

Council Members

R. Gary Allen
Charmaine Crabb

Byron Hickey
Glenn Davis

Travis L. Chambers
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

July 9, 2024
9:00 AM
Regular Meeting

MAYOR'S AGENDA

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Reverend Dr. Grace Burton Edwards, Rector, St. Thomas Episcopal Church of Columbus, Georgia

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Henderson

OATH OF OFFICE:

1. Oath of Office administered to the newly appointed Columbus Councilor District 1- Byron Hickey by Chief Superior Court Judge Arthur L. Smith, III.

MINUTES:

2. Approval of minutes for the June 18, 2024 Council Meeting and Executive Session.

PROCLAMATIONS:

3. **Proclamation:** Heart of the Village Coalition, Inc.

Receiving: Judy Tucker

4. **Proclamation:** Mayor's Commission on Unity, Diversity, and Prosperity

Receiving: Norman Hardman, Past Chair

PRESENTATION:

5. Update on Memorial Marker – Norman Harman, Past Chair, Mayor’s Commission on Unity, Diversity, and Prosperity

CITY ATTORNEY’S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

- 1. 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 (collectively, the “Plans”) to address the treatment of retirees in pay status who are thereafter appointed or elected to the Columbus Council. (Councilor Davis)
- 2. 2nd Reading-** REZN-06-23-0113: An ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **1720, 1728, 1730, 1744 Warm Springs Road and 1818 Spring Circle** (parcel # 036-013-002/036-013-003/036-013-004/036-013-005/036-013-007/036-013-008) from Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District to General Commercial (GC) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Garrett)
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- 4. 2nd Reading-** REZN-03-24-5716: An ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **5617 Eastside Drive** (parcel # 083-014-019) from Single Family Residential -1 (SFR1) Zoning District to General Commercial (GC) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Crabb)
- 5. 2nd Reading-** REZN-04-24-0767: An ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **5470 Schatulga Road** (parcel # 111-015-027) from Light Manufacturing/Industrial (LMI) Zoning District to General Commercial (GC) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Mayor Pro-Tem)
- 6. 2nd Reading-** An ordinance renewing Business Improvement Districts in Columbus, Georgia through December 31, 2034; and for other purposes. (continued from 6-4-24 and 6-18-24) (Mayor Pro-Tem)
- 7. 2nd Reading-** An ordinance to amend Article VIII of Chapter 14 of the Columbus Code to revise certain requirements on businesses that offer Class B Coin Operated Amusement Machines on their premises; and for other purposes. (Councilors Huff, Cogle and Tucker)

- 8. 2nd Reading-** An ordinance providing for the levy, assessment, and collection of taxes for the public school system of Columbus, Georgia; and for other purposes. (Request of Muscogee County School District)
- 9. 2nd Reading-** An ordinance to revise and clarify certain provisions of the Columbus Code which provide for the foreclosure of liens on property for which funds are due and owing to the consolidated government; and for other purposes. (continued on 2nd Reading from 6-11-24) (Councilor Garrett)
- 10. 1st Reading-** REZN-05-24-0918: An ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **1953 7th Avenue** (parcel # 016-025-001) from Residential Office (RO) Zoning District to General Commercial (GC) Zoning District with Conditions. (Planning Department Recommends Approval with conditions. PAC recommends denial.) (Councilor Cogle)
- 11. 1st Reading-** An ordinance to revise and clarify certain provisions of Article XIII of Chapter 20 of the Columbus Code to revise and update provisions relating to parking management districts and enforcement areas; and for other purposes. (Councilor Cogle)

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Ms. Pat Liddell, Re: Discuss the Veterans' Day Parade.
2. Mr. Jose Ruiz, Re: Information on the elimination of parking minimums and elimination of zoning codes for rent and housing affordability.
3. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, Re: 13th Avenue Street Closure and Building a Village.
4. Mr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr., Re: Thanks to all City Employees for Columbus being named 12th Best Run City in the nation and (2) Tax Commissioner Election.
5. Ms. Angela White, representing Tuesday's Taco Truck, Re: Revenue Division – Business License.
6. Mrs. Kathy Tanner, Re: City Tethering Ordinance
7. Mrs. Sandy Gunnels, Re: Columbus Animal Control's progress toward becoming a "No Kill Shelter".

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Memorandum of Understanding - Columbus Area Habitat for Humanity, Inc.

Approval is requested to authorize a MOU with Columbus Area Habitat for Humanity, Inc. to administer CCG's Homeowner Accessibility Rehabilitation Program funded by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

2. Memorandum of Understanding - Uptown Playground and Splash Pad

Approval is requested to authorize a Memorandum of Understanding with Uptown Columbus Inc. for improvements to the Uptown Playground and Splash Pad.

3. Street Acceptance – Georgia Fire Street

Approval is requested for the acceptance of Georgia Fire Street located in Old Town, a Mixed Community.

4. Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

Approval is requested to apply for and accept a grant, if awarded, in the amount of up to \$1,404,713.00, or as otherwise awarded, from the Georgia Emergency Management Agency, with a \$351,178.25 local match requirement, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund by the amount of the award. Funds will go toward purchasing and installing eleven full-service generators at eleven of CCG's fire stations.

5. Highway Enforcement of Aggressive Traffic (H.E.A.T.) Grant

Approval is requested to submit an application and, if approved, accept funds from the Georgia Governor's Office of Highway Safety for Highway Enforcement of Aggressive Traffic (H.E.A.T.) Grant for traffic enforcement and to amend the Multi-Governmental Fund (or applicable fund) by the amount of the grant awarded. The grant amount requested is \$335,000.00, or otherwise awarded, to be used to enforce traffic laws that concern aggressive driving, DUI, speeding, etc. to reduce the traffic fatalities within Muscogee County.

6. Columbus Police Department: Donation

Approval is requested to accept a donation of \$10,000.00 from Columbus Affordable Housing Services, Inc. to help support the Columbus Police Department's crime reduction initiatives.

7. Donation of Pottery Chairs

Approval is requested to accept a donation of eight (8) pottery wheel chairs to the Columbus Parks and Recreation Department having a value of approximately \$1,000.00.

8. PURCHASES

- [A.](#) Fuel Purchases for Fiscal Year 2025
- [B.](#) Federal and State Mandated Fees for Fiscal Year 2025
- [C.](#) Cancer Screening Kits for Fire & EMS Department
- [D.](#) Repair of Landfill Excavator for Public Works
- [E.](#) Change Order 3 – METRA Park and Ride Project PI #0011435
- [F.](#) Ergonomic Training Services for Human Resources

9. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

- [A.](#) Columbus Phenix City Transportation Study Metropolitan Planning Organization (CPTS - MPO) Metropolitan Transportation Plan Process Update – Kat Onore, Pond Company
- [B.](#) Department of Labor (DOL) Overtime Rule Update - Reather Hollowell, Director, Human Resources
- [C.](#) Tyler Technology Odyssey Update - Forrest Toelle, Director, Information Technology
- [D.](#) Finance Update - Angelica Alexander, Director, Finance

BID ADVERTISEMENT

DATE: July 9, 2024
TO: Mayor and Councilors
FROM: Finance Department
SUBJECT: Advertised Bids/RFPs/RFQs

July 19, 2024

1. Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Plan – RFB No. 24-0036

Scope of RFP

The Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) is accepting proposals from qualified firms to support the creation of a city-wide Safety Action Plan in accordance with Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) guidelines. The SS4A Action Plan will be in accordance with the U.S. Department of Transportation guidelines.

July 31, 2024

1. PI 0015285 Infantry Road and Follow Me Trail – RFB No. 24-0040

Scope of Bid

Project PI No. 0015285 consists of an extension of the existing Follow Me Trail which will be constructed from the current southern end point to Infantry Road and will follow Infantry Road parallel to the roundabout on S. Lumpkin Road. The DBE goal for this project is 10%.

The Bidder is advised that the governing specifications for this project, including such items as bidding requirements, general conditions, technical specifications and related items, shall be in accordance with the State of Georgia, Department of Transportation Standard Specifications, 2021 Edition, and applicable Supplemental Specifications and Special Provisions. The Owner assumes the Bidder is a pre-qualified bidder with the Department of Transportation and therefore is familiar with the stated reference documents or has access to same.

August 7, 2024

1. Flood Abatement Project 19th Street System – RFB No. 24-0016

Scope of Bid

The project's Bid consists of 4,628 feet of 8-foot x 6-foot reinforced concrete box culvert, 128 feet of 84-Inch to 36-Inch, 129 feet of 24-Inch, 50 feet of 18-Inch, 16 feet of 15-Inch reinforced concrete pipe; 49 feet of 48-Inch, 192 feet of 24-inch, 237 feet of 16-Inch Ductile Iron Pipe; cast-in-place structures; precast concrete manholes, catch basins and headwalls; 45 feet of 12-inch and 80 feet of 6-Inch ductile iron pipe water main, including line stops, tapping sleeves & valves, water service changeovers and cleanup & testing of water lines; 229 square yards of light duty pavement replacement, 4,138 square yards of heavy duty pavement replacement and 2,277 square yards of asphalt resurfacing, 2,599 feet of 30-inch curb & gutter, asphalt milling and pavement marking; 5-inch thick concrete sidewalks, pedestrian access ramps and concrete driveway apron; Norfolk Southern railroad crossing; grading of a flood basin, Meritas Mill site and reconstruction of the ball field parking. Erosion, sedimentation & pollution control of the site.

REFERRALS:

CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

1. RESOLUTION – A resolution excusing Councilor Travis Chambers from the July 9, 2024 Council Meeting.
2. HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS: Email Correspondence from Attorney Jack Schley, Board Secretary, advising of the selection of John R. “Bob” Jones to fill the unexpired term of Betty Tatum. (*Council confirms the appointment.*)
3. Email Correspondence from Ms. Julee Fryer resigning from her seat on the Animal Control Advisory Board.
4. **Minutes of the following boards:**

Airport Commission, May 22, 2024

Board of Honor, July 3, 2024

Board of Tax Assessors, #19-24, #20-24 & #21-24

Board of Water Commissioners, June 17, 2024

Columbus Golf Course Authority, June 25, 2024

Convention & Visitors, Board of Commissioners, May 15, 2024

Hospital Authority of Columbus, February 27, March 26, April 30, and May 28, 2024

Pension Fund, Employees' Board of Trustees, June 13, 2024

Planning Advisory Commission, May 15, 2024

Tree Board, June 20, 2024

ADD-ON RESOLUTION:

RESOLUTION - A resolution excusing Councilor R. Walker Garrett from the July 9, 2024 Council Meeting.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

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

A. YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:

District 2 Nominee: _____

District 5 Nominee: _____

District 4 Nominee: Javi Moore

6. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS- READY FOR CONFIRMATION:

A. HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD: Mr. Mike Johnson was nominated to fill the expired term of Ms. Libby Smith as the *Historic District Resident*. (Councilor Cogle's nominee) Term expires: June 30, 2027

B. KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION: Mr. David Houser was nominated to serve another term of office as the *SD-15 Representative*. (Mayor Pro Tem Allen's nominee) Term expires: June 30, 2027

C. REGION 6 REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES: Ms. Jennifer LeDenney was nominated to succeed Mr. Christopher Posey. (Councilor Cogle's nominee) Term expires: June 30, 2027

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

A. ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD:

Sabine Stull

(Animal Rescue Representative)

Not Eligible to succeed

Term Expired: April 11, 2024

Open for Recommendation

by Animal Rescue

(Council's Appointment)

Councilor Garrett is nominating Paige Shields- Director of Operations at Animal Ark Rescue for the seat of Sabine Stull as the Animal Rescue Representative.

Councilor Cogle is nominating Claire Anna Daniels for the seat of Julee Fryer.

The term is two years. Board meets as needed.

Women: 6
Senatorial District 15: 3
Senatorial District 29: 3

B. DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:

Travis Chambers

Elected to Council

Term Expires: April 30, 2028

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

The term is four years. Board meets monthly.

Women: 2
Senatorial District 15: 3
Senatorial District 29: 3

C. KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION:

William Bandy

Not seeking reappointment

(SD-29 Representative)

Term Expired: June 30, 2023

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

The term is three years. Board meets every even month.

** Ms. Skyler Dexter was confirmed to serve; however, she was unable to accept the appointment.*

Women: 7
Senatorial District 15: 6
Senatorial District 29: 3

D. LAND BANK AUTHORITY:

Lance Hemmings

Not Eligible to succeed

Term Expired: October 31, 2023

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

The term is four years. Board meets monthly.

** Ms. Jackie Leonard was confirmed to serve; however, she is not a resident of Muscogee County.*

Women: 4

Senatorial District 15: 4

Senatorial District 29: 2

UPCOMING BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

- A. Animal Control Advisory Board – (Council’s Appointment)
- B. Board of Honor – (Council’s Appointment)
- C. Columbus Ironworks Convention & Trade Center Authority – (Mayor’s Appointment)
- D. Uptown Facade Board – (Council’s Appointment)

COUNCIL HEARINGS

1. Request for Waiver of Penalty and Interest on property tax as submitted by Mr. Tom Flowers of TLEGMF for property located in Columbus, Georgia.
2. Request for Waiver of Penalty and Interest on property tax as submitted by Mr. Geoffrey & Mrs. Jennifer Edsell for property located in Columbus, Georgia.

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File Attachments for Item:

2. Approval of minutes for the June 18, 2024 Council Meeting and Executive Session.

COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

Council Chambers
Muscogee County School Board Chambers- Public Education Center
2960 Macon Road, Columbus, GA 31906

June 18, 2024
9:00 AM
Regular Meeting

MAYOR’S A G E N D A

PRESENT: Mayor B. H. “Skip” Henderson, III and Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen (*Councilor District 1 Seat – Vacant*) and Councilors Tyson Begly, Joanne Cogle, Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis, R. Walker Garrett (arrived at 9:01 a.m.), Bruce Huff and Toyia Tucker. City Manager Isaiah Hugley, City Attorney Clifton Fay, Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis, and Deputy Clerk of Council Lindsey G. McLemore.

ABSENT: Councilor Judy W. Thomas was absent.

The following documents have been included as a part of the electronic Agenda Packet: (1) Muscogee County Jail Update Presentation; (2) Muscogee County Jail Masterplan Presentation; (3) Jail Debt Impact Analysis Presentation; (4) Revenue Division Update Presentation

The following documents were distributed around the Council table: (1) Documents Submitted by PA#4 Kathy Tanner

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Dr. Lynn Meadows-White with the Methodist Children’s Home of Columbus, Georgia

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Henderson

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the June 11, 2024, Council Meeting and Executive Session. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Thomas being absent from the meeting.

PROCLAMATION:

2. **Proclamation:** Juneteenth Celebration

Receiving: Deputy City Manager Lisa Goodwin

Councilor Toyia Tucker read the proclamation into the record proclaiming June 12-22, 2024, as *Juneteenth Jubilee*, recognizing the series of events and activities held during the month of June in honor of the Juneteenth holiday that commemorates the emancipation of enslaved African Americans.

PRESENTATION:

3. Development Authority Update (Presented by Jerald Mitchell, President & CEO of the Greater Columbus, GA Chamber of Commerce.)

President & CEO Jerald Mitchell, Greater Columbus, GA Chamber of Commerce, approached the rostrum to provide an update by sharing information on the efforts of the Development Authority and the Chamber of Commerce in attracting businesses to the community. He also shared the positive impact that Fort Moore and robotic conferences have on encouraging future development opportunities.

RESOLUTION:

4. **Resolution (205-24):** A resolution expressing deep appreciation to Tyson Begly for his dedicated service to the Columbus Council and the citizens of Columbus, Georgia as the District 10 representative. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Thomas being absent from the meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen read the resolution into the record and thanked Councilor Begly, as well as, presented him with a plaque for his unwavering dedication to serving the community in his role as an At-Large City Councilor.

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA**ORDINANCES**

1. **Ordinance (24-035) - 2nd Reading-** An ordinance providing for the establishment of taxing districts, including a county-wide general services district and three (3) urban services districts and three (3) Business Improvement Districts (BID); providing for the levy, assessment, and collection of taxes for Columbus, Georgia within such districts for the year 2024 as provided under the Charter of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia; providing penalties for violations of the provisions of said ordinance; and for other purposes. (Budget Review Committee)
2. **1st Reading-** REZN-06-23-0113: An ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **1720, 1728, 1730, 1744 Warm Springs Road and 1818 Spring Circle** (parcel # 036-013-002/036-013-003/036-013-004/036-013-005/036-013-007/036-013-008) from Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District to General Commercial (GC) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Garrett) City Attorney Fay recognized the applicant. **(Public Hearing Held)**
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6. **1st Reading- Public Hearing:** An ordinance renewing Business Improvement Districts in Columbus, Georgia through December 31, 2034; and for other purposes. (continued from 6-4-24) (Mayor Pro-Tem) City Attorney Fay recognized Mr. Ed Wolverton- President & CEO of Uptown Columbus, Inc. **(Public Hearing Held)**
7. **1st Reading-** An ordinance providing for the levy, assessment, and collection of taxes for the public school system of Columbus, Georgia; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem) **(Public Hearing Held)**
8. **1st Reading-** An ordinance to amend Article VIII of Chapter 14 of the Columbus to revise certain requirements on businesses that offer Class B Coin Operated Amusement Machines on their premises; and for other purposes. (Councilors Huff, Cogle and Tucker) **(Public Hearing Held)**
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City Attorney Clifton Fay introduced the ordinance, explaining this proposed amendment to the General Government and Public Safety Pension Plans by allowing retired city employees to be elected or appointed to the Columbus City Council and their pension not be suspended while serving. He went on to state this matter was reviewed by the Pension Fund, Employees’ Board of Trustees at a special called meeting last week, where they took no action on the matter.

Councilor Bruce Huff shared his concerns on this proposed ordinance only addressing appointed or elected City Councilors and not all elected officials.

In response, **Councilor Glenn Davis** stated the salary for the other elected positions are significantly higher than the salary of a City Councilor. He stated for the record that the Council is taking the right steps to address this issue.

City Manager Isaiah Hugley stated for the record, he is requesting the minutes of the Pension Fund, Employees’ Board of Trustees June 13, 2024 Special Called Meeting be incorporated and referenced

in the official minutes of this meeting as his comments regarding the proposed ordinance. (*A copy of the Special Called Meeting Minutes of the Pension Fund, Employees' Board of Trustees will be made a part of the June 18, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes as Exhibit "A".*)

Mr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr. approached the rostrum to speak in opposition to the proposed ordinance, expressing his concerns on the legality of the issue.

Mr. Nathan Smith approached the rostrum to speak in favor of the proposed ordinance, stating adoption of the ordinance is the right thing to do.

Mr. Danny Arencibia approached the rostrum to speak in favor of the proposed ordinance, stating individuals that have worked years to reach retirement should continue to receive those benefits that they deserve.

Ms. Karen Gaskins approached the rostrum to speak in favor of the proposed ordinance as a retired Columbus Police Officer.

RESOLUTION

10. Resolution (206-24): A Resolution authorizing payment of attorney fees which may be incurred for legal services rendered regarding various city issues during fiscal year 2025. (Mayor Pro Tem) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Thomas being absent from the meeting.

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Mr. Ruiz Jose, Re: Information on the elimination of parking minimums and elimination of zoning codes for rent and housing affordability. ***Not Present***
2. Mr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr., Re: The Columbus Charter.
3. Mr. Nathan Smith, Re: Free speech, Charter and Council District 1 appointment.
4. Mrs. Kathy Tanner, Re: Concerns at CACC.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Risk Management Legal Services

Resolution (207-24): A resolution authorizing payment of attorney fees which may be incurred for legal services rendered regarding risk management issues during Fiscal Year 2025. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Thomas being absent from the meeting.

2. GEMA Emergency Management Performance Grant

Resolution (208-24): A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant award from the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency in the amount of \$50,000, or as otherwise awarded, from the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG), with a \$50,000 in-kind local match required which is already budgeted in the Department 450 Budget, to amend and reimburse the General Fund by the amount awarded. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Thomas being absent from the meeting.

3. PURCHASES

A. Swim Gear and Lifeguard Accessories (Re-Bid) (Annual Contract) (Re-Bid) (Annual Contract) RFB NO. 24-0035

Resolution (209-24): A resolution authorizing the purchase of swim gear and lifeguard accessories, on an “as needed” basis, from Columbus Fire and Safety (Columbus, GA), Section 1 – Swim Gear, for the estimated contract value of \$10,120.88 and Eagle Creek Capital (North Salt Lake, UT), Section II – Lifeguard Accessories, for the estimated contract value of \$85,720.45, for the annual total estimated contract value of \$95,841.33. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Thomas being absent from the meeting.

B. Motorcycle with Accessories for Columbus Police Department

Resolution (210-24): A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) Harley Davidson Motorcycle, with accessories, from Rally Point Harley-Davidson (Columbus, GA) in the total amount of \$39,449.64. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Thomas being absent from the meeting.

C. Audio-Visual System for Homeland Security and Emergency Management

Resolution (211-24): A resolution authorizing the purchase of an audio-video system from Columbus Tape and Video (Columbus, GA), in the amount of \$187,134.61 for Homeland Security and Emergency Management Department. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Thomas being absent from the meeting.

D. Mold Removal and Remediation Services

Resolution (212-24): A resolution authorizing payment to MLB EnviroHealth & Safety, LLC (Columbus, GA), in the amount of \$64,000.00, for mold removal and remediation services at the jail. Additionally, authorizing payment for the continued use of the vendor to provide the services, as needed, through FY25 to ensure the remediation is completed at the jail, and if needed, for other city locations. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Thomas being absent from the meeting.

E. Milo Range Compact Theater Firearms Training Simulator for the Sheriff's Office - Federal GSA Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (213-24): A resolution authorizing the purchase of a MILO Range Compact Theatre Training Simulator for FAAC Inc./MILO (Ann Arbor, MI), in the amount of \$113,537.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Federal GSA Contract # GS-00F-332CA. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Thomas being absent from the meeting.

F. Consulting Services to Assess the Cybersecurity Posture - Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (214-24): A resolution authorizing the purchase of consulting services from CDW (Vernon Hills, IL), in the amount of \$116,719.00, to perform an assessment of the City's cybersecurity posture. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Sourcewell Contract #081419-CDW. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Thomas being absent from the meeting.

G. Forensic Software for the Sheriff's Office

Resolution (215-24): A resolution authorizing payment to Magnet Forensics (Atlanta, GA), in the amount of \$100,875.00 for the purchase of GrayKey Forensic Software. It is also requested that the Council approve payment for the annual license/maintenance/support fees for subsequent years, including cost increases for all aspects of the system, which will be budgeted in the appropriate fiscal years. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Thomas being absent from the meeting.

H. Bucket Truck for Engineering Department - Sourcewell Cooperative Contract Purchase

Resolution (216-24): A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) bucket truck for the Engineering Department from Altec Industries (Birmingham, AL) in the amount of \$148,043.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Sourcewell Contract #110421-ALT. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Thomas being absent from the meeting.

I. Fitness Equipment for the Sheriff's Office New Administrative Facility - Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (217-24): A resolution authorizing the purchase of fitness equipment from Life Fitness (Franklin Park, IL) in the amount of \$56,808.24. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Sourcewell Contract #081120-LFF. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Thomas being absent from the meeting.

EMERGENCY PURCHASES

1. Information Only: Emergency Purchase

FACIAL RECOGNITION SOFTWARE FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE

On May 11, 2024, the Sheriff's Office notified Finance of the need to purchase Facial Recognition Software by May 15, 2024, in order to meet a grant deadline.

On May 12, 2024, the Finance Director requested an emergency purchase on behalf of the Sheriff's Office due to the Exigent circumstances.

The City Manager approved the emergency purchase on May 12, 2024.

The purchase was made from Clearview.AI (New York, NY). The total cost of the software is \$88,749.00. The first of three payments in the amount of \$29,583.00 was due by May 15, 2024, for the initial term start date. The second payment will be due on the 1st anniversary and the last payment will be due on the 2nd anniversary.

The Sheriff's Office will use the software for investigative purposes.

The purchase is funded as follows: Multi-Government Project Fund – Sheriff – Georgia Gang Activity Prosecution Grant – Computer Software; 0216 – 550 – 3021 – GGAP – 6713.

PURCHASES INFORMATION ONLY:

1. Information Only: Exigent “Off the Lot” Vehicle Purchases – Resolution No. 106-24

1. ONE (1) 2024 FORD TRANSIT 350 15P-PASSENGER VAN

On June 3, 2024, a purchase order was executed for one (1) 2024 Ford Transit 350 15-Passenger Van for the Engineering Department due to exigent circumstances, as approved by Council per Resolution No. 106-24.

The vehicle will be purchased from Brannen Motors (Unadilla, GA) at a unit price of \$58,000.00. The vehicle will be used by Stormwater Staff to facilitate some of their EPD requirements. This is a replacement vehicle.

Funds are budgeted in the FY24 Budget: Sewer (Stormwater) Fund – Engineering – Stormwater – Light Trucks; 0202-250-2600-STRM-7722.

2. ONE (1) 2024 FORD EXPLORER

On June 10, 2024, a purchase order was executed for one (1) 2024 Ford Explorer XLT for the Information Technology Department due to exigent circumstances, as approved by Council per Resolution No. 106-24.

The vehicle will be purchased from Rivertown Ford (Columbus, GA) at a unit price of \$44,911.00. The vehicle will be used by Information Technology staff to go to various Departments for repair requests. This is a new vehicle.

Funds are budgeted in the FY24 Budget: General Fund – Information Technology – Information Technology – Light Trucks; 0101-210-1000-ISS-7722.

3. ONE (1) 2024 FORD EXPLORER

On June 10, 2024, a purchase order was executed for one (1) 2024 Ford Explorer XLT for the Information Technology Department due to exigent circumstances, as approved by Council per Resolution No. 106-24.

The vehicle will be purchased from Rivertown Ford (Columbus, GA) at a unit price of \$43,109.00. The vehicle will be used by Information Technology staff to go to various Departments for repair requests. This is a new vehicle.

Funds are budgeted in the FY24 Budget: General Fund – Information Technology – Information Technology – Light Trucks; 0101-210-1000-ISS-7722.

4. ONE (1) 2024 CHEVROLET SILVERADO

On June 17, 2024, a purchase order was executed for one (1) 2024 Chevrolet Silverado 2500HD for the Engineering Department due to exigent circumstances, as approved by Council per Resolution No. 106-24.

The vehicle will be purchased from Sons Chevrolet (Columbus, GA) at a unit price of \$69,975.00. The vehicle will be used by Traffic Engineering as a paint and maintenance vehicle. This is a new vehicle.

Funds are budgeted in the FY24 Budget: General Fund – Engineering Department – Traffic Engineering– Light Trucks; 0101-250-2100-TRAF-7722.

4. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Parks & Recreation Update - Holli Browder, Director, Parks & Recreation

Parks & Recreation Director Holli Browder approached the rostrum to provide an update on the Parks & Recreation Department. She shared information on the Columbus Outdoor Recreation Experience vehicles and Passport to Columbus Program. She then went on to provide an update on the renovations of pools at Rigdon Park, Psalmond Road and Shirley B. Winton, which have been delayed for various reasons to include weather and permits.

Executive Vice President David Hawkins, Freeman & Associates, came forward to briefly discuss the delays experienced throughout the renovation of the public pools.

NOTE: Councilor Cogle left the meeting at 2:24 p.m.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Request for a meeting with Parks & Recreation and Patirica Liddell regarding Veteran's Day Parade.
(Request of Councilor Tucker)

B. Jail Update - Drale Short, Director, Public Works, Doug Kleppin/Shane Clark, SLAM Collaborative, Henry Painter, Gilbane Building Company, Doug Shaw, Jericho Design Group, LLC, Pam Hodge, Deputy City Manager, Finance, Planning, and Development

Public Works Director Drale Short approached the rostrum to provide an update on the Muscogee County Jail. During the presentation, she explained that since 2022 \$4,098,219 has been spent by the Facilities Maintenance Division on plumbing costs for CCG buildings. She stated the estimated annual cost for CGL Companies to provide maintenance and preventative maintenance for Recorders Court, Muscogee County Jail and the Muscogee County Prison is \$1,500,000.

Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge came forward to explain the purpose of the RFP that was issued in August of 2023, stating this RFP was to assess the Muscogee County Jail and to establish a plan to move forward.

Owner/Principal Doug Shaw, Jericho Design Group, LLC, approached the rostrum to provide a presentation on the repair and maintenance recommendations, programming process, final programming report, and site options for the Muscogee County Jail.

Senior Project Executive Henry Painter, III, Gilbane Building Company, and **Principal Architect Paul Gibson, Barnes Gibson Partners Architects, LLC**, came forward to respond to questions and comments from Councilor Davis regarding the bricks that have fallen from the existing structure.

Sheriff Greg Countryman came forward to share the conflicts that would be faced with site option one, stating option two is a much safer option to transport to and from court.

Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge returned to the rostrum to present the Jail Debt Impact Analysis on behalf of Davenport & Company. During the presentation, she provided information on the total existing and committed debt and the various funding options to construct a new jail. She stated there is an internal debt policy that the debt margin shall not exceed 1.75% of the fair market value of all taxable property within the county. She emphasized this is an internal policy and not mandated by the State of Georgia.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Bring a sample or actual contract with CGL for Council to see the “punch list” and what is being prioritized. (*Request of Councilor Tucker*)

C. Revenue Update - Angelica Alexander, Director, Finance

Finance Director Angelica Alexander approached the rostrum to provide a presentation on the Revenue Division of the Finance Department. She shared information on the projected timeline to address the issues identified in the Revenue Division and the need for additional positions to handle the workload.

MUSCOGEE COUNTY JAIL:

Councilor Davis made a motion to budget up to \$6,000,000.00 to fund the first phase of remediation for the Muscogee County Jail, as suggested by the City Manager during the presentation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Cogle being absent for the vote, and Councilor Thomas being absent from the meeting.

REFERRALS:

CLERK OF COUNCIL’S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

1. **RESOLUTION (218-24)** – A resolution excusing Councilor Judy Thomas from the June 18, 2024 Council Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Cogle being absent for the vote, and Councilor Thomas being absent from the meeting.
2. Honorary Designation Application submitted by Mr. Jason Crowson and Ms. Stephanie Callahan to place a stone with bronze plaque and a marble bench at Godwin Creek Golf Course in honor of Mr. Richard Callahan, Sr. *(The Council may vote to forward the application to the Board of Honor.)* Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to forward the application to the Board of Honor, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Cogle being absent for the vote, and Councilor Thomas being absent from the meeting.
3. **Minutes of the following boards:**
 - Board of Tax Assessors, #18-24
 - Columbus Golf Course Authority, June 4, 2024
 - Land Bank Authority, May 8, 2024
 - Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board, March 14, & May 9, 2024

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to receive the minutes of various boards, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Cogle being absent for the vote, and Councilor Thomas being absent from the meeting.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

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

A. YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:

A nominee for a seat on the Youth Advisory Council as the District 2 Representative for the 2024-2025 School Year *(Council District 2- Davis)*. There were none.

A nominee for a seat on the Youth Advisory Council as the District 4 Representative for the 2024-2025 School Year *(Council District 4- Tucker)*. There were none.

A nominee for a seat on the Youth Advisory Council as the District 5 Representative for the 2024-2025 School Year *(Council District 5- Crabb)*. There were none.

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

- A. **KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION:** Ms. Pamela Green Thomas was nominated to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Eddie Florence as the SD-15 Representative. *(Councilor Crabb's nominee)* Term expires: June 30, 2026. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Cogle being absent for the vote, and Councilor Thomas being absent from the meeting.

B. KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION: Ms. Leasa Hastings was nominated to the At-Large seat that was formerly held by Ms. Pamela Green Thomas. (*Ms. Pamela Green Thomas was moved to the vacant SD-15 seat*). (*Councilor Crabb's nominee*) Term expires: June 30, 2027. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Cogle being absent for the vote, and Councilor Thomas being absent from the meeting.

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

A. COLUMBUS AQUATICS COMMISSION:

A nominee for the seat of Timothy Crabb (*Does not desire reappointment*) for a term expiring on June 30, 2024, on the Columbus Aquatics Commission (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Richard Leary (*Eligible to succeed- Does not desire reappointment*) for a term expiring on June 30, 2024, as the Columbus Hurricanes Representative on the Columbus Aquatics Commission (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Janet Bussey (*Not Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on June 30, 2024, on the Columbus Aquatics Commission (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Bruce Samuels (*Not Eligible to succeed*) for a term that expired on June 30, 2022, on the Columbus Aquatics Commission (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

B. HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of Libby Smith (*Not Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring January 31, 2024, as the Historic District Resident on the Historic & Architectural Review Board (*Council's Appointment*). Clerk of Council Davis stated Councilor Cogle is nominating Mike Johnson to fill the unexpired term of Libby Smith as the Historic District Resident.

C. KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION:

A nominee for the seat of David Houser (*Eligible to succeed- Interested in serving*) for a term expiring June 30, 2024, as a representative of Senatorial District 15 on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (*Council's Appointment*). Mayor Pro Tem Allen renominated David Houser to serve another term.

D. REGION 6 REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES:

A nominee for the seat of Christopher Posey (*Eligible to succeed- Does not desire reappointment*) for a term expiring on June 30, 2024, on the Region 6 Regional Advisory Council for Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (*Council's Appointment*). Clerk of Council Davis started Councilor Cogle is nominating Jennifer LeDenney to succeed Christopher Posey.

COUNCIL HEARINGS:

7. Request for Waiver of Penalty and Interest on property tax as submitted by Mr. Murray R. Jones for property located in Columbus, Georgia.

Muscogee County Tax Commissioner Lula Huff approached the rostrum to provide information on the citizen's request.

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the refund of penalties and interest in the amount of \$618.30, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Cogle being absent for the vote, and Councilor Thomas being absent from the meeting.

8. Request for Waiver of Penalty and Interest on property tax as submitted by Mr. Kenneth Harris for property located in Columbus, Georgia.

Muscogee County Tax Commissioner Lula Huff approached the rostrum to provide information on the citizen's request.

Mr. Kenneth Harris came forward to state this was an honest mistake after he received a call from his bank regarding fraudulent activity in the account. He explained he did a "stop payment" on many checks not realizing the property tax payments were among the payments stopped.

Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the refund of penalties and interest in the amount of \$3,279.66, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Cogle being absent for the vote, and Councilor Thomas being absent from the meeting.

9. Request for Waiver of Penalty and Interest on property tax as submitted by Ms. Ebonee Bryant for property located in Columbus, Georgia.

Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the refund of penalties and interest in the amount of \$1,408.79, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Cogle being absent for the vote, and Councilor Thomas being absent from the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

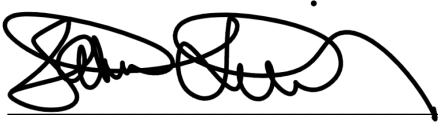
Mayor Henderson entertained a motion to go into executive session to discuss matters of property acquisition as requested by Councilor Davis. Councilor Davis made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Cogle being absent for the vote, Councilor Thomas being absent from the meeting, and the time being 1:41 p.m.

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 1:50 p.m., at which time, Mayor Henderson announced that the Council did meet in executive session to discuss matters of property acquisition; however, there were no votes taken.

PUBLIC AGENDA (continued):

2. Mr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr., Re: The Columbus Charter.

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Allen to adjourn the June 18, 2024 Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Cogle being absent for the vote, Councilor Thomas being absent from the meeting, and the time being 1:54 p.m.



Sandra T. Davis, CMC
Clerk of Council
Council of Columbus, Georgia

EXHIBIT "A"

*MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING FOR THE COLUMBUS GEORGIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEE
RETIREMENT SYSTEMS PENSION AND BENEFIT TRUST FUND
Called Meeting*

June 13, 2024

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Mayor, Skip Henderson, Chairman; and Finance Director, Angelica Alexander, Secretary

TRUSTEES ATTENDING VIRTUALLY: City Manager, Isaiah Hugley, Vice Chairman; Ricky Boren, Trustee; Roderick Graham, Trustee; Lisa Goodwin, Trustee; Jack Warden, Trustee; Elizabeth Cook, Trustee; and Dusty Wilson, Trustee

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

Fray McCormick, Trustee

OTHERS ATTENDING IN PERSON OR VIRTUALLY:

Pamela Hodge, DCM Finance, Planning & Development; Lucy Sheftall, Assistant City Attorney; Reather Hollowell, Human Resources Director; Cynthia Holliman, Senior Pension Plans Administrator; Gwen Ruff, Columbus Water Works; Savonne Monell, Columbus Water Works Representative; Angela Allison, Columbus Water Works, Clifton Fay, City Attorney, and Glen Arrington, Recording Secretary

ADVISORS:

Chuck Carr, Southern Actuarial Services; and Constance Brewster, Troutman Pepper

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor, Skip Henderson, called the June 13, 2024, meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Columbus Georgia Public Employee Retirement Systems Pension and Benefit Trust Fund to order. Attendance was taken and quorum was present and confirmed.

Mayor Henderson stated that this meeting has been called meeting for the board to discuss an ordinance requested and recommended by Councilor Davis and others. Because this meeting is to discuss policy and not investment performance, allocation or funding, it is open for public attendance but not for public comment. Mayor Henderson stated that this board’s purpose is not political. The Board’s purpose is to provide input to best protect the pensions of former, current and future CCG employees. The Board may decide to vote to recommend Council approves the ordinance; they may vote to recommend the Council does not approve the ordinance; or they may decide there is not sufficient information to make any recommendation. The mayor then turned the meeting over to Clifton Fay, City Attorney.

Minutes other than summary minutes will be released on a delayed schedule to protect the release of information made confidential by Official Code of Georgia Annc 47-1-14(c) and (d).

Clifton Fay thanked the mayor for allowing him to participate in the meeting. He reported on a new development regarding virtual meetings for the Board of Trustees for large retirement systems. Since the Governor signed new legislation in February, this Pension Board will be able to meet like this with a virtual quorum with some members in the room. He noted that the same ability to meet virtually does not apply to council meetings.

He explained that the proposed amendment to be discussed proposed by Councilor Davis and others, will allow a retired city employee who is currently receiving a city pension to be appointed or elected to fill a vacancy on the Columbus Council and not have to suspend their current city pension. The draft ordinance had been distributed to Board members and those in attendance. He advised that pension attorney, Constance Brewster of Troutman Law Firm in Atlanta has worked with the City Attorney's office the last week to prepare an ordinance at the Councilor's request. He then turned the meeting over to Mrs. Sheftall and Mrs. Brewster so that they could go through each proposed change. Mr. Fay stated that it is straightforward. The changes will allow a person receiving a city pension to continue receiving that pension if they are appointed or elected as a councilor.

Lucy Sheftall, Assistant City Attorney, informed the board that when they looked at the ordinance, there were a lot of edits or small changes that were all crafted to make one change. She contrasted what happens now with and then what would happen under the proposed ordinance. Currently, part time city employees who are drawing an active retirement can come back to work for the city and keep their pension. Full time employees cannot keep their pension if they come back after retirement. They don't lose it forever; it's just suspended during the time they are back in city employment. When that pension is suspended, they are required to rejoin the pension plan and make contributions to start earning a new benefit for their new service.

Councilors are specifically defined by the pension plan as full-time employees; therefore, they are subject to the requirements that their pension be suspended when they come back. The amendment that proposed today would change that so that an active retiree who is drawing a pension from the city plan can come back to be a councilor, not any other elected official, just an elected or appointed councilor, without having his or her pension suspended. The Councilor would keep drawing their pension but would not have the option of paying in and joining the plan again and getting a new benefit. That is sort of the before and after, if you will. Ms. Sheftall then recognized Ms. Brewster of Troutman Pepper to discuss the plan amendments and answer questions.

Constance Brewster then spoke to the board and walked through the ordinance in detail. A copy of the ordinance was displayed. (Please see attachment – Columbus – Ordinance Adopting Plan Amendments re City Council Members Draft 6-13-24)

Looking at section 2.13, this section of the plan is governing creditable service. The idea is if the councilor is not going to be eligible to participate in the plan as an active full-time employee, accruing additional benefits, this section says that any service he performs as a councilor is not considered creditable service. So this is essentially saying that he can

continue getting his pension, but the service that he has as a councilor is not going to count towards accruing any new benefits under the pension plan. Mrs. Brewster then opened to receive questions regarding this section of the amendment.

Moving to section 2.19, this deals with earnings. So, like in section 2.13 this clarifies that this councilor is not eligible for pension or building his service, we are also saying that any earnings the councilor receives as a councilor is not considered earnings for purposes of accruing a new benefit in the plan.

Moving to section 2.24, this is the section of the plan that defines full time employees to include appointed or elected officials as listed, the clarifying change, historically all officials, either appointed or elected have been treated the same. So, we added "appointed" just to clarify so there is no question. And then we added a proviso at the end to say that for any councilor, that he is a former member in pay status who has later entered into employment and sworn in as a councilor on or after July 1, is not going to be considered a full time employee for the purposes of the suspension provision that we will talk about and also for purposes of accruing additional benefits while serving as councilor.

Section 3.02 is a typographical change that is updating the section reference to reference to the correct numbers. This is just a clarifying piece.

Moving to section 4.06, and this is the heart of what brings this discussion. Pension benefits on reemployment. And this section usually says that if you are a member and you retire, and you are receiving benefits and you are reemployed as a full-time employee, your benefits will be suspended. So, the change is providing an exclusion and to say that if you are reemployed as a councilor, that is sworn in on or after July 1, 2024, that suspension provision no longer applies. So, the councilor may continue to receive pension payments while serving in his councilor role.

Moving down to section 4.06c, Eligibility for and Amount of Additional Pension, we added just for clarification, a provision at the end saying that if a former member comes back as a councilor, and is appointed on or after July 1, we are clarifying that he is not going to be eligible for an additional pension. So, he continues to receive his benefits but does not create any additional pension.

That was the general employee plan. If you move down to section 6, looking at section 2.14, you will see that this is virtually identical to provision 3 in that general governmental employee plan. 2.14 is just saying for this particular councilor, any service as a councilor is not considered creditable service for purposes of creating new benefits.

2.20 is the same. It is simply saying that the councilor's service is not considered earnings for purposes of accruing any new benefits.

2.25, we are saying that change as with the general governmental plan, the clarification that we are talking about is appointed or elected officials, and then also the proviso is clarifying

that this councilor would not be considered a full-time employee for purposes of the mandatory participation and the suspension of benefit provisions.

Moving to 3.02, this is updating the internal cite reference to ensure that it references the right cite.

Section 4.06, this is the same provision that we talked about in the general government employee plan, we are providing that the suspension of benefits while reemployment as a councilor does not apply.

If we move down, here is a proviso that just clarifies, again, that the councilor will not be eligible to receive an additional pension while receiving pension payments and then providing service as a councilor.

Section 11 just simply has the effective date of the ordinance. So as soon as it is adopted, it will be immediately effective.

Section 12 is the general provision that we include in all of our ordinances. It just says that any parts of the ordinance in conflict with this amendment are repealed and replaced with this ordinance that is adopted.

Mrs. Brewster then opened for questions.

City Manager, Isaiah Hugley expressed his concerns. He stated that, like others, he received the proposed ordinance, red lined less than an hour ago, in fact, looking at the email, he received it at 11:06 AM this morning. And there are several concerns. He stated that he was concerned that the proposed ordinance carves out or creates special legislation to fit one person or one class, members of city council. And it does not provide opportunity for equal treatment to other elected offices or elected officials. He stated that he was also concerned this is done hurriedly and does not allow sufficient time for review by the Pension Board. And it does not allow time for review by the city actuarial consultant. He stated that he assumed that Chuck Carr was with us, but, Mr. Hughley stated, that he did not know that he has had time to review to determine the actuarial impact of the recommended changes to the pension plan.

Chuck Carr responded that he did review the information quickly and stated that for him, it was straightforward. There is no actuarial impact for these changes. He stated that the actuarial concern could be taken off the table.

Mr. Hugley reiterated that he had not had enough time to review it. As a pension board fiduciary, he stated that he didn't know if other members of the pension board had a chance to see it, but he received the ordinance at 11:06. So, with that said, he stated that he was not comfortable voting on this matter today. If he was asked to vote on a matter that he is just received the email at 11:06, and he is expected to digest it or completely understand it, his vote would have to be no. He stated that his preference today is that that pension board would take no action. It is a political matter to leave it to the City Council because whether the

pension board says yay or negative, the council can vote to vote it up or down. And so, with his concerns, at least, he was not comfortable voting today. And his preference would be to take no action and refer it back to the City Council and let them pass their decision.

Mayor Henderson responded that he agreed. The mayor stated that he appreciated Mr. Hugley's comments. He asked if there was anything else that he wanted to add that may have any bearing at all on the main thing that we are discussing?

Mr. Carr stated that he thinks this is strictly a policy issue. From a financial perspective, if he understands it correctly, this only applies to someone who is in payment status. So, they are drawing the pension. And this is an individual who is retired at least from the pension funds perspective, and they are receiving their payments. Our assumption, of course, is that someone will then receive those payments for the rest of their life. So, we don't make any kind of assumption that there would be someone reemployed or anything of that nature. So, to the extent that someone is reemployed and is away or becomes a part of council or what have you, the fact that we would not be, now, with this member suspending their benefit, whereas before, we would, it really doesn't change any of the numbers from an actuarial standpoint. Arguably, it might even be argued that it would save a little bit of money. The savings would be miniscule. But, if he understood the plan right, right now, if someone, if this happens, the pension payments are suspended. But they would accrue additional service and additional benefit for that time that they are reemployed or what have you. So, because generally, these are folks, they are retired, so they are older. The cost of their accruals is generally going to be high as compared to someone who is younger. So, Mr. Carr stated, this is an actuarially neutral ordinance. But the reality is if anything, if it has any impact financially, there might be a very, very, very tiny savings from this, just from the fact that the fund is not going to give these folks additional pension accrual while they are reemployed. He again recommended looking at the issue from a policy perspective.

The mayor thanked the board and participants for making themselves available for this afternoon. He asked if there were any pension board members who had any questions or comments or wanted to clarify how they view their opportunity to recommend this.

Elizabeth Cook stated that she shared a concern and completely understood the timeliness issue. She stated that she works in this area and is familiar with the terminology and it is probably easier for her to understand than some others just because they don't see these words every day. She stated that she, frankly, would probably abstain if there was a vote because she didn't see this as the type of issue that the board deals with. The Board We deal with fiduciary issues. If they were to propose an amendment that had an impact on the plan in which it was something we could speak up for even a policy, but this is a neutral plan design change. She stated that she didn't know that it is up to the board to make the recommendation on neutral plan and design.

The mayor thanked Mrs. Cook for her comments.

Roderick Graham asked, for his clarity, are we talking about making a change that will only apply to an individual that has been voted for or elected as a council person.

Mr. Fay stated that the appointee is not sworn in yet.

Mr. Graham continued with, in the future, as the City Manager was referring to, how will this impact, or does this impact other individuals that retire and maybe want to come back for not an elected position but want to come back in some other capacity working for the City. Will their pension be suspended?

Mrs. Sheftall responded that the rules would stay the same as they are now, if they are only coming back part time, the pension is not suspended. If they are coming back full time, the pension is suspended.

Mr. Graham continued with, is a council position considered full-time or is it considered part time?

Mrs. Sheftall responded that the plan defines it currently as full time.

The mayor asked if there were any more questions or comments from the board.

Dusty Wilson asked if it was possible that we could hear from Councilor Davis as to why this was proposed. It seems fairly obvious that maybe it would allow the people who have great ideas to come back and work full-time in council. But he would worry with the City Manager, does this possibly create something for other areas in the city where somebody could come back and provide a great service, but they are limited or maybe they don't want to do that because they would have to give up their pension.

The mayor stated that typically the board does not allow comments from non-board members. But since this is a direct question to the individual who referred to it, he felt it certainly should be allowed.

Councilor Davis responded that he did not mind giving a little perspective on it. He stated that he thought Mr. Wilson was right. There are a lot of valuable, good, solid citizens in our community that have served this city well. And certainly, for many, many years. 25, 30, 35. You can make a case that they have a lot of knowledge and insight. And they would be good people to represent your city going forward. Taking all names out of this, unbeknownst to any council member, he thought the last time the council dealt with this was when Mayor Wetherington, but everybody was always, of course, he had options at that time with businesses or rental properties and things like that. But it did not matter to him, but we have always considered the mayor or others as full-time positions. And you look at the salary that equates to that. He stated that he thought you could make an argument that the council members are below the poverty level. You could make the argument that if they were full time, you would have to go back and recompensate every council member with minimum wage, which they are not making minimum wage, which is a federal requirement. If councilors were considered full time, he thinks the council members should be compensated in such a way that they are not. He stated that he found out about this idea at the eleventh hour when a letter was mailed out to a day before somebody was being sworn in, told that their, after

they have already gone through a process, that had been initiated, that they were going to, their pension was going to be suspended. Now, if you can imagine being that person, at an age where you have given 30+ years, and you are trying to make a living, and you are trying to have a life and support others, you can't do it. And not just that person, you have other people that have been qualified to run, who would have applied to run. He stated someone recently during the election, it would have applied to him. And he promised the board that they didn't know either. So, it opened his eyes to 1) we need a fact sheet that we can give to any candidate running for any office. They need to understand all the requirements, the ethics, the ethics rules, disclosures, what the rules are so that we are all on a level playing field instead of at the last minute. Because if you get sworn in not knowing and you receive a letter less than 24 hours where you are going to be sworn in that your pension is going to be suspended. Something is wrong with that. Something is really wrong. He went on to say that he thought the city had failed from that standpoint. So, where we are at today is making a correction with council members if an employee who has served the city well wants to be on council, appointed or elected, they have that option, well, it's not really an option, but they can continue to draw their pension. Some people just can't survive. Others can make it happen. And it just depends on where you are in life, and certainly, you can make this a case that certain people could be discriminated against and not allowed that opportunity. It applies, not just to whoever is in the pension plan across the board. It applies to not allowing them an opportunity to serve their city. They can't. Because most people versus serving on council or collecting their pension at such an age, you can't make it work. Or a very few have the opportunity, or the resources make that happen. So, we need to make corrections. And fortunately, as we walked through this thing, we found out the final process has not taken place, therefore a person won't be punitively punished or discriminated against in such a way because they had no idea. Nobody even knew what this ordinance was all about. It doesn't say council people, it just says elected officials, is what it says. That's what the policy says. So, as a council representative, he was looking at that, and the council is trying to make the appropriate changes going forward, where anybody in this city would have the opportunity. If they served this city well, they would have the opportunity to serve. And they don't have to deal with their pension being suspended and not being able to survive and make a living and take care of their family.

The mayor thanked Councilor Davis. He then asked if there were any other questions or comments from the board.

Finance Director, Angelica Alexander, asked a question. In terms of the council, does that also apply to the mayor as part of the council? Or not?

The mayor responded that he thought the mayor was a full-time position. Council is only part time. He stated that he served on council and the idea to serve on council is you have a job, and the council service is sort of a part time job. He stated that he thinks this has not really occurred very often. He stated that Councilor Davis mentioned Wetherington. A firefighter, Watson, dealt with that. In 30 years, it has probably happened twice. But he thought the mayor is considered full time. The council has always been a part-time and, the perk, it was a perk trying to add to council because of the hours they end up working. And that's why they are considered, just for pension and insurance, full time, so that they can qualify.

Mr. Hugley stated that he would state again that his concern is that it provides for a select group and there are other elected officials that could, he used the coroner as an example. And so, they could not retire from the city and then run for coroner and win, if you just single it out to just council members. And a coroner, a person running as a retired city employee for coroner, would earn a salary, in Columbus, Georgia, of \$60,000. And then you would as mayor, or general revenue as you mentioned, he probably earns between \$75 and \$80 thousand, gave up his pension. It means if you, and only the council is mentioned, they had other things, but that says that you are local administrator on low pay. For your pay and you arranged for mayor, you would earn, like you earn, about \$80,000. How does that compare to a city, the second largest city in Georgia. It singles out a certain class, and it does not provide an equal playing field for other retired employees who want to run for office in this city. It says you can only get paid your pension if you run for city council. Not if you run for mayor. Not if you run for coroner. Not if you run for municipal court clerk. You can only do it if you are a councilor. And I question whether that is providing an opportunity for a greater talent to go to the next level or block other than a city councilor position. And it's not an equal and level playing field. And, quite frankly, it's not equal treatment. And that is one of my concerns. As I shared with you earlier, I would leave that to the city council to vote on this matter and not as a pension board member.

Mayor Henderson stated that he agreed. He thought that based on what Elizabeth mentioned and what City Manager, Mr. Hugley said and what he has heard coming from the board, there are a couple of factors to consider. There is going to be an opportunity for first and second reading at council when this comes up. And that is where, he thought, we are seeing this belongs. In the arena discussing whether it is what we want to do for the pension for our government. Mayor Henderson stated, he thought, as Elizabeth pointed out, and Chuck mentioned that it is negligible, the impact on the actual funding of the pension or being able to continue being able to make sure it stays close to being fully funded. He stated what he was hearing is that the board seems to be leaning towards letting the council handle it, whichever route they want to go. For several reasons. One, as you had mentioned and something that Elizabeth had mentioned, but also, because of the short timeline. So, is there any different view or opinion from any members of the board?

Dusty Wilson responded that he would just add that if you pull an amendment plan, like the City Manager says, amend it for all elected officials, not just councilor. He stated that he agrees that there are very good people out there who have a lot of experience and who would like to raise their hand and become a part of the council or another elected position. But he stated that it looks like it says just the councilors and not elected officials. He then asked if there would be any actuarial effects if the amendment included all elected officials.

Chuck Carr responded that it would not change his opinion. He then stated his opinion was not based upon the fact that it was limited to councilors. It could be any elected office. And he stated his answer would be the same, which is it has no actuarial impact. The mayor then stated that he thought it was something that the council would need to take into consideration. And those that would speak to the council when it does come up. The mayor then asked if any of the board members had any issues or concerns.

Mr. Graham stated that this was the question he was getting around to when he asked if it just applied to being on city council. He stated that was what he was reading and what was being explained to the board. The word that was being used was councilor or council member.

The mayor then opened the floor for a motion. No motion was brought forward, so the Board will not forward any recommendation to the council. The ordinance will go before the Council for 1st Reading without any recommendation from the Board.

ADJOURN

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Henderson entertained a motion to dismiss. A motion was made by City Manager, Isaiah Hugley. It was seconded by Dusty Wilson. The mayor thanked everyone for taking their time and adjusting their schedules to attend the meeting. The board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting and the meeting was declared adjourned.

Glen Arrington

Glen Arrington
Recording Secretary

AN ORDINANCE

NO. 24-__

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 (collectively, the "Plans") to address the treatment of retirees in pay status who are thereafter appointed or elected to City Council.

THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1.

Section 2.13 of the Columbus, Georgia Pension Plan for General Government Employees is hereby amended by adding a new Section 2.13(h) to read as follows:

(h) Former Members in Pay Status And Sworn In Councilor on or after July 1, 2024. No employment service following the reemployment of a former Member in pay status who is sworn in as a Councilor on or after July 1, 2024, shall be considered Creditable Service.

SECTION 2.

Section 2.19 of the Columbus, Georgia Pension Plan for General Government Employees is hereby amended by adding a new Section 2.19(e) to read as follows:

(e) Former Members in Pay Status And Sworn In as Councilor on or after July 1, 2024. No compensation earned following the reemployment of a former Member in pay status who is sworn in as a Councilor on or after July 1, 2024, shall be considered Earnings.

SECTION 3.

Section 2.24 of the Columbus, Georgia Pension Plan for General Government Employees is hereby stricken and replaced by a new Section 2.24 to read as follows:

"2.24 Full-Time Employee: Any Employee whose customary employment is for at least forty (40) hours per week and for twelve (12) months during each calendar year and who is

included in the "position classification plan" adopted by the Council. An Employee who is a court reporter, appointed judge or an appointed or elected Official of the Government shall be deemed a Full-Time Employee. A grant employee identified as "benefit eligible" by the grant administrator shall be deemed a Full-Time Employee. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a former Member in pay status who is sworn-in as an appointed or elected Councilor of the Government on or after [July 1, 2024] shall not be deemed a Full-Time Employee for purposes of 4.06 and shall not be entitled to receive any additional benefits under the Plan with respect to service as a Councilor."

SECTION 4.

Section 3.02 of the Columbus, Georgia Pension Plan for General Government Employees is hereby stricken and replaced by a new Section 3.02 to read as follows:

"3.02 Membership Upon Reemployment: Except as provided in Section 4.06(c) regarding the reemployment of a retired Member *in pay status*, upon the reemployment of an Employee after termination of employment, he shall become a Member on his reemployment date, provided he is an Eligible Employee on such date and be subject to all requirements of new Members on that date. Any reemployed Member who satisfies the conditions set forth in Section 2.~~4213~~(c) for re-establishing Creditable Service, shall be entitled to an Adjusted Employment Date which shall be calculated by taking his re-employment date and backing it up to reflect the years and months of creditable service calculated in accordance with section 2.~~4213~~. All vesting and contribution requirements shall then be construed as though such employee was hired on his Adjusted Employment Date."

SECTION 5.

Section 4.06 of the Columbus, Georgia Pension Plan for General Government Employees is hereby stricken and replaced by a new Section 4.06 to read as follows:

"4.06 Pension Benefits Upon Reemployment:

If a former Member who is receiving a Pension is reemployed by the Government, the following rules shall apply:

- (a) Full-Time Reemployment and Resumption of Pension: If such a Member is reemployed as a Full-Time Employee, those Pension payments shall stop, unless he is participating in the DROP as set forth in Section 4.04 above or is reemployed as an

appointed or elected Councilor sworn in on or after July 1, 2024. Pension payments shall also stop during any suspension in DROP participation. During such period of reemployment or suspension in DROP participation no Pension payments shall be made. Upon subsequent Retirement of such a Member, such Pension payments shall again commence as of the first day of the month coincident with or next following such Retirement. The amount and form of such resumed Pension shall be the same as was being paid to such Member prior to reemployment as of his initial Pension commencement date.

- (b) Part-Time Reemployment: If such a Member is reemployed as a Part-Time Employee, those Pension payments shall continue uninterrupted.
- (c) Eligibility for and Amount of Additional Pension: Upon reemployment, if the Employee meets the requirements of Section 2.21 as an Eligible Employee, such Employee shall again become a Member of this Plan on the date of reemployment, shall make Employee Contributions at the rate required of other new employees hired on that date, and shall accrue Credited Service and Vesting Service from the date of reemployment and again be entitled to accrue a benefit in accordance with the provisions of Section 4. However, in the determination of such a Member's Vesting Service, his prior years of Vesting Service shall be included in addition to his Vesting Service earned after reemployment; provided, however, solely for the purpose of determining the amount of his additional Pension, Credited Service shall accrue only from the date of such reemployment. No member who has participated in the DROP specified in Section 4.04 above shall be eligible for Additional Pension pursuant to this sub-section. Notwithstanding anything in the Plan to the contrary, a former Member who (i) is receiving a Pension and (ii) is reemployed by the Government as an appointed or elected Councilor on or after [July 1, 2024], shall not be eligible for an Additional Pension pursuant to this sub-section.
- (d) Form of Payment of Additional Pension: Upon subsequent Retirement by a Member after a period of reemployment, the monthly benefit determined in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 and based on Credited Service from the date of reemployment shall be in addition to the benefit provided for the prior period of employment and the provisions of Section 4.06 (c). The Pension earned by such a Member during the period of reemployment shall be payable in accordance with the provisions of Section 5."

SECTION 6.

Section 2.14 of the Columbus, Georgia Pension Plan for Employees of the Department of Public Safety is hereby amended by adding a new Section 2.14(g) to read as follows:

(g) Former Members in Pay Status And Sworn In as an Appointed or Elected to Council on or after July 1, 2024. No employment service following the reemployment of a former Member in pay status who is sworn in as a Councilor on or after July 1, 2024, shall be considered Creditable Service.

SECTION 7.

Section 2.20 of the Columbus, Georgia Pension Plan for Employees of the Department of Public Safety is hereby amended by adding a new Section 2.20(e) to read as follows:

(e) Former Members in Pay Status And Sworn In as an Appointed or Elected to Council on or after July 1, 2024. No compensation earned as a Councilor following the reemployment of a former Member in pay status who is sworn in as a Councilor on or after July 1, 2024, shall be considered Earnings.

SECTION 8.

Section 2.25 of the Columbus, Georgia Pension Plan for Employees of the Department of Public Safety is hereby stricken and replaced by a new Section 2.25 to read as follows:

"2.25 Full-Time Employee:

Any Employee whose customary employment is for at least forty (40) hours per week and for twelve (12) months during each calendar year and who is included in the "position classification plan" adopted by the Council. An Employee who is a court reporter, appointed judge or an appointed or elected Official of the Government shall be deemed a Full-Time Employee. A grant employee identified as "benefit eligible" by the grant administrator shall be deemed a Full-Time Employee. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a retired Member in pay status who is appointed or elected to Council on or after July 1, 2024 shall not be deemed a Full-Time Employee for purposes of Sections 3.02 and 4.06 and shall not be entitled to receive any additional benefits under the Plan with respect to service as a Councilor."

SECTION 9.

Section 3.02 of the Columbus, Georgia Pension Plan for Employees of the Department of Public Safety is hereby stricken and replaced by a new Section 3.02 to read as follows:

"3.02 Membership Upon Reemployment: Except as provided in Section 4.06(c) regarding the reemployment of a retired Member *in pay status*, upon the reemployment of an Employee after termination of employment, he shall become a Member on his reemployment date, provided he is an Eligible Employee on such date and be subject to all requirements of new Members on that date. Any reemployed Member who satisfies the conditions set forth in Section 2.124(c) for re-establishing Creditable Service, shall be entitled to an Adjusted Employment Date which shall be calculated by taking his re-employment date and backing it up to reflect the years and months of creditable service calculated in accordance with section 2.124. All vesting and contribution requirements shall then be construed as though such employee was hired on his Adjusted Employment Date."

SECTION 10.

Section 4.06 of the Columbus, Georgia Pension Plan for Employees of the Department of Public Safety is hereby stricken and replaced by a new Section 4.06 to read as follows:

"4.06 Pension Benefits Upon Reemployment:

If a former Member who is receiving a Pension is reemployed by the Government, the following rules shall apply:

- (e) Full-Time Reemployment and Resumption of Pension: If such a Member is reemployed as a Full-Time Employee, those Pension payments shall stop, unless he is participating in the DROP as set forth in Section 4.04 above or is reemployed as an appointed or elected Councilor sworn in on or after July 1, 2024. Pension payments shall also stop during any suspension in DROP participation. During such period of reemployment or suspension in DROP participation no Pension payments shall be made. Upon subsequent Retirement of such a Member, such Pension payments shall again commence as of the first day of the month coincident with or next following such Retirement. The amount and form of such resumed Pension shall be the same as was being paid to such Member prior to reemployment as of his initial Pension commencement date.

- (f) Part-Time Reemployment: If such a Member is reemployed as a Part-Time Employee, those Pension payments shall continue uninterrupted.
- (g) Eligibility for and Amount of Additional Pension: Upon reemployment, if the Employee meets the requirements of Section 2.22 as an Eligible Employee, such Employee shall again become a Member of this Plan on the date of reemployment, shall make Employee Contributions at the rate required of other new employees hired on that date, and shall accrue Credited Service and Vesting Service from the date of reemployment and again be entitled to accrue a benefit in accordance with the provisions of Section 4. However, in the determination of such a Member's Vesting Service, his prior years of Vesting Service shall be included in addition to his Vesting Service earned after reemployment; provided, however, solely for the purpose of determining the amount of his additional Pension, Credited Service shall accrue only from the date of such reemployment. No member who has participated in the DROP specified in Section 4.04 above shall be eligible for Additional Pension pursuant to this sub-section. Notwithstanding anything in the Plan to the contrary, a former Member who(i) is receiving a Pension and (ii) is reemployed by the Government as an appointed or elected Councilor or sworn in on or after July 1, 2024, shall not be eligible for an Additional Pension pursuant to this sub-section.
- (h) Form of Payment of Additional Pension: Upon subsequent Retirement by a Member after a period of reemployment, the monthly benefit determined in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 and based on Credited Service from the date of reemployment shall be in addition to the benefit provided for the prior period of employment and the provisions of Section 4.06 (c). The Pension earned by such a Member during the period of reemployment shall be payable in accordance with the provisions of Section 5."

SECTION 11.

This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon adoption by the Columbus Council.

SECTION 12.

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

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the ____ day of _____, 2024; introduced a second time at a regular meeting of said Council held on the ____ day of _____, 2024 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting	_____
(Seat vacant)	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 Davis
Clerk of Council

B.H. Henderson III
Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

1. 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 (collectively, the “Plans”) to address the treatment of retirees in pay status who are thereafter appointed or elected to the Columbus Council. (Councilor Davis)

AN ORDINANCE

NO. 24-_____

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THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1.

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(h) Former Members in Pay Status And Sworn In Councilor on or after July 1, 2024. No employment service following the reemployment of a former Member in pay status who is sworn in as a Councilor on or after July 1, 2024, shall be considered Creditable Service.

SECTION 2.

Section 2.19 of the Columbus, Georgia Pension Plan for General Government Employees is hereby amended by adding a new Section 2.19(e) to read as follows:

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SECTION 3.

Section 2.24 of the Columbus, Georgia Pension Plan for General Government Employees is hereby stricken and replaced by a new Section 2.24 to read as follows:

"2.24 Full-Time Employee: Any Employee whose customary employment is for at least forty (40) hours per week and for twelve (12) months during each calendar year and who is included in the "position classification plan" adopted by the Council. An Employee who is a court reporter, appointed judge

or an appointed or elected Official of the Government shall be deemed a Full-Time Employee. A grant employee identified as "benefit eligible" by the grant administrator shall be deemed a Full-Time Employee. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a former Member in pay status who is sworn-in as an appointed or elected Councilor of the Government on or after July 1, 2024 shall not be deemed a Full-Time Employee for purposes of 4.06 and shall not be entitled to receive any additional benefits under the Plan with respect to service as a Councilor.

SECTION 4.

Section 3.02 of the Columbus, Georgia Pension Plan for General Government Employees is hereby stricken and replaced by a new Section 3.02 to read as follows:

"3.02 Membership Upon Reemployment: Except as provided in Section 4.06(c) regarding the reemployment of a retired Member *in pay status*, upon the reemployment of an Employee after termination of employment, he shall become a Member on his reemployment date, provided he is an Eligible Employee on such date and be subject to all requirements of new Members on that date. Any reemployed Member who satisfies the conditions set forth in Section 2.13(c) for re-establishing Creditable Service, shall be entitled to an Adjusted Employment Date which shall be calculated by taking his re-employment date and backing it up to reflect the years and months of creditable service calculated in accordance with section 2.13. All vesting and contribution requirements shall then be construed as though such employee was hired on his Adjusted Employment Date."

SECTION 5.

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suspension in DROP participation no Pension payments shall be made. Upon subsequent Retirement of such a Member, such Pension payments shall again commence as of the first day of the month coincident with or next following such Retirement. The amount and form of such resumed Pension shall be the same as was being paid to such Member prior to reemployment as of his initial Pension commencement date.

- (b) Part-Time Reemployment: If such a Member is reemployed as a Part-Time Employee, those Pension payments shall continue uninterrupted.
- (c) Eligibility for and Amount of Additional Pension: Upon reemployment, if the Employee meets the requirements of Section 2.21 as an Eligible Employee, such Employee shall again become a Member of this Plan on the date of reemployment, shall make Employee Contributions at the rate required of other new employees hired on that date, and shall accrue Credited Service and Vesting Service from the date of reemployment and again be entitled to accrue a benefit in accordance with the provisions of Section 4. However, in the determination of such a Member's Vesting Service, his prior years of Vesting Service shall be included in addition to his Vesting Service earned after reemployment; provided, however, solely for the purpose of determining the amount of his additional Pension, Credited Service shall accrue only from the date of such reemployment. No member who has participated in the DROP specified in Section 4.04 above shall be eligible for Additional Pension pursuant to this sub-section. Notwithstanding anything in the Plan to the contrary, a former Member who (i) is receiving a Pension and (ii) is reemployed by the Government as an appointed or elected Councilor on or after [July 1, 2024], shall not be eligible for an Additional Pension pursuant to this sub-section.
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SECTION 6.

Section 2.14 of the Columbus, Georgia Pension Plan for Employees of the Department of Public Safety is hereby amended by adding a new Section 2.14(g) to read as follows:

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SECTION 9.

Section 3.02 of the Columbus, Georgia Pension Plan for Employees of the Department of Public Safety is hereby stricken and replaced by a new Section 3.02 to read as follows:

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SECTION 10.

Section 4.06 of the Columbus, Georgia Pension Plan for Employees of the Department of Public Safety is hereby stricken and replaced by a new Section 4.06 to read as follows:

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- (d) Form of Payment of Additional Pension: Upon subsequent Retirement by a Member after a period of reemployment, the monthly benefit determined in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 and based on Credited Service from the date of reemployment shall be in addition to the benefit provided for the prior period of employment and the provisions of Section 4.06 (c). The Pension earned by such a Member during the period of reemployment shall be payable in accordance with the provisions of Section 5."

SECTION 11.

This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon adoption by the Columbus Council.

SECTION 12.

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

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 18th day of June, 2024; introduced a second time at a regular meeting of said Council held on the ____ day of _____, 2024 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting	_____
(Seat vacant)	voting	_____
Councilor Chambers	voting	_____
Councilor Cogle	voting	_____
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Councilor Huff	voting	_____
Councilor Thomas	voting	_____
Councilor Tucker	voting	_____

Sandra T. Davis
Clerk of Council

B.H. Henderson III
Mayor

AN ORDINANCE

NO. 24-__

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 (collectively, the "Plans") to address the treatment of retirees in pay status who are thereafter appointed or elected to the Columbus Council.

THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1.

Section 2.13 of the Columbus, Georgia Pension Plan for General Government Employees is hereby amended by adding a new Section 2.13(h) to read as follows:

(h) Former Members in Pay Status And Sworn In Councilor on or after July 1, 2024. No employment service following the reemployment of a former Member in pay status who is sworn in as a Councilor on or after July 1, 2024, shall be considered Creditable Service.

SECTION 2.

Section 2.19 of the Columbus, Georgia Pension Plan for General Government Employees is hereby amended by adding a new Section 2.19(e) to read as follows:

(e) Former Members in Pay Status And Sworn In as Councilor on or after July 1, 2024. No compensation earned following the reemployment of a former Member in pay status who is sworn in as a Councilor on or after July 1, 2024, shall be considered Earnings.

SECTION 3.

Section 2.24 of the Columbus, Georgia Pension Plan for General Government Employees is hereby stricken and replaced by a new Section 2.24 to read as follows:

"2.24 Full-Time Employee: Any Employee whose customary employment is for at least forty (40) hours per week and for twelve (12) months during each calendar year and who is

included in the "position classification plan" adopted by the Council. An Employee who is a court reporter, appointed judge or an appointed or elected Official of the Government shall be deemed a Full-Time Employee. A grant employee identified as "benefit eligible" by the grant administrator shall be deemed a Full-Time Employee. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a former Member in pay status who is sworn-in as an appointed or elected Councilor of the Government on or after [July 1, 2024] shall not be deemed a Full-Time Employee for purposes of 4.06 and shall not be entitled to receive any additional benefits under the Plan with respect to service as a Councilor."

SECTION 4.

Section 3.02 of the Columbus, Georgia Pension Plan for General Government Employees is hereby stricken and replaced by a new Section 3.02 to read as follows:

"3.02 Membership Upon Reemployment: Except as provided in Section 4.06(c) regarding the reemployment of a retired Member *in pay status*, upon the reemployment of an Employee after termination of employment, he shall become a Member on his reemployment date, provided he is an Eligible Employee on such date and be subject to all requirements of new Members on that date. Any reemployed Member who satisfies the conditions set forth in Section 2.~~4~~213(c) for re-establishing Creditable Service, shall be entitled to an Adjusted Employment Date which shall be calculated by taking his re-employment date and backing it up to reflect the years and months of creditable service calculated in accordance with section 2.~~4~~213. All vesting and contribution requirements shall then be construed as though such employee was hired on his Adjusted Employment Date."

SECTION 5.

Section 4.06 of the Columbus, Georgia Pension Plan for General Government Employees is hereby stricken and replaced by a new Section 4.06 to read as follows:

"4.06 Pension Benefits Upon Reemployment:

If a former Member who is receiving a Pension is reemployed by the Government, the following rules shall apply:

- (a) Full-Time Reemployment and Resumption of Pension: If such a Member is reemployed as a Full-Time Employee, those Pension payments shall stop, unless he is participating in the DROP as set forth in Section 4.04 above or is reemployed as an

appointed or elected Councilor sworn in on or after July 1, 2024. Pension payments shall also stop during any suspension in DROP participation. During such period of reemployment or suspension in DROP participation no Pension payments shall be made. Upon subsequent Retirement of such a Member, such Pension payments shall again commence as of the first day of the month coincident with or next following such Retirement. The amount and form of such resumed Pension shall be the same as was being paid to such Member prior to reemployment as of his initial Pension commencement date.

- (b) Part-Time Reemployment: If such a Member is reemployed as a Part-Time Employee, those Pension payments shall continue uninterrupted.
- (c) Eligibility for and Amount of Additional Pension: Upon reemployment, if the Employee meets the requirements of Section 2.21 as an Eligible Employee, such Employee shall again become a Member of this Plan on the date of reemployment, shall make Employee Contributions at the rate required of other new employees hired on that date, and shall accrue Credited Service and Vesting Service from the date of reemployment and again be entitled to accrue a benefit in accordance with the provisions of Section 4. However, in the determination of such a Member's Vesting Service, his prior years of Vesting Service shall be included in addition to his Vesting Service earned after reemployment; provided, however, solely for the purpose of determining the amount of his additional Pension, Credited Service shall accrue only from the date of such reemployment. No member who has participated in the DROP specified in Section 4.04 above shall be eligible for Additional Pension pursuant to this sub-section. Notwithstanding anything in the Plan to the contrary, a former Member who (i) is receiving a Pension and (ii) is reemployed by the Government as an appointed or elected Councilor on or after [July 1, 2024], shall not be eligible for an Additional Pension pursuant to this sub-section.
- (d) Form of Payment of Additional Pension: Upon subsequent Retirement by a Member after a period of reemployment, the monthly benefit determined in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 and based on Credited Service from the date of reemployment shall be in addition to the benefit provided for the prior period of employment and the provisions of Section 4.06 (c). The Pension earned by such a Member during the period of reemployment shall be payable in accordance with the provisions of Section 5."

SECTION 6.

Section 2.14 of the Columbus, Georgia Pension Plan for Employees of the Department of Public Safety is hereby amended by adding a new Section 2.14(g) to read as follows:

(g) Former Members in Pay Status And Sworn In as an Appointed or Elected to Council on or after July 1, 2024. No employment service following the reemployment of a former Member in pay status who is sworn in as a Councilor on or after July 1, 2024, shall be considered Creditable Service.

SECTION 7.

Section 2.20 of the Columbus, Georgia Pension Plan for Employees of the Department of Public Safety is hereby amended by adding a new Section 2.20(e) to read as follows:

(e) Former Members in Pay Status And Sworn In as an Appointed or Elected to Council on or after July 1, 2024. No compensation earned as a Councilor following the reemployment of a former Member in pay status who is sworn in as a Councilor on or after July 1, 2024, shall be considered Earnings.

SECTION 8.

Section 2.25 of the Columbus, Georgia Pension Plan for Employees of the Department of Public Safety is hereby stricken and replaced by a new Section 2.25 to read as follows:

"2.25 Full-Time Employee:

Any Employee whose customary employment is for at least forty (40) hours per week and for twelve (12) months during each calendar year and who is included in the "position classification plan" adopted by the Council. An Employee who is a court reporter, appointed judge or an appointed or elected Official of the Government shall be deemed a Full-Time Employee. A grant employee identified as "benefit eligible" by the grant administrator shall be deemed a Full-Time Employee. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a retired Member in pay status who is sworn in as an appointed or elected to Councilor -on or after July 1, 2024 shall not be deemed a Full-Time Employee for purposes of Sections 3.02 and 4.06 and shall not be entitled to receive any additional benefits under the Plan with respect to service as a Councilor."

SECTION 9.

Section 3.02 of the Columbus, Georgia Pension Plan for Employees of the Department of Public Safety is hereby stricken and replaced by a new Section 3.02 to read as follows:

"3.02 Membership Upon Reemployment: Except as provided in Section 4.06(c) regarding the reemployment of a retired Member *in pay* status, upon the reemployment of an Employee after termination of employment, he shall become a Member on his reemployment date, provided he is an Eligible Employee on such date and be subject to all requirements of new Members on that date. Any reemployed Member who satisfies the conditions set forth in Section 2.1~~24~~(c) for re-establishing Creditable Service, shall be entitled to an Adjusted Employment Date which shall be calculated by taking his re-employment date and backing it up to reflect the years and months of creditable service calculated in accordance with section 2.1~~24~~. All vesting and contribution requirements shall then be construed as though such employee was hired on his Adjusted Employment Date."

SECTION 10.

Section 4.06 of the Columbus, Georgia Pension Plan for Employees of the Department of Public Safety is hereby stricken and replaced by a new Section 4.06 to read as follows:

"4.06 Pension Benefits Upon Reemployment:

If a former Member who is receiving a Pension is reemployed by the Government, the following rules shall apply:

- (a) Full-Time Reemployment and Resumption of Pension: If such a Member is reemployed as a Full-Time Employee, those Pension payments shall stop, unless he is participating in the DROP as set forth in Section 4.04 above or is reemployed as an appointed or elected Councilor sworn in on or after July 1, 2024. Pension payments shall also stop during any suspension in DROP participation. During such period of reemployment or suspension in DROP participation no Pension payments shall be made. Upon subsequent Retirement of such a Member, such Pension payments shall again commence as of the first day of the month coincident with or next following such Retirement. The amount and form of such resumed Pension shall be the same as was being paid to such Member prior to reemployment as of his initial Pension commencement date.

- (b) Part-Time Reemployment: If such a Member is reemployed as a Part-Time Employee, those Pension payments shall continue uninterrupted.
- (c) Eligibility for and Amount of Additional Pension: Upon reemployment, if the Employee meets the requirements of Section 2.22 as an Eligible Employee, such Employee shall again become a Member of this Plan on the date of reemployment, shall make Employee Contributions at the rate required of other new employees hired on that date, and shall accrue Credited Service and Vesting Service from the date of reemployment and again be entitled to accrue a benefit in accordance with the provisions of Section 4. However, in the determination of such a Member's Vesting Service, his prior years of Vesting Service shall be included in addition to his Vesting Service earned after reemployment; provided, however, solely for the purpose of determining the amount of his additional Pension, Credited Service shall accrue only from the date of such reemployment. No member who has participated in the DROP specified in Section 4.04 above shall be eligible for Additional Pension pursuant to this sub-section. Notwithstanding anything in the Plan to the contrary, a former Member who (i) is receiving a Pension and (ii) is reemployed by the Government as an appointed or elected Councilor sworn in on or after July 1, 2024, shall not be eligible for an Additional Pension pursuant to this sub-section.
- (d) Form of Payment of Additional Pension: Upon subsequent Retirement by a Member after a period of reemployment, the monthly benefit determined in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 and based on Credited Service from the date of reemployment shall be in addition to the benefit provided for the prior period of employment and the provisions of Section 4.06 (c). The Pension earned by such a Member during the period of reemployment shall be payable in accordance with the provisions of Section 5."

SECTION 11.

This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon adoption by the Columbus Council.

SECTION 12.

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

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the ____ day of _____, 2024; introduced a second time at a regular meeting of said Council held on the ____ day of _____, 2024 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting	_____
(Seat vacant)	voting	_____
Councilor Begly	voting	_____
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Councilor Davis	voting	_____
Councilor Garrett	voting	_____
Councilor Huff	voting	_____
Councilor Thomas	voting	_____
Councilor Tucker	voting	_____

Sandra Davis
Clerk of Council

B.H. Henderson III
Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

2. 2nd Reading- REZN-06-23-0113: An ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **1720, 1728, 1730, 1744 Warm Springs Road and 1818 Spring Circle** (parcel # 036-013-002/036-013-003/036-013-004/036-013-005/036-013-007/036-013-008) from Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District to General Commercial (GC) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Garrett)

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 1720, 1728, 1730, 1744 Warm Springs Road and 1818 Spring Circle** (parcel # 036-013-002/036-013-003/036-013-004/036-013-005/036-013-007/036-013-008) from Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District to General Commercial (GC) 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 from Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District to General Commercial (GC) Zoning District.

“All that lot, tract and parcel of land situate, lying and being in Columbus, Muscogee County, Georgia, being PART OF Numbered THREE (3), in BLOCK "A", of LONESOMEHURST SUBDIVISION, a map or plat of said Block of said Subdivision being recorded in Deed Book 117, folio 253 in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Muscogee County, Georgia, the Part of said Lot No. 3 in said Block "A" of said Subdivision hereby conveyed being particularly described as follows;

BEGINNING at a point marked by an iron stake placed on the southeastern side of Warm Springs Road 230.0 feet (measured along said side of said road) southwest of an iron stake marking the intersection of the southeastern side of said Warm Springs Road with the southern side of Lonesomehurst Road, and from said beginning point running thence south 59 degrees 14 minutes east, through and across said Lot No. 3, a distance of 133.65 feet to an iron stake located on the northwestern side of the Southern Railway.

Exhibit A

All that lot, tract and parcel of land situate, lying and being in Columbus, Muscogee County, Georgia, being known and designated as All OF LOT NUMBERED FOUR (4), in BLOCK LETTERED "A", LONESOMEHURST, as said lol is shown upon a map or plot of said Subdivision recorded In Deed Book 117, Folio 253 in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Muscogee County, Georgia, said lot fronting 80 feet along the southeasterly line of Warm Springs Rood, 100 feet along the south-westerly line of Spring Circle, and having a southwesterly line, of 95.8 feet and a southeasterly line of 108.7 feet, all as shown upon said map or plat. Located thereon is building numbered 1748 Warm Springs Road, according to the present numbering of structures in Columbus, Georgia.

This deed is executed and delivered subject to the debt evidenced by that certain security deed from Floyd C. Vest and Eva M. Vest to Home Federal Savings and Loan Association of Columbus, Georgia, on September 6, 1972 and recorded in Deed Book 1419, Folio 445 in the Office of _____ mentioned Clerk and that certain security

deed from Grantors to Floyd C. Vest and Eva M. Vest dated March 24, 1980 and recorded In Deed Book 1929, Folio 93, said Clerk's Office.

Exhibit A

All that lot, tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Columbus, Muscogee County, Georgia and being known and designated as ALL OF LOT NUMBERED FIVE (5), in BLOCK LETTERED "A", LONESOMEHURST, as said lot is shown on a map or plat recorded in Deed Book 117, Folio 253, of the records in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Muscogee County, Georgia, to which reference is made for a more complete and accurate description of the property herein conveyed.

Situated thereon is dwelling numbered 1810 Spring Circle according to the numbering of dwellings in Columbus, Muscogee County, Georgia. Said property Is hereby conveyed subject to all valid and enforceable restrictive covenants and easements of record applicable thereto, and to all valid and enforceable zoning ordinances and regulations applicable thereto so long as said ordinances and regulations remaining full force and effect.

Exhibit A

All that lot, tract or parcel of land lying and being located in Muscogee County, Georgia, being PART OF Numbered THREE (3), in BLOCK "A", of LONESOMEHURST SUBDIVISION, a map or plat of said Block of said Subdivision being recorded in Deed Book 117, folio 253 in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Muscogee County, Georgia, the Part of said Lot No. 3 in said Block "A" of said Subdivision hereby conveyed being particularly described as follows;

Beginning at a point marked by an iron stake placed on the southeastern side of Warm Springs Road 230.0 feet (treasured along said side of said road) southwest of an iron stake marking the intersection of the southeastern side of said Warm Springs Road with the southern side of Lonesomehurst Road, and from said beginning point running thence South 59 degrees 14 minutes east, through and across said Lot No. 3, a distance of 133.65 feet to an iron stake located on the northwestern side of the Southern Railway right-of-way; thence running southwesterly, along the northwestern side of said right- of-way, 59.86 feet to an iron stake; thence running north 61 degrees 00 minutes west, South and across said Lot No. 3, a distance of 112. 35 feet to an iron stake located on the southeastern side of said warm Springs Road; thence running north 29 degrees 00 minutes east, along said side of said road, 60.0 feet to the iron stake which to the point of beginning. The property hereby conveyed is shown on a map or plat made by R. L. Aldridge, Jr., C.E., December 21, 1950, and recorded in Plat Book 7 folio 27 in said Clerk's office.

Exhibit A

All that lot, tract or parcel of land lying and being located in Muscogee County, Georgia, and being shown and identified as "PART OF LOT 3, 0.485 AC." on that certain plat of survey entitled "Part of Lot 3, Block "A", Lonesomehurst Survey, Lying in Land Lot 100-001 District, Columbus, Muscogee County, Georgia," dated February 16, 1950, prepared by Moon, Meeks, Mason &

Vinson, Inc., a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A-1" and made a part hereof by this reference, said property being more particularly described according to the metes and bounds of said survey as follows:

To locate the Point of Beginning commence at the southwestern point of the miter forming the intersection of the easterly right-of-way line of Warm Springs Road and the southerly right-of-way line of Spring Circle; thence run along the easterly right-of-way line of Warm Springs Road south 28 degrees 46 minutes 56 seconds West for a distance of 59.74 feet to an iron pin which marks the POINT OF BEGINNING; from said POINT OF BEGINNING, thence run south 61 degrees 13 minutes 42 seconds east for a distance of 167.78 feet to an iron pin; thence south 49 degrees 43 minutes 37 seconds west for a distance of 165.10 feet to an iron pin; thence run north 59 degrees 26 minutes 14 seconds west for a distance of 108.82 feet to an iron pin on the easterly right-of-way line of Warm Springs Road; thence run north 28 degrees 46 minutes 56 seconds east along the easterly right-of-way line of Warm Springs Road for a distance of 150.78 feet to the iron pin which marks the POINT OF BEGINNING.

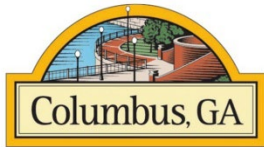
The above-described property is the same property shown and identified on that certain plat of survey entitled "Survey of Part of Lot Three, Block "A", Lonesomehurst Survey, Columbus, Muscogee County, Georgia," dated November 4, 1969, prepared by Moon, Meeks & Assoc. and recorded in Plat Book 43, page 73 (incorrectly shown as page 173 in prior deeds and affidavits of record), in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Muscogee County, Georgia, LESS AND EXCEPT portions thereof taken for right-of-way purposes."

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B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III
Mayor



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COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

REZN-06-23-0113

Applicant: Rodney V. Milner

Owner: Rodney V. Milner

Location: 1720/28/30/44 Warm Springs Road & 1818 Spring Circle

Parcel: 036-013-002/3/4/5/7/8

Acreage: 0.79 Acres

Current Zoning Classification: Neighborhood Commercial (NC)

Proposed Zoning Classification: General Commercial (GC)

Current Use of Property: Vacant

Proposed Use of Property: Convenience Store with Gas Sales and Laundramat

Council District: District 8 (Garrett)

PAC Recommendation: **Approval** based on the Staff Report and compatibility with existing land uses.

Planning Department Recommendation: **Approval** based on compatibility with existing land uses.

Fort Benning's Recommendation: N/A

DRI Recommendation: N/A

General Land Use: Consistent
Planning Area D

Current Land Use Designation: General Commercial

Future Land Use Designation: Genral Commercial

Compatible with Existing Land-Uses: Yes

Environmental Impacts: 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.

City Services: Property is served by all city services.

Traffic Impact: Average Annual Daily Trips (AADT) will increase by 145 trips if used for commercial use.

Traffic Engineering: This site shall meet the Codes and regulations of the Columbus Consolidated Government for commercial usage.

Protected left turn lane will be required.

Surrounding Zoning:

North	Neighborhood Commercial (NC)
South	Residential Multifamily - 2 (RMF2)
East	Neighborhood Commercial (NC)
West	Neighborhood Commercial (NC)

Reasonableness of Request: The request is compatible with existing land uses.

School Impact: N/A

Buffer Requirement: N/A

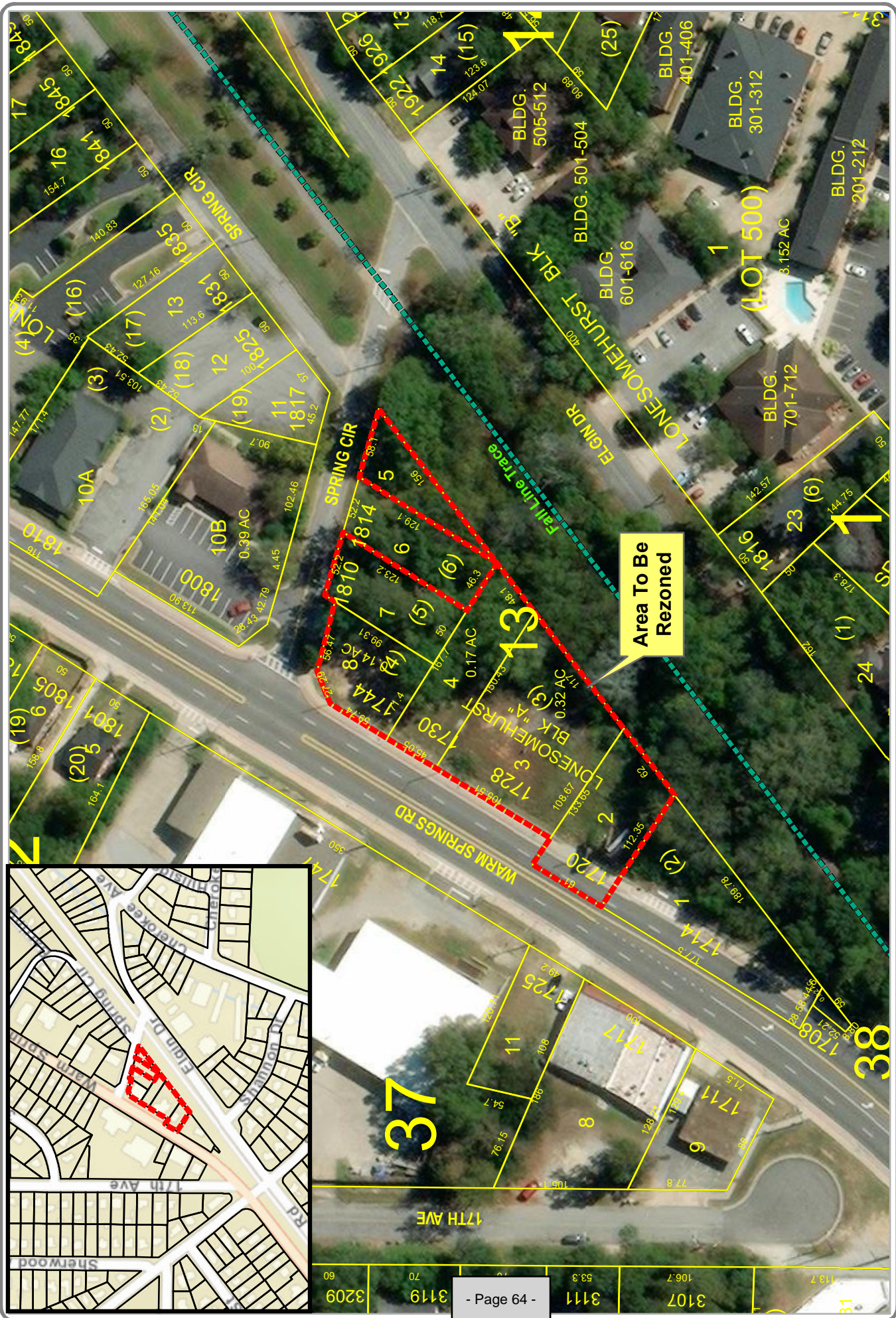
Attitude of Property Owners: **Forty-Seven (47)** property owners within 300 feet of the subject properties were notified of the rezoning request. The Planning Department received **no** calls and/or emails regarding the rezoning.

Approval	0 Responses
Opposition	0 Responses

Additional Information: The proposed plan includes a Convenience Store of approximately 3,000 sq ft and laundromat, approximately 1,900 sq ft.

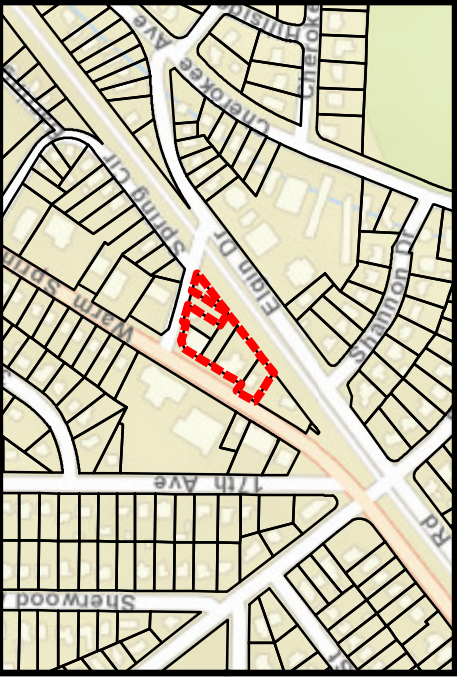
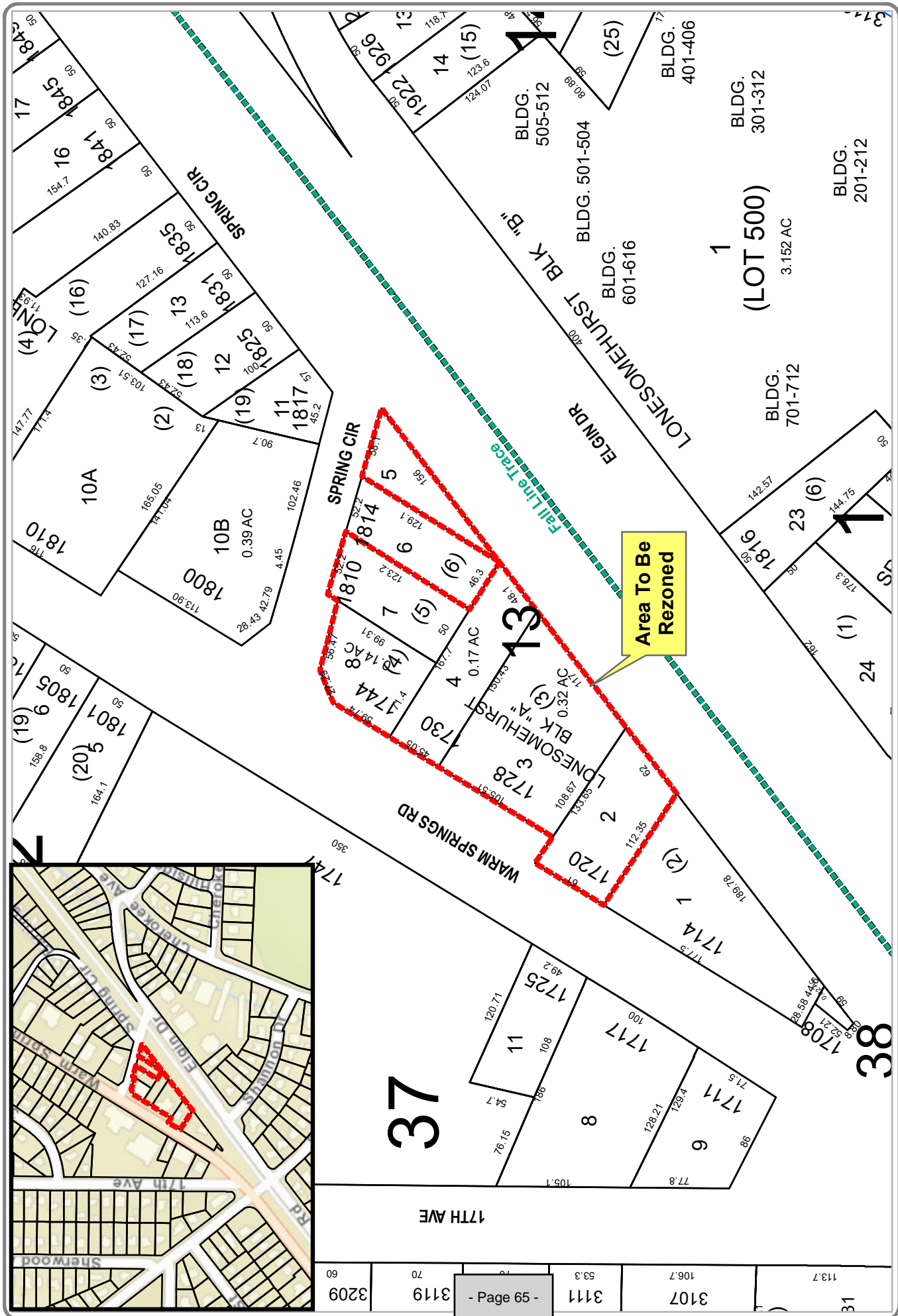
Attachments: Aerial Land Use Map
Location Map
Zoning Map

Existing Land Use Map
Future Land Use Map
Flood Map
Traffic Report
Concept Plan



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Area To Be Rezoned



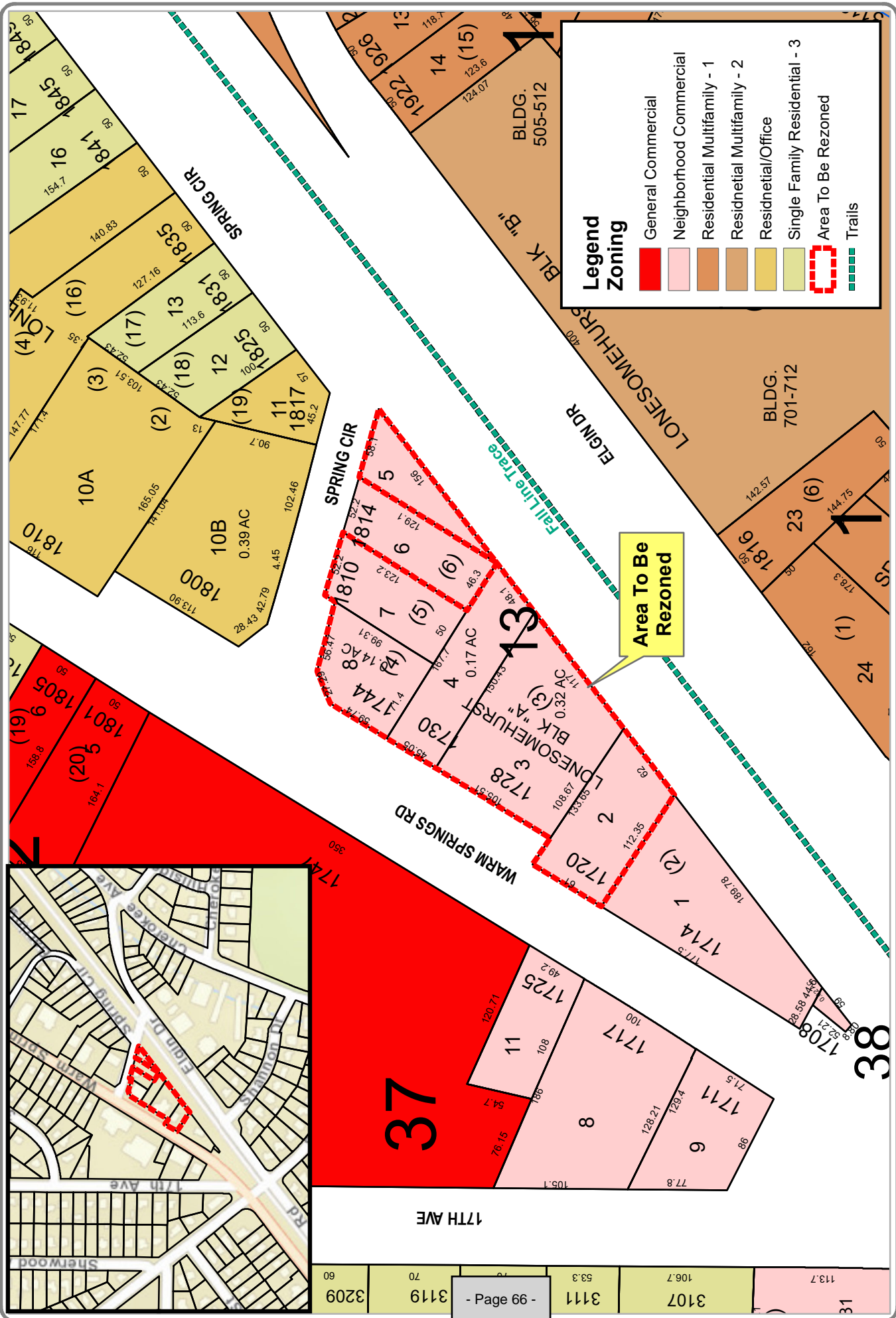
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Location Map for REZN 06-23-0113
Map 036 Block 013 Lots 002, 003, 004, 005, 007 & 008
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Legend

Zoning

- General Commercial
- Neighborhood Commercial
- Residential Multifamily - 1
- Residential Multifamily - 2
- Residential/Office
- Single Family Residential - 3
- Area To Be Rezoned
- Trails

Area To Be Rezoned



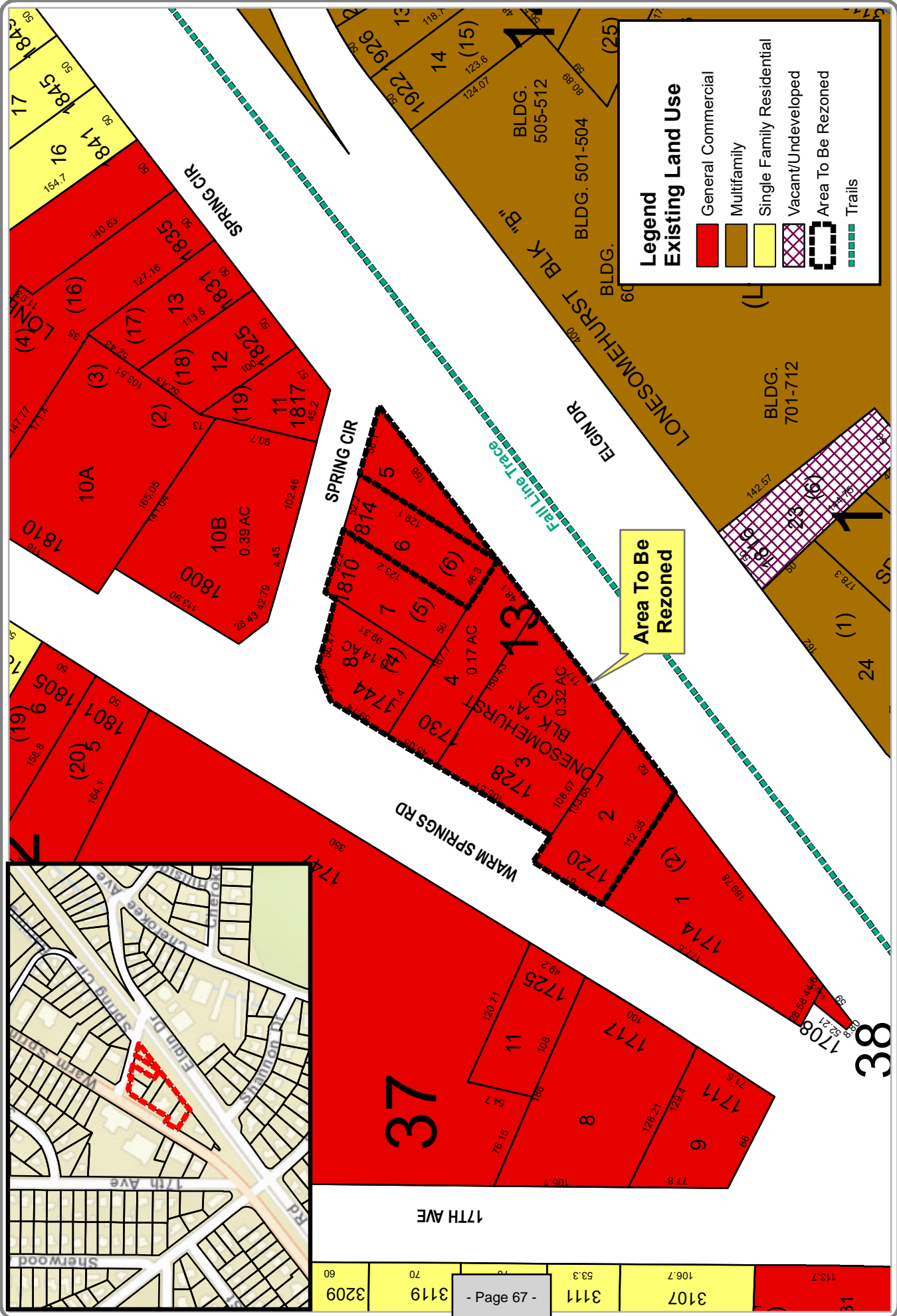
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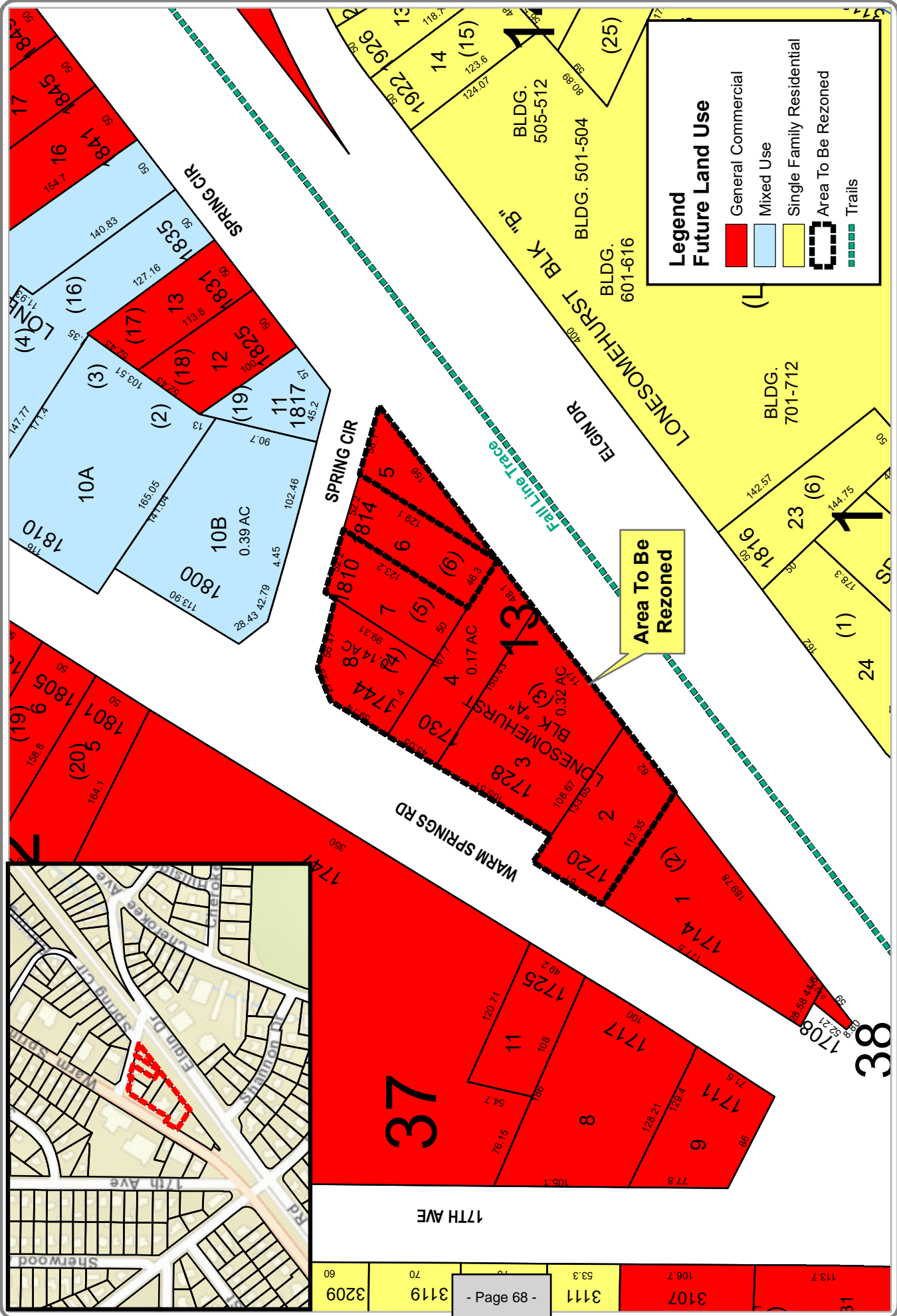
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Existing Land Use Map for REZN 06-23-0113
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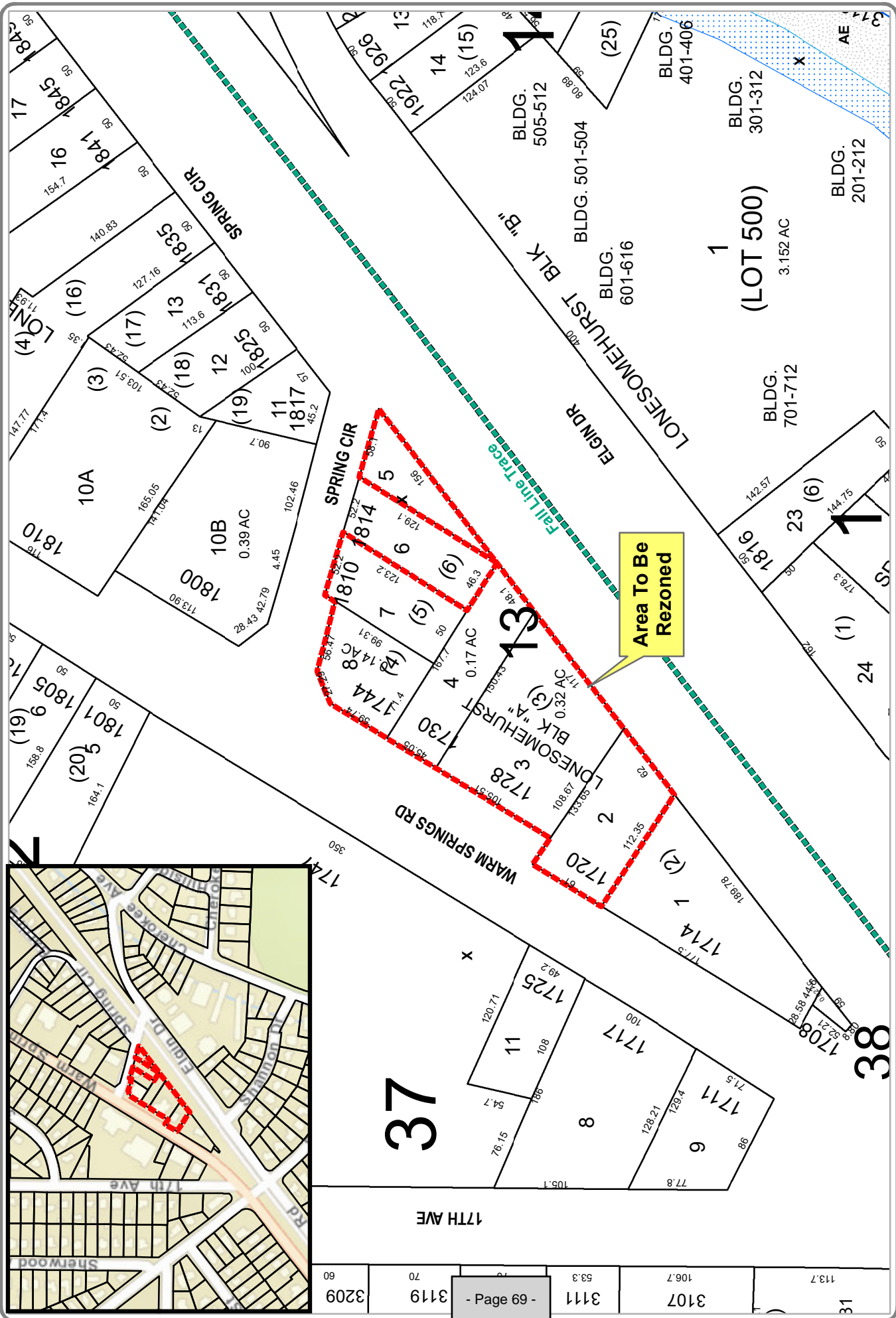
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Future Land Use Map for REZN 06-23-0113
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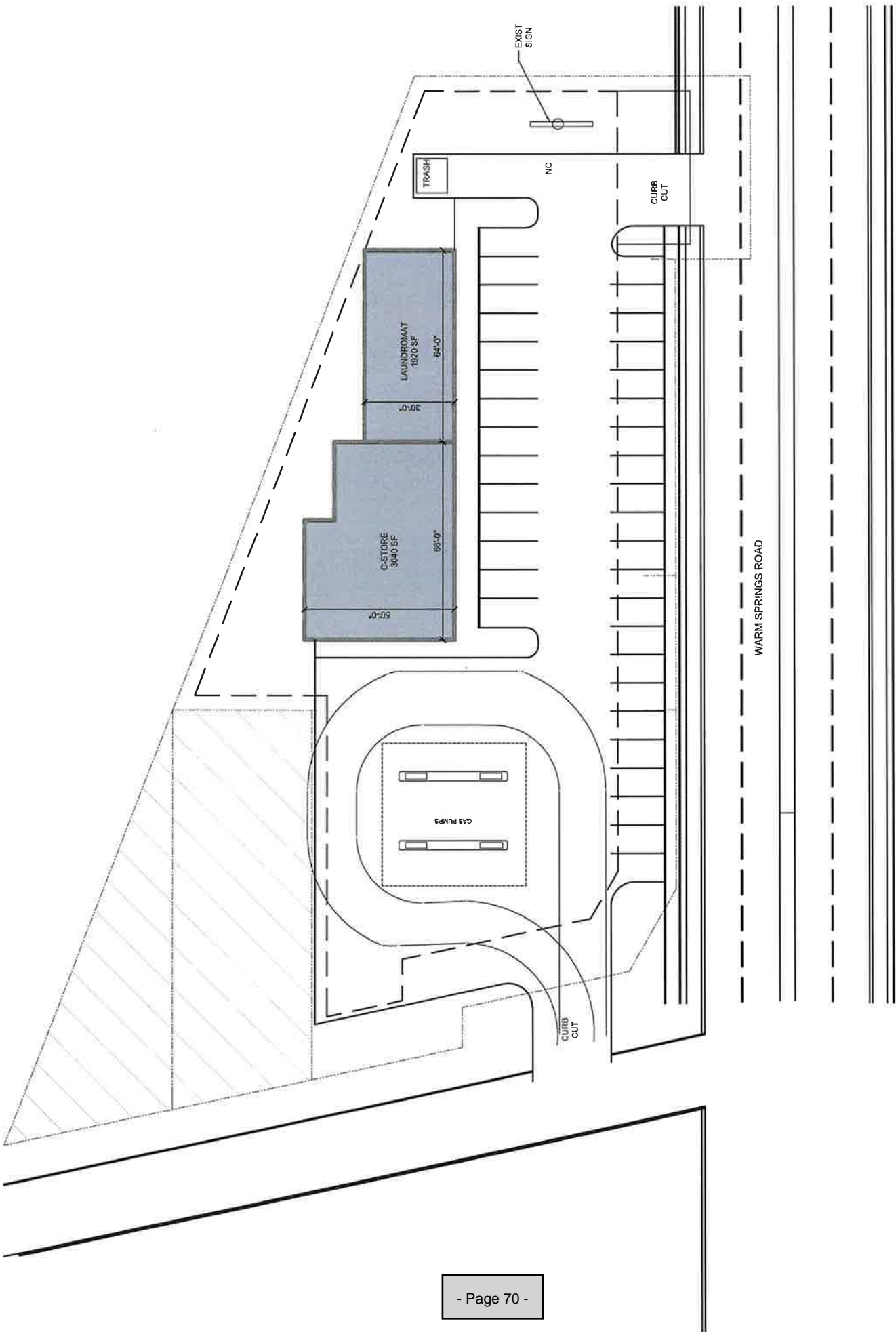
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Flood Hazard Map for REZN 06-23-0113
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Date: 6/23/2023



File Attachments for Item:

3. 2nd Reading- REZN-03-24-0630: An ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **3711 Hamilton Road** (parcel # 030-019-011) from General Commercial (GC) Zoning District to Residential Multifamily - 2 (RMF 2) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Garrett)

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 **3711 Hamilton Road** (parcel # 030-019-011) from General Commercial (GC) Zoning District to Residential Multifamily - 2 (RMF 2) 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 from General Commercial (GC) to Residential Multifamily - 2 (RMF 2) Zoning District.

“All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in the City of Columbus, in Muscogee County, Georgia and being a part of Block Lettered "I" of what is known as the HOME CREST TRIANGLE Subdivision being on record in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of said County of Muscogee, in Deed Book Numbered One, Folio 139, the tract or parcel of land hereby conveyed being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point on the western side of Hamilton Avenue at an iron stake located 127.1 feet northeasterly from the northwest corner of the intersection of Hamilton Avenue and Thirty-seventh Street, and running thence northeasterly along the western side of Hamilton Avenue 64.3 feet to an iron stake; thence running west a distance of 208.6 feet to an iron stake; thence south 54.8 feet to an iron stake; and thence east a distance of 171.2 feet to the point of beginning and being the property on which is located house numbered 3711 Hamilton Road, Columbus, Georgia, all of said distance being more or less.”

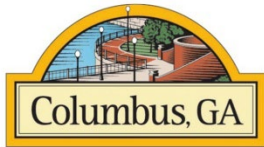
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- Councilor Allen voting _____
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- Councilor Davis voting _____

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COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

REZN-03-24-0630

Applicant: Noel Espinoza

Owner: Noel Espinoza

Location: 3711 Hamilton Road

Parcel: 030-019-011

Acreage: 0.24 Acres

Current Zoning Classification: General Commercial

Proposed Zoning Classification: Residential Multifamily - 2

Current Use of Property: Residential Multifamily

Proposed Use of Property: Residential Multifamily

Council District: District 8 (Garrett)

PAC Recommendation: **Approval** based on the Staff Report and compatibility with existing land uses.

Planning Department Recommendation: **Approval** based on compatibility with existing land uses.

Fort Benning's Recommendation: N/A

DRI Recommendation: N/A

General Land Use: Inconsistent
Planning Area F

Current Land Use Designation: Single Family Residential

Future Land Use Designation: General Commercial

Compatible with Existing Land-Uses:

Yes

Environmental Impacts:

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.

City Services:

Property is served by all city services.

Traffic Impact:

Average Annual Daily Trips (AADT) will increase by 2 trips if used for residential use.

Traffic Engineering:

This site shall meet the Codes and regulations of the Columbus Consolidated Government for residential usage.

Surrounding Zoning:

**North
South
East
West**

General Commercial (GC)
Veterans Pkwy ROW
General Commercial (GC)
General Commercial (GC)

Reasonableness of Request:

The request is compatible with existing land uses.

School Impact:

N/A

Buffer Requirement:

The site shall include a Category A buffer along all property lines bordered by the GC zoning district. The 3 options under Category C are:

- 1) 20 feet with a certain amount of canopy trees, under story trees, and shrubs / ornamental grasses per 100 linear feet.
- 2) 10 feet with a certain amount of shrubs / ornamental grasses per 100 linear feet and a wood fence or masonry wall.
- 3) 30 feet undisturbed natural buffer.

Attitude of Property Owners:

Thirteen (13) property owners within 300 feet of the subject properties were notified of the rezoning request. The Planning Department received **no** calls and/or emails regarding the rezoning.

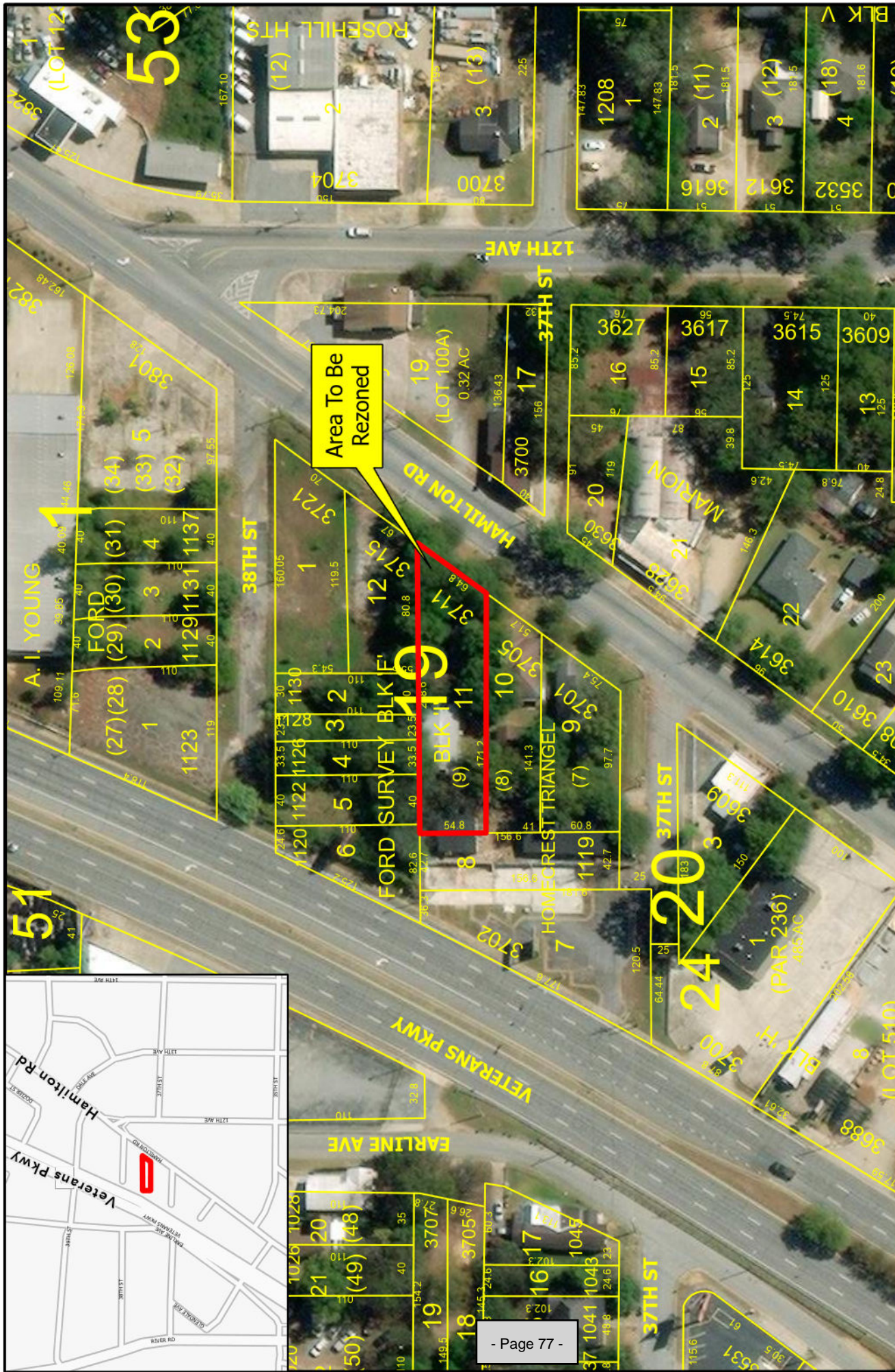
Approval 0 Responses
Opposition 0 Responses

Additional Information:

Existing fourplex building to be renovated.

Attachments:

Aerial Land Use Map
Location Map
Zoning Map
Existing Land Use Map
Future Land Use Map
Traffic Report



Area To Be Rezoned



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Aerial Map for REZN-03-24-0630
 Map 030 Block 019 Lot 011
 Planning Department - Planning Division
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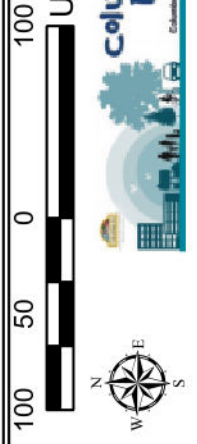


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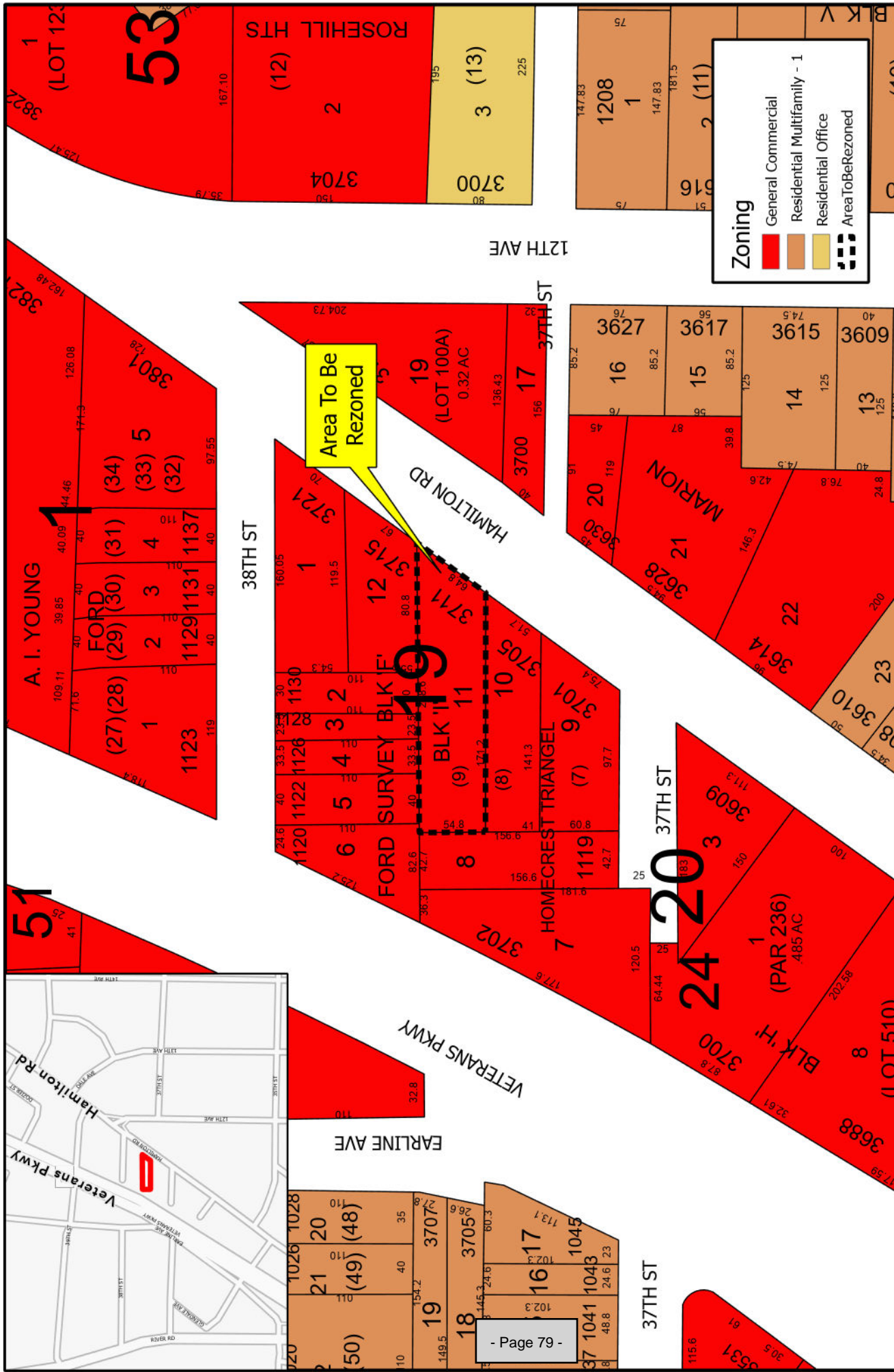
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Location Map for REZN 03 -24-0630
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Zoning

- General Commercial
- Residential Multifamily - 1
- Residential Office
- Area To Be Rezoned

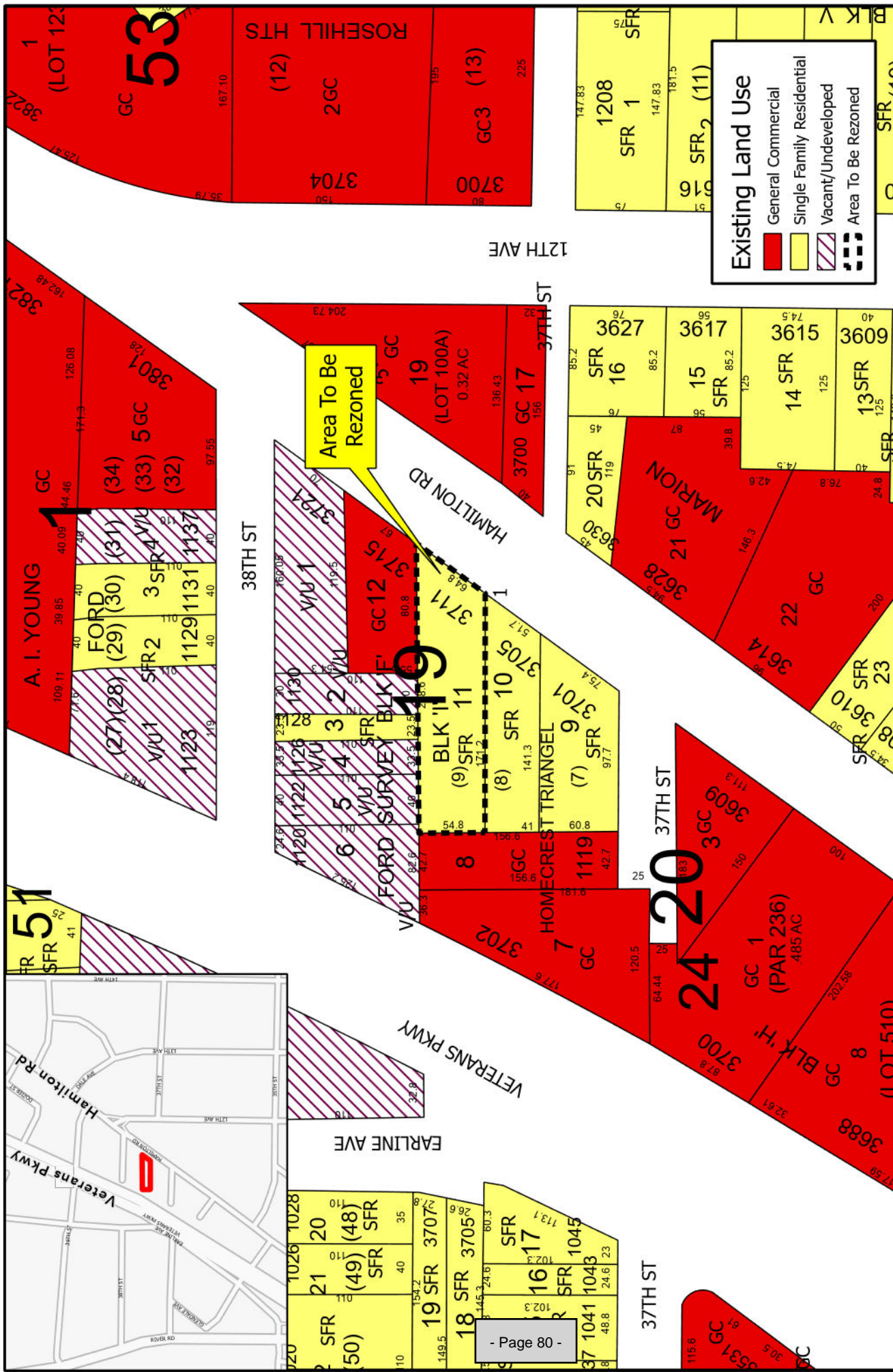
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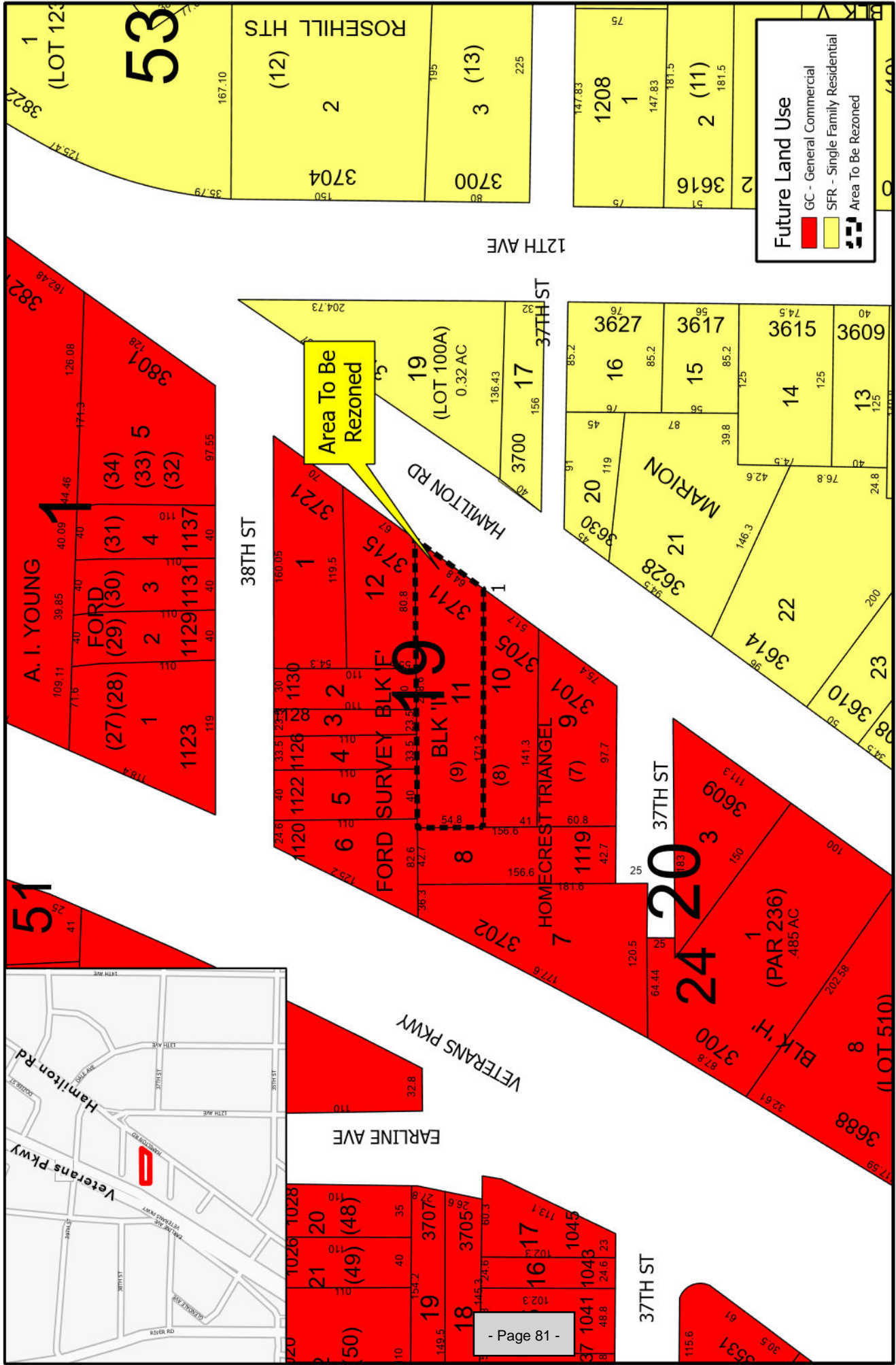
- General Commercial
- Single Family Residential
- Vacant/Undeveloped
- Area To Be Rezoned

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Future Land Use

- GC - General Commercial
- SFR - Single Family Residential
- Area To Be Rezoned

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Future Land Use Map for REZN-03-24-0630
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File Attachments for Item:

4. 2nd Reading- REZN-03-24-5716: An ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **5617 Eastside Drive** (parcel # 083-014-019) from Single Family Residential -1 (SFR1) Zoning District to General Commercial (GC) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.)(Councilor Crabb)

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 **5617 Eastside Drive** (parcel # 083-014-019) from Single Family Residential -1 (SFR1) Zoning District to General Commercial (GC) 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 from Single Family Residential -1 (SFR1) to General Commercial (GC) Zoning District.

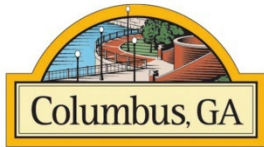
“All that lot, tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Columbus, Muscogee County, Georgia, and being known and designated as ALL OF LOT TWENTY-FIVE (25), ANNEX TO EASTSIDE ACRES SURVEY, as shown by a map or plat of said survey recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 144, in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Muscogee County, Georgia. Located on the above-described property is house numbered 5716 Eastside Drive, according to the present system of numbering houses in Columbus, Georgia.”

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 18th day of June, 2024; introduced a second time at a regular meeting of said Council held on the ____ day of _____, 2024 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ____ members of said Council.

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COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

REZN-03-24-0628

Applicant:	Donald E. McCaghren
Owner:	Donald E. McCaghren
Location:	5716 Eastside Drive
Parcel:	083-014-019
Acreage:	0.72 Acres
Current Zoning Classification:	Single Family Residential - 1
Proposed Zoning Classification:	General Commercial (GC)
Current Use of Property:	Vacant/Undeveloped
Proposed Use of Property:	General Commercial
Council District:	District 5 (Crabb)
PAC Recommendation:	Approval based on the Staff Report and compatibility with existing land uses.
Planning Department Recommendation:	Approval based on compatibility with existing land uses.
Fort Benning's Recommendation:	N/A
DRI Recommendation:	N/A
General Land Use:	Inconsistent Planning Area B
Current Land Use Designation:	Single Family Residential
Future Land Use Designation:	Single Family Residential

Compatible with Existing Land-Uses:

Yes

Environmental Impacts:

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.

City Services:

Property is served by all city services.

Traffic Impact:

Average Annual Daily Trips (AADT) will decrease by 6 trips if used for commercial use.

Traffic Engineering:

This site shall meet the Codes and regulations of the Columbus Consolidated Government for commercial usage.

Surrounding Zoning:

**North
South
East
West**

Single Family Residential – 1 (SFR1)
General Commercial (GC)
Single Family Residential – 1 (SFR1)
General Commercial (GC)

Reasonableness of Request:

The request is compatible with existing land uses.

School Impact:

N/A

Buffer Requirement:

The site shall include a Category C buffer along all property lines bordered by the SFR1 zoning district. The 3 options under Category C are:

- 1) 20 feet with a certain amount of canopy trees, under story trees, and shrubs / ornamental grasses per 100 linear feet.
- 2) 10 feet with a certain amount of shrubs / ornamental grasses per 100 linear feet and a wood fence or masonry wall.
- 3) 30 feet undisturbed natural buffer.

Attitude of Property Owners:

Twenty-One (21) property owners within 300 feet of the subject properties were notified of the rezoning request. The Planning Department received **no** calls and/or emails regarding the rezoning.

Approval 0 Responses
Opposition 0 Responses

Additional Information:

The proposed 5,000 sq ft commercial building will be situated on an existing GC lot. The lot to be rezoned will be used for the driveway and 5 parking spots. The lots would be combined at a later date.

Attachments:

Aerial Land Use Map
Location Map
Zoning Map
Existing Land Use Map
Future Land Use Map
Traffic Report
Concept Plan



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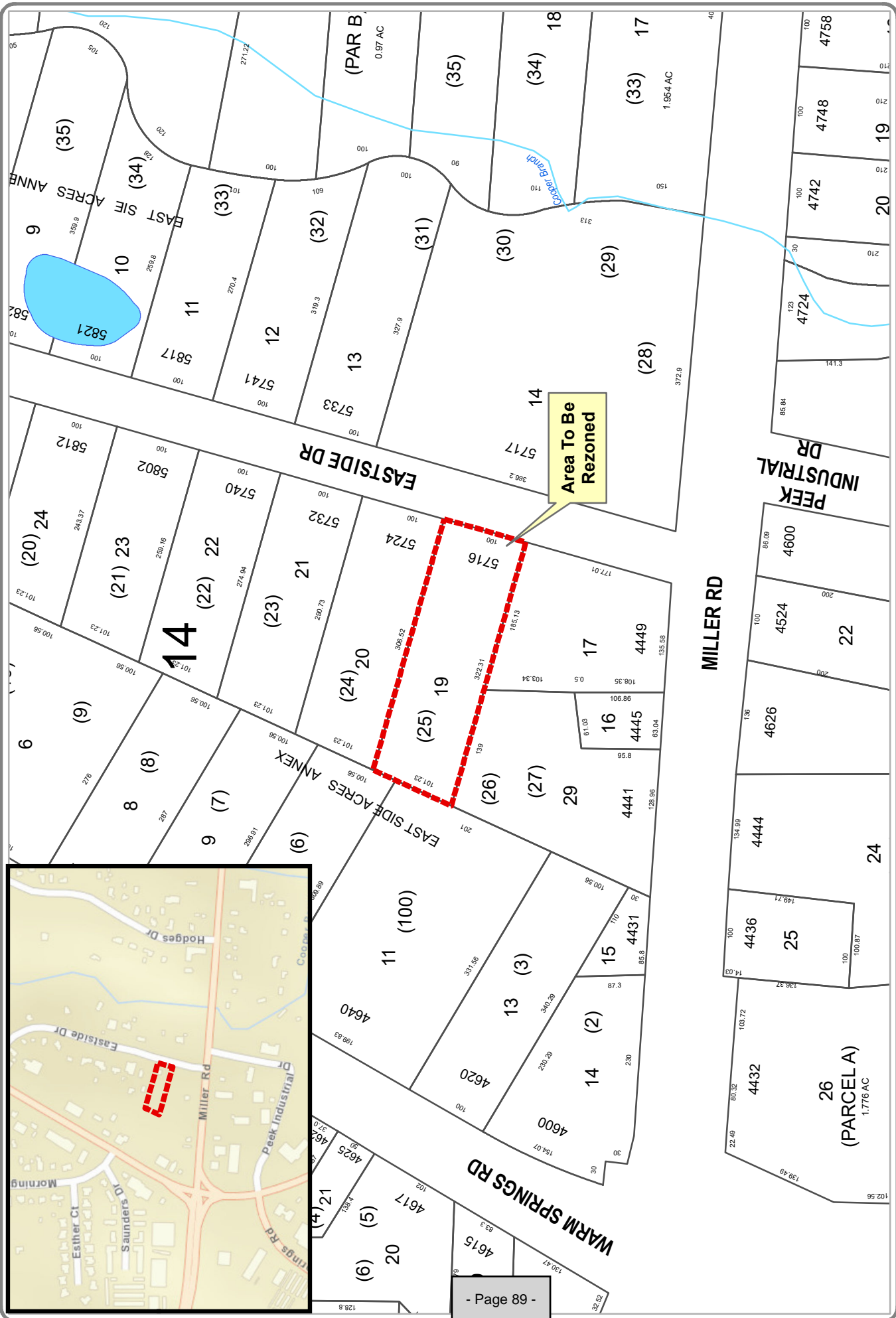
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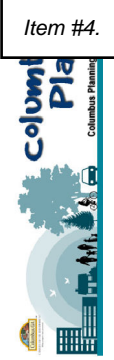
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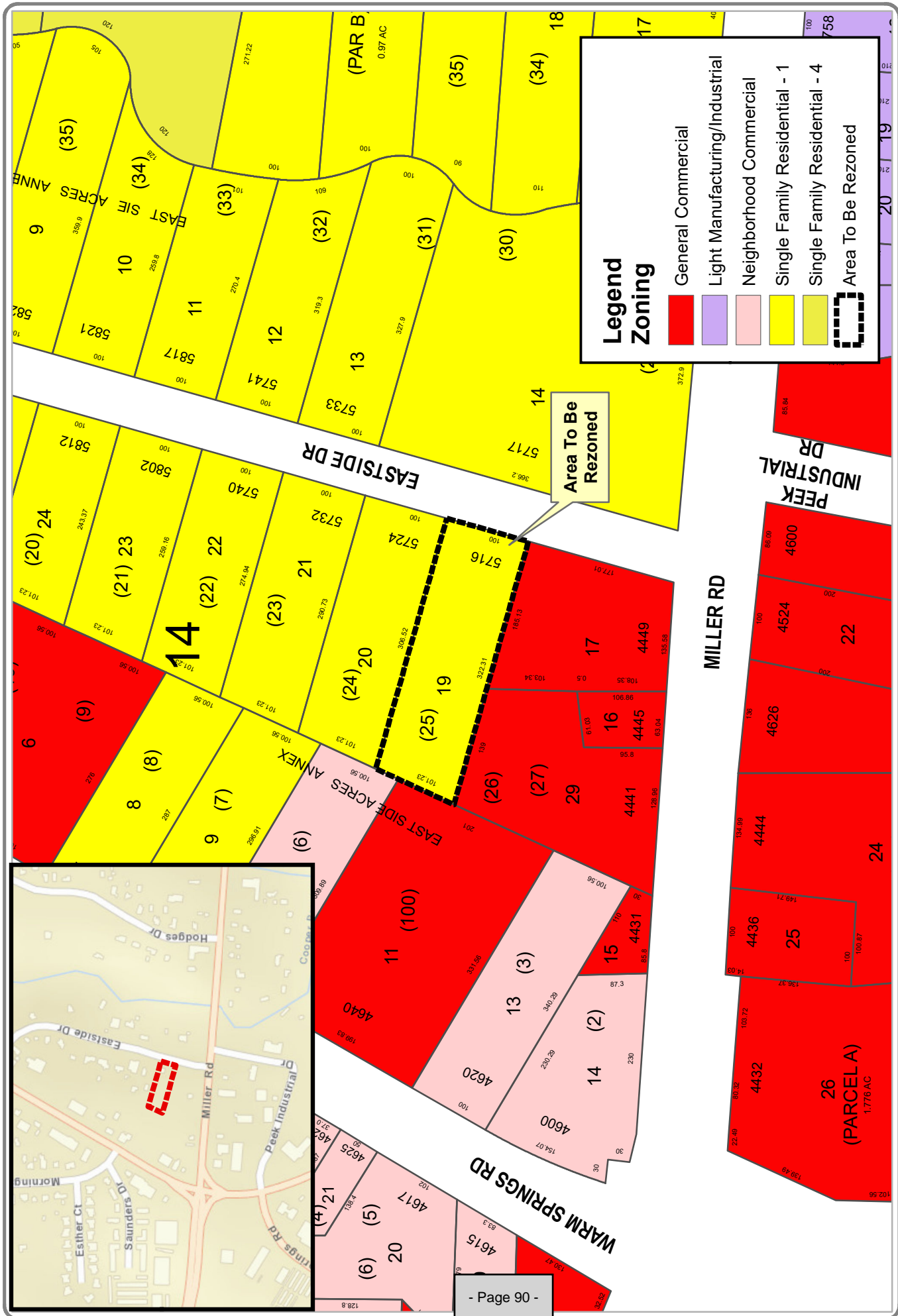
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Legend Zoning

- General Commercial
- Light Manufacturing/Industrial
- Neighborhood Commercial
- Single Family Residential - 1
- Single Family Residential - 4
- Area To Be Rezoned

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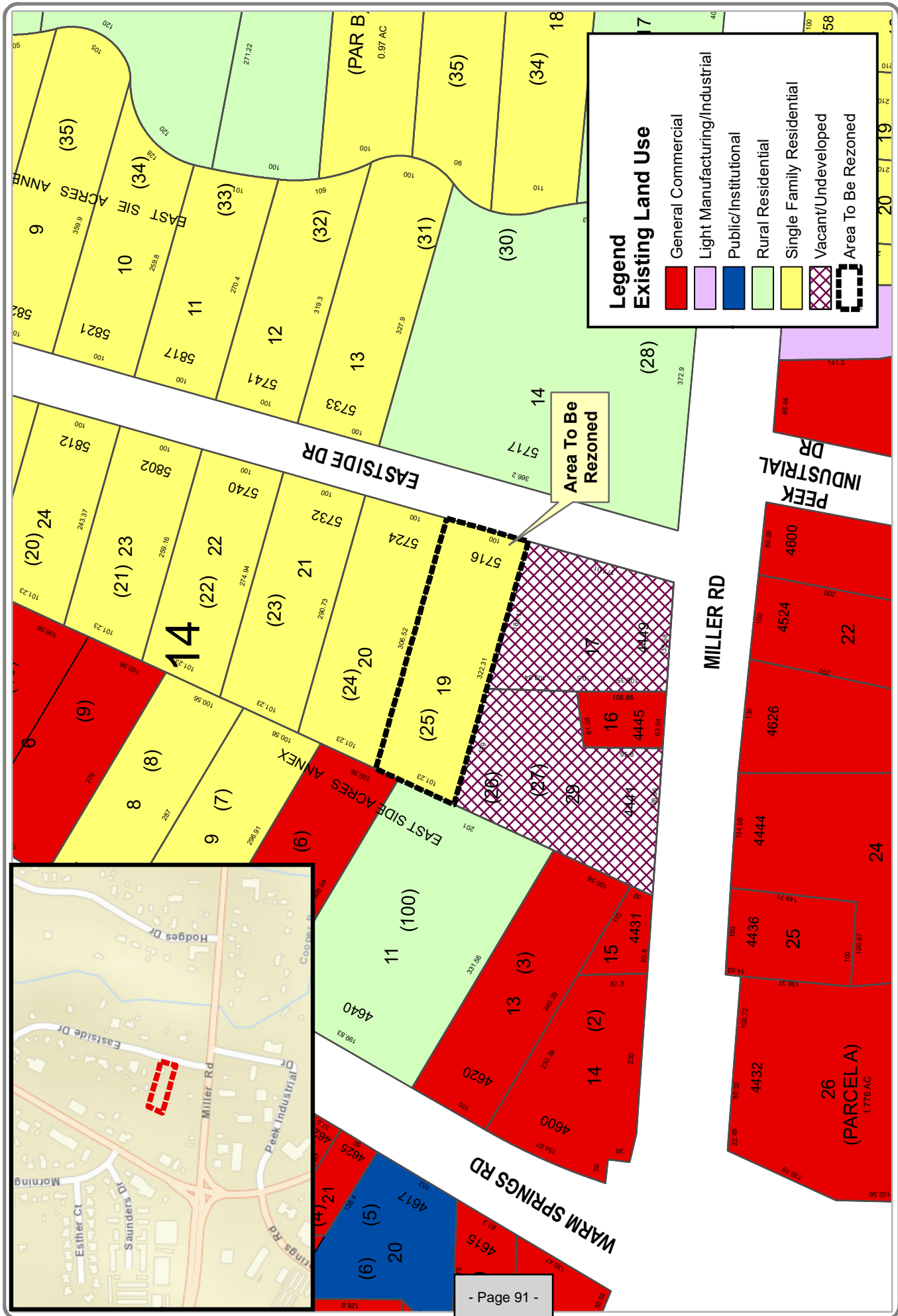


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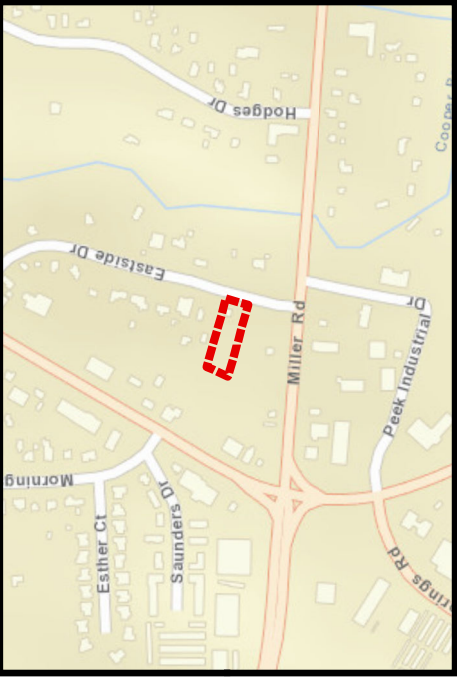


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Legend Existing Land Use

- General Commercial
- Light Manufacturing/Industrial
- Public/Institutional
- Rural Residential
- Single Family Residential
- Vacant/Undeveloped
- Area To Be Rezoned



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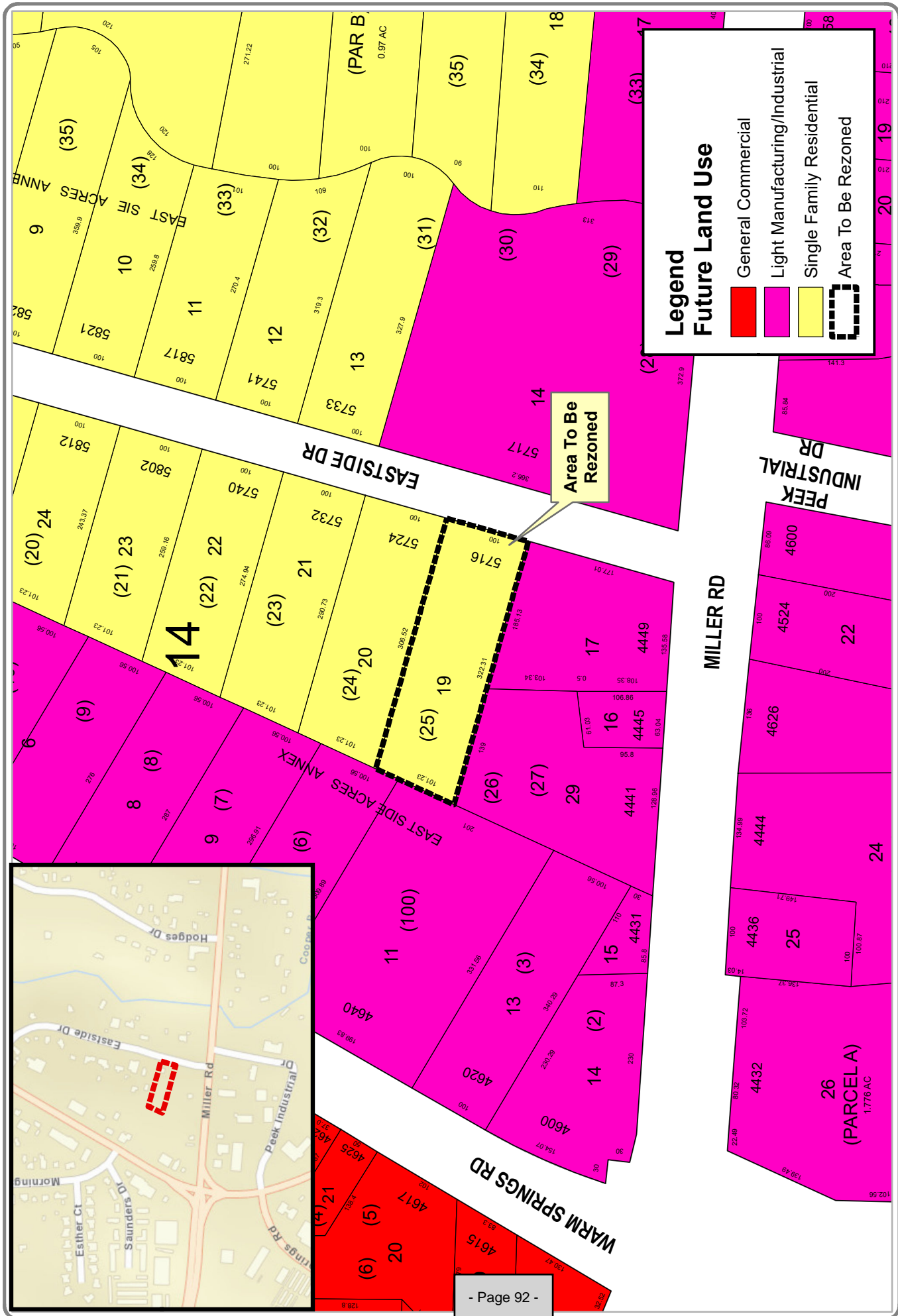
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Legend
Future Land Use

- General Commercial
- Light Manufacturing/Industrial
- Single Family Residential
- Area To Be Rezoned

Area To Be Rezoned

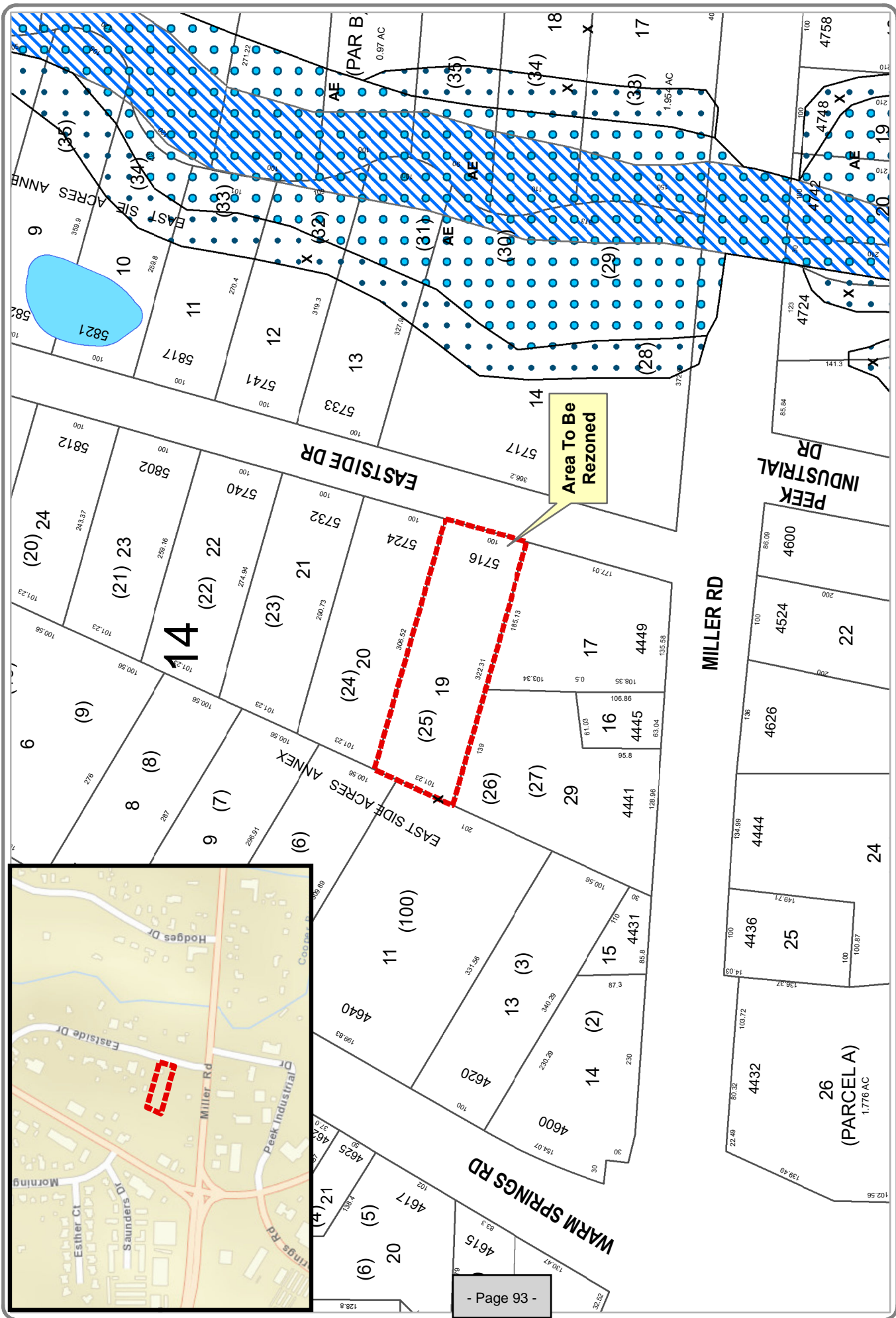


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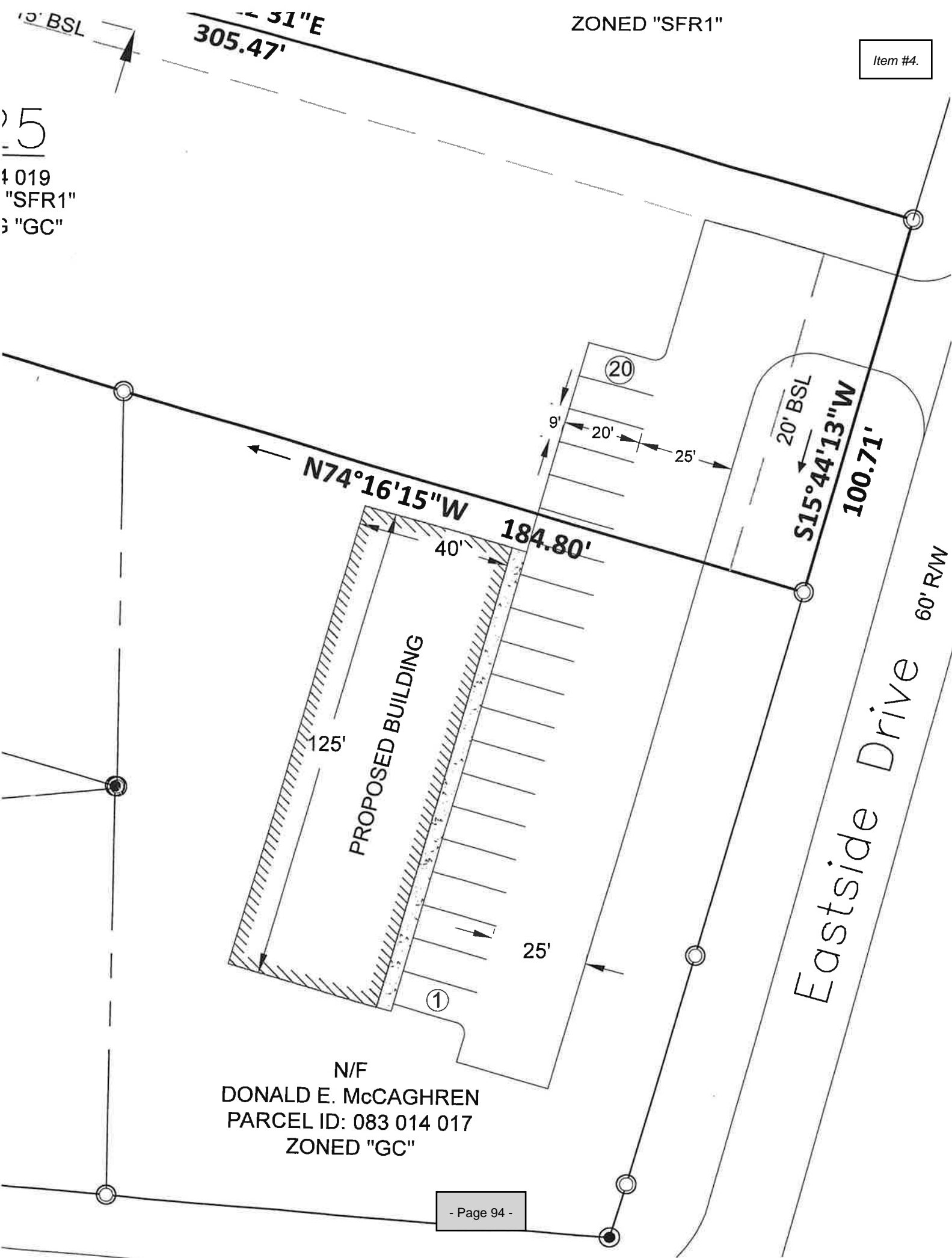
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DONALD E. McCAGHREN
PARCEL ID: 083 014 017
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File Attachments for Item:

5. 2nd Reading- REZN-04-24-0767: An ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **5470 Schatulga Road** (parcel # 111-015-027) from Light Manufacturing/Industrial (LMI) Zoning District to General Commercial (GC) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.)(Mayor Pro-Tem)

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 **5470 Schatulga Road** (parcel # 111-015-027) from Light Manufacturing/Industrial (LMI) Zoning District to General Commercial (GC) 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 from Light Manufacturing/Industrial (LMI) Zoning District to General Commercial (GC) Zoning District.

“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 2001, 2.40 +/-Ac., as said parcel is shown on a map or plat entitled "Replat of Lot 2000, Outparcel Lots of Macon Road and 5460 Schatulga Rd, Lying in Land Lots 69 & 70, 9th District, Muscogee County, Columbus, Georgia", dated August 22, 2023; prepared by Christopher E. Brazell, RLS No. 3424, and duly recorded in Plat Book 167, Folio 245, of the Records in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Muscogee County, Georgia (the "Plat"), to which reference is made for the specific location and dimensions of the real property herein described.

Grantor further grants, bargains, sells and conveys to Grantee and Grantee's successors-in-title for the benefit of and as an easement appurtenant to Lot 2001 the non-exclusive and perpetual right, privilege and easement to use, the area shown as "40' ACCESS EASEMENT" on the Plat ("Easement Area") as a means of ingress and egress by Grantee and the lessees, tenants, invitees, guests and successors-in-title of Grantee, to and from Lot 2001 and the public street known as Schatulga Road (the "Access Easement"). Granter retains the right to grant additional access easements over, upon and across the Easement Area for Grantor and any successors-in-title to Grantor to other real property of Granter contiguous to or adjoining the Easement Area.

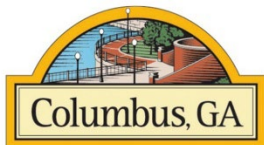
The Access Easement herein granted shall not alter or diminish the right of Grantor and Grantor's successors-in-title to the reasonable use of the Easement Area so long as such use of the Easement Area by Grantor and Grantor's successors -in-title does not interfere with the reasonable use of the Easement Area by Grantee.”

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COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

REZN-04-24-0767

Applicant:	Harlan A Price
Owner:	Eluis Dafraw/Purple Phoenix LLC
Location:	5470 Schatulga Road
Parcel:	111-015-027
Acreage:	5.03 Acres
C Current Zoning Classification:	Heavy Manufacturing/Industrial (HMI)
Proposed Zoning Classification:	General Commercial (GC)
Current Use of Property:	Office Space
Proposed Use of Property:	Banquet Hall
Council District:	District 6 (Allen)
PAC Recommendation:	Approval based on the Staff Report and compatibility with existing land uses.
Planning Department Recommendation:	Approval compatibility with existing land uses north and north west of the property.
Fort Benning's Recommendation:	N/A
DRI Recommendation:	N/A
General Land Use:	Inconsistent Planning Area E
Current Land Use Designation:	Light Manufacturing/Industrial

Future Land Use Designation: Heavy Manufacturing/Industrial (HMI)

Compatible with Existing Land-Uses: Yes

Environmental Impacts: 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.

City Services: Property is served by all city services.

Traffic Impact: Average Annual Daily Trips (AADT) will increase by 91 trips if used for commercial use.

Traffic Engineering: This site shall meet the Codes and regulations of the Columbus Consolidated Government for commercial usage.

Surrounding Zoning:

North	Heavy Manufacturing/Industrial (HMI)
South	Heavy Manufacturing/Industrial (HMI)
East	Heavy Manufacturing/Industrial (HMI)
West	Light Manufacturing/Industrial (LMI)

Reasonableness of Request: The request is compatible with existing land uses.

School Impact: N/A

Buffer Requirement: The site shall include a Category C buffer along all property lines bordered by the HMI zoning district. The 3 options under Category C are:

- 1) 20 feet with a certain amount of canopy trees, under story trees, and shrubs / ornamental grasses per 100 linear feet.
- 2) 10 feet with a certain amount of shrubs / ornamental grasses per 100 linear feet and a wood fence or masonry wall.
- 3) 30 feet undisturbed natural buffer.

Attitude of Property Owners: **Seventeen (17)** property owners within 300 feet of the subject properties were notified of the rezoning request. The Planning Department received **no** calls and/or emails regarding the rezoning.

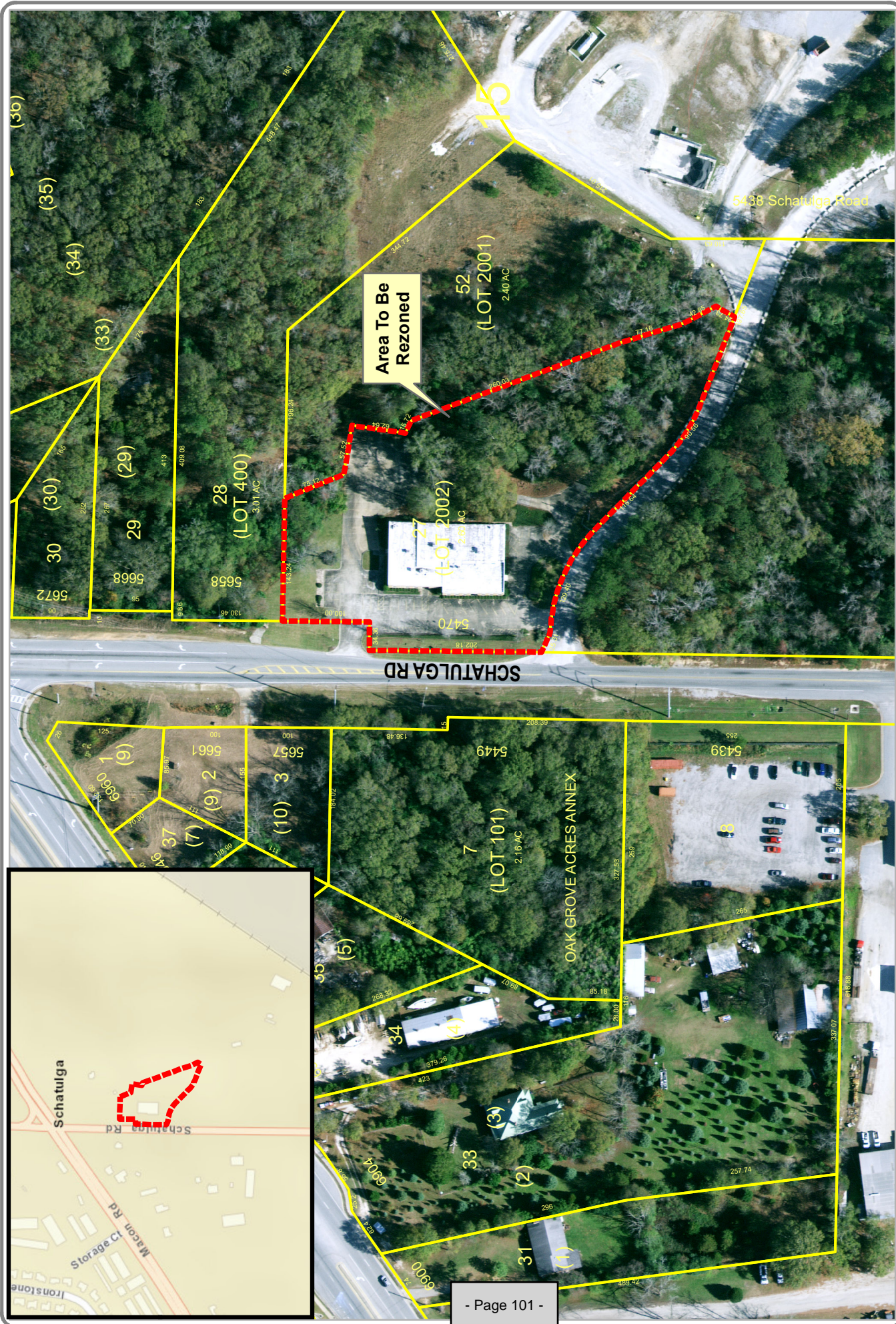
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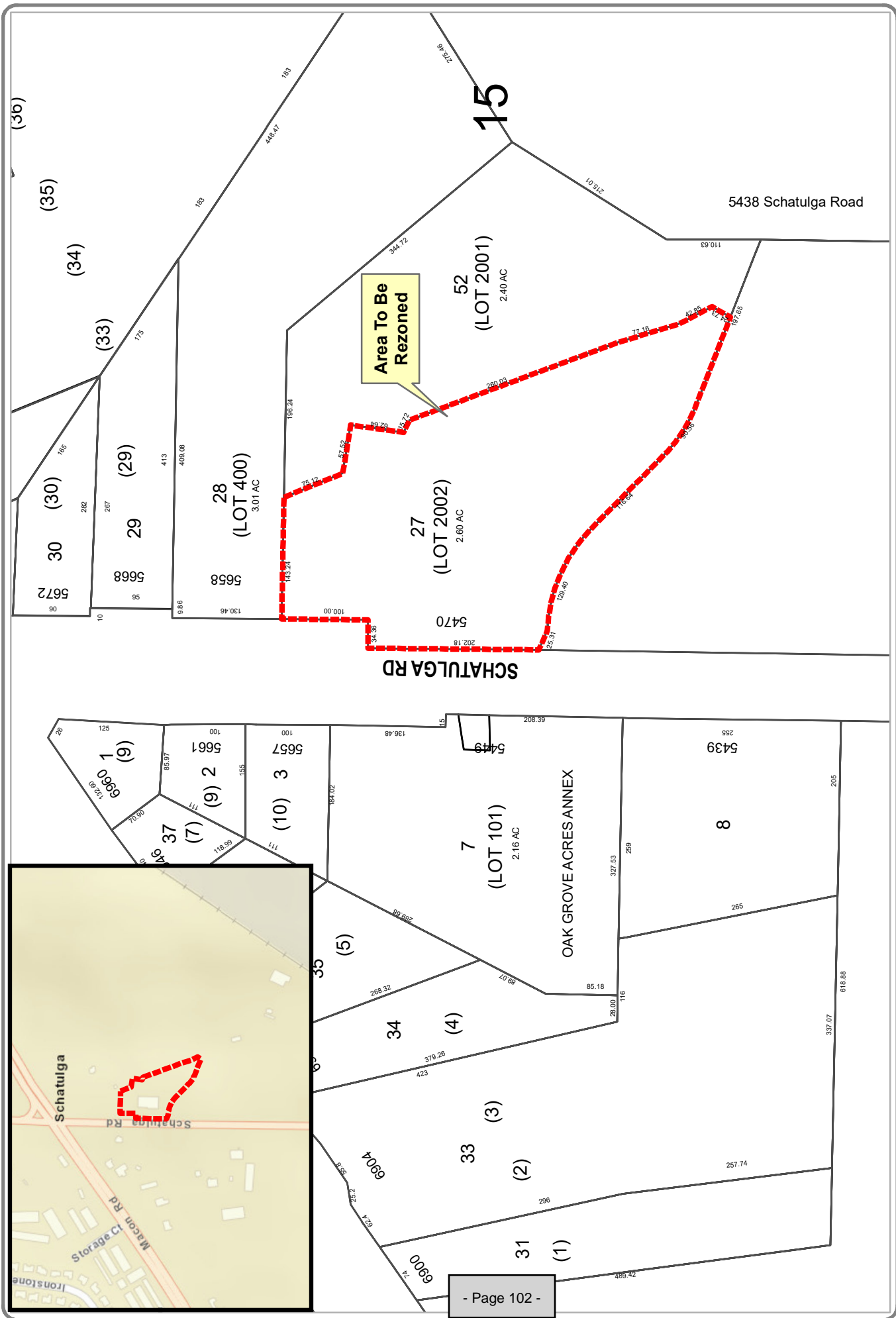
Additional Information:

Applicant plans to use the existing 10,000 sq ft office building.

Attachments:

- Aerial Land Use Map
- Location Map
- Zoning Map
- Existing Land Use Map
- Future Land Use Map
- Flood Map
- Traffic Report



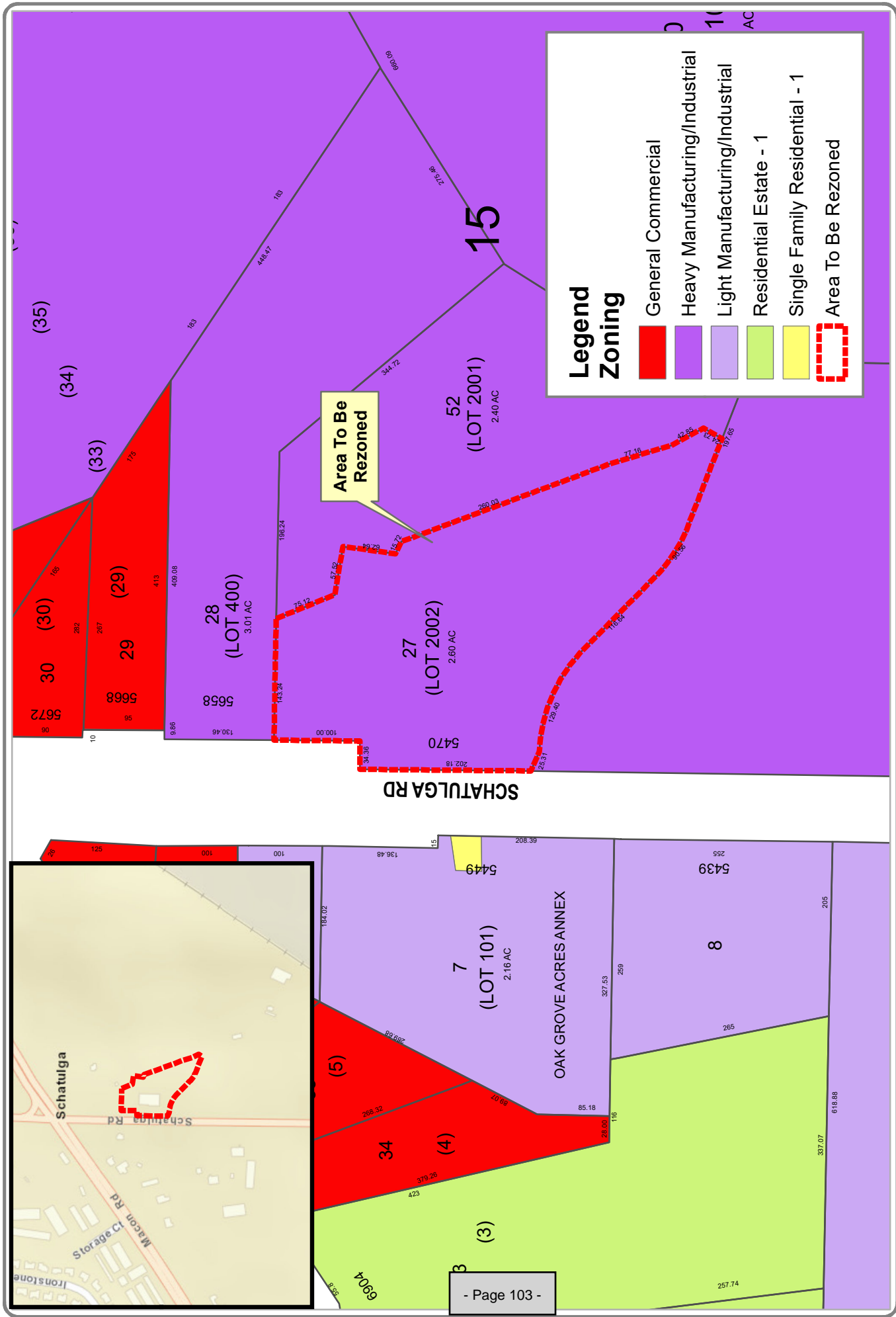


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Location Map for REZN 04-24-0767
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Legend Zoning

- General Commercial
- Heavy Manufacturing/Industrial
- Light Manufacturing/Industrial
- Residential Estate - 1
- Single Family Residential - 1
- Area To Be Rezoned

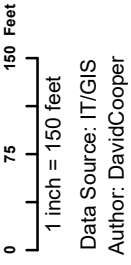
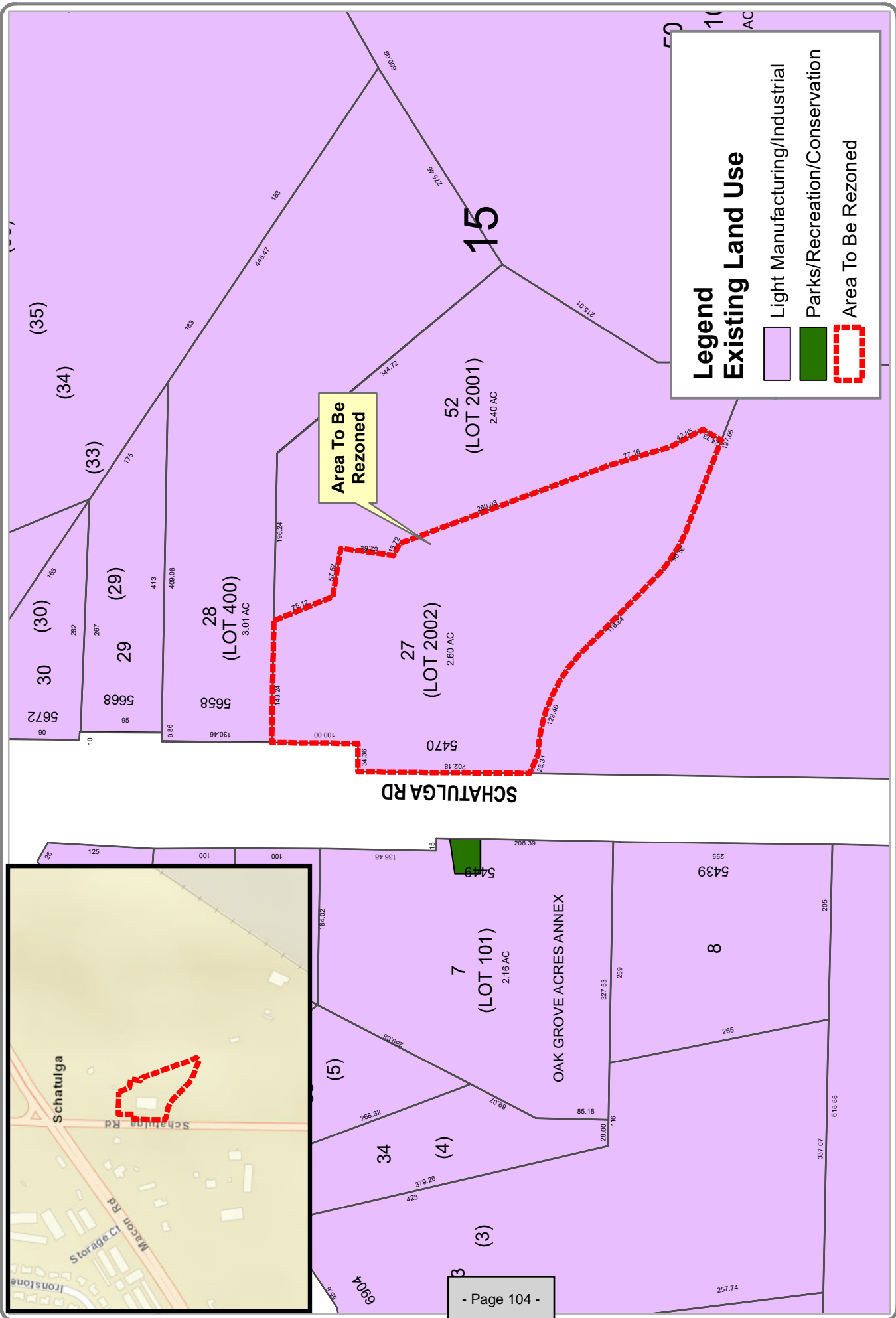
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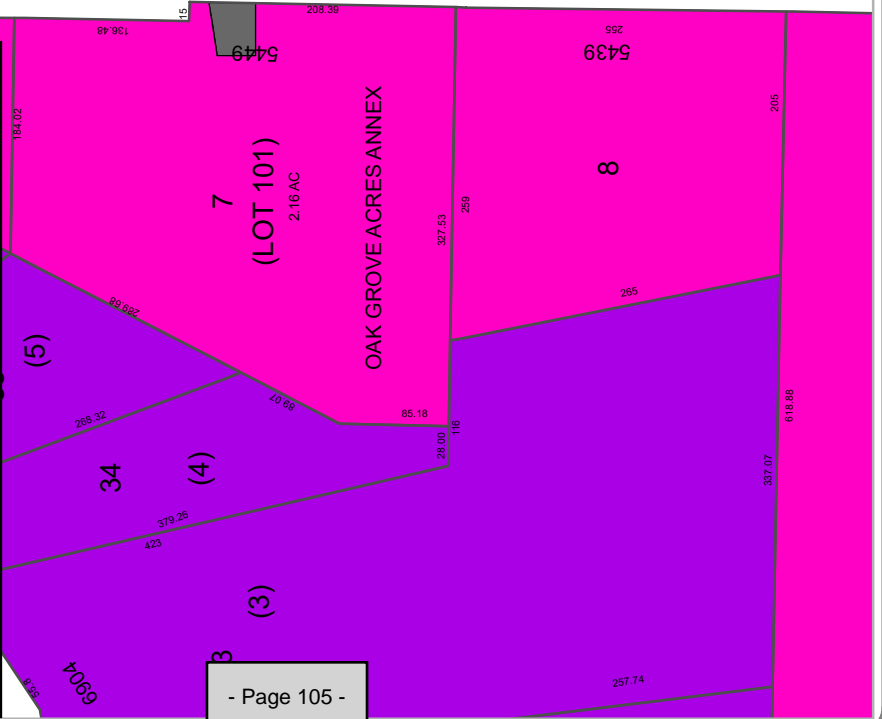


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Legend
Future Land Use

- Heavy Manufacturing/Industrial
- Light Manufacturing/Industrial
- Transportation/Communication/Utility
- Area To Be Rezoned

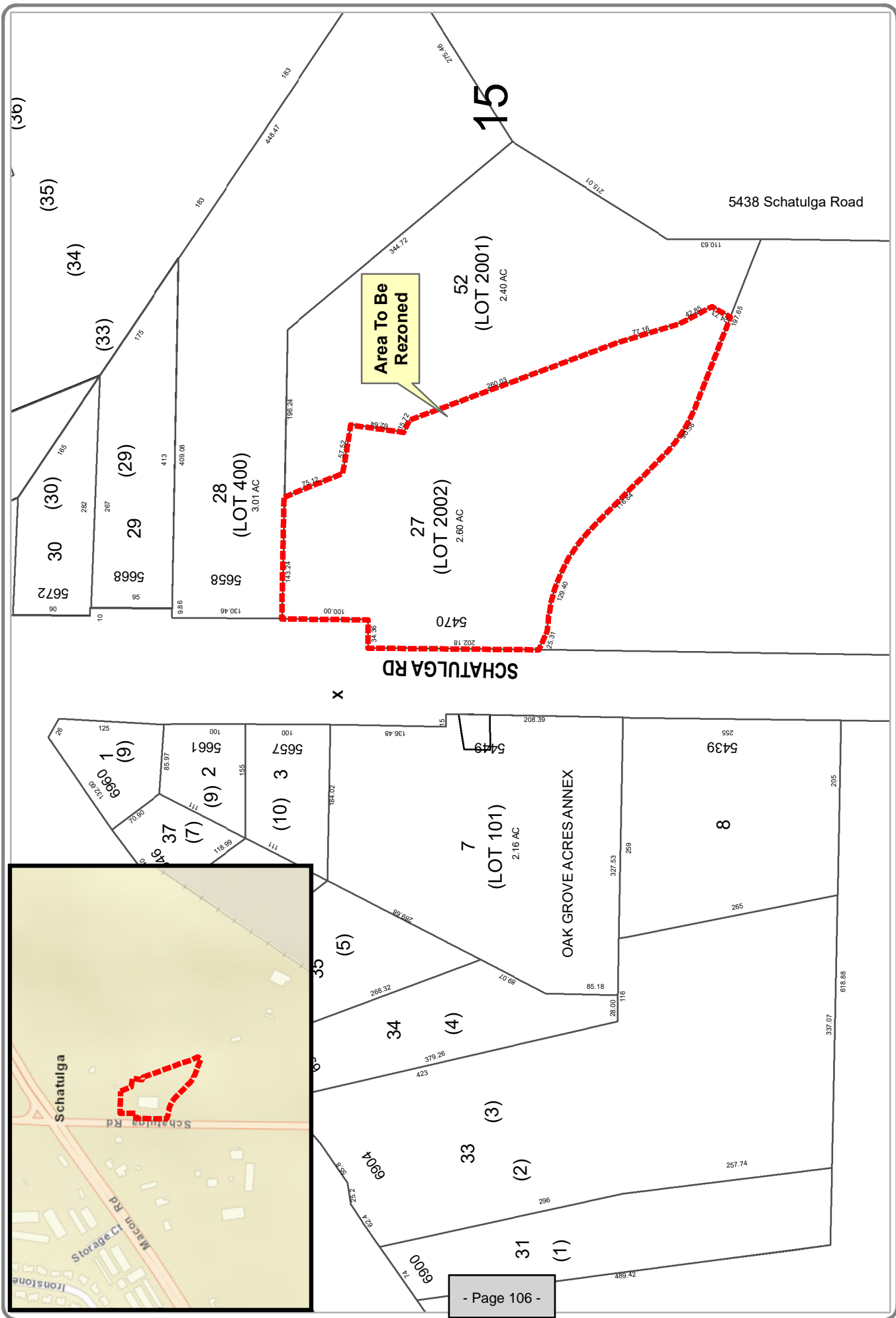


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Date: 4/29/2024

File Attachments for Item:

6. 2nd Reading- An ordinance renewing Business Improvement Districts in Columbus, Georgia through December 31, 2034; and for other purposes. (continued from 6-4-24 and 6-18-24)
(Mayor Pro-Tem)

AN ORDINANCE
NO.

An ordinance renewing Business Improvement Districts in Columbus, Georgia through December 31, 2034; and for other purposes.

THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1.

Ordinance No. 99-42 created a Business Improvement District for Columbus, Georgia. Ordinance No. 04-41 renewed a Business Improvement District for Columbus, Georgia for the period from January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2009, and Ordinance No. 09-6 further renewed the Business Improvement District for the period January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2014. Ordinance No. 14-41 again renewed the Business Improvement District for a ten-year period through December 31, 2024. There is hereby renewed a Business Improvement District in Columbus, Georgia as shown on the attached map and the attached description of district boundaries which shall remain on file in the office of the Muscogee County Tax Commissioner and the Department of Community and Economic Development. The attached district plan for the business improvement district is hereby adopted, approved and renewed. The Consolidated Government may impose a collection fee of up to 2.5% upon amounts collected through property tax charges in the business improvement district. Supplemental services provided by the District shall commence January 1, 2025 and the District shall terminate on December 31, 2034 unless renewed by further ordinance of the Columbus Council. Said supplemental services in the business improvement district shall be funded through the levy of business improvement district tax assessments for ten years beginning in 2015 and ending in 2024 through the annual ordinances levying taxes for Columbus, Georgia. This schedule is hereby made a part of the business improvement district management plan.

The said City Business Improvement District is renewed pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-43-1 et seq., as amended, which authorizes consolidated governments to establish and renew city business improvement districts for the purpose of imposing assessments on real property for specified services to the district.

Petitioners have been filed from property owners representing more than 51% of the assessed value or more than 51% of the total property owners requesting the Columbus Council to renew such a district in the designated area, as outlined in the management plan attached hereto as Exhibit A.

The legal boundaries of the city business improvement district and its three (3) benefit zones which will receive different levels of service, benefit and assessment are identified by the attached map in the management plan.

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-43-1, the district plan for the provision of supplemental service to the District presented to the Columbus Council is hereby renewed and approved until amended by the Columbus Council. The governing body of district property owners shall make recommendations to the Columbus Council as to amendments to the district plan. The Finance Director or her designated representative shall serve as an ex-officio member of the governing body of the Business Improvement District to represent the Consolidated Government. The governing body of the Business Improvement District shall submit monthly financial statements to the Finance Director of the Consolidated Government for review and publication. The governing body of the Business Improvement District shall submit the budget for the Business Improvement District to the Columbus Council on an annual basis.

Section 2.

The City Business Improvement District Management Plan, which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, contains the following information.

- (1) A map of the district in sufficient detail to locate each parcel of property within the district.
- (2) A description of the boundaries of the district, including the boundaries of any benefit zones.
- (3) A description of the services to be provided.
- (4) The time, manner and specific number of years in which assessment will be levied.
- (5) A description of how the management district will be governed by the private sector management organization.

Section 3.

The level of services presently provided by Columbus, Georgia in the area of the City Business Improvement District will continue to be provided at the same level as before the Business Improvement District was created or renewed.

Section 4.

A Public hearing was held on June 4th, 2024, at 5:30 pm in the Columbus Council Chambers, 3111 Citizen's Way, Columbus, Georgia and again on June 18th, 2024, at 9:00 am at the Muscogee County School Board Chambers-Public Education Center, 2960 Macon Road, Columbus, Georgia.

Section 5.

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

4th day of June, 2024; continued on 1st Reading on June 18th 2024 and introduced a second time at a regular meeting held on the 9th day of July,2024, and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ____members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting _____.
- Councilor Chambers voting _____.
- Councilor Cogle voting _____.
- Councilor Crabb voting _____.
- Councilor Davis voting _____.
- Councilor Garrett voting _____.
- Councilor _____ voting _____.
- Councilor Huff voting _____.
- Councilor Thomas voting _____.
- Councilor Tucker voting _____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson, III Mayor

**January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2034
Management Plan**

For The
Columbus Business Improvement District (BID)
as managed by
Uptown Columbus BID, Inc.
Columbus, Georgia

*Prepared pursuant to the State of Georgia
City Business Improvement District Act
To renew a Business Improvement District in
Uptown Columbus for the BID property owners.*

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SECTION 1

What is the Columbus Business Improvement District (BID)?

The International Downtown Association estimates that more than 1,500 property based Business Improvement Districts (BID) currently operate throughout the United States and Canada. In most states, all BIDs are fundamentally a legal mechanism to raise funds to enhance the management of a downtown area.

A BID is based upon the benefit assessment district concept, which provides for an assessment on real property to be raised within a specific geographic district with the proceeds going directly back into the district to provide enhanced services that benefit the district and properties located within the district boundaries. A BID provides a myriad of enhanced services and activities, including safety, maintenance, marketing, business recruitment and retention, and special events, in addition to those provided by local government.

The Columbus Business Improvement District (the “BID”) represents an important movement by property owners and business leaders to establish a viable service district managed by Uptown Columbus BID, Inc. (the “Manager”) as a well-funded, professional organization that continues to work to ensure the community maintains a positive perception of the Central Business District, supplements City services to raise the standard of excellence in the BID area, and promotes businesses, major attractions and events to respond to challenges from malls and other competitive developments.

Advantages of the Columbus BID are:

- Over twenty years of experience providing a wide range of services to include safety, hospitality, maintenance, marketing, promotion, business recruitment and retention, and special events.
- The BID is designed, created, and governed by those who pay the assessment through a Board of Directors of property owners that supervise operations, review monthly activity reports, and approve and monitor the annual budget.
- The Columbus BID continues to be implemented by those who pay through a 501(c)(6) non-profit, private sector, management organization of dedicated professionals that have received numerous awards of excellence.
- The Columbus BID, which was authorized for a 10-year term that is scheduled to end in December 2024, can now be renewed for 10 years beyond December 2024 through the petition support of the property owners. Of course, that same petition process can end the life of the BID early should property owners decide it is no longer needed.

SECTION 2

Why renew the Business Improvement District (BID)?

The Business Improvement District (BID) continues to play a major role in the exciting and remarkable growth in the Central Business District since operations started in January 2000. This growth in the Central Business District includes new businesses, new restaurants, events, River Restoration, new residents, and new hotels. To support these new facilities, and the people they bring to the Uptown area, makes the renewal of the BID absolutely critical in order to maintain the momentum, continue to attract new investment and expand our customer base.

A quality of life that is second to none makes the BID District a great place to start a business, enjoy the cultural and entertainment center of the region by attending the many fine art facilities, move into one of our many loft apartments, make a purchase in one of our unique shops, or dine in one of our many fine restaurants while enjoying the cleanest, safest, and friendliest environments in Columbus, Georgia. Renewing the BID will keep this momentum, attract new investment and protect and maintain the existing investment. The property owners will assess themselves in order to maintain the 501(c)(6) non-profit private sector management district, which under Georgia law is termed a City Business Improvement District. There are several reasons why Uptown property owners are taking this action:

- 1. To provide consistent funding for the services currently provided by the BID and maintain the extremely positive image the citizens of the community have for the Uptown area.**

The services the BID provides help make the Central Business District the place to visit in Columbus, Georgia. Just as important as this reality, is the fact that more and more citizens in this region are becoming our customers, investors, or visitors because of the very positive image the Uptown area has developed as the cleanest, safest, most attractive and well-managed area in Columbus.

It is very important that we maintain the services that define this image to continue to compete with the shopping centers and office parks for customers, investors, and visitors. The value of a single piece of property is not determined solely by the investments made in that property. Rather, a major portion of that property value is derived from how investors, businesses, and visitors view the entire Uptown area as a business, retail and cultural center. The property owners want to extend the life of the BID in order to maintain a *positive image*.

- 2. Maintain Private Sector Management and Accountability.**

The non-profit, private sector corporation, the Uptown Columbus BID, will manage the organization. A board of directors that are representative of all the property owners paying

assessments will refine and approve annual work plans and budgets based upon this management plan. The board of directors who are accountable to property owners who are paying into the district will ensure the services provided by the Columbus BID are subject to very high private sector performance standards and controls.

3. The Need to Market, Promote, and Attract new Business and Investment.

The Central Business District competes with the many shopping centers , office parks and managed downtown areas in the region for tenants, visitors and investors. To remain competitive and viable as the place to go in the region, we must maintain and finance the BID to maintain a proactive strategy to retain businesses and tenants as well as attract new businesses and investments.

The events, programming, coordinated promotions, publication of promotional materials and friendly ambassadors providing customer service assistance all contribute significantly to the continued enhancement of the *Uptown Image*. The renewal of the BID will ensure we maintain these programs and services.

4. The Need to be Proactive in Determining the Future of Uptown.

To protect their investment, property owners want to renew the Business Improvement District (BID) in order to remain partners in the process that determines how the development of the Uptown area is implemented. The BID District provides the financial resources, professional staff and private sector management to ensure that the challenges faced by Uptown will be proactively addressed.

SECTION 3

Management Plan Summary

Developed by property owners in Uptown Columbus, the Columbus Business Improvement District Plan is designed to improve and convey special benefits to properties located within the boundaries of the BID. The Business Improvement District will provide enhanced improvements and activities, including maintenance, security, marketing, promotion, business recruitment and retention, and special event services above and beyond those currently provided by the City.

Location: Approximately 47 blocks, an area defined in Section 4 of this plan.
(See map on last page of the document)

Value of District: The total net assessed value of the land and buildings within the district is \$176,460,470

Improvements, Activities, Services:

Enhanced Safety/Hospitality Programs

- Uptown Ambassadors Foot Patrol
- Night Safety Patrol
- Off Duty Police Weekend Night Patrol
- Uptown Ambassadors Vehicle or Bicycle Patrol
- Panhandler/Loiterer Removal

Enhanced Maintenance Programs

- Graffiti Removal
- Illegal Postings & Handbill Removal
- Sidewalk and Curb Cleaning
- Sidewalk Pressure Washing
- Sidewalk Weeding
- Trash and Debris Removal
- Report Broken Infrastructures (Streetlights and Pedestrian Lights, Sidewalks and Curbs, Pedestrian Lights, Water Meters, Storm Drains, Phone Booths, etc.)

Marketing/Communications

- Market Uptown Area
- Clean and Safe Promotions
- Retail Recruitment and Retention
- Office and Residential Recruitment
- Public Relations Services
- Special Events
- Newsletter, Visitor Map, Guides and Brochures
- Market Research and Data Collection

Method of Financing: A levy of assessments upon the real property and buildings which benefit from the improvements and activities.

Budget: Anticipated total district budget from assessments on assessable property for FY 23-24 will be \$956,798.00.

Cost: Annual assessments are based upon an allocation of specific program costs by benefit zone. One property assessment variable, Assessed Value is used in the calculation. No assessments will be levied on the basis of personal property, business licenses or occupation fees.

The annual yearly assessments will not exceed the rates listed below during the first year of the BID.

		<u>Benefit Zone 1</u>	<u>Benefit Zone 2</u>	<u>Benefit Zone 3</u>
Assessment Rate: (Per Dollar of Assessed Value)	Map Color	\$0.00699 (Yellow)	\$0.00576 (Orange/Blue)	\$0.00447 (Purple)

City Services: The City has agreed that existing City services will continue to be provided within the BID District at the same level as before the BID was created. BID services are in addition to existing City services.

District Formation: District formation requires submission of signed petitions from a group of property owners who either:

1. Collectively own at least fifty-one percent by assessed value of the real property within the district.
- or
2. Represent at least fifty-one percent of all owners of real property within the district.

Duration: The district will have a 10-year life beginning January 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2034. After 9 years, the petition process must be repeated for the district to continue beyond the 10th year.

Governance: The Business Improvement District budgets and policies will be refined annually, within the limitations set forth in the district management plan by a board of property owners representative of all the property owners paying assessments.

The private 501(c)(6) non-profit, Columbus Business Improvement District, will implement the improvements and activities defined by the District Management Plan.

SECTION 4

Columbus Business Improvement District Boundaries

An approximate 47-block area has been identified for the Columbus Business Improvement District. Within this 47-block area three (3) benefit zones have been established that will receive different levels of service, benefit and assessment. The map on the last page of this report identifies district boundaries and benefit zone boundaries.

District Boundaries

The District includes all properties within a boundary of:

The Western boundary is:

- Front Avenue from 7th to 9th Street.
- Bay Avenue from 9th to 11th Street.
- The Chattahoochee River from 11th to 18th Street.

The Northern boundary is:

- 18th Street from the River to 2nd Avenue.
- From the west side of 2nd Ave. to the eastern property line of property on the eastern side of Veterans Parkway, the boundary is the northern property line of property on the north side of 15th Street.

The Eastern boundary is:

- The Western side of 2nd Avenue from 18th Street to 15th Street.
- The Eastern property line of property on the east side of Veterans Parkway from the northern property line of property on 15th Street to the southern property line of property on 9th Street.
- Eastern property line of property on the Eastside of Broadway from 7th Street to 8th Street.
- Eastern property line of property on the Eastside of 1st Avenue from the Southern property line of property on the Southside of 8th Street to the Southern property line of property on the Southside of 9th Street.

The Southern boundary is:

- The Southern property line is the Northside of 7th Street from the west side of Front Avenue to the Eastern property line of property on the Eastside of Broadway.
- Southern property line of property on the Southside of 8th Street from the eastern property line of property on the east side of Broadway to the Eastern property line of property on the Eastside of 1st Avenue.
- From the Southern property line of property on the Southside of 9th Street from the Eastern property line of property on the Eastside of 1st Avenue to the Eastern property line of property on the Eastside of Veterans Parkway.

BENEFIT ZONE BOUNDARIES

Benefit Zone 1

- The Southern boundary of benefit zone 1 is the same as the Southern boundary of the district.
- The Western boundary of benefit zone 1 is the same as the Western boundary of the district from 7th Street to 12th Street. From 12th Street to 13th Street the Western boundary is the Middle of Front Avenue. From 13th Street to 14th Street the western boundary is the western property line of property on the west side of Broadway. From 14th the 15th Street the property line is the middle of 1st Avenue.
- The Northern boundary of benefit zone 1 is 12th Street from the River to Front Avenue. From Front Avenue to the Western property line of property on the west side of Broadway the northern boundary is 13th Street. From Broadway to the middle of 1st Avenue the boundary is the north side of 14th Street. From the middle of 1st Ave. to the west side of 2nd Ave. the northern boundary is the north side of 15th street. From the west side of 2nd Ave. to the eastern property line of property on the east side of 2nd Ave. the boundary is the northern property line of property on the North side of 15th Street.
- The eastern boundary of benefit zone 1 is the eastern property line of property facing on the eastern side of 2nd Avenue.

Benefit Zone 2

Benefit zone 2 is divided into two pieces, zone 2a and zone 2b.

The boundary of benefit zone 2a is:

- The Western boundary of Zone 2a is the Eastern boundary of Zone 1.
- The Northern boundary of zone 2a is the Northern boundary of the district between the eastern property line of property on 2nd Avenue and the eastern property line of property on the eastern side of Veterans Parkway.
- The Eastern boundary of zone 2a is the Eastern boundary of the district between the northern property line of property on the north side of 15th Street and the southern property line of property on the southern side of 9th Street.
- The Southern boundary of Zone 2a is the Southern boundary of the district between the eastern property line of property on the east side of 2nd Avenue to the eastern property line of property on the Eastern side of Veterans Parkway.

The boundary of benefit zone 2b is:

- The western boundary is the western boundary of the district between 12th street and 14th Street.
- The north boundary is the north side of 14th Street from the River to Broadway.
- The eastern boundary is the western boundary of zone 1 between 14th Street and 12th Street.
- The southern boundary is the northern boundary of zone 1 along 12th Street, 13th Street, and 14th Street.

Benefit Zone 3

- The Western boundary of zone 3 is the Western boundary of the district from 14th Street to 18th Street.
- The Northern boundary is the Northern boundary of the district on 18th Street.
- The Eastern boundary is the Eastern boundary of the district from 18th Street to 15th Street plus the middle of 1st Avenue from 15th Street to 14th Street.
- The Southern boundary is the Northern boundary of Zone 2b from the River to Broadway along 14th Street and the Northern boundary of Zone 1 from Broadway to the middle of 1st Avenue along 14th Street and the northern boundary of Zone 1 from the middle of 1st Avenue to the west side of 2nd Ave. along the north side of 15th Street.

SECTION 5

Programs and Services Provided

1. PUBLIC SAFETY

Columbus BID Public Safety Program

The 47 block BID safety program mission is to support the police department, property owners and tenants in overall crime prevention efforts and reduction in neighborhood street disorder, while offering a customer service orientation to pedestrians. They provide highly visible neighborhood safety and hospitality service and are intended to supplement individual building security and the Columbus Police Department.

Integration with the Columbus Police Department

The BID safety program will continue to work closely with the Columbus Police Department and integrate the Uptown Columbus program with that of the Department.

Vehicle and Bicycle Patrol

The Vehicle and Bike Patrol deters aggressive panhandling and other unsuitable street behavior. Their presence is a deterrent to theft and burglary from motor vehicles, however the service does not completely prevent these crimes. They also deter and report illegal street vending, illegal dumping, and street code violations. They handle a myriad of quality-of-life problems including drinking in public, urinating in public, indecent exposure, trespassing, prostitution observations, scavenging and shopping cart confiscation. They perform goodwill gestures such as escorting employees, helping lost persons, assisting disabled motorists and conducting tours. Vehicle and Bike Patrols also assist with traffic control in the event of accidents, fires or unusual occurrences.

They patrol assigned routes, covering all zones in the district. They are professional, assertive, friendly, courteous, people oriented individuals in excellent physical condition. The Vehicle and Bike Patrol officers complete customized classroom district training and additional hours of field training.

Foot Patrol

The Foot Patrol will concentrate on the highest pedestrian use corridors such as Broadway. The Foot Patrol has the same mission and receives the same training as the bike patrol. Uniforms and equipment will be almost identical.

2. MAINTENANCE

BID Clean Team

In order to deal effectively and consistently with maintenance issues a BID Maintenance Program will continue to make the BID area one of the cleanest places in Columbus. A multi-dimensional approach has been developed consisting of the following elements:

Trash Removal: In collaboration with the City of Columbus, crews will remove permitted trash bags and dispose of refuse. This includes changing bags in containers and removing trash in the evening hours.

Sidewalk Maintenance: Uniformed, sweep litter, debris and refuse from sidewalks and gutters of the district. Remove large illegal dumping in the district.

Alley Maintenance: The Clean Team and safety patrols each have responsibility in this area. Safety personnel address owner and tenant compliance with City code issues on cleanliness of sidewalks, alleys and illegal dumping. The Clean Team clears the alley of debris when a responsible party cannot be found for illegal dumping or other violations.

Graffiti Removal: The Clean Team remove graffiti by using Graffiti Removal, cleaning solvent and pressure washing. The district will maintain a zero tolerance graffiti policy.

Sidewalk Cleaning: All sidewalks are cleaned on a rotating schedule. High pedestrian areas may be cleaned more frequently.

Light Landscape Maintenance: Public landscape areas, tree wells and planters will be maintained and kept free of litter and, to the extent deemed appropriate, enhanced by planting or replanting of trees and other vegetation and the installation of appropriate fencing.

Illegal Postings and Handbill Removal: Illegal signs and handbills scotch taped or glued on public property, utility boxes, poles and telephones are removed by hand or when necessary, by pressure washing.

Special Collections: The BID truck will be available to collect abandoned shopping carts and large bulky items illegally dumped in the district.

Maintenance Problems Requiring Third Party Intervention: Problems are monitored that create blighted or unsafe conditions in the district. Monthly and daily requests are made to the responsible city agencies for repair. Types of problems include broken infrastructures such as streetlights and pedestrian lights, sidewalks and curbs, water meters, storm drains, phone booths, etc.

Lighting Maintenance and Installation: Monitor streetlight levels and report outages to the appropriate authority. To the extent deemed appropriate in public areas, install decorative lights, security lights, fixtures, globes, or bulbs to illuminate the surrounding area.

3. MARKETING / COMMUNICATIONS / ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Tell the story...again and again and again. The program that will be developed to tell the story of change and improvement in Uptown Columbus is one of the most important parts of the improvement plan. The program that is developed by the property owners will include several tools to support the efforts of individual property owners and brokers to attract and retain tenants. Several types of communication elements could be used. Some of these elements are:

- Uptown Columbus website, www.alwaysuptown.com
- Business Directory
- Public and Media Relations
- Social Media

- Sponsoring, cosponsoring, or promoting events such as festivals and concerts which are designed to promote the District and increase pedestrian presence and activity.
- Others as needed

4. ADDITIONAL SERVICES

Service needs for BID ratepayers are constantly evolving. Recognizing that new conditions may arise that are not specifically covered herein, the Manager may provide other additional reasonable services relating to public safety, maintenance, beautification and marketing; provided; however, that such services are approved by the Manager's Board of Directors and that all programs and services listed above are fully funded.

5. MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

A professional staff that provides its own administrative support will manage the Columbus BID improvements and activities.

SECTION 6

Assessment Methodology

Columbus BID property owners and business owners have emphasized that the assessment formula for the Management District must be fair balanced and have a direct relationship between benefits received and costs.

Calculation of Assessments

The preceding methodology is applied to a database that has been constructed by the Columbus BID staff and approved by the property owners, and Board of Directors. The process for compiling the property database includes the following steps:

- Property data was first obtained from the City Assessor's Office.
- City assessor property data was crosschecked with reliable private sector data sources.
- A site survey was undertaken to verify selective data.

Based upon the methodology as set forth above, property data compiled by the Board of Directors, who represent the property owners, the BID budget will yield the following assessments for each benefit zone.

* The annual yearly assessments will not exceed the rates listed below during the first year of the BID.

	<u>Benefit Zone 1</u>	<u>Benefit Zone 2</u>	<u>Benefit Zone 3</u>
Assessment Rate (Per Dollar of Assessed Value)	\$0.00699	\$0.00576	\$0.00447

In future years, assessments may change, up or down, if assessed value information changes and/or BID budgets change pursuant to the Price Index Adjustment as detailed below. Assessments will in any event not exceed the limits described in the following section of this Plan. This assessment rate has not gone up since 1999 when we first started the BID.

Annual Assessment Adjustments

CPI Adjustments

Total program revenue may be adjusted each year to reflect the annual change in the Columbus Consumer Price Index (CPI) for all urban consumers. In no case will the annual increase due to CPI increases exceed 5%. Actual annual increases will range from 0% to 5%.

Budget Adjustments

Any annual budget surplus or deficit will be rolled into the following year's BID budget. Assessments will be set accordingly, within the constraints of the CPI, to adjust for surpluses or deficits that are carried forward.

Time and Manner for Collecting Assessments

As provided by state law, the Columbus BID assessment will appear as a separate line item on annual property tax bills. Existing laws for enforcement and appeal of property taxes apply to the BID assessments.

Government Assessments

The Columbus BID Management Plan does not assume that the City of Columbus will pay assessments for property owned within the boundaries of the BID.

It is the intent of the BID law to provide services only to those properties that pay assessments. BID services will not be provided to government properties that do not pay BID assessments. All reasonable efforts will be made to include government properties on a voluntary basis in the BID assessment.

Residential Assessments

Single-family residential property, including property classified as condominium units, that is used exclusively as an owner-occupied residence will not be assessed.

Personal Property Assessments

Personal property, such as inventory, vehicles, and office equipment, will not be assessed.

Non-Profit Assessments

Property held in a non-profit status that does not currently pay ad valorem taxes is not required to pay BID assessments. All reasonable efforts will be made to include non-profit properties on a voluntary basis in the BID assessment.

Current and Proposed Uses of the Land

The assessable land within the proposed district is currently being used primarily for commercial uses. No changes to land use are proposed.

SECTION 7

Governing the Business Improvement District

Consistent with business improvement district (BID) legislation throughout the nation, Georgia's BID law establishes a BID governance framework that allows property owners who pay assessments to determine how the assessments are used. The following components are required within a BID governing structure.

City Council

Following the submission of petitions from property owners representing more than 50% of the assessed value and/or more than 50% of the total property owners, the City Council holds a public hearing and then may form the BID. The BID is established by an ordinance of the Council, with the power to levy assessment on property.

Private Sector and the BID Management Organization

The BID budgets and policies will be refined annually, within the limitations set forth in the district management plan, by the Columbus BID Corporation board of directors. The Board of the Uptown Columbus BID Corporation will be made up of property owners paying assessments within the district and will be structured to represent all of the property owners and reflect the assessments being paid.

The Uptown Columbus BID Corporation is a non-profit organization qualified as a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. The corporation is organized exclusively to implement the improvements and activities defined by the District Management Plan.

SECTION 8

Continuation of City Services

Throughout the process to establish the Columbus Business Improvement District, business and property owners have voiced concerns that the City of Columbus maintains existing services at verifiable “baseline” service levels. A formal baseline level of service policy ensures that existing City services are enhanced and not replaced by new BID improvements and activities.

SECTION 9

City Business Improvement District Rules

Contracting For Services

In order to supply the highest level of qualified services at the most reasonable cost the District may contract for services with public agencies, with non-profit public service agencies or with for-profit organizations.

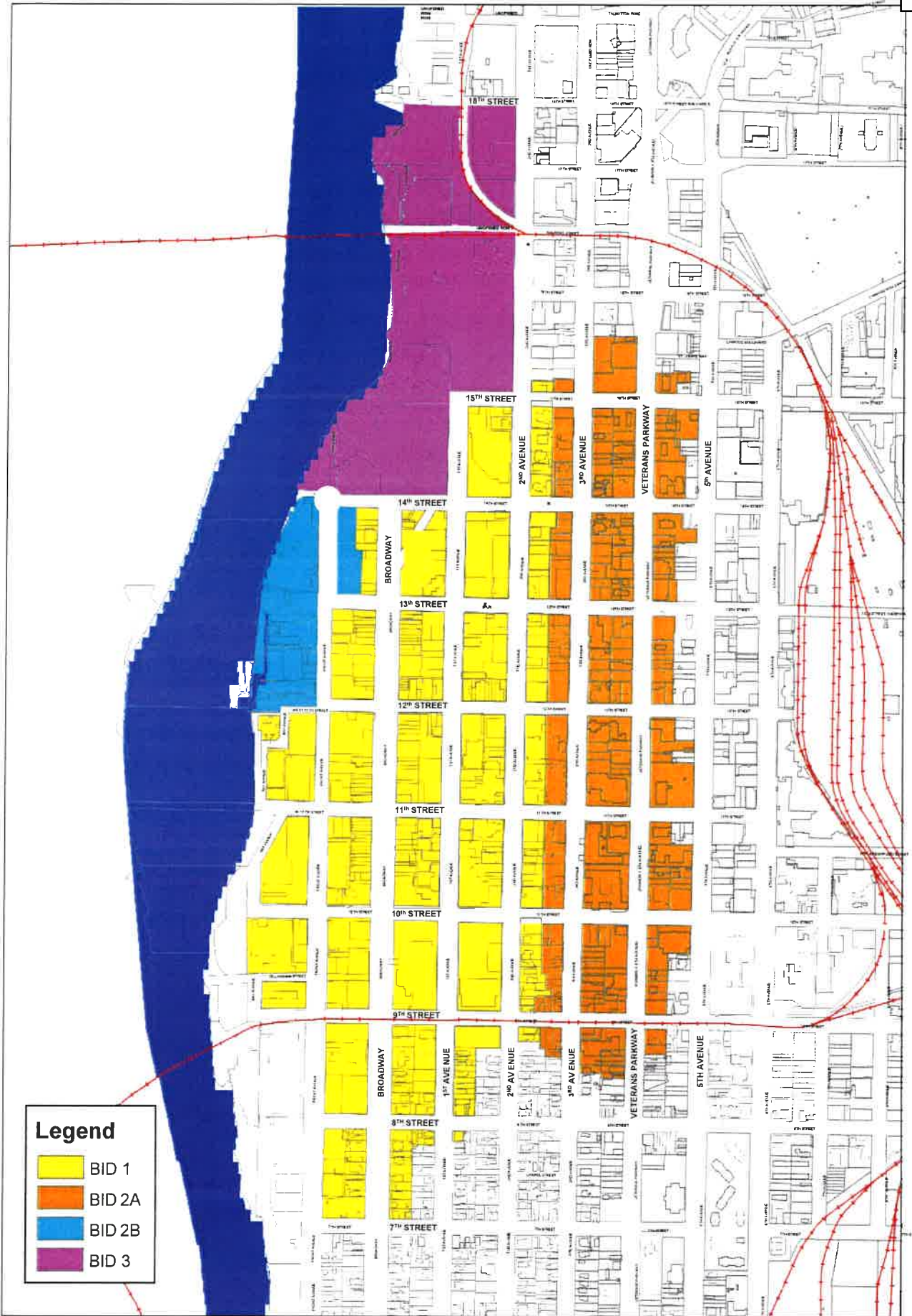
Contracting Of Services

When it is determined to be in the best interest of the District, the District may contract with non-assessment paying property owners to provide District services to those owners.

SECTION 10

Uptown BID
FY 23-24 Budget

	Approved
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Bid Assessment	892,258
Compactor Revenue	40,000
Interest Income	50
Non-Profits	1,000
Security Reimbursements	15,990
You Tube Project Revenue	7,500
Total Income	956,798
Expense	
Accounting Fees	10,000
Annual Bonus	7,500
Beautification	-
Compactor Expense	40,000
Contingency	5,093
Contract Services	1,000
Dues and Subscriptions	250
Education and Meetings	1,500
Employee Health Insurance	22,500
Employee Pension	2,000
Facilities and Equipment	5,000
Ins Liability and Workers Comp	25,000
Insurance D&O and Other	1,000
Maintenance Program	280,000
Marketing for BID	20,000
Marketing/ Promotions/ Events	-
Meals and Entertainment	1,000
Office Equipment Expense	3,500
Office Rent Expense	18,900
Office Supplies	4,000
Postage	1,000
Professional Services	
Repairs and Maintenance	2,000
Safety Program	218,890
Salaries Admin	88,560
Security- Private Sector Enhanc	15,990
Security - Weekends	155,115
Splash Pad Operating Expense	15,000
Telephone and Monitor Expense	5,000
Uniforms	4,000
Utilities	3,000
Total Expense	956,798
Net Ordinary Income	-
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	210,000
Other Expense	210,000
Total Other Expense	
Net Other Income	-
Net Income	0.00



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- BID 1
- BID 2A
- BID 2B
- BID 3

File Attachments for Item:

7. 2nd Reading- An ordinance to amend Article VIII of Chapter 14 of the Columbus Code to revise certain requirements on businesses that offer Class B Coin Operated Amusement Machines on their premises; and for other purposes. (Councilors Huff, Cogle and Tucker)

Ordinance No. _____

An ordinance to amend Article VIII of Chapter 14 of the Columbus to revise certain requirements on businesses that offer Class B Coin Operated Amusement Machines on their premises; and for other purposes.

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

SECTION 1.

Section 14-262 Columbus Code is here by amended by striking the current code section in its entirety and adopting a new Columbus Code Section 14-262 to read as follows:

“Sec. 14-262. Quarterly reports; gross receipts.

- (a) A location owner or location operator subject to O.C.G.A. § 50-27-84(c) is hereby required to provide a copy of the quarterly verified report required by such code section to the commission. Such report shall indicate the quarterly gross retail receipts for each business location located in Columbus, Georgia shall be due by the 21st day of each month, subsequent to the quarter in which the sales have taken place. The finance department shall be entitled to conduct an annual audit of such reports and the location owner or location operator shall make its books reasonably available for such purpose upon request of the finance department.
- (b) No location owner or location operator may derive more than fifty (50) percent of such location owner's or location operator's monthly gross retail receipts for this business location in which the Class B machines are situated from such Class B machines. “

SECTION 2.

Section 14-264 of the Columbus Code is here by amended by striking the current code section in its entirety and adopting a new Columbus Code Section 14-264 to read as follows:

“Sec. 14-264. Minimum distance requirements.

Any business location which offers to the public one or more bona fide coin operated amusement machines may not be located within 100 yards of any church building, within 200 yards of any school building, educational building, school grounds or college campus, within 100 yards of any alcoholic treatment center, or within 100 yards of any housing authority property. Despite the restrictions of this chapter, business locations which do not meet the distance requirements specified herein, are eligible for the issuance or reissuance of a City license with coin operated amusement machines permitted in the following circumstances:

- A) Locations which were operating with a valid license from the State to operate coin operated amusement machines permitted at that business location prior to April 1, 2024, may have a city license with coin operated amusement machines permitted issued for the same location if application for a City license is made before September 1, 2024.

- B) Locations which receive a City license with coin operated amusement machines permitted may have such license issued or renewed for the same location if application therefore is made within one year of the date that the business operations for the previous licensee ceased.

SECTION 3.

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

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held on the 18th day of June 2024; and introduced a second time at a regular meeting held on the _____ day of _____, 2024 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting ____.
- Councilor Chambers voting ____.
- Councilor Cogle voting ____.
- Councilor Crabb voting ____.
- Councilor Davis voting ____.
- Councilor Garrett voting ____.
- Councilor _____ voting ____.
- Councilor Huff voting ____.
- Councilor Thomas voting ____.
- Councilor Tucker voting ____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson, III Mayor

PART II - CODE OF ORDINANCES
Chapter 14 - OFFENSES AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS
ARTICLE VIII. COIN OPERATED AMUSEMENT MACHINES

ARTICLE VIII. COIN OPERATED AMUSEMENT MACHINES

Sec. 14-256. Short title.

This article shall be known as the "Columbus, Georgia Coin Operated Amusement Machine Ordinance."
(Ord. No. 23-018, § 1, 4-11-23, eff. 7-1-23)

Sec. 14-257. Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this division, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Bona fide coin operated amusement machine shall have the same definition as found in O.C.G.A. § 50-27-70.

Business location means the entire office or area of the business in any one location owned or leased by the same proprietor or proprietors where the lessor or lessors allow the space to be used for business purposes.

Location owner or location operator means an owner or operator of a business where one or more bona fide coin operated amusement machines are available for commercial use and play by the public or shall have the same definition as found in O.C.G.A. § 50-27-70, should that definition differ.

Class B machine shall have the same definition as found in O.C.G.A. § 50-27-70.

Operator means any person, individual, firm, company, association, corporation, or other business entity who exhibits, displays, or permits to be exhibited or displayed, in a place of business other than his own, any bona fide coin operated amusement machine in this state, or shall have the same definition as found in O.C.G.A. § 50-27-70, should that definition differ.

Owner means any person, individual, firm, company, association, corporation, or other business entity owning any bona fide coin operated amusement machine in this state or shall have the same definition as found in O.C.G.A. § 50-27-70, should that definition differ.

(Ord. No. 23-018, § 1, 4-11-23, eff. 7-1-23)

Sec. 14-258. Prohibition on Class B devices.

Location owners and location operators are prohibited from offering more than six Class B machines at one business location within Columbus, Georgia.

(Ord. No. 23-018, § 1, 4-11-23, eff. 7-1-23)

Sec. 14-259. Location owner and location operator notice.

The owner and/or possessor of each bona fide coin operated amusement machine that rewards the player exclusively as described in O.C.G.A. § 16-12-35(d) with a machine located within the jurisdiction of Columbus is required to inform the location owner and/or location operator of each business location in which one of the machine owner's machines is located of the prohibitions and penalties set out in O.C.G.A. § 16-12-35(e), (f), and (g).

(Ord. No. 23-018, § 1, 4-11-23, eff. 7-1-23)

Sec. 14-260. Employee notice.

The location owner and/or location operator of each business location which offers to the public the use of a bona fide coin operated amusement machines which rewards the player exclusively as described in O.C.G.A. § 16-12-35(d) with a machine located within the jurisdiction of Columbus, Georgia is required to inform all employees of that business in which one of the machine is located of the prohibitions and penalties set out in O.C.G.A. § 16-12-35(e), (f), and (g).

(Ord. No. 23-018, § 1, 4-11-23, eff. 7-1-23)

Sec. 14-261. License suspension and revocation; penalties.

- (a) As provided by Columbus Code Section 3-11(a)(7), Columbus may suspend or revoke the license of any location owner or location operator to manufacture, distribute, or sell alcoholic beverages in Columbus, or any other license granted by Columbus, as a penalty for the conviction of the location owner or location operator of a violation of O.C.G.A. § 16-12-35(e), (f), or (g) or for violation of one or more provisions of this article. Violation of any provision of this article may also be punished in accordance with the general penalty section 1-8 of this Code.
- (b) Columbus may suspend or revoke the license of any location owner or location operator of any other license granted by Columbus as a penalty for the conviction of the location owner or location operator of a violation of O.C.G.A. § 16-12-35(e), (f), or (g).
- (c) The suspension or revocation of licenses under this section shall be in accordance with the guidelines of due process set forth for the revocation of an alcohol license in Columbus Code Section 3-11(b).

(Ord. No. 23-018, § 1, 4-11-23, eff. 7-1-23)

Sec. 14-262. MonthlyQuarterly reports; gross receipts.

- (a) A location owner or location operator subject to O.C.G.A. § 50-27-84(c) is hereby required to provide a copy of the ~~monthly- quarterly~~ verified report required by such code section to the commission. Such report shall indicate the ~~monthly-grossquarterly gross~~ retail receipts for each business location located in Columbus, Georgia shall be due by the 21st day of each month, subsequent to the ~~monthquarter~~ in which the sales have taken place. The finance department shall be entitled to conduct an annual audit of such reports and the location owner or location operator shall make its books reasonably available for such purpose upon request of the finance department.
- (b) No location owner or location operator may derive more than fifty (50) percent of such location owner's or location operator's monthly gross retail receipts for this business location in which the Class B machines are situated from such Class B machines.

(Ord. No. 23-018, § 1, 4-11-23, eff. 7-1-23)

Sec. 14-263. Posting of signs.

Any location owner or location operator with a business location within Columbus which offers to the public one or more bona fide coin operated amusement machines is hereby required to post prominently a notice, in the vicinity of such coin operated amusement machines, including the following or substantially similar language:

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GEORGIA LAW PROHIBITS PAYMENT OR RECEIPT OF MONEY FOR WINNING A GAME OR GAMES ON THIS AMUSEMENT MACHINE; PAYMENT OR RECEIPT OF MONEY FOR FREE REPLAYS WON ON THIS AMUSEMENT MACHINE; PAYMENT OR RECEIPT OF MONEY FOR ANY MERCHANDISE, PRIZE, TOY, GIFT CERTIFICATE, OR NOVELTY WON ON THIS AMUSEMENT MACHINE; OR AWARDING ANY MERCHANDISE, PRIZE, TOY, GIFT CERTIFICATE, OR NOVELTY OF A VALUE EXCEEDING \$5.00 FOR A SINGLE PLAY ON THIS MACHINE.

Any such notice shall be at least 11.5 inches by 17.5 inches in size. Words and letters shall be in bold print and shall be at least one centimeter in size.

(Ord. No. 23-018, § 1, 4-11-23, eff. 7-1-23)

Sec. 14-264. Minimum distance requirements.

Any business location which offers to the public one or more bona fide coin operated amusement machines may not be located within 100 yards of any church building, within 200 yards of any school building, educational building, school grounds or college campus, within 100 yards of any alcoholic treatment center, or within 100 yards of any housing authority property. Despite the restrictions of this chapter, business locations which do not meet the distance requirements specified herein, are eligible for the issuance or reissuance of a City license with coin operated amusement machines permitted in the following circumstances:

- A) Locations which were operating with a valid license from the State to operate coin operated amusement machines permitted at that business location prior to April 1, 2024, may have a city license with coin operated amusement machines permitted issued for the same location if application for a City license is made before September 1, 2024.
- B) Locations which receive a City license with coin operated amusement machines permitted may have such license issued or renewed for the same location if application therefore is made within one year of the date that the business operations for the previous licensee ceased.

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(Ord. No. 23-018, § 1, 4-11-23, eff. 7-1-23)

Sec. 14-265. Disclosure of machine owner.

Any location owner or location operator seeking to locate a business within the jurisdiction of Columbus, Georgia and offer to the public one or more bona fide coin operated amusement machines must first submit in writing the name, physical address and mailing address of the owner of the bona fide coin operated amusement machine to the Revenue Division of the Columbus, Georgia Finance Department. before any occupational tax certificate or license granted by Columbus is issued or renewed.

(Ord. No. 23-018, § 1, 4-11-23, eff. 7-1-23)

Sec. 14-266. Location of machines.

Any location owner or location operator who offers to the public one or more bona fide coin operated amusement machines is required as a condition of doing business in the jurisdiction of Columbus to locate each and every bona fide coin operated amusement machine in plain view and accessible to any person who is at the business location.

(Ord. No. 23-018, § 1, 4-11-23, eff. 7-1-23)

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Sec. 14-267. Posting of privilege license or occupation tax certificate.

Any location owner or location operator who offers to the public one or more bona fide coin operated amusement machines is required as a condition of doing business in the jurisdiction of Columbus, Georgia to post its license and/or occupation tax certificate, whichever it is required by this code to obtain, in a conspicuous place in the location owner or location operator's place of business at which such machine(s) is offered and leave it there at all times.

(Ord. No. 23-018, § 1, 4-11-23, eff. 7-1-23)

File Attachments for Item:

8. 2nd Reading- An ordinance providing for the levy, assessment, and collection of taxes for the public school system of Columbus, Georgia; and for other purposes. (Request of Muscogee County School District)

AN ORDINANCE
NO. _____

An Ordinance providing for the levy, assessment, and collection of taxes for the public school system of Columbus, Georgia; and for other purposes.

THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1.

There is hereby levied and shall be collected on all real estate and personal property, tangible or intangible, in Columbus, Georgia, on the 1st day of January, 2024, a tax of **23.075** mills on each dollar of valuation of such property for current operation of schools. This rate has been set and certified by the Muscogee County Board of Education for FY 2025.

SECTION 2.

As to all funds from taxes on intangible property paid to Columbus, Georgia, by the State of Georgia, the division of said total millage for each particular purpose shall be the same as levied for Urban Services District #1 and the General Services District, under separate ordinance, and for schools under Section 1 of this Ordinance.

SECTION 3.

Claims for exemption from taxation by Columbus, Georgia for the year 2024 on personal property shall be controlled by applicable state law.

SECTION 4.

Returns of tangible property, including description of real estate, shall be made on oath to the Tax Commissioner between the 1st day of January, 2024, and the 1st day of April, 2024, and in default of such return, the property shall be assessed by the Tax Assessor. Should any person, firm or corporation fail to make returns of property for taxation as required by this Ordinance, the Tax Commissioner shall use the value as shown on the prior year's return. A failure to pay the tax on said property at the returned or assessed value shall subject such property to the same liability and sale as other like property regularly assessed or returned where the same was in Columbus, Georgia, on January 1, 2024.

SECTION 5.

It shall be the duty of the Tax Commissioner carefully to scrutinize each return and to see that no real estate is returned at a value less than fixed by the Board of Tax Assessors and that all

personal property embraced in the return is fixed at its true market value. Review of any return shall be made in accordance with the provisions of the Columbus Charter and applicable state law. If in any case the Board of Tax Assessors of Columbus, Georgia, is not satisfied with the accuracy of the tax returns herein provided for, Columbus, Georgia, through its officers, agents, employees, or representatives, may inspect the books of the business for which the returns are made. The Board of Tax Assessors shall have the right to inspect the books or records for the business of which the return was made in Columbus, Georgia, and upon demand of the Board of Tax Assessors such books or records shall be submitted for inspection by the representative of Columbus, Georgia, within 30 days. ALL TAX RETURNS ACCEPTED SUBJECT TO AUDIT.

Whenever any persons are called in to arbitrate and fix the value of any personal property embraced in the return of any taxpayer, such persons shall take an oath, before some officer of the State authorized to administer oaths, to do justice between Columbus, Georgia, and the taxpayer touching the true assessment of the property embraced in the return.

The Board of Tax Assessors shall have mailed notices of assessment in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 48-5-306 and shall present the books to the Tax Commissioner for examination and approval. The Tax Commissioner shall forward the books to the State Revenue Commissioner for examination and approval.

SECTION 6.

The valuation of all property upon which taxes are herein above levied and assessed, and all tax liens, shall date and rank and become fixed as of January 1, 2024.

Taxes shall become due October 1, and delinquent October 2, 2024, but the Taxpayer shall have the option to pay 40% of the total due on or before October 1 and 60% of the total due on or before December 2 without penalty. Upon failure to pay 40% by October 1, the total shall become delinquent. Upon payment of 40% by October 1, the remainder shall become due on December 2 and delinquent if not paid before December 3. Interest shall immediately begin to accrue on any delinquent tax; a penalty of 10% of the tax due shall accrue on taxes not paid on or before December 20, 2024; and Fi Fa costs will be added, all as provided by Georgia law.

Where any person becomes liable for the payment to Columbus, Georgia, of a tax on personal property for 2024, and between January 1, 2024, and September 1, 2024, such person is moving or about to move the personal property subject to such tax without the limits of Columbus, Georgia, the tax for said year on said personal property shall immediately become due, and execution shall be issued by the Tax Commissioner and levied by the Tax Commissioner instanter, and said property advertised and sold pursuant to the provisions regarding sales for taxes due said Columbus, Georgia.

SECTION 7.

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

Introduced at a meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held on the 18th day of June, 2024; introduced a second time at a regular meeting of said Council held on the ___ day of July, 2024, and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting _____.
- Councilor Chambers voting _____.
- Councilor Cogle voting _____.
- Councilor Crabb voting _____.
- Councilor Davis voting _____.
- Councilor Garrett voting _____.
- Councilor _____ voting _____.
- Councilor Huff voting _____.
- Councilor Thomas voting _____.
- Councilor Tucker voting _____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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



Muscogee County School District
Columbus, Georgia

David F. Lewis, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Education

P.O. Box 2427
Columbus, Georgia 31902-2427

June 24, 2024

*Ms. Sandra T. Davis
Clerk of Council
Columbus Consolidated Government
P.O. Box 1340
Columbus, Georgia 31993-1340*

Dear Ms. Davis:

In official action on Monday, June 24, 2024, the Muscogee County Board of Education passed a resolution setting a millage rate for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

As soon as it is appropriate, please forward the enclosed resolution to the Council for their review and action.

Should you have any questions, or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

*David F. Lewis
Superintendent of Education*

/kpj

*Tax Commissioner
Janice Bloodworth
Greg S. Ellington*

Enclosure



RESOLUTION

MILLAGE RATE

MUSCOGEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Adopted at an Official Meeting on June 24, 2024

WHEREAS, section 15 of the act of February 25, 1949, as amended, creating the Muscogee County School District provides that this Board of Education shall annually certify to the Council of Columbus, Georgia, the rate of levy necessary for the support, maintenance, and operation of schools, libraries and other operations and functions coming within the jurisdiction of the Board and the Muscogee County School District; and,

WHEREAS, this Board previously set a millage rate of 23.321 mills on June 23, 2023 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 for the operations, functions, and purposes set forth above; and,

WHEREAS, this Board at its meeting on June 24, 2024 has determined that the budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 will require 23.075 mills for the operations, functions, and purposes, as set forth above, of which .04459 mills is allocated for capital outlay and 1.50 mills is allocated for libraries.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT SAID Muscogee County Board of Education hereby certifies to the Council of Columbus, Georgia, that the rate of levy necessary for the support, maintenance, and operation of schools, libraries, and other operations and functions coming within the jurisdiction of the Board and the Muscogee County School District for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 is 23.075 mills for operations, functions and purposes, as set forth above and 1.5 mills is allocated for libraries;

RESOLVED FURTHER, THAT THE secretary of the Board of Education is hereby instructed to transmit to the Council of Columbus, Georgia, a certified copy of this resolution.

Adopted this 24th day of June, 2024.

MUSCOGEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Pat Hugley Green, Board Chair

Dr. David F. Lewis, Secretary

File Attachments for Item:

9. 2nd Reading- An ordinance to revise and clarify certain provisions of the Columbus Code which provide for the foreclosure of liens on property for which funds are due and owing to the consolidated government; and for other purposes. (continued on 2nd Reading from 6-11-24)(Councilor Garrett)

Ordinance No. _____

An ordinance to revise and clarify certain provisions of the Columbus Code which provide for the foreclosure of liens on property for which funds are due and owing to the consolidated government; and for other purposes.

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

SECTION 1.

Section 8-85 of the Columbus Code is here by amended by striking the current code section in its entirety and adopting a new Columbus Code Section 8-85 to read as follows:

“Sec. 8-85. Demolition costs to become lien against property.

The amount of the cost of boarding up, demolition or removal of a building and cleaning the lot as approved by City Council shall be a lien against the real property upon which the building or structure is or was situated. Said lien shall be placed upon a special lien book designated "Demolition Lien Book," which shall be maintained by the clerk of superior court of Muscogee County. The director of finance of Columbus, Georgia, shall enforce the collection of any amount due on such lien in the following manner:

- (1) The owner or parties in interest shall pay the full amount due on such lien to the director of finance of Columbus, Georgia within 30 days of perfection of such lien, and if such lien is not paid in full within 30 days of the perfection of such lien, the owner or parties in interest shall pay 25 percent of the total lien amount plus seven percent interest within 60 days of the perfection of such lien to the Director of Finance of Columbus, Georgia, with the remaining balance due on such lien to be paid in three equal annual installments with interest at the rate of seven percent per annum, each of which shall become due and payable on the anniversary date of the initial payment made as hereinabove prescribed;
- (2) Should the property upon which such lien is perfected be sold, transferred or conveyed by the owner and/or parties in interest at any time, then the entire balance due on such lien shall be due and payable to the director of finance of Columbus, Georgia; and,
- (3) Should any amount due remain unpaid within 30 days after the due date for the first or any subsequent annual installment prescribed in subsection (1) above, then the finance director of the consolidated government shall issue a writ of execution against the real property upon which the building or structure is or was situated, and upon the owner thereof, whereupon such real property shall be levied on as governed by general law. The finance director may transmit notice of the execution to the Tax Commissioner with the request that the property be sold at tax sale pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 41-2-90(b)(2)
- (4) The city manager is authorized to waive such liens, or any portion thereof, for property identified to be transferred to the Land Bank Authority, pursuant to O.C.G.A. Title 48, Chapter 4, for the sole purpose of disposing of the property to an organization contemplated under O.C.G.A. § 48-4-64. Prior to the transfer to the Land Bank Authority, the city's real estate office shall actively market the property for sale for a minimum of 12 months from the date of waiver of the lien. The city manager is also authorized to waive such liens, or any portion thereof, for property in the ownership of an organization contemplated under O.C.G.A. § 48-4-64.

- (5) In addition to the authority granted in subsection (4), the city manager is authorized to waive any demolition lien, or any portion thereof, when the demolition lien does not exceed \$25,000.00. If the demolition lien exceeds \$25,000.00, any waiver of such lien, or any portion thereof, must be approved by resolution of the Columbus Council.”

SECTION 2.

Section 8-86 of the Columbus Code is here by amended by striking the current code section in its entirety and adopting a new Columbus Code Section 8-85 to read as follows:

“Sec. 8-86. Service of complaints, notices, orders.

Complaints, notices or orders issued pursuant to this division shall be served either personally or by registered or certified mail. If the whereabouts of any person who is an owner and/or party in interest is unknown and the whereabouts can not be ascertained by the building official exercising reasonable diligence, and the building official shall make an affidavit to that effect, then the serving of the complaint and notice or order upon such party may be made by publishing the same once a week for two successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation published in Columbus, Georgia. A copy of such notice served by publication shall be posted in a conspicuous place on the premises effected by the notice. Additional forms of service determined to be effective may also be used at the discretion of the building official.”

SECTION 3.

Section 13-115 of the Columbus Code is here by amended by striking the current code section in its entirety and adopting a new Columbus Code Section 13-115 to read as follows:

“Sec. 13-115. - Same—Notice to property occupants and owners; assessment of costs; execution and sale.

Where the owner or occupant of land violates the provisions hereof relating to removal of weeds and the owner or occupant, and such owner or occupant or his agent or representative cannot be served with notice or summons so as to subject him to punishment by the recorder, the director of inspections and code enforcement or one of his assistants shall notify such owner by certified mail, directing the weeds or grass on his lot be cut and removed, so as to comply with [Section 13-113](#) of this Code. The certified mail notice shall allow ten days from the date of receipt or a second attempt to deliver such notice to correct the violation. After this notice and during a period of 36 months, no further written notice or warning period shall be required. If the owner fails to comply with the provisions herein, the director of inspections and code enforcement shall have the weeds and grass cut and removed, assessing a fee plus a service charge (as recommended annually by the directors of public works and finance and approved by the city manager) for the work and charging the amount to the owner, and such amount shall constitute a lien against the lot, as of the date of such work, and if such amount be not paid within 30 days after the doing of the work, the finance director of the consolidated government shall issue execution against the particular real estate for which the service was rendered, and

against the owner thereof, whereupon such real estate shall be levied on, advertised and sold under such execution as governed by general law. The finance director may transmit notice of the execution to the Tax Commissioner with the request that the property be sold at tax sale pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 41-2-90(b)(2).”

SECTION 4.

Section 13-115 of the Columbus Code is here by amended by striking the current code section in its entirety and adopting a new Columbus Code Section 13-115 to read as follows:

“Sec. 13-117. Complaint, hearing, order to abate.

- (a) Any person complaining of any nuisance shall complain to the recorder in writing, setting forth particularly the location and nature of the same, and how he may be affected thereby, whereupon it shall be the duty of the recorder to cause the parties creating or permitting such nuisance to be summoned to appear before the recorder's court as in other cases. After hearing the testimony in the case, the recorder may, in his discretion, order the party creating or permitting such nuisance to abate the nuisance in such manner and within such time as the recorder may prescribe.
- (b) When a nuisance as defined in article III of this chapter cannot be abated in a timely manner by other means, enforcement officials shall complain to the recorder in writing setting forth particularly the location and nature of the same, how it creates an unsafe condition, a public health hazard or a general nuisance to the persons residing in the vicinity, and detailing the actions taken that have failed to abate the nuisance. After hearing the testimony in the case, the recorder may, in his or her discretion, order the nuisance to be abated by the appropriate officials. The director of inspections and code enforcement shall have the nuisance abated, assessing a fee plus a service charge (as recommended annually by the directors of public works and finance and approved by the city manager) for the work and charging the amount to the owner or occupant of the property, and such amount shall constitute a lien against the real estate for which the service was rendered, and against the owner thereof, as of the date of such work, and if such amount is not paid within 30 days after the completion of the work, the finance director of the consolidated government shall issue execution against the particular real estate for which the service was rendered, and against the owner thereof, whereupon such real estate shall be levied on, advertised and sold under such execution as governed by general law, The finance director may transmit notice of the execution to the Tax Commissioner with the request that the property be sold at tax sale pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 41-2-90(b)(2).”

SECTION 5.

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

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held on the 13th day of February 2024; continued on 1st Reading February 27, 2024 and May 14th 2024, introduced a second time at a regular meeting held on the _____ day of _____, 2024 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

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

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Sec. 8-85. Demolition costs to become lien against property.

The amount of the cost of boarding up, demolition or removal of a building and cleaning the lot as approved by City Council shall be a lien against the real property upon which the building or structure is or was situated. Said lien shall be placed upon a special lien book designated "Demolition Lien Book," which shall be maintained by the clerk of superior court of Muscogee County. The director of finance of Columbus, Georgia, shall enforce the collection of any amount due on such lien in the following manner:

- (1) The owner or parties in interest shall pay the full amount due on such lien to the director of finance of Columbus, Georgia within 30 days of perfection of such lien, and if such lien is not paid in full within 30 days of the perfection of such lien, the owner or parties in interest shall pay 25 percent of the total lien amount plus seven percent interest within 60 days of the perfection of such lien to the Director of Finance of Columbus, Georgia, with the remaining balance due on such lien to be paid in three equal annual installments with interest at the rate of seven percent per annum, each of which shall become due and payable on the anniversary date of the initial payment made as hereinabove prescribed;
- (2) Should the property upon which such lien is perfected be sold, transferred or conveyed by the owner and/or parties in interest at any time, then the entire balance due on such lien shall be due and payable to the director of finance of Columbus, Georgia; and,
- (3) ~~Should the amount due on such lien, or any portion thereof, be unpaid after the time for payment of the final annual installment prescribed in subsection (a), said amount shall continue as a lien together with interest at the rate of seven percent per annum until paid in full. Should any amount due remain unpaid within 30 days after the due date for the first or any subsequent annual installment prescribed in subsection (1) above, then the finance director of the consolidated government shall issue a writ of execution against the real property upon which the building or structure is or was situated, and upon the owner thereof, whereupon such real property shall be levied on as governed by general law. The finance director may transmit notice of the execution to the Tax Commissioner with the request that the property be sold at tax sale pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 41-2-90-(b)(2)~~
- (4) The city manager is authorized to waive such liens, or any portion thereof, for property identified to be transferred to the Land Bank Authority, pursuant to O.C.G.A. Title 48, Chapter 4, for the sole purpose of disposing of the property to an organization contemplated under O.C.G.A. § 48-4-64. Prior to the transfer to the Land Bank Authority, the city's real estate office shall actively market the property for sale for a minimum of 12 months from the date of waiver of the lien. The city manager is also authorized to waive such liens, or any portion thereof, for property in the ownership of an organization contemplated under O.C.G.A. § 48-4-64.
- (5) In addition to the authority granted in subsection (4), the city manager is authorized to waive any demolition lien, or any portion thereof, when the demolition lien does not exceed \$25,000.00. If the demolition lien exceeds \$25,000.00, any waiver of such lien, or any portion thereof, must be approved by resolution of the Columbus Council.

Sec. 8-86. Service of complaints, notices, orders.

Complaints, notices or orders issued pursuant to this division shall be served either personally or by registered or certified mail. If the whereabouts of any person who is an owner and/or party in interest is unknown and the whereabouts can not be ascertained by the building official exercising reasonable diligence, and the building official shall make an affidavit to that effect, then the serving of the complaint and notice or order upon such party may be made by publishing the same once a week for two successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation published in Columbus, Georgia. A copy of such notice served by publication shall be posted in a

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conspicuous place on the premises effected by the notice. Additional forms of service determined to be effective may also be used at the discretion of the building official.

Sec. 13-115. - Same—Notice to property occupants and owners; assessment of costs; execution and sale.

Where the owner or occupant of land violates the provisions hereof relating to removal of weeds and the owner or occupant, and such owner or occupant or his agent or representative cannot be served with notice or summons so as to subject him to punishment by the recorder, the director of inspections and code enforcement or one of his assistants shall notify such owner by certified mail, directing the weeds or grass on his lot be cut and removed, so as to comply with [Section 13-113](#) of this Code. The certified mail notice shall allow ten days from the date of receipt or a second attempt to deliver such notice to correct the violation. After this notice and during a period of 36 months, no further written notice or warning period shall be required. If the owner fails to comply with the provisions herein, the director of inspections and code enforcement shall have the weeds and grass cut and removed, assessing a fee plus a service charge (as recommended annually by the directors of public works and finance and approved by the city manager) for the work and charging the amount to the owner, and such amount shall constitute a lien against the lot, as of the date of such work, and if such amount be not paid within 30 days after the doing of the work, the finance director of the consolidated government shall issue execution against the particular real estate for which the service was rendered, and against the owner thereof, whereupon such real estate shall be levied on, advertised and sold under such execution as governed by general law. The finance director may transmit notice of the execution to the Tax Commissioner with the request that the property be sold at tax sale pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 41-2-90(b)(2)

~~as in cases of levy and sale under executions for street improvement assessments due the city, with same procedure, including defendant's right to defense by affidavit of illegality and the right of the consolidated government to purchase at the sale.~~

Sec. 13-117. Complaint, hearing, order to abate.

- (a) Any person complaining of any nuisance shall complain to the recorder in writing, setting forth particularly the location and nature of the same, and how he may be affected thereby, whereupon it shall be the duty of the recorder to cause the parties creating or permitting such nuisance to be summoned to appear before the recorder's court as in other cases. After hearing the testimony in the case, the recorder may, in his discretion, order the party creating or permitting such nuisance to abate the nuisance in such manner and within such time as the recorder may prescribe.
- (b) When a nuisance as defined in article III of this chapter cannot be abated in a timely manner by other means, enforcement officials shall complain to the recorder in writing setting forth particularly the location and nature of the same, how it creates an unsafe condition, a public health hazard or a general nuisance to the persons residing in the vicinity, and detailing the actions taken that have failed to abate the nuisance. After hearing the testimony in the case, the recorder may, in his or her discretion, order the nuisance to be abated by the appropriate officials. The director of inspections and code enforcement shall have the nuisance abated, assessing a fee plus a service charge (as recommended annually by the directors of public works and finance and approved by the city

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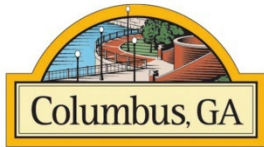
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File Attachments for Item:

10. 1st Reading- REZN-05-24-0918: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **1953 7th Avenue** (parcel # 016-025-001) from Residential Office (RO) Zoning District to General Commercial (GC) Zoning District with Conditions. (Planning Department Recommends Approval with conditions. PAC recommends denial.) (Councilor Cogle)



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COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

REZN-05-24-0918

Applicant:	GA Petro Operations, LLC
Owner:	RAPA Partnership, LLP
Location:	1953 7 th Avenue
Parcel:	016-025-001
Acreage:	0.92 Acres
Current Zoning Classification:	Residential Office
Proposed Zoning Classification:	General Commercial
Current Use of Property:	Vacant
Proposed Use of Property:	Convenience Store with Gas Sales & Restaurant with the following condition: 1. Access on 20 th Street will not interrupt flow on Talbotton Road or Hamilton Road.
Council District:	District 7 (Cogle)
PAC Recommendation:	Denial based on incompatibility with Future Land Use designation and adjacent land uses.
Planning Department Recommendation:	Conditional Approval based on compatibility with existing land uses.
Fort Benning's Recommendation:	N/A
DRI Recommendation:	N/A
General Land Use:	Inconsistent Planning Area D

Current Land Use Designation: General Commercial

Future Land Use Designation: Office/Professional

Compatible with Existing Land-Uses: Yes

Environmental Impacts: 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.

City Services: Property is served by all city services.

Traffic Engineering: This site shall meet the Codes and regulations of the Columbus Consolidated Government for commercial usage.

7th Street shall not be modified or constructed to connect to Talbotton Road.

Surrounding Zoning:

North	Residential Office (RO)
South	Neighborhood Commercial (NC)
East	Residential Office (RO)
West	Residential Office (RO)

Reasonableness of Request: The request is compatible with existing land uses.

School Impact: N/A

Buffer Requirement: N/A

Attitude of Property Owners: **Twenty-Four (24)** property owners within 300 feet of the subject properties were notified of the rezoning request. The Planning Department received 9 calls and/or emails regarding the rezoning.

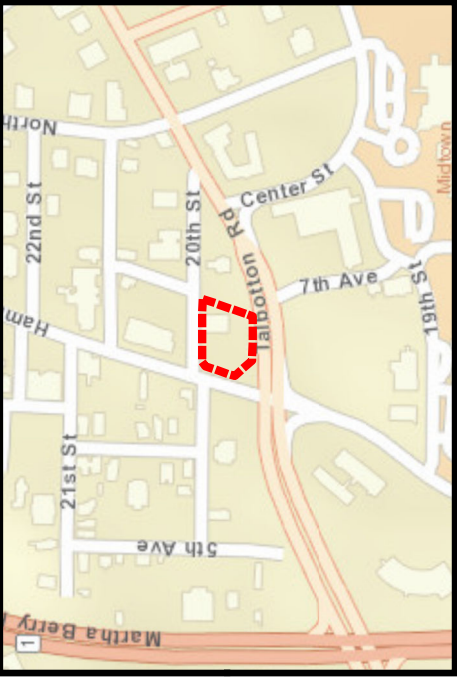
Approval	0 Responses
Opposition	9 Responses

Attachments: Aerial Land Use Map
Location Map
Zoning Map
Existing Land Use Map
Future Land Use Map
Flood Map

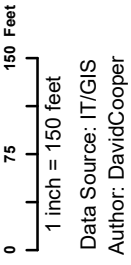
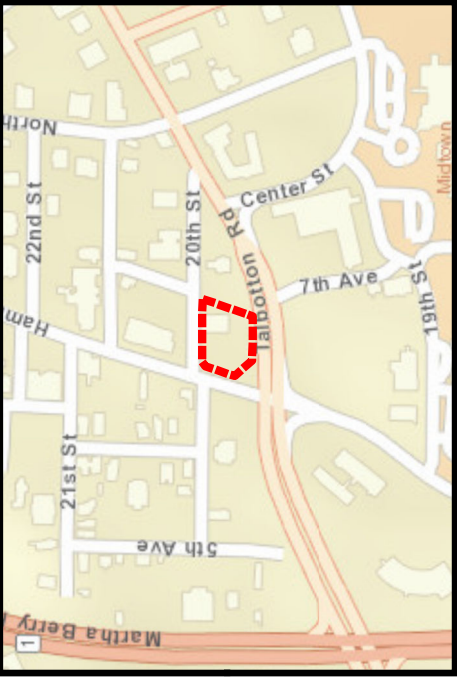
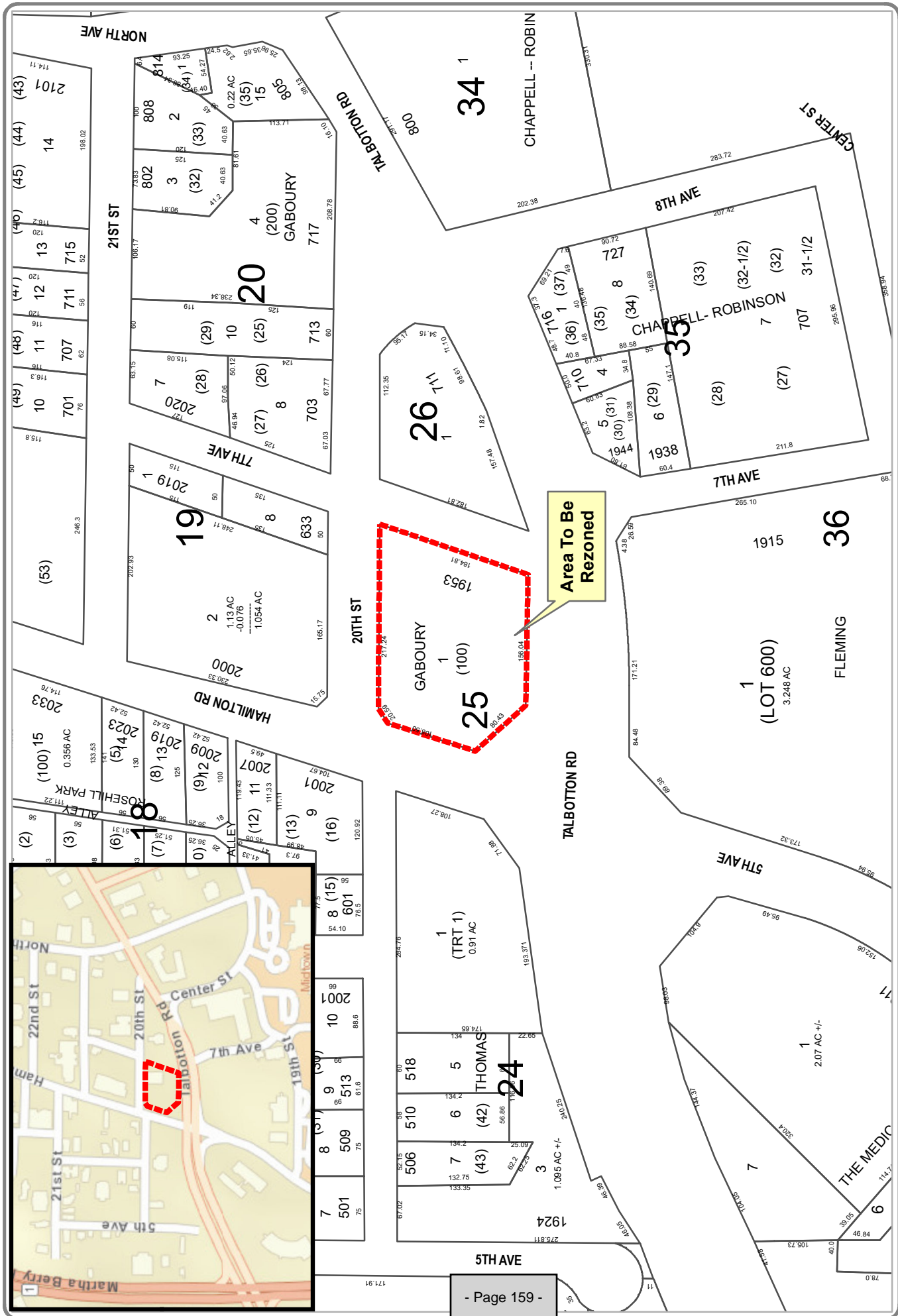
Concept Plan



Area To Be Rezoned



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Location Map for REZN 05-24-0918
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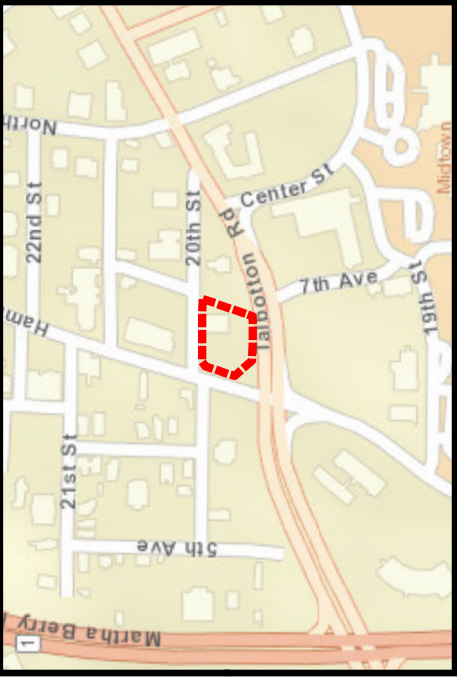
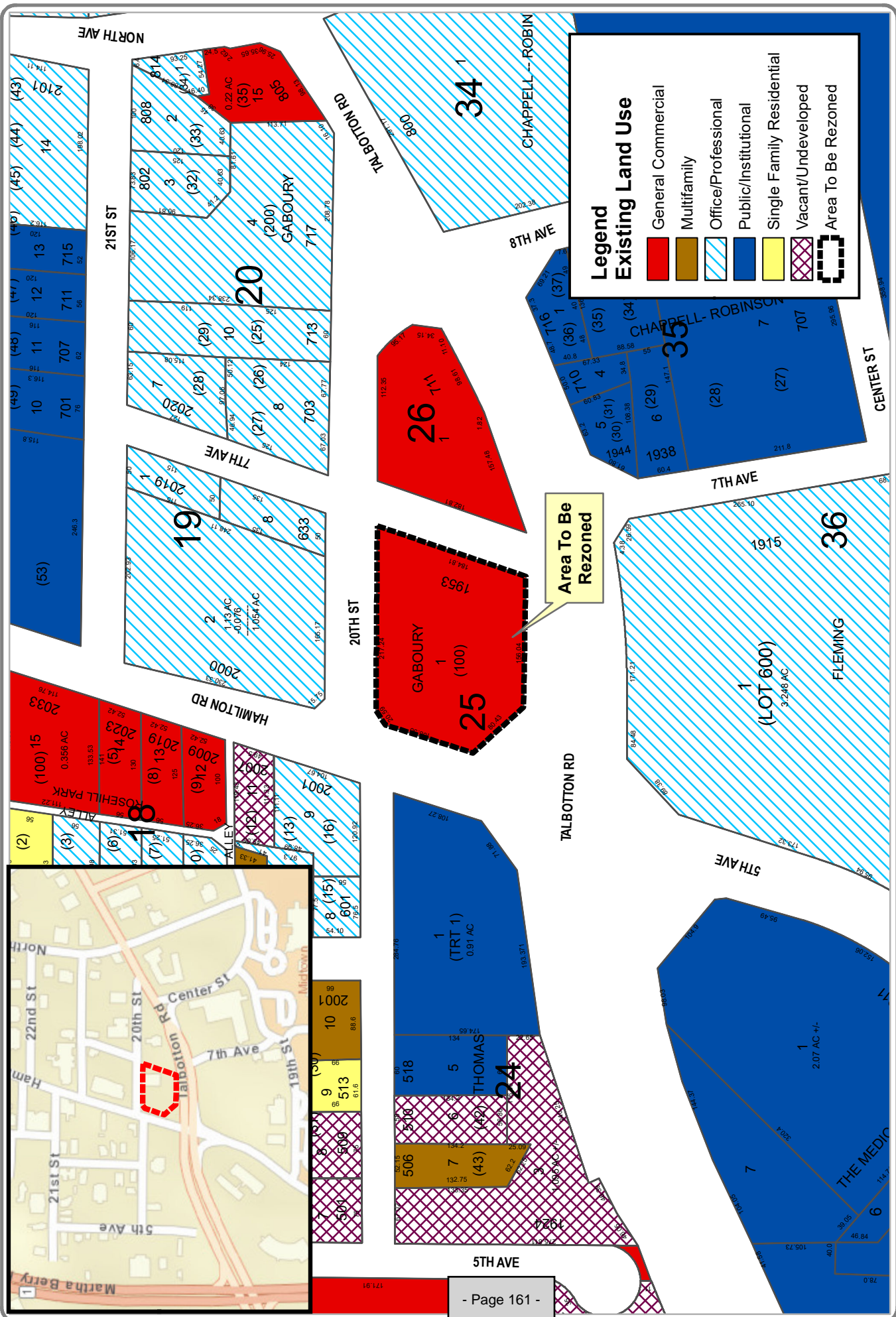
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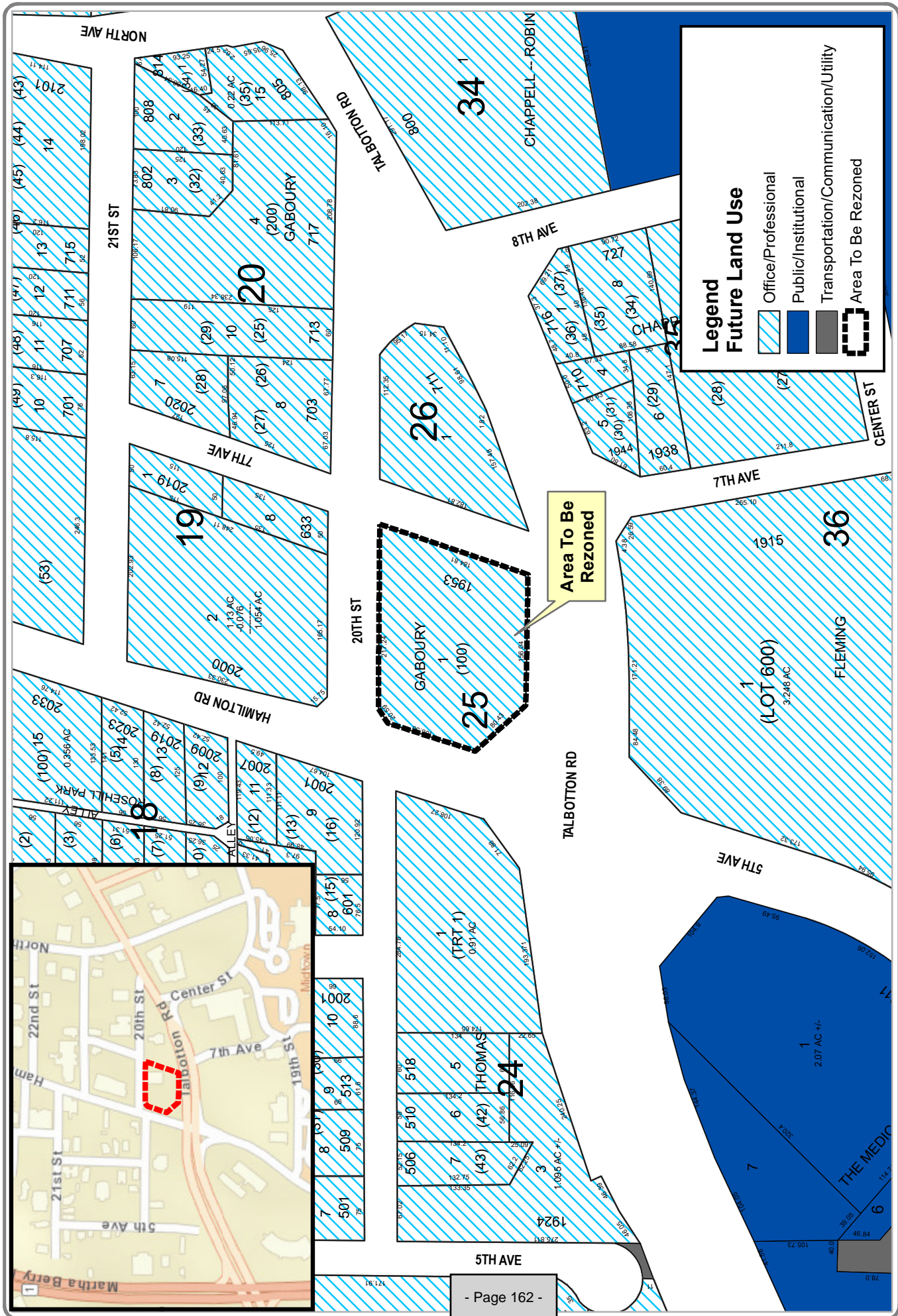
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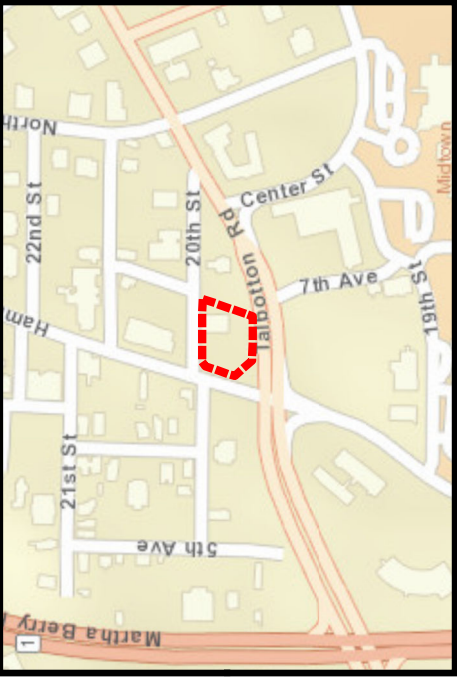
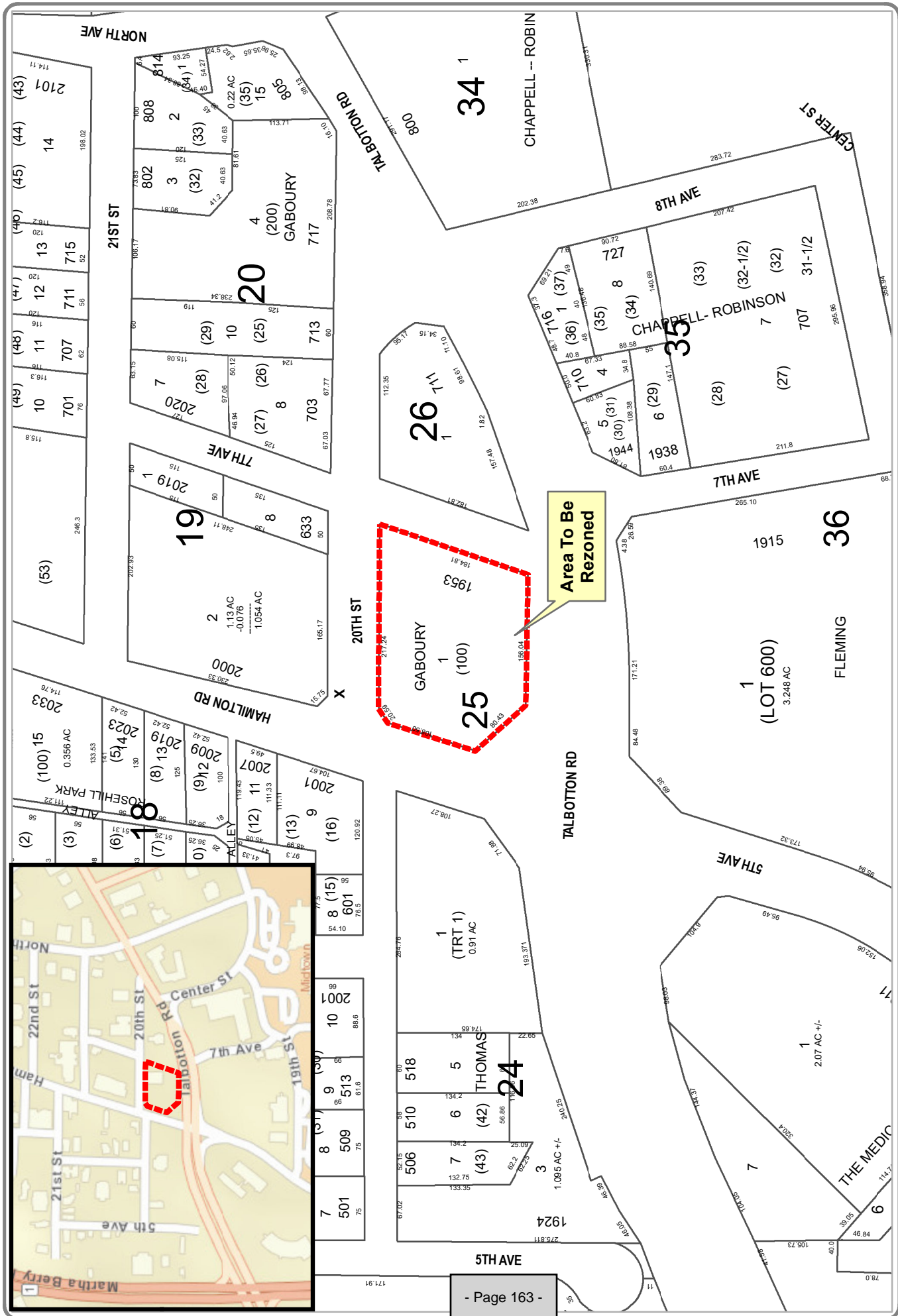
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AN ORDINANCE

NO. _____

An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **1953 7th Avenue** (parcel # 016-025-001) 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 property described below from Residential Office (RO) Zoning District to General Commercial (GC) Zoning District with conditions.

“All that lot, tract or parcel of land, situate, lying in being in Columbus, Muscogee County, Georgia, and being designated as "Lot 100" on that certain plat of survey entitled Gibson-Gaboury Survey dated May 9, 1990, being a replat of Lots 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 & 15, and part of Lot 8, prepared by Moon, Meeks and recorded in Plat Book 113, Folio 81, in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Muscogee County, Georgia.

LESS AND EXCEPT those certain tracts for right-of-way totaling approximately 164 acre and being conveyed to the city of Columbus, Georgia by virtue of that Right of Way Deed dated June 19, 1998, and recorded at Book 4993, Page 069, aforesaid records.

The property described hereinabove is presently known as 1953 7th Avenue, Columbus, Georgia (tax parcel 016-025-001).”

Section 2.

The above-described property is being rezoned with the following condition:

1. Access on 20th Street will not interrupt traffic flow on Talbotton Road or Hamilton Road.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 9th day of July, 2024; introduced a second time at a regular meeting of said Council held on the ____ day of _____, 2024 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting _____
Councilor Chambers	voting _____
Councilor Cogle	voting _____
Councilor Crabb	voting _____
Councilor Davis	voting _____
Councilor Garrett	voting _____
Councilor _____	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:

11. 1st Reading- An ordinance to revise and clarify certain provisions of Article XIII of Chapter 20 of the Columbus Code to revise and update provisions relating to parking management districts and enforcement areas; and for other purposes. (Councilor Cogle)

Ordinance No. _____

An ordinance to revise and clarify certain provisions of Article XIII of Chapter 20 of the Columbus Code to revise and update provisions relating to parking management districts and enforcement areas; and for other purposes.

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

SECTION 1.

Section 20-13.6. of the Columbus Code is here by amended by striking the current code section in its entirety and adopting a new Columbus Code Section 20-13.6 to read as follows:

“**Sec. 20-13.6.** Reserved.”

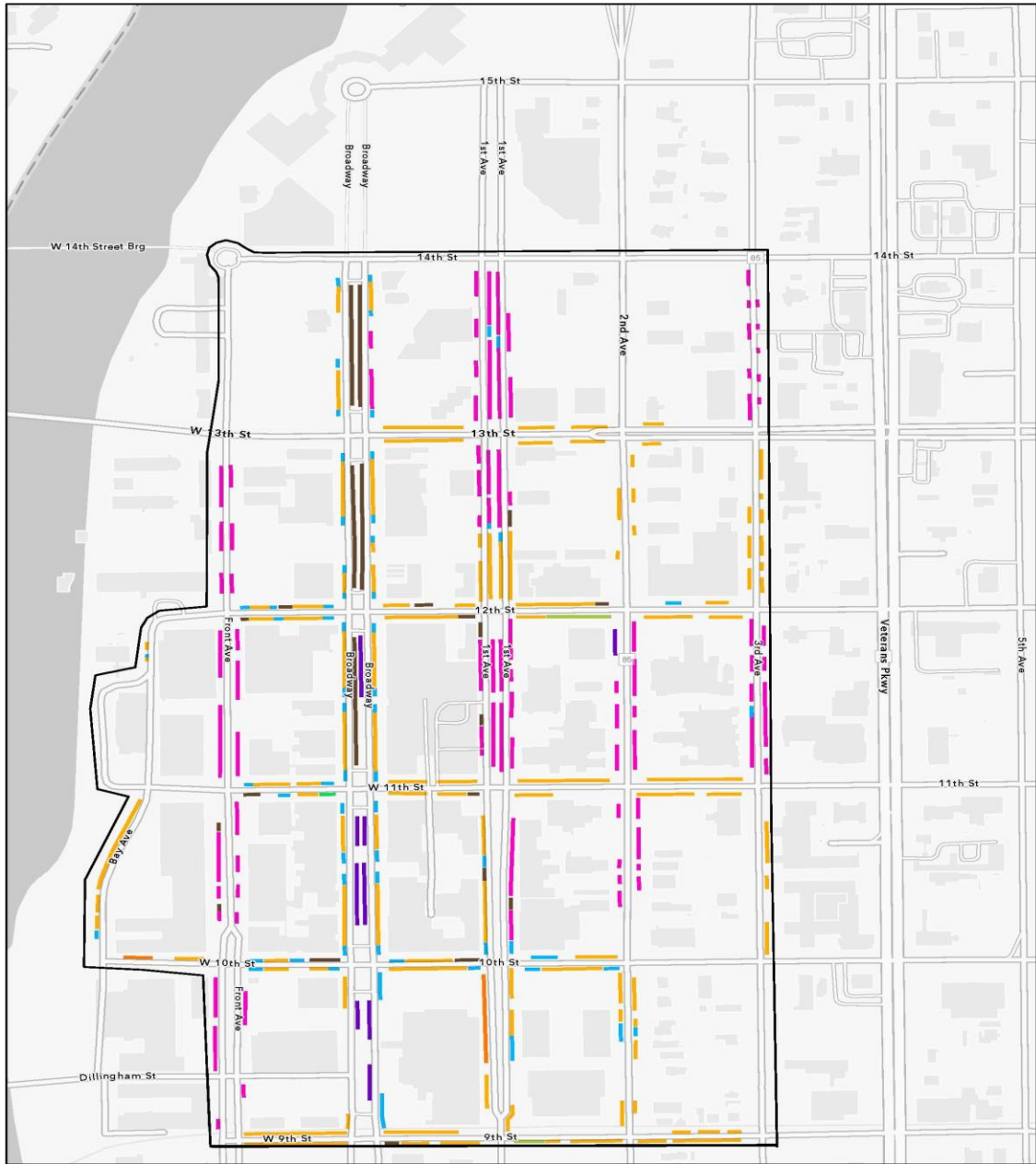
SECTION 2.

Section 20-13.11 of the Columbus Code is hereby repealed and replaced with a new Section 20-13.11 to read as follows:

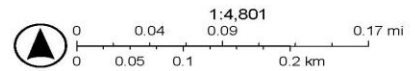
Sec. 20-13.11. Parking management districts.

- (a) *Purpose.* This section establishes parking management districts for the purpose of managing parking spaces more efficiently and to provide for specific control and enforcement techniques. The goal is to increase availability of publicly and historic residential controlled parking areas. The responsible enforcement authority will enforce all violations of posted signage with respect to the use of specific parking spaces to include time limitations as shown on parking management district maps shown below.
- (b) *Parking management districts.* The following parking management districts are identified and boundaries described therefor:
 - (1) *Uptown parking management district.* Public parking from south right-of-way of Ninth Street to north right-of-way of Fourteenth Street and from west right-of-way of Bay Avenue to east right-of-way of Third Avenue as shown on the map below:

Uptown Parking Enforcement Map



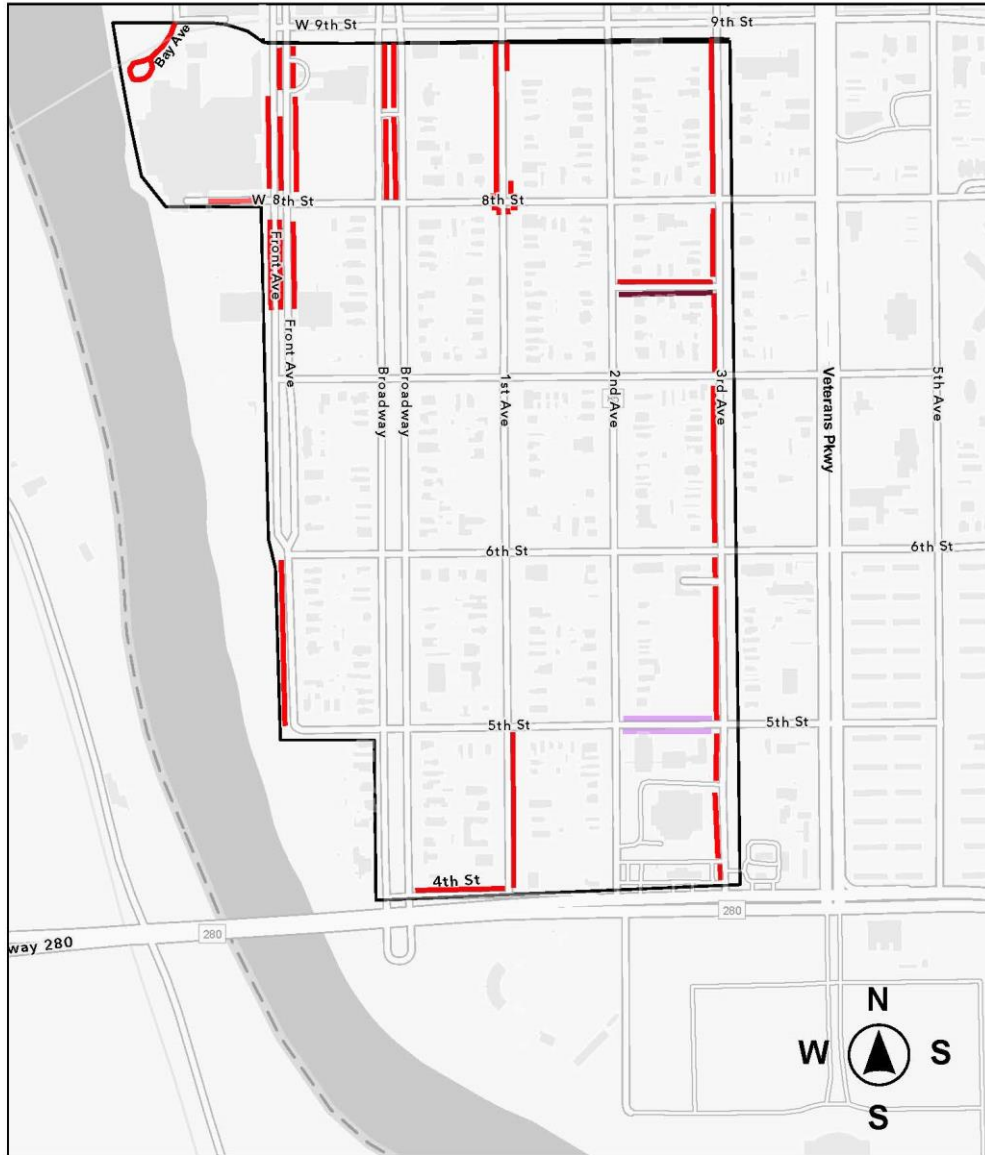
- LEGEND:**
- 4 Hour Handicap
 - 2 Hour Parking
 - 4 Hour Parking
 - No Parking - Loading Zone
 - Reserved Parking
 - 15 Minute Parking - Loading Zone
 - Reserved Fire Lane
 - 2 Hour - EV Parking Only
 - Uptown Parking Enforcement Boundaries







Parking restrictions. It shall be unlawful to park on the same day within the boundaries of the above-described Uptown parking management district within the same block and same direction so as to extend the time parked in such block beyond the prescribed limit.

(2) Downtown *Historic District*. parking management district: Residential parking from east of Broadway and 4th Street going east to 3rd Avenue and extending north to 9th Street, including all interior areas of the downtown historic district and going west on 9th Street to the corner of Front Avenue as shown on the map below:

Historic District Parking Enforcement Map



- Legend:**
-  No Parking - 8 A.M. to 7 P.M.
 -  No Parking on Sundays - 6 A.M. - 9 P.M.
 -  No Parking Zones
 -  Historic District Parking Enforcement Boundaries

- (3) *Lakebottom Park/Weracoba Park parking management district:* Public parking along the following streets:] 13th Street, 18th Avenue, Gerrard Street, Cherokee Avenue and 17th Street, including all interior areas of the park, and 9th Avenue between 15th Street and Linwood Boulevard.
- (4) *City Services Center Garage parking management district:* Public and reserved parking in the City Services Center Garage and along Citizens Way and Midtown Drive from Rigdon Road to Boxwood Blvd. which provide ingress and egress to the garage
- (5) *City Hall Garage parking management district:* Public and reserved parking in the City Hall building located on 1st Avenue between 11th and 12th Streets.
- (6) *Civic Center parking management district:* Public and reserved parking at the Civic Center South Commons Complex.



SECTION 3.

Section 20-13.14. is hereby repealed and replaced with a new Section 20-13.14 to read as follows:

“Sec. 20-13.14. Parking management and enforcement areas.

- (a) Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 40-7-5, the parking management districts and lots referenced in sections 20-13.11 and 20-13.12 may be enforced special enforcement officers of the Department of Transportation/METRA or special enforcement officers otherwise deputized by the Chief of Police are authorized to use certain motorized vehicles for the enforcement of parking and related traffic ordinances and regulations within the parking management and enforcement area and said parking management and enforcement area is incorporated herein by reference. Such motorized vehicles may include the use of golf carts or other vehicles as determined by the Department of

Transportation/METRA for special enforcement officers in the performance of their enforcement duties.

- (b) The chief of police is hereby authorized to deputize any necessary special enforcement officers of the Department of Transportation/METRA or other agencies for the enforcement of parking and related traffic ordinances and regulations within said parking management enforcement area. The chief of police is further authorized to apply for any vehicle permit which may be necessary for the enforcement of such regulations.
- (c) It shall be unlawful for any person other than authorized enforcement personnel or authorized delivery personnel to park a motorized vehicle anywhere other than authorized public parking spaces within and adjacent to said parking management and enforcement areas.

SECTION 4.

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

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held on the 9th day of July, 2024; introduced a second time at a regular meeting held on the ___ day of _____, 2024 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 ____.
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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson, III Mayor

ARTICLE XIII. PARKING, RANKING, STOPPING

Sec. 20-13.1. Indicated areas; signs, markers, paint.

It shall be unlawful to rank or park any vehicle in the streets except as indicated by the limit lines, signs or targets painted or located thereon or adjacent thereto.

(Ord. No. 71-198, § 14, 7-20-71)

Sec. 20-13.2. Unlawful to leave children under ten unattended longer than five minutes; police authority; penalty for violation.

- (a) *Unattended children.* It shall be unlawful for any person having control of any vehicle within the city limits to park or rank said vehicle for a period longer than five minutes, leaving within said vehicle any child under the age of ten years unless said person leaves with said child some person ten years of age or older.
- (b) *Police authority.* That any member of the police department of the city is authorized to use such force as may be necessary in his judgment to remove any such child found in any vehicle in violation of this section from said vehicle, if in his judgment it is in the best interest of said child.
- (c) *Penalty for violation.* Any person violating this section shall, upon conviction before the recorder of Columbus, Georgia, be punished as set forth in section 1-8 of this Code.

(Ord. No. 71-198, § 14, 7-20-71)

Sec. 20-13.3. Proximity to curb.

Whenever no limit lines, signs, or targets appear to indicate the manner of ranking or parking, all vehicles shall be ranked with their right wheels within 12 inches of the right curb, or left wheel within 12 inches of the left curb, when parking next to a median or a one-way street.

The penalties for violations of this section shall be the same as established by section 20-16.11.

(Ord. No. 71-198, § 14, 7-20-71; Ord. No. 00-35, § 1, 4-4-00)

Sec. 20-13.4. Stopping in street; when permitted.

Except when parked, ranked or stopped in accordance with the provisions of this chapter or other ordinances of the city, no vehicle shall stop in any street unless in emergency to allow a pedestrian or another vehicle to cross its path or unless held up by traffic, or unless otherwise directed by a police officer.

(Ord. No. 71-198, § 14, 7-20-71)

Sec. 20-13.5. Long vehicles; time.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to leave any vehicle exceeding 25 feet in length parked or ranked in the same space on any public street in the city for a longer period continuously than two hours, either day or night. The word "vehicle" shall include trucks, buses and all other automobiles, public-service and private. In computing the length of a vehicle, bumpers and other projections shall be included; provided, however, that

school buses, bookmobiles, traveling museum units and other service type vehicles may be allowed to park on public streets, provided parking locations are approved by the Columbus Police Department for the parking of such vehicles.

- (b) Provided, however, that the provisions of this section shall not apply to the east and west side of Fifth Avenue lying between the north curb of 10th Street and the south curb of 12th Street between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.

(Ord. No. 71-198, § 14, 7-20-71; Ord. No. 79-97, § 1, 8-28-79)

Sec. 20-13.6. Reserved

Sec. 20-13.7. Passengers in parking meter zones.

In all parking meter zones in the city it shall be unlawful for the operator of a motor vehicle discharging or picking up passengers to stop in a street comprised in such zones except in parking meter spaces or in regularly designated limit lines marked in white for a longer period of time than actually necessary to discharge or pick up passengers. Such period of time shall in no instance exceed one minute. In all such cases an operator must remain at the steering wheel and keep the engine running.

(Ord. No. 71-198, § 14, 7-20-71)

Sec. 20-13.8. Red flag and light.

Any vehicle with any part of its load projecting more than five feet beyond the front or rear of the body of such vehicle shall be provided with a red flag by day and a red light at night on the extreme end of any such projection.

(Ord. No. 71-198, § 14, 7-20-71)

Sec. 20-13.9. Protruding articles.

No vehicle, while on a highway, shall have any implements, objects or material of any sort protruding or hanging beyond the side or sides of such vehicle.

(Ord. No. 71-198, § 14, 7-20-71)

Sec. 20-13.10. Commercial vehicles and construction equipment in residential districts.

- (a) *Purpose:* The intent of this section is to regulate small commercial vehicles, small commercial trailers, large commercial vehicles, large commercial trailers and commercial construction equipment which operate and park within residential districts. Residential districts typically have roadways and driveways designed for local access of passenger type vehicles. Large commercial vehicles and large commercial trailers cannot easily maneuver and park on public streets without causing damage to roadways and sight distance restrictions. Commercial construction equipment is not intended for storage within residential districts.
- (b) *Allowances:* A residence shall be allowed to park only one commercial vehicle within a residential district as defined under the conditions described by the following:
- (1) Only one small commercial vehicle and/or only one small commercial trailer shall be allowed per residence. The vehicle shall be required to park in resident's driveway when parking in the front yard or on a well defined parking pad in the side or rear yard on private property and not on street right-of-way. The vehicles can not block any sidewalks/walk paths or block sight distance for adjacent

driveways or streets. Any vehicle that is parked on street or on street right-of-way shall be in violation;
or

- (2) Only one large commercial vehicle shall be allowed per residence. The vehicle shall be required to park in resident's driveway when parking in the front yard or on a well defined parking pad in the side or rear yard on private property and not on street right-of-way. The vehicle can not block any sidewalks/walk paths or block sight distance for adjacent driveways or streets. All large commercial vehicles with open bodies designed for hauling materials/goods shall be empty when parked in residential districts. Any vehicle that is parked on street or on street right-of-way shall be in violation.

(c) *Prohibitions:*

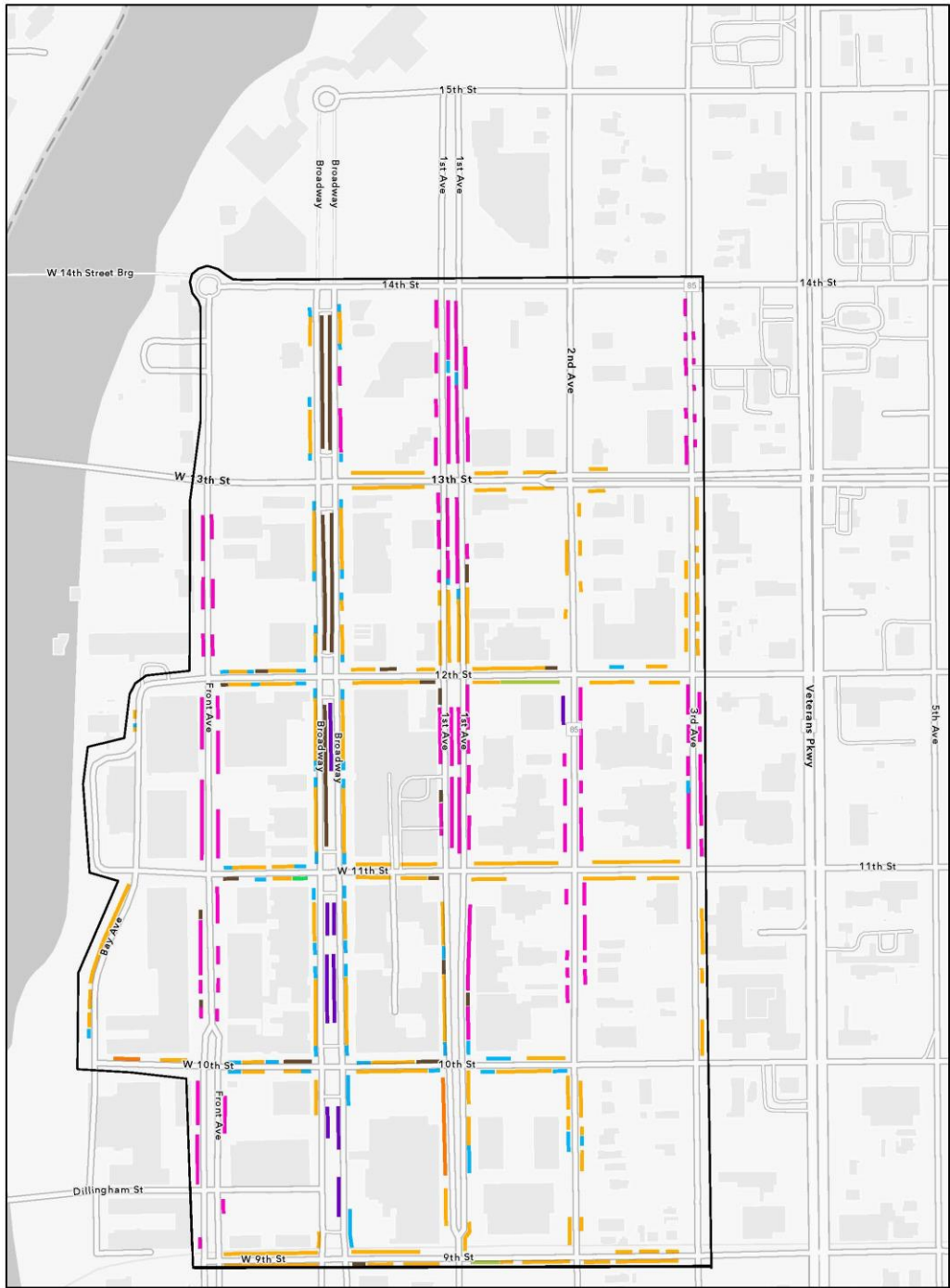
- (1) The operation of large commercial vehicles, large commercial trailers and commercial construction equipment shall be prohibited in residential districts except as allowed within this Code section. All large commercial vehicles, large commercial trailers, commercial construction equipment are prohibited from parking on the street, on street right-of-way or operating within a residential district except for the purpose of making local deliveries, pickups or providing a service. No large commercial trailers or commercial construction equipment will be allowed to park within residential districts. Maintenance of said vehicles shall be prohibited except for normal washing.
- (2) Any said vehicle making local deliveries, pickups or providing a service shall place 36-inch orange cones or minimum 36-inch orange/black warning signs on portable stands or orange reflective hazard triangles around vehicle to delineate work zone and warn motorists of parked vehicle.

(Ord. No. 87-126, § 2, 9-8-87; Ord. No. 99-52, § III, 8-10-99)

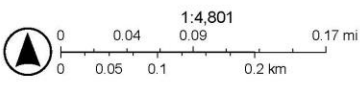
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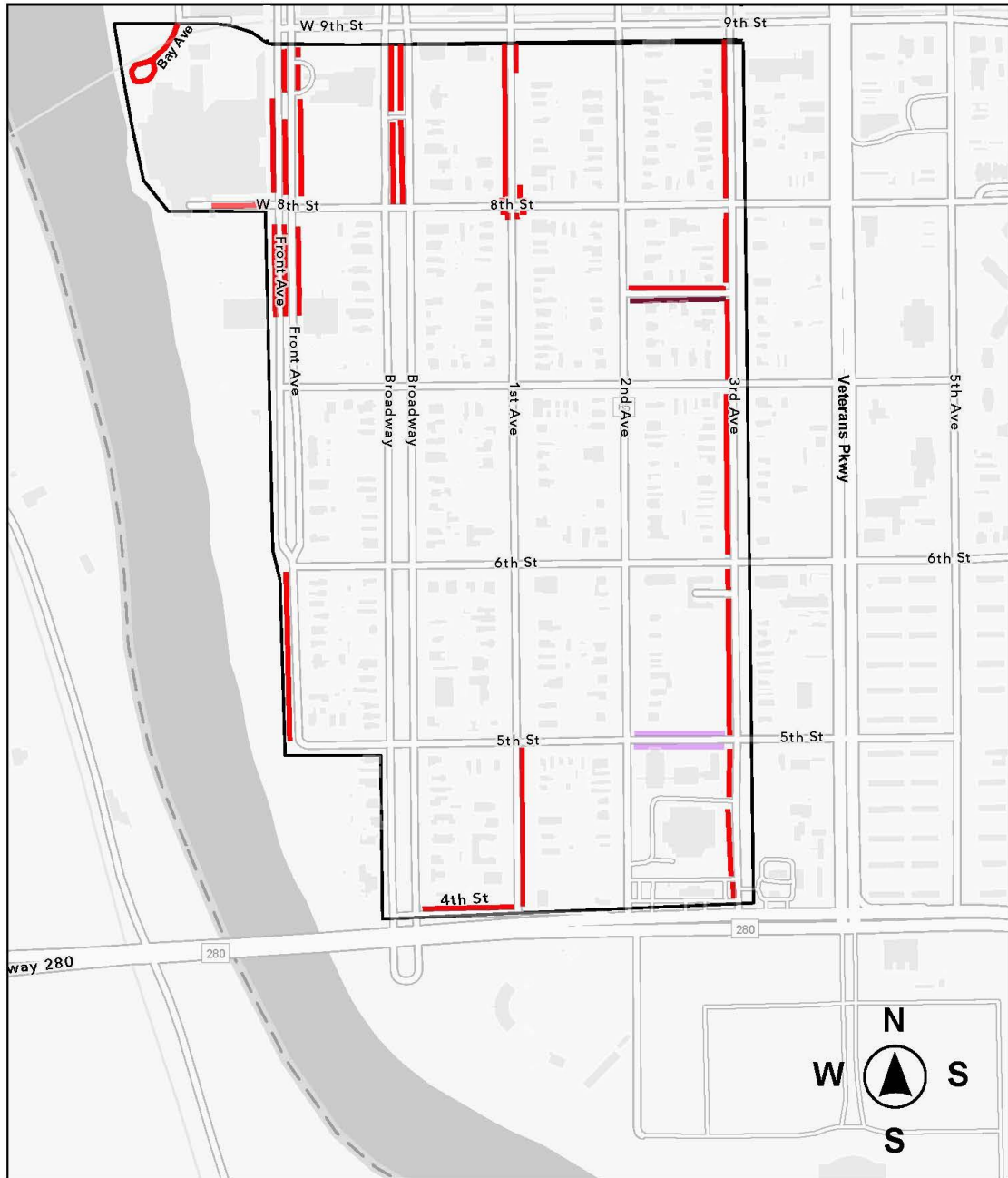
- LEGEND:**
- 4 Hour Handicap
 - 2 Hour Parking
 - 4 Hour Parking
 - No Parking - Loading Zone
 - Reserved Parking
 - 15 Minute Parking - Loading Zone
 - Reserved Fire Lane
 - 2 Hour - EV Parking Only
 - Uptown Parking Enforcement Boundaries







Parking restrictions. It shall be unlawful to park on the same day within the boundaries of the above-described Uptown parking management district within the same block and same direction so as to extend the time parked in such block beyond the prescribed limit.

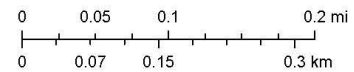
- (2) Downtown *Historic District. parking management district:* Residential parking from east of Broadway and 4th Street going east to 3rd Avenue and extending north to 9th Street, including all interior areas of the downtown historic district and going west on 9th Street to the corner of Front Avenue as shown on the map below:

Historic District Parking Enforcement Map

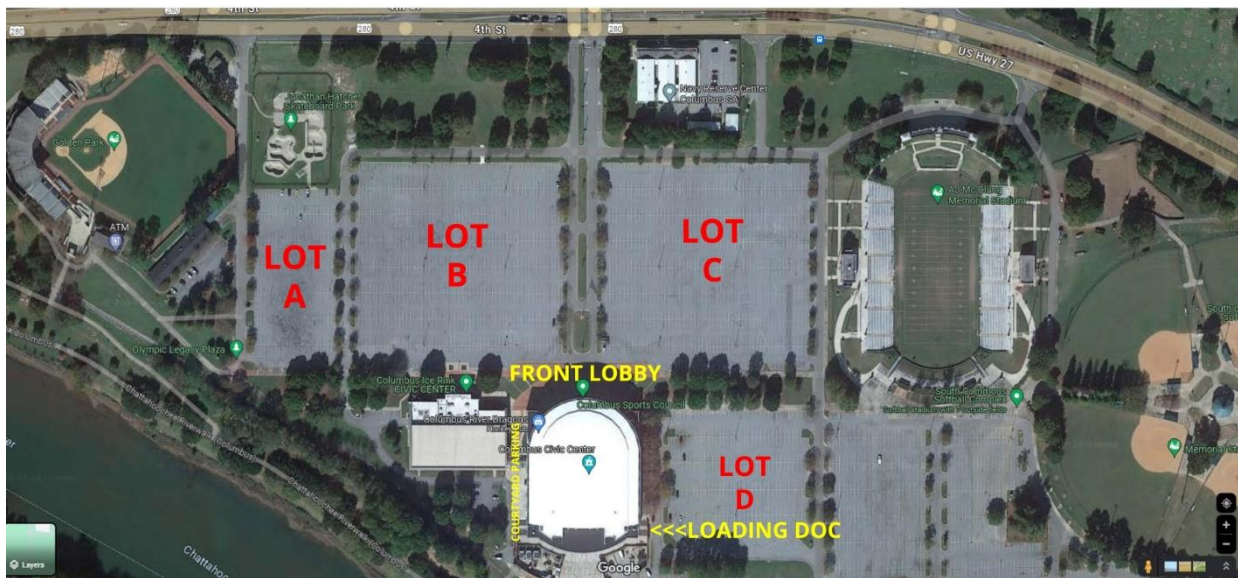


Legend:

-  No Parking - 8 A.M. to 7 P.M.
-  No Parking on Sundays - 6 A.M. - 9 P.M.
-  No Parking Zones
-  Historic District Parking Enforcement Boundaries



- (3) *Lakebottom Park/Weracoba Park parking management district:* Public parking along the following streets:] 13th Street, 18th Avenue, Gerrard Street, Cherokee Avenue and 17th Street, including all interior areas of the park, and 9th Avenue between 15th Street and Linwood Boulevard.
- (4) *City Services Center Garage parking management district:* Public and reserved parking in the City Services Center Garage and along Citizens Way and Midtown Drive from Rigdon Road to Boxwood Blvd. which provide ingress and egress to the garage
- (5) *City Hall Garage parking management district:* Public and reserved parking in the City Hall building located on 1st Avenue between 11th and 12th Streets.
- (6) *Civic Center parking management district:* Public and reserved parking at the Civic Center South Commons Complex.



(Ord. No. 92-72, § 1, 7-28-92; Ord. No. 00-14, § I, 2-15-00; Ord. No. 03-22, § 1, 5-1-03; Ord. No. 06-74, § 1, 8-22-06; Ord. No. 08-43, § 1, 8-19-08; Ord. No. 13-36, § 1, 6-25-13; Ord. No. 19-019, § 1, 4-9-19)

Sec. 20-13.12. Uptown leased lot districts.

- (a) *Purpose.* This section establishes leased parking areas under the control of the Consolidated Government more efficiently and to provide for specific control and enforcement techniques. The goal is to provide vehicles with a permit to park in a designated parking space.

- (b) *City leased parking lots; sticker or decal required.* It shall be unlawful for any person to park or rank a vehicle in any parking lot or area designated and regulated by the Columbus Consolidated Government, by sign, as a permit parking only lot owned or leased by public or quasipublic bodies without displaying on such vehicle a sticker or decal or other insignia issued by or under the authority of the consolidated government for said public parking. Permit fees shall be regulated by parking lot lease agreements. A copy of which shall be maintained by the clerk of council.

(Ord. No. 92-72, § 2, 7-28-92)

Sec. 20-13.13. Violations of sections 20-13.11 and 20-13.12.

The penalties for violations of section 20-13.11 or 20-13.12 shall be the same as established by section 20-16.11.

(Ord. No. 92-72, § 3, 7-28-92)

Sec. 20-13.14. Parking management and enforcement areas.

- (a) Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 40-7-5, the parking management districts and lots referenced in sections 20-13.11 and 20-13.12 may be enforced special enforcement officers of the Department of Transportation/METRA or special enforcement officers otherwise deputized by the Chief of Police are authorized to use certain motorized vehicles for the enforcement of parking and related traffic ordinances and regulations within the parking management and enforcement area and said parking management and enforcement area is incorporated herein by reference. Such motorized vehicles may include the use of golf carts or other vehicles as determined by the Department of Transportation/METRA for special enforcement officers in the performance of their enforcement duties.

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- (b) The chief of police is hereby authorized to deputize any necessary special enforcement officers of the Department of Transportation/METRA or other agencies for the enforcement of parking and related traffic ordinances and regulations within said parking management enforcement area. The chief of police is further authorized to apply for any vehicle permit which may be necessary for the enforcement of such regulations.
- (c) It shall be unlawful for any person other than authorized enforcement personnel or authorized delivery personnel to park a motorized vehicle anywhere other than authorized public parking spaces within and adjacent to said parking management and enforcement areas.

(Ord. No. 00-8, §§ 1, 2, 1-18-00; Ord. No. 03-22, § 3, 5-1-03)

Editor's note(s)—Ord. No. 00-8, §§ 1, 2, adopted Jan. 18, 2000, did not specifically amend this Code; hence, inclusion of its provisions as § 20-13.4 herein was at the discretion of the editor.

Sec. 20-13.15. Uptown residential parking areas.

- (a) The following areas are hereby designated as residential parking areas in uptown Columbus:

Res. Code	Designated Four-Hour Areas
(F)	Front Avenue (between 10 th & 12 th —E. side only)
(1)	1 st Avenue (between 13 th & 14 th)
(2)	2 nd Avenue (between 10 th & 11 th)
(3)	3 rd Avenue (between 12 th & 14 th —E. side only)
(W)	Warren Avenue (between Broadway & 14 th)

- (b) Permits for parking in the designated residential parking areas described in subsection (a) of this section may be obtained by residents living within the parking management and enforcement area established in section 20-13.14. These permits may be obtained from department of transportation/METRA upon payment of a fee of \$25.00 per vehicle with a maximum of two vehicles per residence. These residential parking permits shall be valid for a period of 12 months and may be renewed within 30 days of expiration from the department of transportation/METRA, Upon application for a residential parking permit, the applicant must present proof of residency within the parking management and enforcement area described in section 20-13.14 and a valid driver's license and current Georgia vehicle registration, except military personnel and students may be exempt from the Georgia vehicle registration requirement upon showing valid military identification or a valid student identification card.
- (c) Residential parking permits shall be displayed in the rear window of the vehicle when the vehicle is parked in the designated residential parking area which is assigned to each resident.
- (d) Residents displaying a valid residential parking permit and parking in the designated residential parking area assigned to such resident may park in such assigned residential parking area without being subject to the four-hour parking limitation otherwise in effect.
- (e) Residential parking permits may be revoked by the department of transportation/METRA upon (a) the providing of false information by any applicant for a permit; or (b) upon the receipt of three or more parking citations in Columbus, Georgia within a 12-month period for which fines remain unpaid or (c) the return of any check issued to the department of transportation/METRA for insufficient funds.
- (f) Residential parking permits shall not be valid in other 15-minute, 30-minute or two-hour limit parking zones or four-hour zones designated in subsection (a).
- (g) Other guidelines for the use of residential parking permits may be published by the department of transportation/METRA but shall not conflict with the provisions of this section.

(Ord. No. 01-8, § 1, 2-6-01)

Sec. 20-13.16. Designated streets time limits; parking restrictions.

- (a) That from the hour of 8:00 a.m., to the hour of 6:00 p.m., except on Sundays, no vehicle shall remain parked or ranked on the parts of the streets hereinafter designated for a longer period continuously that is hereinafter set forth; the parts of said streets and the respective time limits for parking or ranking being as follows:
 - (1) On the south side of Wynnton Road beginning at the east line of Britt Avenue and running east 196 feet; time limit, 30 minutes.
 - (2) On the south side of Linwood Boulevard beginning at the west line of Twelfth Avenue and running west 50 feet; time limit, 30 minutes.
 - (3) On the south line of Linwood Boulevard, beginning at the west line of Dudley Avenue and running west 145.3 feet; time limit, 30 minutes.
 - (4) On the south side of Wynnton Road beginning at a point 300 feet east of the east line of Henry Avenue and running east 58 feet; time limit, 30 minutes.
- (b) That appropriate signs shall be erected along the area described in section (a) hereof, indicating the parking restriction described herein.
- (c) That any person violating this ordinance shall be subject to the fines and penalties set forth in section 20-14.2 of the Columbus Code.

(Ord. No. 21-065, §§ 1—3, 12-14-21)

Editor's note(s)—Ord. No. 21-065, §§ 1—3, adopted December 14, 2021, added provisions that were not specifically amendatory. At the editor's discretions and at the direction of the city, these provisions have been included as § 20-13.16.

File Attachments for Item:

1. Memorandum of Understanding - Columbus Area Habitat for Humanity, Inc.

Approval is requested to authorize a MOU with Columbus Area Habitat for Humanity, Inc. to administer CCG's Homeowner Accessibility Rehabilitation Program funded by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

Item #1.

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Memorandum of Understanding - Columbus Area Habitat for Humanity, Inc.
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to authorize a MOU with Columbus Area Habitat for Humanity, Inc. to administer CCG’s Homeowner Accessibility Rehabilitation Program funded by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.
INITIATED BY:	Community Reinvestment Department

Recommendation: Approval is requested to enter into an MOU with Columbus Area Habitat for Humanity, Inc. to administer CCG’s Homeowner Accessibility Rehabilitation Program funded by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

Background: The Columbus Consolidated Government (CCG) has allocated \$3,000,000 to assist low-income households alleviate the cost burden of lower income households and improve their quality of life. This assistance targets the costs of necessary home repairs and necessary Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) upgrades to residential dwellings.

The primary objective of the City of Columbus American Rescue Plan (ARP) Homeowner Accessibility Rehabilitation Program is to extend support to vulnerable low-income households by addressing their immediate needs to preserve affordable housing in response to the challenges posed by the continued effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Columbus Area Habitat for Humanity, Inc. administers a Continuing Hope Critical Home Repair Program to help residents improve the place they call home to City of Columbus residents. The Continuing Hope Critical Repair Program is no longer taking applications due to the overabundance of need in our community. As of 2024 CCG wishes to partner with Columbus Area Habitat for Humanity, Inc. to assist with the administration of the Homeowner Accessibility Rehabilitation Program to ensure the alleviation of cost burden to lower income households within our community. With that, the city would like to partner with Columbus Area Habitat for Humanity, Inc. to provide administration of the grant program.

Analysis: Columbus Area Habitat for Humanity, Inc. will assist CCG with the administration of the Homeowner Accessibility Rehabilitation Program utilizing ARP funding.

Financial Considerations: The City has allocated \$3 Million from the American Rescue Plan for the grant program.

Legal Considerations: The City Attorney will review all agreements as to form before execution.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to enter into an MOU with Columbus Area Habitat for Humanity, Inc. to administer CCG’s Homeowner Accessibility Rehabilitation Program funded by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH COLUMBUS AREA HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, INC. TO ADMINISTER THE COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT HOMEOWNER ACCESSIBILITY REHABILITATION PROGRAM FUNDED THROUGH THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021.

WHEREAS, the City has created and developed a Homeowner Accessibility Rehabilitation Program with funds received pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021; and,

WHEREAS, the City has allocated \$3,000,000 in American Rescue Plan funds to this home repair and upgrade program; and,

WHEREAS, the City wishes to engage in programmatic administration of the allocated funds by partnering with Columbus Area Habitat for Humanity, Inc. to assist with administering the home repair and ADA upgrade program.

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

The City Manager is authorized to execute the attached memorandum of understanding and appropriate related documents for administering the city’s Homeowner Accessibility Rehabilitation Program funded by the American Rescue Plan.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held on the _____ day of ____ 2024 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ____ members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting _____.
- Councilor Chambers voting _____.
- Councilor Cogle voting _____.
- Councilor Crabb voting _____.
- Councilor Davis voting _____.
- Councilor Garrett voting _____.
- Councilor District 1 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:

2. Memorandum of Understanding - Uptown Playground and Splash Pad

Approval is requested to authorize a Memorandum of Understanding with Uptown Columbus Inc. for improvements to the Uptown Playground and Splash Pad.

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

Item #2.

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Memorandum of Understanding - Uptown Playground and Splash Pad
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to authorize a Memorandum of Understanding with Uptown Columbus Inc. for improvements to the Uptown Playground and Splash Pad.
INITIATED BY:	City Manager's Office

Recommendation: Approval is requested to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Uptown Columbus Inc. (UCI) for the improvements to the Uptown Playground and Splash Pad.

Background: Uptown Columbus Inc. owns and maintains a playground and splash pad located at 1009 and 1013 Bay Avenue. The facilities were installed for recreational use by the public without any fee or charge. Uptown desires to make improvements to the playground and surrounding area for the public benefit. Uptown is a nonprofit organization with a mission to make the district an exciting, livable, prosperous and perpetually active place.

Analysis: The improvements and maintenance will be the responsibility of Uptown.

Financial Considerations: City Council has approved a \$250,000 contribution to the improvements.

Legal Considerations: The City Attorney will review the Memorandum of Understanding.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to authorize the City Manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Uptown Columbus Inc. (UCI) for the improvements to the Uptown Playground and Splash Pad.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH UPTOWN COLUMBUS INC. FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PLAYGROUND AND SPLASH PAD.

WHEREAS, Uptown Columbus Inc. installed and maintained the playground and splash pad located at 1009 and 1013 Bay Avenue; and,

WHEREAS, Uptown Columbus Inc. desires to make improvements to this area; and,

WHEREAS, Columbus City Council has approved a \$250,000 contribution towards these improvements.

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

To authorize the City Manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding, in form satisfactory to the City Attorney, with Uptown Columbus Inc. for improvements to the playground and splash pad.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the _____ day of _____, 2024 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting _____.
- Councilor Chambers voting _____.
- Councilor Cogle voting _____.
- Councilor Crabb voting _____.
- Councilor Davis voting _____.
- Councilor Garrett voting _____.
- District 1 voting _____.
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- Councilor Thomas voting _____.
- Councilor Tucker voting _____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
Splashpad and Playground improvements in Uptown Columbus

THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (this “MOU”), made and entered into this ___ day of _____, 2024, between the CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA (the “City”) and UPTOWN COLUMBUS INC. (“Uptown”).

BACKGROUND

Uptown Columbus currently operates a splash pad and playground on property it owns located at 1009 and 1013 Bay Avenue (“the Facilities”). The Facilities were installed and are currently maintained by Uptown for recreational use by the public without any fee or charge.

Uptown is a nonprofit organization with a mission to make the district an exciting, livable, prosperous, and perpetually active place. Uptown has partnered with the City for a variety of projects through the years to enhance the quality of life for all area residents, such as the river restoration project, whitewater rafting, ziplining, special events and festivals, and economic development initiatives.

Uptown has requested financial assistance in the amount of \$250,000 from the City to improve and update the splash pad and playground facilities.

NOW THEREFORE, the parties hereto wish to set forth the general terms of the understanding with respect to the City participation in the repair, and maintenance of the splash pad and playground as outlined below.

AGREEMENT

1. The City agrees to make a one-time payment in the amount of \$250,000 to upgrade, repair and improve the Facilities which were installed by Uptown on its property located at 1009 and 1013 Bay Avenue.
2. Uptown will privately fund any additional amounts required to complete the renovations and upgrade of the facilities.
3. Uptown will privately supervise and manage the renovations and repairs of the Facilities.
4. Uptown will privately fund the repair and maintenance of the Facilities as needed for the remainder of the Term as defined below.
5. Uptown will ensure that the Facilities remain in safe and attractive condition and are open to the public on a regular basis for the remainder of the Term.
6. Throughout the Term, Uptown will monitor the condition of the Facilities on a regular basis and make any necessary repairs.
7. Uptown will hold the City harmless and indemnify it for any claims or actions brought against it resulting from the repair and maintenance of the Facilities and shall all indemnify the City for any and all claims arising from the public use of the Facilities which are alleged to be caused by the negligence of Uptown or its agents, employees or contractors.
8. Uptown will provide proof of insurance in form and amount satisfactory to the Finance Department of the City.

TERM

The term of this agreement will end on June 30, 2034. This term can be extended by mutual agreement between the City and Uptown.

IN WITNESS WHEREAS, the parties have caused this Memorandum to be executed as of the date and year first written above.

CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT
OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

By: _____
City Manager

UPTOWN COLUMBUS, INC.

By: _____

File Attachments for Item:

3. Street Acceptance – Georgia Fire Street

Approval is requested for the acceptance of Georgia Fire Street located in Old Town, a Mixed Community.

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

Item #3.

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Street Acceptance – Georgia Fire Street
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested for the acceptance Georgia Fire Street located in Old Town, a Mixed Community.
INITIATED BY:	Engineering Department

Recommendation: Approval is requested for the acceptance Georgia Fire Street located in Old Town, a Mixed Community.

Background Georgia Fire Street located in Old Town; a Mixed Community has (2) mixed use lots. The street has been improved and meets the required specifications for acceptance by the City.

Analysis: A deed has been conveyed to the City conveying All those tracts and parcels of land identified as “Georgia Fire Street” on the plat titled “Street Dedication for Old Town” Land Lot 269, 19th Land District City of Columbus, Muscogee County, Georgia dated April 24, 2024, by Harris Gray, LLC, recorded in Plat Book 167, Page 316, Muscogee County, Georgia Records.

Financial Considerations: No City funds are involved until maintenance is assumed after the two-year warranty.

Legal Considerations: In accordance with Section 18-3 of the Columbus Code, all dedicated right-of-way must be accepted by Council.

Recommendation/Action: Approve the acceptance of Georgia Fire Street located in Old Town a mixed Community.

A RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A DEED TO GEORGIA FIRE STREET LOCATED IN OLD TOWN, A MIXED COMMUNITY, ON BEHALF OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA.

WHEREAS, Columbus, Georgia has been submitted a deed to Georgia Fire Street located in Old Town a Mixed Community, a full description of property on said deed; and,

WHEREAS, said street has been improved and the required specifications for acceptance by the City; and,

WHEREAS, the Engineering Department has inspected said streets and recommends acceptance by same.

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

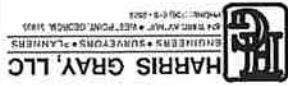
That certain deed dated May 29, 2024, conveying to Columbus, Georgia, Georgia Fire Street located in Old Town a Mixed Community and the same is hereby accepted. The Clerk of Council is hereby authorized to have said deed recorded in the Deed Records in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Muscogee County. A copy of deed is hereto attached and by this reference, made a part of this resolution.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held on the _____ day of _____ 2024 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ten members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting _____.
- Councilor Chambers voting _____.
- Councilor Cogle voting _____.
- Councilor Crabb voting _____.
- Councilor Davis voting _____.
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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

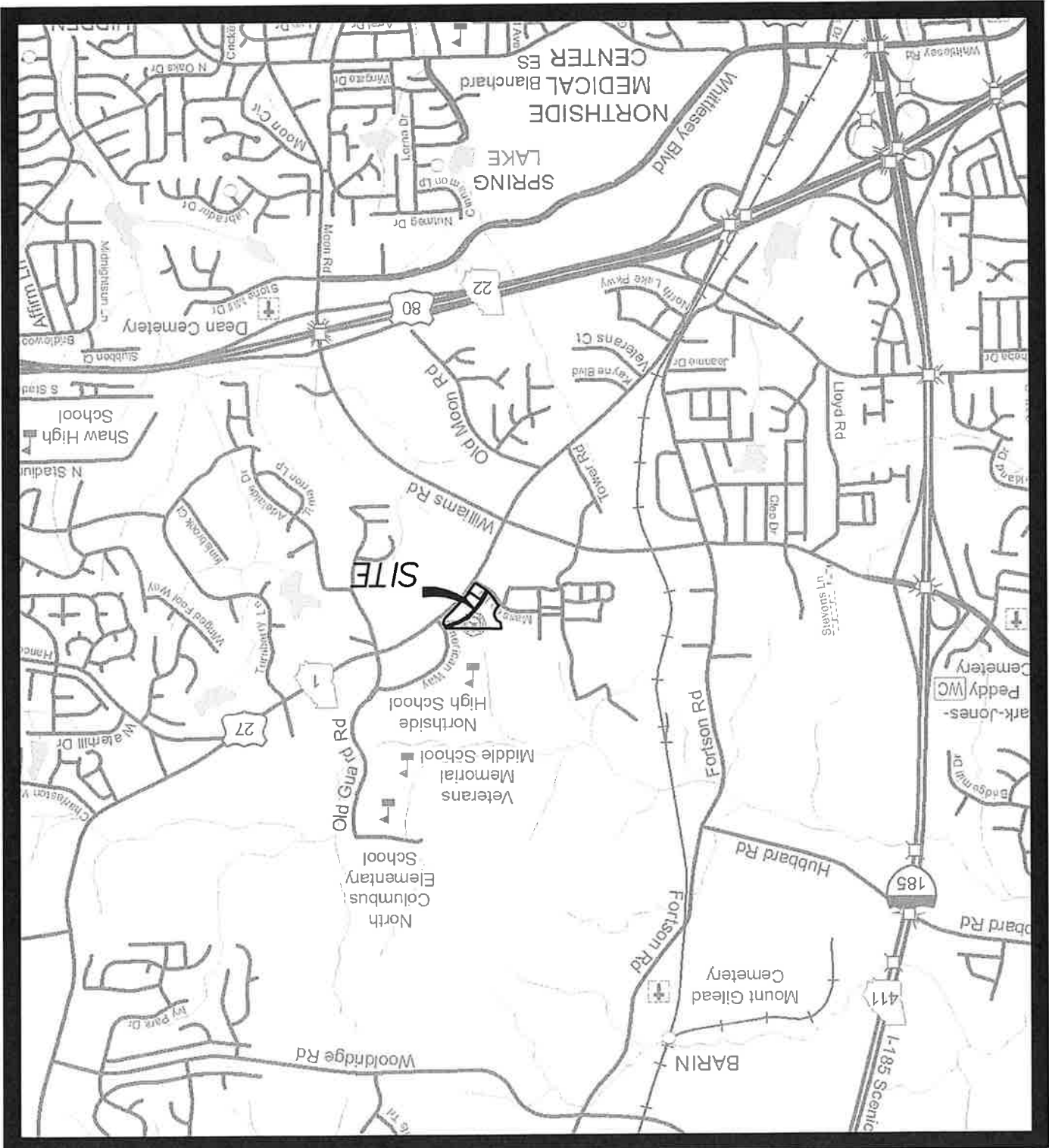
B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor



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OLD TOWN SECTION II PARCEL 7

File Attachments for Item:

4. Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

Approval is requested to apply for and accept a grant, if awarded, in the amount of up to \$1,404,713.00, or as otherwise awarded, from the Georgia Emergency Management Agency, with a \$351,178.25 local match requirement, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund by the amount of the award. Funds will go toward purchasing and installing eleven full-service generators at eleven of CCG's fire stations.

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TO:	Mayor and Council
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Hazard Mitigation Grant Program
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to apply for and accept a grant, if awarded in the amount of up to \$1,404,713.00, or as otherwise awarded, from the Georgia Emergency Management Agency, with a \$351,178.25 local match requirement, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund by the amount of the award. Funds will go toward purchasing and installing eleven full-service generators at eleven of CCG’s fire stations.
INITIATED BY:	Homeland Security / Emergency Management

Recommendation: Approval is requested to apply for and accept a grant, if awarded in the amount of up to \$1,404,713.00, or as otherwise awarded, from the Georgia Emergency Management Agency, with a \$351,178.25 local match requirement, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund by the amount of the award. Funds will go toward purchasing and installing eleven full-service generators at eleven of CCG’s fire stations.

Background: At the request of the Fire Chief of the Columbus Fire and EMS department, the Director of the Columbus Homeland Security and Emergency Management Department is requesting to submit a pre-application to the Georgia Emergency Management Agency for a FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant to purchase eleven full-service generators for eleven of the fourteen fire stations in Columbus. The other fire stations either have full-service generators currently or will in the future through construction. Generators have been identified by FEMA and GEMA as a good use of HMGP grant funds and applications are being accepted through July 15, 2024.

Analysis: the eleven full service generators will be purchased by and become the property of the Columbus Consolidated Government

Financial Considerations: There is a local match requirement of \$351,178.25.

Legal Considerations: The city is eligible to receive this grant and will be bound by the terms of the grant agreement.

Recommendation: Approval is requested to apply for and accept a grant in the amount of up to \$1,404,713.00, or as otherwise awarded, from the Georgia Emergency Management Agency, with \$351,178.25 local match requirement, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund by the amount of the award.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE A HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT FROM THE GEORGIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,404,713.00, OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED, TO PURCHASE ELEVEN FULL-SERVICE GENERATORS FOR THE FIRE STATIONS IN COLUMBUS THAT DO NOT HAVE FULL-SERVICE GENERATORS. THIS GRANT IS ALIGNED WITH THE APPROVED PRE-DISASTER HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN CURRENTLY IN EFFECT FOR COLUMBUS, GA/MUSCOGEE COUNTY. THIS PRE-APPLICATION IS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE GEORGIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY FOR FUNDING CONSIDERATION. IF FULLY AWARDED, THIS GRANT REQUIRES A LOCAL MATCH OF 25% TOTALING \$351,178.25. AND TO AMEND THE MULTI-GOVERNMENTAL FUND BY THE APPLICABLE AMOUNT. THIS GRANT SHALL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT'S DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT.

WHEREAS, this grant will allow the City to purchase approximately eleven full-service generators for eleven of the fourteen fire stations in Columbus, Georgia, which will help ensure that the fire stations have power during power outages to not only provide power for life safety equipment, but also provide power for the buildings which the public may seek assistance; and,

WHEREAS, the eleven full-service generators will be purchased by and become the property of the Columbus Consolidated Government; and,

WHEREAS, the generators will be maintained by the Columbus Consolidated Government through public works and/or a contractor to help maintain peak operating performance; and,

WHEREAS, the local match of 25% totaling \$351,178.25 shall be paid for by the Columbus Consolidated Government and will be due during the grant cycle, which will likely be multiple years as determined by FEMA and GEMA,

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

That the City Manager, Mayor, or their designee is hereby authorized to submit an application and if approved, accept a Hazard Mitigation Program Grant from the Georgia Emergency Management Agency in the amount of \$1,404,713.00 with a local match of \$351,178.25, or as otherwise awarded, and the FY 25 budget will be amended by like amount and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount awarded.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the _____ day of _____, 2024 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ten members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting _____
- Councilor Chambers voting _____
- Councilor Cogle voting _____
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- Councilor Tucker voting _____

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

5. Highway Enforcement of Aggressive Traffic (H.E.A.T.) Grant

Approval is requested to submit an application and, if approved, accept funds from the Georgia Governor's Office of Highway Safety for Highway Enforcement of Aggressive Traffic (H.E.A.T.) Grant for traffic enforcement and to amend the Multi-Governmental Fund (or applicable fund) by the amount of the grant awarded. The grant amount requested is \$335,000.00, or otherwise awarded, to be used to enforce traffic laws that concern aggressive driving, DUI, speeding, etc. to reduce the traffic fatalities within Muscogee County.

**Columbus Consolidated Government
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TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Highway Enforcement of Aggressive Traffic (H.E.A.T.) Grant
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to submit an application and, if approved, accept funds from the Georgia Governor's Office of Highway Safety for Highway Enforcement of Aggressive Traffic (H.E.A.T.) Grant for traffic enforcement and to amend the Multi-Governmental Fund (or applicable fund) by the amount of the grant awarded. The grant amount requested is \$335,000.00, or otherwise awarded, to be used to enforce traffic laws that concern aggressive driving, DUI, speeding, etc. to reduce the traffic fatalities within Muscogee County.
INITIATED BY:	Muscogee County Sheriff's Office

Recommendation: Approval is requested to submit an application and, if approved, accept funds from the Georgia Governor's Office of Highway Safety for Highway Enforcement of Aggressive Traffic (H.E.A.T.) Grant for traffic enforcement and to amend the Multi-Governmental Fund (or applicable fund) by the amount of the grant awarded. The grant amount requested is \$335,000.00, or otherwise awarded, to be used to enforce traffic laws that concern aggressive driving, DUI, speeding, etc. to reduce the traffic fatalities within Muscogee County.

Background: Traffic Data has shown that Columbus, Muscogee County has a disproportionate number of vehicle fatalities. This grant will fund three (3) full-time deputies to enforce the traffic laws, that concern aggressive driving, Driving Under the Influence, Speeding, etc. to reduce the number of fatalities in Muscogee County.

Analysis: The HEAT Unit will enforce traffic laws, educate citizens on the importance of seatbelts, child restraint devices, consequences of driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs, and will assist other agencies in the State of Georgia to do the same. The goal is to reduce the number of vehicle fatalities which leads to a better quality of life for the motoring public and their families.

Financial Considerations: The grant amount requested is \$335,000.00 for the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office. The City is not required to provide matching funds to participate in this grant.

Legal Considerations: The Consolidated Government of Columbus is eligible to receive the funds.

Recommendation: Approval is requested to submit an application and, if approved, accept funds from the Georgia Governor's Office of Highway Safety for Highway Enforcement of Aggressive Traffic (H.E.A.T.) Grant for traffic enforcement and to amend the Multi-Governmental Fund (or applicable fund) by the amount of the grant awarded. The grant amount requested is \$335,000.00, or otherwise awarded, to be used to enforce traffic laws that concern aggressive driving, DUI, speeding, etc. to reduce the traffic fatalities within Muscogee County.

RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT A GRANT OF \$ 335,000.00, OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED, FROM THE GEORGIA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY HIGHWAY ENFORCEMENT OF AGGRESSIVE TRAFFIC (H.E.A.T.) GRANT, WITH NO LOCAL MATCH REQUIREMENT, AND AMEND THE MULTI-GOVERNMENTAL FUND BY THE AMOUNT REWARDED. THE FUNDS WILL BE UTILIZED TO ENFORCE TRAFFIC LAWS THAT CONCERN AGGRESSIVE DRIVING, DUI, SPEEDING, ETC., TO REDUCE FATALITIES WITHIN MUSCOGEE COUNTY.

WHEREAS, aggressive driving, DUI, and speeding have adversely affected the quality in Muscogee County; and,

WHEREAS, the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office has been approved by the Georgia Governor's Office of Highway Safety Highway Enforcement of Aggressive Traffic (H.E.A.T.) Grant to receive \$335,000 of grant monies; and,

WHEREAS, the enforcement of aggressive driving, DUI and speeding will save lives; and,

WHEREAS, the goal of this strategy is to reduce traffic accident fatalities, thereby improving quality of life and public safety; and

WHEREAS, the funds have been allocated through the Georgia Governor's Office of Highway Safety Highway Enforcement of Aggressive Traffic (H.E.A.T.) Grant; and,

WHEREAS, this grant proposal requires Deputies dedicated to the highway enforcement of aggressive traffic, with no matching funds required.

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

1. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to apply for and accept the Georgia Governor's Office of Highway Safety Highway Enforcement of Aggressive Traffic (H.E.A.T.) Grant of \$335,000 or as otheiwise awarded.
2. Amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by \$335,000, or the actual amount funded.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the _____ day of _____, 2024 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting _____.
- Councilor Chambers voting _____.
- Councilor Cogle voting _____.
- Councilor Crabb voting _____.
- Councilor Davis voting _____.
- Councilor Garrett voting _____.
- District 1 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:

6. Columbus Police Department: Donation

Approval is requested to accept a donation of \$10,000.00 from Columbus Affordable Housing Services, Inc. to help support the Columbus Police Department's crime reduction initiatives.

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

Item #6.

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Columbus Police Department: Donation
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to accept a donation of \$10,000.00 from Columbus Affordable Housing Services, Inc. to help support the Columbus Police Department's crime reduction initiatives.
INITIATED BY:	Columbus Police Department

Recommendation: Approval is requested to accept a donation of \$10,000.00 from Columbus Affordable Housing Services, Inc. to help support the Columbus Police Department's crime reduction initiatives.

Background: Several months ago, Columbus Affordable Housing Services (CAHS) offered a donation to help support the Columbus Police Department and its crime reduction initiatives.

Analysis: The Columbus Police Department will deposit the funds in accordance with policy and maintain records and receipts accordingly.

Financial Considerations: The donated funds are specifically for the Columbus Police Department and will be placed within the Department's designated Donation fund.

Legal Considerations: The Consolidated Government of Columbus is eligible to receive the funds.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to accept a financial donation of \$10,000.00 given in support of the Columbus Police Department.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT
DONATED FUNDS OF \$10,000.00 FROM COLUMBUS AFFORDABLE HOUSING
SERVICES INC. ON BEHALF OF THE COLUMBUS POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

Item #6.

WHEREAS the Columbus Police Department is requesting the acceptance of this donation to help combat crime in Columbus, GA; and,

WHEREAS this generous donation will allow the furtherance of improving the culture and relationships within the department and throughout the community; and

WHEREAS the Columbus Police Department wishes to express our sincere thanks and gratitude for this display of generosity; and

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

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to accept donated funds for the Columbus Police Department.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held on the _____ day of _____ 2024 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting _____.
- Councilor Chambers voting _____.
- Councilor Cogle voting _____.
- Councilor Crabb voting _____.
- Councilor Davis voting _____.
- Councilor Garrett voting _____.
- Councilor District 1 _____.
- 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:

7. Donation of Pottery Chairs

Approval is requested to accept a donation of eight (8) pottery wheel chairs to the Columbus Parks and Recreation Department having a value of approximately \$1,000.00.

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Donation of Pottery Chairs
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to accept a donation of eight (8) pottery wheel chairs to the Columbus Parks and Recreation Department having a value of approximately \$1000.00.
INITIATED BY:	Parks and Recreation Department

Recommendation: Approval is requested to accept a donation of eight (8) pottery wheel chairs to the Columbus Parks and Recreation Department having a value of approximately \$1000.00.

Background: The generous donation comes from a former city employee, Irene Pate, and patron of our pottery and glass studio programs. The chairs are designed to accommodate an artist as they work on a spinning pottery wheel or glass creation. The current chairs are several years old and in desperate need of replacement. Current city policy requires each such donation to be authorized by Council.

Analysis: This donation will be utilized by the cultural arts center of the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Financial Considerations: The value of the chairs is approximately \$1000.00, and the donor would have them shipped directly to the Britt David pottery studio. There would be no financial cost to the City as this is a donation.

Legal Considerations: Council is the approving authority for the acceptance of all donations and policies regarding donations.

Recommendation/Actions: Approval is requested to accept a donation of eight (8) pottery wheel chairs to the Columbus Parks and Recreation Department having a value of approximately \$1000.00.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION TO ACCEPT A DONATION OF EIGHT (8) POTTERY WHEEL CHAIRS HAVING A VALUE OF APPROXIMATELY \$1000.00.

WHEREAS, Irene Pate has requested to donate eight (8) pottery wheel chairs; and,

WHEREAS, this donation would fill a need of the participants of cultural arts programs offered by the City; and,

WHEREAS, these are a donation and will have no cost to the city; and,

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

That the City Manager or his designee is hereby authorized to accept the donation of eight (8) chairs to be used at the Britt David Pottery studio.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the _____ day of _____, 2024, and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting _____.
- Councilor Chambers voting _____.
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- Councilor Thomas voting _____.
- Councilor Tucker voting _____.

Sandra Davis, Clerk of Council

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

File Attachments for Item:

A. Fuel Purchases for Fiscal Year 2025

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Fuel Purchases for Fiscal Year 2025
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve payment for Fiscal Year 2025 fuel purchases awarded to the vendor submitting the lowest, responsive, responsible quote, via the daily fuel quote process.

The Finance Department receives daily fuel quotes from various vendors to provide Unleaded, Diesel, Ethanol and other related fuel. The daily quote process ensures the City receives the lowest possible price for fuel each day. Participating vendors are instructed to submit their, per gallon, quotes by 8:30 am EST each day. The quotes are awarded by individual fuel type to the lowest bidder. The vendor submitting the lowest, responsible, responsive quote is the vendor from whom the City purchases fuel for that specific day. Fuel is purchased by the Public Works, METRA Transit and Parks and Recreation Departments, and is used to fuel all City vehicles. Additionally, the Columbus Water Works has requested to receive a copy of the City's daily fuel quotes.

Funds are budgeted, as needed, for this ongoing expense in various Department Budgets for Motor Fuel, 6746.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 FUEL PURCHASES AWARDED TO THE VENDOR SUBMITTING THE LOWEST, RESPONSIVE, RESPONSIBLE QUOTE VIA THE DAILY FUEL QUOTE PROCESS.

WHEREAS, the Finance Department receives daily fuel quotes from various vendors to provide Unleaded, Diesel, Ethanol and other related fuel. The daily quote process ensures the City receives the lowest possible price for fuel each day. Participating vendors are instructed to submit their, per gallon, quotes by 8:30 am EST each day. The quotes are awarded by individual fuel type to the lowest bidder. The vendor submitting the lowest, responsible, responsive quote is the vendor from whom the City purchases fuel for that specific day. Fuel is purchased by the Public Works, METRA Transit, and Parks and Recreation Departments, and is used to fuel all City vehicles. Additionally, the Columbus Water Works has requested to receive a copy of the City’s daily fuel quotes; and,

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

That the City Manager and/or his designee is hereby authorized to make payment for fiscal year 2025 fuel purchases awarded to the vendor submitting the lowest, responsive, responsible quote via the daily fuel quote process. Funds are budgeted, as needed, for this ongoing expense in various Department Budgets for Motor Fuel, 6746.

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- Councilor Allen voting _____
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- Councilor Thomas voting _____
- Councilor Tucker voting _____

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. “Skip” Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

B. Federal and State Mandated Fees for Fiscal Year 2025

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Federal and State Mandated Fees for Fiscal Year 2025
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve payment for various federal and state mandated fees during Fiscal Year 2025.

Examples of the various mandated fees, include, but not limited to the following: Air Emission Fees, State Alternative Fuel and Highway Impact Fees, Solid Waste Disposal Fees, Georgia Department of Labor, Worker’s Compensation Annual Assessment, EMT & Paramedic License Fees, Ambulance Service License Fees, State Bar Dues, etc.

These fees are paid each year and are mandated by the Federal or State Government. This resolution will ensure the payments are made in a timely manner during FY25.

Funds are budgeted each fiscal year for the mandated fees in various City Department budgets.

A RESOLUTION

NO._____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR VARIOUS FEDERAL AND STATE MANDATED FEES DURING FISCAL YEAR 2025.

WHEREAS, examples of the various mandated fees, include, but not limited to the following: Air Emission Fees, State Alternative Fuel and Highway Impact Fees, Solid Waste Disposal Fees, Georgia Department of Labor, Worker’s Compensation Annual Assessment, EMT & Paramedic License Fees, Ambulance Service License Fees, State Bar Dues, etc.; and,

WHEREAS, these fees are paid each year and are mandated by the Federal or State Government. This resolution will ensure the payments are made in a timely manner during FY25.

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

That the City Manager and/or his designee is hereby authorized to make payment for various federal and state mandated fees during fiscal year 2025. Funds are budgeted each fiscal year for the mandated fees in various City Department budgets.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the ____ day of _____, 2024 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting _____
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- Councilor Tucker voting _____

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. “Skip” Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

C. Cancer Screening Kits for Fire & EMS Department

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Cancer Screening Kits for Fire & EMS Department
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the purchase of 275 (Two Hundred Seventy-Five) cancer screening kits and accessories from 20/20 GeneSystems, Inc., (Gaithersburg, MD), in the amount of \$30,485.00. It is also requested that Council approve additional purchases of the cancer screening kits from the vendor.

The Fire & EMS Department began cancer screening for firefighters in 2023. Cancer is now the number one cause of firefighter deaths. Fires now burn faster, hotter and produce far more dangerous/carcinogenic smoke than in the past due to the synthetics used today in everything people purchase. The age for cancer diagnosis in firefighters has gone from 60 to 50 to now in their 40's. The cancer screening kits are part of the department's overall cancer initiative to find cancer early when it is treatable and survivable and has less of a financial impact for the City.

The vendor, 20/20 GeneSystems, Inc., is the manufacturer of a protein biomarker blood test for cancer screening and holds two patents for the test. Protein biomarkers can change over time with continued exposures to carcinogens. With this testing program in place the department will be able to obtain baseline measurements and then have the means to compare results during yearly testing. These screening kits will allow the department to perform their own in-house blood draws for cancer screening and can be conducted during their in-house physicals or at any other time. Since the vendor holds the patent for the screening kits; the vendor is considered the only known source per the Procurement Ordinance, Article 3-114

Funds are budgeted in the FY25 Budget: General Fund – Fire & EMS – Fire & EMS Special Operations – Pre-Employment Physicals; 0101 – 410 – 2600 – SPCO – 6324. Funds will be budgeted in the appropriate fiscal year for additional purchases of the cancer screening kits from the vendor.

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A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF 275 (TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE) CANCER SCREENING KITS AND ACCESSORIES FROM 20/20 GENESYSTEMS, INC., (GAITHERSBURG, MD), IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,485.00; AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL PURCHASES OF THE CANCER SCREENING KITS FROM THE VENDOR.

WHEREAS, the Fire & EMS Department began cancer screening for firefighters in 2023. Cancer is now the number one cause of firefighter deaths. Fires now burn faster, hotter and produce far more dangerous/carcinogenic smoke than in the past due to the synthetics used today in everything people purchase. The age for cancer diagnosis in firefighters has gone from 60 to 50 to now in their 40's. The cancer screening kits are part of the department's overall cancer initiative to find cancer early when it is treatable and survivable and has less of a financial impact for the City; and,

WHEREAS, the vendor, 20/20 GeneSystems, Inc., is the manufacturer of a protein biomarker blood test for cancer screening and holds two patents for the test. Protein biomarkers can change over time with continued exposures to carcinogens. With this testing program in place the department will be able to obtain baseline measurements and then have the means to compare results during yearly testing. These screening kits will allow the department to perform their own in-house blood draws for cancer screening and can be conducted during their in-house physicals or at any other time. Since the vendor holds the patent for the screening kits: the vendor is considered the only known source per the Procurement Ordinance, Article 3-114

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

That the City Manager and/or his designee is hereby authorized to purchase 275 (Two Hundred Seventy-Five) cancer screening kits and accessories from 20/20 GeneSystems, Inc., (Gaithersburg, MD), in the amount of \$30,485.00. The City Manager and/or his designee is further authorized to purchase additional cancer screening kits from the vendor. Funds are budgeted in the FY25 Budget: General Fund – Fire & EMS – Fire & EMS Special Operations – Pre-Employment Physicals; 0101 – 410 – 2600 – SPCO – 6324. Funds will be budgeted in the appropriate fiscal year for future purchases of the cancer screening kits.

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Councilor Allen voting _____
Council District 1 Seat voting _____
Councilor Chambers voting _____

Councilor Cogle voting _____
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Councilor Thomas voting _____
Councilor Tucker voting _____

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

D. Repair of Landfill Excavator for Public Works

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Repair of Landfill Excavator for Public Works
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve payment to Tractor and Equipment Company (Columbus, GA/Birmingham, AL), in the amount of \$35,966.96, for the repair of a 2005 Komatsu Landfill Excavator, Vehicle #10915.

During routine use, the equipment experienced track and roller undercarriage failure. Considering the importance of this piece of equipment in the day-to-day sanitation operations, Fleet Management sent the equipment to Tractor & Equipment Company for diagnosis. Once the vendor diagnosed the equipment, it was determined that critical suspension and undercarriage components needed repair or replacement. Since the equipment is used daily for landfill sanitation operations, Fleet Management approved Tractor & Equipment Company to complete all repairs and services.

Tractor and Equipment Company is the authorized dealer for Komatsu for this area. Therefore, the vendor is deemed the only known source per the Procurement Ordinance, Article 3-114.

Funds are available in the FY25 Budget: Paving Fund – Public Works – Street Repairs & Maintenance - Auto Parts and Supplies; 0203 – 260 – 3110 – REPR – 6721.

A RESOLUTION

NO._____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO TRACTOR AND EQUIPMENT COMPANY (COLUMBUS, GA/BIRMINGHAM, AL), IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,966.96, FOR THE REPAIR OF A 2005 KOMATSU LANDFILL EXCAVATOR, VEHICLE #10915.

WHEREAS, during routine use, the equipment experienced track and roller undercarriage failure. Considering the importance of this piece of equipment in the day-to-day sanitation operations, Fleet Management sent the equipment to Tractor & Equipment Company for diagnosis. Once the vendor diagnosed the equipment, it was determined that critical suspension and undercarriage components needed repair or replacement. Since the equipment is used daily for landfill sanitation operations, Fleet Management approved Tractor & Equipment Company to complete all repairs and services; and,

WHEREAS, Tractor and Equipment Company is the authorized dealer for Komatsu for this area. Therefore, the vendor is deemed the only known source per the Procurement Ordinance, Article 3-114.

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

That the City Manager and/or his designee is hereby authorized to render payment to Tractor and Equipment Company (Columbus, GA/Birmingham, AL), in the amount of \$35,966.96, for the repair of a 2005 Komatsu Landfill Excavator, Vehicle #10915. Funds are available in the FY25 Budget: Paving Fund – Public Works – Street Repairs & Maintenance - Auto Parts and Supplies; 0203 – 260 – 3110 – REPR – 6721.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the ____ day of _____, 2024 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

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- Councilor Tucker voting _____

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

E. Change Order 3 – METRA Park and Ride Project PI #0011435

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Change Order 3 – METRA Park and Ride Project PI #0011435
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council authorize the execution of Change Order 3 with Southeastern Site Development, Inc. (Newnan, GA) in the amount of \$14,310.70 for the METRA park and ride project.

The Engineering Department obtained quotes from the awarded contractors under the annual contract for on-call services for installation or replacement of sidewalks, ADA ramps and other miscellaneous concrete work. The annual contract was approved by Council on March 27, 2018, via Resolution No. 111-18.

Per the Engineering Department, Southeastern Site Development provided the lowest, responsive quote for the project. Georgia Department of Transportation authorized the notice to proceed on January 6, 2023.

Change Order 3 is required for cost overruns on items including Clearing, Exporting Excess Materials and Asphalt Pavement.

Document	Description	Amount
Original Contract	Grading a vacant lot and installing a parking lot and features at 1646 9 th Avenue.	392,433.97
Change Order 1	Site preparation and installation of charging station bases (“outlets”).	35,000.00
Change Order 2	Installation of charging stations and bollards.	30,544.00
Change Order 3	Cost overruns on items including Clearing, Exporting Excess Materials and Asphalt Pavement.	14,310.70
New Contract Amount		\$ 472,288.68

Funds are budgeted in the FY25 Budget: 0751-610-2500-MTSP-7761; Transportation Fund – Transportation – UMTA Capital Grant – Metra T-SPLOST – Capital Expenditures Over \$5,000.

A RESOLUTION

NO._____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF CHANGE ORDER 3 WITH SOUTHEASTERN SITE DEVELOPMENT, INC. (NEWNAN, GA) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,310.70 FOR THE METRA PARK AND RIDE PROJECT.

WHEREAS, the Engineering Department obtained quotes from the awarded contractors under the annual contract for on-call services for installation or replacement of sidewalks, ADA ramps and other miscellaneous concrete work. The annual contract was approved by Council on March 27, 2018, via Resolution No. 111-18; and,

WHEREAS, per the Engineering Department, Southeastern Site Development provided the lowest, responsive quote for the project. Georgia Department of Transportation authorized the notice to proceed on January 6, 2023; and,

WHEREAS, Change Order 3 is required for cost overruns on items including Clearing, Exporting Excess Materials and Asphalt Pavement.

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

That the City Manager and/or his designee is hereby authorized to execute Change Order 3 with Southeastern Site Development, Inc. (Newnan, GA) in the amount of \$14,310.70 for the METRA park and ride project. Funds are budgeted in the FY25 Budget: 0751-610-2500-MTSP-7761; Transportation Fund – Transportation – UMTA Capital Grant – Metra T-SPLOST – Capital Expenditures Over \$5,000.

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- Councilor Tucker voting _____

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

F. Ergonomic Training Services for Human Resources

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Ergonomic Training Services for Human Resources
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council authorize the execution of a contract with CareATC, Inc. (Tulsa, OK) to provide ergonomic training services, for the Human Resources Department, in the monthly amount of \$6,554.42 (\$78,653.04 annually), for a one-year period, as well as a one-time implementation fee of \$11,500.00. After the one-year period, it is requested that Council authorize the Department to implement this program for a longer contract term; contingent on employee participation, as well as, the decrease of workplace injuries and return on investment.

The City employs approximately 3,000 people in positions that include office work, field work and public safety occupations. It is important to the City that all these employees utilize best practices to ensure their tasks are carried out safely and with the minimum risk to the health and safety of those employees, their colleagues, and the public. For office workers, this has become particularly important since remote working, at least part of the work week, has become the norm for many departments within the City government. The Athletic Trainer will help reduce the risk of workplace injuries by creating an environment that reduces strain on the body and promotes healthier habits as well as safe work practices. The Athletic Trainer will also help mitigate risks by preventing injuries, reducing liability, and injury prevention, which can decrease workers' compensation claims, as well as, increase the return to work program.

Per Resolution #239-21, Council approved a contract with NFP Corporate Services to provide planning, brokering, implementing and supporting the City's Employee Benefits Plans. In accordance with this Resolution, the Human Resources Department utilized the vendor to broker Ergonomic Training Services. As a result, NFP has brokered the services from CareATC.

Funds will be budgeted appropriately in the applicable fiscal years for this service: Risk Management Int Serv Fund – Human Resources – Workers Compensation – Contractual Services; 0860-220-3820-WCOM-6319 and Risk Management Int Serv Fund – Human Resources – Workers Compensation – Education Training; 0860-220-3820-WCOM-6601.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH CAREATC, INC. (TULSA, OK) TO PROVIDE ERGONOMIC TRAINING SERVICES, FOR THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT, IN THE MONTHLY AMOUNT OF \$6,554.42 (\$78,653.04 ANNUALLY), FOR A ONE-YEAR PERIOD, AS WELL AS A ONE-TIME IMPLEMENTATION FEE OF \$11,500.00. AFTER THE ONE-YEAR PERIOD, IT IS REQUESTED THAT COUNCIL AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT TO IMPLEMENT THIS PROGRAM FOR A LONGER CONTRACT TERM, CONTINGENT ON EMPLOYEE PARTICIPATION, AS WELL AS, THE DECREASE OF WORKPLACE INJURIES AND RETURN ON INVESTMENT.

WHEREAS, the City employs approximately 3,000 people in positions that include office work, field work and public safety occupations. It is important to the City that all these employees utilize best practices to ensure their tasks are carried out safely and with the minimum risk to the health and safety of those employees, their colleagues, and the public. For office workers, this has become particularly important since remote working, at least part of the work week, has become the norm for many departments within the City government. The Athletic Trainer will help reduce the risk of workplace injuries by creating an environment that reduces strain on the body and promotes healthier habits as well as safe work practices. The Athletic Trainer will also help mitigate risks by preventing injuries, reducing liability, and injury prevention, which can decrease workers' compensation claims, as well as, increase return to work program; and,

WHEREAS, per Resolution #239-21, Council approved a contract with NFP Corporate Services to provide planning, brokering, implementing and supporting the City's Employee Benefits Plans. In accordance with this Resolution, the Human Resources Department utilized the vendor to broker Ergonomic Training Services. As a result, NFP has brokered the services from CareATC.

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

That the City Manager and/or his designee is hereby authorized to execute a contract with CareATC, Inc. (Tulsa, OK) to provide ergonomic training services, for the Human Resources Department, in the monthly amount of \$6,554.42 (\$78,653.04 annually), for a one-year period, as well as a one-time implementation fee of \$11,500.00. After the one-year period, the City Manager and/or his designee is further authorized to implement this program for a longer contract term; contingent on employee participation, as well as, the decrease of workplace injuries and return on investment. Funds will be budgeted appropriately in the applicable fiscal years for this service: Risk Management Int Serv Fund – Human Resources – Workers Compensation – Contractual Services; 0860-220-3820-WCOM-6319 and Risk Management Int Serv Fund – Human Resources – Workers Compensation – Education Training; 0860-220-3820-WCOM-6601.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the ____ day
of _____, 2024 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of
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- Councilor Allen voting _____
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- Councilor Tucker voting _____

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

A. Columbus Phenix City Transportation Study Metropolitan Planning Organization (CPTS - MPO) Metropolitan Transportation Plan Process Update – Kat Onore, Pond Company

C-PCTS MPO MTP Process Update

Council Presentation

July 9, 2024

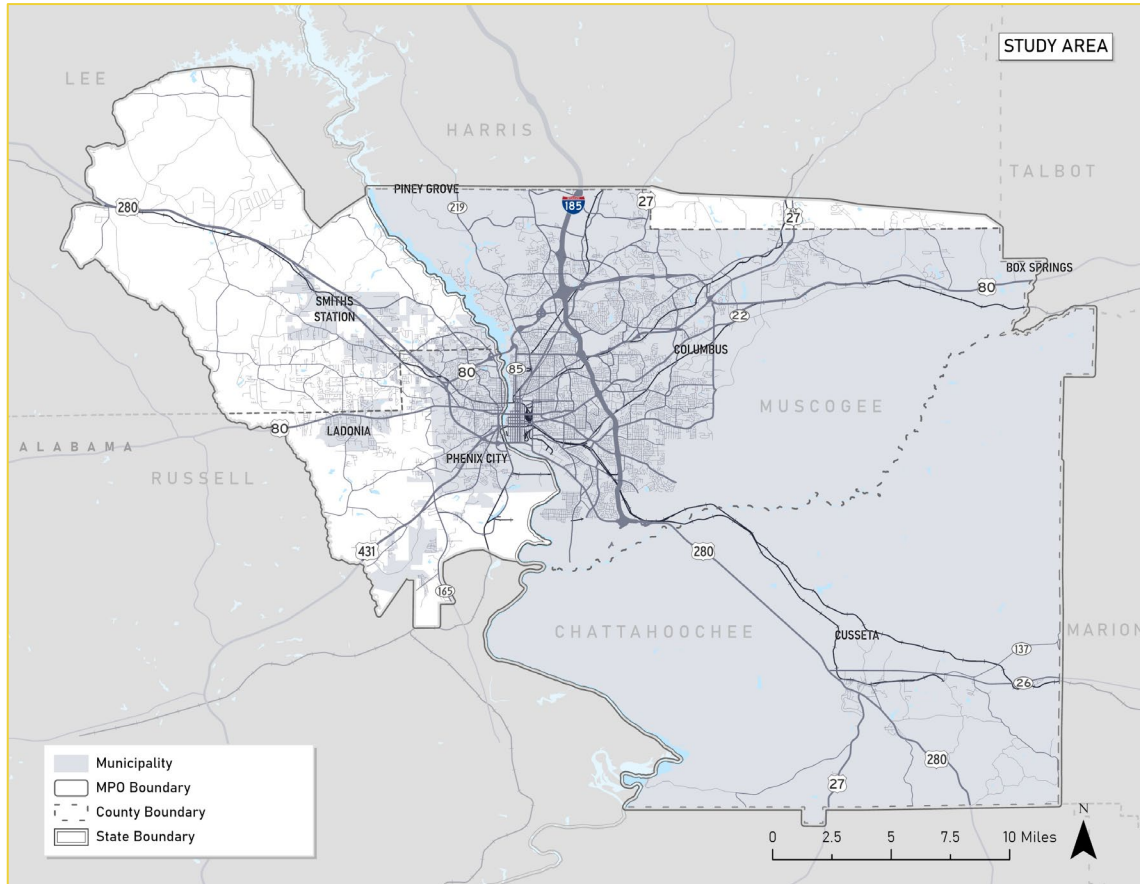


Agenda

1. 2050 MTP Status Update
 - Schedule
 - Travel Demand Modeling
2. Outreach Update
3. Next Steps

2050 MTP Status Update

What is a Metropolitan Transportation Plan?



2050 Planning Horizon, updated every 5 years

Identifies how the Metropolitan area will manage and operate a multi-modal transportation system

Must meet region's economic, transportation, and sustainability goals

Driven by the FHWA Transportation Bill (BIL)

Influence of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)

CHANGES FROM FAST ACT FOR MTP DEVELOPMENT

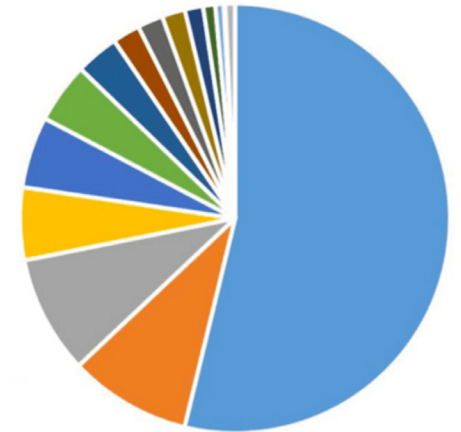
- Emphasis on connecting to affordable housing
- Heightened emphasis on safety
- Prioritization of complete streets
- Emphasis on using web-based outreach techniques

HEIGHTENED EMPHASIS ON CLIMATE AND RESILIENCE AND EQUITY SEVERAL NEW FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR MPOS

- Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)
- Areas of Persistent Poverty (AoPP)
- FRA Rail Crossing Elimination
- PROTECT

Where the IJA allocates \$550 billion in new infrastructure investment
Funding (billions of dollars)

Previously-Passed Transportation Funding	650
Roads, Bridges, and Related Programs	111
Energy, Power, and Electric Grid	107.5
Rail	66
Broadband	65
Water and Wastewater	55
Public Transportation	39.2
Airports	25
Natural Disaster Prevention and Mitigation	23.3
Remediation	21
Army Corps of Engineers	16.7
Safety	11
Ports and Coast Guard	7.8
Cybersecurity, Other	10.1

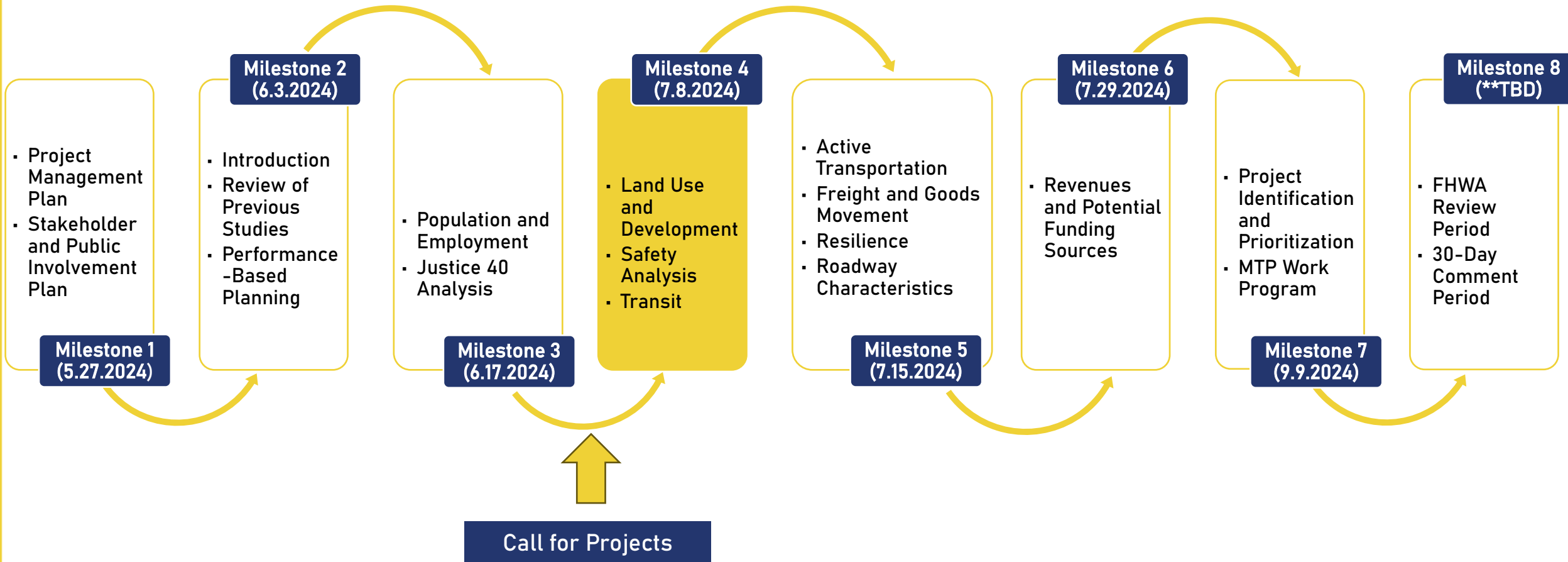


Source: Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Implementation Resources, gfoa.org, The Conference Board, 2022

Georgia to receive \$4.2 billion for transportation to invest in roads, bridges, public transit, ports, and airports and roughly \$159 million for clean water.



Deliverables Schedule



**Data Collection Delays

MTP Outreach Update



Stakeholder and Public Outreach

- **Stakeholder Advisory Committee (TCC)** will meet during each of the three milestone periods to ensure planning measures are met and to offer guidance into the plan's development
- **Public Open Houses** will be held during milestone 2 and 3. The first Open House is Thursday, August 1 5:00-7:00 pm (add location if this is known – Will or Lynda were securing a room)

Plan Development Website

www.planningatpond.com/columbus-phenix-city-mtp



Interactive Mapping Tool

- **Interactive Mapping Tool** to supplement the transportation needs assessment
 - What areas of the region present some of the greatest **safety concerns**?
 - Where are better **bicycle and pedestrian facilities** needed? Why?
 - What **roadways and/or intersections** are in most need of improvement? Why?
 - Are there any specific areas with **freight conflicts** with traffic or neighborhoods?
- Please share this information through your outreach channels including email lists and social media!

MTP Update - Next Steps

- Next MTP Meeting – August 15
- Compilation of MTP Sections
- Development of Work Program
- MTP Adoption, December 2024

File Attachments for Item:

B. Department of Labor (DOL) Overtime Rule Update - Reather Hollowell, Director, Human Resources

Department of Labor Overtime Ruling

Columbus Consolidated Government
July 2024



Department of Labor Final Overtime Ruling

- DOL raised the salary threshold for certain overtime exemptions under FLSA.
- Employers must either raise the salaries paid to employees to maintain the exemption classification or change the position to non-exempt and pay them an hourly wage and overtime where applicable.
- An estimated 4 million employees are expected to be impacted in the U.S.
- Changes become effective **July 1, 2024**

Overtime Rule Key Provisions

Updates the salary and compensation levels for White Collar Workers: Executive, Administrative and Professional

Who becomes eligible for **overtime pay** under the final rule?

Date:	Most salaried employees earning less than:
Currently	\$684/week (\$35,568/year)
July 1, 2024	\$844/week (\$43,888/year)
January 1, 2025	\$1,128/week (\$58,656/year)

Employers' Options

- Change Employee Pay Status to non-exempt if salary less than \$43,888/year
- Limit employee work hours to 40 hrs. per week
- Pay overtime or compensatory time at time and a half for time worked over 40 hours
- Raise exempt employees' salaries above the new threshold, \$43,888 annually

Duties Test: Executive, Administrative and Professional Exemptions

- The final rule does not make any changes to the duties test for Executive, Administrative and Professional Employees
- Focus is on salary threshold only

Impact on Local Gov't

- ▶ State and Local Governments must comply with DOL's final ruling
- ▶ Permitted to use compensatory time in lieu of overtime payment

Impact on Local Gov't

- ▶ Hourly, Part Time, Temporary, Seasonal Workers may be paid comp time or overtime - **No Impact**
- ▶ Non-exempt employees eligible for comp time or overtime - **No Impact**
- ▶ Law enforcement, fire protection, and emergency response personnel may be paid comp time or overtime based on a “work period” rather than a 40 hour work week - **No Impact**

Implementation of DOL Overtime Ruling

- ✓ Review Current Workforce
- ✓ Apply the Salary Test
- ✓ Exempt or Non-Exempt (salaried or hourly)
- ✓ Department Engagement
- ✓ Budget Impact

Budget Impact

- Some employees may receive compensatory time or overtime due to position status change to non-exempt. Currently under review.

Implementation

- Positions classified as exempt and earn less than \$43,888/year have been reviewed and will be adjusted to non-exempt status effective July 1, 2024.
- Positions classified as exempt and earn less than \$58,656/year have been reviewed and will be adjusted to non-exempt status effective Jan. 1, 2025

# Employees Impacted	
July 1, 2024	30
January 1, 2025	144
Numbers will be adjusted as we get closer to implementation dates	

Note: Council approved 2% pay adjustment effective July 1, 2024, is included.

Questions?

File Attachments for Item:

C. Tyler Technology Odyssey Update - Forrest Toelle, Director, Information Technology

Tyler Odyssey Update 07-09-2024

Department of Information
Technology

Dr. James Forrest Toelle

Truncated Timeline

- September 11, 2018 - Tyler Odyssey was presented to Council to replace the antiquated 30-year-old court management system from 1988.
- Prior to the Sept 11th council meeting presentation, there were many meetings with affected parties who agreed upon the Tyler Odyssey software. That included:
 - Superior Court Judges
 - Superior Court Clerk
 - District Attorney
 - Records Court
 - State Court Solicitor
 - Public Defender
 - Probate Court
 - Municipal Court
 - Sheriff
 - Marshall
- September 25, 2018 - Council authorized the purchase via resolution 344-18

Truncated Timeline

- After approval, all parties collaborated to configure their aspect of the integrated system.
- Each area identified an “SME” System Matter Expert to work closely alongside the implementation team from Tyler to configure the system to their area's needs.
- System in place, configured and functional

Truncated Timeline

- Three unrelated issues that recently occurred in June 2024.
- Experienced a performance issue on or about June 5, 2024, preventing some users from accessing the Odyssey system.
- Performance issue - FIXED
- Unrelated but occurring simultaneously experienced a Portal Payment issue.
- Portal Payment issue - Resolved. CCG IT is still working closely with Recorders Court to monitor.
- Duplicate Case - Currently working to implement a solution with recorders court.

Next Steps

- Met with Tyler Leadership on 07/03/2024 and discussed ways to proactively prevent systemwide issues.
- Meet with the CCG Executive Steering Committee to outline the ongoing evolution of the Tyler Odyssey system.
- Continue to meet with Tyler Leadership and 3rd party consultants to discuss ways to prevent system issues proactively.
- Met and continue to meet with Tyler engineers/programmers to work on solutions to resolve tickets.

Summary
of Where
We Stand

All June/July Odyssey
issues have been
resolved or a solution
is currently being
implemented at this
time.

Questions?

File Attachments for Item:

DATE: July 9, 2024

TO: Mayor and Councilors

FROM: Finance Department

SUBJECT: Advertised Bids/RFPs/RFOs

July 19, 2024

Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Plan – RFB No. 24-0036

Scope of RFP

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July 31, 2024

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Scope of Bid

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August 7, 2024

Flood Abatement Project 19th Street System – RFB No. 24-0016

Scope of Bid

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**Columbus Consolidated Government
Bid Advertisement - Agenda Item**

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File Attachments for Item:

1. RESOLUTION – A resolution excusing Councilor Travis Chambers from the July 9, 2024 Council Meeting.

RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A Resolution excusing Councilors absence.

THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES:

Pursuant to Section 3-103(6) of the Charter of Columbus, Georgia, Councilor Travis L. Chambers is hereby excused from attendance of the July 9, 2024 Council Meeting for the following reasons:

Professional Business:

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 9th day of July 2024 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting _____
- Councilor District 1 voting _VACANT_
- Councilor Chambers 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

Form revised 11-1-79, Approved by Council 11-6-79

File Attachments for Item:

2. HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS: Email Correspondence from Attorney Jack Schley, Board Secretary, advising of the selection of John R. “Bob” Jones to fill the unexpired term of Betty Tatum. (*Council confirms the appointment.*)

From: [Jack P. Schley](#)
To: [Clerk's Office](#); [Sandra T Davis](#); [Brittney Thompson](#)
Cc: bhayes@hacga.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Hospital Authority Nominees
Date: Tuesday, June 25, 2024 2:13:14 PM

To the Clerk of Council:

Ms. Davis, the Board of the Hospital Authority of Columbus, Georgia met today and considered Council's nominations to fill the Board seat formerly held by Betty Tatum. The Board unanimously selected Bob Jones. Please submit this selection of Bob Jones to Council for final approval.

Thank you,

JACK P. SCHLEY | Attorney | Page, Scrantom, Sprouse, Tucker & Ford, P.C.
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P.O. Box 1199 | Columbus, Georgia 31902-1199 (Mailing)
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From: boards@granicuslabs.com <boards@granicuslabs.com>
Sent: Friday, June 7, 2024 11:32 AM
To: Jack P. Schley <jschley@pagescrantom.com>
Cc: bhayes@hacga.com
Subject: Hospital Authority Nominees

Good Afternoon Attorney Schley,

The Council of Columbus, Georgia submits the names of the following three individuals from which the authority may select someone to fill vacant seat formerly held by Betty Tatum as provided below:

Betty Tatum: Mike Mayhew, Bob Jones and Tracy Sayers

Once your authority has selected its member(s) from the above three nominees, please advise this office by letter.

Sincerely,

Sandra T. Davis
Clerk of Council
Council of Columbus, Georgia



File Attachments for Item:

3. Email Correspondence from Ms. Julee Fryer resigning from her seat on the Animal Control Advisory Board.

From: [Julee Fryer](#)
To: [Canita L Johnson](#); [Contreana Pearson](#); [Drale Short](#); [Sandra T Davis](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] ACAB Resignation
Date: Tuesday, June 25, 2024 7:02:57 PM

Good evening,

I am writing this email as my official resignation from the Animal Control Advisory Board. It truly saddens me to do so but after leaving our meeting tonight I received inappropriate messages on facebook from citizens as well as a phone call telling me that rumors have started that my actions as chairperson on this board are tied to my class and our working relationship with CACC.

My students as well as my own mental health are more important than serving on this board. I will send any working documents to CACC administration as well as Ms. Short. Please do not include me on any additional emails in regards to the ACAB. I truly wish CACC the best and look forward to working with them outside of the ACAB.

Best regards,
Julee Fryer

File Attachments for Item:

4. Minutes of the following boards:

Airport Commission, May 22, 2024

Board of Honor, July 3, 2024

Board of Tax Assessors, #19-24, #20-24 & #21-24

Board of Water Commissioners, June 17, 2024

Columbus Golf Course Authority, June 25, 2024

Convention & Visitors, Board of Commissioners, May 15, 2024

Hospital Authority of Columbus, February 27, March 26, April 30, and May 28, 2024

Pension Fund, Employees' Board of Trustees, June 13, 2024

Planning Advisory Commission, May 15, 2024

Tree Board, June 20, 2024

**MINUTES AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COLUMBUS AIRPORT
COMMISSION HELD AT THE COLUMBUS AIRPORT
WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2024**

The following commission members were present for the entire meeting:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>EXPIRES</u>
Mrs. Dannell Marks, Chairwoman	December 31, 2026
Mr. James Barker, Vice Chairman	December 31, 2028
Mr. Art Guin, Treasurer	December 31, 2025
Mrs. Dee Marsh, Secretary	December 31, 2027
Mr. Carl Rhodes Jr., Commissioner	December 31, 2024

Legal Counsel: Alston Auten

Staff Members Present:

- Amber Clark, Airport Director
- Maggie Turnham, Executive Assistant
- Timothy Strickland, Finance Director
- Sonya Overton, Director of Marketing & Air Service Development
- Joshua Patton, Airfield & Facilities Manager
- Kelvin Mullins, Interim Chief of Public Safety
- Mona Mitchell, Hospitality Supervisor
- Darryl Graham, Interim HR Manager

Others Present:

- Jacob Redwine, Holt
- Mike Van Wie, Michael Baker

BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

Mrs. Dannell Marks called the May 22, 2024, Regular Commission Meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

CONSIDER ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED COMMISSION MEETING ON APRIL 24, 2024

Mrs. Marks asked to consider adoption of the minutes for the regularly scheduled commission meeting on April 24, 2024.

Motion by Mr. Guin to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Barker and unanimously approved by the Commission. Ayes: 4 No: 0

DIRECTOR'S UPDATES

Finance

Mr. Timothy Strickland gave the finance report, wherein he talked about the end of the month reports for April.

Flightways

Mr. Darryl Graham gave the Flightways report, wherein he discussed hangar repairs, new hangar tenants and leases, employee updates, fuel price comparisons, and fuel sales.

Fuel Price Comparison					DATE:
					05/14/2024
Airport Identifier	Name	Jet A + Premixed	AvGas	SS100LL	FBO COMPANY NAME
CSG	updated 04/23/2024	\$6.96	\$7.20	\$6.13	Flightways Columbus
MCN (478) 318-4689	Macon	\$5.80	\$5.99	\$5.49	Highnote Aviation
GVL (678) 989-2395	Gainesville	~	\$7.99	\$6.99	Lanier Flight Center
HSV (256) 772-9341	Huntsville	\$7.28	\$7.01	~	Signature
DHN (334) 983-4541	Dothan	\$6.69	\$7.15	~	Aero One Aviation
ECP (850) 233-4717	Panama City	\$7.59	\$7.97	~	Sheltair
CHA (423) 855-2299	Chattanooga	\$6.99	\$7.58	~	Wilson Air Center
MDQ (256) 828-1403	Dwntwn Huntsville	\$6.35	\$6.07	~	Executive Flight Center
VPC (770) 382-9800	Cartersville	\$6.35	\$6.86	~	Phoenix Air
FFC (770) 487-2225	Falcon Field	\$5.98	\$6.29	~	Atlanta Regional Airport
AVERAGE		\$6.63	\$6.99	\$6.24	
PIM (706) 663-2083	Pine Mountain	\$5.99	\$5.40	\$5.25	
EUJ (334) 687-2051	Eufaula	\$5.53	~	\$6.20	
LGC (706) 884-2121	Lagrange	\$5.25	\$5.75	\$5.40	

Human Resources

Mrs. Maggie Turnham gave the human resources report, wherein she discussed vacant positions and employee resignations/terminations. The Open Requisition Report is attached hereto.

Open Requisition Report

JOB TITLE	Pay Range	DEPT	JOB #	DATE POSTED	DATE CLOSED	COMMENTS
Facilities Maintenance Technician	\$16.00-\$24.00	Maintenance	24-3	2/26/2024	Until Filled	Screening Resumes & Interviewing
Line Service Technician	\$14.42-\$20.19	FBO	24-4	2/26/2024	Until Filled	Pending Background Check
PT Beverage Cart Attendant (2)	\$9.00-\$13.00	Hospitality	24-1	1/10/2024	Until Filled	Screening Resumes & Interviewing
Hospitality Team Member	\$10.10-\$12.00	Hospitality	24-5	4/24/2024	Until Filled	Screening Resumes & Interviewing
Marketing Associate	\$30,000-\$60,000	Marketing	24-6	4/24/2024	Until Filled	Pending Background Check
Human Resources Manager	\$60,000-\$80,000	Human Resources	23-17	8/22/2023	Until Filled	Pending Background Check

Total Active Employees* 38 (as of April 15, 2024)
 Total Job Holds 0
 Total Job Vacancies 5
 Total Positions 43

Total Termination/Resignation 19 (as of May 14, 2024)

White: Pending
Yellow: Recommendation for hire received
Blue: Position has been filled
Yarr: Temporary filled position.
Green: Hold

*Does not include employees in temp. positions, interns, or incumbents whose positions are currently posted; includes employees hired (completed in-processing, start date).
 Formula: number of days positions are open starts the day after eligibility list is forwarded to the Manager and continues until recommendation from hiring manager has been received in Human Resources
 **These positions are not included in the total job vacancy numbers for the current fiscal year.

Maintenance

Mr. Joshua Patton gave the maintenance report, wherein he highlighted how hard his team has been working. He discussed maintenance items repaired or in the process of being repaired, and hangar repair updates.

Marketing

Mrs. Sonya Overton gave the marketing report, wherein she discussed the press release for the runway 6/24 project, website updates, the hidden disabilities sunflower program, and the concession and vending discussions.

Public Safety

Mr. Kelvin Mullins gave the public safety report, wherein he discussed updates on the department's operations, employee training updates and status.

Other Matters

Mrs. Marks asked if there were any other matters. There were none.

Mrs. Marks asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion by Mr. Guin to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Marsh and unanimously approved by the Commission. Ayes: 5 / No: 0

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

APPROVED:

Maggie Turnham

Dannell Marks

Maggie Turnham, Executive Assistant

Dannell Marks, Chairwoman

*Official Minutes***BOARD OF HONOR**

Meeting
July 3, 2024

Members Present: Vivian Creighton Bishop (arrived at 2:46 p.m.)
David Ebron
Beth Harris, Chair
Judge Bobby Peters (via teleconference)
Barbara Pierce

Members Absent: John Wells

A meeting of the Board of Honor was called to order at 2:34 p.m. in the Ground Floor Conference Room, at the Government Center, by Chairwoman Beth Harris. During this meeting the following items were voted upon, and their recommendations are as follows:

1. Approval of minutes for the May 24, 2023, meeting.

Mr. Ebron made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Judge Peters and carried unanimously by the four members present, with Ms. Bishop being absent for the vote, and Mr. Wells being absent from the meeting.

2. Request: Honorary Designation Application

- Honoree: Evelyn Turner Pugh
- Requestor: Columbus, GA Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
- POC: Pat Hugley Green
- Location: Carver Park
- Signage: Renaming - Honorable Evelyn Turner Pugh Park
- Attachment(s): Application

Chairwoman Harris acknowledged members of the Columbus, Georgia Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. present in support of the request to honor Evelyn Turner Pugh at Carver Park.

Mr. Ebron made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Ms. Pierce and carried unanimously by the four members present, with Ms. Bishop being absent for the vote, and Mr. Wells being absent from the meeting.

3. Request: Honorary Designation Application

- Honoree: Joni Ressmeyer
- Requestor: Dr. Frank Brown
- Location: Double Churches Pool
- Signage: Renaming – “Miss Joni” Ressmeyer Swimming Pool
- Attachment(s): Application, Request Response from Parks & Recreation

Chairwoman Harris asked if anyone was present to speak on the request to rename Double Churches Pool in honor of Joni Ressmeyer.

Parks & Recreation Director Holli Browder provided a copy of the City Facility and Honorary Street Naming Policy, stating the Parks & Recreation Department is opposed to the renaming of the facility based on Section 2(A) and Section 3. She stated though the Ressmeyer Family has made tremendous contributions to the community, there is no connection between Double Churches Pool and Joni Ressmeyer. She explained it is her understanding that the policy requires the honoree to have been involved with the specific facility in some way for an honorary renaming.

The discussion continued with members of the Board of Honor recognizing that Ms. Ressmeyer taught swimming lessons to many children at her home throughout the years, but expressed their concern that approving this request could set a precedence for requests to rename City facilities in the future. The board discussed recommending the placement of an honorary plaque instead of renaming the facility, to which Director Browder stated the Parks & Recreation Department would be in support of that recommendation.

NOTE: Ms. Vivian Creighton Bishop arrived at 2:46 p.m.

Ms. Pierce made a motion to forward to the City Council the recommendation of the Board of Honor to approve the placement of an honorary plaque in lieu of the request to rename the facility, seconded by Judge Peters and carried unanimously by the five members present, with Mr. Wells being absent from the meeting.

4. Request: Honorary Designation Application

- Honoree: Richard Callahan, Sr.
- Requestor: Jason Crowson & Stephanie Callahan
- Location: Godwin Creek Golf Course
- Signage: Stone with bronze plaque and marble bench.
- Attachment(s): Application, Request Response from Golf Director on behalf of the Golf Course Authority, Applicant’s Response to Concerns/Questions

Chairwoman Harris asked if anyone was present to speak on the request to place a stone with bronze plaque and marble bench at Godwin Creek Golf Course.

Dr. Alonzo Jones, Columbus Golf Course Authority Member, explained this is not a request submitted by the Authority nor is this a request that the Authority is not in strong support of. He went on to explain that from the Authority's perspective, they do not have a lot of information on Mr. Callahan or his association with Godwin Creek Golf Course other than Mr. Callahan and his wife running an independent kid's program at the golf course for thirteen years but had no affiliation with the Golf Course Authority or the City. He added that he believes the Golf Course Authority would feel better if the Authority had more oversight in requests for memorials at the golf courses.

Parks & Recreation Director Holli Browder stated her daughter was part of the program for a few years and she knows Mr. Callahan was always there with the kids but has no additional information to add for the board's consideration.

Golf Course Director Jim Arendt explained this is Golf Course Authority business and all he could share are the concerns expressed by the Authority. He stated the Authority expressed concern that if this request is approved then it would open the doors to additional requests and the aesthetic would then look more like a cemetery rather than a golf course. He also shared that the Authority members shared concerns that a stone and bench memorial would overshadow the memorial in place for Mr. Godwin, who the golf course is named in honor of.

A discussion was held regarding the oversight of the City's golf courses by the Columbus Golf Course Authority and the recent changes to the criteria for honorary designations. Some of the members of the Board of Honor agreed in the concern with the Golf Authority regarding the aesthetics of the courses if more requests are submitted in the future.

Ms. Pierce made a motion to recommend denial based on the criteria and the Columbus Golf Course Authority not being support of the request, seconded by Ms. Bishop and carried unanimously by the five members present, with Mr. Wells being absent from the meeting.

With no further business to come before this board, Chairperson Harris entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Judge Peters to adjourn the July 3, 2024, Board of Honor Meeting, seconded by Ms. Pierce and carried unanimously by the five members present, with Mr. Wells being absent from the meeting, and the time being 3:02 p.m.

Lindsey G. McLemore, Deputy Clerk of Council
Recording Secretary



Columbus, Georgia, Board of Tax Assessors

Item #4.

GEORGIA'S FIRST CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT

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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Vice Chairman

Chief Appraiser
Suzanne Widenhouse

MINUTES #19-24

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Jayne Govar calls the Columbus, Georgia Board of Assessors' meeting to order on Monday, June 10, 2024 at 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT ARE:

Chairman Jayne Govar
Vice Chairman Trey Carmack
Assessor Lanitra Sandifer Hicks
Chief Appraiser/Secretary Suzanne Widenhouse
Recording Secretary Katrina Culpepper

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Vice Chairman Trey Carmack motions to accept agenda. Assessor Sandifer Hicks seconds and the motion carries.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Assessor Sandifer Hicks motions to accept minutes as presented. Vice Chairman Trey Carmack seconds and the motion carries.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Assessor Sandifer Hicks motions to excuse the absence of Assessor Hammonds from today's meeting, & the meeting on the 17th & 24th; also to excuse the absence of Chief Appraiser Widenhouse for next Monday the 17th and the following week of the 24th. Vice Chairman Trey Carmack seconds and the motion carries.
- Chief Appraiser Widenhouse gives an update on the current appeal season. As of today, this office has received a total of 146 appeals, with 71 of them being submitted online. Value & dispute is 6.2 million.

At 9:43, Administrative Manager Leilani Floyd presents to the Board:

- Homesteads - # 068 060 002; 114 007 005; 109 006 069; 066 022 007; 099 007 036; 097 001 004 - Signed & Approved.

At 9:53, Personal Property Manager Stacy Pollard presents to the Board:

- Late Returns - Signed & Approved.

At 9:55, Commercial Property Manager Jeff Milam presents for Residential Division to the Board:

- BOE Results - placed into record.
- Waiver & Releases – Signed & Approved by Chairman Govar.

At 10:01, Commercial Division Manager Jeff Milam presents to the Board:

- Waiver/Release - #002 013 018 - Signed & Approved by Chairman Govar.

At 10:04, Chairman Jayne Govar adjourns the meeting without any objections.


Suzanne Widenhouse
Chief Appraiser/Secretary

APPROVED:  6/17/2024

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J. GOVAR
CHAIRMAN

absent
L. SANDIFER HICKS
ASSESSOR


K. JONES
ASSESSOR

absent
T.A. HAMMONDS
ASSESSOR


T. CARMACK
VICE CHAIRMAN



Columbus, Georgia, Board of Tax Assessors

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MINUTES #20-24

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Jayne Govar calls the Columbus, Georgia Board of Assessors' meeting to order on Monday, June 17, 2024 at 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT ARE:

Chairman Jayne Govar
Vice Chairman Trey Carmack
Assessor Kathy Jones
Deputy Chief Appraiser Glen Thomason
Recording Secretary Katrina Culpepper

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Vice Chairman Trey Carmack motions to accept agenda with noted changes. Assessor Jones seconds and the motion carries.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Assessor Jones motions to accept minutes as presented. Vice Chairman Trey Carmack seconds and the motion carries.

At 9:09, Deputy Chief Appraiser Glen Thomason presents for Administrative Division to the Board:

- Homesteads - #087 016 028; 116 001 017; 097 016 024; 191 032 035 - Signed & Approved.

At 9:12, Deputy Chief Appraiser Glen Thomason presents for Personal Property to the Board:

- Adjustments - Signed & Approved.

At 9:18, Commercial Appraiser Kristi Mcdaniel presents for Residential Division to the Board:

- Waiver & Releases – Signed & Approved by Chairman Govar.

At 9:26, Commercial Appraiser Kristi Mcdaniel presents for Commercial Division to the Board:

- Historic Part A - #018 009 005 - Signed & Approved.

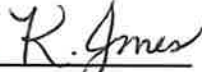
At 9:36, Chairman Jayne Govar adjourns the meeting without any objections.

Suzanne Widenhouse
Chief Appraiser/Secretary

APPROVED:  06/24/2024


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L. SANDIFER HICKS
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MINUTES #21-24

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Jayne Govar calls the Columbus, Georgia Board of Assessors' meeting to order on Monday, June 24, 2024 at 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT ARE:

Chairman Jayne Govar
Vice Chairman Trey Carmack
Assessor Kathy Jones
Assessor Lanitra Sandifer Hicks
Deputy Chief Appraiser Glen Thomason
Recording Secretary Katrina Culpepper

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Assessor Jones motions to accept agenda. Vice Chairman Trey Carmack seconds and the motion carries.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Assessor Jones motions to accept minutes as presented. Vice Chairman Trey Carmack seconds and the motion carries.

At 9:04, Deputy Chief Appraiser Glen Thomason presents for Personal Property to the Board:

- Motor Vehicle Appeals - Signed & Approved.
- Late Returns – Signed & Approved.

At 9:08, Residential Manager Paul Borst presents to the Board:

- BOE Results for Friday June 21st – Signed & Approved.

At 9:10, Commercial Manager Jeff Milam presents for Residential Division to the Board:

- BOE Results - Signed & Approved.
- Waiver & Releases – Vice Chairman Trey Carmack recuses himself from the Adams Realty Co. parcels – Signed & Approved by Chairman Jayne Govar.

At 9:27, Deputy Chief Appraiser Glen Thomason presents to the Board:

- Map Splits - #004 002 005 & 006; 052 003 049 & 049XH; 069 018 004A & 004B; 073 022 025; 193 001 035; 193 007 015 thru 044 – Signed & Approved.

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- Appeals Update – submitted as of today 355 total with 118 of those in Q-Public and 78 are for Commercial properties while others are either Residential or Personal Property.

Vice Chairman Carmack motions to excuse the absence of Chairman Govar @ next weeks meeting on July 1st. Assessor Sandifer Hicks seconds and the motion carries.


At 9:41, Chairman Jayne Govar adjourns the meeting without any objections.

Suzanne Widenhouse
Chief Appraiser/Secretary

APPROVED:  07/01/2024

Absent
J. GOVAR
CHAIRMAN


L. SANDIFER HICKS
ASSESSOR


K. JONES
ASSESSOR

Absent
T.A. HAMMONDS
ASSESSOR


T. CARMACK
VICE CHAIRMAN

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Columbus Water Works

*Serving our Community
Protecting the Environment*

Item #4.

June 17, 2024

This is a summary of items acted on during the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners of Columbus, Georgia, held at our Main Office, Chattahoochee Room. It was on Monday, June 17, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. Chairman Rodney Close took the roll call and the following Commissioners were present:

Rodney Close, Chair
Nick Smith, Vice Chair
Wes Kelley
Jennifer Upshaw
Mayor Skip Henderson

Receipt of the Minutes from the last regular meeting on May 13, 2024, were presented to the Board. The Board approved the Minutes.

The Financial Report for the month of May 2024 including Ft. Moore was provided to the Board. The Board approved the Financial Report.

Management presented the Holiday Schedule for FY 2024-2025 for Board approval. The Board approved the Holiday Schedule.

At this time, the Board went into Executive Session to discuss a real estate matter. No action was taken.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.



Carl Robertson

~~ MINUTES ~~

BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE



Councilor Judy W. Thomas- Chairperson
Councilor Tyson Begly- Vice Chairperson

Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen

Councilors: Councilor District 1 Seat (Vacant), Joanne Cogle,
Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis, R. Walker Garrett,
Bruce Huff and Toyia Tucker

May 21, 2024 / 9:00 AM /
Muscogee County School Board Chambers-
Public Education Center
2960 Macon Road, Columbus, Georgia 31906

I. CALL TO ORDER - Chairperson Judy W. Thomas

PRESENT: Chairperson Judy W. Thomas, Vice Chairperson Tyson Begly, Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen and Councilors Joanne Cogle, Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis, and Toyia Tucker (arrived at 9:16 a.m.). Mayor B. H. “Skip” Henderson, III, City Manager Isaiah Hugley, Deputy City Managers Lisa Goodwin and Pamela Hodge, City Attorney Clifton Fay, Assistant City Attorney Lucy Sheftall, Finance Director Angelica Alexander, Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis and Deputy Clerk Pro Tem Tameka Colbert.

ABSENT: Councilor R. Walker Garrett and Bruce Huff.

A G E N D A

OPENING COMMENTS:

Chairman Thomas stated at the beginning of the meeting that this would be the final meeting of the Budget Review Committee. She said it is also election day and voting will end at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS:**BUDGET REVIEW ITEM #1**

1. Clerk of Superior Court - Danielle Forte, Clerk of Superior Court

SUPERIOR COURT:

Clerk of Superior Court Danielle Forte provided an overview of the power point presentation entitled *Muscogee County Clerk of Superior & State Courts*. *A copy is on file in the Clerk of Council's Office.

Request(s)

- Six (6) Deputy Clerk II - G115 \$282,588.81
- Two (2) Senior Deputy Clerk – G117 \$100,780

ADD LIST: Request for six (6) Deputy Clerk II positions in the amount of \$282,588.81
(*Councilor Crabb placed on the Add List.*)

ADD LIST: Request for two (2) Senior Deputy Clerk positions in the amount of \$100,780.
(*Councilor Crabb placed on the Add List.*)

REFERRAL(S):

- A request was made for a report showing the number of arrests and the backlog.
(*Councilor Begly*)

BUDGET REVIEW ITEM #2

2. Police Department – Stoney Mathis, Police Chief

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Deputy Police Chief Lance Deaton came forward with the following request.

Request(s)

- Special Operations Unit Asset Forfeiture Funds - \$160,050

ADD LIST: Request for Special Operations Unit in the amount of \$160,050. (*Councilor Cogle placed on the Add List.*)

BUDGET REVIEW ITEM #3

3. Information Technology – Forrest Toelle, Information Technology Director

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:

Information Technology Director Forrest Toelle provided an overview of the power point presentation entitled *Budget Presentation 05-21-2024 Department of Information Technology*.
*A copy is on file in the Clerk of Council's Office.

Request(s)

- Transfer Radio Communications Budget from the Engineering Department to IT \$671,304
- One (1) Radio System Supervisory G122 – \$60,871

ADD LIST: Request lateral move transferring Radio Communications Budget from the Engineering Department to IT in the amount of \$671, 304. (*Mayor Pro Tem Allen placed on the Add List.*)

ADD LIST: Request for one (1) Radio System Supervisory G122 in the amount of \$60,871. (*Mayor Pro Tem Allen placed on the Add List.*)

BUDGET REVIEW ITEM #4

4. Tax Assessor - Suzanne Widenhouse, Chief Appraiser

TAX ASSESSOR:

Chief Appraiser Suzanne Widenhouse came forward with the following requests.

Request(s)

- Reclassify two (2) Appraisal Technicians from G113 to G115

- Reclassify two (2) Senior Appraisal Technicians from G114 to G116

ADD LIST: Request to reclassify two (2) Appraisal Technicians and two (2) Senior Appraisal Technicians in the amount of \$11,233. (*Councilor Begly placed on the Add List.*)

BUDGET REVIEW ITEM #7

7. Juvenile Court – Warner Kennon, Juvenile Court Judge (*This item was called up as the next order of business.*)

JUVENILE COURT:

Juvenile Court Judge Warner Kennon came forward and provided a transcript of the following requests. **A copy is on file in the Clerk of Council's Office*

Request(s)

- Increase from three (3) workdays to (4) workdays for Judge Dodgen -\$27,104

ADD LIST: Request to increase the annual salary for Judge Dodgen to \$104,000 at four (4) workdays per week in the amount of \$27,104. (*Councilor Cogle placed on the Add List.*)

BUDGET REVIEW ITEM #6 (CONTINUED)

6. Public Works – Drale Short, Public Works Director

PUBLIC WORKS:

Public Works Director Drale Short came forward and provided a transcript of the following requests. **A copy is on file in the Clerk of Council's Office*

Request(s)

- Reclassify One (1) Facilities Maintenance Supervisor G122 to one (1) Finance Manager G122
- Reclassify one (1) Urban Forestry & Beautification Supervisor to one (1) Public Works Crew Supervisor and transferred to Community Service.

ADD LIST: Request for reclassification of one (1) Facilities Maintenance Supervisor G122 to one (1) Finance Manager G122 in the amount of \$60,871 (*Councilor Tucker placed on the Add List.*)

ADD LIST: Request for reclassification of one (1) Urban Forestry & Beautification Supervisor to one (1) Public Works Crew Supervisor and transferred to Community Service in the amount of \$66,987 (*Councilor Tucker placed on the Add List.*)

BUDGET REVIEW ITEM #5 (CONTINUED)

5. Parks & Recreation - Holli Browder, Parks & Recreation Director

PARKS & RECREATION:

Parks & Recreation Deputy Director Becky Summerlin came forward and provided a transcript of the following requests. **A copy is on file in the Clerk of Council's Office*

Request(s)

- Ten (10) additional Recreation Program Specialist II (G117) - \$505,405
- Operating Increase of \$14,316 for Community Schools
- Operating Increase for Park Ranger costs - \$70,453
- One (1) Aquatic Program Supervisor - \$42,723.83
- One (1) Administrative Support Specialist II - \$44,932

DELETE LIST: Request to delete five (5) Park Rangers one (1) Chief Park Ranger and Operational Costs for Rangers from the proposed budget in the amount of \$417,039. (*Councilor Davis placed on the Delete List.*)

DELETE LIST: Request to delete one (1) Cruelty Investigator and all operational cost from the proposed budget in the amount of \$50,390 (*Councilor Davis placed on the Delete List.*)

ADD LIST: Request to reallocate Capital Outlay funds per Department request in the amount of \$80,000 (*Councilor Begly placed on the Add List.*)

ADD LIST: Request to Add \$60,000 to Capital Outlay to resurface tennis courts at Lakebottom Park. (*Councilor Davis presented on behalf of Councilor Garrett to place on the Add List.*)

ADD LIST: Request to add \$150,000 to the Sheriff's budget for legal fees. (*Councilor Davis placed on the Add List.*)

REFERRAL(S):

- A request was made to expand the discussion regarding all property maintenance, not just the jail. (*Councilor Crabb*)

BUDGET REVIEW ITEM #8

8. ADD/DELETE List

ADD/DELETE LIST Item #14: VOTE RESULT: Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve (Clerk of Superior Court) Addition of Two (2) Senior Deputy Clerk (G117) in the amount of \$100,780 and ADD/DELETE LIST Item #15 : Six (6) Deputy Clerk II G115 in the amount of \$282,588. and to DELETE from the proposed budget (City Manager) Marketing Coordinator G123 - \$66,988; (Public Works) Communications Officer G113 - \$44,782; (Oxbow Creek) Oxbow Meadows Subsidy - \$100,000; (Tax Assessors) two (2) Appraisal Technician G115 - \$89,564; (Bull Creek) Assistant Golf Professional I G105 - \$52,710; (Tax Commissioner) New position Technology Support Analyst G123-3 - \$64,810 (Tax Commissioner) RECLASSIFICATION Accounting Operations Administrator G127-4 to Accounting Operations Administrator G127-12 \$6,125; (Tax Commissioner) CAREER LADDER three (3) Tax Clerk II G117 to G119 - \$8,327 from the proposed budget. Seconded by Councilor Tucker.

Finance Director Alexander explained that the Assistant Golf Professional I position is not included in the General Fund. She said the Golf Authority has its own fund.

Councilor Crabb amended the motion to approve (Clerk of Superior Court) five (5) Deputy Clerk II positions. Seconded by Councilor Tucker. Chairperson Thomas declared the motion carried by a vote of four to three, with Councilors Cogle, Crabb, Thomas and Tucker voting yes and Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Begly and Davis voting no.

ADD/DELETE LIST Item #7: VOTE RESULT: Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve District Attorney – Addition of one (1) Legal Administrative Clerk (G115) in the amount of \$47,098

ADD/DELETE LIST Item #8: VOTE RESULT: Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve District Attorney – Addition of one (1) Victim Advocate (G117) in the amount of \$50,390. Seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the seven members present.

ADD/DELETE LIST Item #17: VOTE RESULT: Councilor Begly made a motion to approve Tax Assessor – Reclassify two (2) Appraisal Technicians from (G113) to (G115) and two (2) Senior Appraisal Technicians from (G114) to (G116) in the amount of \$11,233. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present.

ADD/DELETE LIST Item #19: VOTE RESULT: Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve Public Works – Reclassify one (1) Facilities Maintenance Supervisor (G122) to one (1) Finance Manager (G122). Seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the seven members present.

ADD/DELETE LIST Item #9: VOTE RESULT: Councilor Davis made a motion to approve Public Works – Increase annual base salary for Veterinarian (G130) to \$125,000 in the amount of \$33,135. Seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the seven members present.

ADD/DELETE LIST Item #10: VOTE RESULT: Councilor Davis made a motion to approve Public Works – Increase Veterinary Services for medical supplies, medications, micro-chipping and vaccinations in the amount of \$107,715. Seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the seven members present.

ADD/DELETE LIST (Request of Councilor Garrett): Item #12: VOTE RESULT: Councilor Davis made a motion to approve Public Works – Increase Fee Based Program for spay/neuter services in the amount of \$275,000. Seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the seven members present.

ADD/DELETE LIST Item #11: VOTE RESULT: Councilor Davis made a motion to approve Public Works – Addition of three (3) Fleet Maintenance Technician II (G118) positions in the amount of \$156,408. Seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the seven members present.

ADD/DELETE LIST Item #13: VOTE RESULT: Councilor Thomas made a motion to approve Fire & EMS – Increase Fire & EMS Chief’s total pay to \$170,980.68 in the amount of \$19,977. Seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the seven members present.

ADD/DELETE LIST Item #16: VOTE RESULT: Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve Information Technology – Transfer Radio Communications’ budget of \$671,304 to

Information Technology's budget. Seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote.

ADD/DELETE LIST Item #18: VOTE RESULT: Councilor Cogle made a motion to approve Juvenile Court – Increase annual salary for Judge Dodgen to \$104,000 in the amount of \$27,104. Seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote.

ADD/DELETE LIST (Request of Councilor Cogle): VOTE RESULT: Councilor Cogle made a motion to approve Police Department – Special Operations Unit in the amount of \$160,050. Seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote.

ADD/DELETE LIST Item #20: VOTE RESULT: Councilor Davis made a motion to approve Parks & Recreation – Delete from the proposed budget five (5) Park Rangers, one (1) Chief Park Ranger and operational costs for Rangers in the amount of \$417,039. Seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote.

ADD/DELETE LIST Item #21: VOTE RESULT: Councilor Davis made a motion to approve Public Works – Delete from the proposed budget one (1) Cruelty Investigator, three (3) Animal Control Officers and all operational costs for Investigator in the amount of \$196,526. Seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote.

ADD/DELETE LIST Item #22: VOTE RESULT: Councilor Begly made a motion to approve Parks & Recreation – Reallocate \$80,000 of Capital Outlay for Audio Visual. Seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote.

ADD/DELETE LIST Item #23: VOTE RESULT: Councilor Davis made a motion to approve Parks & Recreation – Addition of \$60,000 to Capital Outlay to resurface tennis courts at Lakebottom Park. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the seven members present.

ADD/DELETE LIST Item #24: VOTE RESULT: Councilor Davis made a motion to approve Sheriff's Department – Addition of \$150,000 for legal fees. Seconded by Councilor Tucker. Chairperson Thomas declared the motion carried by a vote of five to two, with Councilors Begly, Cogle, Crabb, Davis and Tucker voting yes and Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Thomas voting no.

ADD/DELETE LIST Item #1: VOTE RESULT: Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve Sheriff's Department – Increase Reserve Deputy funding by \$300,000 and increase Sworn Officer salaries by \$250,000 for \$200/day stipends for hospital work on off-days for Deputies in the amount of \$635,200. Seconded by Councilor Davis. Chairperson Thomas declared the motion defeated by a vote of three to four, with Councilors Crabb, Davis, and Tucker voting yes and Mayor Pro Tem Allen, and Councilors Begly, Cogle, and Thomas voting no.

ADD/DELETE LIST Item #2: VOTE RESULT: Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve Muscogee County Prison – Increase Training and Travel Budget in the amount of \$20,000. Seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the seven members present.

ADD/DELETE LIST Item #3: VOTE RESULT: Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve Muscogee County Prison – Increase Training Budget to implement Animal Care/Training Program in the amount of \$300,000. Seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the seven members present.

Councilor Crabb made a motion to amend the previous motion to establish a Project Fund for the Animal Care/Training program as a one-time expense in the amount of \$250,000. Seconded by Councilor Begly. Chairperson Thomas declared the motion carried by a vote of five to two, with Councilors Begly, Cogle, Crabb, Davis and Tucker voting yes and Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Thomas voting no.

ADD/DELETE LIST Item #4: VOTE RESULT: Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve Muscogee County Prison – Increase Base Pay for MCP Sworn Officers by \$2,500 in the amount of \$346,920. Seconded by Councilor Davis. Chairperson Thomas declared the motion carried by a vote of four to three, with Councilors Cogle, Crabb, Davis and Tucker voting yes and Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Begly and Thomas voting no.

ADD/DELETE LIST Item #5: VOTE RESULT: Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve Sheriff's Office – Increase Base Pay for Sheriff Sworn Officers by \$5,000 in the amount of \$1,889,475. Seconded by Councilor Davis. Chairperson Thomas declared the motion carried by a vote of four to three, with Councilors Cogle, Crabb, Davis and Tucker voting yes and Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Begly and Thomas voting no.

ADD/DELETE LIST Item #6: VOTE RESULT: Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve Fire & EMS – Increase Base Pay for Fire/EMS Sworn Officers by \$2,500 in the amount of \$1,235,902. Seconded by Councilor Davis. Chairperson Thomas declared the motion carried by a vote of four to three, with Councilors Cogle, Crabb, Davis and Tucker voting yes and Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Begly and Thomas voting no.

ADD/DELETE LIST (Request of Councilor Tucker): VOTE RESULT: Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve Public Works – Reclassify Urban Forestry & Beautification Supervisor (G124) to Public Works Crew Supervisor (G124). Seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the seven members present.

ADD/DELETE LIST (Request of Councilor Davis): VOTE RESULT: Councilor Davis made a motion to approve Finance Department – Delete from the proposed budget six (6) new positions in the Finance Department until there is a Compliance Update. Seconded by Councilor Garrett. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a substitute motion to amend the amount to \$100,000.

Councilor Davis amended the motion to also delete from the proposed budget four (4) Career Ladder positions for the Finance Department. Seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the seven members present.

REFERRAL(S):

- A request was made to receive a compliance update. (*Councilor Davis*)
- A request was made for an update from the Development Authority. (*Councilor Davis*)
- A request was made to have a Pickleball meeting. (*Councilor Davis*)
- A request was made to receive an update on the school zone cameras. (*Councilor Davis*)
- A request was made to put the following items listed on the proposed budget on hold: Public Works - two (2) Electricians and two (2) Heating and Air, two (2) Plumbers, one (1) Carpenter and maintenance for Animal Control. (*Councilor Crabb*)

PENSION PLAN

Councilor Davis said he would like to look into reducing the contribution that employees are paying into the pension plan. He said he has spoken to the City Manager regarding this matter. He said it would be wise to listen to the actuarial and see what he has.

TAXPAYER BILL OF RIGHTS HEARING SCHEDULE

June 4, 2024 @ 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers

June 4, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers

- 1st Reading of Budget Ordinance

June 11, 2024 @ 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers

- 2nd Reading of Budget Ordinance
- 1st Reading of Millage Ordinance

June 18, 2024 @ 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers to adopt Millage Ordinance

With there being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Thomas declared the adjournment of the May 21, 2024, Budget Review Committee Meeting, with the time being 3:02 p.m.

Tameka Colbert
Deputy Clerk Pro Tem

COLUMBUS GOLF AUTHORITY

AGENDA

June 25, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Ricky Wright

*Note- Housekeeping measure—please silence cell phones.

MINUTES: Offered for approval, the minutes of June 4, 2024.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Steve Brown -- update on course conditions.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Jim Arendt

Updates on revenue reports for Bull Creek and Oxbow Creek Golf Courses.

Director's comments: Briefing on a variety of items.

NEW BUSINESS:

OLD BUSINESS: By-laws presentation

PUBLIC AGENDA: Persons registered to speak to the Golf Authority.

ADJOURNMENT

*Note-Next Meeting--- July, 2024 @ 4:00 pm--Bull Creek Grill.

COLUMBUS GOLF AUTHORITY

MINUTES

JUNE 4, 2024

Chairman Ricky Wright called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the April 23, 2024, meeting were approved by unanimous vote.

Superintendent Steve Brown reported Bull Creek's East Course had been aerified without pulling cores, which will allow faster healing. The West Course will be aerified July 8-9, Oxbow July 17-18, and Godwin Creek July 15.

Weed control on tees and fairways is in progress and the Bull Creek work crew is now complete, with a third guard now employed to allow three details of eight inmates each. Many of the inmates, however, still must be trained on the equipment and practices, however. It would also make work go much smoother and in a more timely manner if the crews could be released to Bull Creek guards sooner. It is often 7 a.m. or later before the Bull Creek guards can obtain those crews, making it difficult to get work done before the course is open for players who expect the greens to be cut and ready for play.

Two inmate vans are now in hand, but are still being outfitted with necessary bars and windows required for transporting inmates, he said.

The roller is about to be once again dispatched to roll and smooth the greens, with the West Course greens to be verticut and receive a light sanding, Brown said.

Golf Director Arendt said Oxbow Creek revenues totaled \$87,143 in May, but that figure includes some funds carried over from the previous reporting period. Year-to-date revenues reached \$430,825 of the \$495,000 budgeted (not including \$100,000 budgeted as a "transfer-in" if needed).

Oxbow Creek also is continuing to use part of the bike/pedestrian trail to route players around the missing bridge on the course. It is estimated it would cost \$600,000-\$800,000 to rebuild the 80'x10' structure, but it may be feasible and preferred to continue with the bypass method now in use, he said, rather than spend so much money on that replacement.

The course also is adding 4 additional golf carts to expand availability, he said.

Bull Creek's revenue for May exceeded \$302,000, including some carryover from the previous reporting period, Arendt said. The course also has generated more than \$1,812,000 of its \$2,081,000 fiscal year budget. That includes allocating \$86,000 for Godwin Creek operations and \$80,000 spent on a golf system master plan, Arendt said.

There should be no problem exceeding the budget revenue totals at Bull Creek for the fiscal year ending June 30, he said.

Nikki Siter reported Oxbow's work crews have been cutting the rough using two zero-turn mowers while awaiting availability of a true rough mower. The full work crew at Oxbow, under a newly hired guard, also has been performing great, she said.

Director Arendt said Bull Creek's reserves, as of late June 3, total \$648,181 and Oxbow Creek's reserves are (-\$79,721).

Account technician Cathrina Howard has resigned as of May 22. The position simply did not work out well for Howard, who had been vetted and recommended by the city's Human Resources Department for the post from a number of candidates. A new employee, Selina Simmons, has begun work and problems with the financial reporting and accounting are expected to be resolved, Arendt said.

The Director also reported that The Mill District, which contains Godwin Creek Golf Course, is seeking a grant that could give the short course new vitality. He wrote a letter for submission to Georgia's U.S. Senators supporting the grant application, which could produce an appropriation of up to \$3.5 million for the District. "It is nice to know that there are people in the Mill District who are looking out for Godwin Creek," Arendt said.

Negotiations also are under way with the local firm “Yalla” for website and social media advertising to benefit the golf courses, he said.

The golf courses’ budget also has been received by the city, and the city has included in its budget a 2 percent pay increase for city employees, Arendt said. To include golf course employees in that pay hike, which amounts to a cost-of-living hike, the Authority would need to approve a motion that its fulltime employees receive that pay hike as well.

Ken Crumpler made a motion, seconded by William Roundtree, that fulltime golf course employees are to receive a pay hike that matches the percentage afforded city employees in the 2024-25 budget. The motion passed by a vote of 8-0, with Alonzo Jones abstaining. Jones said he believes more advance notice of such proposals should be afforded Authority members and that more study should go into such financial decisions than having them presented and vote upon in a matter of minutes.

Director Arendt said he has been revising his thoughts on how to use a proposed Junior Golf Leader. Instead of having him solely working with youths at Godwin or Oxbow Creeks, and building a junior program, he envisions also including such an employee for some days as staff at Bull Creek and Oxbow.

Arendt said after receiving notice that a Georgia Power bill had not been paid on time and a late fee was added, he contacted a power company analyst (and golfer) who reviewed

the golf course's requirements and uses, which led to a possible annual savings of \$5,000 through use of an off-peak power category.

The golf director said he wanted to ask the Authority if he had its approval to pursue a plan for renovation and expansion of its golf facilities, having already received a Master Plan addressing needs and desires. Tommy Nobles made a motion, seconded by Ken Crumpler, to authorize the director to pursue such improvements. The motion passed unanimously, with suggestions made that the Godwin Creek improvements should be attacked first, followed by Oxbow Creek expansion and then Bull Creek improvements.

Arendt reported that a Columbus Council motion that would have stripped \$100,000 from Oxbow Creek's budget did not pass because it did not receive six votes. An attempt to remove the position of Assistant Golf Professional from Bull Creek's budget also did not pass. He also reported that Columbus Council voted to appoint Stephanie Leohr to the Authority beginning July 1.

The golf director presented a plan to increase revenues at Oxbow Creek to prevent further budget-cut threats. He put forth a plan proposing a \$2 increase effective July 1, extending the Saturday/Sunday rate to include Friday (as does Bull Creek), and with a \$3 increase added on Jan. 1, 2025.

Alonzo Jones asked when the last increase was put in place and was informed a \$2 hike was implemented March 1. He said he believed such increases should be made with more deliberation and not in such short intervals, and should be explained to users if and when they are adopted.

Jones made a motion, seconded by Ken Crumpler, to put in place a \$3 increase on Jan 1, with the Friday-Saturday-Sunday group treatment effective July 1. The motion passed without objection.

Tommy Nobles made a subsequent motion, seconded by Ken Crumpler, to enact a \$1 daily and \$2 weekend/holiday fee hike at Bull Creek Golf Course effective July 1. The motion passed by a vote of 5-3.

Nobles, who said he had been researching city and golf course archives, including 25 years of minutes, and found that there apparently have never been any Bylaws adopted governing how the Authority should operate. Discussion followed in which agreement was expressed that such a document would be useful and desirable. Nobles asked for those interested in pursuing creation of Bylaws for presentation to the Authority should contact him.

Chairman Wright reported that, following advice obtained from the city's legal department, he had sent a letter to a former employee seeking to appeal her dismissal.

The letter indicated the Authority would not schedule a hearing of that challenge to the Golf Director's decision.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ken Crumpler and seconded by William Roundtree. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Attending the meeting were Chairman Ricky Wright, Vice-Chair William Roundtree, Secretary Jim Houston, Ken Crumpler, Alonzo Jones, Tommy Nobles, Richard Mahone, Gerald Miley and Kenneth Davis.

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0756 - Oxbow Creek Golf Course Fd	099 - Government Wide Revenue	1999 - Government Wide Revenue	4542	Operations - Golf Course	47,875.88	347,306.68	347,306.68	403,000.00	55,693.32	13.82%
			4543	Golf Range Fees	5,880.69	46,112.13	46,112.13	32,637.00	(13,475.13)	-41.29%
			4544	Snack Bar- Golf Course	12,000.07	53,392.25	53,392.25	28,363.00	(25,029.25)	-88.25%
			4582	Sale Of Merchandise	9,749.52	58,496.00	58,496.00	31,000.00	(27,496.00)	-88.70%
			4842	Vendors Comp. - Sales Tax	108.76	1,134.10	1,134.10	0.00	(1,134.10)	0.00%
			4931	Transfer In-General Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	100.00%
Total For Unit 1999 - Government Wide Revenue					75,614.92	506,441.16	506,441.16	595,000.00	88,558.84	14.88%
Total For Department 099 - Government Wide Revenue					75,614.92	506,441.16	506,441.16	595,000.00	88,558.84	14.88%

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Fund 0756 - Oxbow Creek Golf Course Fd
 Department 590 - Miscellaneous
 Unit 3000 - Non-Categorical
 Appropriation 3178 - OXBOW CREEK

Object	Object Name	Current Period Expenditures	YTD Pre-Encumbrances	YTD Encumbrances	YTD Expenditures	YTD Total Obligations	Budgeted Amount	Budget Balance Unobligated	Unobligated
6810	Cost Allocation Services	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,226.50	9,226.50	12,302.00	3,075.50	25.00%
6843	Allocated Workers Comp Costs	649.92	0.00	0.00	7,149.12	7,149.12	7,799.00	649.88	8.33%
Total For Appropriation 3178		649.92	0.00	0.00	16,375.62	16,375.62	20,101.00	3,725.38	18.53%
Total For Unit 3000		649.92	0.00	0.00	16,375.62	16,375.62	20,101.00	3,725.38	18.53%
Total For Department 590		649.92	0.00	0.00	16,375.62	16,375.62	20,101.00	3,725.38	18.53%

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Fund 0756 - Oxbow Creek Golf Course Fd
Department 640 - Oxbow Creek Golf Course
Unit 2100 - Oxbow Creek Pro Shop
Appropriation 0181 - OXBOW CREEK - PRO SHOP

Object	Object Name	Current Period Expenditures	YTD Pre-Encumbrances	YTD Encumbrances	YTD Expenditures	YTD Obligations	Total Obligations	Budgeted Amount	Budget Balance Unobligated	Unobligated
6105	Salaries-General Government	17,174.44	0.00	0.00	127,104.78	127,104.78	106,658.00	(20,446.78)	-19.17%	
6110	Wages	4,850.55	0.00	0.00	41,124.45	41,124.45	39,348.00	(1,776.45)	-4.51%	
6115	Overtime Pay	651.91	0.00	0.00	4,667.58	4,667.58	0.00	(4,667.58)	0.00%	
6170	Sick Leave - GG	1.53	0.00	0.00	1,455.23	1,455.23	0.00	(1,455.23)	0.00%	
6172	Vacation Leave GG	477.78	0.00	0.00	1,859.13	1,859.13	0.00	(1,859.13)	0.00%	
6174	Other Leave GG	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,213.44	2,213.44	0.00	(2,213.44)	0.00%	
6205	Fica Contributions	1,726.08	0.00	0.00	13,610.76	13,610.76	11,170.00	(2,440.76)	-21.85%	
6210	Employer Retirement Cont-GG	1,075.55	0.00	0.00	7,972.06	7,972.06	9,035.00	1,062.94	11.76%	
6220	Group Health Insurance	1,600.01	0.00	0.00	12,000.02	12,000.02	22,100.00	10,099.98	45.70%	
6225	Group Life Insurance	83.69	0.00	0.00	636.83	636.83	722.00	85.17	11.80%	
6235	Unused Sick Leave	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,105.96	1,105.96	1,000.00	(105.96)	-10.60%	
6643	Local Milieage Reimbursement	27.25	0.00	0.00	367.66	367.66	0.00	(367.66)	0.00%	
Total For Appropriation 0181		27,668.79	0.00	0.00	214,117.90	214,117.90	190,033.00	(24,084.90)	-12.67%	

Fund	Department	Unit	Appropriation	Object	Object Name	Current Period Expenditures	YTD Pre-Encumbrances	YTD Encumbrances	YTD Expenditures	YTD Total Obligations	Budgeted Current Amount	Budget Balance Unobligated	Unobligated
0756	Oxbow Creek Golf Course Fd			6315	Consulting	0.00	0.00	2,600.00	23,400.00	26,000.00	0.00	(26,000.00)	0.00%
	640 - Oxbow Creek Golf Course			6319	Contractual Services	6,020.40	0.00	0.00	17,779.86	17,779.86	12,000.00	(5,779.86)	-48.17%
	2100 - Oxbow Creek Pro Shop			6521	Building Maintenance & Repair	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	100.00%
	3158 - OXBOW CREEK - PRO SHOP			6621	Telephone	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	100.00%
				6626	Newspaper/Periodic al Advertisi	0.00	0.00	0.00	426.71	426.71	3,500.00	3,073.29	87.81%
				6629	Cable	143.54	0.00	0.00	1,138.56	1,138.56	0.00	(1,138.56)	0.00%
				6631	Printing Services	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	100.00%
				6632	Copier Charges	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	100.00%
				6657	Membership Dues And Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	472.00	472.00	2,000.00	1,528.00	76.40%
				6711	Office Supplies	58.46	0.00	0.00	459.93	459.93	1,500.00	1,040.07	69.34%
				6728	Operating Materials	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,485.82	9,485.82	2,500.00	(6,985.82)	-279.43%
				6742	Water	72.02	0.00	0.00	1,517.37	1,517.37	700.00	(817.37)	-116.77%
				6743	Electricity	439.37	0.00	0.00	11,756.91	11,756.91	4,000.00	(7,756.91)	-193.92%
				6761	Merchandise For Redistribution	2,738.03	0.00	0.00	51,624.28	51,624.28	81,081.00	29,456.72	36.33%
				6771	Food	7,389.57	0.00	0.00	29,211.83	29,211.83	26,000.00	(3,211.83)	-12.35%
				Total For Appropriation 3158		16,861.39	0.00	2,600.00	147,273.27	149,873.27	137,281.00	(12,592.27)	-9.17%
				Total For Unit 2100		44,530.18	0.00	2,600.00	361,391.17	363,991.17	327,314.00	(36,677.17)	-11.21%

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 Department 640 - Oxbow Creek Golf Course
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 Appropriation 0182 - OXBOW CREEK - MAINTENANCE

Object	Object Name	Current Period Expenditures	YTD Pre-Encumbrances	YTD Encumbrances	YTD Expenditures	YTD Total Obligations	Budgeted Amount	Current Budgeted Amount	Budget Balance Unobligated	Unobligated
6110	Wages	10,751.73	0.00	0.00	83,106.58	83,106.58	96,656.00	13,549.42	14.02%	
6115	Overtime Pay	738.72	0.00	0.00	5,080.57	5,080.57	0.00	(5,080.57)	0.00%	
6170	Sick Leave - GG	0.00	0.00	0.00	827.80	827.80	0.00	(827.80)	0.00%	
6172	Vacation Leave GG	0.00	0.00	0.00	168.80	168.80	0.00	(168.80)	0.00%	
6174	Other Leave GG	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,655.60	1,655.60	0.00	(1,655.60)	0.00%	
6205	Fica Contributions	834.82	0.00	0.00	6,657.52	6,657.52	7,394.00	736.48	9.96%	
6210	Employer Retirement Conf-GG	718.15	0.00	0.00	5,279.35	5,279.35	5,982.00	702.65	11.75%	
6220	Group Health Insurance	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	11,000.00	11,000.00	13,000.00	2,000.00	15.38%	
6225	Group Life Insurance	24.62	0.00	0.00	188.23	188.23	478.00	289.77	60.62%	
Total For Appropriation 0182		14,068.04	0.00	0.00	113,964.45	113,964.45	123,510.00	9,545.55	7.73%	

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Fund 0756 - Oxbow Creek Golf Course Fd
 Department 640 - Oxbow Creek Golf Course
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Appropriation 3171 - OXBOW CREEK - MAINTENANCE

Object	Object Name	Current Period Expenditures	YTD Pre-Encumbrances	YTD Encumbrances	YTD Expenditures	YTD Obligations	Total Obligations	Budgeted Amount	Budget Balance Unobligated	Unobligated
6319	Contractual Services	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,592.00	2,592.00		0.00	(2,592.00)	0.00%
6521	Building Maintenance & Repair	0.00	0.00	0.00	275.00	275.00		500.00	225.00	45.00%
6543	Equipment Rental/Lease	1,926.64	0.00	0.00	31,827.07	31,827.07		39,000.00	7,172.93	18.39%
6577	Parks Maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,959.40	3,959.40		1,500.00	(2,459.40)	-163.96%
6601	Education/Training	0.00	0.00	0.00	238.83	238.83		500.00	261.17	52.23%
6641	Travel, Schools & Conferences	0.00	0.00	0.00	645.55	645.55		500.00	(145.55)	-29.11%
6657	Membership Dues And Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		1,000.00	1,000.00	100.00%
6673	State Inmate Wages	264.00	0.00	0.00	5,358.00	5,358.00		4,000.00	(1,358.00)	-33.95%
6721	Auto Parts And Supplies	1,096.01	0.00	0.00	9,338.42	9,338.42		10,000.00	661.58	6.62%
6727	Horticulture/Landscape ping Suppl	1,278.23	0.00	0.00	27,523.95	27,523.95		29,000.00	1,476.05	5.09%
6728	Operating Materials	2,493.51	0.00	0.00	15,514.74	15,514.74		14,000.00	(1,514.74)	-10.82%
6743	Electricity	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,092.34	3,092.34		8,075.00	4,982.66	61.70%
6746	Motor Fuel	1,659.02	0.00	0.00	15,797.37	15,797.37		11,000.00	(4,797.37)	-43.61%
Total For Appropriation 3171		8,717.41	0.00	0.00	116,162.67	116,162.67		119,075.00	2,912.33	2.45%

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Department	640 - Oxbow Creek Golf Course													
Unit	2200 - Oxbow Creek Maintenance													
Appropriation	6152 - OXBOW CREEK MAINT													
Object	Object Name	Current Period Expenditures	YTD Pre-Encumbrances	YTD Encumbrances	YTD Expenditures	YTD Obligations	Total Obligations	Budgeted Amount	Budget Balance Unobligated	Unobligated				
7721	Automobiles	0.00	0.00	43,182.00	0.00	43,182.00	43,182.00	43,182.00	0.00	0.00%				
7762	Other Equipment	2,895.00	0.00	0.00	2,895.00	2,895.00	2,895.00	5,000.00	2,105.00	42.10%				
Total For Appropriation 6152		2,895.00	0.00	43,182.00	2,895.00	46,077.00	46,077.00	48,182.00	2,105.00	4.37%				
Total For Unit 2200		25,680.45	0.00	43,182.00	233,022.12	276,204.12	290,767.00	14,562.88	5.01%					
Total For Department 640		70,210.63	0.00	45,782.00	594,413.29	640,195.29	618,081.00	(22,114.29)	-3.58%					
Total For Fund 0756		70,860.55	0.00	45,782.00	610,788.91	656,570.91	638,182.00	(18,388.91)	-2.88%					

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0755 - Bull Creek Golf Course Fd	099 - Government Wide Revenue	1999 - Government Wide Revenue	4541	Golf Course Handicap Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	100.00%
			4542	Operations - Golf Course	276,429.92	1,523,245.08	1,523,245.08	1,500,000.00	(23,245.08)	-1.56%
			4543	Golf Range Fees	9,526.33	41,512.61	41,512.61	41,000.00	(512.61)	-1.25%
			4544	Snack Bar- Golf Course	61,269.75	256,920.94	256,920.94	170,000.00	(86,920.94)	-51.13%
			4582	Sale Of Merchandise	41,215.96	194,218.94	194,218.94	185,000.00	(9,218.94)	-4.98%
			4681	Fee Based Program Fees	35.00	1,530.00	1,530.00	5,000.00	3,470.00	69.40%
			4802	Donations	8,575.37	24,863.09	24,863.09	0.00	(24,863.09)	0.00%
			4840	Rebates	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	100.00%
			4842	Vendors Comp. - Sales Tax	189.28	1,709.50	1,709.50	1,500.00	(209.50)	-13.97%
			4931	Transfer In-General Fund	0.00	166,000.00	166,000.00	166,000.00	0.00	0.00%
			Total For Unk 1999 - Government Wide Revenue		397,241.61	2,210,000.16	2,210,000.16	2,081,000.00	(129,000.16)	-6.20%
			Total For Department 099 - Government Wide Revenue		397,241.61	2,210,000.16	2,210,000.16	2,081,000.00	(129,000.16)	-6.20%

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 Department 590 - Miscellaneous
 Unit 3000 - Non-Categorical
 Appropriation 3157 - NON-CATEGORICAL OXBOW CREEK

Object	Object Name	Current Period Expenditures	YTD Pre-Encumbrances	YTD Encumbrances	YTD Expenditures	YTD Obligations	Total Obligations	Budgeted Amount	Budget Balance Unobligated	Unobligated
6810	Cost Allocation Services	0.00	0.00	0.00	26,336.25	26,336.25	26,336.25	35,115.00	8,778.75	25.00%
6843	Allocated Workers Comp Costs	1,191.58	0.00	0.00	13,107.38	13,107.38	13,107.38	14,299.00	1,191.62	8.33%
Total For Appropriation 3157		1,191.58	0.00	0.00	39,443.63	39,443.63	39,443.63	49,414.00	9,970.37	20.18%
Total For Unit 3000		1,191.58	0.00	0.00	39,443.63	39,443.63	39,443.63	49,414.00	9,970.37	20.18%
Total For Department 590		1,191.58	0.00	0.00	39,443.63	39,443.63	39,443.63	49,414.00	9,970.37	20.18%

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 Department 630 - Bull Creek
 Unit 2100 - Bull Creek Golf Course Mainten
 Appropriation 0208 - BULL CRK GOLF -MAINTENANCE

Object	Object Name	Current Period Expenditures	YTD Pre-Encumbrances	YTD Encumbrances	YTD Expenditures	Total Obligations	Budgeted Amount	Budget Balance Unobligated	Unobligated
6105	Salaries-General Government	18,374.10	0.00	0.00	150,798.07	150,798.07	159,242.00	8,443.93	5.30%
6110	Wages	28,441.86	0.00	0.00	196,866.13	196,866.13	283,741.00	86,874.87	30.62%
6115	Overtime Pay	2,158.41	0.00	0.00	13,786.41	13,786.41	13,000.00	(786.41)	-6.05%
6170	Sick Leave - GG	206.44	0.00	0.00	9,612.33	9,612.33	0.00	(9,612.33)	0.00%
6172	Vacation Leave GG	578.28	0.00	0.00	9,712.17	9,712.17	0.00	(9,712.17)	0.00%
6174	Other Leave GG	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,332.62	10,332.62	0.00	(10,332.62)	0.00%
6205	Fica Contributions	3,594.34	0.00	0.00	28,975.41	28,975.41	33,888.00	4,912.59	14.50%
6210	Employer Retirement Cont-GG	3,110.01	0.00	0.00	22,463.57	22,463.57	27,413.00	4,949.43	18.06%
6220	Group Health Insurance	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	36,750.00	36,750.00	52,000.00	15,250.00	29.33%
6225	Group Life Insurance	237.99	0.00	0.00	1,767.98	1,767.98	2,193.00	425.02	19.38%
6235	Unused Sick Leave	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,004.87	3,004.87	0.00	(3,004.87)	0.00%
Total For Appropriation 0208		61,701.43	0.00	0.00	484,069.56	484,069.56	571,477.00	87,407.44	15.30%

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 Appropriation 3207 - BULL CREEK MAINTENANCE

Object	Object Name	Current Period Expenditures	YTD Pre-Encumbrances	YTD Encumbrances	YTD Expenditures	YTD Total Obligations	Budgeted Amount	Budget Balance Unobligated	Unobligated
6519	Miscellaneous Equipment Maintn	14,515.08	0.00	0.00	16,489.86	16,489.86	4,000.00	(12,489.86)	-312.25%
6521	Building Maintenance & Repair	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,317.51	3,317.51	5,500.00	2,182.49	39.68%
6530	Vehicle Repairs/Accidents	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	100.00%
6543	Equipment Rental/Lease	8,585.81	0.00	0.00	138,863.96	138,863.96	184,000.00	45,136.04	24.53%
6577	Parks Maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00	27,764.17	27,764.17	32,000.00	4,235.83	13.24%
6621	Telephone	0.00	0.00	0.00	676.70	676.70	1,000.00	323.30	32.33%
6641	Travel, Schools & Conferences	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	100.00%
6657	Membership Dues And Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,030.00	1,030.00	1,000.00	(30.00)	-3.00%
6673	State Inmate Wages	660.00	0.00	0.00	13,698.00	13,698.00	12,000.00	(1,698.00)	-14.15%
6721	Auto Parts And Supplies	1,555.87	0.00	0.00	50,420.77	50,420.77	40,000.00	(10,420.77)	-26.05%
6727	Horticulture/Landscape ping Suppl	6,243.48	0.00	0.00	87,684.39	87,684.39	147,233.00	59,548.61	40.45%
6728	Operating Materials	1,339.49	0.00	0.00	53,556.75	54,659.75	40,000.00	(14,659.75)	-36.65%
6743	Electricity	3,078.94	0.00	0.00	62,549.12	62,549.12	35,000.00	(27,549.12)	-78.71%
6746	Motor Fuel	3,524.48	0.00	0.00	42,669.61	42,669.61	40,000.00	(2,669.61)	-6.67%
Total For Appropriation 3207		39,503.15	0.00	0.00	498,720.84	499,823.84	547,733.00	47,909.16	8.75%

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 Appropriation 6208 - BULL CREEK OPERATIONS

Object	Object Name	Current Period Expenditures	YTD Pre-Encumbrances	YTD Encumbrances	YTD Expenditures	YTD Total Obligations	Budgeted Current Amount	Budget Balance Unobligated	Unobligated
7721	Automobiles	0.00	0.00	43,182.00	0.00	43,182.00	43,182.00	0.00	0.00%
Total For Appropriation 6208		0.00	0.00	43,182.00	0.00	43,182.00	43,182.00	0.00	0.00%
Total For Unit 2100		101,204.58	0.00	44,285.00	982,790.40	1,027,075.40	1,162,392.00	135,316.60	11.64%

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0755	630 - Bull Creek	2200 - Bull Creek Golf Course Operati	0209 - BULL CRK GOLF -OPERATIONS	6105	Salaries-General Government	30,008.67	0.00	0.00	226,054.16	226,054.16	226,054.16	200,339.00	200,339.00	(25,715.16)	-12.84%
				6110	Wages	8,251.85	0.00	0.00	73,780.46	73,780.46	73,780.46	36,306.00	36,306.00	(37,474.46)	-103.22%
				6115	Overtime Pay	514.97	0.00	0.00	1,360.02	1,360.02	1,360.02	0.00	0.00	(1,360.02)	0.00%
				6170	Sick Leave - GG	6.15	0.00	0.00	10.25	10.25	10.25	0.00	0.00	(10.25)	0.00%
				6172	Vacation Leave GG	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.12	5.12	5.12	0.00	0.00	(5.12)	0.00%
				6174	Other Leave GG	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
				6205	Fica Contributions	3,005.71	0.00	0.00	23,788.16	23,788.16	23,788.16	18,409.00	18,409.00	(5,379.16)	-29.22%
				6210	Employer Retirement Cont-GG	1,098.58	0.00	0.00	10,041.80	10,041.80	10,041.80	16,050.00	16,050.00	6,008.20	37.43%
				6220	Group Health Insurance	399.99	0.00	0.00	5,249.98	5,249.98	5,249.98	29,900.00	29,900.00	24,650.02	82.44%
				6225	Group Life Insurance	101.47	0.00	0.00	892.95	892.95	892.95	1,284.00	1,284.00	391.05	30.46%
				6235	Unused Sick Leave	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,138.14	1,138.14	1,138.14	0.00	0.00	(1,138.14)	0.00%
				6267	Car Allowance	648.00	0.00	0.00	5,144.00	5,144.00	5,144.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	(1,144.00)	-28.60%
				Total For Appropriation 0209		44,035.39	0.00	0.00	347,465.04	347,465.04	347,465.04	306,288.00	306,288.00	(41,177.04)	-13.44%

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0755	630 - Bull Creek	2200 - Bull Creek Golf Course Operati	3208 - BULL CREEK OPERATIONS	6315	Consulting	0.00	0.00	30,000.00	50,000.00	80,000.00	80,000.00	0.00	0.00%
				6317	Proportion/Advertisin g Services	0.00	0.00	0.00	965.50	965.50	35,000.00	34,034.50	97.24%
				6319	Contractual Services	7,440.16	0.00	0.00	55,829.87	55,829.87	45,000.00	(10,829.87)	-24.07%
				6519	Miscellaneous Equipment Maintn	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,837.00	2,837.00	2,000.00	(837.00)	-41.85%
				6521	Building Maintenance & Repair	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,609.64	1,609.64	5,000.00	3,390.36	67.81%
				6543	Equipment Rental/Lease	0.00	0.00	0.00	199.99	199.99	2,500.00	2,300.01	92.00%
				6601	Education/Training	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	100.00%
				6621	Telephone	0.00	0.00	0.00	779.67	779.67	7,000.00	6,220.33	88.86%
				6622	Mobile Phone/Service	83.39	0.00	0.00	1,744.97	1,744.97	500.00	(1,244.97)	-248.99%
				6625	Postage	0.00	0.00	0.00	152.54	152.54	200.00	47.46	23.73%
				6631	Printing Services	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,156.46	3,136.46	2,500.00	(636.46)	-25.46%
				6632	Copier Charges	0.00	0.00	0.00	27.70	27.70	700.00	672.30	96.04%
				6641	Travel,Schools & Conferences	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,519.92	1,519.92	2,500.00	980.08	39.20%
				6643	Local Mileage Reimbursement	109.03	0.00	0.00	1,643.09	1,643.09	4,000.00	2,356.91	58.92%
				6656	Handicap Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,740.00	1,740.00	1,000.00	(740.00)	-74.00%
				6657	Membership Dues And Fees	0.99	0.00	0.00	3,127.20	3,127.20	1,500.00	(1,627.20)	-108.48%
				6699	Other Purchased Services	0.00	0.00	0.00	58.99	58.99	500.00	441.01	88.20%
				6711	Office Supplies	226.36	0.00	0.00	681.94	681.94	1,700.00	1,018.06	59.89%
				6721	Auto Parts And Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,926.83	2,926.83	3,500.00	573.17	16.38%
				6728	Operating Materials	10,883.36	0.00	0.00	56,209.79	56,209.79	17,188.00	(39,021.79)	-227.03%

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 Unit 2200 - Bull Creek Golf Course Operati
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Object	Object Name	Current Period Expenditures	YTD Pre-Encumbrances	YTD Encumbrances	YTD Expenditures	YTD Obligations	Total Obligations	Budgeted Amount	Budget Balance Unobligated	Unobligated
6742	Water	599.41	0.00	0.00	9,590.68	9,590.68	5,500.00	(4,090.68)	-74.38%	
6743	Electricity	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,822.49	2,822.49	25,000.00	22,177.51	88.71%	
6746	Motor Fuel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	300.00	100.00%	
6761	Merchandise For Redistribution	4,291.57	0.00	0.00	129,952.57	129,952.57	141,000.00	11,047.43	7.84%	
6771	Food	27,539.37	0.00	0.00	178,049.51	178,049.51	135,000.00	(43,049.51)	-31.89%	
Total For Appropriation 3208		51,173.64	0.00	30,000.00	505,606.35	535,606.35	520,088.00	(15,518.35)	-2.98%	
Total For Unit 2200		95,209.03	0.00	30,000.00	853,071.39	883,071.39	826,376.00	(56,695.39)	-6.86%	

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Fund	Department	Unit	Revenue Source	Revenue Source Name	Current Period Revenue	YTD Revenue	YTD Cash Collected	Current Revenue Budget	Unrecognized Revenue Budget	Percent
0755 - Bull Creek Golf Course Fd	630 - Bull Creek	2300 - Godwin Creek Golf Course	4542	Operations - Golf Course	0.00	18,236.91	18,236.91	0.00	(18,236.91)	0.00%
			4582	Sale Of Merchandise	0.00	4,191.51	4,191.51	0.00	(4,191.51)	0.00%
Total For Unit 2300 - Godwin Creek Golf Course					0.00	22,428.42	22,428.42	0.00	(22,428.42)	0.00%
Total For Department 630 - Bull Creek					0.00	22,428.42	22,428.42	0.00	(22,428.42)	0.00%
Total For Fund 0755 - Bull Creek Golf Course Fd					397,241.61	2,232,428.58	2,232,428.58	2,081,000.00	(151,428.58)	-7.28%

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 Department 630 - Bull Creek
 Unit 2300 - Godwin Creek Golf Course
 Appropriation 0210 - GODWIN CREEK

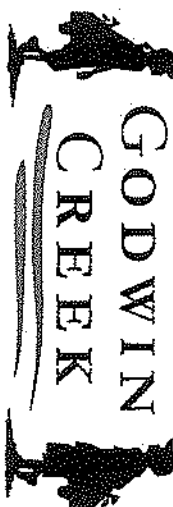
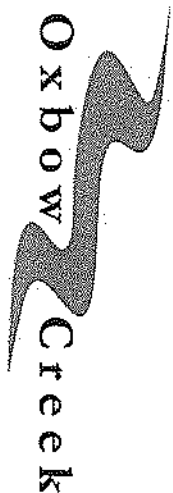
Object	Object Name	Current Period Expenditures	YTD Pre-Encumbrances	YTD Encumbrances	YTD Expenditures	YTD Obligations	Total Obligations	Current Budgeted Amount	Budget Balance Unobligated	Unobligated
6110	Wages	2,700.00	0.00	0.00	9,450.00	9,450.00	9,450.00	41,337.00	31,887.00	77.14%
6205	Fica Contributions	206.55	0.00	0.00	722.93	722.93	722.93	3,163.00	2,440.07	77.14%
Total For Appropriation 0210		2,906.55	0.00	0.00	10,172.93	10,172.93	10,172.93	44,500.00	34,327.07	77.14%

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 Department 630 - Bull Creek
 Unit 2300 - Godwin Creek Golf Course
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Object	Object Name	Current Period Expenditures	YTD Pre-Encumbrances	YTD Encumbrances	YTD Expenditures	YTD Total Obligations	Budgeted Amount	Budget Balance Unobligated	Unobligated
6311	Professional Services	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	600.00	600.00	100.00%
6319	Contractual Services	25.00	0.00	0.00	6,429.70	6,429.70	2,850.00	(3,579.70)	-125.60%
6521	Building Maintenance & Repair	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,575.00	1,575.00	100.00%
6543	Equipment Rental/Lease	882.66	0.00	0.00	1,622.46	1,622.46	5,500.00	3,877.54	70.50%
6601	Education/Training	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	400.00	400.00	100.00%
6622	Mobile Phone/Service	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,250.00	1,250.00	100.00%
6641	Travel, Schools & Conferences	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	250.00	250.00	100.00%
6721	Auto Parts And Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,250.00	1,250.00	100.00%
6727	Horticultural/Landscape Suppl	0.00	0.00	0.00	23.56	23.56	6,250.00	6,226.44	99.62%
6728	Operating Materials	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,777.02	2,777.02	3,250.00	472.98	14.55%
6742	Water	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,875.00	4,875.00	100.00%
6743	Electricity	0.00	0.00	0.00	55.54	55.54	5,950.00	5,894.46	99.07%
6746	Motor Fuel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,750.00	2,750.00	100.00%
6761	Merchandise For Redistribution	2,550.00	0.00	0.00	2,550.00	2,550.00	3,000.00	450.00	15.00%
6771	Food	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,750.00	1,750.00	100.00%
Total For Appropriation 3262		3,457.66	0.00	0.00	13,458.28	13,458.28	41,500.00	28,041.72	67.57%
Total For Unit 2300		6,364.21	0.00	0.00	23,631.21	23,631.21	86,000.00	62,368.79	72.52%
Total For Department 630		202,777.82	0.00	74,285.00	1,859,493.00	1,933,778.00	2,074,768.00	140,990.00	6.80%
Total For Fund 0755		203,969.40	0.00	74,285.00	1,898,936.63	1,973,221.63	2,124,182.00	150,960.37	7.11%



Golf Director Report-Tuesday, June 25, 2024, submitted by Jim Arendt

Updates:

- Nikki Siter report-
- Reserves – as of 6/22/2024
 - Bull Creek-\$601,363.57
 - Oxbow Creek-(\$99,351.80)
- Rate changes have been posted
- Have requested an update on Golf Course SPLOST items-report pending
- Honorary Designation Application made by Stephanie Callahan/Jason Crowson (see attached)
- Parking lot update- Engineering recommendation
- Current VP of Georgia PGA South Chapter- resigning this position
- Department of Labor – new requirements, impact
- Recent outings
 - Smith’s Station Athletics
 - Mobility Worldwide
 - TSYS
 - Georgia Police & Fire Games
 - Ranger 75th Special Troop Battalion
 - Purple & Gold
 - Veteran Golfer Association

City of Columbus, GAHonorary Designation Application

(Please Print or Type)

APPLICANT NAME: Jason Crowson / Stephanie Callahan

PHONE NUMBER: 706-681-0529 / 706-587-3224

ADDRESS: 5245 Ray Drive Columbus, GA 31904

NAME OF HONOREE: Richard Callahan, Sr.
(AS IT WOULD APPEAR ON SIGN OR FACILITY):LIVING OR DECEASED
(CIRCLE ONE)

REQUESTED LOCATION: Godwin Creek Golf Course

TYPE OF TRIBUTE OR REMEMBRANCE: Stone with Bronze plaque & Marble Bench

CRITERIA FOR DESIGNATION

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA, WHICH ARE USED IN THE EVALUATION FOR EACH REQUEST FOR AN HONORARY DESIGNATION. USE ADDITIONAL PAPER IF REQUIRED. IN ADDITION, HONOREE MUST BE OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER.

HISTORICAL AND/OR CULTURAL INFLUENCE OF THE HONOREE ON THE CITY:

Historical influence of volunteering for over 13 years overseeing the only year-round Jr. Golf program serving all surrounding counties to include Muscogee, Russell County, Harris County and Marion County. Historically the area of Godwin was considered underserved lacking any culture and even frowned upon by some families before Richard pushed to assure parents this was a safe environment for kids of all ages to learn core values that could be used on and off the course. Richard showed generations of players a hidden jewel unknown to many -that was Godwin Creek.

PROVIDE PROOF OF SIGNIFICANT LINEAGE OR FAMILY TIES TO THE CITY:

The only proof of the family lineage/and or ties to our city would be recorded in Golf Authority records when we worked with John Milam taking over from where the First Tee program had to dissolve due to financial difficulty prior to 2011. The utilities were turned off and payments had to be hand delivered for a couple of years before we officially established a nonprofit called Fore Kids to fundraise and maintain the course. It was important to Richard to never take a salary for his efforts to save Godwin Creek for the future use for kids of all demographics. He was committed to serving the youth of our community out of the kindness of his heart never once turning a single child away.

ESTABLISH CLEAR GEOGRAPHICAL RELATIONSHIP TO THE AREA OR PLACE OF INTEREST OF THE HONOREE:

Richard's son (Andy) began playing at Godwin Creek in 2007 and there were clear signs that this establishment was about to close its doors and because this was in his very own 'backyard' he wanted to save it for not only his child but for the many other kids that might not have been given the same opportunity and resources to learn the game and learn life lessons of giving back to your own community through community service and passing down good values. Richard was looked up to by many but never looked down on anyone -- he set the bar very high for future volunteers looking to 'make a difference' and not a profit.

CLEARLY DEFINED COMMUNITY OR PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION MADE BY THE HONOREE:

If it were not for Richard giving the last 15 years of his life to Godwin Creek at no expense to the city or any other organization, the of Jr. Golf as we know it today would not be what it is. The players and their families have showered him for over a decade with gifts of love and adoration because they knew he wouldn't accept anything other than smiles, high fives and 'ada boys' for his contribution. To define it you would have to reach out to the many local PGA pros, High School Coaches, players, families and caddies across our state that came through the doors of Godwin Creek. Or you might find it in Golf Authority minutes from when his wife Stephanie Callahan was allowed to report to John Milam -- who at one time asked if Richard would also consider Oxbow for the Jr. Program.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: James L. Cannon

DATE: 6-11-2024

Send this completed application to the Deputy Clerk of Council at mclmore.lindsey@columbusga.org

For questions, please contact the Clerk of Council's office at (706) 653-4013.

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Date application was received by the Clerk of Council: _____

Date application was submitted to the appropriate City Department to verify any conflicts for the placement of the tribute or remembrance and the requested honorary designation: _____

Date response received from the City Department: _____

Any conflicts identified: YES _____ NO _____

If so, give explanation and contact requestor: _____

Total cost associated with request: _____

Date listed on Clerk of Council's agenda for the consideration of Council: _____

Date reviewed by the Board of Honor: _____

Official action taken: _____

Upon approval from the Board of Honor, date resolution or ordinance listed for adoption by Council: _____

Resolution No. _____

Ordinance No. _____

Additional Notes: _____



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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Commissioners Present: Lauren Becker, Chair; Jamie Waters, Vice Chair; Miles Greathouse, Secretary/Treasurer; Sherricka Day (Zoom), Dan Gilbert, Pace Halter, and Michelle Spivey,

Commissioners Absent: Amy Bryan, Peter Jones, and Mayor Skip Henderson

Special Invitees Present: Merri Sherman, Haley Tillery, and Ed Wolverton

Staff Present: Peter Bowden, Kim Gonzalez, Lacy Harden, Ashley Woitena

Call to Order.....Lauren Becker

- The May 2024 meeting was called to order by Lauren Becker at 4:01pm.
- Ms. Becker introduced special guests David Allred and Maghen Barranco with Stamp Advertising.

Secretary Treasurer Report.....Miles Greathouse

- Miles Greathouse presented the consent agenda -- minutes for the March and April 2024 meetings, as well as financials for March and April 2024. He asked if there were any questions or discussion. There being none, a motion was made by Dan Gilbert to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Jamie Waters. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

Chair Report.....Lauren Becker

- Ms. Becker asked the Board, that in anticipation of summer travel schedules, should the July 2024 meeting be moved or canceled. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Miles Greathouse to forgo the July 2024 meeting, seconded by Michelle Spivey. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.
- The Board was informed that representative from Digital Edge would attend the June 20, 2024, meeting to provide an update and performance on the meetings and conventions campaign.
- Ms. Becker continued by explaining staff was aware of and watching the pending overtime legislative policy. If passed, it would not initially affect any of the employees, but may have to be addressed later in fiscal 2025.
- In celebration of National Travel & Tourism Week, the Board was invited to participate in the free lunches staff had planned. The meals are possible from a partnership with Frank’s Alley. The goals are two fold 1) to “lift up” the hospitality industry – hotel staff, attraction operators, etc. for their contributions and work

and 2) make the community aware of the importance of tourism as an economic development driver. The meals will be served May 22, 23, and 24.

President’s Report.....Peter Bowden

- Ms. Becker then turned the meeting over to Peter Bowden. He began by providing a series of follow-ups from the April Board Meeting
 - o Great Wolfe Lodge Louisiana out of market attendance. Staff research suggested the Louisiana presence was possibly an anomaly due to a convention or sporting event. Staff asked if a reoccurrence was observed to report this and more data would be collected.
 - o Revenue vs. Expense. The report detailed 30-day, 60-day, 90-day, and 6-month operating budgets. After some discussion, a motion was made by Pace Halter to maintain a 90-day operating budget as reserve. The motion was seconded by Miles Greathouse. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.
 - o Photobank – staff continues its research to identify a platform suitable for sharing across various Columbus organization for the storage and use of photography and video assets. Once a platform is selected, VisitColumbus will license the platform and make it available to partners/stakeholders at no cost.
- Mr. Bowden then turned the meeting over to representatives from Stamp Advertising -- David Allred and Maghen Barranco, provided a case study of VisitColumbus’ advertising investment over time, the results and how the organization continued to invest in advertising and promotion and its similarities with revenue; that as funds grew, so did the investment in advertising and promotion; with noticeable return on investment. The report included advertising spend to revenue for fiscal years 2019-current.

Adjournment.....Lauren Becker

With no further business, Ms. Becker adjourned the meeting at 4:50pm.

BOARD MINUTES
OF THE
HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA
February 27, 2024

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of the Hospital Authority of Columbus, Georgia (HAC) was held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, February 27, 2024. The meeting was held in the conference room at Ridgecrest on Stevens Lane 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 Banks-Lang, members Mike Welch, Dr. John Kingsbury, Warner Kennon, Jr., Chuck Hecht, Betty Tatum, and Wayne Joiner. 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 Ernie that a quorum was present.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Minutes for the January 30, 2024 Board meeting were reviewed. Chuck moved for their approval and Wayne seconded the motion. The January 2024 Board Minutes were unanimously approved.

BOARD BUSINESS

Jack indicated that Cynthia Jordan expressed a desire to resign from the Board, and Jack asked for nominations to fill her seat. Betty nominated Rev. Tony Floyd and mentioned he recently retired from the Muscogee County Tax Assessor's Office. Betty further mentioned that Rev. Floyd expressed an interest in and willingness to join the Board. Ernie asked that a conference call be scheduled between the Executive Committee and Rev. Floyd. Jack indicated he would arrange the call.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Britt Hayes gave the President's report:

Orchard View: Britt reported that an annual survey was conducted at Orchard View for the first time in two years. Overall, the results of the survey were good, according to Britt. Three issues were cited: an unlocked treatment cart was left outside a unit, a patient's fractured ankle was not reported, and a Covid hotline was not active. Britt explained the unlocked treatment cart is not as serious an issue as an unlocked medicine cart, so this citation was minor. Britt further explained that HAC was aware of the fractured ankle which the resident believed occurred during physical therapy. Only unknown injuries must be reported within two hours, and the fractured ankle was not reported because the cause was considered to be known. As for the Covid hotline, the requirement for a hotline expired prior to the survey and was not cited.

The State Fire Marshall conducted a survey at Orchard View. All smoke and fire barriers were inspected, and no issues were discovered. Four issues were cited: wood pallets were found on the loading dock where there are no fire sprinklers, the breaker for the enunciator panel was missing a screw to prevent turn-off, three riser gauges were installed in 2018 (which is more than five years), and the soiled linen bins were too large. Britt reported that a contractor has inspected

the loading dock and sprinklers will be installed for \$1,100. The missing screw was replaced for \$9, and Britt is working to address the linen bin issue per applicable regulations. Britt commented the linen bins are properly located in a locked, ventilated room equipped with fire sprinklers.

The complaint survey completed at Orchard View reviewed four complaints, all of which were determined to be unsubstantiated.

New Initiatives: Britt reported that he and Rick attended the Annual Convention and met with several vendors. HAC does not currently accept Humana plans because Humana frequently refuses to pay for treatments received by patients. Humana is one of the largest policy providers in Columbus, so Britt and Rick met with Humana representatives to discuss possible terms under which HAC could accept patients with Humana. These discussions did not produce any terms which Britt was comfortable with, but Rick reported Humana suffered significant financial losses recently which might force them to reconsider their terms. Britt also met with Medical Director Services, Inc. and Tapestry Healthcare as potential, alternative providers for HAC. No decisions have been made as to HAC's current Medical Director, but Britt reported he is continuing to monitor HAC's needs and options for any potential improvement. HAC's current therapy contractor has been in place for six years, and Britt is currently engaging in financial discussions with Broad River Rehabilitation to determine if there are any advantages to switching providers. Britt mentioned that HAC's nutrition provider is underserving HAC's needs and Britt is looking into other options including Grace Nutrition Counseling. Ernie recommended looking into hiring a full time Registered Dietician.

Britt reported HAC is currently in a pilot program with Theraworx for injury care. The program includes thirty-days of free supplies and materials. Britt indicated he is also looking into

Dript I.V. Company as an I.V. provider. Sarah recommended that HAC's nurses be trained to use I.V. equipment instead of contracting it out.

HAC's lab provider has been underperforming and Britt is currently in discussions with Aptive DX Labs as an alternative provider. Britt will keep the Board informed of any changes. Britt also indicated that HAC met with Elite Medical Staffing as another potential staffing provider. HAC currently uses seven companies for agency staffing.

According to Britt, there is a state-wide issue with transportation to medical appointments. A new company was founded in Columbus by Chris Jones to address this issue, and Muscogee Manor is a partner to test the new business, which is called 4Ever Young Transportation. The business has two trucks for use, and the first transport from Muscogee Manor to a medical appointment was a success.

Wasserman Group Bond Issuance: Britt reported that Columbus Council approved a \$40 Million bond issuance for construction of a new 109 unit independent living facility. Britt said this new facility is not expected to compete with HAC, but he wanted the Board to be aware in case the bond or construction makes it into the news.

COVID-19 Update: Britt reported that all three facilities are currently in outbreak status, with new cases continuing to rise.

Census Update: Britt reported the census dropped since the last meeting to a total of 259 across all facilities.

Miscellaneous: Rick reported that he met with Medicaid counsel at Hall Booth Smith to get outstanding bills paid, and counsel's request for hearings resulted in the outstanding bills getting approved. Rick also reported HAC's current cash position gives it reserves to cover eight months of operating expenses.

CFO'S REPORT

Rick Alibozek presented the Financial and Statistical Reports.

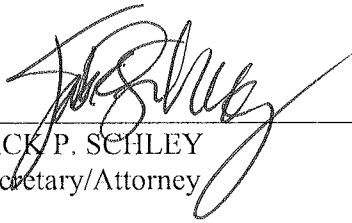
Statistical Report: Attached to these Minutes is the FY 2024 YTD Statistical Report.

Financial Report: Attached to these Minutes is the Hospital Authority of Columbus YTD Consolidated Income Statement through January 31, 2024.


NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at Orchard View.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.



JACK P. SCHLEY
Secretary/Attorney



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
Orchard View														
% Occupancy	67.16%	65.87%	73.31%	66.13%	67.44%	69.52%	71.79%	65.69%	67.65%	64.75%			67.65%	64.75%
Medicaid%	71.64%	73.31%	71.50%	71.50%	69.62%	68.94%	68.43%	71.15%	70.80%	67.57%			70.80%	67.57%
Medicare%	10.66%	6.39%	6.88%	5.29%	5.29%	9.69%	11.59%	9.11%	8.52%	10.32%			8.52%	10.32%
Private %	8.79%	10.31%	10.94%	11.15%	11.15%	9.95%	10.38%	12.52%	10.58%	12.21%			10.58%	12.21%
Hospice %	5.19%	4.80%	5.70%	7.49%	7.49%	6.71%	5.23%	4.69%	5.69%	7.03%			5.69%	7.03%
ADV %	3.72%	5.19%	4.99%	6.46%	6.46%	3.72%	4.36%	2.53%	4.42%	2.87%			4.42%	2.87%
Daily Medicare and ADV Census	19.32	15.26	15.70	15.84	15.84	18.64	22.91	15.29	17.57	17.12			17.57	17.12
Employment (Full Time Equivalents)	182.60	187.28	175.35	176.68	176.68	178.19	169.66	167.04	176.69	173.94			176.69	173.94
Ridgecrest														
% Occupancy	35.79%	32.87%	35.37%	36.41%	36.41%	32.70%	29.03%	31.64%	33.39%	28.46%			33.39%	28.46%
Medicaid%	53.22%	54.32%	52.81%	47.05%	47.05%	42.35%	49.07%	48.18%	49.57%	41.44%			49.57%	41.44%
Medicare%	7.51%	12.97%	16.85%	18.46%	18.46%	17.84%	16.67%	27.67%	16.85%	22.09%			16.85%	22.09%
Private %	28.54%	27.57%	22.92%	20.78%	20.78%	21.84%	24.07%	18.81%	23.50%	24.80%			23.50%	24.80%
Hospice %	0.00%	0.00%	3.93%	3.80%	3.80%	3.64%	3.31%	1.70%	2.34%	4.59%			2.34%	4.59%
ADV %	10.73%	5.14%	3.48%	9.92%	9.92%	14.32%	6.88%	3.64%	7.73%	7.09%			7.73%	7.09%
Daily Medicare and ADV Census	5.49	5.00	6.03	8.68	8.68	8.83	5.74	8.32	6.87	7.00			6.87	7.00
Employment (Full Time Equivalents)	37.42	38.24	31.66	31.45	31.45	34.18	34.24	32.69	34.27	33.48			34.27	33.48
Muscooge Manor														
% Occupancy	51.37%	52.24%	52.45%	52.65%	52.65%	52.21%	50.53%	50.25%	51.67%	54.26%			51.67%	54.26%
Medicaid%	88.82%	89.38%	89.95%	87.40%	87.40%	87.07%	87.13%	88.60%	88.34%	89.86%			88.34%	89.86%
Medicare%	2.98%	2.74%	2.69%	3.28%	3.28%	3.55%	4.85%	4.68%	3.54%	1.98%			3.54%	1.98%
Private %	1.99%	1.95%	0.97%	1.94%	1.94%	1.95%	1.01%	1.02%	1.55%	1.73%			1.55%	1.73%
Hospice %	5.64%	5.92%	6.10%	7.22%	7.22%	7.43%	6.58%	5.70%	6.37%	5.61%			6.37%	5.61%
ADV %	0.58%	0.00%	0.29%	0.16%	0.16%	0.00%	0.42%	0.00%	0.21%	0.83%			0.21%	0.83%
Daily Medicare and ADV Census	3.58	2.81	3.07	3.55	3.55	3.63	5.23	4.61	3.78	3.03			3.78	3.03
Employment (Full Time Equivalents)	143.63	150.43	139.29	134.87	134.87	136.52	123.69	122.86	135.90	124.26			135.90	124.26

HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF COLUIMBUS
12 MONTH MOVING STATISTICAL REPORT

	Jan-24	Dec-23	Nov-23	Oct-23	Sept-23	Aug-23	Jul-23	Jun-23	May-23	Apr-23	Mar-23	Feb-23	Jan-23	13 Mth Average	Prior Year Avg
Orchard View															
% Occupancy	67.16%	65.87%	66.13%	67.44%	69.52%	71.79%	65.69%	66.60%	64.32%	64.70%	66.10%	64.38%	63.37%	66.48%	64.63%
Medicaid%	71.64%	73.31%	71.50%	69.62%	69.94%	68.43%	71.15%	66.82%	67.40%	66.28%	71.79%	63.04%	64.70%	68.89%	67.89%
Medicare%	10.65%	6.39%	6.88%	5.29%	9.69%	11.59%	9.11%	9.81%	9.09%	10.10%	13.03%	12.81%	9.52%	9.54%	10.33%
Private %	8.75%	10.31%	10.94%	11.15%	9.95%	10.38%	12.52%	14.11%	13.71%	12.85%	12.71%	16.02%	13.77%	12.09%	11.88%
Hospice %	5.15%	4.60%	5.70%	7.49%	6.71%	5.23%	4.69%	5.51%	5.86%	5.87%	0.00%	5.43%	5.65%	5.63%	7.08%
ADV %	3.72%	5.19%	4.99%	6.46%	3.72%	4.36%	2.53%	3.75%	3.93%	4.92%	2.46%	1.59%	2.37%	3.85%	2.81%
Daily Medicare and ADV Census	19.32	15.26	15.70	15.84	18.64	22.91	15.29	18.07	16.90	19.44	20.49	18.71	16.90	17.82	17.03
Employment (Full Time Equivalents)	182.60	187.28	175.35	176.68	178.19	169.66	167.04	168.33	169.52	166.73	166.53	169.20	180.11	173.17	175.21
Ridgcrest															
% Occupancy	35.79%	31.07%	35.37%	36.41%	32.70%	29.05%	31.64%	32.74%	29.95%	29.57%	31.12%	31.12%	29.95%	31.00%	28.26%
Medicaid%	53.22%	54.32%	52.81%	47.05%	42.35%	49.07%	48.18%	50.91%	52.58%	45.70%	49.14%	34.15%	44.10%	47.97%	40.10%
Medicare%	7.51%	12.97%	16.85%	20.38%	17.86%	24.07%	21.67%	23.15%	16.28%	23.12%	19.21%	22.13%	22.18%	18.77%	22.81%
Private %	28.54%	27.57%	22.92%	3.80%	3.66%	3.31%	1.70%	19.39%	23.21%	21.37%	24.20%	24.86%	23.85%	23.19%	25.60%
Hospice %	0.00%	0.00%	3.85%	3.80%	3.66%	3.31%	1.70%	0.00%	2.05%	4.03%	0.00%	3.85%	3.97%	2.33%	4.59%
ADV %	10.73%	5.16%	3.48%	9.92%	14.32%	6.88%	3.64%	6.55%	5.90%	5.78%	7.42%	15.03%	5.90%	7.75%	6.90%
Daily Medicare and ADV Census	5.49	5.00	6.03	8.68	8.83	5.74	8.32	8.17	5.58	7.16	6.49	9.72	7.06	7.10	7.07
Employment (Full Time Equivalents)	37.42	38.24	31.66	31.45	34.18	34.24	32.69	34.42	34.91	34.29	34.43	35.01	36.89	34.60	35.59
Mitsogee Manor															
% Occupancy	51.37%	52.24%	52.45%	52.65%	52.21%	50.53%	50.25%	50.61%	52.19%	52.25%	53.80%	55.10%	53.83%	52.34%	54.29%
Medicaid%	88.82%	89.38%	89.95%	87.80%	87.07%	87.13%	88.50%	90.49%	89.25%	89.40%	96.02%	92.05%	88.17%	89.52%	89.95%
Medicare%	2.98%	2.98%	2.69%	3.38%	3.55%	4.85%	4.68%	2.65%	2.14%	1.66%	1.62%	1.37%	1.13%	2.71%	2.06%
Private %	1.99%	1.99%	0.97%	1.94%	1.95%	1.01%	1.02%	1.01%	2.59%	2.87%	2.36%	-0.10%	2.84%	1.72%	1.66%
Hospice %	5.64%	5.92%	6.10%	7.23%	7.43%	6.58%	5.70%	5.85%	6.02%	6.07%	6.28%	6.28%	6.85%	5.82%	5.53%
ADV %	0.58%	0.00%	0.29%	0.16%	0.00%	0.42%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.46%	1.01%	0.23%	0.80%
Daily Medicare and ADV Census	3.58	2.81	3.07	3.55	3.63	5.23	4.61	2.63	2.19	1.73	1.71	1.83	2.25	2.99	3.09
Employment (Full Time Equivalents)	150.63	150.43	139.29	134.87	136.52	123.69	122.86	119.67	114.88	116.09	117.23	125.47	130.44	128.85	123.52

HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS
YTD CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT
THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2024

	Orchard View	Home Office	Ridgecrest	Muscogee Manor	Total Nursing Home	Cobles PCH	Muscogee Home Health	River Mill	Consolidated
Revenue	\$ 12,622,392	\$ 275,331	\$ 2,466,576	\$ 8,080,089	\$ 23,444,388	\$ 17,000	\$ 301,103	\$ -	\$ 23,762,491
Operating Expenses	10,212,837	1,173,252	2,778,278	7,843,521	22,007,888	4,132	15,950	818	22,028,788
Net Profit (Loss) before Noncash expense	2,409,555	(897,921)	(311,702)	236,568	1,436,500	12,868	285,153	(818)	1,733,703
Provision for Bad debts	813	-	-	-	813	-	-	-	813
Interest expense	(501,012)	-	(557,648)	-	(1,058,660)	-	-	-	(1,058,660)
Depreciation and Amortization	(611,683)	-	(667,478)	(71,484)	(1,350,645)	(2,639)	-	-	(1,353,284)
YTD Income (loss)	\$ 1,297,673	\$ (897,921)	\$ (1,536,828)	\$ 165,084	\$ (971,992)	\$ 10,229	\$ 285,153	\$ (818)	\$ (677,428)

HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS
 CONSOLIDATED SUMMARY REPORT
 MONTH ENDED JANUARY 31, 2024

	Orchard View	Home Office	Ridgecrest	Muscogee Manor	Total Nursing Home	Cobis PCH	Muscogee Home Health	River Mill	Consolidated
BALANCE SHEET									
Cash	\$ 5,762,866	\$ -	\$ 7,828,929	\$ 5,987,880	\$ 19,579,675	\$ 22,278	\$ 284,877	\$ 2,861,836	\$ 22,748,666
Other Current Assets	3,134,488	-	440,411	2,396,606	5,971,505	1,368	4,044	-	5,976,917
Intercompany Balances	17,802,092	-	(734,321)	(7,441,543)	9,626,228	(6,386,177)	(2,317,532)	(922,519)	-
Noncurrent Assets	35,628,709	-	34,843,716	9,064,516	79,536,941	152,259	83,642	564,920	80,337,762
Total Assets	\$ 62,328,155	\$ -	\$ 42,378,735	\$ 10,007,459	\$ 114,714,349	\$ (6,210,272)	\$ (1,944,969)	\$ 2,504,237	\$ 109,063,345
Current Liabilities	\$ 1,707,253	\$ -	\$ 436,786	\$ 907,718	\$ 3,051,757	\$ -	\$ 148	\$ 71	\$ 3,051,976
Non-current Liabilities (excluding bonds)	10,950,305	-	4,047,178	6,750,787	21,748,270	360,100	450,668	-	22,559,038
Bonds Payable	21,153,986	-	28,980,696	-	50,134,682	-	-	-	50,134,682
Total Liabilities	33,811,544	-	33,464,660	7,658,505	74,934,709	360,100	450,816	71	75,745,696
Fund Balance	28,516,611	-	8,914,075	2,348,954	39,779,640	(6,570,372)	(2,395,785)	2,504,166	33,317,649
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$ 62,328,155	\$ -	\$ 42,378,735	\$ 10,007,459	\$ 114,714,349	\$ (6,210,272)	\$ (1,944,969)	\$ 2,504,237	\$ 109,063,345
INCOME STATEMENT									
Revenue	\$ 1,613,136	\$ 39,333	\$ 426,154	\$ 1,171,451	\$ 3,250,074	\$ 6,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,256,074
Operating Expenses	1,466,749	183,115	406,911	1,116,496	3,173,271	606	468	71	3,174,416
Net Profit (Loss) before Noncash expense	146,387	(143,782)	19,243	54,955	76,803	5,394	(468)	(71)	81,658
Provision for Bad debts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest expense	(45,243)	-	(79,664)	-	(124,907)	-	-	-	(124,907)
Depreciation and Amortization	(86,306)	-	(95,354)	(10,212)	(191,872)	(377)	-	-	(192,249)
Current Month Income (loss)	\$ 14,838	\$ (143,782)	\$ (155,775)	\$ 44,743	\$ (239,976)	\$ 5,017	\$ (468)	\$ (71)	\$ (235,498)
YTD Income (loss)	\$ 1,297,673	\$ (897,921)	\$ (1,536,828)	\$ 165,084	\$ (971,992)	\$ 10,229	\$ 285,153	\$ (818)	\$ (677,428)
Monthly Net Income (loss)	\$ 14,838	\$ (143,782)	\$ (155,775)	\$ 44,743	\$ (239,976)	\$ 5,017	\$ (468)	\$ (71)	\$ (235,498)
Add: Depreciation	86,306	-	95,354	10,212	191,872	377	-	-	192,249
Add: Interest Expense	45,243	-	79,664	-	124,907	-	-	-	124,907
Less: Monthly bond payment	(130,329)	-	(146,894)	-	(277,223)	-	-	-	(277,223)
Less: Property & Equipment Additions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net Cash Flow	\$ 16,058	\$ (143,782)	\$ (127,651)	\$ 54,955	\$ (200,470)	\$ 5,394	\$ (468)	\$ (71)	\$ (195,565)

BOARD MINUTES
OF THE
HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA
March 26, 2024

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of the Hospital Authority of Columbus, Georgia (HAC) was held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, March 26, 2024. 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 acting-Chairwoman Sarah Banks-Lang, members Mike Welch, Warner Kennon, Jr., Chuck Hecht, Betty Tatum, and Wayne Joiner. Members Ernie Smallman and Dr. John Kingsbury were excused.

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 Britt 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 February 27, 2024 Board meeting were reviewed. Chuck moved for their approval and Wayne seconded the motion. The February 2024 Board Minutes were unanimously approved.

BOARD BUSINESS

Jack indicated that the Clerk of Council excused Cynthia Jordan from her obligations as a member of the Board. Jack also indicated that he spoke with Rev. Tony Floyd who affirmed his interest in serving on the Board. Jack asked if there were any other nominations and Mike nominated Bob Jones, the former president of Columbus Technical College. The Board discussed nominations generally and both Betty and Chuck mentioned the importance of diversity on the Board.

CFO'S REPORT

Rick Alibozek presented the Financial and Statistical Reports:

Statistical Report: Attached to these Minutes is the FY 2024 YTD Statistical Report. Rick reported the current patient census for HAC is 264 with an average year-to-date census of 265. Rick reported further that 25-30 residents on average receive coverage under Medicare Part A or Medicare Advantage. Rick stated that HAC continually analyzes payors for patients to achieve the most benefit.

Financial Report: Attached to these Minutes is the Hospital Authority of Columbus YTD Consolidated Income Statement through February 29, 2024. Rick reported that HAC is currently in a good financial position with \$16 million in cash and low liabilities. The audit of HAC's Employee Retention Credit is still ongoing, but may result in the release of an additional \$6 million in cash onto HAC's books. Rick indicated that HAC is self-insured for healthcare coverage and implemented a change for qualifying employees to use Script Source for outsourcing expensive medications to foreign countries. According to Rick, Script Source is proactive about notifying HAC of qualifying staff members and informing those members of their qualifications to enroll in

Script Source's services, which has resulted in a \$100,000 savings to HAC for healthcare costs. The Board discussed generally the national concerns with expensive prescriptions and the pending legislation aimed at addressing it.

Staffing levels at HAC are currently sufficient to allow an increase in census. Rick indicated HAC is working to reduce its reliance on agency nurses due to the high costs of using staffing agencies. Rick reported that HAC paid \$5 million to staffing agencies in 2023 for nurses. The Board discussed generally HAC's use of agency nurses and difficulties with hiring full-time nurses. Rick discussed proposed changes to Department of Labor rules regarding independent contractor status of workers and the potential for HAC to be deemed an employer of contract nurses under those proposed changes. While researching these proposed changes, Rick inquired to the agencies contracted with HAC to determine how the agencies treat their workers for tax purposes. The responses to these inquiries indicate that all but one of the agencies treat their workers as W-2 employees, which protects HAC from potential liability associated with those individuals. HAC is evaluating its relationship with the one agency which treats its workers as 1099 contractors.

Rick is currently researching for a cyber security insurance policy for HAC. According to Rick, HAC does not carry cyber security insurance after a former policy was dropped by the provider due to HAC's outdated cyber infrastructure. Rick reported that HAC has implemented several updates to its infrastructure which qualify it for coverage. Wayne asked if a cyber security audit has been conducted and about the current standards for security of medical records. Britt confirmed HAC has undergone an audit, and Rick commented that HAC received a checklist of necessary updates to bring HAC into compliance with the current standards, and Rick confirmed the recent updates were implemented in response to the audit. Britt commented on the potential threat of cyber-attacks where business/medical records are held for ransom, and one method of

combatting such attacks is to outsource servers so there is a copy of all records available for access in the event of an attack. This method requires regular review of the systems to be sure the copying of all records is working properly.

Rick reported there are no updates from FORVIS as to the Employment Retention Credit audit, but that all documents requested by the auditors to-date have been provided. Also, preliminary work on HAC's annual financial audit by FORVIS will begin in May.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Britt Hayes gave the President's report:

Region I Healthcare Coalition: Britt reported that he and about sixty other individuals from regional facilities attended the coalition meeting last month. The coalition considers hypothetical crisis scenarios and reviews regional systems for responding to those scenarios. Last year, the scenario was an emergency landing of a plane in Columbus carrying Ebola patients which triggers a local outbreak of the virus. This year, the scenario was a pediatric respiratory crisis. Britt participated in the coalition as a representative for HAC.

New Initiatives: Britt reported that six CNAs recently completed their Certified Medical Assistant training through HAC, and this program is now being implemented in all three of HAC's facilities. Britt indicated that, in response to HAC's review of its current Medical Director needs, Dr. Patel is placing an NP at Orchard View five days a week, and also sending his representative to staff meetings to take comments on concerns for his review. Britt is continuing to research improvements in HAC's dietician services, and he is planning to meet with the current registered dietician to discuss implementing those improvements. The Freedom House lease was renewed and all lease payments are current, according to Britt. Britt's Columbus Administrator Coalition

Alliance recently met, and Britt believes this opens communication between local facilities to improve the industry across the community. Britt discussed instances where communication within the coalition helped to improve HAC's performance through an annual survey.

Census Update: Britt reported that he learned during the recent Columbus Administrator Coalition Alliance meeting that many of the local facilities are reporting similar census numbers. Britt commented on HAC's preference for patients with United Healthcare over Humana and Aetna because of past difficulties with collecting payments from the latter providers. Britt reported that census numbers are impacted by the fact that Piedmont owns two rehabilitation facilities (Regional Rehab and Encompass Rehab) to which it refers its discharged patients, and those facilities compete with HAC. Britt indicated he is requesting quotes from media groups to publish a commercial for HAC on local networks. The Board discussed generally the benefits of marketing and the broad reach of local commercials to show the high quality of the facilities at Orchard View and Ridgecrest. Britt also commented on his efforts to build relationships with local medical offices to receive referrals. Chuck recommended reaching out to individual physicians practicing in the types of care HAC is associated with to build referral networks.

COVID-19 Update: Britt reported that Orchard View is currently in outbreak status with five new cases since the last Board meeting. Muscogee Manor is also in outbreak status with four new cases. Ridgecrest currently has no COVID-19 cases. According to Britt, the CDC recommends a second booster shot for individuals over the age of 65. The second booster may be administered only after four months from receiving the initial 2023-2024 booster.

Miscellaneous: Britt reported that, since the last annual survey at Orchard View, the citations for the linen bins and the missing screw in the enunciator panel box were dismissed upon appeal by Orchard View.


NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 30, 2024 at Orchard View.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.



JACK P. SCHLEY
Secretary/Attorney



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
Orchard View														
% Occupancy	66.52%	67.16%	65.87%	66.13%	67.44%	69.52%	71.79%	69.52%	67.44%	69.52%	71.79%	65.69%	67.52%	64.75%
Medicaid%	74.03%	71.64%	73.31%	71.50%	69.62%	69.94%	68.43%	69.94%	69.62%	69.94%	68.43%	71.15%	71.20%	67.57%
Medicare%	6.92%	10.66%	6.39%	6.88%	5.29%	9.69%	11.59%	6.88%	5.29%	9.69%	11.59%	9.11%	8.32%	10.32%
Private %	7.98%	8.79%	10.31%	10.94%	11.15%	9.95%	10.38%	10.94%	11.15%	9.95%	10.38%	12.52%	10.25%	12.21%
Hospice %	6.04%	5.19%	4.80%	5.70%	6.71%	6.71%	5.23%	6.71%	6.71%	6.71%	5.23%	4.69%	5.73%	7.03%
ADV %	5.03%	3.72%	5.19%	4.99%	6.46%	3.72%	4.36%	4.99%	6.46%	3.72%	4.36%	2.53%	4.50%	2.87%
Daily Medicare and ADV Census	15.90	19.32	15.26	15.70	15.84	18.64	22.91	15.70	15.84	18.64	22.91	15.29	17.36	17.12
Employment (Full Time Equivalents)	174.72	182.60	187.28	175.35	176.68	178.19	169.66	175.35	176.68	178.19	169.66	167.04	176.44	173.94
Ridgcrest														
% Occupancy	38.99%	35.79%	32.87%	35.32%	36.41%	32.70%	29.03%	35.32%	36.41%	32.70%	29.03%	31.64%	34.09%	28.46%
Medicaid%	53.76%	53.22%	54.32%	52.81%	47.05%	42.35%	49.07%	52.81%	47.05%	42.35%	49.07%	48.18%	50.10%	41.44%
Medicare%	17.88%	7.51%	12.97%	16.85%	18.46%	17.84%	16.67%	16.85%	18.46%	17.84%	16.67%	27.67%	16.98%	22.09%
Private %	24.10%	28.54%	27.57%	22.92%	20.78%	21.84%	24.07%	22.92%	20.78%	21.84%	24.07%	18.81%	23.58%	24.80%
Hospice %	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	3.93%	3.80%	3.64%	3.31%	3.93%	3.80%	3.64%	3.31%	1.70%	2.05%	4.59%
ADV %	4.25%	10.73%	5.14%	3.48%	9.92%	14.32%	6.88%	3.48%	9.92%	14.32%	6.88%	3.64%	7.30%	7.09%
Daily Medicare and ADV Census	7.25	5.49	5.00	6.03	8.68	8.83	5.74	6.03	8.68	8.83	5.74	8.32	6.92	7.00
Employment (Full Time Equivalents)	32.35	37.42	38.24	31.66	31.45	34.18	34.24	31.66	31.45	34.18	34.24	32.69	34.03	33.48
Muscogee Manor														
% Occupancy	51.57%	51.37%	52.24%	52.45%	52.65%	52.21%	50.53%	52.45%	52.65%	52.21%	50.53%	50.25%	51.66%	54.26%
Medicaid%	90.81%	88.82%	89.38%	89.95%	87.40%	87.07%	87.13%	89.95%	87.40%	87.07%	87.13%	88.60%	88.65%	89.86%
Medicare%	0.95%	2.98%	2.74%	2.69%	3.28%	3.55%	4.85%	2.69%	3.28%	3.55%	4.85%	4.68%	3.22%	1.98%
Private %	1.02%	1.99%	1.95%	0.97%	1.94%	1.95%	1.01%	0.97%	1.94%	1.95%	1.01%	1.02%	1.48%	1.73%
Hospice %	6.04%	5.64%	5.92%	6.10%	7.22%	7.43%	6.58%	6.10%	7.22%	7.43%	6.58%	5.70%	6.33%	5.61%
ADV %	1.17%	0.58%	0.00%	0.29%	0.16%	0.00%	0.42%	0.29%	0.16%	0.00%	0.42%	0.00%	0.33%	0.83%
Daily Medicare and ADV Census	2.14	3.58	2.81	3.07	3.55	3.63	5.23	3.07	3.55	3.63	5.23	4.61	3.58	3.03
Employment (Full Time Equivalents)	135.56	143.63	150.43	139.29	134.87	136.52	123.69	139.29	134.87	136.52	123.69	122.86	135.86	124.26

HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF COLUMBIUS
12 MONTH MOVING STATISTICAL REPORT

	Feb-24	Jan-24	Dec-23	Nov-23	Oct-23	Sep-23	Aug-23	Jul-23	Jun-23	May-23	Apr-23	Mar-23	Feb-23	13 Mth Average	Prior Year Ave.
Orchard View															
% Occupancy	67.16%	65.87%	66.13%	67.44%	69.52%	69.52%	71.73%	65.69%	66.60%	64.92%	64.70%	66.10%	64.56%	66.74%	64.65%
Medicaid%	71.66%	73.31%	71.50%	69.62%	69.84%	69.84%	68.43%	68.43%	66.32%	67.40%	66.28%	71.79%	63.04%	69.24%	67.89%
Medicare%	8.78%	6.39%	6.88%	5.29%	3.89%	3.89%	9.31%	9.41%	9.31%	9.09%	10.10%	13.03%	12.81%	9.54%	10.33%
Private %	5.19%	10.31%	10.34%	11.13%	9.25%	9.25%	10.38%	12.52%	14.11%	13.71%	12.83%	12.71%	16.02%	11.95%	11.88%
Hospice %	3.72%	4.80%	5.06%	7.49%	6.71%	6.71%	5.23%	4.68%	5.31%	5.86%	5.87%	0.00%	6.54%	5.30%	7.08%
ADV %	19.32	5.19%	4.99%	6.46%	3.72%	3.72%	4.56%	3.59%	3.75%	3.93%	4.92%	2.45%	1.59%	3.97%	2.81%
Daily Medicare and ADV Census	182.60	187.33	175.35	15.84	18.64	18.64	22.91	15.29	18.07	16.90	19.44	30.49	18.71	18.05	17.03
Employment (Full Time Equivalents)	187.42	187.33	175.35	176.68	178.15	178.15	169.66	167.04	168.33	163.52	166.73	166.53	169.20	172.59	175.21
Ridgcrest															
% Occupancy	35.79%	32.87%	34.32%	36.41%	32.70%	32.70%	28.03%	31.64%	32.74%	29.95%	29.52%	28.98%	31.12%	32.17%	28.26%
Medicaid%	53.22%	54.37%	52.81%	47.05%	42.35%	42.35%	49.07%	48.18%	50.31%	52.56%	45.70%	49.14%	34.15%	48.29%	40.10%
Medicare%	7.51%	12.97%	16.35%	18.46%	17.84%	17.84%	16.67%	27.67%	23.15%	16.38%	23.42%	19.21%	22.13%	18.49%	22.81%
Private %	28.54%	27.57%	22.92%	20.78%	21.84%	21.84%	24.07%	18.81%	19.39%	23.21%	21.37%	24.24%	24.86%	23.13%	25.60%
Hospice %	0.00%	0.00%	3.93%	3.80%	3.64%	3.64%	3.31%	1.70%	0.00%	2.05%	4.03%	0.00%	3.83%	2.19%	4.59%
ADV %	10.75%	5.14%	3.48%	9.92%	14.32%	14.32%	6.88%	3.64%	6.55%	5.90%	5.78%	7.42%	15.03%	7.90%	6.90%
Daily Medicare and ADV Census	5.49	5.00	6.03	8.68	8.83	8.83	5.74	8.32	8.17	5.58	7.15	6.49	9.72	7.10	7.07
Employment (Full Time Equivalents)	37.42	38.24	31.66	31.65	34.13	34.13	34.24	32.69	34.42	34.91	34.29	34.43	35.01	34.41	33.59
Microgeee Manor															
% Occupancy	51.37%	52.24%	52.45%	52.55%	52.21%	52.21%	50.53%	50.25%	50.61%	52.19%	53.25%	53.86%	55.16%	52.22%	54.29%
Medicaid%	88.82%	89.38%	89.95%	87.40%	87.07%	87.07%	87.13%	88.60%	90.49%	89.25%	89.40%	96.02%	92.03%	89.63%	89.95%
Medicare%	2.98%	2.74%	2.63%	3.28%	3.35%	3.35%	4.85%	4.68%	2.45%	2.14%	1.69%	1.62%	1.32%	2.85%	2.06%
Private %	1.99%	1.95%	0.97%	1.96%	1.95%	1.95%	1.01%	1.02%	1.01%	1.58%	2.87%	2.68%	-0.10%	1.63%	1.66%
Hospice %	5.64%	5.92%	6.10%	7.22%	7.48%	7.48%	6.38%	5.70%	5.85%	6.02%	6.07%	6.09%	6.28%	5.73%	5.53%
ADV %	0.58%	0.00%	0.25%	0.16%	0.00%	0.00%	0.42%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.46%	0.16%	0.80%
Daily Medicare and ADV Census	3.53	2.81	3.07	3.55	3.63	3.63	5.23	4.61	2.69	2.19	1.73	1.71	1.53	3.06	3.09
Employment (Full Time Equivalents)	143.63	150.43	139.29	134.87	136.52	136.52	123.69	122.86	119.62	114.68	116.09	117.23	125.47	128.72	122.52

HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF COLUMBIUS
 YTD CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT
 THROUGH FEBRUARY 29, 2024

	Orchard View	Home Office	Ridgecrest	Muscogee Manor	Total Nursing Home	Cobis PCH	Muscogee Home Health	River Mill	Consolidated
INCOME STATEMENT									
Revenue	\$ 14,129,026	\$ 314,664	\$ 2,867,755	\$ 9,144,941	\$ 26,456,386	\$ 17,000	\$ 306,203	\$ -	\$ 26,779,589
Operating Expenses	11,766,504	1,348,622	3,192,400	8,967,637	25,275,163	4,738	16,282	818	25,297,001
Net Profit (Loss) before Noncash expense	2,362,522	(1,033,958)	(324,645)	177,304	1,181,223	12,262	289,921	(818)	1,482,588
Provision for Bad debts	813	-	-	123	936	-	-	-	936
Interest expense	(546,342)	-	(637,312)	-	(1,183,654)	-	-	-	(1,183,654)
Depreciation and Amortization	(697,986)	-	(762,832)	(81,696)	(1,542,514)	(3,016)	-	-	(1,545,530)
YTD income (loss)	\$ 1,119,007	\$ (1,033,958)	\$ (1,724,789)	\$ 95,731	\$ (1,544,009)	\$ 9,246	\$ 289,921	\$ (818)	\$ (1,245,660)

HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS
 CONSOLIDATED SUMMARY REPORT
 MONTH ENDED FEBRUARY 29, 2024

	Orchard View	Home Office	Ridgecrest	Muscogee Manor	Total Nursing Home	Cobis PCH	Muscogee Home Health	River Mill	Consolidated
BALANCE SHEET									
Cash	\$ 5,884,047	\$ -	\$ 7,297,292	\$ 6,415,460	\$ 19,596,799	\$ 22,278	\$ 289,780	\$ 2,861,836	\$ 22,770,693
Other Current Assets	3,245,591	-	465,932	2,469,388	6,180,911	762	3,782	-	6,185,455
Intercompany Balances	17,888,415	-	(281,094)	(7,981,095)	9,626,226	(6,386,177)	(2,317,531)	(922,518)	-
Noncurrent Assets	35,128,673	-	34,813,235	9,054,304	78,996,212	151,882	83,642	564,920	79,796,656
Total Assets	\$ 62,146,726	\$ -	\$ 42,295,365	\$ 9,958,057	\$ 114,400,148	\$ (6,211,255)	\$ (1,940,327)	\$ 2,504,238	\$ 108,752,804
Current Liabilities	\$ 1,814,245	\$ -	\$ 544,349	\$ 977,665	\$ 3,286,259	\$ -	\$ 22	\$ 72	\$ 3,286,353
Non-current Liabilities (excluding bonds)	10,950,305	-	4,047,178	6,750,787	21,748,270	360,100	450,668	-	22,559,038
Bonds Payable	21,120,711	-	28,977,724	-	50,098,435	-	-	-	50,098,435
Total Liabilities	33,885,261	-	33,569,251	7,678,452	75,132,964	360,100	450,690	72	75,943,826
Fund Balance	28,261,465	-	8,726,114	2,279,605	39,267,184	(6,571,355)	(2,391,017)	2,504,166	32,808,978
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$ 62,146,726	\$ -	\$ 42,295,365	\$ 9,958,057	\$ 114,400,148	\$ (6,211,255)	\$ (1,940,327)	\$ 2,504,238	\$ 108,752,804
INCOME STATEMENT									
Revenue	\$ 1,506,634	\$ 39,333	\$ 401,179	\$ 1,064,852	\$ 3,011,998	\$ -	\$ 5,100	\$ -	\$ 3,017,098
Operating Expenses	1,494,045	175,435	414,122	1,141,023	3,224,625	606	332	-	3,225,563
Net Profit (Loss) before Noncash expense	12,589	(136,102)	(12,943)	(76,171)	(212,627)	(606)	4,768	-	(208,465)
Provision for Bad debts	-	-	-	123	123	-	-	-	123
Interest expense	(45,330)	-	(79,664)	-	(124,994)	-	-	-	(124,994)
Depreciation and Amortization	(86,303)	-	(95,354)	(10,212)	(191,869)	(377)	-	-	(192,246)
Current Month Income (loss)	\$ (119,044)	\$ (136,102)	\$ (187,961)	\$ (86,260)	\$ (529,367)	\$ (983)	\$ 4,768	\$ -	\$ (525,582)
YTD Income (loss)	\$ 1,119,007	\$ (1,033,958)	\$ (1,724,789)	\$ 95,731	\$ (1,544,009)	\$ 9,246	\$ 289,921	\$ (818)	\$ (1,245,660)
Monthly Net Income (loss)	\$ (119,044)	\$ (136,102)	\$ (187,961)	\$ (86,260)	\$ (529,367)	\$ (983)	\$ 4,768	\$ -	\$ (525,582)
Add: Depreciation	86,303	-	95,354	10,212	191,869	377	-	-	192,246
Add: Interest Expense	45,330	-	79,664	-	124,994	-	-	-	124,994
Less: Monthly bond payment	(245,547)	-	(63,229)	-	(308,776)	-	-	-	(308,776)
Less: Property & Equipment Additions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net Cash Flow	\$ (232,958)	\$ (136,102)	\$ (76,172)	\$ (76,048)	\$ (521,280)	\$ (606)	\$ 4,768	\$ -	\$ (517,118)

BOARD MINUTES
OF THE
HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA
April 30, 2024

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of the Hospital Authority of Columbus, Georgia (HAC) was held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, April 30, 2024. 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 more than 48 hours 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 acting-Chairwoman Sarah Banks-Lang, members Betty Tatum, Dr. John Kingsbury, Warner Kennon, Jr., Chuck Hecht, and Wayne Joiner. Members Ernie Smallman and Mike Welch were excused.

Britt Hayes, CEO, Rick Alibozek, CFO, and Jack P. Schley, Secretary/Attorney, were present at the meeting. Jonathan Giles was also present as a guest presenter.

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 March 26, 2024 Board meeting were reviewed. Dr. Kingsbury moved for their approval and Chuck seconded the motion. The March 2024 Board Minutes were unanimously approved.

BOARD BUSINESS

Jack reported that City Council nominated Tony Floyd, Bob Jones, and Tracy Sayers to fill the vacant Board seat. Sarah asked for any motions to select from the nominations and Wayne moved to select Tony Floyd. Dr. Kingsbury seconded the motion and Sarah called for discussion. Betty provided information on Tony Floyd's career and community affiliations. Sarah asked if Mr. Floyd was familiar with HAC and Betty responded stating that Mr. Floyd's mother was a resident of Orchard View and he frequently visited her at the facility. Sarah called for votes and abstentions, and the Board unanimously selected Tony Floyd to join the Board.

Betty announced that after many years of service on the Board, she is resigning. The Board thanked Betty for her service and discussed generally her involvement in HAC's progress over the course of her terms. Following Betty's resignation, Dr. Kingsbury moved for Bob Jones to be nominated to fill the vacant seat. Wayne seconded the motion and Sarah called for discussion. Chuck and Wayne commented on Bob Jones' distinguished service to Columbus Technical College and his involvement in the community. Sarah called for a vote and the Board unanimously selected Bob Jones to be nominated to City Council to fill the seat vacated by Betty's resignation.

Jack indicated he would report the selection of Tony Floyd, the resignation of Betty Tatum, and the nomination of Bob Jones to the Clerk of Council.

Chuck asked for clarification on provisions within the Board's By-Laws; specifically, the provision for term limits, election of officers, and operations of committees. Jack responded that Mike Welch's third term would expire in November, creating a vacancy, and that Ernie and Sarah, as Officers of the Board, do not have limitations on their terms. Officer elections may occur each January, but existing Officers may serve until they resign, are removed, or their successor is appointed. As for committees, Jack reported that the By-Laws require the following committees:

Executive, Finance, Building and Grounds, Nominations, and Personnel. Britt and the Board discussed generally that formal committees, other than Executive Committee, have not operated since 2016. Chuck emphasized the importance of adhering to the By-Laws, and his opinion that the By-Laws should be reviewed due to the inclusion of references to prior facilities which HAC no longer owns or operates, amongst other concerns. Sarah and Jack responded that Executive Committee would discuss reviving the other committees and consider appointments to fill them.

CFO'S REPORT

Rick Alibozek presented the Financial and Statistical Reports:

Statistical Report: Attached to these Minutes is the FY 2024 YTD Statistical Report. Rick reported that HAC's new patient admissions is down to 31 for April from 38 in March, and the average year-to-date census is 261. The Medicare census for March was 23.16.

Financial Report: Attached to these Minutes is the Hospital Authority of Columbus YTD Consolidated Income Statement through March 31, 2024. Rick reported that HAC's cash and cash equivalents are currently earning 4.25% to 5.1% interest depending on how the money is being held between CDs, T-bills, Repurchase Agreements, and bank accounts. Revenue in March was up to \$3,211,000 from \$3,017,000 in February, and investment income is approximately \$32,000 each month. Rick attributes the increase in revenue to patient acuity.

Rick reported that the Georgia General Assembly approved its FY 2025 budget based on 2022 costs, which should increase HAC's rates. Rick asked the Board to contact any local, state, and federal representatives with whom they may have a personal relationship to share HAC's story so it is known when healthcare legislation is considered. Rick announced there are no updates to the Employee Retention Credit audit, and HAC's financial audit is on schedule to begin in May. Rick also announced that HAC will continue to use FORVIS for its audits, but the partner that

manages HAC's audits, Kelly Thrift, is retiring. Rick met the new partner and believes the transition should be smooth. Rick reported further that he met with Marsh McClennan and submitted an application for HAC's cyber security policy. The application is currently under review.

The final rule on the new staffing mandate implemented by the Biden Administration was issued on April 22 and established minimum staffing requirements. According to Rick, HAC currently meets some but not all of the minimum requirements and must hire more RNs within two years to comply with the mandate, unless the rules are changed. The mandate is unfunded and causing national concerns which included an expected annual cost of \$6.8 Billion to the industry. Sarah followed-up on the question of getting current staff certified as LPNs and RNs. Britt responded that the staff would have to elect to take the training and Chuck commented on the difficulty with keeping staff after they obtain certification.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Britt Hayes gave the President's report:

INCOLR Presentation: Britt introduced Jonathon Giles from INCOLR as a media producer who will assist HAC with advertising through making a commercial for publication online and on television. Jonathon briefly summarized his background to the Board and explained that his vision for HAC's advertising is to capture the positive emotions surrounding HAC's facilities in a digital ad. Jonathan recalled from his personal experience the positive emotion of feeling a family member was being cared for upon being placed in a nursing home. He calls his proposed ad for HAC "Never Stop Caring" and it will show snapshots of how a parent raises a child by caring for it and then the grown child cares for the aged parent. The ad will be consistent until the last shot, which will show one of HAC's facilities, and a commercial will be produced for each of the three facilities. The

commercial will run in 60, 30, 15, and 5 second clips based on the platform, which will include local television stations and YouTube. Stills will also be produced for billboard advertisements. Jonathon responded to comments and questions from the Board regarding the ad and emphasized the importance of advertising HAC's name because viewers will search the name on the internet for additional information. Britt commented on the recent changes to HAC's website aimed at positioning it for increased visitation which is to be expected following the running of the ads. Chuck mentioned his experience with various private billboard owners in town who have willingly donated time on their boards to local organizations if the organization pays for the printing and installation of the ad on the board.

The Board thanked Jonathan for sharing his proposal.

Survey Activity: A revisit took place for Orchard View's annual survey and the facility was marked for substantial compliance. An OIG Audit is underway to review HAC's infection control procedures from November 2022 to September 2023. Britt is optimistic about the results.

Financial: Britt reported Medicare rates are scheduled to increase by 4.1% in July 2024. Britt announced that Dr. Stephen Raborn at Muscogee Manor was dismissed and Dr. Patel assumed the duties as Medical Director at no additional cost. This will generate an annual savings of \$24,000. Britt reported that about fifteen individuals are currently enrolled in Scriptsource which generated a savings of \$85,000 first quarter.

Legislative Update: Britt reported that John Anker visited each of HAC's facilities as part of his campaign for the District 10 seat on City Council. Sarah asked generally about the rules concerning campaigning on HAC's property and Britt explained it was allowed except on voting days.

Britt reported new healthcare legislation recently passed both houses of the Georgia General Assembly and is before Gov. Kemp for review during the next month: HB 1046 allows

PAs to sign death certificates and for physicians to work with a combined equivalent of eight PAs and/or APRNs; HB 663 requires nursing homes to allow certain visitations and prescribed rules for visitations; and SB 430 removes specific language for COVID signs but maintains immunity provisions regarding the same. Other House Bills (1123 and 1339) also passed but they do not impact HAC, according to Britt.


Marketing Efforts: Britt reported he recently visited local hospitals and met with discharge planners to build connections for referrals. He stated the national Bronze Quality Awards achieved by all three facilities was an important part of his pitch to the planners. Britt also reported having met with physicians in local facilities and heard a common response that patients ask to be sent to Orchard View. Betty emphasized the influence that nurses and other staff also have in making referrals for HAC.

COVID-19 Update: Britt announced a second vaccine booster is out, and 129 HAC patients have received it. More doses are in stock and available for use. Britt reported no new Covid cases at Orchard View and Ridgecrest, but 28 new cases at Muscogee Manor.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 28, 2024 at Orchard View.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.



JACK P. SCHLEY
Secretary/Attorney



ERNEST SMALLMAN, IV
Chairman

HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS
 CONSOLIDATED SUMMARY REPORT
 MONTH ENDED MARCH 31, 2024

	Orchard View	Home Office	Ridgecrest	Musgoe Manor	Total Nursing Home	Cobis PCH	Musgoe Home Health	River Mill	Consolidated
BALANCE SHEET									
Cash	\$ 5,555,418	\$ -	\$ 6,341,686	\$ 5,386,203	\$ 17,283,307	\$ 18,800	\$ 294,411	\$ 2,861,694	\$ 20,458,212
Other Current Assets	3,668,743	-	1,470,120	2,711,550	7,850,413	3,634	3,901	-	7,857,948
Intercompany Balances	17,337,113	-	(436,365)	(7,274,592)	9,626,156	(6,386,177)	(2,317,461)	(922,518)	-
Noncurrent Assets	35,327,149	-	34,783,900	9,044,092	79,155,141	151,505	83,642	564,920	79,955,203
Total Assets	\$ 61,888,423	\$ -	\$ 42,159,341	\$ 9,867,253	\$ 113,915,017	\$ (6,212,238)	\$ (1,935,507)	\$ 2,504,096	\$ 108,271,368
Current Liabilities	\$ 1,628,568	\$ -	\$ 570,012	\$ 855,356	\$ 3,054,036	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,054,036
Non-current Liabilities (excluding bonds)	10,950,305	-	4,047,178	6,750,787	21,748,270	360,100	450,668	-	22,559,038
Bonds Payable	21,087,437	-	28,974,753	-	50,062,190	-	-	-	50,062,190
Total Liabilities	33,666,410	-	33,591,943	7,606,143	74,864,496	360,100	450,668	-	75,675,264
Fund Balance	28,222,013	-	8,567,398	2,261,110	39,050,521	(6,572,338)	(2,386,175)	2,504,096	32,596,104
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$ 61,888,423	\$ -	\$ 42,159,341	\$ 9,867,253	\$ 113,915,017	\$ (6,212,238)	\$ (1,935,507)	\$ 2,504,096	\$ 108,271,368
INCOME STATEMENT									
Revenue	\$ 1,626,181	\$ 39,333	\$ 428,164	\$ 1,113,034	\$ 3,206,712	\$ -	\$ 5,100	\$ -	\$ 3,211,812
Operating Expenses	1,409,325	164,005	411,862	1,121,318	3,106,510	606	257	71	3,107,444
Net Profit (Loss) before Noncash expense	216,856	(124,672)	16,302	(8,284)	100,202	(606)	4,843	(71)	104,368
Provision for Bad debts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest expense	(45,330)	-	(79,664)	-	(124,994)	-	-	-	(124,994)
Depreciation and Amortization	(86,303)	-	(95,354)	(10,212)	(191,869)	(377)	-	-	(192,246)
Current Month Income (loss)	\$ 85,223	\$ (124,672)	\$ (158,716)	\$ (18,496)	\$ (216,661)	\$ (983)	\$ 4,843	\$ (71)	\$ (212,872)
YTD Income (loss)	\$ 1,204,230	\$ (1,158,630)	\$ (1,883,505)	\$ 77,235	\$ (1,760,670)	\$ 8,263	\$ 294,764	\$ (889)	\$ (1,458,532)
Monthly Net Income (loss)	85,223	(124,672)	(158,716)	(18,496)	(216,661)	(983)	4,843	(71)	(212,872)
Add: Depreciation	86,303	-	95,354	10,212	191,869	377	-	-	192,246
Add: Interest Expense	45,330	-	79,664	-	124,994	-	-	-	124,994
Less: Monthly bond payment	(236,542)	-	(46,104)	-	(282,646)	-	-	-	(282,646)
Less: Property & Equipment Additions	(24,926)	-	-	-	(24,926)	-	-	-	(24,926)
Net Cash Flow	\$ (44,612)	\$ (124,672)	\$ (29,802)	\$ (8,284)	\$ (207,370)	\$ (606)	\$ 4,843	\$ (71)	\$ (203,204)

HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS
FY 2024 YTD Statistical Report

	June	May	Apr	Mar	Feb	Jan	Dec	Nov	Oct	Sept	August	July	Average	Prior Year
Orchard View														
% Occupancy	64.97%	66.52%	67.16%	65.87%	65.87%	66.13%	67.44%	69.52%	69.52%	71.79%	65.69%	67.23%	67.23%	64.75%
Medicaid%	75.74%	74.03%	71.64%	73.31%	71.50%	69.62%	69.94%	68.43%	71.15%	71.71%	71.15%	71.71%	71.71%	67.57%
Medicare%	4.20%	6.92%	10.66%	6.39%	6.88%	5.29%	9.69%	11.59%	9.11%	7.86%	10.32%	10.20%	7.86%	10.32%
Private %	9.78%	7.98%	8.79%	10.31%	10.94%	11.15%	9.95%	10.38%	12.52%	10.20%	10.20%	10.20%	10.20%	12.21%
Hospice %	5.41%	6.04%	5.19%	4.80%	5.70%	7.49%	6.71%	5.23%	4.69%	5.70%	4.69%	5.70%	5.70%	7.03%
ADV %	4.87%	5.03%	3.72%	5.19%	4.99%	6.46%	3.72%	4.36%	2.53%	4.54%	2.87%	4.54%	4.54%	2.87%
Daily Medicare and ADV Census	11.77	15.90	19.32	15.26	15.70	15.84	18.54	17.81	15.29	16.74	15.29	16.74	16.74	17.12
Employment (Full Time Equivalents)	175.72	174.72	182.60	187.28	175.35	176.68	178.19	169.66	167.04	173.94	167.04	173.94	173.94	173.94
Ridgecrest														
% Occupancy	38.17%	38.99%	35.79%	32.87%	35.32%	36.41%	32.70%	29.03%	31.64%	31.64%	29.03%	31.64%	31.64%	28.46%
Medicaid%	53.02%	53.76%	53.22%	54.32%	52.81%	47.05%	42.35%	49.07%	48.18%	50.42%	48.18%	50.42%	50.42%	41.44%
Medicare%	21.73%	17.88%	7.51%	12.97%	16.85%	18.46%	17.84%	16.67%	27.67%	17.51%	16.67%	17.51%	17.51%	22.09%
Private %	21.93%	24.10%	28.54%	27.57%	22.92%	20.78%	21.84%	24.07%	18.81%	23.40%	18.81%	23.40%	23.40%	24.80%
Hospice %	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	3.93%	3.80%	3.64%	3.31%	1.70%	1.82%	3.31%	1.70%	1.82%	4.59%
ADV %	3.32%	4.25%	10.73%	5.14%	3.48%	9.92%	14.32%	6.88%	3.64%	6.85%	6.88%	3.64%	6.85%	7.09%
Daily Medicare and ADV Census	8.03	7.25	5.49	5.00	6.03	8.68	8.83	5.74	8.32	7.04	5.74	8.32	7.04	7.00
Employment (Full Time Equivalents)	33.46	32.35	37.42	38.24	31.66	31.45	34.18	34.24	32.69	33.97	34.24	32.69	33.97	33.48
Muscooke Manor														
% Occupancy	48.16%	51.57%	51.37%	52.24%	52.45%	52.21%	52.21%	50.53%	50.25%	51.27%	50.25%	51.27%	51.27%	54.26%
Medicaid%	89.99%	90.81%	88.82%	89.38%	89.95%	87.40%	87.07%	87.07%	88.60%	88.79%	88.60%	88.79%	88.79%	89.86%
Medicare%	2.22%	0.95%	2.98%	2.74%	2.69%	3.28%	3.55%	4.85%	4.68%	3.10%	4.68%	3.10%	3.10%	1.98%
Private %	0.24%	1.02%	1.99%	1.95%	0.97%	1.94%	1.95%	1.01%	1.02%	1.34%	1.01%	1.02%	1.34%	1.73%
Hospice %	6.22%	6.04%	5.64%	5.92%	6.10%	7.22%	7.43%	6.58%	5.70%	6.32%	6.58%	5.70%	6.32%	5.61%
ADV %	1.33%	1.17%	0.58%	0.00%	0.29%	0.16%	0.00%	0.42%	0.00%	0.44%	0.42%	0.00%	0.44%	0.83%
Daily Medicare and ADV Census	3.36	2.14	3.58	2.81	3.07	3.55	3.63	5.23	4.61	3.55	5.23	4.61	3.55	3.03
Employment (Full Time Equivalents)	131.43	135.56	143.63	150.43	139.29	134.87	136.52	123.69	122.86	135.36	123.69	122.86	135.36	124.26

HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS
12 MONTH MOVING STATISTICAL REPORT

	Mar-24	Feb-24	Jan-24	Dec-23	Nov-23	Oct-23	Sep-23	Aug-23	Jul-23	Jun-23	May-23	Apr-23	Mar-23	13 Mth Average	Prior Year Avg
Orchard View															
% Occupancy	64.97%	66.52%	67.16%	65.87%	66.13%	67.44%	69.52%	71.79%	65.69%	66.60%	64.92%	64.70%	65.10%	65.72%	64.53%
Medicare%	75.74%	74.03%	71.64%	73.31%	71.50%	69.62%	69.94%	68.43%	71.15%	68.82%	67.02%	65.20%	71.79%	70.59%	67.88%
Medicaid%	4.20%	6.92%	10.66%	6.39%	6.88%	5.25%	9.69%	11.53%	9.11%	9.81%	9.08%	10.10%	13.03%	8.67%	10.33%
Private %	9.78%	7.96%	8.77%	10.31%	10.94%	11.15%	9.95%	10.38%	12.57%	14.11%	13.71%	11.55%	12.71%	11.17%	11.68%
Hospice %	5.41%	6.04%	5.19%	4.80%	5.70%	7.49%	6.71%	5.23%	4.69%	5.51%	5.86%	5.87%	0.00%	5.27%	7.08%
ADV %	4.87%	5.02%	3.72%	5.19%	4.99%	6.46%	3.72%	4.35%	2.59%	3.75%	3.93%	4.92%	2.46%	4.50%	2.81%
Daily Medicare and ADV Census	11.77	15.90	19.32	15.26	15.70	15.31	18.64	22.51	15.29	18.07	16.90	19.44	20.49	17.55	17.01
Employment (Full Time Equivalents)	175.72	174.72	182.60	187.28	175.35	176.68	173.19	159.66	167.04	168.33	161.52	166.73	165.53	172.25	175.21
Refresnet															
% Occupancy	38.17%	38.99%	35.79%	32.87%	35.32%	36.41%	32.70%	29.03%	31.64%	32.74%	29.95%	29.52%	28.99%	33.24%	28.26%
Medicare%	53.02%	53.76%	53.22%	54.32%	52.81%	47.05%	42.35%	49.07%	48.18%	50.91%	52.56%	45.70%	49.14%	50.16%	40.10%
Medicaid%	21.73%	17.89%	7.51%	12.97%	16.85%	18.46%	17.84%	16.67%	21.67%	23.15%	16.28%	23.12%	19.21%	18.41%	22.81%
Private %	21.93%	24.10%	28.54%	27.57%	22.92%	20.78%	21.84%	24.07%	18.81%	19.39%	23.21%	21.37%	24.24%	22.96%	25.69%
Hospice %	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	3.93%	3.80%	3.64%	3.31%	1.70%	0.00%	2.05%	4.03%	0.00%	1.73%	4.59%
ADV %	3.32%	4.25%	10.73%	5.14%	3.48%	9.92%	14.32%	6.88%	3.64%	6.55%	5.90%	5.78%	7.42%	6.72%	6.90%
Daily Medicare and ADV Census	8.03	7.25	5.49	5.00	6.08	8.68	8.83	5.74	8.32	8.17	5.58	7.16	6.49	6.98	7.07
Employment (Full Time Equivalents)	35.46	32.35	37.42	38.24	31.66	31.45	34.18	34.24	32.69	34.42	34.91	34.29	34.43	34.13	33.59
Miscoge Manor															
% Occupancy	48.16%	51.57%	51.37%	52.26%	52.45%	52.65%	52.21%	50.53%	50.25%	50.61%	52.18%	53.25%	53.80%	51.64%	54.28%
Medicare%	89.59%	90.81%	89.82%	89.38%	89.95%	87.40%	87.07%	87.13%	88.60%	90.49%	89.25%	89.46%	96.02%	89.56%	89.85%
Medicaid%	2.22%	0.95%	2.98%	2.76%	2.69%	3.28%	3.55%	4.85%	4.68%	2.65%	2.16%	1.66%	1.62%	2.77%	2.06%
Private %	0.24%	1.02%	1.99%	1.96%	0.97%	1.94%	1.95%	1.01%	1.02%	1.01%	2.59%	2.87%	2.96%	1.61%	1.68%
Hospice %	6.22%	6.04%	5.64%	5.92%	6.10%	7.22%	7.43%	6.58%	5.70%	5.85%	6.02%	6.07%	0.00%	5.75%	5.53%
ADV %	1.33%	1.17%	0.98%	0.00%	0.25%	0.16%	0.00%	0.42%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.30%	0.80%
Daily Medicare and ADV Census	3.36	2.14	3.58	2.81	3.07	3.55	3.63	5.23	4.61	2.63	2.19	1.73	1.71	3.10	3.09
Employment (Full Time Equivalents)	121.43	135.56	149.69	150.43	139.29	134.87	136.52	129.69	122.86	119.62	114.88	116.09	117.23	129.70	123.52

BOARD MINUTES
OF THE
HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA
May 28, 2024

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of the Hospital Authority of Columbus, Georgia (HAC) was held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, May 28, 2024. 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 more than 48 hours 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 acting-Chairwoman Sarah Banks-Lang, members Dr. John Kingsbury, Mike Welch, Chuck Hecht, and Wayne Joiner. Members Ernie Smallman and Warner Kennon, Jr. were excused.

Britt Hayes, CEO, and Jack P. Schley, Secretary/Attorney, were present at the meeting. Rick Alibozek, CFO, was excused.

INVOCATION AND WELCOME

The meeting was called to order and Mike opened the meeting with a prayer.

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

It was determined that a quorum was present.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Minutes for the April 30, 2024 Board meeting were reviewed. Chuck moved for their approval and Sarah seconded the motion. The April 2024 Board Minutes were unanimously approved.

BOARD BUSINESS

Jack reported that City Council confirmed the nomination of Tony Floyd to the Board, and that Tony's oath would be administered before the next Board meeting in June. Jack reported further that City Council received the Board's nominations to fill the seat vacated by Betty Tatum, and that Council's nominations should be presented for the Board to discuss at the June meeting.

Jack reported that a real estate transaction has been proposed to HAC, which currently owns part of the former Bibb Mill property in Columbus. The proposed transaction involves exchanging the Bibb Mill parcel for another property on Macon Road which currently has a potential buyer. The transaction would include the conditions that both properties are to be appraised and the Macon Road property must appraise for more than the Bibb Mill property for the sale to proceed. Additionally, all brokerage fees and costs are to be incurred by the recipient of the Bibb Mill property. Chuck recommended that a contingency be included stating the Macon Road property must sell for the transaction to be completed. Chuck commented on his familiarity with the Macon Road property, and Britt provided additional background information for the Bibb Mill parcel. Jack reported that an agreement is being prepared which will be presented to the Board at the June meeting for further consideration.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Financial and Statistical Reports were shared with the Board:

Statistical Report: Attached to these Minutes is the FY 2024 YTD Statistical Report.

Financial Report: Attached to these Minutes is the Hospital Authority of Columbus YTD Consolidated Income Statement through April 30, 2024.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Britt Hayes gave the President's report:

MM Complaint Survey: Britt reported that state surveyors visited Muscogee Manor for a Complaint Survey and remained for three days. The results of the survey revealed Muscogee Manor to be in compliance, and the Complaints were not substantiated.

New Initiatives: Britt reported that HAC conducted a mock survey at Muscogee Manor over three days to simulate a state survey and review HAC's compliance to identify any opportunities for improvement. Britt indicated the mock survey was a success and would be implemented in all of HAC's facilities.

Britt reported on HAC's participation in the Community Coalition's mass casualty simulation. The simulated event involved a plane crash at the Columbus airport. Britt reported that Fort Moore participated by controlling a fire within a helicopter shell on the runway, and student volunteers from Columbus State University played the roles of victims. Those participating in the simulation as responders included HAC and a broad selection of medical providers in the region. According to Britt, the simulation was productive and several opportunities for improvement amongst the responders were identified.

Britt reported that Post Acute Care Solutions will provide HAC with four months of MDS code systems consulting at no cost to HAC. Britt explained the consultants will review HAC's MDS codes and calculations to ensure HAC is capturing all available sources of revenue.

National Skilled Nursing Week was observed by HAC with a party themed as the golden age of radio. The event included food vendors, a car show, period music, performers, and games for both staff and resident participation. Britt reported the event was well attended.

Britt announced his plan for HAC to host a Lunch & Learn event and invite the discharge planners at LaGrange Hospital, WellCare Hospital in LaGrange, East Alabama Medical Center, and the Piedmont facilities in Columbus to create relationships with those individuals and build a

referral network to increase census. The Board discussed generally the idea of lunch-time sponsored events for creating referrals.

For a legislative update, Britt reported that President Biden vetoed the repeal of the Joint Employer Rule by the Labor Board, which will impact HAC's use of agencies and exposes HAC to potential liability in the event an agency's contractors are treated as employees. Britt indicated the veto may be challenged, or HAC will need to reevaluate its use of agencies.

House Bill (5/16) to overturn Nursing Home Staffing Rule: Britt reported that the U.S. House of Representatives introduced a bill to overturn the federal staffing rule for nursing homes.

HAC Involvement at State Level: Britt reported that HAC's staff participate in state-wide organizations relevant to the industry: Jennifer Kelley, the Administrator at Ridgecrest, serves as the elected Chair of the Georgia Emergency Preparedness Committee and is the current Emergency Preparedness Champion of the Year for Georgia, the GHCA Council Coordinator for Region I, and serves on the Regional Healthcare Coalition Executive Committee; Britt serves on the GHCA Legislative Committee and the DPH Covid-19 Steering Committee for Gov. Kemp; Rick serves on the GHCA Reimbursement Committee; Faith Scott serves on the GHCA Quality Committee; Kyle Fisette, HAC's Director of Clinical Operations, serves on GHCA's Quality Committee, Public Relations Committee, and Special Projects Committee; and Dean Tovey, HAC's Director of Quality and Regulatory Affairs, also serves on GHCA's Quality Committee.


McKesson Results: Britt reported that he expected to save \$87,000 by switching to McKesson as HAC's medical supplier, but the actual savings has amounted to \$169,000. Britt reported further on the improvements by switching to McKesson and the success of the decision.

COVID-19 Update: Britt announced that for the first time since April 2020 there were no new cases of Covid-19 across all three facilities.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 25, 2024 at Orchard View.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.



JACK P. SCHLEY
Secretary/Attorney



ERNEST SMALLMAN, IV
Chairman

HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS
 YTD CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT
 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2024

INCOME STATEMENT

	Orchard View	Home Office	Ridgecrest	Muscogee Manor	Total Nursing Home	Cobis PCH	Muscogee Home Health	River Mill	Consolidated
Revenue	\$ 17,260,990	\$ 393,330	\$ 3,696,766	\$ 11,365,046	\$ 32,716,132	\$ 27,091	\$ 321,503	\$ -	\$ 33,064,726
Operating Expenses	14,546,744	1,669,431	3,297,392	11,213,929	31,427,496	5,950	17,131	1,030	31,451,607
Net Profit (loss) before Noncash expense	2,714,246	(1,276,101)	(300,626)	151,117	1,288,636	21,141	304,372	(1,030)	1,613,119
Provision for Bad debts	813	-	-	123	936	-	-	-	936
Interest expense	(637,002)	-	(796,640)	-	(1,433,642)	-	-	-	(1,433,642)
Depreciation and Amortization	(870,595)	-	(953,540)	(102,120)	(1,926,255)	(3,770)	-	-	(1,930,025)
YTD Income (loss)	\$ 1,207,462	\$ (1,276,101)	\$ (2,050,806)	\$ 49,120	\$ (2,070,325)	\$ 17,371	\$ 304,372	\$ (1,030)	\$ (1,749,612)

HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS
 CONSOLIDATED SUMMARY REPORT
 MONTH ENDED APRIL 30, 2024

	Orchard View	Home Office	Ridgecrest	Muscogee Manor	Total Nursing Home	Cobles PCH	Muscogee Home Health	River Mill	Consolidated
BALANCE SHEET									
Cash	\$ 5,146,740	\$ -	\$ 6,493,574	\$ 4,445,838	\$ 16,086,152	\$ 28,891	\$ 304,478	\$ 2,861,553	\$ 19,281,074
Other Current Assets	2,730,845	-	452,727	1,846,718	5,050,290	3,029	3,642	-	5,056,961
Intercompany Balances	17,115,274	-	(696,452)	(5,792,664)	9,626,158	(6,386,177)	(2,317,462)	(922,519)	-
Noncurrent Assets	36,480,446	-	35,753,582	10,090,082	82,324,110	151,128	83,642	564,920	83,123,800
Total Assets	\$ 61,493,305	\$ -	\$ 42,003,431	\$ 9,589,974	\$ 113,086,710	\$ (6,203,129)	\$ (1,925,700)	\$ 2,503,954	\$ 107,461,835
Current Liabilities	\$ 1,381,065	\$ -	\$ 584,375	\$ 606,193	\$ 2,571,633	\$ -	\$ 198	\$ -	\$ 2,571,831
Non-current Liabilities (excluding bonds)	10,950,305	-	4,047,178	6,750,787	21,748,270	360,100	450,668	-	22,559,038
Bonds Payable	21,054,162	-	28,971,781	-	50,025,943	-	-	-	50,025,943
Total Liabilities	33,385,532	-	33,603,334	7,356,980	74,345,846	360,100	450,866	-	75,156,812
Fund Balance	28,107,773	-	8,400,097	2,232,994	38,740,864	(6,563,229)	(2,376,566)	2,503,954	32,305,023
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$ 61,493,305	\$ -	\$ 42,003,431	\$ 9,589,974	\$ 113,086,710	\$ (6,203,129)	\$ (1,925,700)	\$ 2,503,954	\$ 107,461,835
INCOME STATEMENT									
Revenue	\$ 1,505,783	\$ 39,333	\$ 400,847	\$ 1,107,071	\$ 3,053,034	\$ 10,091	\$ 10,200	\$ -	\$ 3,073,325
Operating Expenses	1,370,515	156,804	393,130	1,124,974	3,045,823	606	592	141	3,047,162
Net Profit (Loss) before Noncash expense	134,868	(117,471)	7,717	(17,903)	7,211	9,485	9,608	(141)	25,163
Provision for Bad debts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest expense	(45,330)	-	(79,664)	-	(124,994)	-	-	-	(124,994)
Depreciation and Amortization	(86,306)	-	(95,354)	(10,212)	(191,872)	(377)	-	-	(192,249)
Current Month Income (loss)	\$ 3,232	\$ (117,471)	\$ (167,301)	\$ (28,115)	\$ (309,655)	\$ 9,108	\$ 9,608	\$ (141)	\$ (291,080)
YTD Income (loss)	\$ 1,207,462	\$ (1,276,101)	\$ (2,050,806)	\$ 49,120	\$ (2,070,325)	\$ 17,371	\$ 304,372	\$ (1,030)	\$ (1,749,612)
YTD Net Income (loss)	3,232	(117,471)	(167,301)	(28,115)	(309,655)	9,108	9,608	(141)	(291,080)
Add: Depreciation	86,306	-	95,354	10,212	191,872	377	-	-	192,249
Add: Interest Expense	45,330	-	79,664	-	124,994	-	-	-	124,994
Less: Monthly bond payment	(236,542)	-	(46,104)	-	(282,646)	-	-	-	(282,646)
Less: Property & Equipment Additions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net Cash Flow	(101,674)	(117,471)	(38,387)	(17,903)	(275,435)	9,485	9,608	(141)	(256,483)

*MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING FOR THE COLUMBUS GEORGIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEE
RETIREMENT SYSTEMS PENSION AND BENEFIT TRUST FUND
Called Meeting*

June 13, 2024

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Mayor, Skip Henderson, Chairman; and Finance Director, Angelica Alexander, Secretary

TRUSTEES ATTENDING VIRTUALLY: City Manager, Isaiah Hugley, Vice Chairman; Ricky Boren, Trustee; Roderick Graham, Trustee; Lisa Goodwin, Trustee; Jack Warden, Trustee; Elizabeth Cook, Trustee; and Dusty Wilson, Trustee

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

Fray McCormick, Trustee

OTHERS ATTENDING IN PERSON OR VIRTUALLY:

Pamela Hodge, DCM Finance, Planning & Development; Lucy Sheftall, Assistant City Attorney; Reather Hollowell, Human Resources Director; Cynthia Holliman, Senior Pension Plans Administrator; Gwen Ruff, Columbus Water Works; Savonne Monell, Columbus Water Works Representative; Angela Allison, Columbus Water Works, Clifton Fay, City Attorney, and Glen Arrington, Recording Secretary

ADVISORS:

Chuck Carr, Southern Actuarial Services; and Constance Brewster, Troutman Pepper

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor, Skip Henderson, called the June 13, 2024, meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Columbus Georgia Public Employee Retirement Systems Pension and Benefit Trust Fund to order. Attendance was taken and quorum was present and confirmed.

Mayor Henderson stated that this meeting has been called meeting for the board to discuss an ordinance requested and recommended by Councilor Davis and others. Because this meeting is to discuss policy and not investment performance, allocation or funding, it is open for public attendance but not for public comment. Mayor Henderson stated that this board’s purpose is not political. The Board’s purpose is to provide input to best protect the pensions of former, current and future CCG employees. The Board may decide to vote to recommend Council approves the ordinance; they may vote to recommend the Council does not approve the ordinance; or they may decide there is not sufficient information to make any recommendation. The mayor then turned the meeting over to Clifton Fay, City Attorney.

Minutes other than summary minutes will be released on a delayed schedule to protect the release of information made confidential by Official Code of Georgia Ann 47-1-14(c) and (d).

Clifton Fay thanked the mayor for allowing him to participate in the meeting. He reported on a new development regarding virtual meetings for the Board of Trustees for large retirement systems. Since the Governor signed new legislation in February, this Pension Board will be able to meet like this with a virtual quorum with some members in the room. He noted that the same ability to meet virtually does not apply to council meetings.

He explained that the proposed amendment to be discussed proposed by Councilor Davis and others, will allow a retired city employee who is currently receiving a city pension to be appointed or elected to fill a vacancy on the Columbus Council and not have to suspend their current city pension. The draft ordinance had been distributed to Board members and those in attendance. He advised that pension attorney, Constance Brewster of Troutman Law Firm in Atlanta has worked with the City Attorney's office the last week to prepare an ordinance at the Councilor's request. He then turned the meeting over to Mrs. Sheftall and Mrs. Brewster so that they could go through each proposed change. Mr. Fay stated that it is straightforward. The changes will allow a person receiving a city pension to continue receiving that pension if they are appointed or elected as a councilor.

Lucy Sheftall, Assistant City Attorney, informed the board that when they looked at the ordinance, there were a lot of edits or small changes that were all crafted to make one change. She contrasted what happens now with and then what would happen under the proposed ordinance. Currently, part time city employees who are drawing an active retirement can come back to work for the city and keep their pension. Full time employees cannot keep their pension if they come back after retirement. They don't lose it forever; it's just suspended during the time they are back in city employment. When that pension is suspended, they are required to rejoin the pension plan and make contributions to start earning a new benefit for their new service.

Councilors are specifically defined by the pension plan as full-time employees; therefore, they are subject to the requirements that their pension be suspended when they come back. The amendment that proposed today would change that so that an active retiree who is drawing a pension from the city plan can come back to be a councilor, not any other elected official, just an elected or appointed councilor, without having his or her pension suspended. The Councilor would keep drawing their pension but would not have the option of paying in and joining the plan again and getting a new benefit. That is sort of the before and after, if you will. Ms. Sheftall then recognized Ms. Brewster of Troutman Pepper to discuss the plan amendments and answer questions.

Constance Brewster then spoke to the board and walked through the ordinance in detail. A copy of the ordinance was displayed. (Please see attachment – Columbus – Ordinance Adopting Plan Amendments re City Council Members Draft 6-13-24)

Looking at section 2.13, this section of the plan is governing creditable service. The idea is if the councilor is not going to be eligible to participate in the plan as an active full-time employee, accruing additional benefits, this section says that any service he performs as a councilor is not considered creditable service. So this is essentially saying that he can

continue getting his pension, but the service that he has as a councilor is not going to count towards accruing any new benefits under the pension plan. Mrs. Brewster then opened to receive questions regarding this section of the amendment.

Moving to section 2.19, this deals with earnings. So, like in section 2.13 this clarifies that this councilor is not eligible for pension or building his service, we are also saying that any earnings the councilor receives as a councilor is not considered earnings for purposes of accruing a new benefit in the plan.

Moving to section 2.24, this is the section of the plan that defines full time employees to include appointed or elected officials as listed, the clarifying change, historically all officials, either appointed or elected have been treated the same. So, we added "appointed" just to clarify so there is no question. And then we added a proviso at the end to say that for any councilor, that he is a former member in pay status who has later entered into employment and sworn in as a councilor on or after July 1, is not going to be considered a full time employee for the purposes of the suspension provision that we will talk about and also for purposes of accruing additional benefits while serving as councilor.

Section 3.02 is a typographical change that is updating the section reference to reference to the correct numbers. This is just a clarifying piece.

Moving to section 4.06, and this is the heart of what brings this discussion. Pension benefits on reemployment. And this section usually says that if you are a member and you retire, and you are receiving benefits and you are reemployed as a full-time employee, your benefits will be suspended. So, the change is providing an exclusion and to say that if you are reemployed as a councilor, that is sworn in on or after July 1, 2024, that suspension provision no longer applies. So, the councilor may continue to receive pension payments while serving in his councilor role.

Moving down to section 4.06c, Eligibility for and Amount of Additional Pension, we added just for clarification, a provision at the end saying that if a former member comes back as a councilor, and is appointed on or after July 1, we are clarifying that he is not going to be eligible for an additional pension. So, he continues to receive his benefits but does not create any additional pension.

That was the general employee plan. If you move down to section 6, looking at section 2.14, you will see that this is virtually identical to provision 3 in that general governmental employee plan. 2.14 is just saying for this particular councilor, any service as a councilor is not considered creditable service for purposes of creating new benefits.

2.20 is the same. It is simply saying that the councilor's service is not considered earnings for purposes of accruing any new benefits.

2.25, we are saying that change as with the general governmental plan, the clarification that we are talking about is appointed or elected officials, and then also the proviso is clarifying

that this councilor would not be considered a full-time employee for purposes of the mandatory participation and the suspension of benefit provisions.

Moving to 3.02, this is updating the internal cite reference to ensure that it references the right cite.

Section 4.06, this is the same provision that we talked about in the general government employee plan, we are providing that the suspension of benefits while reemployment as a councilor does not apply.

If we move down, here is a proviso that just clarifies, again, that the councilor will not be eligible to receive an additional pension while receiving pension payments and then providing service as a councilor.

Section 11 just simply has the effective date of the ordinance. So as soon as it is adopted, it will be immediately effective.

Section 12 is the general provision that we include in all of our ordinances. It just says that any parts of the ordinance in conflict with this amendment are repealed and replaced with this ordinance that is adopted.

Mrs. Brewster then opened for questions.

City Manager, Isaiah Hugley expressed his concerns. He stated that, like others, he received the proposed ordinance, red lined less than an hour ago, in fact, looking at the email, he received it at 11:06 AM this morning. And there are several concerns. He stated that he was concerned that the proposed ordinance carves out or creates special legislation to fit one person or one class, members of city council. And it does not provide opportunity for equal treatment to other elected offices or elected officials. He stated that he was also concerned this is done hurriedly and does not allow sufficient time for review by the Pension Board. And it does not allow time for review by the city actuarial consultant. He stated that he assumed that Chuck Carr was with us, but, Mr. Hughley stated, that he did not know that he has had time to review to determine the actuarial impact of the recommended changes to the pension plan.

Chuck Carr responded that he did review the information quickly and stated that for him, it was straightforward. There is no actuarial impact for these changes. He stated that the actuarial concern could be taken off the table.

Mr. Hugley reiterated that he had not had enough time to review it. As a pension board fiduciary, he stated that he didn't know if other members of the pension board had a chance to see it, but he received the ordinance at 11:06. So, with that said, he stated that he was not comfortable voting on this matter today. If he was asked to vote on a matter that he is just received the email at 11:06, and he is expected to digest it or completely understand it, his vote would have to be no. He stated that his preference today is that that pension board would take no action. It is a political matter to leave it to the City Council because whether the

pension board says yay or negative, the council can vote to vote it up or down. And so, with his concerns, at least, he was not comfortable voting today. And his preference would be to take no action and refer it back to the City Council and let them pass their decision.

Mayor Henderson responded that he agreed. The mayor stated that he appreciated Mr. Hugley's comments. He asked if there was anything else that he wanted to add that may have any bearing at all on the main thing that we are discussing?

Mr. Carr stated that he thinks this is strictly a policy issue. From a financial perspective, if he understands it correctly, this only applies to someone who is in payment status. So, they are drawing the pension. And this is an individual who is retired at least from the pension funds perspective, and they are receiving their payments. Our assumption, of course, is that someone will then receive those payments for the rest of their life. So, we don't make any kind of assumption that there would be someone reemployed or anything of that nature. So, to the extent that someone is reemployed and is away or becomes a part of council or what have you, the fact that we would not be, now, with this member suspending their benefit, whereas before, we would, it really doesn't change any of the numbers from an actuarial standpoint. Arguably, it might even be argued that it would save a little bit of money. The savings would be miniscule. But, if he understood the plan right, right now, if someone, if this happens, the pension payments are suspended. But they would accrue additional service and additional benefit for that time that they are reemployed or what have you. So, because generally, these are folks, they are retired, so they are older. The cost of their accruals is generally going to be high as compared to someone who is younger. So, Mr. Carr stated, this is an actuarially neutral ordinance. But the reality is if anything, if it has any impact financially, there might be a very, very, very tiny savings from this, just from the fact that the fund is not going to give these folks additional pension accrual while they are reemployed. He again recommended looking at the issue from a policy perspective.

The mayor thanked the board and participants for making themselves available for this afternoon. He asked if there were any pension board members who had any questions or comments or wanted to clarify how they view their opportunity to recommend this.

Elizabeth Cook stated that she shared a concern and completely understood the timeliness issue. She stated that she works in this area and is familiar with the terminology and it is probably easier for her to understand than some others just because they don't see these words every day. She stated that she, frankly, would probably abstain if there was a vote because she didn't see this as the type of issue that the board deals with. The Board We deal with fiduciary issues. If they were to propose an amendment that had an impact on the plan in which it was something we could speak up for even a policy, but this is a neutral plan design change. She stated that she didn't know that it is up to the board to make the recommendation on neutral plan and design.

The mayor thanked Mrs. Cook for her comments.

Roderick Graham asked, for his clarity, are we talking about making a change that will only apply to an individual that has been voted for or elected as a council person.

Mr. Fay stated that the appointee is not sworn in yet.

Mr. Graham continued with, in the future, as the City Manager was referring to, how will this impact, or does this impact other individuals that retire and maybe want to come back for not an elected position but want to come back in some other capacity working for the City. Will their pension be suspended?

Mrs. Sheftall responded that the rules would stay the same as they are now, if they are only coming back part time, the pension is not suspended. If they are coming back full time, the pension is suspended.

Mr. Graham continued with, is a council position considered full-time or is it considered part time?

Mrs. Sheftall responded that the plan defines it currently as full time.

The mayor asked if there were any more questions or comments from the board.

Dusty Wilson asked if it was possible that we could hear from Councilor Davis as to why this was proposed. It seems fairly obvious that maybe it would allow the people who have great ideas to come back and work full-time in council. But he would worry with the City Manager, does this possibly create something for other areas in the city where somebody could come back and provide a great service, but they are limited or maybe they don't want to do that because they would have to give up their pension.

The mayor stated that typically the board does not allow comments from non-board members. But since this is a direct question to the individual who referred to it, he felt it certainly should be allowed.

Councilor Davis responded that he did not mind giving a little perspective on it. He stated that he thought Mr. Wilson was right. There are a lot of valuable, good, solid citizens in our community that have served this city well. And certainly, for many, many years. 25, 30, 35. You can make a case that they have a lot of knowledge and insight. And they would be good people to represent your city going forward. Taking all names out of this, unbeknownst to any council member, he thought the last time the council dealt with this was when Mayor Wetherington, but everybody was always, of course, he had options at that time with businesses or rental properties and things like that. But it did not matter to him, but we have always considered the mayor or others as full-time positions. And you look at the salary that equates to that. He stated that he thought you could make an argument that the council members are below the poverty level. You could make the argument that if they were full time, you would have to go back and recompensate every council member with minimum wage, which they are not making minimum wage, which is a federal requirement. If councilors were considered full time, he thinks the council members should be compensated in such a way that they are not. He stated that he found out about this idea at the eleventh hour when a letter was mailed out to a day before somebody was being sworn in, told that their, after

they have already gone through a process, that had been initiated, that they were going to, their pension was going to be suspended. Now, if you can imagine being that person, at an age where you have given 30+ years, and you are trying to make a living, and you are trying to have a life and support others, you can't do it. And not just that person, you have other people that have been qualified to run, who would have applied to run. He stated someone recently during the election, it would have applied to him. And he promised the board that they didn't know either. So, it opened his eyes to 1) we need a fact sheet that we can give to any candidate running for any office. They need to understand all the requirements, the ethics, the ethics rules, disclosures, what the rules are so that we are all on a level playing field instead of at the last minute. Because if you get sworn in not knowing and you receive a letter less than 24 hours where you are going to be sworn in that your pension is going to be suspended. Something is wrong with that. Something is really wrong. He went on to say that he thought the city had failed from that standpoint. So, where we are at today is making a correction with council members if an employee who has served the city well wants to be on council, appointed or elected, they have that option, well, it's not really an option, but they can continue to draw their pension. Some people just can't survive. Others can make it happen. And it just depends on where you are in life, and certainly, you can make this a case that certain people could be discriminated against and not allowed that opportunity. It applies, not just to whoever is in the pension plan across the board. It applies to not allowing them an opportunity to serve their city. They can't. Because most people versus serving on council or collecting their pension at such an age, you can't make it work. Or a very few have the opportunity, or the resources make that happen. So, we need to make corrections. And fortunately, as we walked through this thing, we found out the final process has not taken place, therefore a person won't be punitively punished or discriminated against in such a way because they had no idea. Nobody even knew what this ordinance was all about. It doesn't say council people, it just says elected officials, is what it says. That's what the policy says. So, as a council representative, he was looking at that, and the council is trying to make the appropriate changes going forward, where anybody in this city would have the opportunity. If they served this city well, they would have the opportunity to serve. And they don't have to deal with their pension being suspended and not being able to survive and make a living and take care of their family.

The mayor thanked Councilor Davis. He then asked if there were any other questions or comments from the board.

Finance Director, Angelica Alexander, asked a question. In terms of the council, does that also apply to the mayor as part of the council? Or not?

The mayor responded that he thought the mayor was a full-time position. Council is only part time. He stated that he served on council and the idea to serve on council is you have a job, and the council service is sort of a part time job. He stated that he thinks this has not really occurred very often. He stated that Councilor Davis mentioned Wetherington. A firefighter, Watson, dealt with that. In 30 years, it has probably happened twice. But he thought the mayor is considered full time. The council has always been a part-time and, the perk, it was a perk trying to add to council because of the hours they end up working. And that's why they are considered, just for pension and insurance, full time, so that they can qualify.

Mr. Hugley stated that he would state again that his concern is that it provides for a select group and there are other elected officials that could, he used the coroner as an example. And so, they could not retire from the city and then run for coroner and win, if you just single it out to just council members. And a coroner, a person running as a retired city employee for coroner, would earn a salary, in Columbus, Georgia, of \$60,000. And then you would as mayor, or general revenue as you mentioned, he probably earns between \$75 and \$80 thousand, gave up his pension. It means if you, and only the council is mentioned, they had other things, but that says that you are local administrator on low pay. For your pay and you arranged for mayor, you would earn, like you earn, about \$80,000. How does that compare to a city, the second largest city in Georgia. It singles out a certain class, and it does not provide an equal playing field for other retired employees who want to run for office in this city. It says you can only get paid your pension if you run for city council. Not if you run for mayor. Not if you run for coroner. Not if you run for municipal court clerk. You can only do it if you are a councilor. And I question whether that is providing an opportunity for a greater talent to go to the next level or block other than a city councilor position. And it's not an equal and level playing field. And, quite frankly, it's not equal treatment. And that is one of my concerns. As I shared with you earlier, I would leave that to the city council to vote on this matter and not as a pension board member.

Mayor Henderson stated that he agreed. He thought that based on what Elizabeth mentioned and what City Manager, Mr. Hugley said and what he has heard coming from the board, there are a couple of factors to consider. There is going to be an opportunity for first and second reading at council when this comes up. And that is where, he thought, we are seeing this belongs. In the arena discussing whether it is what we want to do for the pension for our government. Mayor Henderson stated, he thought, as Elizabeth pointed out, and Chuck mentioned that it is negligible, the impact on the actual funding of the pension or being able to continue being able to make sure it stays close to being fully funded. He stated what he was hearing is that the board seems to be leaning towards letting the council handle it, whichever route they want to go. For several reasons. One, as you had mentioned and something that Elizabeth had mentioned, but also, because of the short timeline. So, is there any different view or opinion from any members of the board?

Dusty Wilson responded that he would just add that if you pull an amendment plan, like the City Manager says, amend it for all elected officials, not just councilor. He stated that he agrees that there are very good people out there who have a lot of experience and who would like to raise their hand and become a part of the council or another elected position. But he stated that it looks like it says just the councilors and not elected officials. He then asked if there would be any actuarial effects if the amendment included all elected officials.

Chuck Carr responded that it would not change his opinion. He then stated his opinion was not based upon the fact that it was limited to councilors. It could be any elected office. And he stated his answer would be the same, which is it has no actuarial impact. The mayor then stated that he thought it was something that the council would need to take into consideration. And those that would speak to the council when it does come up. The mayor then asked if any of the board members had any issues or concerns.

Mr. Graham stated that this was the question he was getting around to when he asked if it just applied to being on city council. He stated that was what he was reading and what was being explained to the board. The word that was being used was councilor or council member.

The mayor then opened the floor for a motion. No motion was brought forward, so the Board will not forward any recommendation to the council. The ordinance will go before the Council for 1st Reading without any recommendation from the Board.

ADJOURN

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Henderson entertained a motion to dismiss. A motion was made by City Manager, Isaiah Hugley. It was seconded by Dusty Wilson. The mayor thanked everyone for taking their time and adjusting their schedules to attend the meeting. The board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting and the meeting was declared adjourned.

Glen Arrington

Glen Arrington
Recording Secretary

AN ORDINANCE

NO. 24-__

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 (collectively, the "Plans") to address the treatment of retirees in pay status who are thereafter appointed or elected to City Council.

THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1.

Section 2.13 of the Columbus, Georgia Pension Plan for General Government Employees is hereby amended by adding a new Section 2.13(h) to read as follows:

(h) Former Members in Pay Status And Sworn In Councilor on or after July 1, 2024. No employment service following the reemployment of a former Member in pay status who is sworn in as a Councilor on or after July 1, 2024, shall be considered Creditable Service.

SECTION 2.

Section 2.19 of the Columbus, Georgia Pension Plan for General Government Employees is hereby amended by adding a new Section 2.19(e) to read as follows:

(e) Former Members in Pay Status And Sworn In as Councilor on or after July 1, 2024. No compensation earned following the reemployment of a former Member in pay status who is sworn in as a Councilor on or after July 1, 2024, shall be considered Earnings.

SECTION 3.

Section 2.24 of the Columbus, Georgia Pension Plan for General Government Employees is hereby stricken and replaced by a new Section 2.24 to read as follows:

"2.24 Full-Time Employee: Any Employee whose customary employment is for at least forty (40) hours per week and for twelve (12) months during each calendar year and who is

included in the "position classification plan" adopted by the Council. An Employee who is a court reporter, appointed judge or an appointed or elected Official of the Government shall be deemed a Full-Time Employee. A grant employee identified as "benefit eligible" by the grant administrator shall be deemed a Full-Time Employee. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a former Member in pay status who is sworn-in as an appointed or elected Councilor of the Government on or after [July 1, 2024] shall not be deemed a Full-Time Employee for purposes of 4.06 and shall not be entitled to receive any additional benefits under the Plan with respect to service as a Councilor."

SECTION 4.

Section 3.02 of the Columbus, Georgia Pension Plan for General Government Employees is hereby stricken and replaced by a new Section 3.02 to read as follows:

"3.02 Membership Upon Reemployment: Except as provided in Section 4.06(c) regarding the reemployment of a retired Member *in pay status*, upon the reemployment of an Employee after termination of employment, he shall become a Member on his reemployment date, provided he is an Eligible Employee on such date and be subject to all requirements of new Members on that date. Any reemployed Member who satisfies the conditions set forth in Section 2.~~4213~~(c) for re-establishing Creditable Service, shall be entitled to an Adjusted Employment Date which shall be calculated by taking his re-employment date and backing it up to reflect the years and months of creditable service calculated in accordance with section 2.~~4213~~. All vesting and contribution requirements shall then be construed as though such employee was hired on his Adjusted Employment Date."

SECTION 5.

Section 4.06 of the Columbus, Georgia Pension Plan for General Government Employees is hereby stricken and replaced by a new Section 4.06 to read as follows:

"4.06 Pension Benefits Upon Reemployment:

If a former Member who is receiving a Pension is reemployed by the Government, the following rules shall apply:

- (a) Full-Time Reemployment and Resumption of Pension: If such a Member is reemployed as a Full-Time Employee, those Pension payments shall stop, unless he is participating in the DROP as set forth in Section 4.04 above or is reemployed as an

appointed or elected Councilor sworn in on or after July 1, 2024. Pension payments shall also stop during any suspension in DROP participation. During such period of reemployment or suspension in DROP participation no Pension payments shall be made. Upon subsequent Retirement of such a Member, such Pension payments shall again commence as of the first day of the month coincident with or next following such Retirement. The amount and form of such resumed Pension shall be the same as was being paid to such Member prior to reemployment as of his initial Pension commencement date.

- (b) Part-Time Reemployment: If such a Member is reemployed as a Part-Time Employee, those Pension payments shall continue uninterrupted.
- (c) Eligibility for and Amount of Additional Pension: Upon reemployment, if the Employee meets the requirements of Section 2.21 as an Eligible Employee, such Employee shall again become a Member of this Plan on the date of reemployment, shall make Employee Contributions at the rate required of other new employees hired on that date, and shall accrue Credited Service and Vesting Service from the date of reemployment and again be entitled to accrue a benefit in accordance with the provisions of Section 4. However, in the determination of such a Member's Vesting Service, his prior years of Vesting Service shall be included in addition to his Vesting Service earned after reemployment; provided, however, solely for the purpose of determining the amount of his additional Pension, Credited Service shall accrue only from the date of such reemployment. No member who has participated in the DROP specified in Section 4.04 above shall be eligible for Additional Pension pursuant to this sub-section. Notwithstanding anything in the Plan to the contrary, a former Member who (i) is receiving a Pension and (ii) is reemployed by the Government as an appointed or elected Councilor on or after [July 1, 2024], shall not be eligible for an Additional Pension pursuant to this sub-section.
- (d) Form of Payment of Additional Pension: Upon subsequent Retirement by a Member after a period of reemployment, the monthly benefit determined in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 and based on Credited Service from the date of reemployment shall be in addition to the benefit provided for the prior period of employment and the provisions of Section 4.06 (c). The Pension earned by such a Member during the period of reemployment shall be payable in accordance with the provisions of Section 5."

SECTION 6.

Section 2.14 of the Columbus, Georgia Pension Plan for Employees of the Department of Public Safety is hereby amended by adding a new Section 2.14(g) to read as follows:

(g) Former Members in Pay Status And Sworn In as an Appointed or Elected to Council on or after July 1, 2024. No employment service following the reemployment of a former Member in pay status who is sworn in as a Councilor on or after July 1, 2024, shall be considered Creditable Service.

SECTION 7.

Section 2.20 of the Columbus, Georgia Pension Plan for Employees of the Department of Public Safety is hereby amended by adding a new Section 2.20(e) to read as follows:

(e) Former Members in Pay Status And Sworn In as an Appointed or Elected to Council on or after July 1, 2024. No compensation earned as a Councilor following the reemployment of a former Member in pay status who is sworn in as a Councilor on or after July 1, 2024, shall be considered Earnings.

SECTION 8.

Section 2.25 of the Columbus, Georgia Pension Plan for Employees of the Department of Public Safety is hereby stricken and replaced by a new Section 2.25 to read as follows:

"2.25 Full-Time Employee:

Any Employee whose customary employment is for at least forty (40) hours per week and for twelve (12) months during each calendar year and who is included in the "position classification plan" adopted by the Council. An Employee who is a court reporter, appointed judge or an appointed or elected Official of the Government shall be deemed a Full-Time Employee. A grant employee identified as "benefit eligible" by the grant administrator shall be deemed a Full-Time Employee. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a retired Member in pay status who is appointed or elected to Council on or after July 1, 2024 shall not be deemed a Full-Time Employee for purposes of Sections 3.02 and 4.06 and shall not be entitled to receive any additional benefits under the Plan with respect to service as a Councilor."

SECTION 9.

Section 3.02 of the Columbus, Georgia Pension Plan for Employees of the Department of Public Safety is hereby stricken and replaced by a new Section 3.02 to read as follows:

"3.02 Membership Upon Reemployment: Except as provided in Section 4.06(c) regarding the reemployment of a retired Member *in pay status*, upon the reemployment of an Employee after termination of employment, he shall become a Member on his reemployment date, provided he is an Eligible Employee on such date and be subject to all requirements of new Members on that date. Any reemployed Member who satisfies the conditions set forth in Section 2.124(c) for re-establishing Creditable Service, shall be entitled to an Adjusted Employment Date which shall be calculated by taking his re-employment date and backing it up to reflect the years and months of creditable service calculated in accordance with section 2.124. All vesting and contribution requirements shall then be construed as though such employee was hired on his Adjusted Employment Date."

SECTION 10.

Section 4.06 of the Columbus, Georgia Pension Plan for Employees of the Department of Public Safety is hereby stricken and replaced by a new Section 4.06 to read as follows:

"4.06 Pension Benefits Upon Reemployment:

If a former Member who is receiving a Pension is reemployed by the Government, the following rules shall apply:

- (e) Full-Time Reemployment and Resumption of Pension: If such a Member is reemployed as a Full-Time Employee, those Pension payments shall stop, unless he is participating in the DROP as set forth in Section 4.04 above or is reemployed as an appointed or elected Councilor sworn in on or after July 1, 2024. Pension payments shall also stop during any suspension in DROP participation. During such period of reemployment or suspension in DROP participation no Pension payments shall be made. Upon subsequent Retirement of such a Member, such Pension payments shall again commence as of the first day of the month coincident with or next following such Retirement. The amount and form of such resumed Pension shall be the same as was being paid to such Member prior to reemployment as of his initial Pension commencement date.

- (f) Part-Time Reemployment: If such a Member is reemployed as a Part-Time Employee, those Pension payments shall continue uninterrupted.
- (g) Eligibility for and Amount of Additional Pension: Upon reemployment, if the Employee meets the requirements of Section 2.22 as an Eligible Employee, such Employee shall again become a Member of this Plan on the date of reemployment, shall make Employee Contributions at the rate required of other new employees hired on that date, and shall accrue Credited Service and Vesting Service from the date of reemployment and again be entitled to accrue a benefit in accordance with the provisions of Section 4. However, in the determination of such a Member's Vesting Service, his prior years of Vesting Service shall be included in addition to his Vesting Service earned after reemployment; provided, however, solely for the purpose of determining the amount of his additional Pension, Credited Service shall accrue only from the date of such reemployment. No member who has participated in the DROP specified in Section 4.04 above shall be eligible for Additional Pension pursuant to this sub-section. Notwithstanding anything in the Plan to the contrary, a former Member who (i) is receiving a Pension and (ii) is reemployed by the Government as an appointed or elected Councilor or sworn in on or after July 1, 2024, shall not be eligible for an Additional Pension pursuant to this sub-section.
- (h) Form of Payment of Additional Pension: Upon subsequent Retirement by a Member after a period of reemployment, the monthly benefit determined in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 and based on Credited Service from the date of reemployment shall be in addition to the benefit provided for the prior period of employment and the provisions of Section 4.06 (c). The Pension earned by such a Member during the period of reemployment shall be payable in accordance with the provisions of Section 5."

SECTION 11.

This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon adoption by the Columbus Council.

SECTION 12.

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

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the ____ day of _____, 2024; introduced a second time at a regular meeting of said Council held on the ____ day of _____, 2024 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting	_____
(Seat vacant)	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 Davis
Clerk of Council

B.H. Henderson III
Mayor



MINUTES

A meeting of the Planning Advisory Commission was held Wednesday, May 15, 2024, in the Council Chambers of the Citizen Service Center.

Commissioners Present:

Chairperson: Larry Derby

Vice Chairperson: Ralph King

Commissioners: Brad Baker, Gloria Thomas, Patrick Steed, Michael Ernst, Patricia Weekley, Xavier McCaskey, Rick Stallings

Absent:

Staff Members: John Renfro, Assistant Planning Director
Morgan Shepard, Principal Planner

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. All in attendance stood for the pledge of allegiance to the American Flag. He explained the rezoning process to the audience.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Chairperson asked for a motion on the minutes. Chairperson made a motion to submit the minutes as accepted. No changes or additions by other commissioners. Motion carries, minutes accepted.

- 1. REZN-06-23-0113:** A request to rezone 0.79 acres of land located at 1720/1728/1730/1744 Warm Springs Road and 1818 Spring Circle. Current zoning is Neighborhood Commercial (NC). Proposed zoning General Commercial (GC). The proposed use is Convenience Store with Gas Sales and Laundromat. Rodney Milner is the applicant. This property is located in Council District 8 (Garrett).

Morgan Shepard read the staff report.

REZN-06-23-0113

Applicant: Rodney V. Milner

Owner: Rodney V. Milner

Location: 1720/28/30/44 Warm Springs Road & 1818 Spring Circle

Parcel: 036-013-002/3/4/5/7/8

Acreage: 0.79 Acres

Current Zoning Classification: Neighborhood Commercial (NC)

Proposed Zoning Classification: General Commercial (GC)

Current Use of Property: Vacant

Proposed Use of Property: Convenience Store with Gas Sales and Laundramat

General Land Use: Consistent
Planning Area D

Current Land Use Designation: General Commercial

Future Land Use Designation: Genral Commercial

Compatible with Existing Land-Uses: Yes

Environmental Impacts: 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.

City Services: Property is served by all city services.

Traffic Impact: Average Annual Daily Trips (AADT) will increase by 145 trips if used for commercial use.

Traffic Engineering: This site shall meet the Codes and regulations of the Columbus Consolidated Government for commercial usage.

Protected left turn lane will be required.

Surrounding Zoning:

North	Neighborhood Commercial (NC)
South	Residential Multifamily - 2 (RMF2)
East	Neighborhood Commercial (NC)
West	Neighborhood Commercial (NC)

Attitude of Property Owners: **Forty-Seven (47)** property owners within 300 feet of the subject properties were notified of the rezoning request. The Planning Department received no calls and/or emails regarding the rezoning.

Rodney Milner, 115 Broken Rock Road, addressed the Commissioners. He discussed the project history and the intended use.

Commissioner McCaskey moved to approve the proposed rezoning and Commissioner Weekley seconded; Case is approved (8-0 Physical / 0-0 Virtual).

2. REZN-03-24-0628: A request to rezone 0.72 acres of land located at 5617 Eastside Drive. Current zoning is Single Family Residential -1 (SFR1). Proposed zoning General Commercial (GC). The proposed use is General Commercial. Donald E McCaghren is the applicant. This property is located in Council District 5 (Crabbe).

Morgan Shepard read the staff report.

REZN-03-24-0628

Applicant:	Donald E. McCaghren
Owner:	Donald E. McCaghren
Location:	5716 Eastside Drive
Parcel:	083-014-019
Acreage:	0.72 Acres
Current Zoning Classification:	Single Family Residential - 1
Proposed Zoning Classification:	General Commercial (GC)
Current Use of Property:	Vacant/Undeveloped
Proposed Use of Property:	General Commercial
General Land Use:	Inconsistent Planning Area B
Current Land Use Designation:	Single Family Residential
Future Land Use Designation:	Single Family Residential
Compatible with Existing Land-Uses:	Yes
Environmental Impacts:	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.

City Services: Property is served by all city services.

Traffic Engineering: This site shall meet the Codes and regulations of the Columbus Consolidated Government for commercial usage.

School Impact: N/A

Buffer Requirement: The site shall include a Category C buffer along all property lines bordered by the SFR1 zoning district. The 3 options under Category C are:

- 1) 20 feet with a certain amount of canopy trees, under story trees, and shrubs / ornamental grasses per 100 linear feet.
- 2) 10 feet with a certain amount of shrubs / ornamental grasses per 100 linear feet and a wood fence or masonry wall.
- 3) 30 feet undisturbed natural buffer.

Surrounding Zoning:	North	Single Family Residential – 1 (SFR1)
	South	General Commercial (GC)
	East	Single Family Residential – 1 (SFR1)
	West	General Commercial (GC)

Attitude of Property Owners: **Twenty-One (21)** property owners within 300 feet of the subject properties were notified of the rezoning request. The Planning Department received no calls and/or emails regarding the rezoning.

Approval	0 Responses
Opposition	0 Responses

Additional Information: The proposed 5,000 sq ft commercial building will be situated on an existing GC lot. The lot to be rezoned will be used for the driveway and 5 parking spots. The lots would be combined at a later date.

Lamar Fields, 152 Four Lot Road, addressed the Commissioners. He provided detail on the proposed business.

Commissioner Baker moved to approve the proposed rezoning and Commissioner Thomas seconded; Case is approved (8-0 Physical / 0-0 Virtual).

3. REZN-03-24-0635: A request to rezone 5.03 acres of land located at 5470 Schatulga Road. Current zoning is Heavy Manufacturing/Industrial (HMI). Proposed zoning General Commercial (GC). The proposed use is Banquet Hall. Harlan Price is the applicant. This property is located in Council District 6 (Allen).

Morgan Shepard read the staff report.

REZN-04-24-0767

Applicant:	Harlan A Price
Owner:	Eluis Dafraw/Purple Phoenix LLC
Location:	5470 Schatulga Road
Parcel:	111-015-027
Acreage:	5.03 Acres
Current Zoning Classification:	Heavy Manufacturing/Industrial (HMI)
Proposed Zoning Classification:	General Commercial (GC)
Current Use of Property:	Office Space
Proposed Use of Property:	Banquet Hall
General Land Use:	Inconsistent Planning Area E
Current Land Use Designation:	Light Manufacturing/Industrial (LMI)
Future Land Use Designation:	Heavy Manufacturing/Industrial (HMI)
Compatible with Existing Land-Uses:	No
Environmental Impacts:	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.
City Services:	Property is served by all city services.
Traffic Impact:	Average Annual Daily Trips (AADT) will increase by 91 trips if used for commercial use.

Traffic Engineering: This site shall meet the Codes and regulations of the Columbus Consolidated Government for commercial usage.

School Impact: N/A

Buffer Requirement: The site shall include a Category C buffer along all property lines bordered by the HMI zoning district. The 3 options under Category C are:

- 1) 20 feet with a certain amount of canopy trees, under story trees, and shrubs / ornamental grasses per 100 linear feet.
- 2) 10 feet with a certain amount of shrubs / ornamental grasses per 100 linear feet and a wood fence or masonry wall.
- 3) 30 feet undisturbed natural buffer.

Surrounding Zoning:	North	Heavy Manufacturing/Industrial (HMI)
	South	Heavy Manufacturing/Industrial (HMI)
	East	Heavy Manufacturing/Industrial (HMI)
	West	Light Manufacturing/Industrial (LMI)

Attitude of Property Owners: **Seventeen (17)** property owners within 300 feet of the subject properties were notified of the rezoning request. The Planning Department received no calls and/or emails regarding the rezoning.

Approval	0 Responses
Opposition	0 Responses

Harlan Price, 241 Tiger Way, addressed the Commissioners. He stated they intend to use the existing 10,000 square foot office building as a banquet hall for weddings and events.

Commissioner King moved to approve the proposed rezoning and Commissioner Baker seconded; Case is approved (8-0 Physical / 0-0 Virtual).

4. REZN-03-24-0635: A request to rezone 31.64 acres of land located at 2601 Courtland Avenue and 6250/6214 Forrest Road. Current zoning is Single Family Residential -3 (SFR3). Proposed zoning Single Family Residential -4 (SFR4). The proposed use is Single Family Residential Subdivision. Wizer Homes, LLC is the applicant. This property is located in Council District 4 (Tucker).

Morgan Shepard read the staff report.

REZN-04-24-0772

Applicant:	Wizer Homes, LLC
Owner:	GCW Development Company, LLC & Woodruff George C Company
Location:	2601 Courtland Ave, 6250/6214/0 Forrest Road
Parcel:	114-001-008/7, 114-001-002, 113-002-008
Acreage:	31.64 Acres
Current Zoning Classification:	Single Family Residential - 3
Proposed Zoning Classification:	Single Family Residential - 4
Current Use of Property:	Vacant/Undeveloped
Proposed Use of Property:	Single Family Residential
General Land Use:	Consistent Planning Area E
Current Land Use Designation:	Single Family Residential
Future Land Use Designation:	Single Family Residential
Compatible with Existing Land-Uses:	Yes
Environmental Impacts:	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.
City Services:	Property is served by all city services.
Traffic Impact:	Average Annual Daily Trips (AADT) will increase by 433 trips if used for residential use.
Traffic Engineering:	This site shall meet the Codes and regulations of the Columbus Consolidated Government for residential usage.

Surrounding Zoning:	North	Single Family Residential – 2 (SFR2)
	South	Single Family Residential – 2 (SFR2)
	East	Single Family Residential – 2 (SFR2)
	West	Single Family Residential – 3 (SFR3)

Attitude of Property Owners: **One Hundred and Nineteen (119)** property owners within 300 feet of the subject properties were notified of the rezoning request. The Planning Department received no calls and/or emails regarding the rezoning.

Approval	0 Responses
Opposition	1 Responses

Additional Information: 92 homes proposed. Access via existing street stub outs on Morning Dew Drive and Lemongrass Drive.

Dave Erickson, 324 Otter Drive, addressed the Commissioners. He stated the intent is to finish the residential development that was started in 2007, the same basic layout as originally proposed will be used. Mr. Erickson stated he went door to door in the neighborhood to tell them about the development, he spoke to approximately 40 people who all had no objection and positive responses. The development is projected to being construction in October.

Commissioner McCaskey asked about the cost of the homes.

Mr. Erickson responded they are targeting the 230 to 250,000 price range. If interest rates change, that may change the square footage and cost.

Toyia Tucker, District 4 Council Member, addressed the Commissioners. She requested a neighborhood meeting be held prior to being voted on to get input from the residents.

Commissioner Thomas asked Staff to clarify on the letters sent and the response.

Ms. Shepard responded 119 letters were mailed and the required rezoning signs were posted. The only response was one phone call asking about the meeting date and location.

Commissioner Thomas asked who would attend the meeting.

Councilmember Tucker responded the builder and the residents.

Mr. Erickson went into more detail on his outreach in the neighborhood. He received one call from the neighborhood watch representative who asked questions about the type of house proposed.

Commissioner Thomas asked if he had an example of what the homes would look like.

Mr. Erickson responded that at this stage in the process he does not have those designed but he described the homes as 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms with attached garages and a covered porch.

Commissioner King asked Staff about the appropriateness of Councilmembers attending and speaking at PAC meetings.

Ms. Shepard responded she would consult the City Attorney, but the request can be voted on, the application and notification process met the legal requirements.

Emily Jackson, 6334 Hunter Road, addressed the Commissioners. She stated she did not receive a letter or any information, she only saw the sign.

Commissioner King moved to approve the proposed rezoning and Commissioner Steed seconded; Case is approved by tiebreaker from Chairperson (5-4 Physical / 0-0 Virtual).

- 5. **REZN-08-23-0146:** A request to rezone 14.80 acres of land located at 3160 Primrose Road. Current zoning is Planned Unit Development (PUD). Proposed zoning is Residential Office (RO). The proposed use is Residential Multifamily. Euron Wright is the applicant. This property is located in Council District 1.

Morgan Shepard read the staff report.

REZN-08-23-0146

Applicant:	Euron Wright
Owner:	Woodruff George C Co
Location:	3160 Primrose Road
Parcel:	085-010-008
Acreage:	14.80 Acres
Current Zoning Classification:	Planned Unit Development (Ord. No. 08-52)
Proposed Zoning Classification:	Residential Office
Current Use of Property:	Vacant/Undeveloped
Proposed Use of Property:	Multifamily Residential

General Land Use:	Inconsistent Planning Area E
Current Land Use Designation:	Vacant/Undeveloped
Future Land Use Designation:	Public/ Institutional
Compatible with Existing Land-Uses:	Yes
Environmental Impacts:	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.
City Services:	Property is served by all city services.
Traffic Impact:	Average Annual Daily Trips (AADT) will increase to 1,906 trips if used for residential use. Level of Service (LOS) for PM Peak Travel will be projected to operate at level E.
Traffic Engineering:	This site shall meet the Codes and regulations of the Columbus Consolidated Government for residential usage. A deceleration lane will be required.
School Impact:	Gentian Elementary's capacity can handle an increase in students. The School District is in the process of re-drawing school boundary lines and will accommodate potential increase in enrollment.
Buffer Requirement:	The site shall include a Category C buffer along all property lines bordered by the SFR2 and RMF2 zoning district. The 3 options under Category C are: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) 20 feet with a certain amount of canopy trees, under story trees, and shrubs / ornamental grasses per 100 linear feet.2) 10 feet with a certain amount of shrubs / ornamental grasses per 100 linear feet and a wood fence or masonry wall.3) 30 feet undisturbed natural buffer.
Surrounding Zoning:	North Single Family Residential – 2 (SFR2)

South	Neighborhood Commercial (NC)/ Residential Multifamily – 2 (RMF2)
East	Single Family Residential – 2 (SFR2)
West	Single Family Residential – 2 (SFR2)

Attitude of Property Owners: **Thirty-three (33)** property owners within 300 feet of the subject properties were notified of the rezoning request. The Planning Department received 23 calls and/or emails regarding the rezoning.

Approval	0 Responses
Opposition	23 Responses

Additional Information: Phase 1 includes the office and community amenities (pool and gym). 10% (24) of the proposed multifamily units will be reserved as affordable housing for households with incomes 80% of the area median income. The entry will be gated, and a fence will be installed around the perimeter of the development.

Commissioner Stallings asked if the Traffic Impact Study gave any consideration to a traffic light at Macon and Primrose.

Ms. Shepard stated that would be determined by GDOT. The Level of Service at the intersection is level E, one above the lowest level. This means there are significant existing delays at the intersection. The Traffic Impact Study gave this recommendation that will be required as a condition of approval: Primrose Road at Site Driveway A: On site, construct one (1) ingress lane entering the site and one (1) egress lane exiting the site. Intersection 5 – Primrose Road at Site Driveway B: On site, construct one (1) ingress lane entering the site and one (1) egress lane exiting the site.

Euron Wright, 5535 Cranston Drive, addressed the Commissioners. He stated that he will reduce the number of apartments and increase the number of townhomes in response to the traffic study and increase green space. The number of townhomes would be 150 and number of apartments, 100.

Commissioner Thomas asked if it will be gated.

Mr. Wright stated it would be.

Commissioner Baker asked if the townhomes were for sale or rented.

Mr. Wright stated the townhomes would be for sale.
Commissioner McCaskey asked for the rent and the size of the apartment.

Mr. Wright stated 1,300 square feet roughly for the apartments and the townhomes will range from 1,400 square feet to 2,000 square feet priced around 300,000 dollars.

Commissioner King asked if that would impact the traffic study results.

Ms. Shepard stated she had no information on a new development plan and cannot provide any information regarding traffic counts, daily trips or density.

Commissioner King moved to table the proposed rezoning due to the changes to the proposed development and Commissioner Baker seconded; Case is approved (8-0 Physical / 0-0 Virtual).

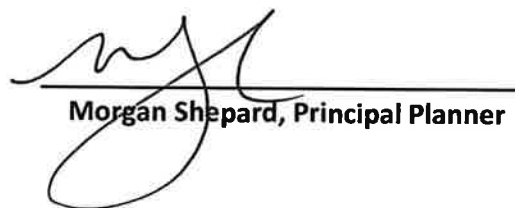
NEW BUSINESS: Commissioner Steed discussed local mail delays and the impact to notices. Ms. Shepard stated that due to this, letters are being sent out as early as possible, most are sent three weeks in advance. The legal requirement is 7 days. Commissioner Baker clarified the notices are mailed to property owners, not tenants. Ms. Shepard said to the property owner on the most recent tax roll is who is notified by mail. The required 48 by 72-inch signs are notification to residents. The signs have the phone number for the applicant and for the Planning Department.

OLD BUSINESS:

ADJOURNMENT: 9:38 A.M.

RECORDING: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SCwfBTGt1ss&t=1s>


Larry Derby, Chairperson


Morgan Shepard, Principal Planner

Tree Board
June 20, 2024

Attending: Kristin Youngquist, Cliff Ruehl, Amy Spencer, Eric Gansauer and Catherine Trotter

Amy Spencer and Cliff Ruehl were welcomed as new board members. They were thanked for their willingness to serve. Cliff is filling the education position and Amy is the environmental representative. Kristin reviewed the board's duties and responsibilities, and she cited sections 9.2.6 and 4.6.18 of the Unified Development Ordinance as a reference.

Cliff asked if the Consolidated Government has plans to hire a City Arborist. The City has been without an Arborist for three years. While Eric is considered as serving in this role, he is actually the Forest Administrator and not a Division Manager. The board agreed to once again let the minutes reflect its concern over the vacancy in this position. All believe hiring a City Arborist should be a priority.

Old Business

- Kristin and Catherine both complete their at-large terms on the board in December. Replacements will be needed in January.

New Business

- Eric presented preliminary plans for a proposed body shop on Beaver Run Road that requires a buyout. The developers say they can't meet the tree requirements and that they will pay \$11,088. The requirement calls for 53 trees – only 25 will be planted. Eric recommends accepting this buyout.
- The Ordinance needs updating/revamping. Several items were mentioned to include: historically registered trees, establishing certain areas in the city that would require approval for cutting down trees on private property and requiring that more than a 20% variance go before the board for approval.

All of these considerations would need to go to the City Attorney's office for review before finalizing.

- Eric has submitted a recommendation to update the price of trees from \$220 to \$500.

There being no further business Kristin thanked everyone for attending. She would like for the next meeting to be in person possibly at Trees Columbus in September or October.

File Attachments for Item:

RESOLUTION - A resolution excusing Councilor R. Walker Garrett from the July 9, 2024 Council Meeting.

RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A Resolution excusing Councilors absence.

THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES:

Pursuant to Section 3-103(6) of the Charter of Columbus, Georgia, Councilor R. Walker Garrett is hereby excused from attendance of the July 9, 2024 Council Meeting for the following reasons:

Personal Business:

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 9th day of July 2024 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting _____
- Councilor Chambers voting _____
- Councilor Cogle voting _____
- Councilor Crabb voting _____
- Councilor Davis voting _____
- Councilor Garrett voting _____
- Councilor Hickey voting _____
- Councilor Huff voting _____
- Councilor Thomas voting _____
- Councilor Tucker voting _____

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Form revised 11-1-79, Approved by Council 11-6-79

File Attachments for Item:

. BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

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

YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:

District 2 Nominee: _____

District 5 Nominee: _____

District 4 Nominee: Javi Moore

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS- READY FOR CONFIRMATION:

HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD: Mr. Mike Johnson was nominated to fill the expired term of Ms. Libby Smith as the *Historic District Resident*. (Councilor Cogle's nominee) Term expires: June 30, 2027

KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION: Mr. David Houser was nominated to serve another term of office as the *SD-15 Representative*. (Mayor Pro Tem Allen's nominee) Term expires: June 30, 2027

REGION 6 REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES: Ms. Jennifer LeDenney was nominated to succeed Mr. Christopher Posey. (Councilor Cogle's nominee) Term expires: June 30, 2027

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

ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD:

Sabine Stull

Open for Recommendation

(Animal Rescue Representative) *by Animal Rescue*

Not Eligible to succeed (Council's Appointment)

Term Expired: April 11, 2024

Councilor Garrett is nominating Paige Shields- Director of Operations at Animal Ark Rescue for the seat of Sabine Stull as the Animal Rescue Representative.

Councilor Cogle is nominating Claire Anna Daniels for the seat of Julee Fryer.

The term is two years. Board meets as needed.

Women: 6

Senatorial District 15: 3

Senatorial District 29: 3

DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:

Travis Chambers

Open for Nominations

Elected to Council

(Council's Appointment)

Term Expires: April 30, 2028

The term is four years. Board meets monthly.

Women: 2

Senatorial District 15: 3

Senatorial District 29: 3

KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION:

William Bandy

Open for Nominations

Not seeking reappointment

(Council's Appointment)

(SD-29 Representative)

Term Expired: June 30, 2023

The term is three years. Board meets every even month.

** Ms. Skyler Dexter was confirmed to serve; however, she was unable to accept the appointment.*

Women: 7

Senatorial District 15: 6

Senatorial District 29: 3

LAND BANK AUTHORITY:

Lance Hemmings

Open for Nominations

Not Eligible to succeed

(Council's Appointment)

Term Expired: October 31, 2023

The term is four years. Board meets monthly.

** Ms. Jackie Leonard was confirmed to serve; however, she is not a resident of Muscogee County.*

Women: 4

Senatorial District 15: 4

Senatorial District 29: 2

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Board Appointments – Action Requested**

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

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

A. YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:

District 2 Nominee: _____ District 5 Nominee: _____
District 4 Nominee: Javi Moore

6. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS- READY FOR CONFIRMATION:

A. HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD: Mr. Mike Johnson was nominated to fill the expired term of Ms. Libby Smith as the *Historic District Resident*. (Councilor Cogle’s nominee) Term expires: June 30, 2027

B. KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION: Mr. David Houser was nominated to serve another term of office as the *SD-15 Representative*. (Mayor Pro Tem Allen’s nominee) Term expires: June 30, 2027

C. REGION 6 REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES: Ms. Jennifer LeDenney was nominated to succeed Mr. Christopher Posey. (Councilor Cogle’s nominee) Term expires: June 30, 2027

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

A. ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD:

Sabine Stull
(Animal Rescue Representative)
Not Eligible to succeed
Term Expired: April 11, 2024

*Open for Recommendation
by Animal Rescue
(Council’s Appointment)*

Councilor Garrett is nominating Paige Shields- Director of Operations at Animal Ark Rescue for the seat of Sabine Stull as the Animal Rescue Representative.

Councilor Cogle is nominating Claire Anna Daniels for the seat of Julee Fryer.

The term is two years. Board meets as needed.

Women: 6
Senatorial District 15: 3
Senatorial District 29: 3

B. DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:

Travis Chambers
Elected to Council
Term Expires: April 30, 2028

Open for Nominations
(Council’s Appointment)

The term is four years. Board meets monthly.

Women: 2
Senatorial District 15: 3
Senatorial District 29: 3

C. KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION:

William Bandy
Not seeking reappointment
(SD-29 Representative)
Term Expired: June 30, 2023

Open for Nominations
(Council’s Appointment)

The term is three years. Board meets every even month.

** Ms. Skyler Dexter was confirmed to serve; however, she was unable to accept the appointment.*

Women: 7
Senatorial District 15: 6
Senatorial District 29: 3

D. LAND BANK AUTHORITY:

Lance Hemmings

Not Eligible to succeed

Term Expired: October 31, 2023

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

The term is four years. Board meets monthly.

** Ms. Jackie Leonard was confirmed to serve; however, she is not a resident of Muscogee County.*

Women: 4

Senatorial District 15: 4

Senatorial District 29: 2

File Attachments for Item:

A. Animal Control Advisory Board – (Council’s Appointment)

BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & AUTHORITIES

Animal Control Advisory Board: This board monitors the operation of the Animal Control Enforcement Division of the Department of Public Services and renders guidance and assistance to this division. It has twelve (12) members, two of which shall be licensed veterinarians practicing in Columbus who are participating in the “one-stop pet registration-rabies vaccination program”. The two veterinarian members are selected by the local veterinary association and confirmed by the Columbus Council. One member shall be a designated representative of PAWS Columbus, Inc., confirmed by the Columbus Council. One member shall be a designated representative of an animal rescue licensed and operating in Muscogee County, confirmed by the Columbus Council. Five members shall be citizens appointed by the Columbus Council. One member shall be an employee of the Environmental Health Division of the Columbus Department of Public Health, appointed by the Columbus Board of Health and confirmed by the Columbus Council. One member shall be the Director of Public Works and one member shall be the Chief of the Animal Control and Enforcement Division. (Columbus Code, Sec. 5-3)

<u>Board Members</u>	<u>Term Expiration</u>	<u>Appointment</u>
Sabine Stull (SD- n/a)	04/11/2024	Council (Animal Rescue Representative)
Julee C. Fryer (SD-29)	10/15/2024	Council
Channon Emery (SD-15)	10/15/2024	Council
VACANT	10/15/2024	Council (Veterinary Association)
Nancy A. Anderson (SD-29)	10/15/2025	Council
Lori Turner (SD-29)	10/15/2025	Council
VACANT	10/15/2025	Council (Veterinary Association)
Ethelyn W. Riley (SD-15)	04/11/2026	Council
Courtney M. Pierce (SD-29)	04/11/2026	Council (PAWS Humane Society)
Kristi Ludy (Columbus Department of Public Health)- Continues in office		
Canita Johnson (Chief of Animal Control & Enforcement Division)- Continues in office		
Director Drale Short (Public Works Director)- Continues in Office		

Expiring Term(s):

The terms of office for Julee C. Fryer and Channon Emery expire on October 15, 2024. These are two (2) year terms that would expire on October 15, 2026. These are Council's Appointments; Ms. Fryer has submitted her resignation and Ms. Emery is not eligible to serve another term.

Note: The Veterinary Association makes the selection for their representative on this board and the Council may confirm at meeting of nomination.

File Attachments for Item:

B. Board of Honor – (Council’s Appointment)

BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & AUTHORITIES

Board of Honor: This board was established for the purpose of honoring deceased citizens through a continuing memorial program under which public activities, buildings, bridges and other facilities may be named for citizens who have distinguished themselves through services to the city. It has seven (7) members, all of which must be former elected officials of Muscogee County. Members are appointed by the Columbus Council. (Columbus Code, Sec. 2-81 through 2-87) Members are eligible to succeed themselves, pursuant to Ordinance No. 02-109.

<u>Board Members</u>	<u>Term Expiration</u>	<u>Appointment</u>
VACANT	10/31/2022	Council
Judge Bobby Peters (SD-15)	10/31/2024	Council
Barbara Pierce (SD-15)	10/31/2024	Council
Vivian Creighton Bishop (SD-15)	10/31/2024	Council
Norma “Beth” Harris (SD-29)	10/31/2025	Council
John E. Wells (SD-29)	10/31/2026	Council
David Ebron (SD-15)	10/31/2027	Council

Expiring Term(s):

The terms of office for Judge Bobby Peters, Barbara Pierce, and Vivian Creighton Bishop will expire on October 31, 2024. These are four (4) year terms that will expire on October 31, 2028. These are Council’s Appointments; Judge Peters, Ms. Pierce and Ms. Bishop are eligible to succeed themselves.

Note(s):

The seat formerly held by the late Bob Hydrick is still vacant.

File Attachments for Item:

C. Columbus Ironworks Convention & Trade Center Authority – (Mayor’s Appointment)

BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & AUTHORITIES

Columbus Ironworks Convention & Trade Center Authority: This board was established to supervise the manager, employees, buildings, grounds and operations of the Columbus Iron Works Convention and Trade Center. It has five (5) members, all of which are nominated by the Mayor and confirmed by the Columbus Council. Members shall be qualified voters of Columbus. (Columbus Code, Chapter 2, Article X, Sec. 2-121 through 2-130)

<u>Board Members</u>	<u>Term Expiration</u>	<u>Appointment</u>
Jessica M. Ferriter (SD-15)	10/24/2024	Mayor
S. Carson Cummings (SD-29)	10/24/2024	Mayor
John Stacy (SD-29)	10/24/2025	Mayor
Craig Burgess (SD-29)	10/24/2025	Mayor
Johnathan Payne (SD-29)	10/24/2026	Mayor

Expiring Term(s):

The terms of office for Jessica M. Ferriter and S. Carson Cummings will expire on October 24, 2024. These are three (3) year terms that would expire on October 24, 2027. These are the Mayor’s Appointments; Ms. Ferriter is eligible to succeed herself and Mr. Cummings is not eligible.

File Attachments for Item:

D. Uptown Facade Board – (Council’s Appointment)

BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & AUTHORITIES

Uptown Facade Board: This board provides and protects continuity in design and preserves the architectural integrity of the properties within the jurisdiction. It has nine (9) members appointed by the Columbus Council, one member from the Historic Columbus Foundation, two members from Uptown Columbus, Inc., and six members from the Uptown Business Association. (Columbus Code, Sec. 9.2.5)

<u>Board Members</u>	<u>Term Expiration</u>	<u>Appointment</u>
Libba Dillon (SD-15)	10/31/2024	Council (Uptown Columbus, Inc.)
Niki Gedroic (SD-29)	10/31/2024	Council (UPT Business Improvement District)
James “Jay” Lewis (SD-29)	10/31/2024	Council (UPT Business Improvement District)
Debbie Young (SD-15)	10/31/2024	Council (UPT Business Improvement District)
Hannah Israel (SD-15)	10/31/2024	Council (UPT Business Improvement District)
Francis B. Schley (SD-15)	10/31/2026	Council (Historic Columbus Foundation)
Rachell Kelly (SD-29)	10/31/2026	Council (UPT Business Improvement District)
Norman S. Easterbrook (SD-15)	10/31/2026	Council (UPT Business Improvement District)
Douglas L. Koppang (SD-29)	10/31/2026	Council (Uptown Columbus, Inc.)

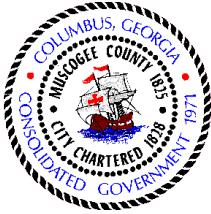
Expiring Term(s):

The terms of office for Libba Dillon, Niki Gedroic, James “Jay” Lewis, Debbie Young, and Hannah Israel will expire on October 31, 2024. These are three (3) year terms that would expire on October 31, 2027. These are the Council’s Appointments; Ms. Dillon and Ms. Gedroic are eligible to succeed themselves. Mr. Lewis, Ms. Young and Ms. Israel are not eligible to succeed themselves.

NOTE: Nominations received from the respective organizations may be confirmed on meeting date presented.

File Attachments for Item:

5. Request for Waiver of Penalty and Interest on property tax as submitted by Mr. Tom Flowers of TLEGMF for property located in Columbus, Georgia.



Muscogee County Tax Commissioner
Columbus, Georgia 31902-1441

Item #5.

P.O. Box 1441
Tax (706) 653-4211
Fax (706) 653-4152

Lula Lunsford Huff, C.P.A.
Tax Commissioner

To: Council & Clerk of Council

July 9, 2024

Ref.: **Waiver of Penalty and/or Interest – Delinquent Real Property Taxes – 2022**

Real parcel #: 034 027 001
TLEGMF LLC
2645 Edgewood Rd
Columbus, GA 31904

Penalty: \$3,134.47
Interest: \$2,858.40
Total Waiver Requested: \$5,992.87

Law: In accordance with O.C.G.A. §48-2-44 (b)(1); O.C.G.A. §48-2-40 & Ordinance Number 22-035 Section 10, Taxes shall become due **October 17** and delinquent on October 18. Taxpayers shall have the option to pay 40% on or before **October 17** and 60% on or before December 1 without penalty. Upon failure to pay 40% by October 17 the total shall become delinquent. Upon payment of 40% by October 17, the remainder shall become delinquent December 2. Interest shall immediately begin to accrue on any delinquent tax; a penalty of 10% of the tax due shall accrue on taxes not paid on or before December 20, 2022, and Fi Fa costs will be added, all as provided by Georgia law.

Citizen Position: Citizen stated they did not receive notification of the taxes due for 2022 and had always paid when due since 1980.

Tax Commissioner’s Position: Property tax payment was not received by the due date. Therefore, penalties and interest were applied in accordance with the above law.

This office finds **no evidence of gross or willful neglect or disregard of the law** by this property owner. In accordance with Georgia Code §48-5-242, please forward written direction (approval, denial, or no action) on the above waiver request to the Tax Commissioner.

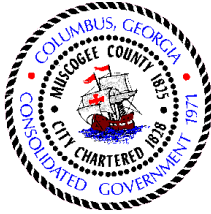
Sincerely,

Lula Huff
Tax Commissioner

Cf: Mayor, City Attorney, and City Manager

File Attachments for Item:

6. Request for Waiver of Penalty and Interest on property tax as submitted by Mr. Geoffrey & Mrs. Jennifer Edsell for property located in Columbus, Georgia.



Muscogee County Tax Commissioner
Columbus, Georgia 31902-1441

Item #6.

P.O. Box 1441
Tax (706) 653-4211
Fax (706) 653-4152

Lula Lunsford Huff, C.P.A.
Tax Commissioner

To: Council & Clerk of Council

July 9, 2024

Ref.: **Refund of Penalty and/or Interest – Delinquent Real Property Taxes – 2022**

Real parcel #: 185 022 012
Geoffrey & Jennifer Edsell
1717 Wildwood Ave
Columbus, GA 31906

Total Penalty:	\$252.90
Total Interest:	\$206.00
Total Refund Requested:	<u>\$458.90</u>

Law: In accordance with O.C.G.A. §48-2-44 (b)(1); O.C.G.A. §48-2-40 & Ordinance Number 22-035 Section 10, Taxes shall become due **October 17** and delinquent on October 18. Taxpayers shall have the option to pay 40% on or before **October 17** and 60% on or before December 1 without penalty. Upon failure to pay 40% by October 17 the total shall become delinquent. Upon payment of 40% by October 17, the remainder shall become delinquent December 2. Interest shall immediately begin to accrue on any delinquent tax; a penalty of 10% of the tax due shall accrue on taxes not paid on or before December 20, 2022, and Fi Fa costs will be added, all as provided by Georgia law.

Citizen Position: Citizen placed their payment in the mail; however, the check never cleared their bank.

Tax Commissioner’s Position: Property tax payment was not received by the due date. Therefore, penalties and interest were applied in accordance with the above law.

This office finds **no evidence of gross or willful neglect or disregard of the law** by this property owner. In accordance with Georgia Code §48-5-242, please forward written direction (approval, denial, or no action) on the above waiver request to the Tax Commissioner.

Sincerely,

Lula Huff
Tax Commissioner

Cf: Mayor, City Attorney, and City Manager