	Staff Time	TBD	Completed
Cooper Creek Park									
Advance on-going and develop future efforts to improve walking and biking connectivity.	X	X	X	X	X	Columbus 2025 / CCG / MPO / ALDOT / GDOT / PATH Foundation	TBD	Various public and private sources	Underway (2028)
Create a master plan for the area with a focus on mixed-use redevelopment.			X	X		Planning Department / CORTA	TBD	Various public and private sources	Underway (2028)
Encourage adaptive reuse of industrial warehouses.	X	X	X	X	X	Planning Department	Staff Time	TBD	Underway (2028)
Encourage businesses that will compliment and benefit the Fall Line Trace.	X	X	X	X	X	Planning Department	Staff Time	TBD	Underway (2028)
Identify revitalization opportunities along corridors and plan streetscape projects for them.				X	X	Planning Department	Staff Time	TBD	Underway (2028)
Support protection of the Chattahoochee River and its tributaries by requiring adequate riparian buffers to control runoff and sedimentation from new development, and prohibit incompatible uses.	X	X	X	X	X	CCG / State of GA	Staff Time	TBD	Completed
Columbus State University (CSU)									
Advance on-going and develop future efforts to improve walking and biking connectivity.	X	X	X	X	X	Columbus 2025 / CCG / MPO / ALDOT / GDOT / PATH Foundation	TBD	Various public and private sources	Underway (2025)
Assist CSU with acquiring the Georgia Power site on Gentian Boulevard as a relocation option for plant services.	X	X	X	X	X	CCG / CSU	TBD	TBD	Cancelled (Georgia Power has consolidated services on this site)
Support protection of the Chattahoochee River and its tributaries by requiring adequate riparian buffers to control runoff and sedimentation from new development, and prohibit incompatible uses.	X	X	X	X	X	CCG / State of GA	Staff Time	TBD	Completed
Implement the proposed University Avenue road diet.				X	X	CCG / CSU	TBD	TIA 2	Underway (2025)
Evaluate the possibility of installing roundabouts along College Drive.				X	X	CCG / CSU	TBD	TBD	Underway (2025)



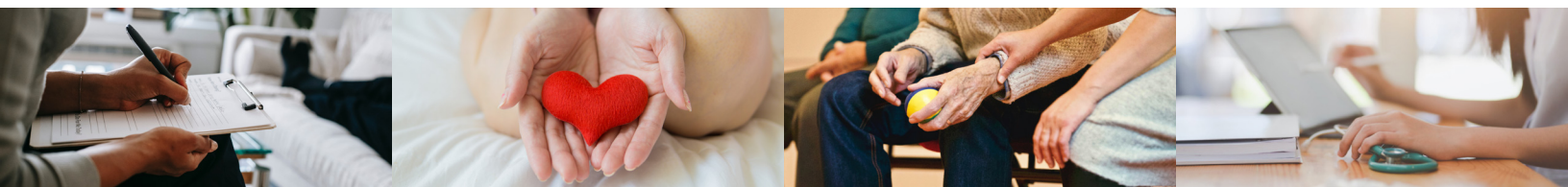
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Create additional on-campus building sites by replacing surface parking with parking garages.					X	CSU	TBD	TBD	Underway (2025)
Pursue multi-family developments between Valley Drive and Anglin Road.	X	X	X	X	X	Planning Department / CSU	Staff Time	TBD	Cancelled (CSU has sold its properties in that area)
Promote mixed-use development at the intersection of Gentian Boulevard and University Avenue.	X	X	X	X	X	Planning Department	Staff Time	TBD	Underway (2025)
City Village									
Advance on-going and develop future efforts to improve walking and biking connectivity.	X	X	X	X	X	Columbus 2025 / CCG / MPO / ALDOT / GDOT / PATH Foundation	TBD	Various public and private sources	Underway (2025)
Implement the City Village Master Plan.	X	X	X	X	X	CCG / Historic Columbus Foundation / Columbus Housing Authority / Development Authority	TBD	Various public and private sources	Underway (2028)
Identify revitalization opportunities along corridors and plan streetscape projects for them.				X	X	Planning Department	Staff Time	TBD	Completed
Utilize TAD funding (River District Redevelopment Area) to help fund infrastructure improvements.	X	X	X	X	X	CCG	TBD	River District TAD #4	Completed
Columbus residents typically identify themselves by their neighborhood. Neighborhoods are a source of pride and an identification program may help market those neighborhoods for new homeownership and redevelopment.	X	X	X	X	X	Planning Department / Community Reinvestment Department / Keep Columbus Beautiful	Staff Time / Grants	Various private and public sources	Underway (2025)
Pursue affordable housing opportunities in this character area.	X	X	X	X	X	Planning Department / Community Reinvestment Department	Staff Time	TBD	Completed
Support protection of the Chattahoochee River and its tributaries by requiring adequate riparian buffers to control runoff and sedimentation from new development, and prohibit incompatible uses.	X	X	X	X	X	CCG / State of GA	Staff Time	TBD	Completed
Bibb City									
Develop and implement a conservation neighborhood.			X	X	X	Planning Department	Staff Time	TBD	Underway (2025)
Columbus residents typically identify themselves by their neighborhood. Neighborhoods are a source of pride and an identification program may help market those neighborhoods for new homeownership and redevelopment.	X	X	X	X	X	Planning Department / Community Reinvestment Department / Keep Columbus Beautiful	Staff Time / Grants	Various private and public sources	Underway (2025)
Identify revitalization opportunities along corridors and plan streetscape projects for them.				X	X	Planning Department	Staff Time	TBD	Completed
Support protection of the Chattahoochee River and its tributaries by requiring adequate riparian buffers to control runoff and sedimentation from new development, and prohibit incompatible uses.	X	X	X	X	X	CCG / State of GA	Staff Time	TBD	Completed
Advance on-going and develop future efforts to improve walking and biking connectivity.	X	X	X	X	X	Columbus 2025 / CCG / MPO / ALDOT / GDOT / PATH Foundation	TBD	Various public and private sources	Underway (2025)
Columbus Tech-Beallwood									
Advance on-going and develop future efforts to improve walking and biking connectivity.	X	X	X	X	X	Columbus 2025 / CCG / MPO / ALDOT / GDOT / PATH Foundation	TBD	Various public and private sources	Underway (2025)
Support protection of the Chattahoochee River and its tributaries by requiring adequate riparian buffers to control runoff and sedimentation from new development, and prohibit incompatible uses.	X	X	X	X	X	CCG / State of GA	Staff Time	TBD	Completed
Columbus residents typically identify themselves by their neighborhood. Neighborhoods are a source of pride and an identification program may help market those neighborhoods for new homeownership and redevelopment.	X	X	X	X	X	Planning Department / Community Reinvestment Department / Keep Columbus Beautiful	Staff Time / Grants	Various private and public sources	Underway (2025)
Encourage redevelopment of vacant and underutilized land for viable uses that will complement the overall character of the area and enhance economic vitality.	X	X	X	X	X	Community Reinvestment Department / Neighborworks / Planning Department	CDBG / HOME	CDBG / HOME	Completed
Prevent commercial encroachment into the Beallwood neighborhood as well as Columbus Tech's potential growth area.	X	X	X	X	X	CCG	N/A	TBD	Completed
Develop new housing in Beallwood.	X	X	X	X	X	Neighborworks	HOME	HOME	Completed
Promote adaptive reuse of commercial warehouses and the old Beallwood elementary school.	X	X	X	X	X	Planning Department	Staff Time	TBD	Completed
Improve the Alexander Park facilities and cricket field	X					Parks & Recreation Department	\$265,000	Private donation	Completed
Benning Technology Park Redevelopment Area & Tax Allocation District #1									
Advance on-going and develop future efforts to improve walking and biking connectivity.	X	X	X	X	X	Columbus 2025 / CCG / MPO / ALDOT / GDOT / PATH Foundation	TBD	Development Authority of Columbus	Underway (2028)

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Develop the proposed technology/business park to “become the ultimate workplace solution for military contractors and consultants desiring close proximity to Fort Benning and the Maneuver Center” creating a secure, fully-serviced employment and commercial environment adjacent to Interstate 185 on the north side of Fort Benning Georgia, just inside the main security gate and within a ten-mile radius of all major Army headquarters.	X	X	X	X	X	CCG / Private investors	TBD	Development Authority of Columbus	Underway (2023)
See also Arbor Point STWP tasks									
River District Redevelopment Area & Tax Allocation Districts #2, 3, & 4									
Advance on-going and develop future efforts to improve walking and biking connectivity.	X	X	X	X	X	Columbus 2025 / CCG / MPO / ALDOT / GDOT / PATH Foundation	TBD	Various public and private sources	Underway (2025)
Encourage job creation while improving physical conditions in under-performing sections of the City	X	X	X	X	X	CCG / UPTown Columbus Inc. / Private investors	TBD	Various public and private sources	Underway (2025)
Encourage reinvestment in established older residential neighborhoods that are surrounded by commercial and industrial land-uses.	X	X	X	X	X	CCG / UPTown Columbus Inc. / Private investors	TBD	Various public and private sources	Underway (2025)
See also Liberty District, Uptown, City Village, and Bibb City STWP tasks									
MidTown Redevelopment Area & Tax Allocation Districts #5 & 6									
Advance on-going and develop future efforts to improve walking and biking connectivity.	X	X	X	X	X	Columbus 2025 / CCG / MPO / ALDOT / GDOT / PATH Foundation	TBD	Various public and private sources	Underway (2025)
Strengthen MidTown’s older commercial corridors and nodes by strategically encouraging commercial infill and mixed-use development, rehabilitating existing housing and creating new residential living options around those nodes	X	X	X	X	X	Planning Department / Community Reinvestment Department / MidTown, Inc.	TBD	Various public and private sources	Underway (2025)
Reduce the presence of conflicting commercial and industrial land uses by transitioning under-utilized properties to higher-valued uses.	X	X	X	X	X	Planning Department / Community Reinvestment Department / MidTown, Inc.	TBD	Various public and private sources	Underway (2025)
Assist in funding reinvestment in established older residential neighborhoods that surround under-performing commercial and industrial land uses, including public improvements to inadequate water and sewer infrastructure serving those neighborhoods.	X	X	X	X	X	Planning Department / Community Reinvestment Department / MidTown, Inc.	TBD	Various public and private sources	Underway (2025)
See also Medical Corridor, Five Points, 13th & 13th, and Civic Commons STWP tasks									
Midland Commons Redevelopment Area & Tax Allocation District #7									
Advance on-going and develop future efforts to improve walking and biking connectivity.	X	X	X	X	X	Columbus 2025 / CCG / MPO / ALDOT / GDOT / PATH Foundation	TBD	Various public and private sources	Underway (2025)
Make transportation and traffic control improvements to the site and JR Allen Parkway to lessen the traffic impacts in the area	X	X	X	X	X	Private developer / C-PC MPO / GDOT	TBD	Various public and private sources	Completed
Make improvements to Flat Rock Park which can enhance the experience of visitors to this public park from throughout Columbus and connect to the regional bike trail system as an additional way to access the park.	X	X	X	X	X	Parks & Recreation Department	TBD	TAD funding	Underway (2025)
See also Beaver Run STWP tasks									

**File Attachments for Item:**

**2. 2024 Legislative Agenda**

Approval is requested of the resolution for the 2024 Legislative Session of the Georgia General Assembly, which the Mayor and Council deem appropriate.



## **New Options Waiver Program (NOW) and Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP)**

The New Options Waiver (NOW) and the Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP) offer home- and community-based services for people with intellectual disabilities (ID) or developmental disabilities (DD). The Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH) administers Medicaid, which delegates the day-to-day operation of the NOW/COMP Programs to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD), Division of Developmental Disabilities.

The DBHDD Central Office performs statewide waiver operational and daily administrative functions. The six DBHDD regional offices perform NOW/COMP waiver functions at the regional level, including intake and evaluation, preauthorization of NOW/COMP waiver services, utilization management, crisis resolution, quality management, and intervention in cases of service delivery problems or concerns. Individuals access the NOW/COMP Program through the DBHDD regional offices or through this link. The NOW/COMP waiver serves individuals with intellectual disabilities or other closely related conditions, such as cerebral palsy, epilepsy, autism or neurological problems. These disabilities require a level of care provided in an intermediate-care facility (ICF) for people diagnosed with I/DD. There are more than 12,000 people with developmental disabilities who are served by the NOW/COMP programs in Georgia.

## **Eligibility for Both Programs**

Individuals who meet the level of care that would be required in an intermediate-care facility for people with intellectual disabilities (ICF-ID) may be eligible for home- and community-based services as an alternative through Georgia's Medicaid NOW and COMP waiver programs.

To qualify for these waiver programs and be offered the choice of community-based services instead of institutional care, the individual must first meet the criteria for Medicaid payment in an institution and certain other criteria.

### **Specific qualifications:**

- ☑ Categorically eligible Medicaid recipients
- ☑ Have a diagnosis of an intellectual disability and/or a closely related condition
- ☑ Currently receiving the level of care provided in an ICF-ID that is reimbursable under the State Plan, and for whom home- and community-based services are determined to be an appropriate alternative
- ☑ Likely to require the level of care provided in an ICF-ID that would be reimbursable under the State Plan in the absence of home- and community-based services that are determined to be an appropriate alternative



## Purpose of the NOW Program

The NOW waiver program offers services and supports to individuals to enable them to remain living in their own or family home and participate or live independently in the community.

Goals for participants in the NOW program, which serves individuals with less intensive needs than those in the COMP program, include:

- Avoiding the need for more intensive services. Increasing independence and quality of life of individuals with I/DD.
- Increasing the flexibility of service planning and delivery to meet exact individual needs.
- Providing the opportunity for all participants to elect to direct their services to the extent that they choose.
- Ensuring the health, safety and welfare of NOW participants.

## Purpose of the COMP Program

The COMP waiver program, which serves individuals with more intensive needs, primarily provides residential care for individuals with I/DD. These individuals require comprehensive and intensive services and need out-of-home residential support and supervision or intensive levels of in-home services to remain in the community.

The purpose of the COMP program is to offer comprehensive and extensive waiver services to enable individuals with urgent and intense needs to avoid institutional placement. The COMP program provides the level of services needed by individuals transitioning from institutions to community living.

Goals for participants in the COMP program include:

- Avoiding the need for institutional placement
- Increasing independence and quality of life of individuals with ID/DD who have intensive or comprehensive support needs
- Facilitating the transition of institutionalized individuals to community living.
- Offering opportunities statewide for participant direction by waiver participants who have intensive or comprehensive support needs
- Ensuring the health, safety and welfare of COMP program participants

## For More Information

Visit the DCH website at:  
**[www.dch.georgia.gov](http://www.dch.georgia.gov)**  
or visit the DBHDD website at:  
**[www.dbhdd.georgia.gov](http://www.dbhdd.georgia.gov)**

### NOW/COMP Waiver Program Services

Adult Dental Services  
Adult Nursing Service  
Adult Occupational Therapy Services  
Adult Physical Therapy Services  
Adult Speech and Language Therapy Services  
Additional Staffing Services  
Assistive Technology  
Behavioral Supports Services  
Community Access Services  
Community Guide Services  
Community Living Support Services  
Community Residential Alternative Services (COMP only)  
Environmental Accessibility Adaptation Services

Financial Support Services  
Individual Directed Goods and Services  
Interpreter Services  
Natural Support Training Services  
Nutrition Services  
Pre-vocational Services  
Respite Services  
Respite Out-of-Home 15-minute Services  
Specialized Medical Equipment Services  
Specialized Medical Supplies Services  
Support Coordination Services  
Intensive Support Coordination Services  
Supported Employment Services  
Transportation Services  
Vehicle Adaption Services

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

Item #2.

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	<b>2024 Legislative Agenda</b>
<b>AGENDA SUMMARY:</b>	Approval is requested of the resolution for the 2024 Legislative Session of the Georgia General Assembly, which the Mayor and Council deem appropriate.
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	Isaiah, Hugley, City Manager

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**Recommendation:** Approval is requested of the resolution for the 2024 Legislative Session of the Georgia General Assembly, which the Mayor and Council deem appropriate.

**Background:** Each year elected and appointed officials of the Columbus Consolidated Government develop a list of issues important to the citizens of Columbus that requires action by the Local Legislative Delegation. Once approved, a meeting will be held with the Delegation to explain the rationale behind these issues and to solicit their support. The Hometown Connection and Legislative Agenda meeting will be held on October 12, 2023.

**Analysis:** Staff, elected and appointed officials were asked to present issues they felt were important to the operation of city government. Research and justification for these issues were presented to the City Manager and a list was prepared for presentation to the Mayor/Council.

**Financial Considerations:** The City is expected to receive additional revenues if many of the issues are passed by the Georgia General Assembly.

**Recommendations/Actions:** Approve those resolutions, which the Mayor and Council deem appropriate.

**1. ADOPT THE MENTAL HEALTH MODEL:**

Item #2.

The Columbus Consolidated Government is requesting that the local legislative delegation to the Georgia General Assembly enhance Georgia citizens' access to vital mental health services, including the provision of state budgetary funding for additional behavioral health crisis centers across the state, additional co-responder units, and other resources to assist those with mental health and substance abuse disorders. (*Recommended by ACCG and City Manager, Isaiah Hugley*)

**Explanation:**

The Columbus Consolidated Government request the local delegation continue efforts in the 2024 legislative session of the Georgia General Assembly to enhance Georgia citizens' access to vital mental health services, including the provision of state budgetary funding for additional behavioral health crisis centers across the state, additional co-responders' units, and other resources to assist those with mental health and substance abuse disorders.

**2. ONE USER UTILITY BILL:**

The Columbus Consolidated Government is requesting that the local legislative delegation to the Georgia General Assembly introduce or support statewide legislation that would require public utilities to bill local governments and school districts on a "one user" basis which would allow billing discounts that would benefit all taxpayers. (*Request of Judge Bobby Peters, Superior Court Judge*)

**Explanation:**

Currently each building or each school owned by a local government or school district is billed separately. However, legislation could require that the rate charged be based on the total usage of all of the government or school district buildings and facilities of that one owner. Aggregating the total usage of each governmental owner would mean a much lower rate per gallon of water or per kilowatt hour of electricity. A local government or school district could still use separate meters to track usage in each facility for efficiency, but the local government or school district should be given credit for total usage to get a lower rate.

**3. TECHNOLOGY FEE SURCHARGE ON RECORDER'S COURT FINES:**

The Columbus Consolidated Government is requesting that the local legislative delegation to the Georgia General Assembly permit imposition of court costs of \$10.00 to be added as a surcharge to each fine imposed by Recorder's Court, effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2034 to be used to defray technology costs of the Recorder's Court. (*Request of Judge David Ranieri, Recorder's Court Judge*)

**Explanation:**

Recorder's Court is requesting to impose and collect a technology fee for each fine imposed, not to exceed \$10.00 for a period of ten years. The technology fees would be used exclusively to provide for the technological needs of the Recorder's Court such as: computer hardware purchase, lease, maintenance, and installation; imaging, scanning, facsimile, communications, projection, and printing equipment; and software purchase, lease, maintenance, development, and installation.

**4. ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES (APRN) LICENSING:**

The Columbus Consolidated Government along with the United Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (UAPRN) of West Georgia Columbus chapter is requesting that the local legislative delegation to the Georgia General Assembly support legislation which would remove barriers to APRN practice whereby decreasing a delay in care for the citizens of Georgia's access to medication and treatment. APRN's have the advanced education and trusting relationships with their collaborating physicians to provide safe, effective healthcare services.

APRN's are currently issued an "authorization to practice" as an Advanced Practice Nurse Practitioner under their RN's license. Independent licensing could allow them to be recognized separately from their RN license. *(Request of Councilor Jerry "Pops" Barnes)*

**Explanation:**

This SB 164 bill was vetoed Session (2023) at the request of the sponsor. In the 2024 Session, the language is anticipated to be amended for smoother implementation to handle the volume of applicants.

**5. ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES (APRN'S) SIGNING DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLE DISABILITY PARKING PERMITS:**

The Columbus Consolidated Government along with the United Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (UAPRN) of West Georgia Columbus Chapter is requesting that the local legislative delegation to the Georgia General Assembly support legislation which would add APRN's to the list of the Department of Motor Vehicle's approved practitioners to sign disability parking permits. *(Request of Councilor Jerry "Pops" Barnes)*

**Explanation:**

APRN's are able to complete the physical examination for the DMV application for a handicap placard but not allowed to sign it which results in a delay of care waiting for the physician to sign it. Georgia is one of two states in USA where this total restriction remains.

Approval of the above proposed legislation will remove delays in patient care and treatment, increase access to optimal healthcare, and improve healthcare outcomes for the citizens of Georgia.

Item #2.

**6. ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES (APRN'S) WRITING PRESCRIPTIONS FOR SCHEDULE II CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES:**

The Columbus Consolidated Government along with the United Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (UAPRN) of West Georgia Columbus chapter is requesting that the local legislative delegation to the Georgia General Assembly introduce or support legislation which would authorize APRN's to write prescriptions for Schedule II controlled substances: Stimulants-for ADHD, ADD for 30-day supply and Opiates prescriptions would be a 3-day supply with other criteria. *(Request of Councilor Jerry "Pops" Barnes)*

**Explanation:**

APRN's already write prescriptions for schedule III, IV and V medications which treat conditions such as depression, anxiety, and opioid abuse. APRN's are not allowed to write for Stimulants (Ritalin, Adderall) for ADD/ADHD for adults' patients, but they assess and evaluate the behaviors/symptoms for the medications and send it to the physician to send to the pharmacy which often results in a delay in the patient receiving the medication. There is a proposed bill suggesting a three-day prescription for opiates in an emergency with other criteria. There is currently no bill pending to allow APRN's to prescribe stimulants. Georgia is one of two states in the United States where this restriction remains.

**7. ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES (APRN'S) CERTIFYING ORDERS FOR HOME HEALTH AGENCY VISITS:**

THE Columbus Consolidated Government along with the United Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (UAPRN) of West Georgia Columbus Chapter is requesting that the local legislative delegation to the Georgia General Assembly introduce or support legislation which would authorize APRN's to certify orders authorizing home health agencies to make home visits. *(Request of Councilor Jerry "Pops" Barnes)*

**Explanation:**

APRN's can assess, diagnose, and treat for most conditions requiring home health but are not able to order the services for home health that would allow for nursing services, physical or occupational therapy, to go into the home and prevent an exacerbation of symptoms. The order has to wait for the physician to sign it which may cause a delay of care, especially after an inpatient hospital stay. Georgia is one of the 11 states in the United States where this restriction remains.

**8. MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAMS FOR ADULT ABUSE, NEGLECT & EXPLOITATION:**

The Columbus Consolidated Government is requesting that the local delegation to the Georgia General Assembly support legislation requiring that the multidisciplinary teams for dealing with adult abuse, neglect and exploitation described in O.C.G.A. § 30-5-11 be mandatory in each judicial circuit of the State. *(Request of Councilor Jerry “Pops” Barnes)*

**Explanation:**

In 2018 legislation was passed to create another tool in the toolbox to combat elder abuse by allowing judicial districts in Georgia to create multidisciplinary teams to help address elder abuse and in the districts that have set up these teams, it has been a very effective tool. Updating the Adult Abuse Neglect & Exploitation Multidisciplinary Team Establishment Law to require all judicial districts to create multidisciplinary teams for coordination of local resources and response for adult abuse, exploitation and neglect would allow a uniform response to the needs of vulnerable adults throughout the State.

**9. \$10 MILLION INCREASE IN FUNDING FOR HOME & COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES:**

The Columbus Consolidated Government is requesting that the local legislative delegation advocate for a \$10 Million increase in funding for Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) order to provide services in the home that help older Georgians stay in their homes and communities for longer and avoid the expense of nursing home care. *(Request of Councilor Jerry “Pops” Barnes)*

**Explanation:**

The Non-Medicaid Home and Community Based Services Program provides services that promote health and independence. HCBS programs consistently demonstrate that services in the home help older Georgians stay in their homes and communities. On average, these services can help delay premature nursing home care by 51 months. In-home services include home delivered meals, adult day care, respite care, home modification and more. The longer a person is able to stay at home with support, the happier and healthier they are and the more it saves taxpayer dollars. The Georgia Council on Aging and the Coalition of Advocates for Georgia’s Elderly (CO-AGE) members support the request to increase funding by \$10 Million.

### **10. SHORT TERM RENTALS:**

The Columbus Consolidated Government is requesting the local legislative delegation support the GMA policy position on short-term rentals. The CCG supports local control of the regulation of short-term rentals as necessary for quality of life, public safety, and a competitive lodging marketplace. This Council urges the local delegation to support maintaining local control of units used as short-term rentals, subject to all applicable state laws and ordinances. *(Request of Councilor Toyia Tucker/Carry Over From Previous Years)*

#### **Explanation:**

The current Georgia Municipal Association policy provides as follows: Short-term or vacation rentals are popular in certain areas of the state, which often creates commercial competition inside residential neighborhoods. Lodging facilitator legislation passed in 2021 helps to level the playing field between short-term rental providers and more traditional hoteliers and bed and breakfast owners. Current state law requires short term rental operators to remit the appropriate state and local taxes on their transactions. Aside from taxation, municipal governments have a vested interest in balancing the community impact of short-term rentals. Parking, noise, and party houses can be recurring issues with short-term rental properties in unregulated environments. Operating lodging businesses in residential settings defeats the purpose behind residential designations, unless properly governed with clear guidelines from the local government.

### **11. MUSICAL PRODUCTION STATE SALES TAX CREDIT:**

The Columbus Consolidated Government is requesting that the local legislative delegation to the Georgia General Assembly introduce legislation to expand certain state sales tax credits for production companies producing music or musical theatre productions to make it more feasible for production companies to take advantage of these credits in Georgia. *(Request of Mayor Pro Tem Gary Allen/Carryover From Previous Years)*

#### **Explanation:**

The current legislation provides for certain state sales tax credits for production companies producing music or musical theatre productions in Georgia while touring and defines parameters including the dollar amount to be spent in the State of Georgia over a certain period and length of time that a production must tour in order to be awarded the state sales tax credit. The current legislation excludes most music and music theatre production companies from taking advantage of the tax credit thereby severely limiting most production activity to outside the State of Georgia.



## **12. AMENDMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST PROVISION FOR REDEVELOPMENT POWERS LAW:**

The Columbus Consolidated Government is requesting the local legislative delegation introduce/support legislation to revise and to clarify the conflict of interest provisions in the Redevelopment Powers Law which address the participation of local government elective and appointive officials and employees in the creation and administration of Tax Allocation Districts. (*Request of Councilor Toyia Tucker and Glenn Davis/Carry Over From Previous Years*)

### **Explanation:**

1) With respect to property acquired after the designation of a redevelopment area or TAD, the current law very broadly prohibits any "elected official, appointed official, **or employee** of any political subdivision, board, commission, or redevelopment agency from voluntarily acquiring any interest, direct or indirect, in any property contract or transaction or proposed contract or transaction in connection with the redevelopment of that redevelopment area..." The proposed revision would remove the blanket prohibition against voluntary property acquisition in a redevelopment area and instead provide that any official or employee who has a direct ownership interest in a property that is proposed to receive payment of redevelopment costs shall disclose the interest in writing to the legislative body and shall not vote or in any way participate in considering the matter or seek to influence the votes of others on the matter.

2) The current law requires that any elected or appointed official or employee of a political subdivision who has acquired any interest direct or indirect in property in the redevelopment area within the two years immediately prior to the date the plan is submitted to the local legislative body shall disclose the interest in writing 30 days in advance and "not participate in any action of the political subdivision which affects that property." The revision would cut the time of written notice to 5 days and limit the coverage of the provision to public officers as defined by O.C.G.A. Section 21-5-3 (22) instead of the current general reference to all elected officials, appointed officials and employees.

3) The proposed revision also refines the definition of the property interest covered by the conflict provision. The current law covers any transaction which facilitates the acquisition "any interest direct or indirect" in property and substitutes a direct ownership interest in property as defined by O.C.G.A. Section 21-5-3(8).

**13. COUNTY SPECIAL LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX MAINTENANCE RESERVE:**

Item #2.

The Columbus Consolidated Government is requesting that the legislative delegation consider amendments to the County Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax imposed by Part 1 of Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the official Code of Georgia Annotation to allow consolidated governments to expend up to 5% of the tax levied to be spent for future maintenance of the capital outlay projects approved by the referendum levying the tax. *(Request of Councilor Judy Thomas/Carry Over From Previous Years)*

**Explanation:**

Previous capital outlay projects in the Columbus Consolidated Government have demonstrated that when tax funds are expended on significant capital infrastructure, a maintenance reserve would greatly assist in improving the useful life and efficiency of such facilities and allow the better and more timely upkeep of projects built with taxpayer funds.

**14. FUNDING FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, ADDICTIVE DISEASES AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES:**

The Columbus Consolidated Government is requesting that the legislative delegation advocate for support of a robust system of care for behavioral health, addictive diseases and developmental disabilities, and additional funding for crisis intervention teams throughout the state. *(Request of Councilor Toyia Tucker/Carry Over From Previous Years)*

**Explanation:**

The Columbus Consolidated Government recognizes the need for a robust system of care that supports recovery and independence for people living with mental illness, addictive disorders and developmental disabilities. Locally provided state services to individuals living with disabilities are critical to providing an appropriate safety net and an alternative to incarceration. There should be an adequate number of crisis intervention teams around the state to help public safety officials manage critical situations as needed. These services also help people meaningfully contribute to and participate in the life of our communities.

**15. PERSONAL CARE HOMES (Prompt Notification of Local Authorities Upon Licensing):**

The Columbus Consolidated Government respectfully requests that the local legislative delegation introduce state-wide legislation that will require prompt notification of county and city police and fire departments, licensing departments, and planning and zoning departments upon licensing or licensing changes of child-caring institutions, foster care homes, and personal care homes as defined and used above. *(Request of Councilor Glenn Davis/Carry Over From Previous Years)*

**Explanation:**

This Council recognizes that the State of Georgia licenses facilities for various types of assistance for both children and adults in a home-like setting. Notification of county agencies and officials is often lacking at the time licenses to such facilities are granted by the State, including but not limited to, “child-caring institutions” defined at O.C.G.A. Section 49-5-3, “foster care homes” as defined at O.C.G.A. Section 49-5-60, and “personal care homes” as used in O.C.G.A. Section 25-2-13. The lack of awareness of the licensed facilities or changes in licensing status may prevent local governmental entities from acting promptly to protect the health and welfare of those persons in such facilities. The Council hereby requests that the local legislative delegation introduce a state-wide bill to require prompt notification to certain county/municipal officials upon licensing or changes in license status of child-caring institutions, foster care homes, and personal care homes by the State of Georgia.

**16. PERSONAL CARE HOMES (Minimum Staffing Requirement):**

The Columbus Consolidated Government is requesting the local legislative delegation to the Georgia General Assembly introduce state-wide legislation that will require minimum staffing of two trained supervisors or managers between the hours of 6:00 pm and 6:00 am at child-caring institutions, foster care homes, and personal care homes. We also request that the local delegation to the Georgia General Assembly require that all such child-caring institutions, foster care homes, and personal care homes be accredited by a national accrediting body such as COA or CARF. *(Request of Councilor John House and Glenn Davis/Carry Over From Previous Years)*

**Explanation:**

The Council supports legislation to require better staffing and training for personal care homes operated in Columbus and the State of Georgia.

**17. HOUSING AFFORDABILITY:**

The Columbus Consolidated Government is requesting that the local legislative delegation introduce an amendment to said statewide legislation to allow cities and counties to enact localized anti-displacement policies for properties in Qualified Census Tracts (QCTs) and Difficult Development Areas (DDAs) economically depressed zones as defined by general law of the General Assembly. *(Request of Councilor Toyia Tucker/Carry Over From Previous Year)*

**Explanation:**

O.C.G.A. Section 44-7-19 prohibits city and county governments from enacting, maintaining, or enforcing “any ordinance or resolution which would regulate in any way the amount of rent to be charged for privately owned, single-family or multiple-unit residential rental property.” Rising rents compound the overall financial

insecurity of many households. The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) defines a cost-burdened household as one that spends more than 30 percent of its income on housing costs. The onslaught of pandemic-related job losses, rising health care costs, and increased cost of necessities due to inflation and supply chain issues likely worsened the outlook for many renters. The pain of rising rents and the associated financial insecurity disproportionately affects single parents, individuals with disabilities, older adults, and people with multiple or intersecting identities. The COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent economic fallout succeeded in shining a harsh light on the ongoing housing crisis.

## **18. NEW OPTIONS WAIVER PROGRAM AND COMPREHENSIVE SUPPORTS WAIVER PROGRAM:**

The Columbus Consolidated Government is requesting the legislative delegation to the General Assembly evaluate and appropriately fund operation of the New Options Waiver (NOW) and the Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP), which offer home- and community-based services for people with intellectual disabilities (ID) or developmental disabilities (DD). *(Request of Councilor Toyia Tucker/Carry Over From Previous Year)*

### **Explanation:**

See fact sheet attached.

## **19. CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE POSTING:**

The Columbus Consolidated Government is requesting the legislative delegation to the General Assembly introduce statewide legislation that will require posting of appropriate hotlines to report abuse at child-caring institutions, foster care homes, and personal care homes. *(Request of Councilor Glenn Davis/Carry Over From Previous Years)*

### **Explanation:**

The licensing and supervision of child-caring institutions, foster care homes, and personal care homes as defined at O.C.G.A. Section 49-5-3, O.C.G.A. Section 49-5-60, and Section 25-2-13 have become critical issues facing the state and county governments. this Council desires that the local delegation to the Georgia General Assembly introduce legislation to require the posting of appropriate hotlines to report abuse in all child-caring institutions, foster care homes, and personal care homes such as the hotline 1-866-END-HTGA (1-866-363-4842).

## **20. LEGITIMATION PROCEDURES:**

Item #2.

The Columbus Consolidated Government is requesting the legislative delegation to the General Assembly introduce a resolution supporting the legislative study of legitimation procedures to make them more affordable and accessible to fathers of limited means who desire to take responsibility for a role in the life of their biological children. (*Request of Councilor Glenn Davis/ Carry Over From Previous Year*)

### **Explanation:**

Georgia law requires a biological father who is not married to the mother at the time of the child's birth to file a separate legal petition in order to legitimate and obtain legal rights as a parent of that biological child. Legislative study of the legitimation procedures required by Georgia law to determine whether they can be revised to make them more accessible and less costly would further increase well-being and economic security for the children of this State.

## **21. TAX ALLOCATION LAW AMENDMENT:**

The Columbus Consolidated Government is requesting the legislative delegation to the Georgia general assembly introduce an amendment to O.C.G.A. Section 36-44-21 which allows voluntary acquisition of property within a TAD by elected officials and employees of a political subdivision, but prohibits receipt of any TAD funding by such elected officials or employees; and to further amend said law so as to clarify that elected officials may conduct business within a TAD and that citizens owning a business, property or a home within a TAD can run for and hold any elected office in a county which has created TAD districts. (*Request of Councilor Charmaine Crabb/Carry Over From Previous Year*)

### **Explanation:**

This resolution requests the legislative delegation to introduce an amendment to the TAD conflict-of-interest law to permit voluntary acquisition of property within a TAD by elected officials or employees of the county in question, but to prohibit the receipt of any TAD funding by such elected officials or employees.

**A RESOLUTION  
NO.**

**A RESOLUTION URGING THE GOVERNOR AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
GEORGIA TO CONTINUE EFFORTS TO REFORM AND IMPROVE MENTAL  
HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE CITIZENS OF GEORGIA.**

**WHEREAS**, being the constitutional level of government closest to their constituents, Georgia counties are on the front lines of responding to mental health issues within the community as well as the development of mental health reform efforts; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Columbus Consolidated Government supports efforts designed to provide every citizen in need to have accessible, affordable, and adequate mental health services; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Columbus Consolidated Government is grateful for the efforts of Georgia's executive, legislative, and judicial branches in working towards mental health reform in recent years, such as the passage of HB 1013 (2022) and introduction of HB 520 (2023), Chief Justice Boggs's work on jail diversion initiatives, and Governor Kemp's commitment to expanding mental health resources in schools for children and young adults; and,

**WHEREAS**, despite these prior steps and successes, the Columbus Consolidated Government recognizes that there is still a tremendous amount of work for the citizens Muscogee County and other citizens across Georgia to receive adequate healthcare for mental health and substance abuse disorders; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Columbus Consolidated Government that Muscogee County government reaffirms its commitment to reforming and improving mental health services for its citizens and all citizens of the state of Georgia.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Columbus Consolidated Government specifically urges the Governor and General Assembly to continue efforts in the 2024 Session of the Georgia General Assembly to enhance Georgia citizens' access to vital mental health services, including the provision of state budgetary funding for additional behavioral health crisis centers across the state, additional co-responder units, and other resources to assist those with mental health and substance abuse disorders.

Let a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the Clerk of Council to each member of the local delegation to the Georgia General Assembly.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting	_____.
Councilor Barnes voting	_____.
Councilor Begly voting	_____.
Councilor Cogle voting	_____.
Councilor Crabb voting	_____.
Councilor Davis voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett voting	_____.
Councilor Huff voting	_____.
Councilor Thomas voting	_____.
Councilor Tucker voting	_____.

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. "Skip" Henderson, III Mayor



**RESOLUTION  
NO.**

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE LOCAL DELEGATION SUPPORT  
EFFORTS TO MANDATE “ONE SOURCE” BILLING FOR PUBLIC UTILITY  
SERVICES.**

**WHEREAS**, each building or each school owned by a local government or school district is billed separately; and,

**WHEREAS**, legislation could require that the rate charged by regulated public utilities be based on the total usage of all of the government or school district buildings and facilities of that one owner; and,

**WHEREAS**, aggregating the total usage of each governmental owner would mean a much lower rate per gallon of water or per kilowatt hour of electricity; and,

**WHEREAS**, a local government or school district could still use separate meters to track usage in each facility for efficiency, but the local government or school district should be given credit for total usage to get a lower rate which would benefit all taxpayers.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY  
RESOLVES:**

This Council respectfully requests that the local legislative delegation to the Georgia General Assembly introduce or support statewide legislation that would require public utilities to bill local governments and school districts on a “one user” basis which would allow billing discounts that would benefit all taxpayers.

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Item #2.

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. "Skip" Henderson, III, Mayor

**A RESOLUTION  
NO.**

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Judge of the Recorder's Court of Columbus, Georgia, finds that a need exists for imposition and collection of a technology fee; and,

**WHEREAS**, such legislation shall entitle the Clerk of Recorder's Court to charge and collect a technology fee to be set by the court, not to exceed \$10.00, as a surcharge to each fine imposed; and,

**WHEREAS**, such technology fee surcharges shall be used exclusively to provide for the technological needs of the Recorder's Court as follows: computer hardware and software purchases; lease, maintenance, development or installation of computer hardware and software; purchase, lease, maintenance, and installation of audio-visual, imaging, scanning, facsimile, communications, recording, projection, sound systems, and printing equipment and software; and procurement of services and equipment for the conservation of court records and archiving the same to digital contents for retention and access; and,

**WHEREAS**, the funds collected pursuant to such authorization shall be maintained in a segregated fund by the Clerk of Recorder's Court and shall be used only for the purposes authorized by legislation; and,

**WHEREAS**, the authority to assess a technology fee pursuant to this Act shall terminate on July 1, 2033, and any residual funds shall remain with Recorder's Court; and,

**WHEREAS**, said Act and Technology Fee will be automatically repealed on July 1, 2033; and,

**WHEREAS**, this Council desires that the local legislative delegation introduce local legislation at the 2024 Session of the Georgia General Assembly to permit imposition of court costs of \$10.00 to be added as a surcharge to each fine imposed by the Recorder's Court, effective July 1, 2024, to be used to defray technology costs of the Recorder's Court.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY RESOLVES:**

We hereby respectfully request that the local delegation to the Georgia General Assembly introduce local legislation at the 2024 Session to permit imposition of a \$10.00 technology fee to be added as a surcharge to each fine imposed by the Recorder's Court, effective July 1, 2024, to be used to defray technology costs of the Recorder's Court.

Let a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the Clerk of Council to each member of the local delegation to the Georgia General Assembly.

Introduced at the regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of 2023, and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of Council.

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. "Skip" Henderson, III Mayor

**A RESOLUTION  
NO.**

**WHEREAS**, Advance Practice Registered Nurses (APRN's) are currently issued an "authorization to practice" under an RN's license; and,

**WHEREAS**, independent licensing could allow APRN's to provide services which they currently cannot provide such as being an approved signature to order disability parking permits, writing prescriptions for Schedule II controlled substances subject to certain conditions, and the ability to certify orders for a home health agency to make home visits; and,

**WHEREAS**, in the 2023 Session, S.B. 164 was approved to permit separate licensing for APRN's but it was vetoed at the request of the Sponsors due to some administrative details that still needed to be worked out; and,

**WHEREAS**, APRN's have advanced education and trusting relationships with their collaborating physicians to provide safe, effective healthcare services; and,

**WHEREAS**, the United Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (UAPRN) of West Georgia Columbus Chapter join in requesting Council action to allow APRN's to provide more services through this revision of licensing requirements.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY RESOLVES:**

This Council respectfully requests that the local legislative delegation to the Georgia General Assembly support an amended revised version of SB 164 which passed last year to remove barriers to APRN practice and thereby increase access to cost effective, quality, and safe healthcare services.

Let a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the Clerk of Council to each member of the local delegation to the Georgia General Assembly.

Introduced at the regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the \_\_\_\_ day of 2023, and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_ members of Council.

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. "Skip" Henderson, III Mayor

**A RESOLUTION  
NO.**

**WHEREAS**, Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN’s) are able to complete the physical examination for the DMV application for a handicap placard but are not allowed to sign it; and,

**WHEREAS**, this restriction can result in a delay of care waiting for the physician signature; and,

**WHEREAS**, Georgia is one of two states in USA where this total restriction remains; and,

**WHEREAS**, the United Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (UAPRN) of West Georgia Columbus chapter join in requesting Council action to allow APRN’s to provide this service.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY RESOLVES:**

This Council respectfully requests that the local legislative delegation to the Georgia General Assembly support legislation which would add APRN’s to the list of the Department of Motor Vehicle’s approved practitioners to sign disability parking permits.

Let a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the Clerk of Council to each member of the local delegation to the Georgia General Assembly.

Introduced at the regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the \_\_\_\_ day of 2023, and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_ members of Council.

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B.H. “Skip” Henderson, III Mayor

## A RESOLUTION NO.

**WHEREAS**, Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN’s) are able to write prescriptions for schedule III, IV and V medications which treat conditions such as depression, anxiety, and opioid abuse but are not allowed to write for Stimulants (Ritalin, Adderall) for ADD/ADHD for adult patients; and,

**WHEREAS**, APRN’s assess and evaluate the behaviors/symptoms for these stimulant medications and send it to the physician to send to the pharmacy which often results in a delay in the patient receiving the medication; and,

**WHEREAS**, Georgia is one of two states in USA where this restriction remains; and,

**WHEREAS**, the United Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (UAPRN) of West Georgia Columbus chapter join in requesting Council action to allow APRN’s to provide this service.

### **NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY RESOLVES:**

This Council respectfully requests that the local legislative delegation to the Georgia General Assembly introduce or support legislation which would allow APRN’s to write prescriptions for Schedule II controlled substances which are Stimulants under certain conditions.

Let a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the Clerk of Council to each member of the local delegation to the Georgia General Assembly.

Introduced at the regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the \_\_\_\_ day of 2023, and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_ members of Council.

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. “Skip” Henderson, III Mayor



## A RESOLUTION NO.

**WHEREAS**, Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN's) can assess, diagnose, and treat for most conditions requiring home health but are not able to order the services for home health that would allow for nursing services, physical or occupational therapy, to go into the home and prevent an exacerbation of symptoms; and,

**WHEREAS**, the order has to wait for the physician to sign it which may cause a delay of care, especially after an inpatient hospital stay; and,

**WHEREAS**, Georgia is one of eleven states in United States where this restriction remains; and,

**WHEREAS**, the United Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (UAPRN) of West Georgia Columbus chapter join in requesting Council action to allow APRN's to provide this service.

### **NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY RESOLVES:**

This Council respectfully requests that the local legislative delegation to the Georgia General Assembly introduce or support legislation which would allow APRN's to write orders for home health care services.

Let a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the Clerk of Council to each member of the local delegation to the Georgia General Assembly.

Introduced at the regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the \_\_\_\_ day of 2023, and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_ members of Council.

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. "Skip" Henderson, III Mayor

**A RESOLUTION  
NO.**

**WHEREAS**, Adult Abuse Neglect & Exploitation Multidisciplinary Team Establishment Law (O.C.G.A. § 30-5-11) was adopted in 2018 to allow the establishment of multidisciplinary teams for coordination of local resources and responses for adult abuse and exploitation; and,

**WHEREAS**, in circuits where the teams have been established, they have been a very effective tool; and,

**WHEREAS**, updating the Adult Abuse Neglect & Exploitation Multidisciplinary Team Establishment Law to require all judicial districts to create multidisciplinary teams for coordination of local resources and response for adult abuse, exploitation and neglect would allow a uniform response to the needs of vulnerable adults throughout the State.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY RESOLVES:**

This Council respectfully requests that the local legislative delegation to the Georgia General Assembly introduce or support legislation which would requiring that the multidisciplinary teams for dealing with adult abuse, neglect and exploitation described in O.C.G.A.§ 30-5-11 be mandatory in each judicial circuit of the State.

Let a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the Clerk of Council to each member of the local delegation to the Georgia General Assembly.

Introduced at the regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the \_\_\_\_ day of 2023, and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_ members of Council.

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**A RESOLUTION  
NO.**

**WHEREAS**, The Non-Medicaid Home and Community Based Services Program (HCBS) provides services that promote health and independence; and,

**WHEREAS**, HCBS in home services which include home delivered meals, adult day care, respite care, home modification can help delay premature nursing home care by 51 months; and,

**WHEREAS**, the longer a person is able to stay at home with support, the happier and healthier he or she is and the more taxpayer dollars are saved.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY RESOLVES:**

This Council respectfully requests that the local legislative delegation to the Georgia General Assembly advocate for a \$10 Million increase in funding for Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) order to provide services in the home that help older Georgians stay in their homes and communities for longer and avoid the expense of nursing home care.

Let a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the Clerk of Council to each member of the local delegation to the Georgia General Assembly.

Introduced at the regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the \_\_\_\_ day of 2023, and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_ members of Council.

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B.H. "Skip" Henderson, III Mayor

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## A RESOLUTION NO.

A Resolution supporting legislation which maintains local municipal control of units used as short-term rentals.

**WHEREAS**, current Georgia Municipal Association policy provides as follows: Short-term or vacation rentals are popular in certain areas of the state, which often creates commercial competition inside residential neighborhoods. Lodging facilitator legislation passed in 2021 helps to level the playing field between short-term rental providers and more traditional hoteliers and bed and breakfast owners. Current state law requires short term rental operators to remit the appropriate state and local taxes on their transactions. Aside from taxation, municipal governments have a vested interest in balancing the community impact of short-term rentals. Parking, noise and party houses can be recurring issues with short-term rental properties in unregulated environments. Operating lodging businesses in residential settings defeats the purpose behind residential designations, unless properly governed with clear guidelines from the local government; and,

**WHEREAS**, this Council supports the GMA policy position on short-term rentals and local control of units used for short-term rentals in Columbus and urges the local delegation to the General Assembly to maintain local control of such units.

### **NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY RESOLVES:**

The Columbus Council supports the GMA policy position on short-term rentals and supports local control of the regulation of short-term rentals as necessary for quality of life, public safety and a competitive lodging marketplace. This Council urges the local delegation to the General Assembly to maintain local control of units used as short-term rentals, subject to all applicable state laws and ordinances.

Let a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the Clerk of Council to each member of the local delegation to the Georgia General Assembly.

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Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. "Skip" Henderson, III Mayor

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11.

**A RESOLUTION  
NO.**

**WHEREAS**, current legislation in Georgia provides for certain state sales tax credits for production companies producing music or musical theatre productions in Georgia while touring the production; and,

**WHEREAS**, current legislation defines parameters including the dollar amount to be spent in the State of Georgia over a certain period and the length of time that a production must tour in order to be awarded the state sales tax credit; and,

**WHEREAS**, the current legislation excludes most music and music theatre production companies from taking advantage of the tax credit thereby severely limiting most production activity to outside the State of Georgia; and,

**WHEREAS**, this Council desires that the local delegation to the Georgia General Assembly revisit the current legislation providing certain state sales tax credits for production companies producing music or musical theatre productions to make it more feasible for production companies to take advantage of these credits.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY RESOLVES:**

We hereby respectfully request that the local legislative delegation to the Georgia General Assembly introduce legislation to expand certain state sales tax credits for production companies producing music or musical theatre productions to make it more feasible for production companies to take advantage of these credits in Georgia.

Let a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the Clerk of Council to each member of the local delegation to the Georgia General Assembly.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2023, and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of Council.

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. "Skip" Henderson, III Mayor

**A RESOLUTION  
NO.**

**WHEREAS**, the conflict of interest provision of Redevelopment Powers Law, Title 36, Chapter 44 is broadly and unclearly worded in a way that leaves all CCG officials, even employees whose positions have nothing to do with the creation or administration of a Tax Allocation District, subject to possible disclosure requirements and prohibitions from voluntarily acquiring a direct or indirect interest in property in any TAD created by Council; and,

**WHEREAS**, this Council desires that the conflict of interest provision applicable to TAD's be more specific and limited as to the persons covered by its requirements and use definitions consistent with the Ethics in Government Act found in Chapter 5 of Title 21 of the Georgia Code.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY RESOLVES:**

We hereby request that the local delegation to the General Assembly introduce/support the attached proposed amendment to O.C.G.A. § 36-44-21 or any similar proposal, which clarifies that code section by providing standard definitions and eliminates the prohibition against the acquisition of property in TAD's by all CCG employees. Let a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the Clerk of Council to each member of the local delegation to the Georgia General Assembly.

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Introduced at a regular meeting of the council of Columbus, Georgia, held the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. "Skip" Henderson, III Mayor

**A RESOLUTION  
NO.**

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE LOCAL LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION INTRODUCE LEGISLATION TO AMEND THE COUNTY SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX (SPLOST) TO ALLOW THAT CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENTS MAY ALLOCATE UP TO 5% OF THE TAX LEVIED TO THE MAINTENANCE OF THE CAPITAL OUTLAY PROJECTS APPROVED BY THE REFERENDUM.**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council have identified the significant burden placed on the Columbus to provide for ongoing maintenance of CCG facilities which may be financed as SPLOST projects; and,

**WHEREAS**, the General Assembly could amend Section 48-8-111.1 to provide that a consolidated government may use up to five percent of the tax levy as a maintenance reserve fund for newly approved SPLOST projects thus enabling the timely upkeep of those facilities and prolonging their useful lives and efficiency.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY RESOLVES:**

We hereby respectfully request that the Local Legislative Delegation to the Georgia General Assembly introduce legislation at the 2022 Session to amend O.C.G.A 48-8-111.1 so that a maintenance reserve fund not to exceed five percent of the authorized tax levied would become a permitted use of funds levied pursuant to the SPLOST authorized by Part 1 of Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated when a consolidated government is imposing the tax.

Let a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the Clerk of Council to each member of the local delegation to the Georgia General Assembly.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the council of Columbus, Georgia, held the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2023 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_members of said Council.

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. “Skip” Henderson, III Mayor

**A RESOLUTION  
NO.**

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE SUPPORT OF FUNDING FOR  
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, ADDICTIVE DISEASES AND DEVELOPMENTAL  
DISABILITIES.**

**WHEREAS**, this Council recognizes the need for a robust system of care that supports recovery and independence for people living with mental illness, addictive disorders and developmental disabilities; and,

**WHEREAS**, locally provided state services to individuals living with disabilities are critical to providing an appropriate safety net and an alternative to incarceration; and,

**WHEREAS**, there should be an adequate number of crisis intervention teams around the state to help public safety officials manage critical situations as needed; and,

**WHEREAS**, these services also help people meaningfully contribute to and participate in the life of our communities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY  
RESOLVES:**

This Council requests that members of the local delegation to the General Assembly join in advocating for support for a robust system of care for behavioral health, addictive diseases and developmental disabilities, and additional funding for crisis intervention teams throughout the state.

Let a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the Clerk of Council to each member of the local delegation to the Georgia General Assembly.

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Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmation vote of \_\_\_\_ members of Council.

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B.H. "Skip" Henderson, III Mayor



**A RESOLUTION  
NO.**

**WHEREAS**, this Council recognizes that the State of Georgia is licensing facilities for various types of assistance for both children and adults in a home-like setting; and,

**WHEREAS**, notification of county agencies and officials is often lacking at the time licenses to such facilities are granted by the State, including but not limited to, “child-caring institutions” defined at O.C.G.A. Section 49-5-3, “foster care homes” as defined at O.C.G.A. Section 49-5-60, and “personal care homes” as used in O.C.G.A. Section 25-2-13; and,

**WHEREAS**, this Council desires that the local delegation to the Georgia General Assembly address these matters and require prompt notification of certain county agencies and officials upon the granting of licenses to such facilities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY RESOLVES:**

We hereby respectfully request that the local legislative delegation to the Georgia General Assembly introduce state-wide legislation that will require prompt notification of county and city police and fire departments, licensing departments, and planning and zoning departments upon licensing of child-caring institutions, foster care homes, and personal care homes as defined and used above.

Let a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the Clerk of Council to each member of the local delegation to the Georgia General Assembly.

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Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2023, and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of Council.

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. “Skip” Henderson, III Mayor

**A RESOLUTION  
NO.**

**WHEREAS**, this Council has previously requested legislation from the General Assembly to provide notice to counties upon licensing of child-caring institutions, foster care homes, and personal care homes as defined at O.C.G.A. Section 49-5-3, O.C.G.A. Section 49-5-60, and Section 25-2-13; and,

**WHEREAS**, alleged criminal activities have occurred at or near some of these homes in the State of Georgia, and most recently in Muscogee County, bringing the issues of staffing and training of supervisors and managers to the forefront; and,

**WHEREAS**, this Council desires that the local delegation to the Georgia General Assembly address these matters and require minimum staffing of two trained supervisors or managers at such homes between the hours of 6:00 pm and 6:00 am; and,

**WHEREAS**, this Council also desires that the local delegation to the Georgia General Assembly require that all such child-caring institutions, foster care homes, and personal care homes be accredited by a national accrediting body such as the Council on Accreditation (“COA”) or the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (“CARF”).

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY RESOLVES:**

We hereby respectfully request that the local legislative delegation to the Georgia General Assembly introduce state-wide legislation that will require minimum staffing of two trained supervisors or managers between the hours of 6:00 pm and 6:00 am at child-caring institutions, foster care homes, and personal care homes.

We also request that the local delegation to the Georgia General Assembly require that all such child-caring institutions, foster care homes, and personal care homes be accredited by a national accrediting body such as COA or CARF.

Let a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the Clerk of Council to each member of the local delegation to the Georgia General Assembly.

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Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2023 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of Council.

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. "Skip" Henderson, III Mayor

**A RESOLUTION  
NO.**

A Resolution requesting that the local legislative delegation introduce an amendment to said statewide legislation to allow cities and counties to enact localized anti-displacement policies for properties in Qualified Census Tracts (QCTs) and Difficult Development Areas (DDAs) economically depressed zones as defined by general law of the General Assembly.

**WHEREAS**, O.C.G.A. Section 44-7-19 prohibits city and county governments from enacting, maintaining, or enforcing “any ordinance or resolution which would regulate in any way the amount of rent to be charged for privately owned, single-family or multiple-unit residential rental property.”; and,

**WHEREAS**, rising rents compound the overall financial insecurity of many households. The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) defines a cost-burdened household as one that spends more than 30 percent of its income on housing costs; the onslaught of pandemic-related job losses, rising health care costs, and increased cost of necessities due to inflation and supply chain issues likely worsened the outlook for many renters; the pain of rising rents and the associated financial insecurity disproportionately affects single parents, individuals with disabilities, older adults, and people with multiple or intersecting identities; the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent economic fallout succeeded in shining a harsh light on the ongoing housing crisis.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY RESOLVES:**

The Columbus Council requests that the local delegation to the Georgia General Assembly introduce an amendment to said statewide legislation to allow cities and counties to enact localized anti-displacement policies for properties in Qualified Census Tracts (QCTs) and Difficult Development Areas (DDAs), economically depressed zones as defined by general law of the General Assembly.

Let a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the Clerk of Council to each member of the local delegation to the Georgia General Assembly.

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Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. "Skip" Henderson, III Mayor

**A RESOLUTION  
NO.**

A Resolution requesting that the local legislative delegation evaluate and appropriately fund operation of the New Options Waiver (NOW) and the Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP), which offer home- and community-based services for people with intellectual disabilities (ID) or developmental disabilities (DD).

**WHEREAS**, the New Options Waiver (NOW) and the Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP) offer home- and community-based services for people with intellectual disabilities (ID) or developmental disabilities (DD); and,

**WHEREAS**, goals for participants in the NOW program, which serves individuals with less intensive needs than those in the COMP program, include: Avoiding the need for more intensive services. Increasing independence and quality of life of individuals with I/DD; increasing the flexibility of service planning and delivery to meet exact individual needs; providing the opportunity for all participants to elect to direct their services to the extent that they choose; and ensuring the health, safety and welfare of NOW participants; and,

**WHEREAS**, goals for participants in the COMP program include: avoiding the need for institutional placement; increasing independence and quality of life of individuals with ID/DD who have intensive or comprehensive support needs; facilitating the transition of institutionalized individuals to community living; offering opportunities statewide for participant direction by waiver participants who have intensive or comprehensive support needs; and ensuring the health, safety and welfare of COMP program participants; and,

**WHEREAS**, there are more than 12,000 people with developmental disabilities who are served by the NOW/COMP programs in Georgia; and,

**WHEREAS**, this Council desires that the local legislative delegation evaluate and appropriately fund operation of the New Options Waiver (NOW) and the Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP), which offer home- and community-based services for people with intellectual disabilities (ID) or developmental disabilities (DD).

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY RESOLVES:**

We hereby request that the local legislative delegation to the Georgia General Assembly evaluate and appropriately fund operation of the New Options Waiver (NOW) and the Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP), which offer home- and community-based services for people with intellectual disabilities (ID) or developmental disabilities (DD), through the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD), Division of Developmental Disabilities. Let a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to each member of the local legislative delegation to the Georgia General Assembly.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting	_____.
Councilor Barnes voting	_____.
Councilor Begly voting	_____.
Councilor Cogle voting	_____.
Councilor Crabb voting	_____.
Councilor Davis voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett voting	_____.
Councilor Huff voting	_____.
Councilor Thomas voting	_____.
Councilor Tucker voting	_____.

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. "Skip" Henderson, III Mayor

19.

**A RESOLUTION  
NO.**

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE LOCAL LEGISLATIVE  
DELEGATION TO THE GEORGIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY INTRODUCE  
STATEWIDE LEGISLATION THAT WILL REQUIRE POSTING OF  
APPROPRIATE HOTLINES TO REPORT ABUSE AT CHILD-CARING  
INSTITUTIONS, FOSTER CARE HOMES, AND PERSONAL CARE HOMES.**

**WHEREAS**, licensing and supervision of child-caring institutions, foster care homes, and personal care homes as defined at O.C.G.A. Section 49-5-3, O.C.G.A. Section 49-5-60, and Section 25-2-13 have become critical issues facing the state and county governments; and,

**WHEREAS**, alleged criminal activities have occurred at or near some of these homes in the State of Georgia, and most recently in Muscogee County, bringing the issues of staffing and training of supervisors and managers to the forefront; and,

**WHEREAS**, this Council desires that the local delegation to the Georgia General Assembly introduce legislation to require the posting of appropriate hotlines to report abuse in all child-caring institutions, foster care homes, and personal care homes such as the **hotline 1-866-END-HTGA (1-866-363-4842)**.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA  
HEREBY RESOLVES:**

We hereby respectfully request that the local legislative delegation to the Georgia General Assembly introduce legislation to require the posting of appropriate hotlines to report abuse in all child-caring institutions, foster care homes, and personal care homes such as the **hotline 1-866-END-HTGA (1-866-363-4842)**.

Let a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the Clerk of Council to each member of the local delegation to the Georgia General Assembly.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2023 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting	_____.
Councilor Barnes voting	_____.
Councilor Begly voting	_____.
Councilor Cogle voting	_____.
Councilor Crabb voting	_____.
Councilor Davis voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett voting	_____.
Councilor Huff voting	_____.
Councilor Thomas voting	_____.
Councilor Tucker voting	_____.

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20.

**A RESOLUTION  
NO.**

**A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR MAKING LEGITIMATION  
PROCEDURES MORE EASILY ACCESSABLE TO BIOLOGICAL FATHERS.**

**WHEREAS**, Georgia law requires a biological father who is not married to the mother at the time of the child's birth to file a separate legal petition in order to legitimate and obtain legal rights as a parent of that biological child; and,

**WHEREAS**, the benefit of having two parents responsible for a child is known to have a positive effect on the child's welfare; and,

**WHEREAS**, there are biological fathers who desire to obtain paternal rights but may be discouraged by the lack of awareness of cost of the legitimation procedures; and,

**WHEREAS**, legislative study of the legitimation procedures required by Georgia law to determine whether they can be revised to make them more accessible and less costly would further increase well-being and economic security for the children of this State.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY  
RESOLVES:**

We respectfully request that the local delegation to the General Assembly introduce a resolution supporting the legislative study of legitimation procedures to make them more affordable and accessible to fathers of limited means who desire to take responsibility for a role in the life of their biological children.

Let a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the Clerk of Council to each member of the local delegation to the Georgia General Assembly.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmation vote of \_\_\_\_ members of Council.

Councilor Allen voting	_____.
Councilor Barnes voting	_____.
Councilor Begly voting	_____.
Councilor Cogle voting	_____.
Councilor Crabb voting	_____.
Councilor Davis voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett voting	_____.
Councilor Huff voting	_____.
Councilor Thomas voting	_____.
Councilor Tucker voting	_____.

21.

**A RESOLUTION  
NO.**

A resolution requesting that the local legislative delegation to the Georgia general assembly introduce an amendment to O.C.G.A. Section 36-44-21 which allows voluntary acquisition of property within a TAD by elected officials and employees of a political subdivision, but prohibits receipt of any TAD funding by such elected officials or employees; and to further amend said law so as to clarify that elected officials may conduct business within a TAD and that citizens owning a business, property or a home within a TAD can run for and hold any elected office in a county which has created TAD districts.

**WHEREAS**, the conflict-of-interest provision of Redevelopment Powers Law, Title 36, Chapter 44 is broadly and unclearly worded in a way that prohibits elected officials and employees of a political subdivision from voluntarily acquiring a direct or indirect interest in property in any TAD created by a local governing body; and,

**WHEREAS**, this Council desires that the conflict-of-interest provision applicable to TAD's be amended to permit voluntary acquisition of property within a TAD by elected officials and employees of a political subdivision, while prohibiting receipt of TAD funding for any property so acquired by elected officials or employees of a political subdivision; and,

**WHEREAS**, this Council further desires that said law be amended to clarify that elected officials may conduct business within a TAD and that citizens owning a business, property or a home within a TAD can run for and hold any elected office in a county which has created TAD districts.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY RESOLVES:**

We hereby request that the local delegation to the General Assembly introduce an amendment to O.C.G.A. Section 36-44-21 which allows voluntary acquisition of property within a TAD by elected officials and employees of a political subdivision but prohibits receipt of any TAD funding by such elected officials or employees. We hereby further request that said law be amended to clarify that elected officials may conduct business within a TAD and that citizens owning a business, property or a home within a TAD can run for and hold any elected office in a county which has created TAD districts..

Let a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the Clerk of Council to each member of the local delegation to the Georgia General Assembly.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting	_____.
Councilor Barnes voting	_____.
Councilor Begly voting	_____.
Councilor Cogle voting	_____.
Councilor Crabb voting	_____.
Councilor Davis voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett voting	_____.
Councilor Huff voting	_____.
Councilor Thomas voting	_____.
Councilor Tucker voting	_____.

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. "Skip" Henderson, III Mayor

**File Attachments for Item:**

**3. FY 24 Local Government & Improvement Grant (LMIG)**

Approval is requested to submit an application and accept if awarded, FY 24 Local Government & Improvement Grant (LMIG) from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT). The FY 24 LMIG allocation for Columbus-Muscogee County from GDOT is \$2,436,084.31 with a local 10% match requirement.

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

Item #3.

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	<b>FY 24 Local Government &amp; Improvement Grant (LMIG)</b>
<b>AGENDA SUMMARY:</b>	Approval is requested to submit an application and accept if awarded, FY 24 Local Government & Improvement Grant (LMIG) from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT). The FY 24 LMIG allocation for Columbus-Muscogee County from GDOT is \$2,436,084.31 with a local 10% match requirement.
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	<b>Department of Engineering</b>

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**Recommendation:** Approval is requested to submit an application and accept FY 24 Local Government & Improvement Grant (LMIG) from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT). The FY 24 LMIG allocation for Columbus-Muscogee County from GDOT is \$2,436,084.31 with a local 10% match requirement.

**Background:** LMIG is the GDOT program that provides funding to counties for resurfacing and other capital transportation projects. The proposal is to use FY 24 funds toward the Intersection Improvements along Buena Vista Rd. (Columbus Spiderweb Network) Project. Phase 1 construction for relocation of Annette Avenue, mass grading of site and utility relocation is underway is nearing completion. We are seeking additional funding for Phase II due to bids coming in over previously budgeted funds.

**Analysis:** An application and report on current LMIG funded projects is required to submit to GDOT prior to approval.

**Financial Considerations:** The FY 24 LMIG allocation for Columbus-Muscogee County from GDOT is \$2,436,084.31 with a local 10% match requirement.

**Legal Considerations:** Council must authorize the acceptance of all grants.

**Recommendation/Action:** Approval is requested to submit an application and accept the FY 24 Local Government & Improvement Grant (LMIG) from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT).

**A RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE FY 2024 LOCAL MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT GRANT (LMIG) FROM THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (GDOT).**

**WHEREAS**, the City has received notice from GDOT they are accepting applications for the FY2024 LMIG Program in the amount \$2,436,084.31 allocated for Columbus-Muscogee County; and,

**WHEREAS**, the proposed use of the funds is for the Intersection Improvements along Buena Vista Road Project (Columbus Spiderweb Network); and,

**WHEREAS**, the match for the grant will come from the funds allocated for this project.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION I.**

That the Council of Columbus is hereby authorized to make application and receive funds allocated for the FY 2024 Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant (LMIG) from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT).

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ October 2023 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ten members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting	_____.
Councilor Barnes voting	_____.
Councilor Begly voting	_____.
Councilor Cogle voting	_____.
Councilor Crabb voting	_____.
Councilor Davis voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett voting	_____.
Councilor Huff voting	_____.
Councilor Thomas voting	_____.
Councilor Tucker voting	_____.

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. "Skip" Henderson, III Mayor

GDOT District	County	City	Total Mileage*	Population**	2022 LMIG Formula Amount	2023 LMIG Formula Amount	2024 LMIG Formula Amount	Required LMIG Match
3	MERIWETHER	WARM SPRINGS	5.19	534	\$ 7,864.84	\$ 8,231.84	\$ 9,605.33	30%
3	MERIWETHER	WOODBURY	11.66	905	\$ 18,479.33	\$ 18,448.37	\$ 19,780.41	30%
3	MERIWETHER / TALBOT	MANCHESTER	45.66	3,563	\$ 73,737.88	\$ 74,770.48	\$ 77,575.51	30%
4	MILLER	(UNINCORPORATED)	364.29	3,986	\$ 427,632.61	\$ 436,106.52	\$ 469,705.99	30%
4	MILLER	COLQUITT	26.36	1,933	\$ 39,357.31	\$ 41,282.96	\$ 44,028.38	30%
4	MITCHELL	(UNINCORPORATED)	629.56	11,850	\$ 771,008.04	\$ 785,215.24	\$ 842,028.98	30%
4	MITCHELL	BACONTON	10.67	828	\$ 16,940.33	\$ 16,891.15	\$ 18,099.96	30%
4	MITCHELL	CAMILLA	44.89	5,046	\$ 78,522.48	\$ 79,911.73	\$ 85,688.17	30%
4	MITCHELL	PELHAM	36.66	3,416	\$ 60,854.94	\$ 61,640.50	\$ 65,674.90	30%
4	MITCHELL	SALE CITY	7.43	344	\$ 9,748.32	\$ 10,423.39	\$ 11,183.90	30%
3	MONROE	(UNINCORPORATED)	481.89	23,992	\$ 667,721.84	\$ 681,524.34	\$ 735,621.42	30%
3	MONROE	CULLODEN	4.53	208	\$ 6,625.03	\$ 6,751.75	\$ 6,808.13	30%
3	MONROE	FORSYTH	38.58	4,512	\$ 66,842.82	\$ 67,654.22	\$ 74,713.56	30%
5	MONTGOMERY	(UNINCORPORATED)	321.07	5,005	\$ 401,564.80	\$ 393,411.33	\$ 423,087.67	10%
5	MONTGOMERY	AILEY	14.34	523	\$ 18,636.13	\$ 19,378.76	\$ 20,724.71	10%
5	MONTGOMERY	ALSTON	7.97	175	\$ 9,815.40	\$ 9,968.57	\$ 10,812.31	10%
5	MONTGOMERY	HIGGSTON	4.87	314	\$ 7,338.35	\$ 7,331.55	\$ 7,870.96	10%
5	MONTGOMERY	MOUNT VERNON	28.06	1,993	\$ 44,626.22	\$ 45,552.81	\$ 46,473.06	10%
5	MONTGOMERY	TARRYTOWN	4.89	64	\$ 6,053.24	\$ 6,043.75	\$ 6,369.11	10%
5	MONTGOMERY	UVALDA	9.91	442	\$ 14,438.92	\$ 14,613.67	\$ 14,814.19	10%
2	MORGAN	(UNINCORPORATED)	448.18	14,292	\$ 576,507.89	\$ 587,728.79	\$ 635,187.91	30%
2	MORGAN	BOSTWICK	9.80	379	\$ 13,380.27	\$ 13,409.17	\$ 14,295.08	30%
2	MORGAN	BUCKHEAD	4.49	195	\$ 5,493.64	\$ 6,155.28	\$ 6,679.86	30%
2	MORGAN	MADISON	41.64	4,894	\$ 70,638.95	\$ 71,590.98	\$ 80,786.82	30%
2	MORGAN	RUTLEDGE	12.38	875	\$ 18,139.66	\$ 18,919.60	\$ 20,477.50	30%
6	MURRAY	(UNINCORPORATED)	447.51	34,321	\$ 696,854.57	\$ 709,705.50	\$ 756,650.23	30%
6	MURRAY	CHATSWORTH	40.15	4,804	\$ 68,863.03	\$ 70,360.80	\$ 78,415.72	30%
6	MURRAY	ETON	10.01	826	\$ 16,250.52	\$ 16,574.65	\$ 17,280.85	30%
3	MUSCOGEE	COLUMBUS-MUSCOGEE	965.79	205,617	\$ 2,179,241.32	\$ 2,225,041.24	\$ 2,436,084.31	10%
2	NEWTON	(UNINCORPORATED)	766.66	95,706	\$ 1,379,456.28	\$ 1,406,155.22	\$ 1,521,602.84	30%
2	NEWTON	COVINGTON	95.86	14,391	\$ 186,292.32	\$ 190,303.46	\$ 205,055.92	30%
2	NEWTON	MANSFIELD	7.30	453	\$ 10,303.12	\$ 10,841.54	\$ 11,690.44	30%
2	NEWTON	NEWBORN	8.03	697	\$ 13,348.01	\$ 13,639.17	\$ 14,072.59	30%
2	NEWTON	OXFORD	13.00	2,275	\$ 27,768.57	\$ 28,351.95	\$ 29,782.80	30%

**File Attachments for Item:**

**4. State Criminal Alien Assistance Program Grant (SCAAP)**

Approval is requested to apply for and accept the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) grant from the U.S. Department of Justice for Fiscal Year 2024, in the amount of \$30,295, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the SCAAP project budget by the amount of the award.



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Council Meeting Agenda Item**

Item #4.

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	<b>State Criminal Alien Assistance Program Grant(SCAAP)</b>
<b>AGENDA SUMMARY:</b>	Approval is requested to apply for and accept the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) grant from the U.S. Department of Justice for Fiscal Year 2024, in the amount of \$30,295, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the SCAAP project budget by the amount of the award.
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	<b>Finance Department</b>

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**Recommendation:** Approval is requested to apply for and accept the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) grant from the U.S. Department of Justice for Fiscal Year 2024, in the amount of \$30,295, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the SCAAP project budget by the amount of the award.

**Background:** The Muscogee County Sheriff's Office receives SCAAP funding every year to assist with the cost of incarcerating undocumented criminal aliens who are being held as a result of state and/or local convictions.

**Analysis:** These funds are available annually through the U.S. Department of Justice.

**Financial Considerations:** There are no financial obligations. These funds help with the costs of operating the Muscogee County Jail.

**Legal Considerations:** The Muscogee County Sheriff's Office is eligible to receive these funds.

**Recommendation/Action:** Approval is requested for the application for and acceptance, if awarded, of the SCAAP funds for Fiscal Year 2024 and amend the SCAAP budget by the amount awarded.

NO.

Item #4.

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION AND ACCEPTANCE, IF AWARDED, THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 STATE CRIMINAL ALIEN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SCAAP) FUNDING FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,295, OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED, WITH NO LOCAL MATCH REQUIRED, AND AMEND THE SCAAP BUDGET BY THE AMOUNT AWARDED.**

**WHEREAS**, the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office receives SCAAP funding every year to assist with the cost of incarcerating undocumented criminal aliens who are being held as a result of state and/or local convictions; and,

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Department of Justice has made \$30,295 available to assist the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office with these expenses for Fiscal Year 2024; and,

**WHEREAS**, no local matching funds are required.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, AS FOLLOWS:**

The Application and Acceptance, if awarded, SCAAP funding from the U.S. Department of Justice in the amount of \$30,295, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the SCAAP project budget by the amount awarded.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023, and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ten members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting	_____.
Councilor Barnes voting	_____.
Councilor Begly voting	_____.
Councilor Cogle voting	_____.
Councilor Crabb voting	_____.
Councilor Davis voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett voting	_____.
Councilor Huff voting	_____.
Councilor Thomas voting	_____.
Councilor Tucker voting	_____.

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. "Skip" Henderson, Mayor

**File Attachments for Item:**

**5. Flint Energies Foundation Grant**

Approval is requested to accept a grant in the amount of \$15,000 from the Flint Energies Foundation. No local match required.

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
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Item #5.

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Flint Energies Foundation Grant</b>
<b>AGENDA SUMMARY:</b>	Approval is requested to accept a grant in the amount of \$15,000 from the Flint Energies Foundation. No local match required
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	<b>Fire/EMS</b>

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**Recommendation:** Approval is requested to accept a grant award of \$15,000 funded by the Flint Energies Foundation. The Multi-Governmental Fund will be amended by the amount of the award.

**Background:** Columbus Fire and EMS was approached with the opportunity to receive a grant for equipment needs in the territories where Flint Energies is the utility service provider. The grant will be used to fund equipment for Fire Station 5 (Lynch Road) and Fire Station 15 (McKee Road).

**Analysis:** Columbus Fire and EMS is seeking permission to accept this grant to purchase equipment for responders in the Operations Division. If approved, the funds will be used to buy equipment that will assist in fire and medical responses for the rural areas of the county served by Fire Stations 5 and 15.

**Financial Considerations:** The grant award is for a total of \$15,000. There is no local match required and no foreseen negative budget impact on the city.

**Legal Considerations:** None noted.

**Recommendation/Action:** Approval is requested to accept a grant award of \$15,000 funded by the Flint Energies Foundation. The Multi-Governmental Fund will be amended by the amount of the award.

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**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT AWARD OF \$15,000 FUNDED BY THE FLINT ENERGIES FOUNDATION. THE MULTI-GOVERNMENTAL FUND WILL BE AMENDED BY THE AMOUNT OF THE AWARD.**

**WHEREAS**, the Columbus Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services (CFEMS) is requesting funds for equipment amounting to a total of \$15,000. The amount of \$15,000 was funded by the Flint Energies Foundation with no matching funds required by the city,

**WHEREAS**, the equipment purchased in the grant will increase CFEMS response capabilities in rural territories,

**WHEREAS**, the equipment will enhance the service delivery and safety of personnel,

**WHEREAS**, this grant proposal requires no matching funds,

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HERBY RESOLVES:**

- 1) That the Columbus Consolidated Government is hereby authorized to accept a grant award of \$15,000 funded by the Flint Energies Foundation.
- 2) That the Multi-Governmental Fund will be amended by the amount of the award.

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Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2023 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ten members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting	_____.
Councilor Barnes voting	_____.
Councilor Begly voting	_____.
Councilor Cogle voting	_____.
Councilor Crabb voting	_____.
Councilor Davis voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett voting	_____.
Councilor Huff voting	_____.
Councilor Thomas voting	_____.
Councilor Tucker voting	_____.

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. "Skip" Henderson, III Mayor

**File Attachments for Item:**

A. Recreation Centers Roof Project – RFB No. 24-0001

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

Item #A.

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	Recreation Centers Roof Project – RFB No. 24-0001
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	Finance Department

It is requested that Council authorize the execution of a contract with Pittman Waller Roofing Company, LLC (Macon, GA) in the amount of \$1,539,497.00 for the recreation centers roof project for the Parks and Recreation Department. The unit prices for any unforeseen work will be \$6.50 per board foot to replace deteriorated wood blocking and nailers, \$9.50 per square foot to rehabilitate the metal deck, \$18.00 per square foot to replace the metal deck, \$3.25 per square foot to replace the roof insulation prior to recovering with new roofing, \$46.80 per square foot to replace the wall system, \$46.80 per square foot to replace the soffit/ceiling system, and \$6.50 per square foot to replace the coating system.

Pittman Waller Roofing Company, LLC will provide all labor, equipment, and materials to provide roofing services at Frank D. Chester Recreation Center, Northside Recreation Center, Psalmound Recreation Center, and Shirley Winston Recreation Center.

Bid specifications were posted on the web pages of the Purchasing Division, Georgia Procurement Registry and DemandStar on July 31, 2023. Mandatory site visits were held on August 15, 2023; between the four site visits, eleven contracting companies were represented. Four bids were received on September 8, 2023. This bid has been advertised, opened and reviewed. The bidders were:

Description	Pittman Waller Roofing Co., LLC (Macon, GA)	Skyline Construction Services, Inc. (Eatonton, GA)	<sup>1</sup> McCallum Metal Works, Inc. (Macon, GA)	<sup>2</sup> Baseline Coatings (Columbus, GA)
Frank D. Chester Rec. Center	<b>474,866.00</b>	581,000.00	581,723.00	1,416,100.00
Northside Rec. Center	<b>352,412.00</b>	405,000.00	424,025.00	974,610.00
Psalmound Rec. Center	<b>355,930.00</b>	432,600.00	416,553.00	999,600.00
Shirley Winston Rec.	<b>356,289.00</b>	411,000.00	417,844.00	999,600.00
<b>Total Base Bid</b>	<b>\$1,539,497.00</b>	\$1,829,600.00	\$1,840,145.00	\$4,389,910.00
Description	Pittman Waller Roofing Co., LLC (Macon, GA)	Skyline Construction Services, Inc. (Eatonton, GA)	<sup>1</sup> McCallum Metal Works, Inc. (Macon, GA)	<sup>2</sup> Baseline Coatings (Columbus, GA)
<b>Unit Prices for Unforeseen Work</b>				
Replace wood blocking & nailers	6.50	13.50	9.00	No pricing provided

Rehabilitate metal deck	9.50	5.00	25.00	No pricing provided	Item #A.
Replace metal deck	18.00	22.00	30.00	No pricing provided	
Replace roof insulation	3.25	4.50	4.00	No pricing provided	
Replace wall system	46.80	48.00	85.00	No pricing provided	
Replace soffit/ceiling system	46.80	48.00	85.00	No pricing provided	
Replace coating system	6.50	6.50	85.00	No pricing provided	

<sup>1</sup> McCallum Metal Works, Inc. did not include the specified bid bond with their submittal. Consequently, the bid from McCallum Metal Works, Inc. was deemed non-responsive and was not considered for an award. The Purchasing Division provided written notification of the findings to the contractor.

<sup>2</sup> Baseline Coatings did not include the specified bid bond, E-Verify affidavit, the "Communication Concerning this Solicitation" form, the non-collusion affidavit, nor the mandatory site visit affidavit with their submittal. Consequently, the bid from Baseline Coatings was deemed non-responsive and was not considered for an award. The Purchasing Division provided written notification of the findings to the contractor.

Funds are budgeted in the FY24 Budget: Special Projects-Capital Projects Fund – Capital Projects – General Fund Supported Capital Projects – Building Maintenance & Repair – Parks and Recreation Supercenter Roof Replacements; 0508-990-1000-CPGF-6521-22965-20230.



**A RESOLUTION**

Item #A.

**NO.**\_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH PITTMAN WALLER ROOFING COMPANY, LLC (MACON, GA) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,539,497.00 FOR THE RECREATION CENTERS ROOFING PROJECT FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT. THE UNIT PRICES FOR ANY UNFORESEEN WORK WILL BE \$6.50 PER BOARD FOOT TO REPLACE DETERIORATED WOOD BLOCKING AND NAILERS, \$9.50 PER SQUARE FOOT TO REHABILITATE THE METAL DECK, \$18.00 PER SQUARE FOOT TO REPLACE THE METAL DECK, \$3.25 PER SQUARE FOOT TO REPLACE THE ROOF INSULATION PRIOR TO RECOVERING WITH NEW ROOFING, \$46.80 PER SQUARE FOOT TO REPLACE THE WALL SYSTEM, \$46.80 PER SQUARE FOOT TO REPLACE THE SOFFIT/CEILING SYSTEM, AND \$6.50 PER SQUARE FOOT TO REPLACE THE COATING SYSTEM.**

**WHEREAS,** Pittman Waller Roofing Company, LLC will provide all labor, equipment, and materials to provide roofing services at Frank D. Chester Recreation Center, Northside Recreation Center, Psalmond Recreation Center, and Shirley Winston Recreation Center.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute a contract with Pittman Waller Roofing Company, LLC (Macon, GA) in the amount of \$1,539,497.00 for the recreation centers roof project for the Parks and Recreation Department. The unit prices for any unforeseen work will be \$6.50 per board foot to replace deteriorated wood blocking and nailers, \$9.50 per square foot to rehabilitate the metal deck, \$18.00 per square foot to replace the metal deck, \$3.25 per square foot to replace the roof insulation prior to recovering with new roofing, \$46.80 per square foot to replace the wall system, \$46.80 per square foot to replace the soffit/ceiling system, and \$6.50 per square foot to replace to replace the coating system. Funds are budgeted in the FY24 Budget: Special Projects-Capital Projects Fund – Capital Projects – General Fund Supported Capital Projects – Building Maintenance & Repair – Parks and Recreation Supercenter Roof Replacements. 0508-990-1000-CPGF-6521-22965-20230.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting	_____
Councilor Barnes voting	_____
Councilor Begly voting	_____
Councilor Cogle voting	_____
Councilor Crabb voting	_____
Councilor Davis voting	_____
Councilor Garrett voting	_____
Councilor Huff voting	_____
Councilor Thomas voting	_____

Councilor Tucker voting

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. “Skip” Henderson III, Mayor

**File Attachments for Item:**

B. Professional Sign Making and Erecting Services for Alcohol Beverage License Applications (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 24-0006

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	Professional Sign Making and Erecting Services for Alcohol Beverage License Applications (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 24-0006
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the annual contract for Professional Sign Making and Erecting Services for Alcohol Beverage License Applications with RFG Management Group, LLC dba Sunshine Banners and Signs (Columbus, GA) for the estimated annual contract value of \$10,000.00.

The Professional Sign Making and Erecting Services will be utilized by the Finance Department / Revenue Division in conjunction with the application process for an Alcohol Beverage License in Muscogee County.

The term of this contract will be for two (2) years, with the option to renew for three (3) additional twelve-month periods. The renewal option is contingent upon the mutual agreement of the City and the Contractor.

Bid specifications were posted on DemandStar and the web pages of the Purchasing Division, the Georgia Procurement Registry, and e-mails to local vendors on July 26, 2023. Two (2) bids were received and were opened on August 23, 2023. This bid has been advertised, opened and reviewed. The bidders were:

<b>Bidder(s)</b>	<b>Sign Preparation (UNIT COST)</b>	<b>Sign Installation (UNIT COST)</b>	<b>Removal of Sign (UNIT COST)</b>
<b>RFG Management Group, LLC dba Sunshine Banners &amp; Signs (Columbus, GA)</b>	<b>\$165.00 (combined unit cost per sign)</b>		
Kuhstuhm Print Shop, LLC(Columbus, GA)	\$650.00	\$250.00	\$155.00

Funds will be budgeted each fiscal year for this ongoing expense: General Fund – Finance Department – Revenue Division – Professional Services; 0101-200-2200-REVN-6311.

**A RESOLUTION**

Item #B.

**NO.** \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SIGN MAKING AND ERECTING SERVICES FOR ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS, ON AN “AS-NEEDED” BASIS, WITH RFG MANAGEMENT GROUP, LLC DBA SUNSHINE BANNERS AND SIGNS (COLUMBUS, GA) FOR THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL CONTRACT VALUE OF \$10,000.00.**

**WHEREAS**, the Professional Sign Making and Erecting Services will be utilized by the Finance Department / Revenue Division in conjunction with the application process for an Alcohol Beverage License in Muscogee County; and,

**WHEREAS**, this contract period is for two years, with the option to renew for three additional twelve-month periods. The renewal option is contingent upon the mutual agreement of the City and the Contractor.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute an annual contract for Professional Sign Making and Erecting Services for Alcohol Beverage License Applications, on an “as needed” basis, with RFG Management Group, LLC dba Sunshine Banners & Signs (Columbus, GA) for the estimated annual contract value of \$10,000.00. Funds will be budgeted each fiscal year for this ongoing expense: General Fund – Finance Department – Revenue Division – Professional Services, 0101-200-2200-REVN-6311.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting	_____
Councilor Barnes voting	_____
Councilor Begly voting	_____
Councilor Cogle voting	_____
Councilor Crabb voting	_____
Councilor Davis voting	_____
Councilor Garrett voting	_____
Councilor Huff voting	_____
Councilor Thomas voting	_____
Councilor Tucker voting	_____

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. “Skip” Henderson III, Mayor

**File Attachments for Item:**

C. Trophies and Other Miscellaneous Awards (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 24-0004

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	Trophies and Other Miscellaneous Awards (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 24-0004
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the annual contract for the purchase of trophies and other miscellaneous awards from Columbus Fire & Safety Equipment Co., Inc., d/b/a Columbus Trophy & Screen Print (Columbus, GA), for the estimated annual contract value of \$102,102.00.

The contract includes screen-printing services, as well as, the following items to be provided on an “as needed” basis: trophies, plaques, hats, resin figures, medal trophy display cases, tombstone trophies and acrylics, t-shirts and golf shirts.

The initial term of the contract shall be for two (2) years, with the option to renew for three (3) additional twelve-month periods. Contract renewal will be contingent upon the mutual agreement of the City and the Contractor(s).

Bid specifications were posted on DemandStar, the City’s website and Georgia Procurement Registry on August 8, 2023. Bid responses were received on September 6, 2023. This bid has been advertised, opened and reviewed. The bidders were:

	Columbus Fire & Safety Equipment d/b/a Columbus Trophy & Screenprint (Columbus, GA)	G.E.W. Inc. d/b/a Wade Linen Service (Columbus, GA) <sup>1</sup>	Promo Solutions (Frisco, TX) <sup>2</sup>
Trophies/Plaques/Awards	\$74,530.00	\$103,512.00	No Bid
Screen Printed T-Shirts	\$27,572.00	\$32,864.69	\$23,700.95
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 102,102.00</b>	\$ 136,376.69	\$ 23,700.95
Additional Embroidery Services	\$10 - \$15	\$5.50 - \$8.50	\$20 - \$30
Normal Delivery Within	5 Days	15 Days	21 Days
Next Day Delivery (within 24 hours)	Yes	No	Yes, for an additional fee
Percent Discount for non-listed items	30%	5%	20%

- <sup>1</sup> Vendor did not include a signed Form 7 – Conflict of Interest Affidavit, a bid submission requirement.
- <sup>2</sup> Vendor did not include a signed Form 3 – Communication Concerning this Solicitation and Form 7 – Conflict of Interest Affidavit, a bid submission requirement.

Funds will be budgeted each fiscal year for this ongoing expense: General Fund – Parks & Recreation – Various Organizations – Uniforms; 0101-270-Variou Organizations-6781.



**A RESOLUTION**

NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF TROPHIES & OTHER MISCELLANEOUS AWARDS FROM COLUMBUS FIRE AND SAFETY CO., INC. D/B/A COLUMBUS TROPHY AND SCREEN PRINT (COLUMBUS, GA) FOR THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL CONTRACT VALUE OF \$102,102.00.**

**WHEREAS**, the contract includes screen-printing services, as well as, the following items to be provided on an “as needed” basis: trophies, plaques, hats, resin figures, medal trophy display cases, tombstone trophies and acrylics, t-shirts and golf shirts; and,

**WHEREAS**, the contract term shall be for two (2) years, with the option to renew for three (3) additional twelve-month periods. Contract renewal will be contingent upon the mutual agreement of the City and the Contractor(s).

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute an annual contract for the purchase of trophies & other miscellaneous awards from Columbus Fire & Safety Co., Inc. d/b/a Columbus Trophy and Screen Print (Columbus, GA) for the estimated annual contract value of 102,102.00. Funds will be budgeted each fiscal year for this ongoing expense: General Fund – Parks & Recreation – Various Organizations – Uniforms; 0101-270-Variou Organizations-6781.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting	_____
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Councilor Tucker voting	_____

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. “Skip” Henderson III, Mayor

**File Attachments for Item:**

D. Sixteen (16) Pursuit Interceptor Utility Vehicles for the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office – Cooperative Purchase via Buyboard Contract #601-19

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	SIXTEEN (16) PURSUIT INTERCEPTOR UTILITY VEHICLES FOR THE MUSCOGEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE – COOPERATIVE PURCHASE VIA BUYBOARD CONTRACT #601-19
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the purchase of sixteen (16) vehicles from Caldwell Country Ford d/b/a Rockdale Country Ford, LLC (Rockdale, TX) as follows:

Description	Quantity	Unit cost	Total cost
2024 Ford Explorer Pursuit Interceptor Utility Vehicles (Color: Black)	6	\$55,978.75	\$336,272.50
2024 Ford Explorer Pursuit Interceptor Utility Vehicles (Color: White)	10	\$55,978.75	\$560,187.50
<b>BuyBoard Fee</b>			800.00
<b>Total Units</b>	16	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$896,460.00</b>

The purchase will be made by Cooperative Purchase via BuyBoard, Contract #601-19.

The vehicles will be used by Sheriff's Office Motor Squad Officers to accommodate all needs in the community for patrolling and enforcing all state and federal laws in Georgia. These are replacement vehicles.

The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Request for Proposal (RFP) #601-19, initiated by the BuyBoard National Purchasing Cooperative, whereby Caldwell Country Ford dba Rockdale Country Ford, LLC, was one of the successful vendors contracted to provide Vehicles, Heavy Duty Trucks, Police Motorcycles, Parts, and Service Labor. The contract, which commenced December 1, 2019, is good through November 30, 2023. The contract available under BuyBoard has been awarded by virtue of a public competitive procurement process compliant with State and Federal statutes. The BuyBoard National Purchasing Cooperative streamlines the purchasing process for schools, municipalities, and other public entities across the nation. The BuyBoard National Purchasing Cooperative is sponsored by various national and statewide associations around the country. The RFP process utilized by BuyBoard meets the requirements of the City's Procurement Ordinance; additionally, Cooperative Purchasing is authorized per Section 3-118 of the Procurement Ordinance

Funding is available in the FY24 Budget: American Rescue Plan Fiscal Recovery Fund – Federal ARP – Federal Revenue Recovery – Revenue Recovery - Sheriff Pursuit Vehicles; 0218 – 691 – 1300 – ARRR – 7722 – 40495-20230.

**A RESOLUTION**

Item #D.

NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF SIXTEEN (16) VEHICLES FROM CALDWELL COUNTRY FORD D/B/A ROCKDALE COUNTRY FORD, LLC (ROCKDALE, TX) AS FOLLOWS:**

Description	Quantity	Unit cost	Total cost
2024 Ford Explorer Pursuit Interceptor Utility Vehicles (Color: Black)	6	\$55,978.75	\$336,272.50
2024 Ford Explorer Pursuit Interceptor Utility Vehicles (Color: White)	10	\$55,978.75	\$560,187.50
BuyBoard Fee			800.00
Total Units	16	Grand Total	\$896,460.00

**THE PURCHASE WILL BE MADE BY COOPERATIVE PURCHASE VIA BUYBOARD, CONTRACT #601-19.**

**WHEREAS**, the vehicles will be used by Sheriff's Office Motor Squad Officers to accommodate all needs in the community for patrolling and enforcing all state and federal laws in Georgia; and,

**WHEREAS**, the purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Request for Proposal (RFP) #601-19, initiated by BuyBoard National Purchasing Cooperative, whereby Caldwell Country Ford dba Rockdale Country Ford, LLC was one of the successful vendors contracted to provide Vehicles, Heavy Duty Trucks, Police Motorcycles, Parts, and Service Labor. The contract available under BuyBoard has been awarded by virtue of a public competitive procurement process compliant with State and Federal statutes. The BuyBoard National Purchasing Cooperative streamlines the purchasing process for schools, municipalities, and other public entities across the nation. The BuyBoard National Purchasing Cooperative is sponsored by various national and statewide associations around the country. The RFP process utilized by BuyBoard meets the requirements of the City's Procurement Ordinance; additionally, Cooperative Purchasing is authorized per Section 3-118 of the Procurement Ordinance.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to purchase sixteen (16) vehicles from Caldwell Country Ford d/b/a Rockdale Country Ford (Rockdale, TX) as follows:

Description	Quantity	Unit cost	Total cost
2024 Ford Explorer Pursuit Interceptor Utility Vehicles (Color: Black)	6	\$55,978.75	\$336,272.50
2024 Ford Explorer Pursuit Interceptor Utility Vehicles (Color: White)	10	\$55,978.75	\$560,187.50

			<b>BuyBoard Fee</b>	800	Item #D.
<b>Total Units</b>		16	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$896,460.00</b>	

The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via BuyBoard Contract #601-19. Funding is available in the FY24 Budget: American Rescue Plan Fiscal Recovery Fund – Federal ARP – Federal Revenue Recovery – Revenue Recovery - Sheriff Pursuit Vehicles; 0218 – 691 – 1300 – ARRR – 7722 – 40495-20230

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting \_\_\_\_\_
- Councilor Barnes voting \_\_\_\_\_
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- Councilor Davis voting \_\_\_\_\_
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- Councilor Thomas voting \_\_\_\_\_
- Councilor Tucker voting \_\_\_\_\_

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. “Skip” Henderson III, Mayor

**File Attachments for Item:**

E. Scoreboards for Parks and Recreation – TIPS-USA Cooperative Contract

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	Scoreboards for Parks and Recreation – TIPS-USA Cooperative Contract
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the purchase of scoreboards from Electro-Mech Scoreboard Company (Wrightsville, GA) as follows:

Description	Quantity	Total cost
LX 1373 Baseball Scoreboard, 14Ft x 6 FT, with Wireless system, accessories and freight	12	\$88,380.00
LX 3230 Football Scoreboard, 14Ft x 5 FT with Wireless system, accessories and freight	3	\$24,140.00
LX 1250 Baseball Scoreboard, 14Ft x 5 FT with Wireless system, accessories and freight	1	\$5,840.00
<b>Total Units</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>\$118,360.00</b>

The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via TIPS-USA Contract #220901.

The Parks and Recreation Department requests to purchase 16 replacement outdoor scoreboards for a combination of football, baseball, and softball fields. The fields are located at Tillis, Shirley Winston and Edgewood Recreation Centers, as well as Rigdon Road and Lakebottom Parks. The scoreboards will be used for a combination of both senior and youth games. The current scoreboards have become outdated and difficult to keep in good repair due to their age and the availability of parts. The requested boards are provided by Electro-Mech Scoreboard Company, a vendor the city has done business with in the past, including the provision of new basketball scoreboards for all of the recreation super centers.

The installation of the new boards will be handled by the Public Works Department, as were the basketball scoreboards. The continuity of utilizing the Electro-Mech scoreboards will allow Public Works technicians to work with familiar equipment, thereby increasing their efficiency. Public Works staff and Parks and Recreation staff will also be able to rely on their familiarity with the scoreboard software and technical support offered by Electro-Mech in order to operate and maintain the new scoreboards.

This purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Request for Proposal (RFP) #220901, initiated by The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS), whereby Electro-Mech Scoreboard Company was one of the successful vendors contracted to provide Scoreboards and Services. The contract is good through November 30, 2025. The contract available under TIPS has been awarded by virtue of a public

competitive procurement process compliant with State and Federal statutes. TIPS is an acronym for The Interlocal Purchasing System. TIPS is a national purchasing cooperative that offers access to competitively procured purchasing contracts to its membership. For governmental agencies such as public education organizations, higher education entities, and city or county governments, membership in a purchasing cooperative offers the following benefits: 1) Access to competitively procured contracts with quality vendors, 2) Savings of time and financial resources necessary to fulfill bid requirements, 3) Assistance with purchasing process by qualified TIPS staff and 4) Access to pricing based on a “national” high-profile contract. The RFP process utilized by TIPS meets the requirements of the City’s Procurement Ordinance; additionally, cooperative purchasing is authorized per Article 9-101 of the Procurement Ordinance.

Funds are available in the FY24 Budget: General Fund – Parks and Recreation – Parks Services – Other Equipment; 0101 – 270 – 2100 – PSRV – 7762.



## A RESOLUTION

Item #E.

NO. \_\_\_\_\_

### A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF SCOREBOARDS FROM ELECTRO-MECH SCOREBOARD COMPANY (WRIGHTSVILLE, GA) AS FOLLOWS:

DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	TOTAL COST
LX 1373 BASEBALL SCOREBOARD, 14FT X 6 FT, WITH WIRELESS SYSTEM, ACCESSORIES AND FREIGHT	12	\$88,380.00
LX 3230 FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD, 14FT X 5 FT WITH WIRELESS SYSTEM, ACCESSORIES AND FREIGHT	3	\$24,140.00
LX 1250 BASEBALL SCOREBOARD, 14FT X 5 FT WITH WIRELESS SYSTEM, ACCESSORIES AND FREIGHT	1	\$5,840.00
<b>TOTAL UNITS</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>\$118,360.00</b>

**THE PURCHASE WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY COOPERATIVE PURCHASE VIA TIPS-USA CONTRACT #220901.**

**WHEREAS**, the Parks and Recreation Department requests to purchase 16 replacement outdoor scoreboards for a combination of football, baseball, and softball fields. The fields are located at Tillis, Shirley Winston and Edgewood Recreation Centers, as well as Rigdon Road and Lakebottom Parks. The scoreboards will be used for a combination of both senior and youth games. The current scoreboards have become outdated and difficult to keep in good repair due to their age and the availability of parts. The requested boards are provided by Electro-Mech Scoreboard Company, a vendor the city has done business with in the past, including the provision of new basketball scoreboards for all of the recreation super centers; and,

**WHEREAS**, the installation of the new boards will be handled by the Public Works Department, as were the basketball scoreboards. The continuity of utilizing the Electro-Mech scoreboards will allow Public Works technicians to work with familiar equipment, thereby increasing their efficiency. Public Works staff and Parks and Recreation staff will also be able to rely on their familiarity with the scoreboard software and technical support offered by Electro-Mech in order to operate and maintain the new scoreboards; and,

**WHEREAS**, this purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Request for Proposal (RFP) #220901, initiated by The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS), whereby Electro-Mech Scoreboard Company was one of the successful vendors contracted to provide Scoreboards and Services. The contract is good through November 30, 2025. The contract available under TIPS has been awarded by virtue of a public competitive procurement process compliant with State and Federal statutes. TIPS is an acronym for The Interlocal Purchasing System. TIPS is a national purchasing cooperative that offers access to competitively procured purchasing contracts to its membership. For governmental agencies such as public education organizations, higher education entities, and city or county governments, membership in a purchasing cooperative offers the following benefits: 1) Access to competitively procured contracts with quality vendors, 2) Savings of time and financial resources necessary to fulfill bid requirements, 3) Assistance with purchasing process by qualified TIPS staff and 4) Access to pricing based on a “national” high-profile contract. The RFP process utilized by TIPS meets the requirements of the City’s Procurement

Ordinance; additionally, cooperative purchasing is authorized per Article 9-101 of the Procurement Ordinance.

Item #E.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to purchase scoreboards from Electro-Mech Scoreboard Company (Wrightsville, GA) as follows:

Description	Quantity	Total cost
LX 1373 Baseball Scoreboard, 14Ft x 6 FT, with Wireless system, accessories and freight	12	\$88,380.00
LX 3230 Football Scoreboard, 14Ft x 5 FT with Wireless system, accessories and freight	3	\$24,140.00
LX 1250 Baseball Scoreboard, 14Ft x 5 FT with Wireless system, accessories and freight	1	\$5,840.00
Total Units	16	\$118,360.00

The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via TIPS-USA Contract #220901. Funds are available in the FY24 Budget: General Fund – Parks and Recreation – Parks Services – Other Equipment; 0101 – 270 – 2100 – PSRV – 7762.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting \_\_\_\_\_  
Councilor Barnes voting \_\_\_\_\_  
Councilor Begly voting \_\_\_\_\_  
Councilor Cogle voting \_\_\_\_\_  
Councilor Crabb voting \_\_\_\_\_  
Councilor Davis voting \_\_\_\_\_  
Councilor Garrett voting \_\_\_\_\_  
Councilor Huff voting \_\_\_\_\_  
Councilor Thomas voting \_\_\_\_\_  
Councilor Tucker voting \_\_\_\_\_

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. “Skip” Henderson III, Mayor

**File Attachments for Item:**

F. Amendment 12 for Construction Manager as General Contractor Services for Columbus Government Center Complex – RFQ No. 20-0002

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	Amendment 12 for Construction Manager as General Contractor Services for Columbus Government Center Complex – RFQ No. 20-0002
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	Finance Department

It is requested that Council authorize the execution of Amendment 12 in the amount of \$12,871,481.00 with Gilbane Building Company (Atlanta, GA), in association with Freeman & Associates, Inc., for construction manager as general contractor services for the Government Center Complex. Additionally, authorization is requested to execute any additional amendments not to exceed the remaining funding available in the bond issue.

Per Resolution No. 030-20, dated February 11, 2020, Council authorized the execution of a contract with Gilbane Building Company (Atlanta, GA), in association with Freeman & Associates, Inc., for construction manager as general contractor services for the new Government Center Complex. Council further authorized the negotiation of costs for the remaining phases of the project.

Amendment 12 is for the necessary renovation for the new Sheriff's Office Administration Building located at 1000 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Amendment 12 is for the costs associated with the base project including renovation of the building for office space, property and evidence storage, training facilities, and other necessary building improvements. Amendment 12 does not include the costs associated with the construction of a courtroom at the facility. It also does not include the costs associated with additional needs identified by the Sheriff's Office including a garage addition, exterior canopy, enhanced AV systems, and fitness center and locker room.

Document	Description	Amount
Original Contract	Construction manager as general contractor (CM/GC) for preconstruction services for the Government Center Complex, which included technical review, cost verification, cost evaluation, value engineering, schedule development, and schedule evaluation, in addition to management of the construction.	325,000.00
Amendment 1	Construction manager as general contractor (CM/GC) for preconstruction services for the new courthouse	978,000.00
Amendment 2	Early equipment package for the former Synovus Bank main office building and parking structure located on	4,211,609.63

	Broadway, which will serve as the new Government Center.	
Amendment 3	Guaranteed Maximum Price Amendment for the former Synovus Bank main office building and parking structure located on Broadway, which will serve as the new City Hall	19,288,390.37
Amendment 4	Preconstruction services for the former TSYs Building located at 1000 5 <sup>th</sup> Avenue, which will serve as the Sheriff's Administration offices and Jail Support	58,500.00
Amendment 5	Material and Labor for the construction of full-size mock-ups of the future Judicial Center courtrooms.	77,000.00
Amendment 6	Early Equipment Package for the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office Administration Building and generator and parking garage security cameras for City Hall	703,302.00
Amendment 7	Procurement and installation of back-up generator for the City Hall project.	1,427,272.00
Amendment 8	Procurement and installation of security cameras for the parking garage at City Hall	261,279.00
Amendment 9	Initial Demolition and Furniture Relocation at the new Sheriff's Administration Building	\$195,051.00
Amendment 10	Government Center Tower Modifications for Juvenile Court	\$1,374,613.00
Amendment 11	Moving Expenses	\$500,000.00
<b>Amendment 12</b>	Guaranteed Maximum Price Amendment for the Sheriff's Office Administration Building located at 1000 5 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	<b>\$12,871,481.00</b>
New Contract Amount		\$42,271,498.00

Funding is available for Amendment 12, as follows: CBA Lease Revenue Bonds/2022C – 2022C CBA Bonds – General Construction – Sheriff Administration Building Renovations; 0569-805-2500-BASO-7661-85110-20230 and Special Projects - Capital Projects Fund - General Fund Supported Capital Projects - General Construction - Generator/Uninterrupted Power Source Replacements; 0508-660-1000-CPGF-7661-22966-20230

## A RESOLUTION

NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AMENDMENT 12 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,871,481.00 WITH GILBANE BUILDING COMPANY (ATLANTA, GA), IN ASSOCIATION WITH FREEMAN & ASSOCIATES, INC., FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AS GENERAL CONTRACTOR SERVICES FOR THE GOVERNMENT CENTER COMPLEX. ADDITIONALLY, AUTHORIZATION IS REQUESTED TO EXECUTE ANY ADDITIONAL AMENDMENTS NOT TO EXCEED THE REMAINING FUNDING AVAILABLE IN THE BOND ISSUE.**

**WHEREAS**, per Resolution No. 030-20, dated February 11, 2020, Council authorized the execution of a contract with Gilbane Building Company (Atlanta, GA), in association with Freeman & Associates, Inc., for construction manager as general contractor services for the new Government Center Complex. Council further authorized the negotiation of costs for the remaining phases of the project.; and,

**WHEREAS**, Amendment 12 is for the necessary renovation for the new Sheriff's Office Administration Building located at 1000 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Amendment 12 is for the costs associated with the base project including renovation of the building for office space, property and evidence storage, training facilities, and other necessary building improvements. Amendment 12 does not include the costs associated with the construction of a courtroom at the facility. It also does not include the costs associated with additional needs identified by the Sheriff's Office including a garage addition, exterior canopy, enhanced AV systems, and fitness center and locker room.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

That the City Manager is hereby authorized execute Amendment 12 in the amount of \$12,871,481.00 with Gilbane Building Company (Atlanta, GA), in association with Freeman & Associates, Inc., for construction manager as general contractor services for the Government Center Complex. The City Manager is further authorized to execute any additional Amendments, not to exceed the remaining funding available in the Bond Issue. Funding is available for Amendment 12, as follows: CBA Lease Revenue Bonds/2022C – 2022C CBA Bonds – General Construction – Sheriff Administration Building Renovations; 0569-805-2500-BASO-7661-85110-20230 and Special Projects - Capital Projects Fund - General Fund Supported Capital Projects - General Construction - Generator/Uninterrupted Power Source Replacements; 0508-660-1000-CPGF- 7661-22966-20230.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Councilor Barnes voting \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Councilor Cogle voting \_\_\_\_\_.

Councilor Crabb voting \_\_\_\_\_.  
Councilor Davis voting \_\_\_\_\_.  
Councilor Garrett voting \_\_\_\_\_.  
Councilor House voting \_\_\_\_\_.  
Councilor Huff voting \_\_\_\_\_.  
Councilor Thomas voting \_\_\_\_\_.  
Councilor Tucker voting \_\_\_\_\_.

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

**File Attachments for Item:**

G. Cargo Van for the Coroner's Office – Georgia State Contract Cooperative Purchase



**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	Cargo Van for the Coroner's Office – Georgia State Contract Cooperative Purchase
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	Finance Department

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It is requested that Council approve the purchase of one (1) cargo van (2024 Ford Cargo Van) from Wade Ford (Smyrna, GA) in the amount of \$47,848.00 for the Coroner's Office. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-SPD-ES40199373-009S.

The cargo van will be used by staff of the Coroner's Office to transport deceased persons to the morgue. This is a new vehicle.

Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-SPD-ES40199373-009S is a cooperative contract whereby Wade Ford is one of the awarded vendors contracted to provide Administrative Vehicles, Regular and Alternatively Fueled. The term of the contract is good through November 20, 2023. The contract is available for use by any Georgia governmental entity. The City's Procurement Ordinance, Article 9-101, authorizes the use of cooperative purchasing.

Funds are budgeted in the FY24 Budget: LOST-Public Safety Fund – Coroner – Public Safety-LOST – Automobiles; 0102-570-9900-LOST-7721.

**A RESOLUTION****NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) CARGO VAN (2024 FORD CARGO VAN) FROM WADE FORD (SMYRNA, GA) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$47,848.00 FOR THE CORONER'S OFFICE. THE PURCHASE WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY COOPERATIVE PURCHASE VIA GEORGIA STATEWIDE CONTRACT #99999-SPD-ES40199373-009S.**

**WHEREAS**, the cargo van will be used by staff of the Coroner's Office to transport deceased persons to the morgue. This is a new vehicle; and,

**WHEREAS**, Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-SPD-ES40199373-009S is a cooperative contract whereby Wade Ford is one of the awarded vendors contracted to provide Administrative Vehicles, Regular and Alternatively Fueled. The term of the contract is good through November 30, 2023. The contract is available for use by any Georgia governmental entity. The City's Procurement Ordinance, Article 9-101, authorizes the use of cooperative purchasing.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to purchase one (1) cargo van (2024 Ford Cargo Van) from Wade Ford (Smyrna, GA) in the amount of \$47,848.00 for the Coroner's Office. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-SPD-ES40199373-009S. Funds are budgeted in the FY24 Budget: LOST-Public Safety Fund – Coroner – Public Safety-LOST – Automobiles; 0102-570-9900-LOST-7721.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting	_____.
Councilor Barnes voting	_____.
Councilor Begley voting	_____.
Councilor Cogle voting	_____.
Councilor Crabb voting	_____.
Councilor Davis voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett voting	_____.
Councilor Huff voting	_____.
Councilor Thomas voting	_____.
Councilor Tucker voting	_____.

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

**File Attachments for Item:**

H. Two (2) Buses for METRA – Georgia State Contract Cooperative Purchase

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	Two (2) Buses for METRA – Georgia State Contract Cooperative Purchase
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	Finance Department

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It is requested that Council approve the purchase of two (2) buses (New England Wheels Frontrunner Paratransit Shuttle Buses) from ABC Bus, Inc. (Winter Garden, FL) at a unit price of \$201,410.50, and a total cost of \$402,821.00, for METRA's Department of Transportation. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-SPD-SPD0000212-0010.

The buses will be used for public transportation. These are replacement vehicles.

Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-SPD-SPD0000212-0010 is a cooperative contract whereby ABC Bus, Inc. is one of the awarded vendors contracted to provide Public Mass Transit Vehicles and Related Options, Equipment, and Accessories. The term of the contract is good through June 30, 2025. The contract is available for use by any Georgia governmental entity. The City's Procurement Ordinance, Article 9-101, authorizes the use of cooperative purchasing.

Funds are budgeted in the FY24 Budget: Transportation Fund – Transportation – FTA – Buses; 0751-610-2400-FTA-7724.

## A RESOLUTION

NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) BUSES (NEW ENGLAND WHEELS FRONTRUNNER PARATRANSIT SHUTTLE BUSES) FROM ABC BUS, INC. (WINTER GARDEN, FL) AT A UNIT PRICE OF \$201,410.50, AND A TOTAL COST OF \$402,821.00, FOR METRA'S DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION. THE PURCHASE WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY COOPERATIVE PURCHASE VIA GEORGIA STATEWIDE CONTRACT #99999-SPD-SPD0000212-0010.**

**WHEREAS**, the buses will be used for public transportation. These are replacement vehicles; and,

**WHEREAS**, Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-SPD-SPD0000212-0010 is a cooperative contract whereby ABC Bus, Inc. is one of the awarded vendors contracted to provide Public Mass Transit Vehicles and Related Options, Equipment, and Accessories. The term of the contract is good through June 30, 2025. The contract is available for use by any Georgia governmental entity. The City's Procurement Ordinance, Article 9-101, authorizes the use of cooperative purchasing.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to purchase two (2) buses (New England Wheels Frontrunner Paratransit Shuttle Buses) from ABC Bus, Inc. (Winter Garden, FL) at a unit price of \$201,410.50, and a total cost of \$402,821.00, for METRA's Department of Transportation. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-SPD-SPD0000212-0010. Funds are budgeted in the FY24 Budget: Transportation Fund – Transportation – FTA – Buses; 0751-610-2400-FTA-7724.

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Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting	_____.
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Councilor Cogle voting	_____.
Councilor Crabb voting	_____.
Councilor Davis voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett voting	_____.
Councilor Huff voting	_____.
Councilor Thomas voting	_____.
Councilor Tucker voting	_____.

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

**File Attachments for Item:**

I. River Road Radio Tower Replacement for Engineering Department – Georgia State Contract  
Cooperative Purchase

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	River Road Radio Tower Replacement for Engineering Department – Georgia State Contract Cooperative Purchase
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the purchase of a radio tower from Motorola Solutions (Lawrenceville, Ga), in the amount of \$1,221,675.00, by Cooperative Purchase via Georgia Statewide Contact # 99999-SPD-T20250623-0002.

The proposal from Motorola is for the replacement of the River Road Radio Tower that was damaged during a severe storm. The radio equipment is vital to communication for Public Safety and other City Departments. Construction will include a new tower which includes a complete 400' Valmont Tower. The construction of the tower will also include all new antennas, line, hangers and R56 grounding equipment.

Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-SPD-T20250623-0002 is a cooperative contract whereby Motorola is one of the awarded vendors contracted to provide Public Safety/Radio Communications. The term of the contract is good through June 23, 2025. The contract is available for use by any Georgia governmental entity. The City's Procurement Ordinance, Article 9-101, authorizes the use of cooperative purchasing.

Funds are available in the FY24 Budget: 2021 Sales Tax Project Fund – 2021 SPLOST – 21 SPLOST Public Safety - Capital Expenditures /Over \$5,000 – River Road Radio Tower; 0567 - 696 - 3111 – STP - 7761 – 54150 – 20230.

**A RESOLUTION**

Item #/.

NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF A RADIO TOWER FROM MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS (LAWRENCEVILLE, GA), IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,221,675.00, BY COOPERATIVE PURCHASE VIA GEORGIA STATEWIDE CONTACT # 99999-SPD-T20250623-0002.**

**WHEREAS**, the proposal from Motorola is for the replacement of the River Road Radio Tower that was damaged during a severe storm. The radio equipment is vital to communication for Public Safety and other City Departments. Construction will include a new tower which includes a complete 400' Valmont Tower. The construction of the tower will also include all new antennas, line, hangers and R56 grounding equipment; and,

**WHEREAS**, Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-SPD-T20250623-0002 is a cooperative contract whereby Motorola is one of the awarded vendors contracted to provide Public Safety/Radio Communications. The term of the contract is good through June 23, 2025. The contract is available for use by any Georgia governmental entity. The City's Procurement Ordinance, Article 9-101, authorizes the use of cooperative purchasing.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to purchase a radio tower from Motorola Solutions (Lawrenceville, Ga), in the amount of \$1,221,675.00, by Cooperative Purchase via Georgia Statewide Contact # 99999-SPD-T20250623-0002. Funds are available in the FY24 Budget: 2021 Sales Tax Project Fund – 2021 SPLOST – 21 SPLOST Public Safety - Capital Expenditures /Over \$5,000 – River Road Radio Tower; 0567 - 696 - 3111 – STP - 7761 – 54150 – 20230.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting	_____
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Councilor Thomas voting	_____
Councilor Tucker voting	_____

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor



**File Attachments for Item:**

J. Pursuit Vehicle Build Out (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 23-0015

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	Pursuit Vehicle Build Out (Annual Contract) – RFPB No. 23-0015
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	Finance Department

It is requested that Council authorize the execution of an annual contract with Mobile Communications America, Inc. (Columbus, GA), for pursuit vehicle build out services. Services include the provision and installation of various ancillary equipment in pursuit vehicles, such as: Light Bars, Sirens, Prisoner Restraint Seats, Radars, Car Video, Laptops, etc. Contractor will also perform installations for other city-owned vehicles. The annual usage for this contract is approximately \$201,000.00.

The term of the contract will be for five (5) years, with the option to renew for five (5) additional twelve-month periods. Contract renewal will be contingent upon the mutual agreement of the City and the Contractor.

**Annual Contract History:**

The previous contract was awarded to Mobile Communications America, Inc., (Columbus, GA), (formally Columbus Communications, Inc., Columbus, GA), per Resolution No. 14-13.

**RFP Advertisement and Receipt of Proposals:**

On March 14, 2023, RFP specifications were posted on the web page of the Purchasing Division, the Georgia Procurement Registry and DemandStar. This RFP has been advertised, opened, and evaluated. Three proposals were received on June 2, 2023, from the following firms:

**Mobile Communications America, Inc. (Columbus, GA)**

ProLogic ITS (Acworth, GA)

\*Interceptor Public Safety Products, Inc. (Forsyth, GA)

*\*Interceptor Public Safety Products, Inc. withdrew their proposal for consideration on July 13, 2023.*

The following events took place after receipt of the proposals:

<b>RFP MEETINGS/EVENTS</b>		
<b>Description</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Agenda/Action</b>
Pre-Evaluation Meeting	07/21/23	The Purchasing Manager advised evaluation committee members of the RFP rules and process, and the project manager provided an overview. Proposals were distributed to each committee member to review.

1 <sup>st</sup> Evaluation Meeting	08/03/23	Committee members discussed the proposals and determined that clarifications were needed from both vendors.	Item #J.
Clarifications requested	08/03/23	Requests for clarification were forwarded to both vendors.	
Vendor responses	08/09/23	Clarifications received and forwarded to the evaluation committee. Voters stated they were prepared to begin the evaluations.	
Evaluation Forms Sent	08/14/23	Evaluation forms were forwarded to voting committee members.	
Evaluation Results	08/18/23	Evaluation forms were completed and returned to Purchasing for compilation of results, which were then forwarded to the Evaluation Committee members for review.	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Evaluation Meeting	09/20/23	The Committee met to discuss the Evaluation results at which time the Committee voted 2-1 to recommend award to the highest-scoring vendor, Mobile Communications America, Inc.	
Email from committee member	09/22/23	An email was received from a committee member requesting another meeting to discuss awarding to more than one vendor.	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Evaluation Meeting	09/25/23	After discussion, the Committee decided to send a letter to ProLogic ITS inquiring to see if the non-local vendor would set up a temporary location if contract is awarded to more than one vendor. The response from the vendor would determine if the Committee would recommend award to more than one vendor.	
Letter of Inquiry	09/28/23	Letter of Inquiry sent to ProLogic ITS.	
Response received	09/29/23	Response received from ProLogic ITS and forwarded to committee members for review.	
Award Recommendation	10/02/23	The voting committee unanimously recommended award to Mobile Communications America, Inc.	

### **Evaluation Committee:**

The proposals were reviewed by members of the Evaluation Committee, which consisted of one voting member from the Police Department, one voting member from the Sheriff's Office, and one voting member from the Public Works Department.

One representative from the Sheriff's Office served as an alternate voter.

Two additional representatives from the Public Works Department and one representative from the Sheriff's Office served as non-voting advisors.

### **Award Recommendation:**

The Committee recommended award to highest-scoring vendor, Mobile Communications America, Inc., by a vote of 2-1, as reflected by their comments below:

- The vendor, being local, is a plus as it makes it easier to do spot checks and get things done in a more timely manner. It is also easier to get vehicles to them for installations. The vendor has better pricing for the installations.

- Commitment to equip one car per day once all equipment has been received. 5-year warranty. Close proximity. Keeps parts in stock, less delays.
- Geographic location is located in Columbus, GA. Vehicle Delivery Rate, per proposal they can deliver 1 vehicle per day.

- **Mobile Communications America, Inc.**

- Mobile Communications America, Inc. purchased Columbus Communications (a long-time vendor to CCG, formally First Communications) in 2017. The company's name was changed at that point to Mobile Communications America, Inc. (MCA). Their experienced staff includes:
  - Jeremy Bailey, Service Manager; 25 years' experience installing and maintaining all systems related to pursuit car build out.
  - Joseph Land, Mobile Data Specialist; Employed since 2006, his expertise in computers and mobile computing provides outstanding support with PMDC, RMS, mobile data, and in-car computer systems currently used by CCG. Also has equal experience with in-car video support and installation along with mechanical installs and emergency lighting on pursuit vehicles.
  - Andrew King, Lead Install Technician; employed since 2013 with expertise in the installation of all pursuit car equipment, to include lighting: cages, molded seats, MDTs, radars, and communications. Oversees installation process and quality control since 2017.
  - Tommy Taylor, Pursuit Car Buildout Design Specialist; employed since 2011. Formerly co-owner in Emergency Vehicle Products. His expertise is in all aspects of pursuit vehicle lighting and all mechanical installation of rear cages, molded seat systems, and radar installation. Sixteen years' experience dealing with all areas of pursuit vehicle build out and the design of such packages.
- The following is a list of clients whom the vendor has provided similar services:
  - Lee County Sheriff's Office (Opelika, AL): August 2022 – May 2023; \$120,000.00. Installation of pursuit vehicle equipment into various vehicles.
  - City of Bainbridge (Bainbridge, GA): February 2022 – November 2022; \$150,000.00. Installation of pursuit vehicle equipment into various vehicles.
  - Russell County Sheriff's Office (Phenix City, AL): February 2022 – June 2022; \$100,000.00. Installation of pursuit vehicle equipment into various vehicles.

The City's Procurement Ordinance, Article 3-110 (Competitive Sealed Proposals (Negotiations) governs the RFP Process. During the RFP process, there is no formal opening due to the possibility of negotiated components of the proposal. In the event City Council does not approve the recommended offeror, no proposal responses or any negotiated components are made public until after the award of the contract. Therefore, the evaluation results and cost information have been submitted to the City Manager in a separate memo for informational purposes.

Funds will be budgeted in the appropriate public safety departmental and other city departmental expense budgets as Automobiles or Light Trucks/SUVs.

A RESOLUTION

Item #J.

NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR PURSUIT VEHICLE BUILD OUT SERVICES WITH MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS AMERICA, INC. (COLUMBUS, GA), SERVICES INCLUDE THE PROVISION AND INSTALLATION OF VARIOUS ANCILLARY EQUIPMENT IN PURSUIT VEHICLES, SUCH AS: LIGHT BARS, SIRENS, PRISONER RESTRAINT SEATS, RADARS, CAR VIDEO, LAPTOPS, ETC. CONTRACTOR WILL ALSO PERFORM INSTALLATIONS FOR OTHER CITY-OWNED VEHICLES. THE ANNUAL USAGE FOR THIS CONTRACT IS APPROXIMATELY \$201,000.00.**

**WHEREAS**, an RFP was administered (RFP No. 23-0015) and three proposals were received; and,

**WHEREAS**, the proposal submitted by Mobile Communications America, Inc. met all proposal requirements and was most responsive to the RFP; and,

**WHEREAS**, the term of this contract shall be for five (5) years, with the option to renew for five (5) additional twelve-month periods. Contract renewal will be contingent upon the mutual agreement of the City and the Contractor.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute an annual contract with Mobile Communications America, Inc. (Columbus, GA), for pursuit vehicle build out services. Funds will be budgeted in the appropriate public safety departmental and other city departmental expense budgets as Automobiles or Light Trucks/SUVs.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting	_____
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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. “Skip” Henderson III, Mayor

**File Attachments for Item:**

A. Amber Clark, Airport Director, CSG Columbus Airport



**CSG**  
COLUMBUS AIRPORT

Item #A.

# COLUMBUS AIRPORT UPDATE

2023





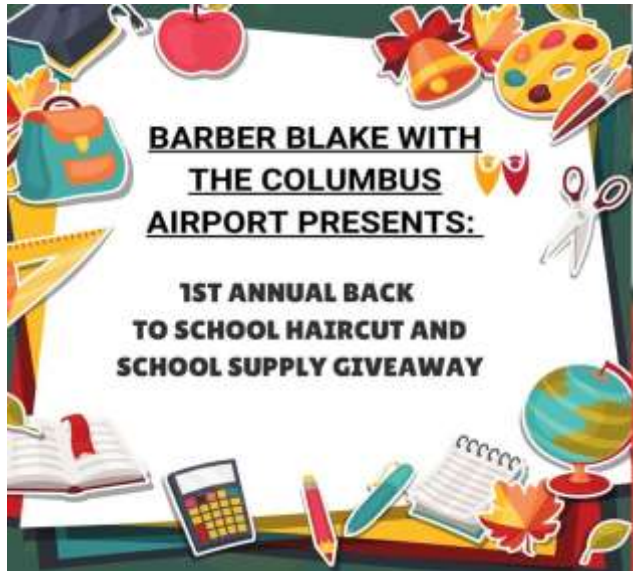
# Hometown Airport

- Regional Airport
- Mission
- Logo
  - Colors
  - Four Pillars



**CSG**  
COLUMBUS AIRPORT

# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



## Annual Economic Impacts for Columbus Airport

	Employment	Payroll	Spending	Total Economic Activity
Airport Management & Business Tenants	383	\$19,577,800	\$41,506,100	\$61,083,900
Capital Investment	33	\$1,014,600	\$4,153,500	\$5,168,100
General Aviation Visitor Expenditures	88	\$2,381,600	\$3,691,800	\$6,073,400
Commercial Visitor Expenditures	207	\$5,554,300	\$16,673,700	\$22,228,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>711</b>	<b>\$28,528,300</b>	<b>\$66,025,100</b>	<b>\$94,553,400</b>

# TOTAL LOCAL ECONOMIC IMPACT OVER \$94 MILLION



# FY23 GRANT AWARD

- Airport Improvement Program AIP Grant 57
  - \$1.93 million dollars
  - Reconstruction of Taxiway F
  - About 10 years
  - Supports commercial service, corporate, and general aviation



# FY23 GRANT AWARD

- Airport Improvement Program  
AIP Grant 58
  - \$1.16 million dollars
  - Design reconstruction of  
runway 6-24
  - About 40 years
  - Supports commercial  
service, corporate, and  
general aviation



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ADULT CHANGING  
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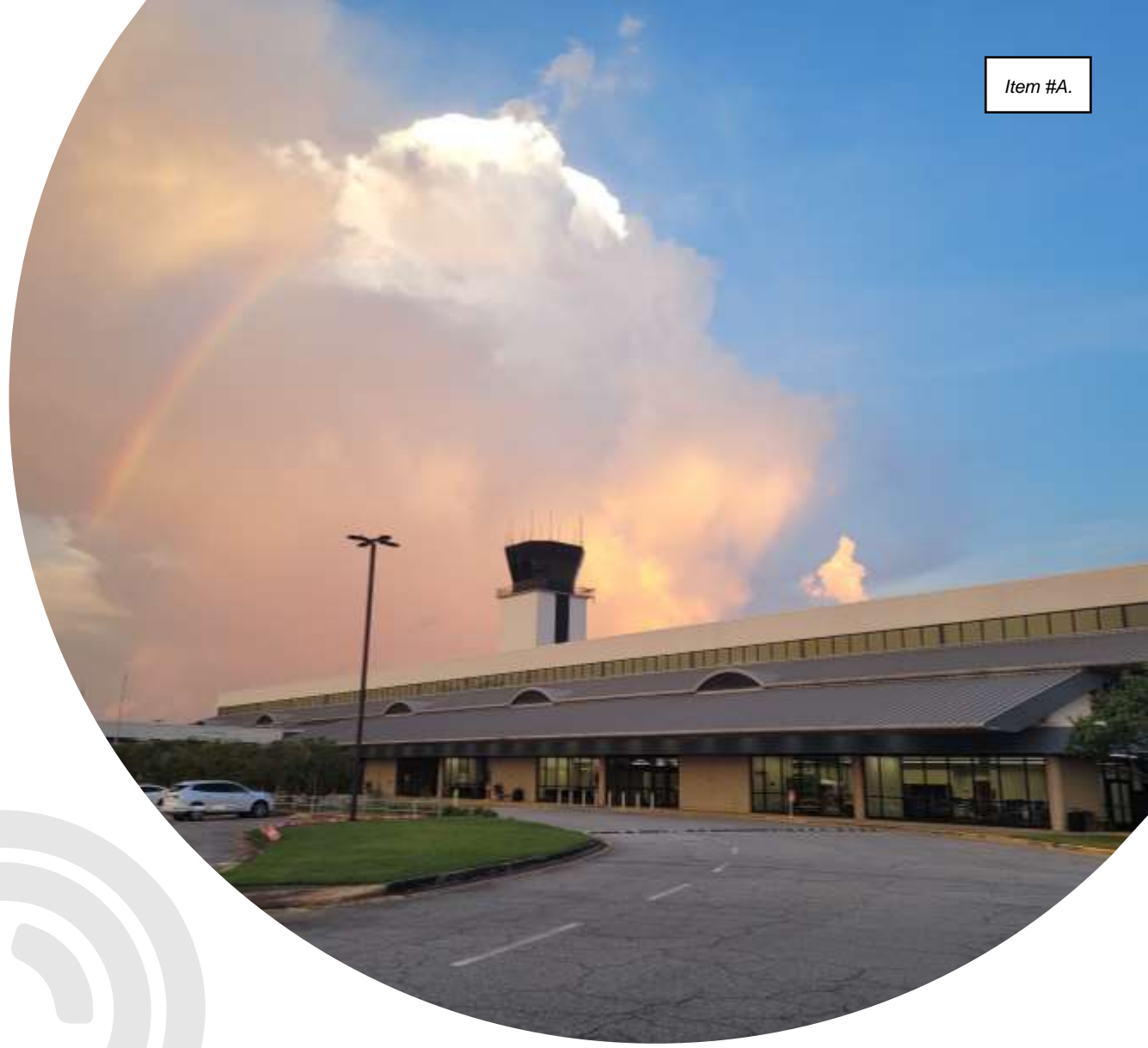
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# CSG FUTURE

- Stakeholder Strategic Planning Meeting
  - Cargo/Logistics
  - Reliever Airport
  - Electric/UAM/UAS
  - Aviation Ecosystem
  - Corporate Support
  - Maintenance Repair & Overhaul
  - Charter Operations
  - Flight Training







Item #A.

# CSG

COLUMBUS AIRPORT

# THANK YOU!



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**File Attachments for Item:**

B. Judicial Center Update – Ryan Pruett, Director, Inspections & Code

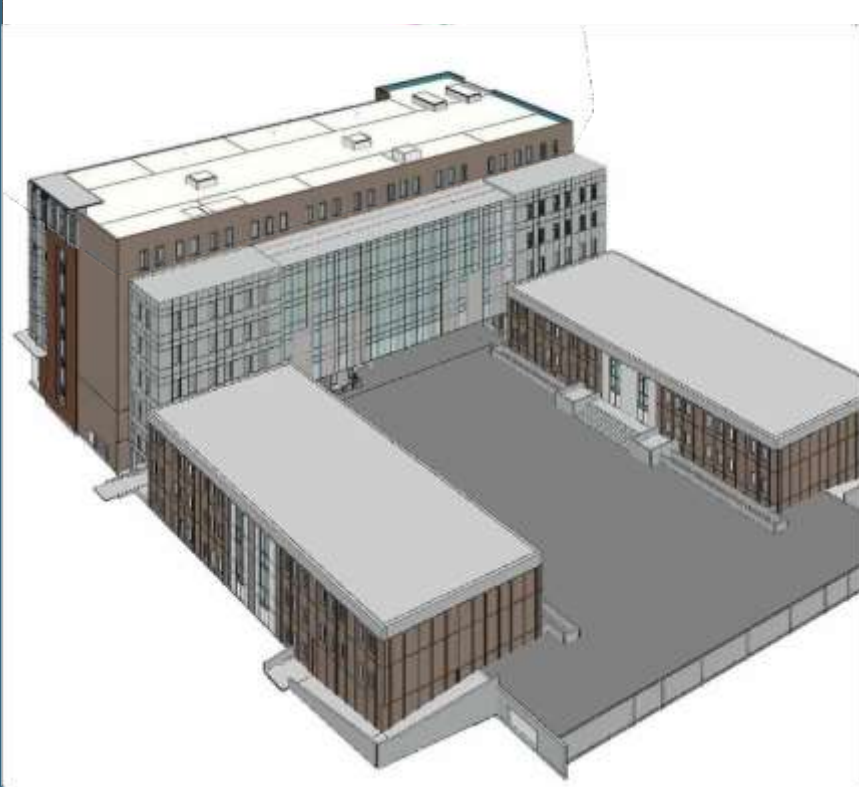






# ADJACENCY ALTERNATE PROPOSAL

Item #B.



Courthouse Building Area:

**315,000 Gross Square Feet**

**14 Courtrooms**

**Superior Court, State Court, Juvenile Court.  
Magistrate/Muni Court, Probate Court, Clerk of Court,  
District Attorney, Public Defender, Law Library, Sheriff  
Security, Jury Assembly, Accountability**

Site Parking :

**500+ Spaces**

Construction ESTIMATE:

**\$ 198 M \$ 13 M OVER [7%]**

## ADJACENCY ALTERNATE

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DISTRICT ATTORNEY

**SUPERIOR COURT**

**SUPERIOR COURT**

## JUVENILE COURT

**MAGISTRATE + STATE COURT**

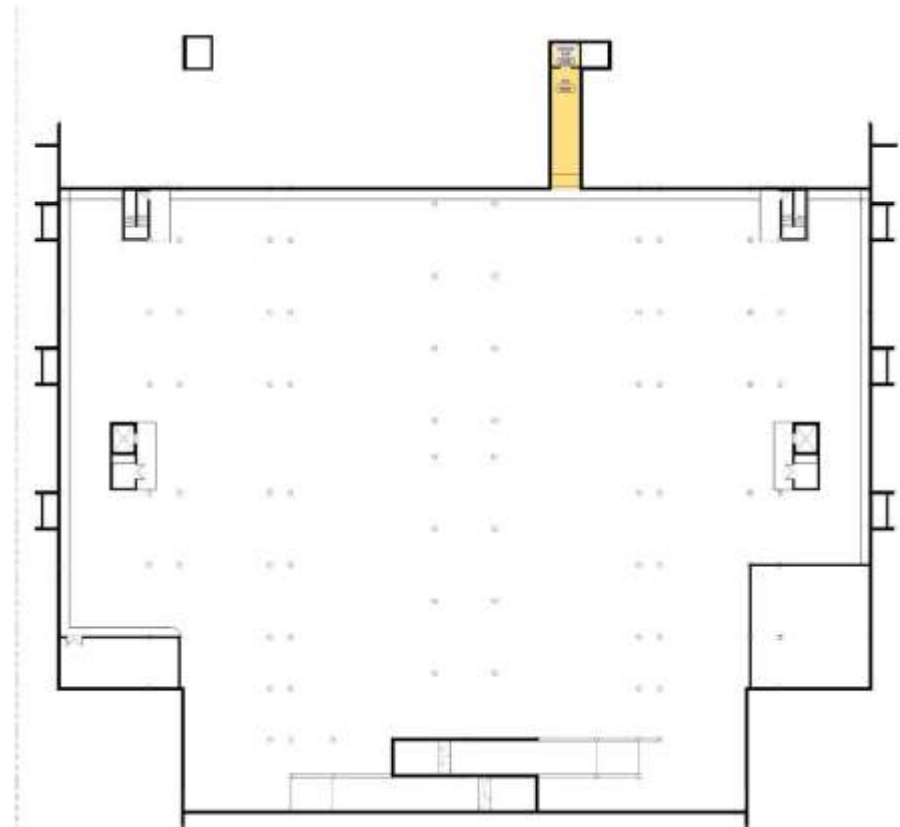
CLERK OF COURT  
PROBATE COURT

JURY ASSEMBLY  
ACCOUNTABILITY COURT

# FLOOR PLANS

## LEVEL B2

Item #B.



Secure Staff Parking

## DESIGN UPDATE









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# FLOOR PLANS

## LEVEL B

Secure Holding  
Secure Staff Parking  
Sheriff Offices  
Building Support



DEPARTMENT		Item #B.
	BUILDING SUPPORT	
	C-1.000 - PUBLIC LOBBY AND SUPPORT SERVICES	
	C-8.000 - SHERIFF OFFICE	
	C-9.000 - SUPERIOR-STATE CLERK OF COURT	
	C-12.000 - DISTRICT ATTORNEY OFFICE	
	C-15.000 - JUVENILE COURT CLERK	
	SECURED SPACE (INMATE/ HOLDING)	
	VERTICAL CIRCULATION	

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






# FLOOR PLANS

## LEVEL 1 [ENTRY]

Security Screening  
Jury Assembly  
Accountability Court  
Shared Conference Suite  
Building Support



DEPARTMENT		Item #B.
	BUILDING SUPPORT	
	C-1.000 - PUBLIC LOBBY AND SUPPORT SERVICES	
	C-2.000 - SUPERIOR COURT	
	C-9.000 - SUPERIOR-STATE CLERK OF COURT	
	C-15.000 - JUVENILE COURT CLERK	
	C-16.000 ACCOUNTABILITY COURTS	
	PUBLIC CIRCULATION	
	SHARED SUPPORT	
	VERTICAL CIRCULATION	

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
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# FLOOR PLANS

## LEVEL 2



DEPARTMENT	
	BUILDING SUPPORT
	C-1.000 - PUBLIC LOBBY AND SUPPORT SERVICES
	C-2.000 - SUPERIOR COURT
	C-6.000 - PROBATE COURT
	C-8.000 - SHERIFF OFFICE
	C-9.000 - SUPERIOR-STATE CLERK OF COURT
	PUBLIC CIRCULATION
	VERTICAL CIRCULATION

Item #B.

Clerk of Superior + State Court  
Probate Court  
Public Defender

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# FLOOR PLANS

## LEVEL 3

State Court + Chambers  
Clerk of Municipal Court  
Magistrate Court + Chambers  
Public Defender  
State Solicitor  
Law Library



### DEPARTMENT

- BUILDING SUPPORT
- C-1.000 - PUBLIC LOBBY AND SUPPORT SERVICES
- C-2.000 - SUPERIOR COURT
- C-3.000 - STATE COURT
- C-4.000 - MAGISTRATE-MUNICIPAL COURT
- C-11.000 - CLERK OF MUNICIPAL COURT
- C-13.000 - PUBLIC DEFENDER OFFICE
- C-14.000 - STATE SOLICITOR OFFICE
- PUBLIC CIRCULATION
- VERTICAL CIRCULATION

Item #B.








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# FLOOR PLANS

## LEVEL 4



DEPARTMENT	
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	C-2.000 - SUPERIOR COURT
	C-7.000 - JUVENILE COURT
	C-15.000 - JUVENILE COURT CLERK
	PUBLIC CIRCULATION
	VERTICAL CIRCULATION

Item #B.

Juvenile Courtrooms (3)  
Juvenile Chambers + Clerk  
Visiting Judges Chambers  
Judicial Conference Room + Breakroom

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# FLOOR PLANS

## LEVEL 5



DEPARTMENT		Item #B.
	BUILDING SUPPORT	
	C-1.000 - PUBLIC LOBBY AND SUPPORT SERVICES	
	C-2.000 - SUPERIOR COURT	
	PUBLIC CIRCULATION	
	VERTICAL CIRCULATION	

Superior Courtrooms (4)

Superior Chambers (4)

Jury Deliberation Rooms (3)

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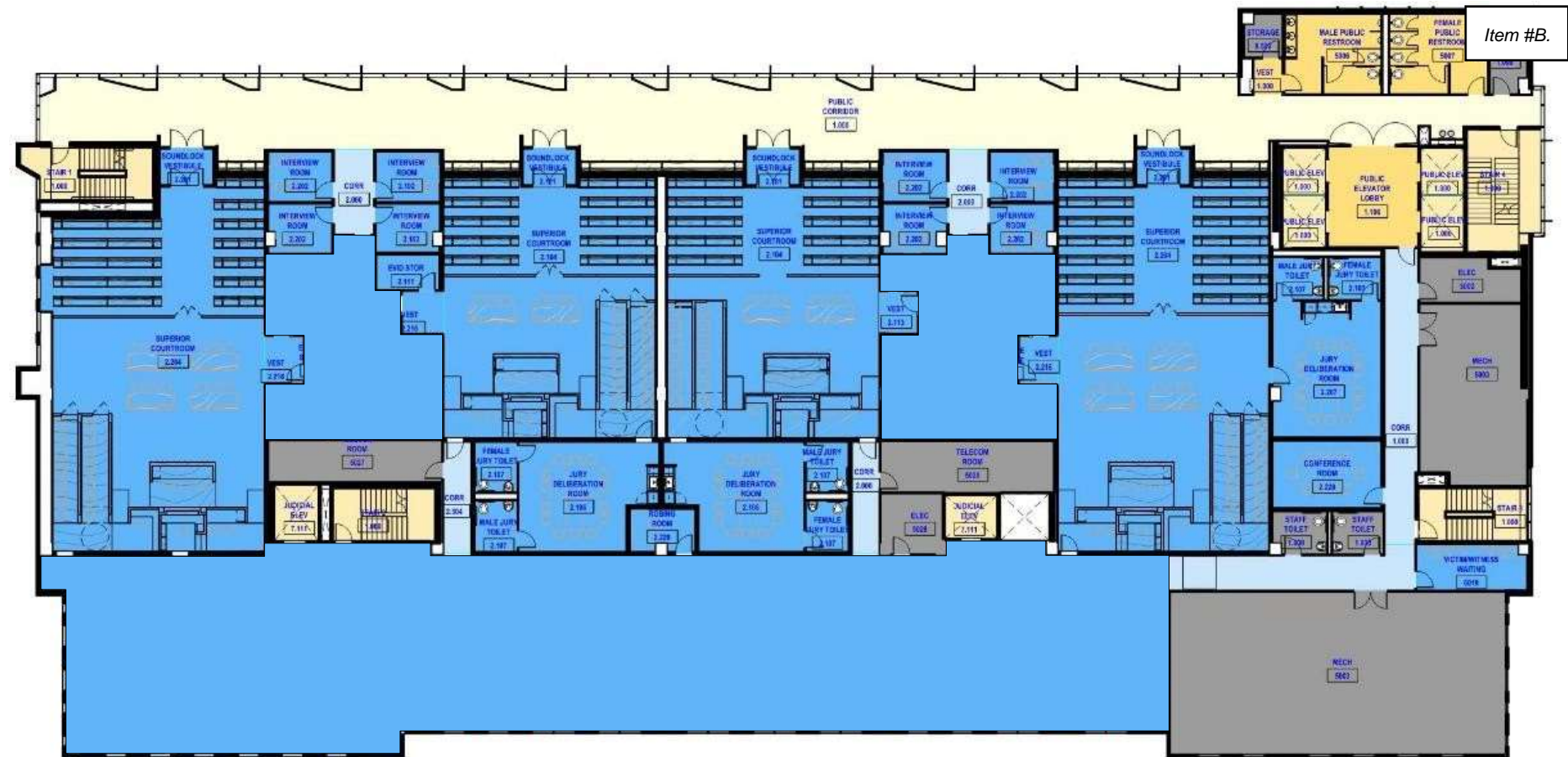
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# FLOOR PLANS

## LEVEL 5

DEPARTMENT

- BUILDING SUPPORT
- C-1.000 - PUBLIC LOBBY AND SUPPORT SERVICES
- C-2.000 - SUPERIOR COURT
- PUBLIC CIRCULATION
- VERTICAL CIRCULATION



- Superior Courtrooms (4)
- Superior Chambers (4)
- Jury Deliberation Rooms (3)







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# FLOOR PLANS

## LEVEL 6



DEPARTMENT	
	BUILDING SUPPORT
	C-1.000 - PUBLIC LOBBY AND SUPPORT SERVICES
	C-2.000 - SUPERIOR COURT
	C-12.000 - DISTRICT ATTORNEY OFFICE
	PUBLIC CIRCULATION
	VERTICAL CIRCULATION

Item #B.

Superior Courtrooms (3)  
Superior Chambers (4)  
Jury Deliberation Rooms (2)  
Grand Jury

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# FLOOR PLANS

## LEVEL 7



DEPARTMENT

BUILDING SUPPORT

C-1.000 - PUBLIC LOBBY AND SUPPORT SERVICES

C-12.000 - DISTRICT ATTORNEY OFFICE

PUBLIC CIRCULATION

VERTICAL CIRCULATION

Item #B.

District Attorney  
Victim Witness

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# MODEL VIEWS

Item #B.



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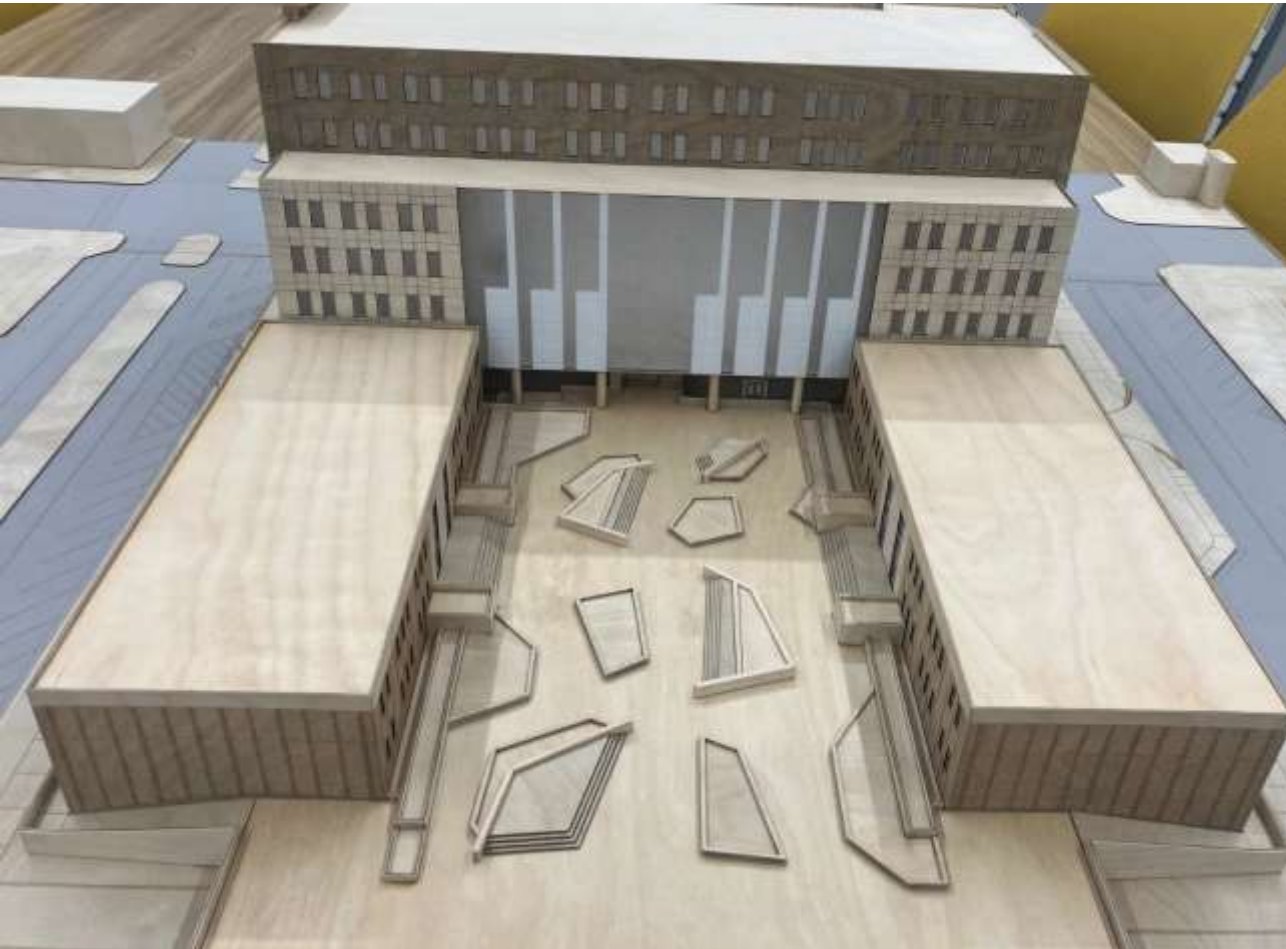


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# AERIAL PLAZA VIEW

Item #B.



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# 10TH STREET VIEW

Item #B.



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## 10TH STREET VIEW

Item #B.



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# ENTRY LOBBY VIEW

Item #B.



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# PUBLIC WAITING VIEW

Item #B.



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# COURTROOM VIEW

Item #B.



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# COURTROOM GALLERY VIEW

Item #B.



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# ANIMATION

Item #B.



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# EXPANSION +ADJACENCY ALTERNATE PROPOSAL

Item #B.



Courthouse Building Area:

**342,000 Gross Square Feet**

**18 Courtrooms [4 SHELL]**

**Superior Court, State Court, Juvenile Court.  
Magistrate/Muni Court, Probate Court, Clerk of Court,  
District Attorney, Public Defender, Law Library, Sheriff  
Security, Jury Assembly, Accountability**

Site Parking :

**500+ Spaces**

Construction ESTIMATE:

**\$ 205.5 M \$ 20.5 M OVER [11%]**





# EXPANSION ALTERNATE

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SEPTEMBER 2023

**File Attachments for Item:**

C. Sheriff's Office Administration Building Update – Ryan Pruett, Director, Inspections & Code

# SHERIFF'S OFFICE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

October 10, 2023

# SHERIFF'S OFFICE — Administration

- Currently housed at the Government Center
- Includes Executive Management, Internal Affairs, Special Projects, HR, Criminal and Civil Warrants, Patrol Services, Community Outreach, Evidence and Property Storage, Quartermaster
- Included in RFP 20-0001, Space Planning and Programming & Design Professional Services for Columbus Government Center Complex
- Base contract on Council Agenda for approval at the October 10, 2023, meeting.



# Sheriff's Office Administration - Courtroom

- During the design process, it was recommended that an additional courtroom, located in the Sheriff's Building, could be utilized by Recorder's Court and other Courts, as necessary.
- Courtroom (including Judges chamber, holding cell, clerk space, security screening, etc.) can be accommodated in space in the building that is currently programmed to be future growth space.
- Current budget does not accommodate courtroom costs.
- Total costs to add courtroom = \$1,687,314.53
- Funding is available via OLOST Infrastructure Reserves

Item #C.

# Sheriff's Office Administration – MCSO's Needs

- During the design process, the Sheriff identified additional needs that can not be accommodated within the current budget.
- Additional needs include:
  - Garage for storage of equipment and processing of vehicles for evidence
  - Fitness Center including locker room and showers
  - Canopy to provide covered parking
  - IBIS Room
  - Enhanced AV Systems for Situation Room and Media Room
  - Perimeter Fencing to provide secure parking for a portion of the parking lot
- Total costs over budget = \$1,835,294.59

Item #C.



# QUESTIONS

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**File Attachments for Item:**

D. UDO Updates Presentation - Will Johnson, Director, Planning

# UDO UPDATES

## OCTOBER 10, 2023

# ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- PROPOSED GAS STATION POLICY UPDATE
- BHAR COMPOSITION



# GAS STATION POLICY UPDATE



# HISTORY

**IN WINTER 2022, COUNCILORS TUCKER, BARNES, AND WOODSON REQUEST THAT STAFF LOOK INTO ADDING MORE REQUIREMENTS FOR CONVENIENCE STORES WITH GAS SALES DUE TO THEIR PROLIFERATION**

# CURRENT LANGUAGE

## SECTION 3.2.22. CONVENIENCE STORES WITH GAS SALES.

CONVENIENCE STORES WITH GAS SALES SHALL COMPLY WITH THE STANDARDS LISTED BELOW.

### A. *PERMITTED SALES.*

1. *FOOD AND BEVERAGES.* STORES MAY SELL CONVENIENCE FOOD ITEMS, INCLUDING FOOD, ALCOHOLIC AND NONALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, SNACKS, TOBACCO PRODUCTS, ICE, AND OTHER FREQUENTLY NEEDED HOUSEHOLD ITEMS.

2. *FUEL SALES.* SALE OF GASOLINE AND DIESEL PRODUCTS IS PERMITTED.

B. *AUTOMATIC CAR WASHES.* INSTALLATION OF AUTOMATIC CAR WASHES IS PERMITTED, PROVIDED THE STRUCTURES ARE LOCATED AT LEAST 100 FEET FROM ANY RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICT.



# CURRENT LANGUAGE

C. *BAY OR GARAGE DOORS.* BAY OR GARAGE DOORS SHALL COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 4.2.5.

D. *PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES.* AUTO REPAIRS, EXCLUDING DRIVE-IN OIL CHANGE FACILITIES, ARE PROHIBITED.

E. *MINIMUM SETBACKS.* ALL PUMP ISLANDS OR OTHER SERVICE STRUCTURES SHALL BE LOCATED AT LEAST 15 FEET FROM ANY PROPERTY LINE OR EXISTING OR PROPOSED RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE.

## CURRENT LANGUAGE

- F. *COLLOCATION OF OTHER USES.* COLLOCATION OF FAST-FOOD RESTAURANTS WITH CONVENIENCE STORES MAY BE PERMITTED SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING:
  - 1. HOURS OF OPERATION MAY BE LIMITED TO ENSURE COMPATIBILITY WITH ADJACENT PROPERTIES AND USES;
  - 2. ADEQUATE PARKING IS PROVIDED ONSITE FOR ALL USES;
  - 3. ADDITIONAL SCREENING AND LANDSCAPING MAY BE REQUIRED TO MINIMIZE THE IMPACT OF CO-LOCATING BUSINESSES;
  - 4. DUMPSTER, TRASH, RECYCLING, COMPACTING, AND RELATED EQUIPMENT SHALL BE LOCATED AT LEAST 100 FEET FROM ANY PROPERTY WITH A RESIDENTIAL FUTURE LAND USE PLAN OR ZONING DESIGNATION;
  - 5. DRIVE-THROUGH WINDOWS MAY BE PERMITTED, AS LIMITED HEREIN; AND
  - 6. THE NUMBER, SIZE, AND LOCATION OF PERMANENT SIGNS SHALL NOT INCREASE DUE TO THE COLLOCATION OF USES.



# PROPOSED NEW LANGUAGE

G. *DISTANCE REQUIREMENTS.* AFTER JANUARY 1, 2024, ANY NEW CONVENIENCE STORE WITH GAS SALES SHALL BE A MINIMUM OF 2,000 FEET FROM ANY OTHER CURRENTLY LICENSED CONVENIENCE STORE WITH GAS SALES ON THE SAME SIDE OF THE STREET.

H. *LOCATIONS.* AFTER JANUARY 1, 2024, NEW CONVENIENCE STORES WITH GAS SALES SHALL ONLY BE PERMITTED ALONG ARTERIAL AND COLLECTOR STREETS.

## PROPOSED NEW LANGUAGE

### I. *LOT SIZE MINIMUM.*

1. PERMITTED USE: CONVENIENCE STORES WITH GAS SALES SHALL HAVE A MINIMUM LOT SIZE OF 1 ACRE.

2. SPECIAL EXCEPTION USE: CONVENIENCE STORES WITH GAS SALES THAT HAVE BETWEEN  $\frac{1}{2}$  ACRE AND 1 ACRE SHALL BE LOCATED AS A SPECIAL EXCEPTION USE.

K. *MINIMUM PUMPS:* CONVENIENCE STORES WITH GAS SALES SHALL HAVE A MINIMUM OF 6 PUMPS.



# BHAR COMPOSITION

LIBERTY CULTURAL CENTER APPOINTEE



# HISTORY

- 01/09/1996: COUNCIL APPROVES ORD. 96-1, WHICH CREATES A BOARD OF HISTORIC AND ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION REQUIREMENTS.
  - ONE OF THE BOARD APPOINTEES REPRESENTS THE LIBERTY CULTURAL CENTER, INC.
- 10/9/2001: THE LIBERTY HERITAGE HISTORIC DISTRICT IS ESTABLISHED BY COUNCIL.
- 01/18/23: CCG ACCEPTS THE QUIT CLAIM DEED FOR THE LIBERTY THEATER AND THE LIBERTY CULTURAL CENTER, INC. NO LONGER EXISTS

# HISTORY

- 06/12/2023: BHAR VOTES TO ASK CITY COUNCIL TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE BHAR APPOINTMENTS BY REMOVING REFERENCE TO THE LIBERTY CULTURAL CENTER APPOINTEE
- 07/03/2023: BHAR CHAIR MOLLIE SMITH SENDS A LETTER TO PLANNING AND BHAR TO RECTIFY THE ISSUE.
- 07/11/2023: COUNCIL HEARS FIRST READING REGARDING THE LIBERTY THEATRE & CULTURAL ARTS CENTER ADVISORY BOARD
- 08/16/2023: SAID SMITH LETTER IS SENT TO MAYOR, COUNCIL, CITY MANAGER, AND CITY ATTORNEY.



## BHAR SUGGESTIONS FOR CHANGE

- IN MS. SMITH'S LETTER, SHE STATES THAT THE BOARD WOULD LIKE TO REPLACE THE LIBERTY HERITAGE CENTER APPOINTEE WITH A 3<sup>RD</sup> AT-LARGE POSITION OR ANOTHER HISTORIC DISTRICT RESIDENT

# THE ISSUE

- PLANNING STAFF WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT COUNCIL PREFERS:
  - OPTION 1: REPLACE THE LIBERTY CULTURAL CENTER MEMBER WITH A MEMBER OF THE LIBERTY THEATRE & CULTURAL ARTS CENTER ADVISORY BOARD TO SIT ON BHAR, OR
  - OPTION 2: REPLACE THE LIBERTY CULTURAL CENTER MEMBER WITH A 3<sup>RD</sup> AT-LARGE MEMBER.



# QUESTIONS?

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**October 18, 2023**

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Referrals: 9.26.23

# Columbus Consolidated Government ~ Council Referrals

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1	8/8/2023	Tyson Begly	<p><b><u>Fire and EMS</u></b></p> <p>I had two follow-upsg from slide 7 of the Fire EMS PowerPoint in the last meeting:</p> <p><a href="https://mccmeetingspublic.blob.core.usgovcloudapi.net/columga-meet-9989af2150264ee3a984571dda5c6614/ITEM-Attachment-001-97400da668ce4bf79d68029ba871e2ef.pdf">https://mccmeetingspublic.blob.core.usgovcloudapi.net/columga-meet-9989af2150264ee3a984571dda5c6614/ITEM-Attachment-001-97400da668ce4bf79d68029ba871e2ef.pdf</a>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Numbers on the Medicare/Medicaid clearing house, to know how much to put in and the additional level of coverage received.</li> </ul> <p>Numbers of how much a private billing service would cost, and the amount of money it would save, and the potential impact to our accounts receivable</p> <p><b><u>Response</u></b></p> <p>Please see the attached response from the fire department.</p> <p></p> <p>CFEMS Memo on Referral - Begly Aug</p> <p>Fire/EMS Department is in the process of developing an RFP to privatize ambulance billing. Private billing services costs will be determined once the RFP process is complete.</p> <p>As of FY23, 9,668 ambulance claims were processed and billed. The billed breakdown for claims processed is as follows:</p>	Sal Scarpa Pam Hodge Angelica Alexander

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			<p>Medicare 18.92%</p> <p>Medicaid 17.90%</p> <p>Primary 23.46%</p> <p>Self-Pay 35.99%</p> <p>Write off 3.73%</p> <p>The claims paid breakdown is as follows:</p> <p>Medicare 53.86%</p> <p>Medicaid 20.71%</p> <p>Primary 19.91%</p> <p>Self-Pay 5.52%</p> <p><b>Update</b></p> <p><i>"As 75% of all claims go through Medicare or Medicaid, CCG should consider contributing to the Medicare/Medicaid clearing house which</i></p>	

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			<p><i>would then provide an additional level of coverage for our submitted claims."</i></p> <p>The Fire-EMS Department does <i>not</i> do EMS billing. That is managed in the Finance Department. However, I can provide the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Each year, the City is asked if they wish to participate in the Georgia Ground Ambulance UPL (upper payment limit) Supplemental Payment Program. As noted in the attached, the purpose of the supplemental payment is to provide additional Medicaid reimbursement to ensure access to ambulance services for Medicaid enrollees. The supplemental payment is in addition to the claim payment a provider receives when submitting FFS (fee for service) claims for ambulance services. The program was recently approved by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The program has been effective for services provided on and after January 1, 2020. Participation in the program is voluntary and requires the city to provide information to Myers &amp; Stauffer LC (certified public accountants) each year as the program administrator in the form of a survey instrument.</li> <li>Twice a year, the City would provide an intergovernmental transfer (IGT) to the state of Georgia based on the results of the survey data. Subsequently, the Georgia Department of Community Health will make a Medicaid payment to the City that includes both the transferred funds and the matching federal funds.</li> </ul>	

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Since its inception, the City has elected <b>not</b> to participate in the program (thus foregoing those dollars). The challenge, as I understand it, is that in order for the city to know how much money it needs to 'put up' in order to get the extra funds, the data survey must be completed annually. That <i>has to</i> be done in the Finance Department as Fire-EMS is not privy to the information requested. The dollar amount that would be required is not static and is dependent on Medicare/Medicaid billing for the year. Additionally, supplemental funding is only available when Medicare/Medicaid is the primary payor (and not the secondary). Thus, because of the ambiguity surrounding the funding component and the requisite work required to complete the survey instrument, <i>I believe</i> the City has been reluctant to commit to the program. As such, at this time, I do not think we know how much the contribution would be for our submitted claims. Finance would need to complete the <a href="#">survey instrument</a> annually to be able to provide that information.</li> <li>Notwithstanding this, the Fire-EMS Department has maintained that participation in the program would enhance revenue for the city and would help offset costs associated with the EMS program. In 2022, the Fire-EMS department engaged the Public Consulting Group (PCG) to evaluate potential revenues associated with implementation of a Ground Emergency Medical Transport (GEMT) program (quite similar to what the State of Georgia is offering). Based on the data we were able to provide, the PCG estimated we would receive a little over \$2.5 million annually. Those estimates were based off of FY21 data and the utilization of <u>6</u> CFEMS ambulances. As noted in the Fire Based EMS Report, that number could be <i>significantly</i> higher as Fire-EMS assumes more ambulance control in the City. As a result, this component is a strong recommendation for implementation in</li> </ul>	



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			<p>conjunction with an enterprise fund to offset costs associated with managing EMS services in the community – which was ranked at <u>the number #1 concern</u> of residents in the department's community based strategic planning initiative.</p> <p>To be clear, the Fire-EMS Department currently has nothing to do with EMS billing/collections other than to provide the patient care reports that allow for billing/collections services relative to EMS. We work hand-in-hand with Finance to provide the information they require (as outline in the auditor's report). However, all billing/collection functions are currently managed within that department. Please let me know if there is additional information I can provide or answer any questions. Thank you!</p> <div data-bbox="730 912 781 971" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>GA Ambulance UPL Cover Letter.pdf</p>	
2	8/8/2023	Toyia Tucker	<p><b><u>Crime Prevention Grants</u></b> Request a breakdown and definition of the cost of personnel.</p> <p><b><u>Response:</u></b> This matter is currently under review. A response is expected soon.</p>	Seth Brown

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3	8/8/2023	Tyson Begly	<p><b><u>Integrated Waste</u></b></p> <p>How will we account for holidays where we will have large pick-ups, such as Christmas? Also, suggest a financial analysis of fees and why they will increase.</p> <p><b><u>Response:</u></b></p> <p>Residents will be able to obtain additional carts once approved by Council. Off Site Recycling trailers are available for our resident to use whenever they have excess cardboard, paper, etc. Financial Analysis on rates based on privatization or internal services is being done by our consultant. An RFP to advertise is being formulated to incorporate various options:</p> <p>Option A: Yard Waste Collection Only</p> <p>Option B: Household Waste Collection Only</p> <p>Option C: Recycling Collection Only</p> <p>Option D: Household and Recycling Waste Only</p> <p>Option E: Bulk Waste Only</p> <p>Option F: All Collection Services (Household, Recycling, Yard Waste and Bulk Waste)</p>	Lisa Goodwin Drale Short

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4	8/29/23	Tyson Begly	<u><b>Inspections &amp; Code</b></u> Is there a possibility to hire a third party to issue in-person citations to out-of-state parcel owners? <u><b>Response:</b></u> State law does allow citations to be mailed to out-of-state owners. However, if the owner fails to appear in court the only option is for the city to abate the nuisance. In my opinion, the cost to hire a third party far outweighs any benefit that would come from it	Pam Hodge Ryan Pruett
5	8/29/23	Joanne Cogle	<u><b>Inspections &amp; Code</b></u> Requesting information on how to track Code Enforcement Cases. <u><b>Response:</b></u> A map showing recent code enforcement activities is being developed by Inspections and Code staff for distribution to Council and the citizens. Map will be searchable by Council district.	Pam Hodge Ryan Pruett
6	8/29/23	Toyia Tucker	<u><b>Code Enforcement</b></u> Requests a monthly report on Code Enforcement Issues <u><b>Response:</b></u>	Pam Hodge Ryan Pruett

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7	8/29/23	Judy Thomas	<p><b><u>Park Facilities Update Facilities Personnel</u></b></p> <p>Would like a program to pull trade graduates in from Columbus Tech and Jordan.</p> <p><b><u>Response:</u></b></p> <p>The matter is still under review. A response is expected soon.</p>	Lisa Goodwin Drale Short Reather Hollowell
8	8/29/23	Toyia Tucker	<p><b><u>Parks and Recreation Update</u></b></p> <p>Requests that we see if Ft Moore is willing to donate exercise equipment to our rec centers since we are in need of updated equipment</p> <p><b><u>Response:</u></b></p> <p>We have reached out to Ft. Moore on two separate occasions, and they have not responded as of 9-20-23.</p>	Isaiah Hugley Lisa Goodwin Holli Browder

# Columbus Consolidated Government ~ Council Referrals

Item #	Date of Request	Requested by:	Proposed Work Session Item and/or Referral	Assigned Depart.
9	8/29/23	Charmaine Crabb	<p><b><u>Parks and Recreation Update</u></b></p> <p>Requests that a day of work or weekend of work be coordinated for citizens in Heath Park</p> <p><b><u>Response:</u></b></p> <p>Councilor Crabb sent Holli an email on 9-18-23 stating that she had reached out to the homeowners association and would get back with us. As of 9-20-23, we have not heard back from Councilor Crabb.</p>	Lisa Goodwin Holli Browder
10	9/12/23	Tyson Begly	<p><b><u>Integrated Waste</u></b></p> <p>Requests a true financial analysis for the transition of leaving Amwaste</p> <p><b><u>Response:</u></b></p> <p>The matter is still under review. A response will be provided soon.</p>	Pam Hodge Angelica Alexander Drale Short
11	9/12/23	Glenn Davis	<p><b><u>Integrated Waste</u></b></p> <p>Would like to see a cost-benefit analysis on the integrated waste fees for automation.</p>	Pam Hodge Angelica Alexander Lisa Goodwin Drale Short

# Columbus Consolidated Government ~ Council Referrals

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			<u><b>Response:</b></u> The matter is still under review. A response will be provided soon.	
12	9/12/23	Judy Thomas	<u><b>Judicial Building</b></u> Requests that the Council Receives updates on the Judicial Center Regularly <div style="font-size: 48pt; color: red; text-align: center; margin: 10px 0;">COMPLETED</div> <u><b>Response:</b></u> Updates on the project will be provided to Council on a regular basis.	Pam Hodge Ryan Pruett
13	9/12/23	Bruce Huff	<u><b>Community Meeting</b></u> Would like to have a follow-up community meeting with staff and the people in his district from the meeting that took place before COVID at M.L. Harris United Methodist Church  <u><b>Response:</b></u> Will work with the Councilor to set a date for this community meeting.	Lisa Goodwin



# Columbus Consolidated Government ~ Council Referrals

Item #	Date of Request	Requested by:	Proposed Work Session Item and/or Referral	Assigned Depart.
14	9/26/2023	Toyia Tucker	<p><b><u>Sidewalk in School Zones</u></b></p> <p>Requests that we look into ensuring that proper sidewalk coverage is in all school zones to provide for a safe walkway for children coming and going to and from school.</p> <p><b><u>Response:</u></b></p> <p>The matter is still under review. A response is expected soon.</p>	Pam Hodge Donna Newman
15	9/26/2023	Charmaine Crabb	<p><b><u>Restriping</u></b></p> <p>Would like to look into restriping areas around the school like we did near Clubview to provide a temporary fix until sidewalks can be put in.</p> <p><b><u>Response:</u></b></p> <p>The matter is still under review. A response is expected soon.</p>	Pam Hodge Donna Newman

# Columbus Consolidated Government ~ Council Referrals

Item #	Date of Request	Requested by:	Proposed Work Session Item and/or Referral	Assigned Depart.
16	9/26/2023	Glenn Davis	<p><b><u>Signage in School Zones</u></b></p> <p>Would like to look into adding more signage to regulate traffic in school zones around Northside High School</p> <p><b><u>Response:</u></b></p> <p>The matter is still under review. A response is expected soon.</p>	Pam Hodge Donna Newman
17	9/26/2023	Glenn Davis	<p><b><u>Handicap Sidewalks</u></b></p> <p>Would like to add a referral to look into some of the craftsmanship of the handicapped sidewalks at stop lights (back side of concrete and leveling out topography)</p> <p><b><u>Response:</u></b></p> <p>The matter is still under review. A response is expected soon.</p>	Pam Hodge Donna Newman

# Columbus Consolidated Government ~ Council Referrals

Item #	Date of Request	Requested by:	Proposed Work Session Item and/or Referral	Assigned Depart.
18	9/26/2023	Bruce Huff	<p><b><u>Integrated Waste Community Meetings</u></b></p> <p>Would like to have several community meetings to educate citizens on new Integrated Waste Protocols.</p> <p><b><u>Response:</u></b></p> <p>The matter is still under review. A response is expected soon.</p>	Lisa Goodwin Drale Short
19	9/26/2023	Bruce Huff	<p><b><u>Land Bank Authority</u></b></p> <p>Requests a meeting with the Land Bank Authority and Staff</p> <p><b><u>Response:</u></b></p> <p>The matter is still under review. A response is expected soon.</p>	Pam Hodge Rob Scott
20	9/26/2023	Walker Garrett	<p><b><u>Integrated Waste</u></b></p> <p>Requests that the Council receive an cost proposal for additional cans by the end of the year</p>	Lisa Goodwin Drale Short

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			<p><b><u>Response:</u></b></p> <p>The matter is still under review. A response is expected soon.</p>	
21	9/26/2023	Tyson Begly	<p><b><u>Integrated Waste</u></b></p> <p>Requests to see revenue by Customer type (apartment types, schools, etc.)</p> <p><b><u>Response:</u></b></p> <p>The matter is still under review. A response is expected soon.</p>	Lisa Goodwin Drale Short
22	9/26/2023	Glenn Davis	<p><b><u>Integrated Waste</u></b></p> <p>Requests the following information:</p> <p>1. What is the total operational cost of the recycling center? 2. The annual Cost of what we have to do on maintenance, excluding heavy equipment (EPD maintenance of landfill). 3. What is the total cost to mitigate the closure of portions of the landfill?</p>	Lisa Goodwin Drale Short

# Columbus Consolidated Government ~ Council Referrals

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			<p><b><u>Response:</u></b></p> <p>The matter is still under review. A response is expected soon.</p>	
23	9/26/2023		<p><b><u>Sheriff's Building</u></b></p> <p>We would like to ensure the third courtroom for the Records court is added to the Sheriff's Admin building plans if we can.</p> <p><b><u>Response:</u></b></p> <p>The matter is still under review. A response is expected soon.</p>	<p>Pam Hodge Ryan Pruett</p>

**File Attachments for Item:**

1. Notice from Suzanne Widenhouse, Chief Appraiser, Re: Update to prior notice of August 1, 2023, Tax Abatement Agreement on 2023 Series Bond.





# Columbus, Georgia, Board of Tax Assessors

**GEORGIA'S FIRST CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT**

Item #1.

City Services Center  
3111 Citizens Way  
Columbus, GA 31906

Mailing Address:  
PO Box 1340  
Columbus, GA 31902

Telephone (706) 653-4398, 4402  
Fax (706) 225-3800

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**Chief Appraiser**  
Suzanne Widenhouse

October 2, 2023

## NOTICE TO COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL

RE: Update to prior notice of August 1, 2023, Tax Abatement Agreement on 2023 Series Bonds

The tax abatement agreement with Raytheon Technologies, Pratt & Whitney Division is no longer in place.

The Board of Tax Assessors received a request thru the Development Authority to modify the agreement changing the number of years the agreement would be in place, how long they would have to complete the project, and changing the terms of verifying compliance and removing any reference to remedy in the event of non-compliance. After much discussion, the Board of Assessors decided not to amend the agreement.

The Board of Assessors remains open to approving the prior agreement should RTX (formerly Raytheon Technologies) wish to move forward with the terms as previously defined.

Respectfully,

Suzanne Widenhouse  
Chief Appraiser  
Secretary, Muscogee County Board of Assessors

ATT: Notice to Council – August 1, 2023



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August 1, 2023

### Notice To Columbus City Council:

In accordance with Council Resolution 218-23, the Board of Tax Assessors hereby gives notice of the approval of tax abatements for Raytheon Technologies Corporation, Pratt & Whitney Division.

The abatement was approved July 17, 2023, for Georgia Taxable Revenue Bonds, Series 2023 bonds, not to exceed \$146,400,000. Exhibit A indicates the breakdown of investment for tax years 2023 and 2024, between real and personal property.

As indicated in Exhibit B, personal property will be abated at a rate of 100% for the first 3 years, 70% for years 4 and 5, and 50% for the remaining 5 years. At the end of the 10 years, the personal property will be valued in accordance with the Georgia Department of Revenue's Appraisal Procedures Manual and valued at 100% of the depreciated value.

The Board of Assessors reserves the right to review the project at the end of each of tax year, beginning the year following the completion of the project. The review shall determine if the project sustains the requirements to qualify for the abatement. Exhibit C outlines the calculations for average actual performance and repayment amount.

Respectfully,

Suzanne Widenhouse  
Chief Appraiser  
Secretary, Muscogee County Board of Assessors

Att: Exhibits A, B and C

*"An Equal Opportunity / Affirmative Action Organization"*

MEMBERS: Georgia Association of Assessing Officials, International Association of Assessing Officials

**EXHIBIT "A"**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>
Personal Property (M&E)	\$114,700,000	\$ 31,700,000
Real Property (Buildings)	\$ N/A	\$ N/A
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$146,400,000</b>	

**EXHIBIT "B"****PRATT-WHITNEY TAX SAVINGS****Level I Project****Real Property Savings**

100% - First 3 Years

50% - Years 4-20

**Personal Property Savings**

100% -- First 3 Years

70% - Years 4 &amp; 5

50% - Years 6-10

Fully Taxable - Years 11+

**EXHIBIT "C"****Commitment and Calculation  
of Repayment Amount****Average Actual Performance****Commitment:**

By the Commitment Date, the Company will have hired not less than 156 new permanent full-time employees, and shall have made private capital investment in the Project of not less than One Hundred Forty-Six Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$146,400,000).

The Average Actual Performance shall be determined by the following formula

**STEP 1**

$$\frac{\text{Actual Jobs Created } 124}{\text{Committed Number of Jobs } 156} = 79.5\% \text{ Percentage of Committed Jobs Created}$$

$$\frac{\text{Actual Capital Investment } \$128,10,000}{\text{Committed Capital Investment } \$146,400,000} = 87.5\% \text{ Percentage of Committed New Investment}$$

**STEP 2**

	79.5%	Percentage of Committed Jobs
+	87.5%	Percentage of Committed New Investment
=	167.0%	Percentage of Commitments Met

**STEP 3**

$$\frac{167.0\% \text{ Percentage of Commitment Met}}{2} = 83.5\% \text{ Average Actual Performance}$$

No Repayment Required if Average Actual Performance (jobs and capital investment) is more than 80%

**File Attachments for Item:**

2. RESOLUTION - A Resolution changing the regularly scheduled Council Meetings for the month of November 2023.



## RESOLUTION

NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A Resolution changing the regularly scheduled Council meetings for the month of November 2023.

**WHEREAS**, the Council desires to make changes in its regular meeting schedule by changing the meeting dates for November by changing the cancelled November 7, 2023 Proclamation / Resolution Session to a Regular Council Meeting to be held at 5:30 p.m. and cancelling the November 28, 2023 Regular Council Meeting; and,

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 3-103 of the Charter, the Council shall provide for regular meetings, and shall fix the date and place of all regular meetings; provided, however, that any regular meeting may be canceled upon the adoption of a resolution by a majority vote of the Council at least seven days prior to the meeting.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY RESOLVES:**

To change the cancelled November 7, 2023 Proclamation / Resolution Session to a Regular Council Meeting to be held at 5:30 p.m. and cancelling the November 28, 2023 Council Meeting; thereby setting the November schedule as follows: November 7, 2023 Regular Council Meeting at 5:30 p.m.; November 14, 2023 Regular Council Meeting at 9:00 a.m.; No Meeting scheduled for November 21, 2023 and cancelling the November 28, 2023 Regular Council Meeting.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 10th day of October 2023 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting _____
Councilor Barnes	voting _____
Councilor Begly	voting _____
Councilor Cogle	voting _____
Councilor Crabb	voting _____

Councilor Davis	voting _____
Councilor Garrett	voting _____
Councilor Huff	voting _____
Councilor Thomas	voting _____
Councilor Tucker	voting _____

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**Sandra T. Davis**  
Clerk of Council

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**B. H. “Skip” Henderson, III**  
Mayor

**File Attachments for Item:**

3. RESOLUTION - A Resolution changing the regularly scheduled Council Meetings for the month of December 2023.

## RESOLUTION

NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A Resolution changing the regularly scheduled Council meetings for the month of December 2023.

**WHEREAS**, the Council desires to make a change in its regular meeting schedule for December by changing the cancelled December 5, 2023 Proclamation / Resolution Session to a Regular Council Meeting to be held at 9:00 a.m. and to cancel the December 26, 2023 Regular Council Meeting; and,

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 3-103 of the Charter, the Council shall provide for regular meetings, and shall fix the date and place of all regular meetings; provided, however, that any regular meeting may be canceled upon the adoption of a resolution by a majority vote of the Council at least seven days prior to the meeting.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY RESOLVES:**

To change the cancelled December 5, 2023 Proclamation / Resolution Session to a Regular Council Meeting to be held at 9:00 a.m. and to cancel the December 26, 2023 Regular Council Meeting; thereby setting the December schedule as follows: December 5, 2023 Regular Council Meeting at 9:00 a.m.; December 12, 2023 Regular Council Meeting at 9:00 a.m.; No Meeting scheduled for December 19, 2023 and cancelling the December 26, 2023 Regular Council Meeting.

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Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 10th day of October 2023 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

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**Sandra T. Davis**  
Clerk of Council

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**B. H. “Skip” Henderson, III**  
Mayor

**File Attachments for Item:**

4. Email Correspondence from Mr. Jack Rosenhammer, Chairman of the Civic Center Advisory Board, requesting that the seat of Ms. Nicole Adderly- District 7 representative be declared vacant due to a lack of attendance.

**Sandra T Davis**

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**From:** Jack Rosenhammer <jack.rosenhammer@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2023 10:58 AM  
**To:** Sandra T Davis  
**Cc:** Joanne Cogle  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Civic Center Advisory Board District 7 Vacancy

Ms. Davis,

I hope you are doing well!

I'm writing to inform you that the Civic Center Advisory Board seats held by Nicle Adderly (District 7) should be declared vacant pursuant to Resolution No. 525-02: *Authorizing a policy regarding board appointees and attendance in meetings*, ... "That the positions held by any Board appointee who **shall miss three (3) meetings for which he / she has been unexcused in a twelve-month period, shall be considered vacant**, and the Council shall appoint a successor to fill such vacancy."

Ms. Adderly has not attended **three** of the last **five** board meetings according to the meeting minutes (**Absent 12/1/22, 6/7/23, and 9/21/23**).

Please add these vacancies to the council's agenda at the earliest opportunity so the board can be made whole. Councilor Cogle is cc'd on this email for her awareness and so she can begin thinking about replacement for this seat.

I appreciate your help and attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

Jack E. Rosenhammer  
Chairman, Civic Center Advisory Board  
718-902-6205



**File Attachments for Item:**

5. Email Correspondence from Ms. Natalie Bouyett, Board Secretary to the Land Bank Authority, requesting that the seat of Mr. Chris Phillips be declared vacant due to relocating outside of Muscogee County.

**From:** Natalie K Bouyett  
**Sent:** Monday, October 2, 2023 11:03 AM  
**To:** Lindsey Mclemore; Sandra T Davis  
**Subject:** Minutes for Land Bank  
**Attachments:** Special Called Meeting Minutes - 9.21.23.pdf; 9.13.23 Minutes Draft.pdf; 8.9.2023 Minutes Draft.pdf; 7.12.2023 Minutes Approved.pdf

Sandra and Lindsey,

Please find attached the minutes in need of Council's acceptance from Land Bank. Also, Board Member Chris Phillips informed us that he needs to be removed from the Board since he is moving to Harris County. Is there anything I need to do to have him removed? Also we have a recommendation to fill his seat, Carson Cummings. It's a Council appointed seat and I have shared his name with a councilor and was wondering when the seat would be vacant for the recommendation.

Please advise and thanks in advance!

**Natalie Bouyett**  
Real Estate Specialist

**Community Reinvestment**  
420 10<sup>th</sup> Street | Columbus, GA 31901  
**Office:** (706) 225-3913  
**Email:** Bouyett.Natalie@columbusga.org



**File Attachments for Item:**

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

Board of Health, January 25, February 22, March 22, April 26, May 24, June 28, & August 23, 2023

Board of Tax Assessors, #32-23 and #33-23

Hospital Authority of Columbus, July 25, and August 29, 2023

Housing Authority of Columbus, August 16, 2023

Land Bank Authority, July 12, and September 21, 2023

COLUMBUS BOARD OF HEALTH  
Meeting Minutes  
District Administration Conference Room / MS Teams Hybrid Meeting

Item #6.

**Date:** January 25, 2023

<p><b>Presiding:</b> James Lopez, DDS</p> <p><b>Attending Board Members:</b> Danielle Frazier (City Mgr. office) Rebecca Covington (Mayor's Office), Devica Alappan, MD, Yasmin Cathright, Joy Adegbile, MD</p> <p><b>Not Present:</b> Sylvester McRae, MD</p> <p><b>Others Present:</b> Beverley Townsend, MD; Tori Endres; Joanne Strickland; Steve Gunby; Pam Kirkland; Michelle Crawford; Kristi Ludy; Brandi Nelson; Berta Cox; Dottie Hall</p>			
Agenda Topic	Discussion	Decision	Responsibility
<b>Call to order</b>	Dr. Lopez: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Called the meeting to order at 1:01pm.</li> <li>Acknowledged a quorum was present.</li> </ul>	Roll call was done by Berta Cox. A quorum was present.	None
<b>Approval of Agenda</b>	Dr. Lopez: Referred to the January meeting agenda as delivered to all board members. With no questions or discussion from the members, asked for a motion for approval of the agenda.	Motioned by Dr. Alappan; seconded by Dr. Adegbile; approved by all members present.	None
<b>Discussion and Approval of Minutes</b>	Dr. Lopez: Referred to minutes from December 7, 2022 meeting as delivered to all board members. With no questions or discussion from the members, asked for a motion for approval of the minutes.	Motioned by Yasmin Cathright; seconded by Dr. Adegbile approved by all members present.	None
<b>Commissioner of Health Report</b>	Dr. Lopez: Called for the Director's report.  Dr. Townsend:	None	None

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greeted those present attending in the District Administration Conference Room and those attending via MS Teams.</li> <li>• Announced that our Program Manager Asante' Hilts has left the department to become the CEO of Valley Health Care. She was a huge asset during the pandemic, and she did a lot of good things in Public Health.</li> <li>• Informed Board we currently have position openings for a Program Manager and a Human Resources Director. Currently Lagrange District HR director is covering for that position, and I am covering the program manager position.</li> <li>• Announced and congratulated Kristi Ludy as our new District Environment Health Director. She previously held the position of Deputy Director of EH.</li> <li>• Announced that we are currently updating our strategic plan and have held one meeting already. We have sent out two surveys to Board of Health Members by email and really need them to be filled out and returned. We know where we have been and where we are now, but we need to know where we are going post Covid.</li> </ul>		Item #6.
<b>Financial Report</b>	<p>Dr. Lopez: Called for financial report.</p> <p>Joanne Strickland, District Administrator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presented the FY23 financial overview as of December 31, 2022, emailed to all members and provided in notebooks for in-person members.</li> <li>• Our FY23 current budget is \$10,444,728. There has been two budget revisions during this period. Line 3 shows total expenses through the end of December are \$5,006,237.45 which is below target for 6 months of operations and is 48% of our budget. Line 4 shows the comparison of expenses to last year with an increased variance of \$1,904,056.62. This is due to the COLA mentioned previously, the cost-of-living adjustment that all employees received, and we are also now centralized for payroll and accounting. Line 5 shows total fee income is \$540,508.09 and lines 6 through 17 shows the breakdown of fund sources and their comparison to the same time last year. Line 18 shows variance at a decrease of \$56,098.60 due mostly to less COVID19 vaccines being administered. Line 19 shows</li> </ul>	The Financial Report is attached and made a part of these minutes.	None

	<p>the prior year admin claiming income, which we received an increase of \$61,074.13.</p> <p>As always, we provide the backup excel by line item for expenses and revenue sources. Page 4 shows the total grants governed by the Columbus Board of Health (all are on target for 6 months of operation).</p> <p>No further comments/questions.</p>		<div>Item #6.</div>
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<b>Excused Absences</b>	Sylvester McRae, MD	None	None
<b>Old Business</b>	<p>Dr. Lopez: Status of sink hole in parking lot at Columbus Health Department Building on Veterans Parkway.</p> <p>Dr. Townsend:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Informed Board the sinkhole in the parking lot is getting larger. The city did get us higher barriers however the sinkhole has still not been repaired. We have spoken directly to Ms. Goodwin at the city. We also had an employee ticketed by City police for parking in a space next to handicap parking place and she has a handicap placard but was following our direction due to limited parking spaces. I want the ticket to be voided because it is not the fault of employee.</li> </ul> <p>Danielle Frazier:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requested to please email me and Isiah Hughley, City Manager so we can try to figure out what the plans are on getting lot repaired and assistance with ticket.</li> </ul>	None	None
<b>New Business</b>	<p>Joanne Strickland, District Administrator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The FY22 Audit has been sent electronically to each of the Board of Health Members for your review. Let us know if you would like a paper copy and we would be happy to send you one. An Audit Summary of the report will be presented at the next board meeting.</li> </ul>	None	Joanne Strickland

<b>Program Reports</b>	<p><b>Epidemiology COVID 19 Update</b> – Brandi Nelson, Epidemiologist:</p> <p>Monkey Pox</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As of January 22, 2023, there have been 30,000 confirmed Monkeypox/Orth poxvirus in the United States; 2,000 in Georgia. There has been estimate of 60 female cases, but the majority being male and 97% being African American men; 32 in our district with 97% males and 3% females.; age groups 0-17 there is one case; 18-25 there are six cases; 26-35 there are seventeen cases; 36-45 there is six cases; 45+ age group there is two cases.</li> </ul> <p>COVID 19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Confirmed cases 37,324 to date</li> <li>14 days Confirmed cases per 100K is 130 cases</li> <li>COVID-19 probable antigen cases to date:7,751</li> <li>14-day probable Ag cases per 100K:52</li> <li>14-day PCR% Positivity rate: 17.3%</li> <li>7-day PCR% Positivity rate: 15.8%</li> <li>Level of transmission: high</li> <li>Total hospitalizations:3,259</li> <li>Total confirmed deaths:793</li> <li>“Fully vaccinated” “47%</li> <li>Primary series breakthrough cases:18%</li> </ul> <p>Influenza</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Widespread flu activity across the state of Georgia</li> <li>Promote vaccinations</li> <li>Remain at home if ill</li> <li>Practice prevention measures: proper handwashing, cover your cough, encourage masking, and cleaning/disinfecting.</li> </ul> <p>Dr. Lopez</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Announced that David Reznik DDS/Chief, Dental Medicine Grady Health System and the President and founder of the HIV and Dental Alliance is also on the state board for Infection Control, and he recently sent him some information regarding the monitoring of water in dentist offices. He would like to see public health monitor this in the future.</li> </ul> <p>No further comments/questions.</p>	<p>Program reports are attached and made a part of these minutes.</p>	<p>None</p>	<div data-bbox="1913 69 2022 126" data-label="Page-Header">Item #6.</div>
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<p><b>Program Reports Continued</b></p>	<p><b>Public Information</b> Pam Kirkland, Public Information Officer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two press releases for December and January about firework safety and starting the new year with healthy eating.</li> <li>• January 11<sup>th</sup>, we talked about cervical cancer awareness and promoted our BCCP program.</li> <li>• We did 3 interviews about the flu vaccines.</li> <li>• Ledger Inquire did a story about a rabies case where a raccoon attacked a police officer and a citizen. It talked about what to do and how to prevent rabies.</li> <li>• Interview about Covid vaccines and boosters and prevention.</li> <li>• Social Media Posts contained Public Health on Wheels locations through out our district; severe weather updates; Covid updates; staying health through the winter; benefits of drinking water.</li> <li>• Faith and health monthly meetings</li> <li>• Video of Flu vaccine being administered.</li> <li>• WIC campaign</li> <li>• STD Campaign</li> </ul> <p>No further questions / comments.</p> <p><b>Environmental Health</b> – Kristi Ludy, Environmental Health Director  Referred members to the Environmental Health report of activities covering the months of November and December and a copy of the new State of Georgia House Bill 1443 which was emailed to all members and provided in notebooks for in-person members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Food and Service program has 678 permitted establishments, and 65 permitted schools. For the period November 1<sup>st</sup> – December 31<sup>st</sup> have conducted 0 temporary food service inspections, 139 routine inspections, 2 follow up inspection, 11 initial inspections and 4 plan reviews. There were 7 informal inspections and invested 6 complaints.</li> <li>• Public Swimming Pools, Spas, &amp; Recreational Water Parks Program has 41 permitted public pools, conducted 2 permitting/opening inspection, 0-re-inspection for permitting and investigated no complaints.</li> <li>• Tourist accommodations has 55 permitted establishments. We conducted 14 routine inspections, 4 informal inspections, 0 plan</li> </ul>		<div data-bbox="1913 69 2024 126" data-label="Page-Header"> Item #6. </div>
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reviews, investigated 3 complaints.

- Body Art Studios – 18 studios and 73 permitted body artists, no routine inspections at this time and conducted 0 permitting/opening studio inspection.
- Rabies Control - there were 67 humans only exposure investigations, 1 animal-only exposure investigations and 1 human/animal exposure investigations, 37 animals were confined, 4 animals tested for rabies.
- Vector Control Program investigated 35 complaints.
- On-Site Sewage Management Program issued 8 new system permits, conducted 5 repair inspections, 2 sites were evaluated, and 3 complaints was investigated.
- Pages 3 – 8 are the scores for all establishments that were inspected during the period.
- State of Georgia House Bill 1443 came into effect on January 1, 2023. Previously all Mobile Food Units had to obtain a permit in each county of operation. The new bill states that if they have a valid permit for their base of operation and their mobile food unit they will no longer need a permit in each county that they operate their mobile unit. They will now be required to receive an “Authorization to Operate” approval from that county. The difference is that the authorizing county will not be required to inspect the mobile unit, however they will have the ability to perform an inspection if needed.

No further questions / comments.

**Nursing – Michelle Crawford, County Nurse Manager**

Referred to the FY23 Nursing report, emailed to all members and provided in notebooks for in-person members, representing services provided to patients for the time of July 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022.

- Total patients receiving services during the reporting period is 6,349 in comparison to 11,464 same time last year.
- Community awareness activities continue Muscogee County Attendance Panel (MCAP), via Zoom Monthly. Children in Needs of Service Panel (CHINS), via Zoom Monthly. Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) meeting monthly (face to face and via Zoom)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community collaborations continue with providing community education on COVID-19 as needed/requested.</li> <li>• Activities for this time frame include continued COVID-19 drive through testing with LTS Monday – Friday from 9am – 2pm, COVID-19 vaccines Monday – Friday no appointment required, Monkey Pox Vaccination Clinic, Monday-Friday, Fast track clinic for STD testing and awareness, Covid-19 conference call with district staff and Nurse Managers each month, School based flu clinics and school immunization Audits.</li> <li>• Strike Team Events for this time frame include World AIDS Day, St. Francis Flu Clinic, Columbus Dream Team, and Still Mill Food Mart.</li> <li>• Upcoming Activities include continue COVID-19 drive through testing with LTS Monday – Friday from 9am – 2pm, continue administering COVID-19 vaccines Monday – Friday no appointment required.</li> </ul> <p>No other questions / comments.</p>		Item #6.
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<b>Adjourned</b>	Dr. Lopez adjourned the meeting at 1:37 p.m.		
<b>Respectfully submitted by:</b> Berta Cox, District Admin Operations Liaison			
<b>NEXT BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING</b>			
<b>Date/Time:</b> February 22, 2023, at 1:00 PM		<b>Place:</b> In-person: Administration Conference Room, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor, 2100 Comer Ave and via Teams Virtual Meeting (or phone)	

COLUMBUS BOARD OF HEALTH  
Meeting Minutes  
District Administration Conference Room / MS Teams Hybrid Meeting

Item #6.

**Date:** February 22, 2023

<p><b>Presiding:</b> James Lopez, DDS</p> <p><b>Attending Board Members:</b> Sylvester McRae, MD; Devica Alappan, MD, Joy Adegbile, MD; Danielle Frazier (City Mgr. office) Rebecca Covington (Mayor's Office)</p> <p><b>Not Present:</b> Yasmin Cathright, MD</p> <p><b>Others Present:</b> Beverley Townsend, MD; Tori Endres; Joanne Strickland; Steve Gunby; Pam Kirkland; Michelle Crawford; Kristi Ludy; Berta Cox; Dottie Hall, Annette Butts</p>			
Agenda Topic	Discussion	Decision	Responsibility
<b>Call to order</b>	Dr. Lopez: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Called the meeting to order at 1:00pm.</li> <li>Acknowledged a quorum was present.</li> </ul>	Roll call was done by Berta Cox. A quorum was present.	None
<b>Approval of Agenda</b>	Dr. Lopez: Referred to the February meeting agenda as delivered to all board members. With no questions or discussion from the members, asked for a motion for approval of the agenda.	Motioned by Dr. Adegbile to accept Agenda as written; seconded by Rebecca Covington; approved by all members present.	None
<b>Discussion and Approval of Minutes</b>	Dr. Lopez: Referred to minutes from January 25, 2023, meeting as delivered to all board members. Dr. Lopez asked for one correction to the minutes. Dr. Reznik is not a local dentist but is the DDS/Chief of Dental Medicine at Grady Health System in Atlanta. With no other questions or discussion from the members, asked for a motion for approval of the minutes.	Motioned by Dr. Alappan to accept minutes with noted changes; seconded by Dr. Adegbile approved by all members present.	Berta Cox will correct minutes as requested.
<b>Commissioner of Health Report</b>	Dr. Lopez: Called for the Director's report.	None	None

	<p>Dr. Townsend:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Announced that she has a District Directors meeting today and will share any updates from that meeting with the Board at the next meeting.</li> <li>• Stated that the legislature is in session and we won't have any news until they have finished.</li> <li>• Announced that we have hired a new HR Director for our district, and I will introduce him at the next meeting.</li> <li>• Stated we still have vacancies to fill in our agency, but I think it is the same in all Health Care industry. Our Environmental department is very short staffed currently.</li> <li>• Announced that Covid funding will be discontinuing soon, and we are waiting on more information.</li> <li>• Reminded everyone that Covid is still here so please act accordingly.</li> </ul>		<div>Item #6.</div>
<b>Financial Report</b>	<p>Dr. Lopez:</p> <p>Called for financial report.</p> <p>Joanne Strickland, District Administrator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presented the FY23 financial overview as of January 31, 2023, emailed to all members and provided in notebooks for in-person members.</li> <li>• Our FY23 current budget is \$10,771,776. There have been three budget revisions during this period. Line 3 shows total expenses through the end of January are \$6,491,912.30 which is above target for 7 months of operations and is 60% of our budget. Line 4 shows the comparison of expenses to last year with an increased variance of \$2,828,624.78. This is due to the COLA mentioned previously, the cost-of-living adjustment that all employees received, and we are also now centralized for payroll and accounting. Line 5 shows total fee income is \$635,571.27 and lines 6 through 17 shows the breakdown of fund sources and their comparison to the same time last year. Line 18 shows variance at a decrease of \$38,009.63 due mostly to less COVID19 vaccines being administered. Line 19 shows the prior year admin claiming income, which we received an increase of \$61,074.13.</li> </ul> <p>As always, we provide the backup excel by line item for expenses and</p>	<p>The Financial Report is attached and made a part of these minutes.</p>	<p>None</p>

	revenue sources. Page 4 shows the total grants governed by the Columbus Board of Health (all are on target for 7 months of operation). No further comments/questions.		Item #6.
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<b>Excused Absences</b>	Yasmin Cathright	None	None
<b>Old Business</b>	<p>Dr. Lopez: Status of sink hole in parking lot at Columbus Health Department Building on Veterans Parkway.</p> <p>Dr. Townsend:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We currently do not have any updates. We are waiting on the city to get back with us.</li> </ul>	None	None
<b>New Business</b>	<p>Joanne Strickland, District Administrator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presented the FY22 Audit Summary; total expenditures \$22,691,650.00; total revenue \$23,016,514.00; leave liability \$962,458.00; fund balance \$11,308,772.00; total assets \$15,220,315.00 and total liabilities \$8,777,898.00.</li> <li>Presented the Columbus Consolidated Government Agency Request for Appropriation. Total budget of \$12,193,234.00 with city budget request of \$502,012.00.</li> </ul>	<p>Motioned by Dr. Adegbile to accept Audit as written; seconded by Dr. Alappan; approved by all members present.</p> <p>Motioned by Dr. Adegbile to accept Budget proposal as presented; seconded by Dr. Alappan; approved by all members present</p>	<p>Joanne Strickland</p> <p>Joanne Strickland</p>
<b>Program Reports</b>	<p><b>Epidemiology COVID 19 Update</b> – Dr. Beverley Townsend</p> <p>Monkey Pox</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As of February 2023, new data shows that some people can spread Mpox to others from one to four days before symptoms.</li> <li>As of February 15, 2023, there have been 30,000 confirmed Monkeypox/Orth poxvirus in the United States; 2,000 in Georgia. There has been estimate of 60 female cases, but the majority being</li> </ul>	Program reports are attached and made a part of these minutes.	None

	<p>male and 97% being African American men; 32 in our district with 97% males and 3% females.; age groups 0-17 there is one case; 18-25 there are six cases; 26-35 there are seventeen cases; 36-45 there is six cases; 45+ age group there is two cases.</p> <p>COVID 19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confirmed cases 37,696 to date.</li> <li>• 14 days Confirmed cases per 100K is 154 cases.</li> <li>• COVID-19 probable antigen cases to date:8,019</li> <li>• 14-day probable Ag cases per 100K:33</li> <li>• 14-day PCR% Positivity rate: 13.2%</li> <li>• 7-day PCR% Positivity rate: 13.4%</li> <li>• Total hospitalizations:3,343</li> <li>• Total confirmed deaths:806</li> <li>• “Fully vaccinated” “47%</li> </ul> <p>No further comments/questions.</p>		Item #6.
Program Reports Continued	<p><b>Public Information</b> Pam Kirkland, Public Information Officer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two press releases for February about Covid Health Equity Program and starting Georgia Severe Weather Preparedness Week.</li> <li>• We did 3 interviews about Covid numbers/flu: Covid/flu prevention and vaccines. Narcan/OTC availability.</li> <li>• Social Media Posts contained Public Health on Wheels locations through out our district; severe weather preparedness; Heart month; Healthy heart tips; Move it Monday; Benefits of dog walking/PAWS adoption event; Fatherhood program; Preconception Project; Parenting Workshops/Basics- Chattahoochee Valley; Enrolling in child health programs.</li> <li>• WIC campaign</li> <li>• Cure Violence Campaign</li> <li>• You Tube Channel – “This is Public Health”</li> </ul> <p>No further questions / comments.</p> <p><b>Environmental Health</b> – Kristi Ludy, Environmental Health Director Referred members to the Environmental Health report of activities covering the month January 2023.</p>		



- The Food and Service program has 681 permitted establishments, and 65 permitted schools. For the period January 1<sup>st</sup> – January 31<sup>st</sup> we have conducted 0 temporary food service inspections, 70 routine inspections, 0 follow up inspections, 5 initial inspections and 7 plan reviews. There were 9 informal inspections and invested 8 complaints and 12 complaint investigations.
- Public Swimming Pools, Spas, & Recreational Water Parks Program has 41 permitted public pools, conducted 7 permitting/opening inspection, 0-re-inspection for permitting and investigated no complaints.
- Tourist accommodations has 56 permitted establishments. We conducted 7 routine inspections, 1 informal inspection, 2 plan reviews, investigated 1 complaint.
- Body Art Studios – 19 studios and 74 permitted body artists, no routine inspections at this time and conducted 0 permitting/opening studio inspection.
- Rabies Control - there were 36 humans only exposure investigations, 1 animal-only exposure investigations and 3 human/animal exposure investigations, 22 animals were confined, 0 animals tested for rabies and 22 lost animals.
- Vector Control Program investigated 5 complaints.
- On-Site Sewage Management Program issued 2 new system permits, 2 repair permits, conducted 3 repair inspections, 2 sites were evaluated, 2 currently permitted sewage removal contractors, 1 septic pumper vehicle inspection and no complaints or investigations.
- Pages 3 – 7 are the scores for all establishments that were inspected during the period.
- No further questions / comments.

**Nursing** – Michelle Crawford, County Nurse Manager

Referred to the FY23 Nursing report, emailed to all members and provided in notebooks for in-person members, representing services provided to patients for the time of July 1, 2022, through January 31, 2023.

- Total patients receiving services during the reporting period is 12,110 in comparison to 27,494 same time last year.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community awareness activities continue: Muscogee County Attendance Panel (MCAP), via Zoom Monthly. Children in Needs of Service Panel (CHINS), via Zoom Monthly. Child Fatality Review (CFR) , via Zoom Monthly, Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) meeting monthly (face to face and via Zoom)</li> <li>• Community collaborations continue with providing community education on COVID-19 as needed/requested.</li> <li>• Activities for this time frame include continued COVID-19 drive through testing with LTS Monday – Friday from 9am – 2pm, COVID-19 vaccines Monday – Friday no appointment required, Monkey Pox Vaccination Clinic, Monday-Friday, Fast track clinic for STD testing and awareness, Covid-19 conference call with district staff and Nurse Managers each month, School based flu clinics and school immunization Audits, MOU's and MOA's with several community partners for various services, such as PPD's and immunizations, Child Abuse Protocol Review Committee(DND).</li> <li>• Strike Team Events for this time frame include St. Francis Flu Clinic, Columbus Dream Team, E Canty Homes, Columbus Gardens, St Mary's Woods Estate, Farley Homes, Wilson Homes.</li> <li>• Upcoming Activities include continue COVID-19 drive through testing with LTS Monday – Friday from 9am – 2pm, continue administering COVID-19 vaccines Monday – Friday no appointment required. Annual Scoliosis screenings for 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders starting soon, Public Health Week</li> <li>• Public Health on Wheels activities for February will be EJ Knight Senior Center and Claflin School Apartments.</li> <li>• Stats for Covid-19 vaccines administered through 1/31/2023=35,507.</li> </ul> <p>No other questions / comments.</p>		Item #6.
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<b>Adjourned</b>	Dr. Lopez adjourned the meeting at 1:34 p.m.		
<b>Respectfully submitted by:</b> Berta Cox, District Admin Operations Liaison			
<b>NEXT BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING</b>			
<b>Date/Time:</b> March 22, 2023, at 1:00 PM		<b>Place:</b> In-person: Administration Conference Room, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor, 2100 Comer Ave and via Teams Virtual Meeting (or phone)	



COLUMBUS BOARD OF HEALTH  
Meeting Minutes  
District Administration Conference Room / MS Teams Hybrid Meeting

Item #6.

**Date:** March 22, 2023

**Presiding:** James Lopez, DDS

**Attending Board Members:** Sylvester McRae, MD, Joy Adegbile, MD; Danielle Frazier (City Mgr. office), Yasmin Cathright

**Not Present:** Devica Alappan, MD, Rebecca Covington (Mayor's Office)

**Others Present:** Beverley Townsend, MD; Tori Endres; Joanne Strickland; Steve Gunby; Pam Kirkland; Michelle Crawford; Brandi Nelson, Kristi Ludy; Berta Cox; Jeananne Polhamus (MCSD), John Ellis, Jacqueline Knight

Agenda Topic	Discussion	Decision	Responsibility
<b>Call to order</b>	Dr. Lopez: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Called the meeting to order at 1:00pm.</li> <li>Acknowledged a quorum was present.</li> </ul>	Roll call was done by Berta Cox. A quorum was present.	None
<b>Approval of Agenda</b>	Dr. Lopez: Referred to the March meeting agenda as delivered to all board members. With no questions or discussion from the members, asked for a motion for approval of the agenda.	Motioned by Dr. Adegbile to accept Agenda as written; seconded by Dr. McRae; approved by all members present.	None
<b>Discussion and Approval of Minutes</b>	Dr. Lopez: Referred to minutes from February 22, 2023, meeting as delivered to all board members. Yasmin Cathright asked for one correction to the minutes. Remove M.D. from behind my name, I am not a physician. With no other questions or discussion from the members, asked for a motion for approval of the minutes.	Motioned by Dr. Adegbile to accept minutes with noted changes; seconded by Dr. McRae approved by all members present.	Berta Cox will correct minutes as requested.
<b>Commissioner of Health Report</b>	Dr. Lopez: Called for the Director's report.  Dr. Townsend: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduced new HR Director John Ellis for our district.</li> </ul>	None	None

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduced new Administrative Assistant III Jacqueline Knight for District Administration,</li> <li>Announced the 93rd GPHA Annual Meeting and Conference will be held May 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> at Jekyll Island. Berta Cox sent out information if you are interested please let her know.</li> <li>Thanked the Board of Health for their continued support to Columbus Health Department.</li> </ul> <p>No further comments/questions</p>		Item #6.
<b>Financial Report</b>	<p>Joanne Strickland, District Administrator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presented the FY23 financial overview as of February 28, 2023, emailed to all members and provided in notebooks for in-person members.</li> <li>Our FY23 current budget is \$10,771,776. There have been three budget revisions during this period. Line 3 shows total expenses through the end of February are \$7,771,951.29 which is above target for 8 months of operations and is 72% of our budget. Line 4 shows the comparison of expenses to last year with an increased variance of \$3,272,058.93. This is due to the cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) mentioned previously that all employees received, and we are also now centralized for payroll and accounting. Line 5 shows total fee income is \$727,938.77 and lines 6 through 17 shows the breakdown of fund sources and their comparison to the same time last year. Line 18 shows variance at a decrease of \$25,134.14 due mostly to less COVID19 vaccines being administered. Line 19 shows the prior year admin claiming income, which we received an increase of \$61,074.13.</li> </ul> <p>As always, we provide the backup spreadsheet by line item for expenses and revenue sources. Page 4 shows the total grants governed by the Columbus Board of Health (all are on target for 8 months of operation).</p> <p>No further comments/questions.</p>	The Financial Report is attached and made a part of these minutes.	None
<b>Excused Absences</b>	Dr. Devica Alappan.	None	None

<b>Old Business</b>	<p>Dr. Lopez: Status of sink hole in parking lot at Columbus Health Department Building on Veterans Parkway.</p> <p>Joanne Strickland:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stated the city did make contact after our last BOH meeting to inform us that they are working with their Risk Management Division and the City Attorney's office on the matter and are trying to get it resolved.</li> </ul> <p>Dr. Lopez:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Asked the purpose of them seeking legal counsel concerning the sink hole.</li> </ul> <p>Dr. Townsend:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explained that another entity was the cause of the sink hole so that is why the city has retained legal counsel.</li> </ul>	None	None	Item #6.
<b>New Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>			
<b>Program Reports</b>	<p><b>Epidemiology COVID 19 Update</b> – Brandi Nelson, Epidemiologist Supervisor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Covid Indicators have shown a decrease in cases, hospitalizations, and deaths.</li> <li>Learning how to make it normal in day to day operations.</li> <li>Monkey pox – no new cases reported since November 2023.</li> <li>Notifiable disease condition reporting -all Georgia physicians, laboratories, and other health care providers are required by law to report patients with the following conditions. This was updated in March and some of the language has been updated. The link to review this information is <a href="https://dph.georgia.gov/epidemiology/disease-reporting">https://dph.georgia.gov/epidemiology/disease-reporting</a>.</li> </ul> <p>No further comments/questions.</p>	Program reports are attached and made a part of these minutes.	None	
<b>Program Reports Continued</b>	<p><b>Public Information</b> Pam Kirkland, Public Information Officer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two press releases for March about Childrens Health Fair and Georgia Preteen Vaccine Week.</li> <li>We did 4 interviews about Fathers in the family reduce violence, Senior Spring Expo, Cure Violence, Children's Health Fair.</li> <li>Social Media Posts contained Public Health on Wheels Columbus and district; Georgia Strong Families Storytime event; Childrens Health Fair; Safe Kids Newsletter; Enrichment Services Registration; Senior Expo; Stewart County Community Yard sale; Upcoming Medicaid changes; Women's Health International</li> </ul>		3	

Women's Day.

- TV/Radio/Print/Cable Specific/Social Media/Billboard Campaigns
- You Tube Channel – West Central Health District-TV commercials and videos, "This is Public Health."

No further questions / comments.

**Environmental Health** – Kristi Ludy, Environmental Health Director

Referred members to the Environmental Health report of activities covering the month February 2023.

- The Food and Service program has 680 permitted establishments, and 65 permitted schools. For the period February 1<sup>st</sup> – February 28th we have conducted 0 temporary food service inspections, 75 routine inspections, 1 follow up inspections, 7 initial inspections and 7 plan reviews. There were 8 informal inspections and 6 complaints and 5 complaint investigations.
- Public Swimming Pools, Spas, & Recreational Water Parks Program has 27 permitted public pools, conducted 9 permitting/opening inspection, 1-re-inspection for permitting and investigated no complaints.
- Tourist accommodations have 56 permitted establishments. We conducted 6 routine inspections, 1 informal inspection, 0 plan reviews, investigated 1 complaint.
- Body Art Studios – 21 studios and 74 permitted body artists, no routine inspections at this time and conducted 0 permitting/opening studio inspection.
- Rabies Control - there were 26 humans only exposure investigations, 1 animal-only exposure investigations and 0 human/animal exposure investigations, 17 animals were confined, 1 animal tested for rabies and 9 lost animals.
- Vector Control Program investigated 16 complaints.
- On-Site Sewage Management Program issued 2 new system permits, 4 residential Installation Inspections, 2 repair permits, conducted 0 repair inspections, 0 sites were evaluated, 3 currently permitted sewage removal contractors, 0 septic pumper vehicle inspection and 2 complaints and 2 investigations.
- Pages 13 – 18 are the scores for all establishments that were inspected during the period.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Page 19 is an addendum with links to the new State Body Art Rules and Regulations and GA DPH 2022 Mosquito Surveillance Report.</li> </ul> <p>No further questions / comments.</p> <p><b>Nursing</b> – Michelle Crawford, County Nurse Manager</p> <p>Referred to the FY23 Nursing report, emailed to all members and provided in notebooks for in-person members, representing services provided to patients for the time of July 1, 2022, through February 28, 2023.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Total patients receiving services during the reporting period is 7,804 in comparison to 12,970 at the same time last year.</li> <li>Community awareness activities continue Muscogee County Attendance Panel (MCAP), via Zoom Monthly. Children in Needs of Service Panel (CHINS), via Zoom Monthly. Child Fatality Review (CFR), via Zoom Monthly, Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) meeting monthly (face to face and via Zoom)</li> <li>Community collaborations continue with providing community education on COVID-19 as needed/requested.</li> <li>Activities for this time frame include continued COVID-19 drive through testing with LTS Monday – Friday from 9am – 2pm, COVID-19 vaccines Monday – Friday no appointment required, Monkey Pox Vaccination Clinic, Monday-Friday, Fast track clinic for STD testing and awareness, Covid-19 conference call with district staff and Nurse Managers each month, day care immunization Audits, MOU's and MOA's with several community partners for various services, such as PPD's and immunizations, Scoliosis Screening for 6th &amp; 8<sup>th</sup> grades.</li> <li>Strike Team Events for this time frame include St. Francis Flu Clinic, Columbus Dream Team, E.J. Knight, Claflin.</li> <li>Upcoming Activities include continue COVID-19 and vaccines with current schedule, Child Health Fair, Saturday March 18<sup>th</sup>, Public Health Week.</li> </ul> <p>No other questions / comments.</p>		Item #6.
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<b>Adjourned</b>	Dr. Lopez adjourned the meeting at 1:40 p.m.		
<b>Respectfully submitted by:</b> Berta Cox, District Admin Operations Liaison			
<b>NEXT BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING</b>			
<b>Date/Time:</b> April 26, 2023, at 1:00 PM		<b>Place:</b> In-person: Administration Conference Room, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor, 2100 Comer Ave and via Teams Virtual Meeting (or phone)	

## COLUMBUS BOARD OF HEALTH

## Meeting Minutes

District Administration Conference Room / MS Teams Hybrid Meeting

Item #6.

**Date:** April 26, 2023**Presiding:** James Lopez, DDS**Attending Board Members:** Sylvester McRae, MD; Danielle Frazier (City Mgr. office),**Not Present:** Devica Alappan, MD, Joy Adegbile, MD; Rebecca Covington (Mayor's Office), Yasmin Cathright**Others Present:** Beverley Townsend, MD; Tori Endres; Joanne Strickland; Steve Gunby; Michelle Crawford; Kristi Ludy; Berta Cox; Jeananne Polhamus (MCSD), Jacqueline Knight

Agenda Topic	Discussion	Decision	Responsibility
<b>Call to order</b>	Dr. Lopez: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acknowledged that a quorum is not present and this will be an informal meeting.</li> </ul>	Roll call was done by Berta Cox. A quorum was not present.	None
<b>Approval of Agenda</b>	Lack of Quorum		
<b>Discussion and Approval of Minutes</b>	Lack of Quorum		
<b>Commissioner of Health Report</b>	Dr. Beverley Townsend: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wished administrative staff a Happy Administrative Professionals Day.</li> <li>Announced that we are finishing fiscal year 2023 in the next few weeks.</li> <li>Discussed that we hope to begin interviewing for the District Program Manager soon.</li> <li>Announced that the President would terminate on May 11 both the public health and national emergencies declared in response to Covid.</li> </ul>	None	None

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussed that we would fold in Covid services into one of our regular services. We are back to our full services and focused on getting our patients in so that we can sustain our Health Departments.</li> <li>Announced that she and other staff will be attending the Annual GPHA Meeting and Conference at Jekyll Island May 3rd-5<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>Discussed that we hopefully can get back to some in person meetings soon. We will most likely be conducting hybrid meetings since we have the technology.</li> <li>Thanked Board of Health members and asked them to advocate to their legislative representatives for things that are good and positive for public health.</li> </ul>		Item #6.
<b>Financial Report</b>	<p>Joanne Strickland:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presented the Fiscal Year 2023 report as of March 31, 2023. The current budget is \$11,018,276.00; expenses are \$5,068,117.26 and total fees collected are \$813,758.26.</li> </ul>	The Financial Report is attached and made a part of these minutes.	None
<b>Excused Absences</b>	Dr. Devica Alappan, Dr. Adegbile, Yasmin Cathright	None	None
<b>Old Business</b>	<p>Dr. Lopez: Status of sink hole in parking lot at Columbus Health Department Building on Veterans Parkway.</p> <p>Joanne Strickland:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stated that we haven't received any additional information since they informed us that they are working with their Risk Management Division and the City Attorney's office on the matter and are trying to get it resolved.</li> </ul> <p>Dr. Lopez:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Asked Danielle Frazier from the city if there was any additional information from the city.</li> </ul> <p>Danielle Frazier:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explained that she didn't have any but she would talk to Pam Hodge, Deputy City Manager and ask for an update.</li> </ul>	None	None
<b>New Business</b>	None		

<b>Program Reports</b>	<b>Epidemiology COVID 19 Update</b> – Brandi Nelson, Epidemiologist Supervisor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No updates</li> </ul>	None	None	Item #6.
<b>Program Reports Continued</b>	<b>Public Information</b> Dr. Beverley Townsend: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presented Public Information report for April 2023.</li> </ul> <b>Environmental Health</b> – Kristi Ludy, Environmental Health Director <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presented the environmental health report for January 1, 2023 through March 31, 2023.</li> </ul> Dr. McRae: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Asked if we could get a percentage of how many Food Service complaints were legitimate.</li> </ul> <b>Nursing</b> – Michelle Crawford, County Nurse Manager <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presented the cumulative nursing report for July 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023 including activities and events.</li> </ul>	Complaint information will be provided at our next meeting.	Kristi Ludy	
<b>Adjourned</b>	Dr. Lopez adjourned the meeting at 1:30			
<b>Respectfully submitted by:</b> Berta Cox, District Admin Operations Liaison				
<b>NEXT BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING</b>				
<b>Date/Time:</b> May 24, 2023, at 1:00 PM (BUDGET MEETING)		<b>Place:</b> In-person: Administration Conference Room, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor, 2100 Comer Ave and via Teams Virtual Meeting (or phone)		

COLUMBUS BOARD OF HEALTH  
Meeting Minutes  
District Administration Conference Room / MS Teams Hybrid Meeting

Item #6.

**Date:** May 24, 2023

<p><b>Presiding:</b> James Lopez, DDS</p> <p><b>Attending Board Members:</b> Sylvester McRae, MD; Joy Adegbile, MD; Marci Norris (City Mgr. office); Rebecca Covington (Mayor's Office)</p> <p><b>Not Present:</b> Devica Alappan, MD; Yasmin Cathright</p> <p><b>Others Present:</b> Beverley Townsend, MD; Tori Endres; Joanne Strickland; Steve Gunby; Pam Kirkland; Michelle Crawford; Berta Cox; Jacqueline Knight</p>			
Agenda Topic	Discussion	Decision	Responsibility
<b>Call to order</b>	<p>Dr. Lopez:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Called the meeting to order at 1:02pm.</li> <li>Acknowledged a quorum was present.</li> </ul>	Roll call was done by Berta Cox. A quorum was present.	None
<b>Approval of Agenda</b>	<p>Dr. Lopez:</p> <p>Referred to the May meeting agenda as delivered to all board members. With no questions or discussion from the members, asked for a motion for approval of the agenda.</p>	Motioned by Dr. McRae to accept Agenda as written; seconded by Dr. Adegbile; approved by all members present.	None
<b>Discussion and Approval of Minutes</b>	<p>Dr. Lopez:</p> <p>Referred to minutes from March 22, 2023 and April 26, 2023, meetings as delivered to all board members. With no questions or discussion from the members, asked for a motion for approval of the minutes.</p>	Motioned by Dr. McRae to accept minutes as written; seconded by Dr. Adegbile; approved by all members present.	Berta Cox
<b>Commissioner of Health Report</b>	<p>Dr. Beverley Townsend:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stated the end of the fiscal year is June 30.</li> <li>Stated that on May 11 the President terminated both the public health and national emergencies declared in response to Covid. Covid still exists even if the pandemic is over and remains a notifiable disease. We are still using supplies from the Covid funding such as Covid vaccines and tests. These things are still free as long as supplies last. Covid funds are ending, and those items will now have to be purchased through our Budget.</li> </ul>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stated some COVID funding ends June 30, 2023 while some will roll into new fiscal year and end June 2024 unless depleted prior to end date.</li> </ul> <p>Dr. McRae</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Asked if we had any Covid funds that were not used. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Joanne Strickland responded that \$900,000 was returned to the state from the school health program (732) because of the restrictions on use and not receiving participation from the school systems throughout our district.</li> <li>○ There was much discussion on the barriers/challenges the schools faced.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Dr. McRae:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stated that in the past for HPV vaccinations #16, #18 and #45 are the main ones as cancer causing culprits.</li> <li>• Asked if there has been an upswing in any other cancer causing HPVS that we should be aware of from a Public Health Standpoint. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Dr. Townsend stated that we did have an update and referred the question to Michelle Crawford, Nurse Manager Columbus Health Department. She explained that we receive our guidance from the CDC and others and must wait until we are told to push out that information.</li> <li>○ Michelle Crawford stated that we did have some updates and now Gardasil can be given to women up to age 45. She further stated that the terminology must be used that it is offered and recommended but not required.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Said that there are some oropharyngeal and lung cancers being traced back to HPV's and he asked for more information about these and what HPVs are covered in the vaccines.</li> </ul> <p>Dr. Townsend:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Announced that she was elected as Vice-President of the Georgia Public Health Association.</li> <li>• Thanked the Board of Health for their continued support for Columbus Health Department and Public Health.</li> </ul>	<p>Dr. Townsend stated she would ask our Immunization Coordinator and Epidemiologist to follow up with additional information on HPV.</p>	<div data-bbox="1913 66 2032 131" data-label="Page-Header">Item #6.</div>
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<b>Financial Report</b>	<p>Joanne Strickland, District Administrator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presented the FY23 financial overview as of April 30, 2023, emailed to all members and provided in notebooks for in-person members.</li> <li>Our FY23 current budget is \$11,024,499. There have been five budget revisions during this period. Line 3 shows total expenses through the end of April are \$9,597,103.26 which is above target for 10 months of operations and is 87% of our budget. Line 4 shows the comparison of expenses to last year with an increased variance of \$2,914,118.30. This is due to the cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) mentioned previously that all employees received, and we are also now centralized for payroll and accounting. Line 5 shows total fee income is \$888,057.30 and lines 6 through 17 shows the breakdown of fund sources and their comparison to the same time last year. Line 18 shows variance at a decrease of \$21,720.78 due mostly to less COVID19 vaccines being administered. Line 19 shows the prior year admin claiming income, which we received an increase of \$155,320.52.</li> </ul> <p>As always, we provide the backup spreadsheet by line item for expenses and revenue sources. Page 12 shows the total grants governed by the Columbus Board of Health (all are on target for 10 months of operation).</p> <p>No further comments/questions.</p>	The Financial Report is attached and made a part of these minutes.	None	Item #6.
<b>Excused Absences</b>	Dr. Devica Alappan and Yasmin Cathright	None	None	
<b>Old Business</b>	<p>Dr. Lopez:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Asked for status of sink hole in parking lot at Columbus Health Department Building on Veterans Parkway. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Marci Norris stated the city is still working with their Risk Management Division and the City Attorney's office on the matter and are trying to get it resolved.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	None	None	
<b>New Business</b>	<p>Joanne Strickland, District Administrator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presented the FY24 Budget Proposal of \$12,229,393 and a comparison from last year's budget.</li> </ul>	Motioned by Dr. McRae to accept FY24 budget as presented; seconded by Dr. Adegbile; approved by all members present.		3



	<p>Dottie Hall, Call Center Supervisor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explained how the call center worked and what has been done to improve the efficiency.</li> </ul>		Item #6.
<b>Program Reports</b>	<p><b>Epidemiology COVID 19 Update</b> – Dr. Beverley Townsend:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>U.S. Public Health Emergency Declaration Ended on May 11<sup>th</sup>. What has remained- Covid-19 vaccines, test, and treatment still available; Covid-19 cases still reportable; updated healthcare guidance.</li> <li>What has discontinued- Covid-19 Community Transmission Levels; V-safe tracking for health check-ins after vaccination; Covid-19 Data Tracker is no longer reporting aggregate cases and deaths.</li> <li>On May 15<sup>th</sup>, CDC released a Health Alert Network on the potential risk for new Mpox cases. A cluster of Mpox cases were identified in the Chicago area between mid-April to early-May. DPH is emphasizing the importance of prevention measures and remaining vigilant in Georgia.</li> <li>Notifiable disease condition reporting -all Georgia physicians, laboratories, and other health care providers are required by law to report patients with the following conditions. This was updated in March and some of the language has been updated. The link to review this information is <a href="https://dph.georgia.gov/epidemiology/disease-reporting">https://dph.georgia.gov/epidemiology/disease-reporting</a>.</li> </ul> <p>No further comments/questions.</p>	Program reports are attached and made a part of these minutes.	None
<b>Program Reports Continued</b>	<p><b>Public Information</b> Pam Kirkland, Public Information Officer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two press releases for May about National Women’s Health Week and Hepatitis B Awareness Month.</li> <li>We did 2 interviews End of Covid “Emergency Declaration” and what that means and National Women’s Health Week.</li> <li>Social Media Posts contained Public Health on Wheels Columbus and district; Move it Monday; Dad’s Boot Camp; District/holiday closings; Yoga for mommy; Maternal Mental Health Awareness Month; Curbing Gang Violence; National Women’s Health month; Happy Nurses Week; Cure Violence video.</li> <li>TV/Radio/Print/Cable Specific/Social Media/Billboard Campaigns – Cure Violence campaign; Stop Vaping campaign; Fatherhood Initiative</li> </ul>		4

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You Tube Channel – West Central Health District-TV commercials and videos, “This is Public Health.”</li> </ul> <p>No further questions / comments.</p> <p><b>Environmental Health</b> – Dr. Beverley Townsend:  Referred members to the Environmental Health report of activities covering the month April 2023.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Food and Service program has 679 permitted establishments, and 64 permitted schools. For the period April 1<sup>st</sup> – April 30<sup>th</sup> we have conducted 33 temporary food service inspections, 45 routine inspections, 0 follow up inspections, 3 initial inspections and 1 plan review. There were 11 informal inspections and 6 complaints and 7 complaint investigations.</li> <li>Public Swimming Pools, Spas, &amp; Recreational Water Parks Program has 28 permitted public pools, conducted 2 permitting/opening inspection, 1-re-inspection for permitting and investigated no complaints.</li> <li>Tourist accommodations have 57 permitted establishments. We conducted 3 routine inspections, 0 informal inspections, 0 plan reviews, investigated 1 complaint.</li> <li>Body Art Studios – 21 studios and 87 permitted body artists, no routine inspections at this time and conducted 0 permitting/opening studio inspection.</li> <li>Rabies Control - there were 29 humans only exposure investigations, 2 animal-only exposure investigations and 1 human/animal exposure investigation, 22 animals were confined, 4 animals tested for rabies, 2 positive animal Rabies cases and 9 lost animals.</li> <li>Vector Control Program investigated 21 complaints and 18 complaint investigations.</li> <li>On-Site Sewage Management Program issued 3 new system permits, 3 residential Installation Inspections, 1 repair permits, conducted 2 repair inspections, 0 sites were evaluated, 7 currently permitted sewage removal contractors, 5 septic pumper vehicle inspection and 2 complaints and 2 investigations.</li> <li>Pages 17 – 21 are the scores for all establishments that were inspected during the period.</li> </ul>		<div>Item #6.</div> <div>5</div>
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	<p>No further questions / comments.</p> <p><b>Nursing</b> – Michelle Crawford, County Nurse Manager</p> <p>Referred to the FY23 Nursing report, emailed to all members and provided in notebooks for in-person members, representing services provided to patients for the time of July 1, 2022, through April 30, 2023.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total patients receiving services during the reporting period is 9,374 in comparison to 14,389 at the same time last year.</li> <li>• Community awareness activities continue: Muscogee County Attendance Panel (MCAP), via Zoom monthly; Children in Needs of Service Panel (CHINS), via Zoom monthly; Child Fatality Review (CFR), via Zoom monthly; Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) meeting monthly (face to face and via Zoom).</li> <li>• Community collaborations continue with providing community education on COVID-19 as needed/requested.</li> <li>• Activities for this time frame include continued COVID-19 drive through testing with LTS Monday – Friday from 9am – 2pm; COVID-19 vaccines Monday – Friday no appointment required; Monkey Pox Vaccination Clinic, Monday-Friday; Fast track clinic for STD testing and awareness; Covid-19 conference call with district staff and Nurse Managers each month; day care immunization Audits; MOU's and MOA's with several community partners for various services, such as PPD's and immunizations.</li> <li>• Strike Team Events for this time frame include LOVE Day event and Wellness Event.</li> <li>• Upcoming Activities include Back to School Rush (immunization clinic); COVID-19 drive through testing (LTS), Monday through Friday 9am-2pm; Covid vaccine with current schedule; Child Health Fair, Saturday March 18<sup>th</sup>, Public Health Week.</li> </ul> <p>No other questions / comments.</p>		Item #6.
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<b>Adjourned</b>	Dr. Lopez adjourned the meeting at 2:12 p.m.		
<b>Respectfully submitted by:</b> Berta Cox, District Admin Operations Liaison			
<b>NEXT BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING</b>			
<b>Date/Time:</b> June 28, 2023, at 1:00 PM		<b>Place:</b> In-person: Administration Conference Room, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor, 2100 Comer Ave and via Teams Virtual Meeting (or phone)	

**COLUMBUS BOARD OF HEALTH**  
**Meeting Minutes**

District Administration Conference Room / MS Teams Hybrid Meeting

Item #6.

**Date:** June 28, 2023

**Presiding:** James Lopez, DDS

**Attending Board Members:** Sylvester McRae, MD; Joy Adegbile, MD; Devica Alappan, MD; Yasmin Cathright, Marci Norris (City Mgr. office)

**Not Present:** Rebecca Covington (Mayor's Office)

**Others Present:** Beverley Townsend, MD; Joanne Strickland; Steve Gunby; Pam Kirkland; Michelle Crawford; Kristi Ludy; Brandi Nelson; Latrice Johnson; Berta Cox; Jacqueline Knight, Jeananne Polhamus (MCSD)

Agenda Topic	Discussion	Decision	Responsibility
Call to order	Dr. Lopez: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.</li><li>Acknowledged a quorum was present.</li></ul>	Roll call was done by Berta Cox. A quorum was present.	None
Approval of Agenda	Dr. Lopez: Referred to the June meeting agenda as delivered to all board members. With no questions or discussion from the members, asked for a motion for approval of the agenda.	Motioned by Dr. Adegbile to accept Agenda as written; seconded by Yasmin Cathright; approved by all members present.	None
Discussion and Approval of Minutes	Dr. Lopez: Referred to minutes from May 24, 2023 meeting as delivered to all board members. With no questions or discussion from the members, asked for a motion for approval of the minutes.	Motioned by Dr. Adegbile to accept minutes as written; seconded by Yasmin Cathright; approved by all members present.	Berta Cox
Commissioner of Health Report	Dr. Beverley Townsend: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Stated that staff is working hard to complete closeout for this fiscal year that ends June 30<sup>th</sup>.</li><li>Stated that we recently received some information from the state that board of health members must meet in person by state law. Health department staff are not required to attend in person but can continue to attend virtually or by phone.</li></ul>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stated since COVID funding ends June 30, 2023 staff that were paid through those funds were given 60 days' notice that those jobs would be ending.</li> <li>Stated that we are in the process of setting up our mobile units to go out to provide services for those who are unable to come into our health departments due to things such as transportation problems.</li> </ul>		Item #6.
<b>Financial Report</b>	<p>Joanne Strickland, District Administrator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presented the FY23 financial overview as of May 31, 2023, emailed to all members and provided in notebooks for in-person members.</li> <li>Our FY23 current budget is \$11,381,543.00 There have been six budget revisions during this period. Line 3 shows total expenses through the end of May are \$10,554,700.31 which is on target for 11 months of operations and is 92% of our budget. Line 4 shows the comparison of expenses to last year with an increased variance of \$3,041,470.89. This is due to the cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) mentioned previously that all employees received, and we are also now centralized for payroll and accounting. Line 5 shows a total fee income is \$968,622.89 and lines 6 through 17 show the breakdown of fund sources and their comparison to the same time last year. Line 18 shows variance at a decrease of \$21,781.33 due mostly to less COVID19 vaccines being administered. Line 19 shows the prior year admin claiming income, which we received an increase of \$242,871.22.</li> </ul> <p>As always, we provide the backup spreadsheet by line item for expenses and revenue sources. Page 12 shows the total grants governed by the Columbus Board of Health (all are on target for 11 months of operation).</p> <p>No further comments/questions.</p>	The Financial Report is attached and made a part of these minutes.	None
<b>Excused Absences</b>	None	None	None
<b>Old Business</b>	<p>Dr. Lopez:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Asked for status of sink hole in parking lot at Columbus Health Department Building on Veterans Parkway. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Beverley Townsend stated the city has approved the contract for repairs to begin after July 4<sup>th</sup> with Wolford Contracting and Gordy Cons</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	None	None  2



Columbus and district; Move it Monday; Fatherhood Engagement job posting; District/Holiday closings; Harris County Farmer's Market for Seniors; Harris County Brain & Body Seminar; Scoliosis Awareness Month; Back to School Immunizations; Father's Day; Breast Feeding; Count the Kicks Program; Georgia Family Strong Families Training; Mayor's Summer Reading Club; Juneteenth; Alzheimer's Seminar; Hydrate my State; Harris County Teen Summit..

- TV/Radio/Print/Cable Specific/Social Media/Billboard Campaigns – Back to School Immunizations: Cure Violence campaign; Stop Vaping campaign; Fatherhood Initiative campaign.
- You Tube Channel – West Central Health District-TV commercials and videos, "This is Public Health."

No further questions / comments.

**Environmental Health** – Kristi Ludy:

Referred members to the Environmental Health report of activities covering the month May 2023.

- The Food and Service program has 680 permitted establishments, and 65 permitted schools. For the period May 1<sup>st</sup> – May 31<sup>st</sup> we have conducted 0 temporary food service inspections, 73 routine inspections, 0 follow up inspections, 5 initial inspections and 3 plan reviews. There were 3 informal inspections and 9 complaints and 8 complaint investigations.
- Public Swimming Pools, Spas, & Recreational Water Parks Program has 18 permitted public pools, conducted 1 permitting/opening inspection, 3-re-inspections for permitting and investigated no complaints.
- Tourist accommodations have 58 permitted establishments. We conducted 8 routine inspections, 0 informal inspections, 0 plan reviews, investigated 3 complaints, 4 complaint investigations.
- Body Art Studios – 20 studios and 82 permitted body artists, no routine inspections at this time and conducted 0 permitting/opening studio inspection.
- Rabies Control - there were 43 humans only exposure investigations, 0 animal-only exposure investigations and 2 human/animal exposure investigations. 24 animals were



confined, 3 animals tested for rabies, 0 positive animal Rabies cases and 21 lost animals.

- Vector Control Program investigated 24 complaints and 21 complaint investigations.
- On-Site Sewage Management Program issued 2 new system permits, 2 residential Installation Inspections, 2 repair permits, conducted 2 repair inspections, 0 sites were evaluated, 7 currently permitted sewage removal contractors, 3 septic pumper vehicle inspection and 0 complaints and 0 investigations.
- Pages 13 – 17 are the scores for all establishments that were inspected during the period.

No further questions / comments.

**Nursing** – Michelle Crawford, County Nurse Manager

Referred to the FY23 Nursing report, emailed to all members and provided in notebooks for in-person members, representing services provided to patients for the time of July 1, 2022, through May 31, 2023.

- Total patients receiving services during the reporting period is 10,159 in comparison to 15,108 at the same time last year.
- Community awareness activities continue: Muscogee County Attendance Panel (MCAP), via Zoom monthly; Children in Needs of Service Panel (CHINS), via Zoom monthly; Child Fatality Review (CFR), via Zoom monthly; Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) meeting monthly (face to face and via Zoom).
- Community collaborations continue with providing community education on COVID-19 as needed/requested. MOU's and MOA's with several community partners for various services, such as PPD's and immunizations.
- Activities for this time frame include continued COVID-19 drive through testing with LTS Monday – Friday from 9am – 2pm; COVID-19 vaccines Monday – Friday no appointment required; Monkey Pox Vaccination Clinic, Monday-Friday; Fast track clinic for STD testing and awareness; Covid-19 conference call with district staff and Nurse Managers each month; day care immunization Audits; DPH Public Health Fair.
- Strike Team Events for this time frame include Dream Center Event and CMAC Wellness Event.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Upcoming Activities include Back to School Rush (immunization clinic); COVID-19 drive through testing (LTS), Monday through Friday 9am-2pm; Covid vaccine with current schedule; COVID-19 Vaccines administered through April 30, 2023 =35,664.</li> </ul> <p>No other questions / comments.</p> <p><b>WIC</b> – Latrice Johnson, Nutrition Services Director</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Caseload for Muscogee County for May 2023 is 6068 participants.</li> <li>Enrollment for May 2023 6891 Participants – Women 1467, Infants 1551, total children 3873.</li> <li>Participation rate in keeping appointments is 77%.</li> <li>Farmers markets July 15<sup>th</sup>, July 21<sup>st</sup>, and August 5<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>WIC on Wheels mobile unit provides services every other Tuesday at the Columbus Library on Macon Road.</li> </ul> <p>No other questions / comments.</p>		Item #6.
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<b>Adjourned</b>	Dr. Lopez adjourned the meeting at 1:46 p.m.		
<b>Respectfully submitted by:</b> Berta Cox, District Admin Operations Liaison			
<b>NEXT BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING</b>			
<b>Date/Time:</b> August 23, 2023, at 1:00 PM		<b>Place:</b> In-person: Administration Conference Room, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor, 2100 Comer Ave	

**COLUMBUS BOARD OF HEALTH**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
Columbus Health Department Board Room

Item #6.

**Date:** August 23, 2023

**Presiding:** Dr. Beverley Townsend

**Attending Board Members:** Joy Adegbile, MD; Devica Alappan, MD; Yasmin Cathright, Marci Norris (City Mgr. office)

**Not Present:** Mayor Skip Henderson; James Lopez, DDS; Sylvester McRae, MD

**Others Present:** Kimberly Carr, Tori Endres, Joanne Strickland; Steve Gunby; Pam Kirkland; Michelle Crawford; Kristi Ludy; Brandi Nelson; Latrice Johnson; Berta Cox; Jacqueline Knight

Agenda Topic	Discussion	Decision	Responsibility
<b>Call to order</b>	Dr. Townsend: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Called the meeting to order at 1:06 pm.</li> <li>Acknowledged a quorum was present.</li> </ul>		None
<b>Approval of Agenda</b>	Dr. Townsend: Referred to the August meeting agenda as delivered to all board members. With no questions or discussion from the members, asked for a motion for approval of the agenda.	Motioned by Yasmine Cathright to accept Agenda as written; seconded by Dr. Alappan; approved by all members present.	None
<b>Discussion and Approval of Minutes</b>	Dr. Townsend: Referred to minutes from June 28, 2023 meeting as delivered to all board members. With no questions or discussion from the members, asked for a motion for approval of the minutes.	Motioned by Dr. Alappan to accept minutes as written; seconded by Dr. Adegbile; approved by all members present.	Berta Cox
<b>Commissioner of Health Report</b>	Dr. Townsend: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcomed back everyone to in person meetings.</li> <li>Announced and introduced our new District Program Manager, Kimberly Carr, Ph.D., MPH.</li> <li>Stated that staff received a \$2000 increase in salaries from the state. However, we were only funded 85% of those increases and the rest will come out of the Health Department budget.</li> </ul>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reminded members that board of health members must meet in person by state law.</li> <li>Asked the Board members to advocate for public health with their representative and be aware of the bills concerning public health.</li> <li>Announced that we will be having a staff appreciation day coming up on September 29, 2023.</li> <li>Announced that the pandemic officially ended on May 11<sup>th</sup>. Covid is not gone, it is still around. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Alappan asked if there would still be some Covid Clinics.</li> <li>Dr. Townsend explained that Covid funding ended on June 30<sup>th</sup>. We are in the process of setting up mobile units to go out to provide services. At home Covid tests are still available and are on the mobile unit also.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Thanked the board for their continued support.</li> </ul>		Item #6.
<b>Financial Report</b>	<p>Joanne Strickland, District Administrator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presented the FY23 financial overview as of June 30, 2023. The final budget was \$11,572,019.00 with seven budget revisions. Total expenses were \$11,572,018.67. Total fee income was \$1,182,880.98 and lines 6 through 17 show the breakdown of fund sources and their comparison to the same time last year. Page 10 shows the total grants governed by the Columbus Board of Health (all were on target for 12 months of operation).</li> <li>Presented the FY24 overview as of July 31, 2023. The current budget is \$12,229,393.00. Expenses are \$883,222.42 which is below target for 1 month of operation and is 7.22% of our budget. Total fee income is \$138,858.98 and lines 6 through 17 show the breakdown of fund sources and their comparison to the same time last year. Page 14 shows the total grants governed by the Columbus Board of Health (all are on target for 1 month of operation).</li> </ul> <p>No further comments/questions.</p>	The Financial Report is attached and made a part of these minutes.	None
<b>Excused Absences</b>	Dr. McRae and Dr. Lopez	None	None

Old Business	Dr. Townsend: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Stated that they are getting ready to patch the holes in the parking lot and that it should be completed soon.</li></ul>	None	None	Item #6.
New Business	None	None	None	
Program Reports	<p><b>Epidemiology</b> – Brandi Nelson, Epidemiologist Supervisor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Shared a news release showing “Georgia Sees Uptick in COVID Cases”. There is a new variant EG.5 which has been nicknamed “Eris” and is the dominant COVID Variant spreading in the US.</li><li>Stated DPH is aware of a resurgence of mpox cases in the summer months surrounding large events and is monitoring closely cases in Georgia.</li></ul> <p>No further comments/questions</p> <p><b>Public Information</b> - Pam Kirkland, Public Information Officer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Reported on July and August press releases, media interviews, social media posts, and tv, radio and billboard campaigns.</li></ul> <p>No further questions / comments.</p> <p><b>Environmental Health</b> – Kristi Ludy, EH District Director:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Presented the report on Environmental Health activities for July 2023 including Vector Control complaints.</li><li>Stated pages 18 – 27 are the scores for all establishments that were inspected during the period.</li></ul> <p>No further questions / comments.</p> <p><b>Nursing</b> – Michelle Crawford, County Nurse Manager:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Presented the FY23 Nursing report, emailed to all members and provided in notebooks for in-person members, representing services provided to patients for the time of July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023 including activities and events.</li><li>Presented the FY24 Nursing report representing services provided to patients for the time of July 1, 2023, through July 31, 2023 including activities and events.</li></ul> <p>No further other questions / comments.</p>	Program reports are attached and made part of these minutes.	None	

	<b>WIC – LaTrice Johnson, Nutrition Services Director:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presented WIC overview for July 2023 including participant numbers and events.</li> </ul> No other questions / comments.		<div>Item #6.</div>
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<b>Adjourned</b>	Dr. Townsend adjourned the meeting at 1:49 p.m.		
<b>Respectfully submitted by:</b> Berta Cox, District Admin Operations Liaison			
<b>NEXT BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING</b>			
<b>Date/Time: September 27, 2023, at 1:00 PM</b>		<b>Place: In-person: Columbus Health Department Board Room</b>	



# Columbus, Georgia, Board of Tax Assessors

**GEORGIA'S FIRST CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT**

Item #6.

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Vice Chairman

Chief Appraiser  
Suzanne Widenhouse

## MINUTES #32-23

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Jayne Govar calls the Columbus, Georgia Board of Assessors' meeting to order on Monday, September 18, 2023, at 9:00 A.M.

### PRESENT ARE:

Chairman Jayne Govar  
Vice Chairman Trey Carmack  
Assessor Lanitra Sandifer Hicks  
Assessor Kathy Jones  
Assessor Todd Hammonds  
Chief Appraiser/Secretary Suzanne Widenhouse  
Recording Secretary Katrina Culpepper

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Assessor Hammonds motions to accept agenda with noted change. Assessor Jones seconds and the motion carries.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Assessor Jones motions to accept minutes as presented. Assessor Sandifer Hicks seconds and the motion carries.

At 9:15, Taxpayer Mr. Pettigrew discussed his issue with his homestead exemption for years 2021, 2022, & 2023. Unfortunately, due to Georgia law, there is nothing the Board can do to resolve this issue. Referred to David Britt in Tax Commissioners office.

At 9:55, Administrative Division Manager Leilani Floyd presents to the Board:

- Certification of Appeals – Placed into record.

At 9:57, Personal Property Manager Stacy Pollard presents to the Board:

- Late Filing - Signed & Approved.
- Motor Vehicle Appeal – Signed & Approved.
- A4 Appeals – Signed & Approved.

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At 10:11, Residential Division Property Manager Paul Borst presents to the Board:

- A4 Agenda - Signed & Approved.
- CUVA Renewal - Signed & Approved.

At 10:16, Commercial Division Property Manager Jeff Milam presents to the Board:

- A4 Agenda - Vice Chairman Carmack recused himself from #184 004 006 – Signed & Approved.
- A4H Agenda Hearing Officer – Signed & Approved.

At 10:35, Deputy Chief Appraiser Glen Thomason presents to the Board:

- Map Splits - #099 008 022 & 024; 180 006 003 & 010 - Signed & Approved.

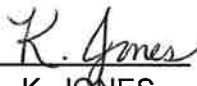
At 10:39, Chairman Govar adjourns the meeting without any objections.

Suzanne Widenhouse  
Chief Appraiser/Secretary

APPROVED:  9/25/2023

  
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CHAIRMAN

  
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**MIN# 33 - 23 SEP 25 2023**



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## MINUTES #33-23

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Jayne Govar calls the Columbus, Georgia Board of Assessors' meeting to order on Monday, September 25, 2023, at 9:00 A.M.

### PRESENT ARE:

Chairman Jayne Govar  
Vice Chairman Trey Carmack  
Assessor Lanitra Sandifer Hicks  
Assessor Kathy Jones  
Assessor Todd Hammonds  
Deputy Chief Appraiser Glen Thomason  
Recording Secretary Katrina Culpepper

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Assessor Jones motions to accept agenda. Assessor Hammonds seconds and the motion carries.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Assessor Hammonds motions to accept minutes as presented. Assessor Jones seconds and the motion carries.

At 9:03, Administrative Division Manager Leilani Floyd presents to the Board:

- Homesteads – Signed & Approved.

At 9:08, Personal Property Manager Stacy Pollard presents to the Board:

- Late Filing - Signed & Approved.
- A4 Appeals – Signed & Approved.

At 9:13, Residential Division Property Manager Paul Borst presents to the Board:

- Value Correction - #127 001 030/127 001 030H – Signed & Approved.
- A4 Agenda - Signed & Approved.
- A2 Agenda - Signed & Approved.

At 9:20, Commercial Division Property Manager Jeff Milam presents to the Board:

- A4 Agenda - Vice Chairman Carmack recused himself from #026 013 002 & 027 010 017 – Signed & Approved.
- A4H Agenda Hearing Officer – Signed & Approved.

At 9:38, Deputy Chief Appraiser Glen Thomason presents to the Board:

- Map Splits - #084 013 029 & 084 013 084 - Signed & Approved. Parcel #'s 165 001 035 & 165 001 029 pulled for further review.

At 9:44, Deputy Chief Appraiser Glen Thomason presents for Chief Appraiser Widenhouse to the Board:

- Taxpayer Refund Request – Vice Chairman Carmack motions for no refund. Assessor Hammonds seconds and the motion carries.

Vice Chairman Carmack motions to excuse Assessor Jones on Monday, Oct 16<sup>th</sup>. Assessor Hammonds seconds and the motion carries.

At 9:49, Chairman Govar adjourns the meeting without any objections.

Suzanne Widenhouse  
Chief Appraiser/Secretary

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

**MIN# 34 - 23 OCT 2 2023**

J. GOVAR  
CHAIRMAN

~~ABSENT~~ *In late*  
L. SANDIFER HICKS  
ASSESSOR

*K. Jones*  
K. JONES  
ASSESSOR

~~ABSENT~~ *In late*  
T.A. HAMMONDS  
ASSESSOR

*T. Carmack*  
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VICE CHAIRMAN

BOARD MINUTES  
OF THE  
HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

July 25, 2023

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of the Hospital Authority of Columbus, Georgia (HAC) was held at 3:30 PM on Tuesday, July 25, 2023. The meeting was held in the conference room at Orchard View on Whitesville Road in Columbus, Georgia. A notice was emailed to each member of the Board prior to the meeting. A copy of the notice was posted more than 24 hours before the meeting on the door of the building in which the meeting was held.

Present at the meeting were Chairman Ernie Smallman, Vice Chairwoman Sarah Lang, members Mike Welch, Warner Kennon, Jr., Chuck Hecht, and Betty Tatum. Member Dr. John Kingsbury was excused. Members Cynthia Jordan and Jennings Chester were unexcused.

Britt Hayes, CEO, Rick Alibozek, CFO, and Jack P. Schley, Secretary/Attorney, were also present at the meeting.

INVOCATION AND WELCOME

Chairman Ernie Smallman called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Britt opened the meeting with a prayer.

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

It was determined by Ernie that a quorum was present.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Minutes for the June 27, 2023 Board meeting were reviewed. Sarah moved for their approval and Chuck seconded the motion. The June 2023 Board Minutes were unanimously approved.

## BOARD BUSINESS

Jack called for nominations from the Board for names of individuals to fill the seat of Jennings Chester. Ernie and Chuck each stated they had contacted individuals about the seat and all individuals who responded declined the position due to conflicts. Jack asked the Board to continue in its efforts to located potential interested persons to fill the seat.

Jack called on Rick to discuss a contract he signed on behalf of HAC with BMI. Rick stated BMI has contacted HAC multiple times about HAC obtaining a license to broadcast music in its facilities. The license allows music produced by artists represented by BMI to be played in HAC's facilities without violating the federal Copyright Act. The annual fee for the license is based on the highest number of beds HAC reports each year as occupied. The fee for 2023 is \$1,465.75. According to Jack, the license will help to ensure that HAC is compliant with the Copyright Act.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Britt Hayes gave the President's report:

**2023 Bond Issuance:** Britt reported that a successful bid for refunding the 2013 bond has been obtained. He recounted that the attempts to refund the bond in May of 2023 did not yield sufficient savings with the lowest offered interest rate of 3.34%. This week, a bid of 2.79999% interest was offered by Wells Fargo, which will generate a savings of about \$1.32 million (5.5% savings) over the remaining life of the loan, or about \$130,000 annually. Including the refunding fees of about \$380,000, the final interest rate is about 3.03%. Britt indicated that HAC wishes to move forward with accepting the offer. Britt introduced to the Board HAC's bond counsel, who were present at the meeting, and counsel presented the necessary bond paperwork for the Board's consideration. If passed by the Board and adopted by city council, the closing for the refunding will occur on August 24, 2023 in time for a report at the next Board meeting. Britt introduced

Courtney Rogers from Davenport & Company, who presented the details of the refunding to the Board as well as a proposed resolution for the Board to consider to approve the refunding. Following the presentation, Chuck moved to adopt the proposed resolution. Warner seconded the motion. After further discussion, the resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board, and signed by Ernie and Jack.

**5 Year Strategic Plan:** Britt reported that, following the results of the SWOT analysis, HAC, in conjunction with CSU, has prepared a five year strategic plan with input from frontline workers. According the Britt, this is the first such plan implemented by HAC. Britt indicated this plan should help to orient and guide HAC and its staff for progressing over the next five years.

**Brookstone Parcel:** Britt reported that HAC has received an offer of \$885,000 for a 14.9 acre parcel in Brookstone Centre, which was acquired by HAC several years ago at a cost of \$885,000. Britt indicated the parcel is not suitable for development due to the presence of powerlines and a pond on the lot, nor is it in a desirable area for a nursing home. According to Britt, the sale would result in a break-even for HAC because there are no fees, commissions, or taxes associated with the land or sale. There is a long due diligence period, and the closing would occur in January of 2024. Chuck moved to accept the offer and approve the sale, which was seconded by Sarah. Following discussion, the Board unanimously approved the sale at the offered price.

**BRONZE Quality Award Press Releases:** Britt reported that the Bronze National Quality Award designated to all three of HAC's facilities has been covered by the local press and news networks. Britt indicated he received calls from other nursing home administrators across the state offering congratulations to HAC for the achievement.

**Medicaid Rates:** Britt reported that Medicaid rates have increased which will result in increases in income across all of HAC's facilities. According to Britt, the Medicaid daily rates per resident in Ridgecrest were increased from \$284 to \$333, from \$267 to \$293 at Muscogee Manor, and from \$242 to \$285 at Orchard View.

Britt also indicated that pay raises have been implemented for clinical staff: CNA and LPN hourly rates increased by \$3, and dietary/housekeeping/laundry rates increased as well. Ernie commented that this should help to make HAC a competitive employer in Columbus, and increased staff retention should enable growth in census for all of HAC's facilities.

**New Initiatives:** Britt reported that WTVM advertisements for HAC's job fair received strong attention, and Goodwill shared the ads with its email list of 4,300 potential job seekers. Britt reported that, in response to the ads, HAC received 22 applications and hired 20 new staff to fill vacancies primarily in the dietary and housekeeping roles at Orchard View and Muscogee Manor.

Britt reported that HAC has received and reviewed an offer from Bristol Facilities Healthcare Support Services for outsourcing HAC's dietary and housekeeping services. Britt indicated that Bristol is familiar with the industry, but outsourcing to Bristol would increase expenses by half a million dollars annually. For this reason, Britt declined any further consultation from Bristol, but wanted the Board to know that HAC is considering all available options for improving its services. Britt also reviewed devices for on-site medical waste disposal and spoke to an administrator at another nursing home that uses the devices. According to Britt, these new devices are also expensive and would not easily conform with HAC's current infrastructure. Britt indicated that he is exploring other options for improving medical waste disposal at HAC's facilities.



Britt indicated that HAC hosted a recent meeting of Professionals Serving Older Adults, a local association, at Ridgecrest. Britt reported the meeting was well attended and that he met several individuals who were new to him. Britt commented that hosting the event was a good method of community outreach for HAC to be in contact with other local providers in the industry. Warner asked about the results of shifting to the 12-hour shift schedule, and Britt reported that staff are still adjusting to the change, but there have been no complaints so far. According to Britt, staffing on the weekends continues to be difficult.

Britt reported that HAC has commenced with a 6-month transition to International Dysphagia Standardization Initiative, which is a new initiative increasing in popularity across the industry. Also, Britt reported that HAC has renewed its association with Safehouse Columbus for another year.

**COVID-19 Update:** Britt reported that Ridgecrest is currently in a 14-day lockdown due to a Covid-19 outbreak amongst staff in that facility. Britt also reported that an annual Department of Health audit of vaccine providers was passed without any comments or citations. According to Britt, a new vaccine combining flu and Covid shots should be publicly available by the end of September 2023. Also, NHSN will no longer report primary vaccinations; only boosters.

**OIG Federal Audit:** Rick reported that HAC passed, without comment or an exit interview, an audit of the \$3.3 million received as stimulus payments during Covid. Only thirty organizations nationwide were selected for the audit, and no issues arose for HAC as a result of being selected for the audit.

**City Pension Contributions:** Rick indicated that HAC froze its participation in the city pension plan because many staff members did not want to participate in the plan. Consequently,

HAC has partially transitioned to a 403(b) plan, which will generate a savings of about \$560,000 annually.

**Year End Audit:** Rick reported that Forvis has begun its annual audit, the results of which should be presented at the October Board meeting.

#### CFO'S REPORT

Rick Alibozek presented the Financial and Statistical Reports.

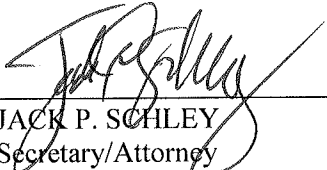

**Statistical Report:** Attached to these Minutes is the FY 2023 YTD Statistical Report.

**Financial Report:** Attached to these Minutes is the Hospital Authority of Columbus YTD Consolidated Income Statement through June 30, 2023.

#### NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 29, 2023.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

  
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JACK P. SCHLEY  
Secretary/Attorney  
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ERNEST SMALLMAN, IV  
Chairman

HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS  
FY 2023 YTD Statistical Report

	June	May	Apr	Mar	Feb	Jan	Dec	Nov	Oct	Sept	August	July	Average	Prior Year
<b>Orchard View</b>														
% Occupancy	66.60%	64.92%	64.70%	66.10%	64.98%	63.37%	62.18%	64.08%	68.05%	66.07%	63.32%	62.63%	64.75%	60.27%
Medicaid%	66.82%	67.40%	66.28%	71.79%	63.04%	64.70%	64.59%	66.11%	65.32%	68.95%	72.90%	72.98%	67.57%	76.76%
Medicare%	9.81%	9.09%	10.10%	13.03%	12.81%	9.52%	10.61%	12.02%	12.82%	10.42%	4.95%	8.65%	10.32%	6.94%
Private %	14.11%	13.71%	12.83%	12.71%	16.02%	13.77%	12.76%	11.13%	11.42%	10.19%	11.08%	6.77%	12.21%	7.19%
Hospice %	5.51%	5.86%	5.87%	0.00%	6.54%	9.65%	10.48%	9.13%	7.70%	7.24%	8.02%	8.34%	7.03%	7.66%
ADV %	3.75%	3.93%	4.92%	2.46%	1.59%	2.37%	1.56%	1.64%	2.74%	3.20%	3.01%	3.26%	2.87%	1.45%
Daily Medicare and ADV Census	18.07	16.90	19.44	20.49	18.71	15.06	15.13	17.50	21.16	18.00	10.13	14.90	17.12	10.19
Employment (Full Time Equivalents)	168.33	163.52	166.73	166.53	169.20	180.11	177.36	168.76	171.00	183.37	182.03	190.35	173.94	195.23
<b>Ridgecrest</b>														
% Occupancy	32.74%	29.95%	29.52%	28.99%	31.12%	29.95%	27.73%	24.72%	29.38%	26.23%	26.73%	24.42%	28.46%	23.59%
Medicaid%	50.91%	52.56%	45.70%	49.14%	34.15%	44.10%	44.60%	48.96%	36.34%	34.95%	26.72%	29.09%	41.44%	24.48%
Medicare%	23.15%	16.28%	23.12%	19.21%	22.13%	22.18%	16.07%	18.30%	32.55%	23.75%	23.28%	25.00%	22.09%	40.99%
Private %	19.39%	23.21%	21.37%	24.24%	24.86%	23.85%	28.39%	22.47%	16.60%	23.90%	31.61%	37.74%	24.80%	24.27%
Hospice %	0.00%	2.05%	4.03%	0.00%	3.83%	3.97%	4.29%	4.82%	7.32%	9.08%	8.91%	6.76%	4.59%	1.82%
ADV %	6.55%	5.90%	5.78%	7.42%	15.03%	5.90%	6.65%	5.46%	7.19%	8.32%	9.48%	1.42%	7.09%	8.50%
Daily Medicare and ADV Census	8.17	5.58	7.16	6.49	9.72	7.06	5.29	4.93	9.80	7.06	7.36	5.42	7.00	9.70
Employment (Full Time Equivalents)	34.42	34.91	34.29	34.43	35.01	36.89	36.65	32.35	32.16	31.72	28.75	30.21	33.48	32.24
<b>Muscogee Manor</b>														
% Occupancy	50.61%	52.19%	53.25%	53.80%	55.10%	53.83%	53.18%	54.52%	56.20%	57.50%	55.89%	55.00%	54.26%	59.69%
Medicaid%	90.49%	89.25%	89.40%	96.02%	92.03%	88.17%	90.36%	90.74%	88.67%	84.65%	88.43%	89.47%	89.86%	90.85%
Medicare%	2.65%	2.14%	1.66%	1.62%	1.32%	1.13%	0.34%	1.97%	3.13%	4.53%	2.65%	0.60%	1.98%	4.29%
Private %	1.01%	2.59%	2.87%	2.36%	-0.10%	2.84%	2.63%	1.87%	1.00%	0.98%	1.27%	1.47%	1.73%	0.87%
Hospice %	5.85%	6.02%	6.07%	0.00%	6.28%	6.85%	5.97%	4.99%	5.42%	5.97%	6.83%	7.03%	5.61%	3.06%
ADV %	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.46%	1.01%	0.09%	0.44%	1.78%	3.87%	0.82%	1.43%	0.83%	0.93%
Daily Medicare and ADV Census	2.63	2.19	1.73	1.71	1.93	2.25	0.45	2.57	5.42	9.47	3.80	2.20	3.03	5.55
Employment (Full Time Equivalents)	119.62	114.88	116.09	117.23	125.47	130.44	132.62	127.04	130.04	130.77	125.51	121.46	124.26	114.82
<b>Muscogee Home Health</b>														
Employment (Full Time Equivalents)										1.18	2.35	3.21	2.25	6.84

HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS  
12 MONTH MOVING STATISTICAL REPORT

	Jun-23	May-23	Apr-23	Mar-23	Feb-23	Jan-23	Dec-22	Nov-22	Oct-22	Sep-22	Aug-22	Jul-22	Jun-22	13 Mth Average	Prior Year Avg
<b>Orchard View</b>															
% Occupancy	66.60%	64.32%	64.70%	66.10%	64.98%	63.37%	62.18%	64.08%	64.05%	66.07%	63.32%	62.65%	63.13%	64.63%	60.01%
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Employment (Full Time Equivalents)	168.33	165.52	166.73	166.53	169.20	180.11	177.36	168.76	171.00	183.37	182.03	190.35	190.52	175.21	395.84
<b>Redcrest</b>															
% Occupancy	32.74%	29.95%	29.52%	28.99%	31.12%	29.95%	27.73%	24.72%	29.38%	26.23%	26.73%	24.42%	25.31%	28.26%	23.45%
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Private %	19.39%	23.21%	21.37%	24.26%	24.85%	29.85%	28.39%	22.47%	16.60%	23.90%	31.61%	37.74%	35.22%	25.60%	23.05%
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Employment (Full Time Equivalents)	34.42	34.91	34.29	34.43	35.01	36.89	36.65	32.35	32.16	31.72	28.75	30.21	34.66	33.59	32.59
<b>Muscogee Manor</b>															
% Occupancy	50.61%	52.19%	53.25%	53.80%	55.10%	53.83%	53.18%	54.52%	56.20%	57.50%	55.89%	55.00%	54.68%	54.26%	60.17%
Medicaid%	90.45%	89.25%	89.40%	96.02%	92.03%	88.17%	90.96%	90.74%	88.67%	84.65%	88.43%	83.47%	81.10%	83.55%	91.30%
Medicare%	2.65%	2.14%	1.66%	1.62%	1.32%	1.13%	0.34%	1.97%	3.13%	4.53%	2.65%	0.60%	3.05%	2.06%	4.33%
Private %	1.01%	2.59%	2.87%	2.36%	-0.10%	2.84%	2.63%	1.87%	1.00%	0.98%	1.27%	1.47%	0.78%	1.66%	0.73%
Hospice %	5.85%	6.07%	6.07%	0.00%	6.28%	6.85%	5.97%	4.99%	5.40%	5.97%	6.83%	7.03%	4.57%	5.53%	2.50%
ADW %	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.46%	1.01%	0.09%	0.09%	1.78%	3.87%	0.82%	1.43%	0.50%	0.80%	0.94%
Daily Medicare and ADW Census	2.63	2.19	1.73	1.71	1.93	2.25	0.45	2.57	5.42	9.47	3.80	2.30	3.80	3.09	5.64
Employment (Full Time Equivalents)	119.67	114.88	116.09	117.23	125.47	130.44	132.62	127.04	130.04	130.77	125.51	121.46	114.53	123.52	114.46
<b>Muscogee Home Health</b>															
Employment (Full Time Equivalents)									1.18		2.35	3.21	3.62	3.87	7.07

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**CONSOLIDATED SUMMARY REPORT**  
**MONTH ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

	Orchard View	Home Office	Ridgecrest	Muscogee Manor	Total Nursing Home	Cobles PCH	Muscogee Home Health	River Mill	Consolidated
<b>BALANCE SHEET</b>									
Cash	\$ 6,231,101	\$ -	\$ 7,742,106	\$ 9,146,507	\$ 23,119,714	\$ 9,265	\$ 86	\$ 2,862,651	\$ 25,991,716
Other Current Assets	1,694,376	-	467,240	1,221,231	3,382,847	1,513	5,398	-	3,389,758
Intercompany Balances	18,818,304	-	528,406	(9,723,037)	9,623,673	(6,386,177)	(2,314,978)	(922,518)	-
Noncurrent Assets	34,634,027	-	35,601,706	7,218,308	77,454,041	154,898	83,642	564,920	78,257,501
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 61,377,808</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 44,339,458</b>	<b>\$ 7,863,009</b>	<b>\$ 113,580,275</b>	<b>\$ (6,220,501)</b>	<b>\$ (2,225,852)</b>	<b>\$ 2,505,053</b>	<b>\$ 107,638,975</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 1,722,766</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 823,623</b>	<b>\$ 780,982</b>	<b>\$ 3,327,371</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 4,418</b>	<b>\$ 71</b>	<b>\$ 3,331,860</b>
Non-current Liabilities (excluding bonds)	7,463,067	-	3,196,985	4,648,578	15,308,630	360,100	450,668	-	16,119,398
Bonds Payable	23,587,194	-	29,726,496	-	53,313,690	-	-	-	53,313,690
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>32,773,027</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>33,747,104</b>	<b>5,429,560</b>	<b>71,949,691</b>	<b>360,100</b>	<b>455,086</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>72,764,948</b>
<b>Fund Balance</b>	<b>28,604,781</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,592,354</b>	<b>2,433,449</b>	<b>41,630,584</b>	<b>(6,580,601)</b>	<b>(2,680,938)</b>	<b>2,504,982</b>	<b>34,874,027</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ 61,377,808</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 44,339,458</b>	<b>\$ 7,863,009</b>	<b>\$ 113,580,275</b>	<b>\$ (6,220,501)</b>	<b>\$ (2,225,852)</b>	<b>\$ 2,505,053</b>	<b>\$ 107,638,975</b>
<b>INCOME STATEMENT</b>									
Revenue	\$ 1,507,638	\$ 39,333	\$ 306,451	\$ 1,203,243	\$ 3,056,665	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,057,665
Operating Expenses	1,389,548	122,163	454,303	1,132,921	3,098,935	504	(13,536)	2,271	3,088,174
Net Profit (Loss) before Noncash expense	118,090	(82,830)	(147,852)	70,322	(42,270)	496	13,536	(2,271)	(30,509)
Provision for Bad debts	(26,197)	-	(6,467)	23,653	(9,011)	-	(21,970)	-	(30,981)
Interest expense	(60,062)	-	(81,232)	-	(141,294)	-	-	-	(141,294)
Depreciation and Amortization	(89,839)	-	(95,883)	(15,565)	(201,287)	(377)	-	-	(201,664)
Current Month Income (loss)	\$ (58,008)	\$ (82,830)	\$ (331,434)	\$ 78,410	\$ (393,862)	\$ 119	\$ (8,434)	\$ (2,271)	\$ (404,448)
YTD Income (loss)	\$ 787,064	\$ (1,710,519)	\$ (2,802,784)	\$ 1,086,953	\$ (2,639,286)	\$ 818	\$ (89,781)	\$ (7,671)	\$ (2,735,920)
YTD Net Income (loss)	\$ (58,008)	\$ (82,830)	\$ (331,434)	\$ 78,410	\$ (393,862)	\$ 119	\$ (8,434)	\$ (2,271)	\$ (404,448)
Add: Depreciation	89,839	-	95,883	15,565	201,287	377	-	-	201,664
Add: Interest Expense	60,062	-	81,232	-	141,294	-	-	-	141,294
Less: Monthly bond payment	(197,445)	-	(144,554)	-	(341,999)	-	-	-	(341,999)
Less: Property & Equipment Additions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net Cash Flow	\$ (105,552)	\$ (82,830)	\$ (298,873)	\$ 93,975	\$ (393,280)	\$ 496	\$ (8,434)	\$ (2,271)	\$ (403,489)

BOARD MINUTES  
OF THE  
HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA  
August 29, 2023

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of the Hospital Authority of Columbus, Georgia (HAC) was held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, August 29, 2023. The meeting was held in the conference room at Orchard View on Whitesville Road in Columbus, Georgia, and by Zoom video conference. A notice was emailed to each member of the Board prior to the meeting. A copy of the notice was posted more than 24 hours before the meeting on the door of the building in which the meeting was held.

Present at the meeting were Chairman Ernie Smallman, Vice Chairwoman Sarah Lang, members Dr. John Kingsbury, Warner Kennon, Jr., Chuck Hecht, and Betty Tatum. Members Mike Welch and Jennings Chester were excused. Member Cynthia Jordan was unexcused.

Britt Hayes, CEO, Rick Alibozek, CFO, and Jack P. Schley, Secretary/Attorney, were also present at the meeting.

INVOCATION AND WELCOME

The meeting was called to order and Betty opened the meeting with a prayer.

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

It was determined by Sarah that a quorum was present.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Minutes for the July 25, 2023 Board meeting were reviewed. Chuck moved for their approval and Warner seconded the motion. The July 2023 Board Minutes were unanimously approved.



## BOARD BUSINESS

Jack reported there were no present nominations for the seat of Jennings Chester, and asked the Board to submit names of eligible individuals.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Britt Hayes gave the President's report:

**2023 Bond Issuance - Closed:** Britt reported that the bond issuance closed on August 24, 2023. Britt thanked the Board for its assistance with closing the bond.

**MHH Sale - Closed:** Britt reported that the sale of Muscogee Home Health to Pruitt closed on August 21, 2023, which generated a profit to HAC of \$275,000. Additionally, Britt added that the former Muscogee Home Health building will be leased for \$5,000 per month starting next month in September.

**Ridgecrest Annual Survey Results:** Britt reported that the frequency of surveys declined during Covid, and that Ridgecrest had not been surveyed since November of 2021; until surveyors arrived at Ridgecrest the last weekend of July and stayed for three days. Britt reported that only low-level citations were issued by the surveyors, which have all been addressed: plans of correction have been submitted and accepted. Britt is now waiting for a return to substantial compliance to be issued for Ridgecrest. Britt commented on the success of having additional staff with administrator certification during this survey because the Administrator of Ridgecrest was out for mandatory quarantine following a positive Covid diagnosis. Other staff with administrator certification were able to fill the gap which assisted the survey process.

**Silver Quality Award:** Britt emphasized the high level of attention to quality patient care by HAC, and reminded the Board that all three HAC facilities received the national Bronze Quality Award recognition in June of this year. The next award level is Silver, and Britt says HAC is

working to achieve this recognition. Britt reported that meetings are being held weekly to review the criteria and discuss implementation and achievement of those criteria. According to Britt, only 63 skilled nursing facilities out of 15,600 in the U.S. received the Silver Award in 2023 for a total of about 800 active Silver Award facilities nation-wide. Britt hopes all of HAC's facilities will be eligible for the Silver Quality Award in the next twelve months.

**New Initiatives:** Britt reported that he and Rick have reviewed each of HAC's vendors and exhausted nearly all options to trim the budget by changing vendors. The final vendor for review is the pharmaceutical vendor for HAC. Britt met with Pharmerica (which is partially owned by Walgreens) as a potential vendor but its prices are higher than HAC's current provider. Britt indicated his market research is revealing the current vendor is competitive and any minor savings may not be worth the trouble of switching to a new vendor. The current vendor is performing well according to Britt, but he has additional meetings scheduled with other vendors to review all available options.

Britt reported that he attended National Seniors Day, which was championed by City Councilor Toyia Tucker, and that it was a nice event. Britt emphasized that these types of events are good opportunities to market HAC and show its presence in the community.

Two HAC administrators will be enrolled in Healthcare Quality Certified Professional Training: Dean Tovey and Kyle Fisette. The program is a year-long course and Britt expects this training will contribute to advancements in HAC's overall quality of care.

A high percentage of HAC's residents suffer from some degree of dementia according to Britt. Ridgecrest recently received a scholarship to participate in a two-month program called Dementia Beyond Drugs which trains staff to treat dementia without administering drugs. Britt indicated more information on this program will be provided next month.

Britt also held a recent meeting of the Columbus Administrators Coalition Alliance. The primary topic of discussion during this meeting was recent experiences with surveyors. Britt indicated these meetings are intended to improve patient care across the community through communication between different facilities.

**COVID-19 Update:** Britt reported that Orchard View and Muscogee Manor are in outbreak status due to positive Covid tests amongst staff and residents at those facilities. Ridgecrest, however, has been removed from outbreak status. Britt indicated that Covid is very present in the community and is not expected to disappear; although, the symptoms of the current strains are less serious and more similar to the symptoms of the flu or the common cold than the first strain of Covid.

**Census Update:** Britt reported that increases in census have necessitated the opening of the Garden View unit at Orchard View and the Odell wing at Muscogee Manor. All units at Orchard View are now open according to Britt. These increases in census amounted to 19 new residents between these two facilities, and Britt was pleased to report the opening of the additional units and thinks this may indicate a trend moving forward for more increases in census overall. Additionally, Britt reported that HAC has repealed a policy of charging an extra \$10 per day at Ridgecrest for private rooms with a shared bathroom. Britt explained that Ridgecrest was previously advertised as offering private rooms. While these are private rooms, these rooms share a common bathroom. Residents and families objected to the additional charge on the basis of the rooms not being fully private due to the shared bathroom, and the difficulty with paying the out-of-pocket additional cost of the room. The rooms have been rebranded as semi-private rooms, and the additional charge has been dropped. This is expected to attract more Medicaid residents who could not have been able

to pay the additional charge. Private rooms at Ridgecrest with individual bathrooms continue to carry an additional fee of \$15 per day.

Britt mentioned a facility in Phenix City, Alabama, which was recently found liable for falsifying records of staff work schedules. Britt emphasized that HAC is always focused on doing the right thing in the right way and for the right reasons to prevent headlines like the one surrounding the facility in Phenix City. Sarah asked and Britt confirmed that HAC does have an insurance policy for events such as this.

**4% Increase in Medicare Rates:** Rick reported that, effective October 1, 2023, Medicare rates have increased by 4% which should yield an additional \$60,000 in revenue for HAC. Rick indicated this increase is sufficient to hire one additional staff member.

**Year End Audit:** Rick reported that the audit is on time for presentation in October, and that he is expecting pension information to be available soon.

**Miscellaneous:** Rick announced that Orchard View switched its media provider from Mediacom to Retirement Home TV resulting in a difference of thousands of dollars in savings each month. HAC is now implementing the same change at Muscogee Manor and the savings will be use to provide a television to each resident. Rick emphasized the importance of television to the residents and how advertising a facility as having individual televisions is effective marketing for that facility. Britt commented that although Retirement Home TV is a satellite provider, so far Orchard View has experienced less outages than with Mediacom which is a cable provider.

Dr. Kingsbury inquired about the status of the change in work schedules to twelve-hour shifts. Britt and Rick reported that adjustments are still being made and it is still too early to judge the effect of the change, but overall, the change seems to be showing good results.

Britt reported he is closely monitoring Hurricane Idalia which is expected to make landfall on Florida's west coast tomorrow morning. Current projections do not show severe weather hitting Columbus, but Britt has met with maintenance staff to prepare just in case by checking generators and reviewing emergency plans. Britt also commented on the fact that Orchard View was built to withstand hurricanes using steel walls, stormproof windows, hurricane rated roof systems, back-up generators, and independent wells to ensure access to fresh water.

#### CFO'S REPORT

Rick Alibozek presented the Financial and Statistical Reports.

**Statistical Report:** Attached to these Minutes is the FY 2023 YTD Statistical Report.

**Financial Report:** Attached to these Minutes is the Hospital Authority of Columbus YTD Consolidated Income Statement through July 31, 2023.

#### NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 26, 2023.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

  
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JACK P. SCHLEY  
Secretary/Attorney  
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ERNEST SMALLMAN, IV  
Chairman

HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS  
FY 2024 YTD Statistical Report

	June	May	Apr	Mar	Feb	Jan	Dec	Nov	Oct	Sept	August	July	Average	Prior Year
<b>Orchard View</b>														
% Occupancy												65.69%	65.69%	64.75%
Medicaid%												71.15%	71.15%	67.57%
Medicare%												9.11%	9.11%	10.32%
Private %												12.52%	12.52%	12.21%
Hospice %												4.69%	4.69%	7.03%
ADV %												2.53%	2.53%	2.87%
Daily Medicare and ADV Census												15.29	15.29	17.12
Employment (Full Time Equivalents)												167.04	167.04	173.94
<b>Ridgecrest</b>														
% Occupancy												31.64%	31.64%	28.46%
Medicaid%												48.18%	48.18%	41.44%
Medicare%												27.67%	27.67%	22.09%
Private %												18.81%	18.81%	24.80%
Hospice %												1.70%	1.70%	4.59%
ADV %												3.64%	3.64%	7.09%
Daily Medicare and ADV Census												8.32	8.32	7.00
Employment (Full Time Equivalents)												32.69	32.69	33.48
<b>Muscogee Manor</b>														
% Occupancy												50.25%	50.25%	54.26%
Medicaid%												88.60%	88.60%	89.86%
Medicare%												4.68%	4.68%	1.98%
Private %												1.02%	1.02%	1.73%
Hospice %												5.70%	5.70%	5.61%
ADV %												0.00%	0.00%	0.83%
Daily Medicare and ADV Census												4.61	4.61	3.03
Employment (Full Time Equivalents)												122.86	122.86	124.26

HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS  
12 MONTH MOVING STATISTICAL REPORT

	Jul-23	Jun-23	May-23	Apr-23	Mar-23	Feb-23	Jan-23	Dec-22	Nov-22	Oct-22	Sep-22	Aug-22	Jul-22	Jun-22	13 Mo Avg	Prior Year Avg
<b>Orchard View</b>																
% Occupancy	65.69%	66.00%	64.92%	64.70%	66.00%	64.98%	63.37%	62.18%	64.08%	68.05%	66.07%	63.32%	62.63%	63.13%	64.52%	64.63%
Medicare%	71.15%	66.82%	67.40%	66.28%	71.19%	63.08%	64.70%	64.59%	66.11%	65.32%	68.95%	72.90%	72.98%	71.57%	67.85%	67.85%
Private %	12.42%	9.81%	9.09%	10.10%	13.03%	12.81%	9.52%	10.61%	12.02%	12.82%	10.42%	4.99%	8.55%	10.48%	10.33%	10.33%
Hospice %	4.69%	4.31%	3.71%	4.28%	3.71%	3.60%	3.77%	3.77%	3.77%	3.77%	3.77%	3.77%	3.77%	3.77%	3.77%	3.77%
ADV %	2.53%	2.79%	3.95%	4.92%	2.46%	1.59%	2.37%	1.56%	1.64%	2.74%	3.20%	3.01%	3.25%	2.09%	2.84%	2.81%
Daily Medicare and ADV Census	15.29	18.07	16.90	19.44	20.49	18.71	15.06	15.13	17.50	21.16	18.00	10.13	14.90	15.86	16.98	17.03
Employment (Full Time Equivalents)	167.04	168.33	163.52	166.73	166.53	169.20	180.11	177.36	168.76	171.00	183.37	182.03	190.35	190.42	173.41	175.21
<b>Ridgcrest</b>																
% Occupancy	31.64%	32.74%	29.95%	29.52%	28.89%	31.12%	29.95%	27.73%	24.72%	29.38%	26.23%	26.73%	24.62%	25.91%	28.70%	28.66%
Medicare%	48.18%	50.91%	52.56%	45.70%	49.14%	34.15%	44.10%	44.60%	48.86%	36.34%	34.95%	26.72%	29.08%	24.04%	41.85%	40.10%
Private %	27.67%	23.15%	16.28%	23.12%	19.21%	22.13%	22.18%	16.07%	18.30%	32.55%	23.75%	23.28%	25.00%	31.55%	22.51%	22.81%
Hospice %	1.70%	0.00%	2.05%	4.03%	0.00%	2.48%	23.85%	28.39%	22.47%	16.60%	9.06%	8.91%	37.74%	35.27%	24.94%	25.60%
ADV %	3.64%	6.55%	5.90%	5.78%	7.42%	15.03%	5.90%	6.65%	5.46%	7.19%	8.32%	9.48%	1.02%	4.59%	4.37%	4.59%
Daily Medicare and ADV Census	8.32	8.17	5.58	7.16	6.49	9.72	7.06	5.29	4.93	9.80	7.06	7.36	5.42	7.87	7.10	7.07
Employment (Full Time Equivalents)	32.69	34.42	34.91	34.29	34.43	35.01	36.89	36.65	32.35	32.16	31.72	28.75	30.21	34.86	33.42	33.59
<b>Misssogee Manor</b>																
% Occupancy	50.25%	50.61%	52.15%	53.25%	53.80%	55.10%	53.83%	53.18%	54.52%	56.20%	57.50%	55.89%	55.00%	54.68%	53.95%	54.29%
Medicare%	88.69%	90.49%	89.25%	89.40%	95.02%	92.03%	88.17%	90.96%	90.74%	88.67%	84.65%	88.43%	89.47%	91.10%	83.76%	83.95%
Private %	1.02%	1.01%	2.59%	2.87%	2.36%	-0.10%	2.84%	2.63%	1.97%	3.13%	4.53%	2.65%	0.60%	3.05%	2.19%	2.06%
Hospice %	5.79%	5.89%	5.02%	6.07%	0.00%	6.28%	6.85%	5.97%	4.89%	5.42%	5.97%	6.83%	7.03%	4.57%	1.68%	1.66%
ADV %	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.46%	1.01%	0.09%	0.44%	1.78%	3.87%	0.82%	1.43%	0.50%	0.76%	0.80%
Daily Medicare and ADV Census	4.61	2.63	2.19	1.73	1.71	1.93	2.25	0.45	2.57	5.42	9.47	3.80	2.20	3.80	3.15	3.09
Employment (Full Time Equivalents)	122.86	119.62	114.88	116.09	117.23	125.47	130.44	132.62	127.64	130.04	130.77	125.51	121.46	114.53	124.16	123.57



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MONTH ENDED JULY 31, 2023**

	Orchard View	Home Office	Ridgecrest	Muscooke Manor	Total Nursing Home	Cobles PCH	Muscooke Home Health	River Mill	Consolidated
<b><u>BALANCE SHEET</u></b>									
Cash	\$ 5,902,207	\$ -	\$ 7,585,634	\$ 7,253,256	\$ 20,741,097	\$ 10,265	\$ 1,007	\$ 2,862,510	\$ 23,614,879
Other Current Assets	3,023,225	-	574,089	2,477,679	6,074,993	1,009	5,157	-	6,081,159
Intercompany Balances	18,327,339	-	370,563	(9,072,553)	9,625,349	(6,386,177)	(2,316,653)	(922,519)	-
Noncurrent Assets	32,225,144	-	34,406,944	7,208,096	73,840,184	154,521	83,642	564,920	74,643,267
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 59,477,915</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 42,937,230</b>	<b>\$ 7,866,478</b>	<b>\$ 110,281,623</b>	<b>\$ (6,220,382)</b>	<b>\$ (2,226,847)</b>	<b>\$ 2,504,911</b>	<b>\$ 104,339,305</b>
Current Liabilities	\$ 1,291,000	\$ -	\$ 378,765	\$ 789,502	\$ 2,459,267	\$ -	\$ 4,707	\$ -	\$ 2,463,974
Non-current Liabilities (excluding bonds)	7,463,067	-	3,196,985	4,648,579	15,308,631	360,100	450,668	-	16,119,399
Bonds Payable	22,158,685	-	28,998,524	-	51,157,209	-	-	-	51,157,209
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>30,912,752</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>32,574,274</b>	<b>5,438,081</b>	<b>68,925,107</b>	<b>360,100</b>	<b>455,375</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>69,740,582</b>
Fund Balance	28,565,163	-	10,362,956	2,428,397	41,356,516	(6,580,482)	(2,682,222)	2,504,911	34,598,723
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ 59,477,915</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 42,937,230</b>	<b>\$ 7,866,478</b>	<b>\$ 110,281,623</b>	<b>\$ (6,220,382)</b>	<b>\$ (2,226,847)</b>	<b>\$ 2,504,911</b>	<b>\$ 104,339,305</b>
<b><u>INCOME STATEMENT</u></b>									
Revenue	\$ 1,490,613	\$ 39,333	\$ 349,242	\$ 1,130,698	\$ 3,009,886	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,010,886
Operating expenses	1,259,021	168,584	404,165	1,125,228	2,956,998	504	1,283	71	2,958,856
<b>Net Profit (Loss) before Noncash expense</b>	<b>231,592</b>	<b>(129,251)</b>	<b>(54,923)</b>	<b>5,470</b>	<b>52,888</b>	<b>496</b>	<b>(1,283)</b>	<b>(71)</b>	<b>52,030</b>
Provision for Bad debts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest expense	(55,654)	-	(79,664)	-	(135,318)	-	-	-	(135,318)
Depreciation and Amortization	(86,306)	-	(95,354)	(10,212)	(191,872)	(377)	-	-	(192,249)
<b>Current Month Income (loss)</b>	<b>\$ 89,632</b>	<b>\$ (129,251)</b>	<b>\$ (229,941)</b>	<b>\$ (4,742)</b>	<b>\$ (274,302)</b>	<b>\$ 119</b>	<b>\$ (1,283)</b>	<b>\$ (71)</b>	<b>\$ (275,537)</b>
<b>YTD Income (loss)</b>	<b>\$ 89,632</b>	<b>\$ (129,251)</b>	<b>\$ (229,941)</b>	<b>\$ (4,742)</b>	<b>\$ (274,302)</b>	<b>\$ 119</b>	<b>\$ (1,283)</b>	<b>\$ (71)</b>	<b>\$ (275,537)</b>

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**THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA**

**Regular Meeting**

**August 16, 2023  
9:00 AM  
Columbus, Georgia**

**Meeting was Held by Both Telephone Conferencing and In-Person  
Due to the COVID-19 Virus**

**The Commissioners of the Housing Authority of Columbus, Georgia met in a regular session in  
Columbus, Georgia.**

**Chairman Larry Cardin called the meeting to order the following Commissioner were present:**

**John Greenman  
Linda Hadley  
Jeaneella Pendleton  
John Sheftall  
Ryan Clements**

**In attendance from the Housing Authority staff was Lisa Walters, Chief Executive Officer,  
Sabrina Richards, Chief of Property Management, Sheila Crisp, Chief Financial Officer, Laura  
Johnson, Chief Real Estate Officer, John Casteel, Chief Assisted Housing Officer and Chandler Riley,  
Esquire.**

**INVOCATION:**

**Chair Cardin offered the invocation.**

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

**Chair Cardin made one correction to the agenda. Motion for approval of the agenda was made  
by Commissioner Pendleton, seconded by Commissioner Clements. Motion carried.**

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APPROVAL OF THE JULY 19, 2023 BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

Chairman Cardin called for a motion to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2023 Board meeting.

Motion for approval of the minutes was made by Commissioner Greenman, seconded by Commissioner Sheftall. The motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Sheila Crisp, CFO, provided a report of agency finances month-to-date and year-to-date actual to budget results and the explanation of the top factors of the variances. In summary, we are tracking ahead of budget by about \$2.5 million.

CHARGE-OFF OF FORMER RESIDENT ACCOUNT BALANCES  
FOR MONTH ENDING JULY 31, 2023:

The following Resolution was introduced and duly considered:

## RESOLUTION NO. 3448

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHARGE-OFF OF FORMER  
RESIDENT ACCOUNT BALANCES TO COLLECTION LOSS FOR  
THE AUTHORITY'S HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS  
FOR THE MONTH ENDING JULY 31, 2023

Motion for approval was made by Commissioner Sheftall, seconded by Commissioner Greenman. Motion carried.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE BOND ISSUER AND FEE  
SCHEDULE

Motion for approval was made by Commissioner Sheftall, seconded by Commissioner Pendleton. Motion carried.

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CONSIDER A RESOLUTION APPROVING HACG SECTION 8  
MONTHLY UTILITY SCHEDULE:

The following Resolution was introduced and duly considered:

RESOLUTION NO. 3449

Motion for approval was made by Commissioner Greenman, seconded by Commissioner Sheftall. Motion carried.

REPORT FROM THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE:

The Governance Committee will meet on Monday, August 21, 2023 to discuss the CEO Contract changes.

REPORT FROM THE AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE:

The Audit and Finance Committee brought forward the Bond Issuer and Fee Schedule for full Board approval. They also approved the CEO Contract changes that will be discussed at the Governance meeting as presented above.

REPORT FROM THE REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE:

The Real Estate Committee will meet in the month of August to discuss Faircloth to RAD and the request from the Wasserman Group. (See Chandler Riley's report below)

PUBLIC SAFETY TASK FORCE:

No Formal Report.

MOVING TO WORK (MTW) CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN  
UPDATE:

Lisa Walters gave an update on the MTW Corrective Action Plan (CAP). Lease up at Warren Williams is 91% and 91% for Cnty Homes. Section 8 voucher utilization 78%. There are currently 64 families with vouchers searching for housing. Extensions have been granted to 2 families, allowing them more time to find adequate housing.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:

Lisa Walters reported that lease up is 95% across all developments, including the remote housing authorities. At the RAD properties, Nicholson Terrace, Luther

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Wilson, EJ Knight, and EE Farley, lease up is 95%. The Banks at Mill Village is at 100%.

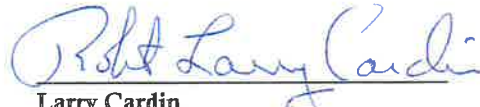
We have stopped leasing at Warren Williams/Rivers Homes in preparation for the RAD rehabilitation and relocation of residents.

John Greenman, John Casteel and Lisa Walters will attend the PHADA September conference in Washington DC.

Chandler Riley discussed the latest request from the Wasserman Group for a consent resolution allowing the Northwest Georgia Housing Authority to issue bonds to the Wasserman Group for a development on Old Guard Road.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business, Chairman Cardin asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion for approval was made by Commissioner Pendleton, seconded by Commissioner Clements. Meeting was adjourned.

  
Larry Cardin  
Chairman

  
Lisa L. Walters, CPM  
Secretary-Treasurer



## Minutes - Approved

**Date:** Wednesday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Place:** Annex 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room, 420 10<sup>th</sup> St.

**Call to Order:** Lance called the meeting to order at 12:02 PM

**Board Members Present:** Lance Hemmings, Sherrie Aaron, Deidre Tilley, Michelle Williams, and Steve Anthony

**Board Members Absent:** Lauren Chambers and Chris Phillips

**Staff Present:** Natalie Bouyett

1. **Approve Minutes from May 17<sup>th</sup> and June 14<sup>th</sup>:** Sherrie made a motion to accept the minutes from the May 17<sup>th</sup> and June 14<sup>th</sup> board meeting. Deidre seconded the motion. None opposed. All approved. The motion is passed.
2. **Chairman's Report**
  - Board Attendance Discussion:
    - Lance discussed the importance of board attendance. Lance made a motion to excuse Chris Phillips absence on account of his health. Michelle Seconded the motion. None opposed. All approved. The motion is passed.
    - Lance discussed the absence of Lauren at the board meetings and the decision to postpone discussion until Steve arrived was made.
  - Insurance Update: The board reviewed the 2 options for Director and Board Insurance. A discussion was had about the difference in pricing and the similarity of services. Michelle made a motion to accept the policy from Selective. Deidre seconded the motion. None opposed. All Approved. The motion is passed. Natalie will contact the provider to set it up.
  - Appearing before City Council: Lance discussed the need for coordination and cooperation of the City and Tax Commissioner's office. There is possibly an opportunity for the Land Bank be given property from the City that the City is not able to sell since the City has to sell property at the fair market value given by an appraiser. The Land Bank needs to present the impact and success of the Land Bank to City council and ask for support in fostering the cooperation with the Tax Commissioner's office. Natalie





gave a description of the potential impact the Land Bank could have in properties currently identified for In-Rem. Lance then gave an overview of the In Rem process.

**3. Director's Report:** Natalie stated on the Director's behalf that the Director will be out of office until September.

**4. Financial Report and Approving Annual Budget**

- Lance asked if the closing on July 11<sup>th</sup> was reflected in the financial report, Natalie confirmed it was. The total balance is \$113,517.90. Lance asked if there were any questions or concerns. Natalie discussed the increase in price for lawn care and that she is actively looking for new contractors. Lance asked what requirements there were for the Land Bank working with contractors. Natalie said she would get with the City's Legal Department to find out.
- The Board was present with the proposed FY23 Land Bank Authority Budget. The Board reviewed and Deidre asked about the \$5,000 Development Plans. Natalie stated that was needed for the grant she was applying for. Steve made a motion to approve the proposed budget. Sherrie Seconded the motion. None opposed. All approved. The motion is passed.

**5. Contractors:** Natalie discussed the need for lawn care and property management contractors and encouraged the board to provide her with any contacts.

**6. Property Updates:** Natalie discussed the acquisition and disposition of 4019 Hickory Ave. The Land Bank recently sold 3 properties. 4 properties remain in inventory and a proposal we received for 2 properties.

- Acquired - 1
- Sold - 3
- Inventory - 4
- Proposal – 1: The board review the proposal from Jason Quinley for 14<sup>th</sup> Ave and 24<sup>th</sup> St. Deidre made a motion to sell both properties contingent on his ability to fulfill his submitted proposal. Michelle seconded the motion. None opposed. Lance abstained from the vote. The remaining board members approved. The motion passed with 4 votes.

Lance returned the conversation to board attendance and that the by laws needed to be amended so it is not more severe as the City requirements. Michelle made a motion to amend the by laws changing



“Two absences from regularly scheduled meetings between January 1<sup>st</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup> shall constitute inactivity.” to “Three absences from regularly scheduled meetings between January 1<sup>st</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup> shall constitute inactivity.” Sherrie seconded the motion. None opposed. All approved. The motion is passed.

Lance expressed his concern for Lauren’s missed meetings and asked the board to consider declaring her seat vacant. Sherrie made a motion to declare Lauren’s seat vacant. Michelle seconded the motion. Deidre abstained from the vote. The remaining board members approved. The motion passed with 4 votes. Lance requested that any recommendations for the seat be sent to Natalie to send to Council as a recommendation.

**Call to Adjourn: 1:15 PM**

## AGENDA

**Time:** Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023, 12:00PM-12:30PM

**Place:** Engineering Conference Room, CCG Annex Building, 420 10<sup>th</sup> St, 2<sup>nd</sup> FL

**Call to Order:** 12:04pm

**Board Members Present in person:** Lance Hemmings (Chair), Steve Anthony, Michelle Williams, Sherrie Aaron, (Vice Chair) Deidre Tilley

**Board Members Absent:**

### 1. Discussion about changing board membership

Board Chair stated that three land bank board members needed to be replaced. He named two individuals with legal expertise who have expressed an interest in joining the board. Board member Aaron stated that she may have an additional recommendation for the board.

### 2. Property Updates

#### **Proposal #1: 1512 24<sup>th</sup> Street**

Applicant(s): Vaspar, LLC and Lori Hill

Bid: \$2,500

Plan: Applicant states, "I intend on building a single-family home on this land to rent to a military family who is stationed in Columbus, GA. Rent will be fair and only 30% of the family median income."

Timeline: 3 months

Financing: Hard money loan

Capacity: Applicant states, "I'm a home and land investor."

Staff stated that there were a couple of bids for \$1,000 but this bid came in at full price (\$2,500). Board members requested clarity on whether the structure would be built in three months. Staff agreed to follow up with the applicant. Vice chair suggested that construction may begin within 3 months. Board member inquired if the applicant would provide plans for the construction. Staff offered to make this a contingency of purchase. However, the board chair suggested that acquiring the plans was less of an issue because new construction plans would be reviewed by the planning department.

Motion to accept bid for 1512 24<sup>th</sup> Street for \$2,500.

1st: Michelle Williams

2<sup>nd</sup>: Sherrie Aaron

#### **Proposal #2: 3006 10<sup>th</sup> Street**

Applicant(s): Charles and Gloria Rodgers

Bid: \$5,000

Plan: The property will be an extension of the home next to the property. The property will be rented to families in the area.

Timeline: 6 months for the property to be completed.

Financing: Bank finance

Capacity: Applicant states, "I have done over 10 projects in Columbus over the past 4 years. Also shows that the tenants are satisfied with their homes."

The Board Chair provided background on the location and history of the lot. He noted that the lot was donated to the City by Albany State University. Board Chair added that this is a wider lot, so construction will not be onerous. Staff provided additional history a previous attempt to sell the property. Staff confirmed that the land bank marketed the property for Albany State. The Vice Chair asked for clarification as to whether the applicant would be extending a home on an adjacent lot. Staff shared that the applicant does own the adjacent property and rents out the home. The home is used as a community gathering space. Staff shared that the applicant may keep the lot in question as a vacant space. However, she added that she could get clarification and add to security deed.

Board member Aaron inquired whether the applicant had financing. Staff will follow up with applicant for additional clarification. Staff stated that side lots are usually combined with the original parcel, and that the security deed would show that the parcels would be combined. Staff will follow up with applicant for clarification on applicant's intent to combine lots or keep lots separate. Board Chair requested to vote on the sale and get clarification afterward on the activity and how the applicant would secure financing.

Motion to accept bid for 3006 10<sup>th</sup> Street for \$5,000, with the condition of further staff clarification about planned activities and proof of finance.

1<sup>st</sup>: Diedre Tilley

2<sup>nd</sup>: Sherrie Aaron

**Call to Adjourn: 12:16pm**

**File Attachments for Item:**

RESOLUTION - A resolution excusing Councilor Jerry "Pops" Barnes from the October 10, 2023 Council Meeting.

**RESOLUTION****NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

A Resolution excusing Councilors absence.

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THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES:

Pursuant to Section 3-103(6) of the Charter of Columbus, Georgia, Councilor Jerry “Pops” Barnes is hereby excused from attendance of the October 10, 2023 Council Meeting for the following reasons:

Personal Business:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 10th day of October 2023 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting _____
Councilor Barnes	voting _____
Councilor Begly	voting _____
Councilor Cogle	voting _____
Councilor Crabb	voting _____
Councilor Davis	voting _____
Councilor Garrett	voting _____
Councilor Huff	voting _____
Councilor Thomas	voting _____
Councilor Tucker	voting _____

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**Sandra T. Davis**  
Clerk of Council

\_\_\_\_\_  
**B. H. “Skip” Henderson, III**  
Mayor

Form revised 11-1-79, Approved by Council 11-6-79

**File Attachments for Item:**

**. THIS MEETING:**

**CIVIC CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:**

**Jed G. Harris, Jr.**

*(Mayor's Appointment)*

*Not eligible to succeed*

Term Expired: March 1, 2023

*This is a three-year term. Board meets every other month.*

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

**HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:**

**Warner Kennon, Jr.**

**Open for Nominations**

*Eligible to succeed*

**(Council's Nomination)**

Term Expires: November 14, 2023

**Sarah Banks-Lang**

**Open for Nominations**

*Eligible to succeed*

**(Council's Nomination)**

Term Expires: November 14, 2023

**Jennings Chester**

**Open for Nominations**

*Rotating off the authority*

**(Council's Nomination)**

Term Expires: November 14, 2023

*\*The Council submits three (3) nominees to the Hospital Authority for each seat and the Hospital Authority selects the successor for Council's confirmation and the recommendation is as follows:*

**For the seat of Jennings Chester: Wayne Joiner, Mike Mayhew and Tracy Sayers**

**For the seat of Warner Kennon, Jr: Warner Kennon, Jr., Mike Mayhew and Tracy Sayers**

**For the seat of Sarah Banks-Lang: Sarah Banks-Lang, Mike Mayhew and Tracy Sayers**

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

**Women: 4**

**Senatorial District 15: 7**

**Senatorial District 29: 2**

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

**CIVIC CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:**

**Danielle Edwards**

**(Council District 1- Barnes)**

*Seat declared vacant*



Term Expires: March 1, 2025

**Nicole Adderly**

**(Council District 7- Cogle)**

*Seat declared vacant*

Term Expires: March 1, 2025

**Councilor Barnes is nominating Mr. Charles Huff to fill the unexpired term of Ms. Danielle Edwards.**

**Councilor Cogle is nominating Mr. Romeo Byll to fill the unexpired term of Ms. Nicole Adderly.**

***This is a three-year term. Board meets every other month.***

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Board Appointments – Action Requested**

**7. THIS MEETING:**

**A. CIVIC CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:**

**Jed G. Harris, Jr.**

*(Mayor's Appointment)*

*Not eligible to succeed*

Term Expired: March 1, 2023

*This is a three-year term. Board meets every other month.*

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

**A. HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:**

**Warner Kennon, Jr.**

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

*Eligible to succeed*

Term Expires: November 14, 2023

**Sarah Banks-Lang**

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

*Eligible to succeed*

Term Expires: November 14, 2023

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**(Council's Nomination)**

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**Women: 4**

**Senatorial District 15: 7**

**Senatorial District 29: 2**

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

**A. CIVIC CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:**

**Danielle Edwards**

**(Council District 1- Barnes)**

*Seat declared vacant*

Term Expires: March 1, 2025

**Nicole Adderly**

**(Council District 7- Cogle)**

*Seat declared vacant*

Term Expires: March 1, 2025

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**File Attachments for Item:**

A. Airport Commission (Council's Confirmation)

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**BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & AUTHORITIES**

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**Airport Commission:** This board is responsible for the operation of the Columbus Metropolitan Airport. It has five members. The commission itself submits a nominee for each vacancy and the Columbus Council fills the vacancies from the commission's nominee. The term of office is five years. (Constitutional Amendment, Art. 5, Sec.4, Ga. Laws 1968, Page 1655) (Ordinance No. 11-23 removes the limitation of two full consecutive terms for this authority.)

<u>Board Members</u>	<u>Term Expiration</u>	<u>Appointment</u>
<b>James Barker (SD-29)</b>	<b>12/31/2023</b>	<b>Council</b>
Carl A. Rhodes, Jr. (SD-29)	12/31/2024	Council
Art Guin (SD-15)	12/31/2025	Council
Dannell M. Marks (SD-29)	12/31/2026	Council
Delois Carr (SD-15)	12/31/2027	Council

**Expiring Term(s):**

The term of office for James Barker will expire on December 31, 2023. These are five (5) year terms that will expire on December 31, 2028; Mr. Barker is eligible to succeed himself. The Airport Commission submits a nominee to the Council for confirmation.

**File Attachments for Item:**

B. Board of Elections & Registration (Council's Appointment)

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**BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & AUTHORITIES**

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**Board of Elections & Registration:** This board was established for the purpose of carrying out the duties heretofore exercised by the Muscogee County Board of elections and the Muscogee County Board of Registrars and which have the powers relating to the conduct of elections and primaries and the registration of voters and absentee balloting procedures that are provided for in the laws of Georgia. It has five (5) members, consisting of one each from the two (2) major political parties and three appointed by the Columbus Council. (Act No 149 (H.B. 941) signed into law by the Governor on April 4, 1991) Its executive director is also appointed by the Columbus Council. The term of office is four years. (Ordinance No. 11-23 removes the limitation of two full consecutive terms for this board.)

<u>Board Members</u>	<u>Term Expiration</u>	<u>Appointment</u>
Edwin C. Roldan (SD-29)	12/31/2023	Council
Diane Scrimshire (SD-29)	12/31/2023	Council
Margaret Jenkins (SD-15)	12/31/2023	Council
Linda Parker (SD-15)	12/31/2024	Council (Democratic Party)
U.D. Roberts (SD-29)	12/31/2025	Council (Republican Party)

**Expiring Term(s):**

The terms of office for Edwin C. Roldan, Diane Scrimshire, and Margaret Jenkins will expire on December 31, 2023. These are four (4) year terms that will expire on December 31, 2027. These are Council's Appointments; Mr. Roldan, Ms. Scrimshire and Ms. Jenkins are eligible to succeed themselves.

**File Attachments for Item:**

C. Board of Health (Council's Appointment)



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**BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & AUTHORITIES**

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**Board of Health:** This board is responsible for the operation of the Columbus Department of Public Health. It has seven (7) members, two (2) of which must be licensed and practicing physicians and three other citizens members, all of which are appointed by the Columbus Council. The Mayor and the City Manager serve in the other two positions by virtue of their titles. (GA Laws 1941, Page 937 and Columbus Charter, Sec. 4-601)

<u>Board Members</u>	<u>Term Expiration</u>	<u>Appointment</u>
Sylvester McRae (SD-29)	12/31/2023	Council
James Lopez (SD-15)	12/31/2023	Council
Yasmin Cathright (SD-29)	12/31/2025	Council
Jibike Adegbile (SD-29)	12/31/2026	Council
Devica Alappan (SD-29)	12/31/2027	Council
Isaiah Hugley	Continues in office	(City Manager)
B. H. "Skip" Henderson	Continues in office	(Mayor)

**Expiring Term(s):**

The terms of office for Dr. Sylvester McRae and Dr. James Lopez will expire on December 31, 2023. These are five (5) year terms that will expire on December 31, 2028. These are Council's Appointments; Dr. McRae is eligible to succeed himself and Dr. Lopez is not eligible.

**File Attachments for Item:**

D. Board of Tax Assessors (Council's Appointment)

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**BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & AUTHORITIES**

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**Board of Tax Assessors:** The Board of Assessors operates independently as the agency charged with the responsibility of determining taxability and establishing the fair market value of all real and personal property for ad valorem taxation purposes. The Board is also responsible for notifying taxpayers when there are changes to the fair market value of property. The Board receives, reviews, and insures the proper processing of all appeals. The Board reviews all applications for exemptions and approves or denies the applications in accordance with the requirements set forth in Section 48-5-41 of the Georgia Code. Members are appointed by the Columbus Council. It has five members who must meet special qualifications as required by Georgia Law. The term is six years. (O.C.C.G., Sec.48-5-290 and 48-5-291, Columbus Charter, Sec. 4-624, and Columbus Code, Sec. 19-21 through 19-29)

<u>Board Members</u>	<u>Term Expiration</u>	<u>Appointment</u>
Todd Hammons (SD-29)	12/31/2023	Council
Trey Carmack (SD-29)	12/31/2025	Council
Lanitra Sandifer Hicks (SD-15)	12/31/2026	Council
Kathy J. Jones (SD-29)	12/31/2027	Council
Jayne Govar (SD-29)	12/31/2028	Council

**Expiring Term(s):**

The term of office for Todd Hammons will expire on December 31, 2023. These are six (6) year terms that will expire on December 31, 2029. These are Council's Appointments; Mr. Hammons is eligible to succeed himself.

**File Attachments for Item:**

E. Cooperative Extension Advisory Board (Council's Appointment)

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**BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & AUTHORITIES**

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**Cooperative Extension Advisory Board:** According to Section 4-613 of the original charter of the Consolidated Government provided that this board shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Department of Cooperative Extension Service and the University of Georgia Extension Service for the consideration of policies of the department and recommendations for its administration and program development throughout the community. Even though this original charter section was repealed in 1980, the board continues to function. It has five members which are appointed by the Columbus Council. (Columbus Charter, Sec. 4-613, which was repealed in 1980). These terms are for six (6) years.

<u>Board Members</u>	<u>Term Expiration</u>	<u>Appointment</u>
Lawanna Williams (SD-15)	12/31/2023	Council
Sharen Kelly (SD-29)	12/31/2024	Council
Sharayah Davis (SD-29)	12/31/2026	Council
Sandra H. Hawthorne (SD-15)	12/31/2027	Council
VACANT	12/31/2028	Council

**Expiring Term(s):**

The term of office for Lawanna Williams expires on December 31, 2023. This is a six (6) year term that would expire on December 31, 2029. This is Council's Appointment; Ms. Williams is eligible to succeed herself.

**File Attachments for Item:**

F. The Medical Center Hospital Authority (Council's Nomination/Authority's Selection)

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**BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & AUTHORITIES**

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**The Medical Center Hospital Authority:** This board is responsible for the Medical Center. It has nine (9) members which must be residents and qualified voters of Columbus. For each vacancy, the Columbus Council submits a list of three eligible persons to the Authority. From this list, the Authority itself selects one of the individuals to fill the vacancy. The terms of office are 5 years (O.C.G.A. Sec. 31-7-72) (Ordinance No. 11-23 removes the limitation of two full consecutive terms for this authority.)

<u>Board Members</u>	<u>Term Expiration</u>	<u>Appointment</u>
John R. Bucholtz (SD-29)	12/31/2023	Council/Authority
T. Fredrick McKnight (SD-15)	12/31/2023	Council/Authority
Mike Burns (SD-29)	12/31/2024	Council/Authority
Max Brabson (SD-15)	12/31/2024	Council/Authority
Alpna R. Aroua (SD-29)	12/31/2026	Council/Authority
Brenda DeRamus (SD-29)	12/31/2026	Council/Authority
Susan McWhirter (SD-29)	12/31/2026	Council/Authority
John Hargrove (SD-29)	12/31/2026	Council/Authority
Woodrow McWilliams, III (SD-15)	12/31/2027	Council/Authority

Expiring Term(s):

The terms of office for John R. Bucholtz and T. Fredrick McKnight will expire on December 31, 2023. These are five (5) year terms that would expire on December 31, 2028. These are Council / Authority appointments with the Council confirming the selected nominee as submitted by the Authority. Mr. Bucholtz and Mr. McKnight are both eligible to serve another term.

**File Attachments for Item:**

G. Tree Board (Council's Appointment)



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**BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & AUTHORITIES**

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**Tree Board:** This board administers examinations to applicants seeking certification for properly maintaining and/or removing trees on public property, acts on adjustment of standards applications, makes recommendations to the city arborists and the Columbus Council, and acts on other matters designated by the Columbus Code or by the Columbus Council. It has eleven (11) members, all of whom are appointed by the Columbus Council. All terms are three years. Re-constituted by Ordinance 02-043 adopted on June 4, 2002 (Columbus Code, Sec. 20A-1 through 20-A-24)

<u>Board Members</u>	<u>Term Expiration</u>	<u>Appointment</u>
Troy Keller (SD-15)	12/31/2020	Council (Educator)
Frank S. Tommey (SD-15)	12/31/2020	Council (Residential Dev.)
Chris Henson (SD-29)	07/01/2022	Council (Envir. Advocacy)
Farah Dewsbury (SD-15)	12/31/2023	Council (At-Large)
Robert Hecht (SD-29)	12/31/2023	Council (Commercial or Industrial Dev.)
Jeremy Cummings (SD-29)	07/01/2025	Council (Public Utility Rep.e)
Beautie Moore (SD-15)	07/01/2015	Council (At-Large)
Catherine Trotter (SD-29)	12/31/2025	Council (At-Large)
Tannis Danley (SD-29)	12/31/2025	Council (Landscape/Forestry)
Kristin N. Youngquist (SD-29)	12/31/2025	Council (At-Large)
Lisa Thomas-Cutts (SD-15)	12/31/2025	Council (KCB Dir. or Commissioner)
James “Mike” Byrd	Continues in Office	City Arborist

**Expiring Term(s):**

The terms of office for Farah Dewsbury and Robert Hecht will expire on December 31, 2023. These are three (3) year terms that will expire on December 31, 2026. These are Council’s Appointments; Ms. Dewsbury and Mr. Hecht are both eligible to serve another term.