

## Council Members

R. Gary Allen  
Charmaine Crabb

Jerry 'Pops' Barnes  
Glenn Davis

Tyson Begly  
Bruce Huff

R. Walker Garrett  
Toyia Tucker

Judy W. Thomas  
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**Clerk of Council**  
Sandra T. Davis



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

September 26, 2023  
5:30 PM  
Regular Meeting

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## MAYOR'S AGENDA

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

**INVOCATION:** Offered by Chris Abernathy with True Vine Ministries of Columbus, Georgia

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

### **MINUTES**

1. Approval of minutes for the September 12, 2023 Council Meeting and Executive Session.

### **PROCLAMATION:**

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

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

3. **Proclamation:** American Legion Day

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

# **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, and the Columbus, Georgia Employees Deferred Retirement Option Plan (collectively, the "Plans") to clarify that the Plans will not recognize Qualified Domestic Relations Orders. (Recommendation of Pension Board)
- 2.** **1st Reading-** REZN-06-23-0111: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **119 Bascom Court** (parcel # 073-027-003) from Residential Office (RO) Zoning District to General Commercial (GC) Zoning District with conditions. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (continued on 1st Reading from 9-12-23) (proposed amendment) (Councilor Davis)

## **PUBLIC AGENDA**

1. Ms. Juanita Taylor, Re: Requesting no garbage fee increases.
2. Mr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr., representing Omega Lamplighters, Re: Student/Parent/Educator Forum "Supporting our Students through School & Life".
3. Mr. Louis Thomas, Jr., Re: the Columbus Parks and Recreation Department. **CANCELLED**
4. Ms. Sharon Bunn, Re: Trash pickup and cans.
5. Mr. David Eaton, Re: Open Record Request. **CANCELLED**
6. Mr. Joseph McNeil, representing Blinded Veterans Association, Re: Transportation for persons with disabilities.
7. Mr. Ricardo Glenn, representing Blinded Veterans Association, Re: Transportation.
8. Ms. Elizabeth Holmes, representing Blinded Veterans Association, Re: Transportation.
9. Mr. Wane Hailes, representing the Columbus NAACP, Re: Accountability of Law enforcement regarding recent shootings.
10. Ms. Jacqueline Moffett, Re: The Buena Vista Road Project and maintenance of round-a-bouts in South Columbus.
11. Ms. Jennifer Le Denney, Blackmon Road Middle School Families, Re: Unsafe School Zone Conditions.
12. Mr. Kalel Le Denney, BRMS Classmates, Re: Lack of Sidewalks.

# **CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA**

## **1. Chips4Chips Funding Support**

Approval is requested to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Development Authority to support the Chips4Chips Initiative for up to \$1,250,000.

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

Approval is requested for closure and abandonment of an approximately 260 ft. +/- section of right of way for Frist Court located within an existing parking lot that serves Piedmont Northside Campus, authorize the disposal of the said right of way with applicable State Law; reserving utility and access easements; and for other purposes. There are no financial obligations for the City.

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

Approval is requested for the acceptance of that portion of a 6 ft. sidewalk/multi use trail and maintenance easement located at 6855 Midland Commons (MC-100) adjacent to the right of way for Midland Commons Blvd.

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

Approval is requested to authorize the execution of a lease renewal and amendment with Verizon Wireless for the purpose of leasing space at 8889 River Road to operate and maintain an existing telecommunications tower.

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

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

## **6. PURCHASES**

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

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

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

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

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

- [E.](#) Tractors for Parks and Recreation Department – Sourcewell Contract Cooperative Purchase
- [G.](#) Assessment of Premium Dial-A-Ride Services for METRA Transit System – Cooperative Purchase
- [H.](#) Amendments 10 & 11 for Construction Manager as General Contractor Services for Columbus Government Complex – RFQ No. 20-0002

## **7. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS**

- [A.](#) Land Bank Authority Update - Lance Hemmings, Board Chair, Land Bank Authority, and Natalie Bouyett, Real Estate Specialist, Community Reinvestment
- [B.](#) Integrated Waste Transition Update - Drale Short, Director, Public Works
- [C.](#) Sheriff's Office Administration Building Update - Ryan Pruett, Director, Inspections & Code
- [D.](#) ARP Update - Pam Hodge, Deputy City Manager of Finance, Planning and Development
- [E.](#) Infrastructure Update - Pam Hodge, Deputy City Manager of Finance, Planning and Development

## **BID ADVERTISEMENT**

**DATE:** September 26, 2023

### **September 26, 2023**

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

##### **Scope of RFP**

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

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

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



## **September 27, 2023**

### **1. Transmissions & Transmission Services for Public Works (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 24-0009**

#### **Scope of Bid**

Provide repair/rebuild services for various types of transmissions for Public Works Department – Fleet Maintenance Shop on an “as needed” basis.

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

## **October 11, 2023**

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

#### **Scope of Bid**

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

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

#### **Scope of Bid**

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

## **ENCLOSURES - INFORMATION ONLY**

### **8. Legislative Agenda Draft**

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

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

Legislative Agenda Draft Items are attached at the end.

## **REFERRALS:**

[Referrals](#) 9.12.23

# **CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA**

## **ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED**

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

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

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

## **BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED**

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

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

**Tiffani Stacy**- Interested in serving another term

*(Mayor's Appointment)*

(Resident Member)

*Eligible to succeed*

Term Expires: November 16, 2023

*These are five-year terms. Board meets monthly.*

**Women: 3**

**Senatorial District 15: 4**

**Senatorial District 29: 3**

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

**A. LAND BANK AUTHORITY:** Ms. Jackie Leonard was nominated to succeed Mr. Lance Hemmings. *(Councilor Tucker's nominee)* Term expires: October 31, 2026

**B. LIBERTY THEATRE & CULTURAL ARTS CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:** Ms. Ku'Wonna Ingram was nominated to serve as a member on the newly created board. *(Councilor Huff's nominee)* Term Expires: August 14, 2027

**C. LIBERTY THEATRE & CULTURAL ARTS CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:** Ms. Delois Carr was nominated as the Civic Center Director's recommendation to serve as a member on the newly created board. *(Civic Center Director's nominee)* Term Expires: August 14, 2027

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

A. **COLUMBUS GOLF COURSE AUTHORITY:**

**Stephanie Callahan**

*Seat declared vacant*

Term Expires: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations

**(Council's Appointment)**

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

**Women: 0**

**Senatorial District 15: 3**

**Senatorial District 29: 5**

**Councilor Crabb nominated Ms. Karen Stewart and Councilor Davis nominated Mr. Gerald Miley for the vacant seat.**

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

A. **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:**

**Chris Poirier**

*Resigned to accept another appointment*

Term Expires: March 27, 2024

**(Council District 2- Davis)**

**Sendreka Lakes**

*Seat declared vacant*

Term Expires: March 27, 2024

**(Council District 9- Thomas)**

**Councilor Thomas is nominating Mr. Mike Welch to fill the unexpired term of Ms. Sendreka Lakes.**

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

**A. UPTOWN FACADE BOARD:**

**Cesar Bautista**

**(Uptown Business Improvement Dist. Rep)**

*Eligible to succeed*

Term Expires: October 31, 2023

Open for Nominations

**(Council's Appointment)**

**Robert Battle**

**(Uptown Business Improvement Dist. Rep)**

*Not Eligible to succeed*

Term Expires: October 31, 2023

Open for Nominations

**(Council's Appointment)**

**Ramon Brown**

**(Uptown Columbus Inc. Rep)**

*Not Eligible to succeed*

Term Expires: October 31, 2023

Open for Nominations

**(Council's Appointment)**

**Wayne Bond**

**(Historic Columbus Foundation Rep)**

*Not Eligible to succeed*

Term Expires: October 31, 2023

Open for Nominations

**(Council's Appointment)**

*The respective organizations are making the following recommendations and may be confirmed on meeting date presented:*

**Uptown Business Improvement District and Uptown Columbus, Inc. are recommending the following: Mr. Cesar Bautista to serve another term; Mr. Norman Easterbrook to succeed Mr. Robert Battle and Ms. Evelyn Veloz to succeed Mr. Ramon Brown**

**Historic Columbus Foundation is recommending Mr. Frank Schley to succeed Mr. Wayne Bond.**

*The terms are three years. Board meets monthly.*

**Women: 5**

**Senatorial District 15: 6**

**Senatorial District 29: 3**

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

A. **HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:**

**Warner Kennon, Jr.**

*Eligible to succeed*

Term Expires: November 14, 2023

Open for Nominations  
(Council's Nomination)

**Sarah Banks-Lang**

*Eligible to succeed*

Term Expires: November 14, 2023

Open for Nominations  
(Council's Nomination)

**Jennings Chester**

*Rotating off the authority*

Term Expires: November 14, 2023

Open for Nominations  
(Council's Nomination)

*\*The Council submits three (3) nominees to the Hospital Authority for each seat and the Hospital Authority selects the successor for Council's confirmation.*

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

**Women: 4**

**Senatorial District 15: 7**

**Senatorial District 29: 2**

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

A. **ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD:**

**Jayne Dunn**

*Not Eligible to succeed*

Term Expires: October 15, 2023

Open for Nominations  
(Council's Appointment)

*The term is two years. Board meets as needed.*

**Women: 8**  
**Senatorial District 15: 2**  
**Senatorial District 29: 5**

**PRESENTATION:**

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

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**File Attachments for Item:**

1. Approval of minutes for the September 12, 2023 Council Meeting and Executive Session.

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

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

September 12, 2023  
9:00 AM  
Regular Meeting

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**M A Y O R ’ S   A G E N D A**

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**PRESENT:** Mayor B. H. “Skip” Henderson, III and Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen and Councilors Jerry “Pops” Barnes, Tyson Begly, Joanne Cogle, Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis (arrived at 9:27 a.m.), R. Walker Garrett, Bruce Huff (arrived at 9:02 a.m.), Judy W. Thomas and Toyia Tucker. City Manager Isaiah Hugley, Assistant City Attorney Lucy Sheftall, Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis, and Deputy Clerk Pro Tem Tameka Colbert were present.

**ABSENT:** City Attorney Clifton Fay was absent from the meeting.

**The following documents have been included as a part of the electronic Agenda Packet:** (1) Metra Dial-A- Ride Premium Service Expansion Update -Presentation; (2) Judicial Center Update Presentation

**The following documents were distributed around the Council table:** (1) Community Reinvestment Transitional Audit; (2) Petition for No Kill Plan; (3) Photos of Smith Roadway & Railroad Tracks

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

**INVOCATION:** Offered by Chief Mark Burnett, Battalion Chief, Columbus Fire & EMS

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Public Safety Personnel

**PROCLAMATIONS:**

2. **Proclamation:** Public Safety Week

**Receiving:** Wayne Anthony, Pastor, St. Peter United Methodist Church

**Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen** read the proclamation into the record, proclaiming the week of September 3, 2023, through September 11, 2023, as *Public Safety Week*, recognizing all Public Safety Officials for their sacrifice and dedication to protect and serve the community.

**MINUTES**

1. Approval of minutes for the August 29, 2023, Consent Agenda/ Work Session. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the minutes Mayor Pro Tem Allen, seconded by and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote.

**PROCLAMATIONS (continued):**

3. **Proclamation:** Help the Hooch Days



**Receiving:** Lisa Thomas-Cutts, Executive Director, Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission

**Councilor Cogle** read the proclamation into the record, proclaiming October 6, 2023 and October 7, 2023, as *Help the Hooch Days*, recognizing the various members of the Help the Hooch Committee in promoting the importance of the maintenance and clean-up of the Chattahoochee River.

4. **Proclamation:** National Recovery Month

**Receiving:** Chloe Landreth, Marketing and Outreach Representative, New Horizons Behavioral Health

**Councilor Crabb** read the proclamation into the record, proclaiming the month of September 2023, as *National Recovery Month*, recognizing New Horizons Behavioral Health for their dedication in providing education to the community on addiction and creating treatment programs that aid in sustaining long-term recovery from addiction.

5. **Proclamation:** Direct Support Professional Recognition Week

**Receiving:** Chloe Landreth, Marketing and Outreach Representative, New Horizons Behavioral Health

**Councilor Begly** read the proclamation into the record, proclaiming the week of September 10, 2023, through September 16, 2023, as *Direct Support Professional Recognition Week*, recognizing New Horizons Behavioral Health for providing services and opportunities to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, allowing these individuals to participate fully as valued members of the community.

6. **Proclamation:** Constitution Week

**Receiving:** Faye Wells, Oglethorpe Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution

**Councilor Thomas** read the proclamation into the record, proclaiming the week of September 17, 2023, through September 23, 2023, as *Constitution Week*, recognizing the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution in celebrating the anniversary of the framing of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention.

**PRESENTATION:**

7. Transitional Audit Report for Community Reinvestment (Presented by Donna McGinnis, Internal Auditor/Compliance Officer)

**Internal Auditor/Compliance Officer Donna McGinnis** approached the rostrum to present the transitional audit report for Community Reinvestment. She said the audit was authorized by City Council on December 10, 2019, but there were some delays in the execution of the audit due to the pandemic. She went on to explain the audit process along with the scope of the audit. After which, she offered recommendations to correct the existing conditions and improve operations. These recommendations include compensation rate adjustments, engagement of a forensic consultant, review of service delivery models and expanded activities with the Land Bank Authority.

**Jonathan Smith- Forensic Auditor** approached the rostrum to provide additional information regarding the audit in relation to federal funding rates of our sister cities and the increase in the number of beneficiaries served.

**Benjamin Meadow- Forensic Auditor** approached the rostrum to provide additional information regarding the audit in relation to the Land Bank Authority to include delinquent properties, marketing issues, the underutilization of the Land Bank Authority.

**REFERRAL(S):**

**FOR THE CITY MANAGER:**

- Would like to hear what the vision is to remedy the underutilization of the Land Bank Authority.  
(Request of Councilor Tucker)

**CITY ATTORNEY’S AGENDA**

**ORDINANCES**

1. **Ordinance (23-049) - 2nd Reading-** REZN-06-23-0160: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to changes certain boundaries of a district located at **3610 and 3744 Woodruff Road** (parcel # 187-001-021) from Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District to General Commercial (GC) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (1st Reading delayed from 8-8-23) (Councilor Garrett) Councilor Davis made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen being absent for the vote.
2. **1st Reading-** REZN-06-23-0111: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **119 Bascom Court** (parcel # 073-027-003) from Residential Office (RO) Zoning District to General Commercial (GC) Zoning District with conditions. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Davis) Councilor Davis made a motion to delay the ordinance on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading for two weeks, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the ten members present.
3. **1st Reading-** An ordinance amending the Columbus, Georgia Pension Plan for General Government Employees, and the Columbus, Georgia Pension Plan for Employees of the Department of Public Safety, and the Columbus, Georgia Employees Deferred Retirement Option Plan (collectively, the “Plans”) to clarify that the Plans will not recognize Qualified Domestic Relations Orders. (Recommendation of Pension Board)

**RESOLUTIONS**

4. **Resolution (329-23)** – A resolution authorizing the execution of a Federal Aviation Administration Grant, Airport Improvement Program (AIP) GRANT NO. 3-13-0035-057-2023 (Request of Columbus Airport Commission) Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members present.
5. **Resolution (330-23)** - A resolution authorizing the execution of a Federal Aviation Administration Grant, Airport Improvement Program (AIP) GRANT NO. 3-13-0035-058-2023 (Request of Columbus Airport Commission) Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

**REFERRAL(S):**

**FOR THE CITY MANAGER:**

- Could we start making sure that we receive updates from the Airport Commission. (*Request of Councilor Davis*)

**PUBLIC AGENDA**

1. Ms. Sherre Harris, Re: Animal Welfare.
2. Mrs. Leah Braxton, Re: Smith Road condition with railroad crossing and roadway debris.

**City Manager Hugley** thanked Ms. Braxton for coming. He said we will make sure that staff receives a copy of the photos and look at the concerns that she has pointed out. He said in the past few weeks he has met with representatives from Norfolk Southern on various railroad crossings that have been mentioned. He said they have put the 9<sup>th</sup> Street crossing in motion. He said they will most likely have to shut down the whole crossing.

3. Mr. Johnathan Cole, representing Coles Towing & Recovery, Inc., Re: Laws regarding Non-Consensual Stolen Vehicles.
4. Mr. Ben Hecht, representing AmWaste of Georgia, Re: Yard waste services.
5. Mr. Edris Hayes, representing AmWaste of Georgia, Re: Yard waste services.

**CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA****2. PURCHASES**

- I. 90-Day Termination Period for Supplemental Yard Waste Collection Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 21-0018 (**Add-On**)

A resolution approving a 90-day termination period, beginning September 1, 2023, with AmWaste, LLC (West Point, GA) for supplemental yard waste collection services in the monthly amount of \$439,600.00, for a total amount of \$1,350,200.00. (***NOTE:** This item was called up as the next order of business as listed on the City Manager's Agenda Purchase Item I*)

**City Manager Hugley** said the supplemental yard waste services provided by AmWaste is approximately \$439,600.00 for a total of \$1,350,200.00 for a three-month period. He said with the monthly billing rate, we cannot afford to keep what we have in-house and contract out. He said with the new trucks that have been received, and additional drivers being hired, Public Works is ready to resume service on December 1, 2023.

**Public Works Director Drale Short** approached the rostrum to respond to questions asked by Councilor Crabb, stating a total of forty trucks have been purchased and currently ten of those trucks have been received. She said ten additional trucks are expected to arrive this week. She said there are currently 56 drivers on staff. She said the waste management program has been adjusted to ensure that we are able to do everything that we did pre-pandemic.

**Finance Director Angelica Alexander** approached the rostrum to respond to a question asked by Councilor Thomas, stating there was a phase out approach included in the budget, which was voted on and approved by Council. She said as far as the contract, the pricing that AmWaste has agreed to for this 90-day termination period is the pricing that was approved as a part of the first amendment. She said the pricing will not increase during this 90-day period. She said if we continue to use AmWaste to provide services, the funds to cover the expense would come from the general fund reserves.

After several minutes of discussion regarding this matter, there was no motion on the floor for action.

## **REFERRAL(S):**

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

- Requesting a financial analysis that shows the expected internal expense verses the AmWaste service cost. (*Request of Councilor Begly*)

## **1. Retiree Health Insurance Plan**

**Resolution (331-23):** A resolution authorizing the renewal of the Medicare-eligible healthcare plan benefits and the United Healthcare Medicare Advantage plan. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Begly and Thomas being absent for the vote.

**Larry Cambell** approached the rostrum to thank Council for their involvement with the health benefits package for the retirees. He also thanked several other individuals for their contributions.

## **2. PURCHASES (continued)**

### **A. Ambulance with Equipment for Fire & EMS – HGACBUY Cooperative Contract**

**Resolution (332-23):** A resolution authorizing the purchase of two (2) ambulances with equipment from Frazer Ltd (Houston, TX) at a unit cost of \$374,425.00 each, in the total amount of \$748,850.00. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative purchase via HGACBuy Contract #AM10-20. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

### **B. Declaration of Surplus Equipment**

**Resolution (333-23):** A resolution authorizing declaration as surplus the equipment shown on the attached lists, as well as, miscellaneous office equipment and furniture, as surplus, in accordance with Section 7-501 of the Charter of Columbus Consolidated Government; additionally, approval is also requested to declare any items as surplus, which may be added to the list prior to the auction. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

### **C. Stryker Lifepak 15 Monitor Defibrillator and Accessories for Fire & EMS Department**

**Resolution (334-23):** A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) Stryker Lifepak 15 Monitor Defibrillator and accessories from Stryker Medical (Chicago, IL) in the amount of \$45,346.29.

Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

D. Maintenance Service Agreement for Lifepak 15 Cardiac Monitors for Fire & EMS Department

**Resolution (335-23):** A resolution authorizing the execution of the agreement from Stryker Medical (Chicago, IL) in the amount of \$37,974.82 to provide maintenance services for Lifepak 15 Cardiac Monitors. The agreement will cover the period from July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024. The City Manager is further authorized to make payment for future maintenance agreements, with possible cost increases, for the Lifepak 15 Cardiac monitors utilized in the Department's fleet, which will be budgeted per fiscal year. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

E. Repair of Motor Grader for Public Works Department

**Resolution (336-23):** A resolution authorizing the payment to Yancey Brothers (Fortson, GA), in the amount of \$27,362.21, for the repair of a 2008 Caterpillar 12M-BR Motor Grader, Vehicle #11102. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

F. Closed-Circuit Television Camera Truck for Engineering Department

**Resolution (337-23):** A resolution authorizing the purchase of a Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) Camera Truck from Jet-Vac Equipment Company, LLC (Atlanta, GA)/Rapidview IBAK North America (Rochester, IN) in the amount of \$337,550.02. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Sourcewell Contract #120721. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

G. Contract Extension for Pursuit Vehicle Buildout (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 13-0017

**Resolution (338-23):** A resolution authorizing the extension of the contract for Pursuit Vehicle Build Out with Mobile Communications America, Inc., (Columbus, GA), (formally Columbus Communications, Inc., Columbus, GA) for an additional two-month period. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

H. Right-of-Way Acquisition Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 23-0026

**Resolution (339-23):** A resolution authorizing the execution of annual contracts for right of way acquisition services with Gresham Smith (Atlanta, GA), THC, Inc. (Duluth, GA), and Croy Engineering, LLC (Marietta, GA), on an "as needed" basis, based on cost and availability at the time services are needed. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

### 3. **UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS**

A. Metra Dial-A-Ride Service Update - Rosa Evans, Director, Metra

**Metra Director Rosa Evans** approached the rostrum to provide an update on the Metra Dial-A-Ride premium service expansion. During the presentation, she explained that Metra is federally funded and must comply with federal mandates. She said Metra must adhere to the federal guidelines of the FTA and ADA. She also presented a timeline that reflects the dates that the consultants would meet with the public, develop a study/draft report, receive public input/comments, and present the study findings to Council. In addition to the Dial-A-Ride service expansion, she also provided information regarding the On-Demand/Microtransit service, as well as, an update on Metra's current status.

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

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

- While we are doing this study, can we capture how many people ride Dial-A-Ride. (*Request of Councilor Tucker*)

B. Judicial Center Update - Ryan Pruett, Director, Inspections & Code Enforcement and Douglas Kleppin, AIA – Principal, The S/L/A/M Collaborative & Henry Painter – Senior Project Executive, Gilbane Building Company

**Director of Inspections & Code Enforcement Ryan Pruett** approached the rostrum to provide an update on the design process of the Judicial Center. He advised that a design team through the S/L/A/M Collaborative and a Construction Manager through Gilbane Building Company has been at the table through this whole process. He advised that these teams are making great progress in efforts to design a facility that would serve the needs of users.

**Douglas Kleppin, AIA - Principal** approached the rostrum to provide additional information regarding the design process of the Judicial Center. During the presentation, he provided information on the courthouse build area, site parking and the construction budget and estimate.

**Senior Project Executive Henry Painter** approached the rostrum to provide further explanation in regards to the budget.

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

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

- Requesting that updates concerning the Judicial Center happen on a regular basis. (*Request of Councilor Thomas*)

### **BID ADVERTISEMENT**

**DATE:** September 12, 2023

#### **September 27, 2023**

##### **1. Transmissions & Transmission Services for Public Works (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 24-0009**

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

Provide repair/rebuild services for various types of transmissions for Public Works Department – Fleet Maintenance Shop on an “as needed” basis.

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

## **REFERRALS:**

Referrals 8.29.23

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

### **ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED**

1. **RESOLUTION (340-23)** - A resolution canceling the Proclamation Sessions for October 3, November 7, and December 5, 2023. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members present for the meeting.

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

Board of Tax Assessors, #27-23, #28-23 and #29-23

Convention & Visitors Board of Commissioners, June 21, 2023

Development Authority of Columbus, July 13, 2023

Employee Benefits Committee, June 28, 2023

Housing Authority of Columbus, July 19, 2023

Land Bank Authority, April 13, June 8, August 3, October 5, and December 14, 2022; February 8, March 8, April 12, May 17, and June 14, 2023

River Valley Regional Commission, June 28, 2023

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

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

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

#### **A. COLUMBUS IRONWORKS CONVENTION & TRADE CENTER AUTHORITY:**

A nominee for the seat of Jonathan Payne (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term that expires on October 24, 2026. Mayor Henderson nominated Mr. Jonathan Payne to serve another term of office. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the ten members present for the meeting.

#### **B. PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION:**

A nominee for the seat of Charles A. McClure, Jr. (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term that expires on October 31, 2026. Mayor Henderson nominated Mr. Charles A. McClure, Jr. to serve another term of

office. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the ten members present for the meeting.

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

- A. **ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD:** Ms. Lori Turner was nominated to serve another term of office. (*Councilor Davis's nominee*) Term expires: October 15, 2025. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the ten members present for the meeting.
- B. **BOARD OF HONOR:** Mr. David Ebron was nominated to serve another term of office. (*Councilor Huff's nominee*) Term expires: October 31, 2027. Councilor Huff made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the ten members present for the meeting.
- C. **LAND BANK AUTHORITY:** Ms. Alston Auten was nominated to fill the unexpired term of Ms. Lauren Chambers. (*Councilor Begly's nominee*) Term expires: October 31, 2026. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the ten members present for the meeting.
- D. **LIBERTY THEATRE & CULTURAL ARTS CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:** Ms. Gloria Strode was nominated to serve as a member on the newly created board. (*Councilor Crabb's nominee*) Term Expires: August 14, 2025. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the ten members present for the meeting.
- E. **LIBERTY THEATRE & CULTURAL ARTS CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:** Ms. Arreasha Z. Lawrence was nominated to serve as a member on the newly created board. (*Councilor Begly's nominee*) Term Expires: August 14, 2025. Councilor Barnes made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the nine members present with Councilor Thomas being absent for the vote.
- F. **LIBERTY THEATRE & CULTURAL ARTS CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:** Mr. Cletus Richardson was nominated to serve as a member on the newly created board. (*Mayor Pro Tem Allen's nominee*) Term Expires: August 14, 2025. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present with Councilor Thomas being absent for the vote.
- G. **LIBERTY THEATRE & CULTURAL ARTS CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:** Ms. Carolyn Star-Ross was nominated to serve as a member on the newly created board. (*Councilor Barnes's nominee*) Term Expires: August 14, 2026. Councilor Barnes made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the nine members present with Councilor Thomas being absent for the vote.
- H. **LIBERTY THEATRE & CULTURAL ARTS CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:** Mr. Terrance Flowers was nominated to serve as a member on the newly created board. (*Councilor Tucker's nominee*) Term Expires: August 14, 2026. Councilor Huff made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present with Councilor Thomas being absent for the vote.
- I. **LIBERTY THEATRE & CULTURAL ARTS CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:** Mr. Fernando Verdree was nominated to serve as the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) member on the newly created board. (*Councilor Huff's nominee*) Term Expires: August 14, 2026. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the nine members present with Councilor Thomas being absent for the vote.
- J. **LIBERTY THEATRE & CULTURAL ARTS CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:** Mr. Arsburn "Oz" Roberts was nominated as the Civic Center Director's recommendation to serve as a member on the newly created board. (*Civic Center Director's nominee*) Term



Expires: August 14, 2027. Councilor Tucker made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present with Councilor Thomas being absent for the vote.

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

A. **CRIME PREVENTION BOARD:**

A nominee for the seat of Patricia Flora (*passed away*) for a term that expires on March 21, 2025. Clerk of Council Davis advised that Councilor Tucker has nominated Ms. Erika Cottingham and Councilor Davis is nominating Mr. Marty Wynn. Councilor Davis then withdrew his nomination of Mr. Marty Wynn. Clerk of Council Davis advised that since Ms. Cottingham was nominated at the last meeting, she may be confirmed. Councilor Tucker made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present with Councilor Thomas being absent for the vote.

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

A. **ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD:**

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

B. **BOARD OF HONOR:**

A nominee for the seat of Bob Hydrick (*passed away*) for a term that expired on October 31, 2022, on the Board of Honor (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

**Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis** explained all the members serving on the board must be former elected officials of Muscogee County.

C. **COLUMBUS GOLF COURSE AUTHORITY:**

A nominee for the seat of Stephanie Callahan (*Seat declared vacant*) for a term that expires on June 30, 2026 on the Columbus Golf Course Authority (*Council's Appointment*). Clerk of Council Davis announced that Councilor Crabb is nominating Ms. Karen Stewart. Councilor Davis nominated Gerald Miley.

D. **LAND BANK AUTHORITY:**

A nominee for the seat of Lance Hemmings (*Not Eligible to succeed*) for a term that expires on October 31, 2023, on the Land Bank Authority (*Council's Appointment*). Clerk of Council Davis advised that Councilor Tucker is nominating Ms. Jackie Leonard to succeed Mr. Lance Hemmings.

**E. LIBERTY THEATRE & CULTURAL ARTS CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:**

A nominee for a new member for a term that expires on August 14, 2027, on the Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board (*Council's Appointment*). Clerk of Council Davis advised that Councilor Huff is nominating Ms. Ku'Wonna Ingram for the new seat.

A nominee for a new member for a term that expires on August 14, 2027, on the Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board (*Civic Center Director's Recommendation*). Clerk of Council Davis stated the Civic Center is nominating Ms. Delois Carr as the Civic Center Director's recommendation.

**UPCOMING BOARD APPOINTMENTS:**

- A. Hospital Authority of Columbus (Council Nomination/Authority Selection)
- B. Housing Authority of Columbus (Mayor's Appointment)

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Mayor Henderson entertained a motion to go into executive session to discuss matters of personnel, potential litigation and litigation as requested earlier in the meeting by Assistant City Attorney Sheftall. Councilor Tucker made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present with Councilor Crabb being absent for the vote, with the time being 2:08 p.m.

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 3:40 p.m., at which time, Mayor Henderson announced that the Council did meet in executive session to discuss matters of personnel, potential litigation, and litigation; however, there were no votes taken.

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Allen to adjourn the September 12, 2023, Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the seven members present with Councilors Barnes, Cogle and Garrett being absent for the vote, with the time being 3:40 p.m.

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

**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, and the Columbus, Georgia Employees Deferred Retirement Option Plan (collectively, the “Plans”) to clarify that the Plans will not recognize Qualified Domestic Relations Orders. (Recommendation of Pension Board)

**AN ORDINANCE**

NO. 23-\_\_

An ordinance amending the Columbus, Georgia Pension Plan for General Government Employees, and the Columbus, Georgia Pension Plan for Employees of the Department of Public Safety, and the Columbus, Georgia Employees Deferred Retirement Option Plan (collectively, the "Plans") to clarify that the Plans will not recognize Qualified Domestic Relations Orders.

THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

## SECTION 1.

Section 5.03(a) of the Columbus, Georgia Pension Plan for General Government Employees is hereby stricken and replaced by a new Section 5.03(a) to read as follows:

**"5.03 Direct Rollover Rules**

(a) Notwithstanding any contrary provision of the Plan, but subject to any de minimis or other exceptions or limitations provided for under Section 401(a)(31) of the Code:

(i) Any prospective recipient (whether a Member, a surviving spouse or any other person eligible to make a rollover) of a distribution from the Plan which constitutes an "eligible rollover distribution" (to the extent otherwise includible in the recipient's gross income) may direct the Board to pay the distribution directly to an "eligible retirement plan";

(ii) If (A) Contribution Account refunded to a Member exceeds \$1,000, (B) the Member has not attained the later of his Normal Retirement Age or the age of sixty-two (62) and (C) the Member does not either consent in writing to a distribution to him (as opposed to a rollover to an "eligible retirement plan") or direct in writing the distribution be made to a specified "eligible retirement plan" or plans, then any "eligible rollover distribution" to the Member shall be made by the Board's paying the distribution directly to an "eligible retirement plan" which is an individual retirement plan in a direct rollover to the individual retirement plan on behalf of the Member (an "automatic rollover"), This clause does not apply to any person who is not a Member; and

(iii) Effective for distributions made in Plan Years beginning on or after January 1, 2010, any non-spouse designated Beneficiary within the meaning of Section 401(a)(9)(E) of the Code who is a prospective recipient of an "eligible rollover distribution" from the Plan may direct the Board to pay the distribution directly to an "inherited IRA."

## SECTION 2.

Section 5.03(b)(i)(D) of the Columbus, Georgia Pension Plan for General Government Employees is hereby stricken and replaced by a new Section 5.03(b)(i)(D) to read as follows:

“(D) Effective for distributions made after December 31, 2001, the definition of eligible retirement plan applicable to a Participant shall also apply in the case of a distribution to a Member's surviving spouse.”

### SECTION 3.

A new subsection (c) is added at the end of Section 6.04 of the Columbus, Georgia Pension Plan for General Government Employees to read as follows:

“(c) Non-Recognition of Qualified Domestic Relations Order: Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Beneficiary designation shall not be changed, created, amended, alienated, or assigned due to the issuance of a “qualified domestic relations order” (as defined in Section 414(p) of the Code). A qualified domestic relations order shall not be treated as a new Beneficiary designation under this Section 6.04. No benefits shall be paid according to a qualified domestic relations order.”

### SECTION 4.

Section 9.02 of the Columbus, Georgia Pension Plan for General Government Employees is hereby stricken and replaced by a new Section 9.02 to read as follows:

“Nonalienation of Benefits: The right of a Member to a Pension payment upon death or termination, or any other right accrued or accruing to any Member or Beneficiary under the provisions of this Plan, shall be unassignable and not subject to sale, execution, garnishment, or attachment, or any other legal process whatsoever. For the avoidance of doubt, this Plan will not recognize qualified domestic relations orders or any other order purporting to divide a Member's benefits under this Plan pursuant to a domestic relations proceeding.

### SECTION 5.

Section 5.03(a) of the Columbus, Georgia Pension Plan for Employees of the Department of Public Safety is hereby stricken and replaced by a new Section 5.03(a) to read as follows:

#### **“5.03 Direct Rollover Rules**

(a) Notwithstanding any contrary provision of the Plan, but subject to any de minimis or other exceptions or limitations provided for under Section 401(a)(31) of the Code:

(i) Any prospective recipient (whether a Member, a surviving spouse or any other person eligible to make a rollover) of a distribution from the Plan which constitutes an "eligible rollover distribution" (to the extent otherwise includible in the recipient's gross income) may direct the Board to pay the distribution directly to an "eligible retirement plan";

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(iii) Effective for distributions made in Plan Years beginning on or after January 1, 2010, any non-spouse designated Beneficiary within the meaning of Section 401(a)(9)(E) of the Code who is a prospective recipient of an "eligible rollover distribution" from the Plan may direct the Board to pay the distribution directly to an "inherited IRA."

#### SECTION 6.

Section 5.03(b)(i)(D) of the Columbus, Georgia Pension Plan for Employees of the Department of Public Safety is hereby stricken and replaced by a new Section 5.03(b)(i)(D) to read as follows:

“(D) Effective for distributions made after December 31, 2001, the definition of eligible retirement plan applicable to a Participant shall also apply in the case of a distribution to a Member's surviving spouse.”

#### SECTION 7.

A new subsection (c) is added at the end of Section 6.04 of the Columbus, Georgia Pension Plan for Employees of the Department of Public Safety to read as follows:

“(c) Non-Recognition of Qualified Domestic Relations Order: Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Beneficiary designation shall not be changed, created, amended, alienated, or assigned due to the issuance of a “qualified domestic relations order” (as defined in Section 414(p) of the Code). A qualified domestic relations order shall not be treated as a new Beneficiary designation under this Section 6.04. No benefits shall be paid according to a qualified domestic relations order.”

## SECTION 8.

Section 9.02 of the Columbus, Georgia Pension Plan for Employees of the Department of Public Safety is hereby stricken and replaced by a new Section 9.02 to read as follows:

**“Nonalienation of Benefits:** The right of a Member to a Pension payment upon death or termination, or any other right accrued or accruing to any Member or Beneficiary under the provisions of this Plan, shall be unassignable and not subject to sale, execution, garnishment, or attachment, or any other legal process whatsoever. For the avoidance of doubt, the Plan will not recognize qualified domestic relations orders or any other order purporting to divide a Member’s benefits under this Plan pursuant to a domestic relations proceeding.”

## SECTION 9.

The Columbus, Georgia Employees Deferred Option Retirement Plan is hereby amended by adding a new Section 6.9 to read as follows:

**“6.9 Nonalienation of Benefits**

The right of a Participant to a distribution of his DROP Account upon death or termination, or any other right accrued or accruing to any Participant or Beneficiary under the provisions of this DROP, shall be unassignable and not subject to sale, execution, garnishment, or attachment, or any other legal process whatsoever. For the avoidance of doubt, the DROP will not recognize qualified domestic relations orders or any other order purporting to divide a Participant’s benefits under this DROP pursuant to a domestic relations proceeding.”

## SECTION 10.

This ordinance shall be effective as of its signing by the Mayor and return to the Clerk of Council (the “Effective Date”) and govern all current and future participants, except for participants with qualified domestic relations orders that the Plans have accepted and are in pay status before the Effective Date.

## SECTION 11.

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

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

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Sandra Davis  
Clerk of Council

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B.H. Henderson III  
Mayor



**File Attachments for Item:**

**2. 1st Reading-** REZN-06-23-0111: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **119 Bascom Court** (parcel # 073-027-003) from Residential Office (RO) Zoning District to General Commercial (GC) Zoning District with conditions. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (continued on 1st Reading from 9-12-23) (proposed amendment) (Councilor Davis)

## AN ORDINANCE

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

An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at **119 Bascom Court** (parcel # 073-027-003) from Residential Office (RO) Zoning District to General Commercial (GC) Zoning District with conditions.

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

#### Section 1.

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

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

#### Section 2.

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

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

Councilor Allen	voting _____
Councilor Barnes	voting _____

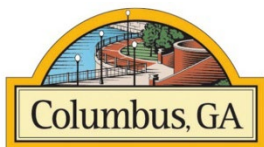
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Councilor Davis	voting _____
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Councilor Thomas	voting _____
Councilor Tucker	voting _____

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**Sandra T Davis**  
Clerk of Council

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



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 PLANNING DEPARTMENT

## COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

**REZN-06-23-0111**

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

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

**Approval**      **0 Responses**

**Opposition**    **4** Responses

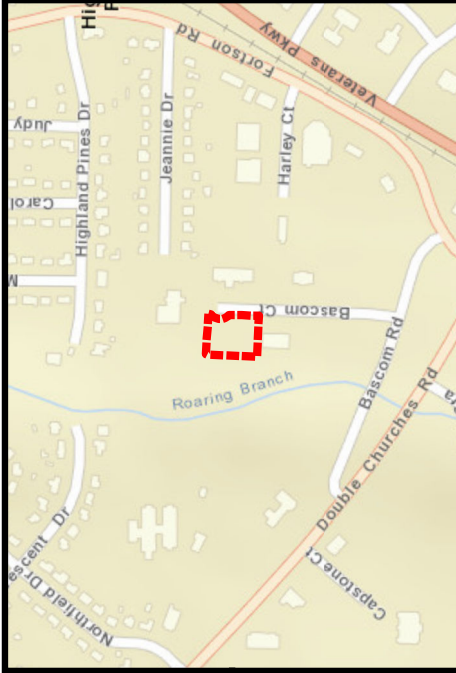
**Additional Information:**

N/A

**Attachments:**

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





Area To Be  
Rezoned



Date: 6/22/2023

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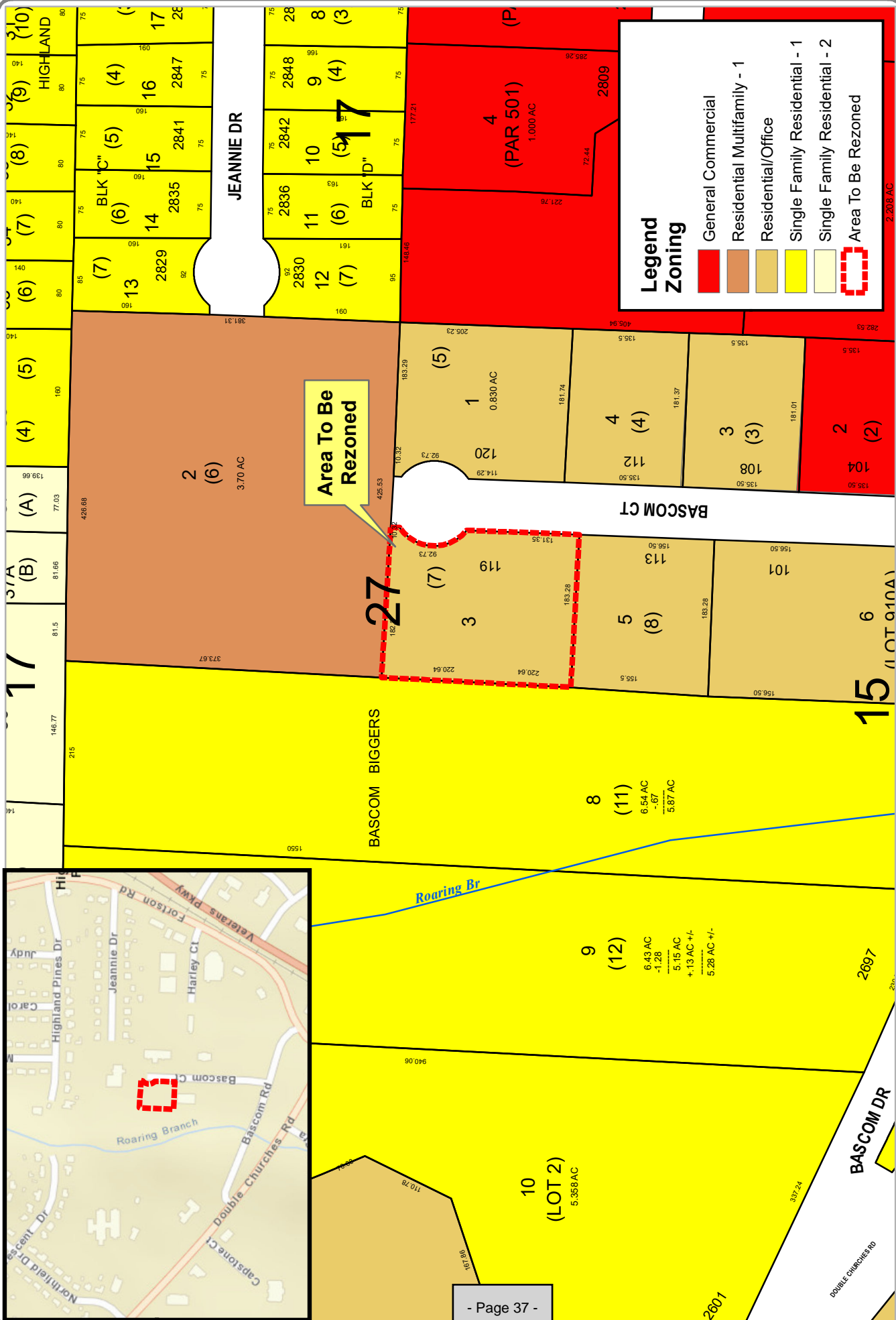
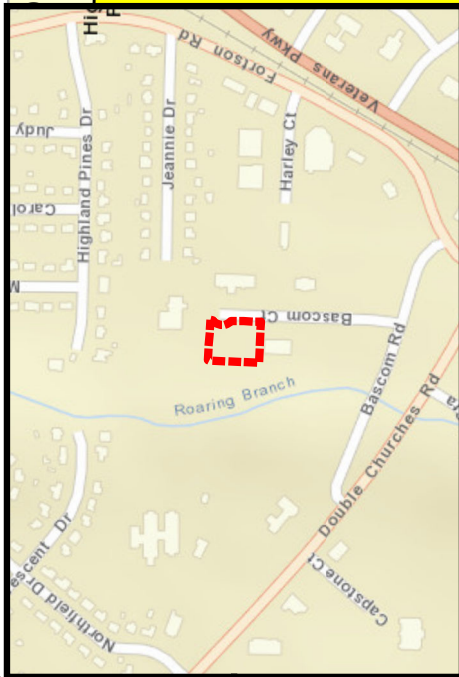


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**Legend**

**Zoning**

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

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Zoning Map for REZN 06-23-0111

Map 073 Lot 027 Block 003

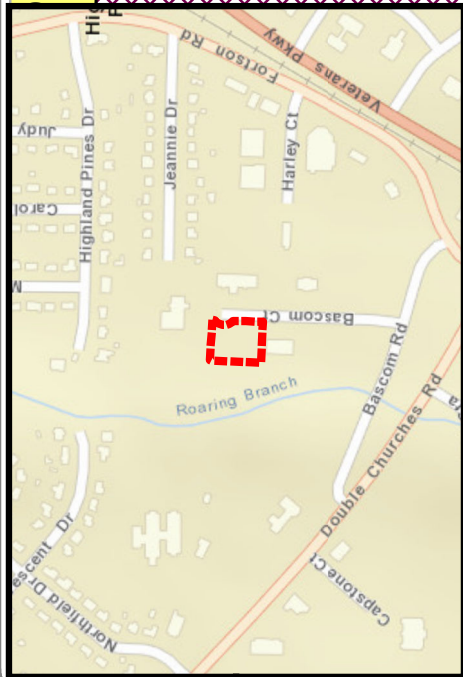
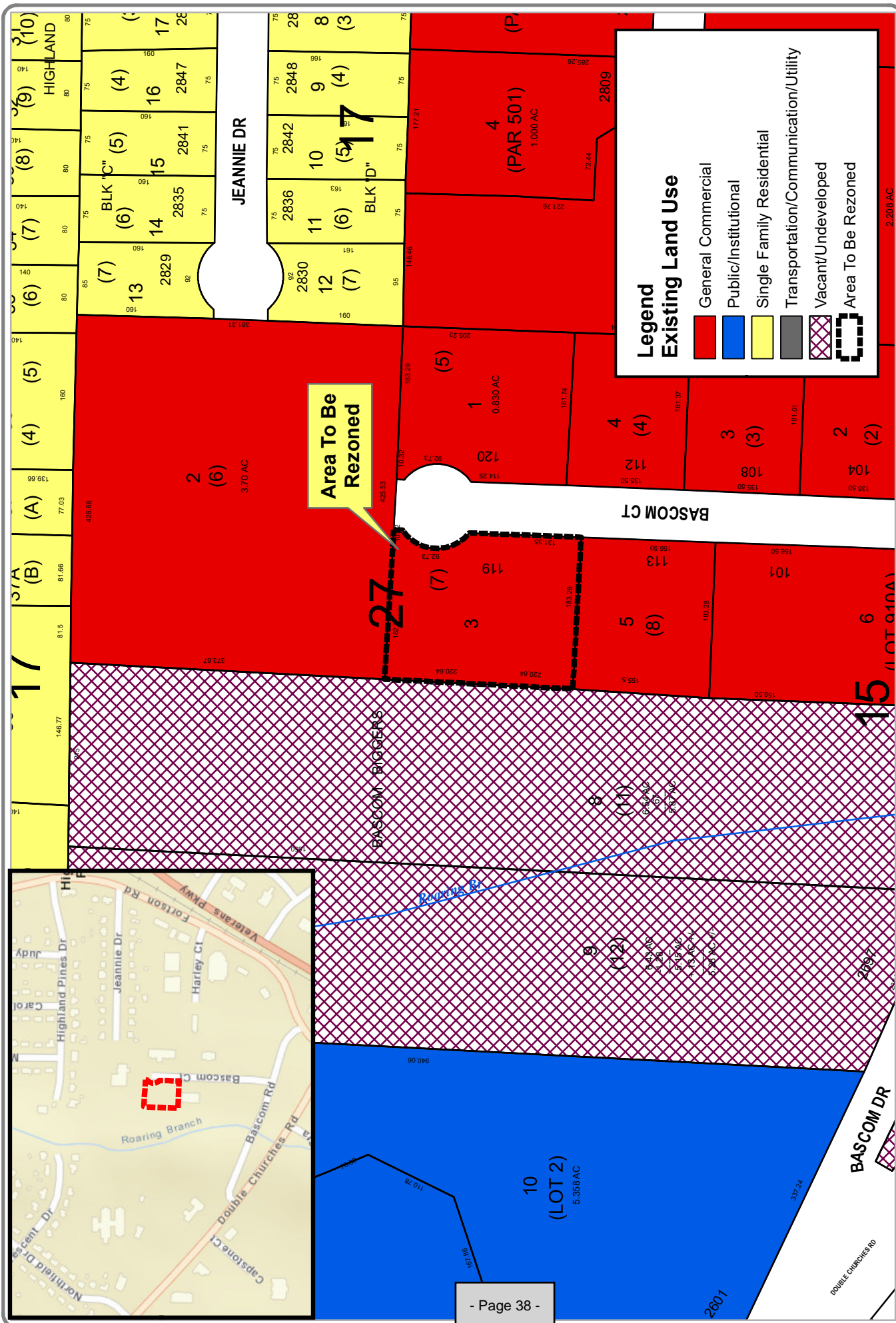
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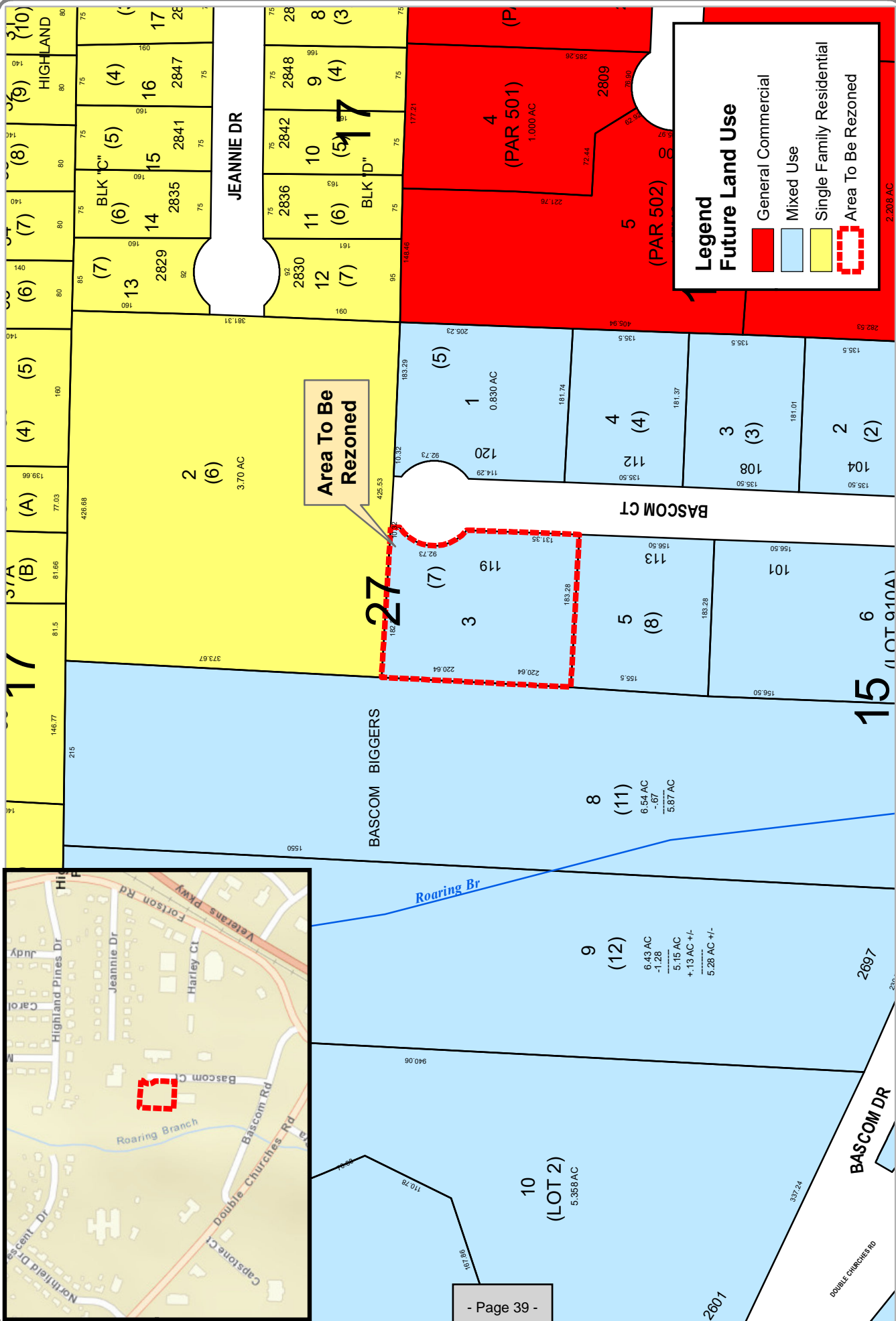
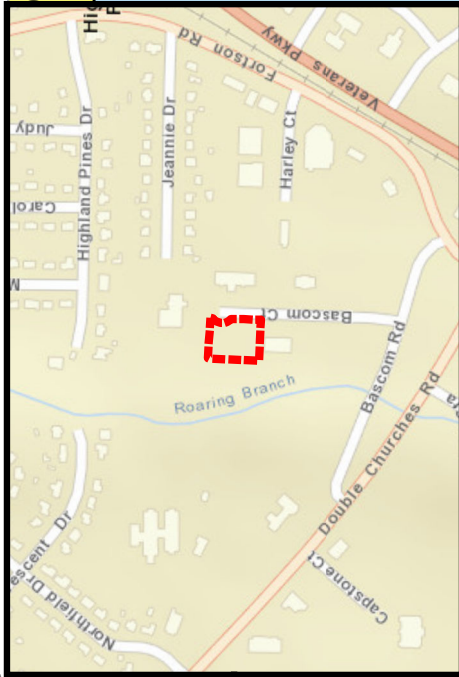
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Existing Land Use Map for REZN 06-23-0111  
Map 073 Lot 027 Block 003

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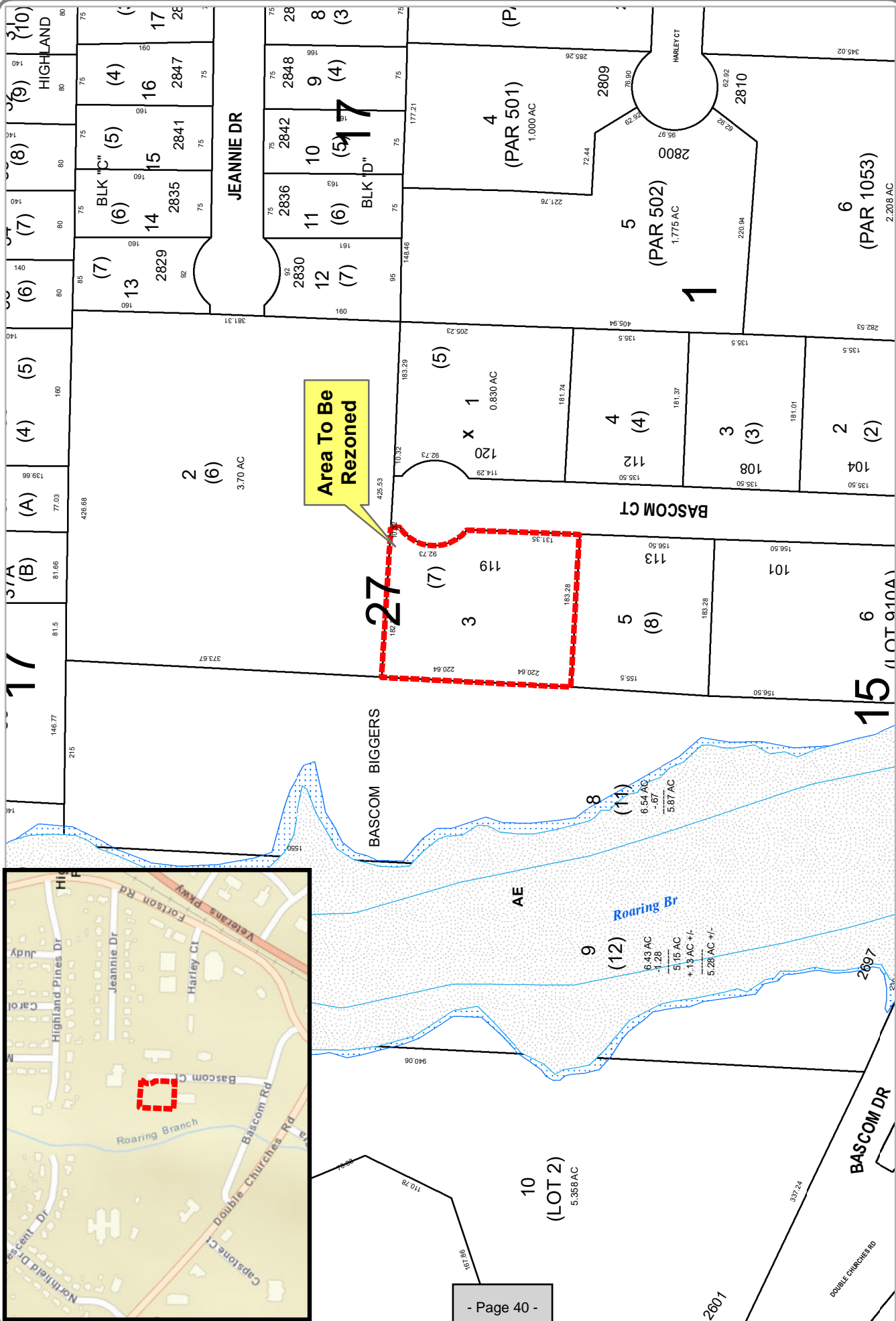
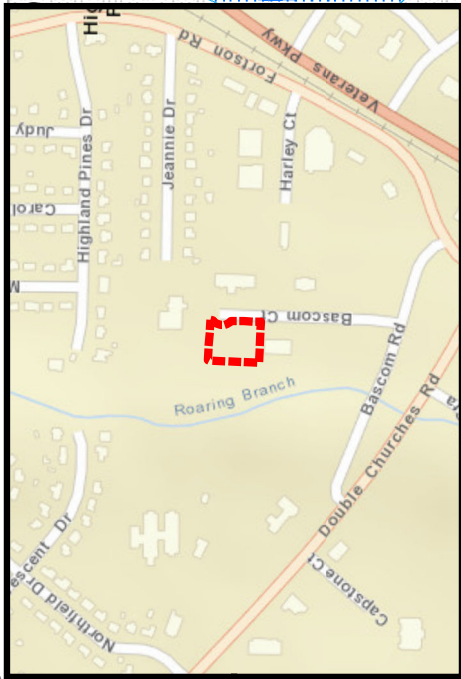
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**Future Land Use Map for REZN 06-23-0111**  
**Map 073 Lot 027 Block 003**  
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**Flood Hazard Map for REZN 06-23-0111**  
**Map 073 Lot 027 Block 003**  
**Planning Department-Planning Division**  
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ZONING CASE NO.	REZN 06-23-0111
PROJECT	119 Bascom Court
CLIENT	RO to GC
REZONING REQUEST	

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

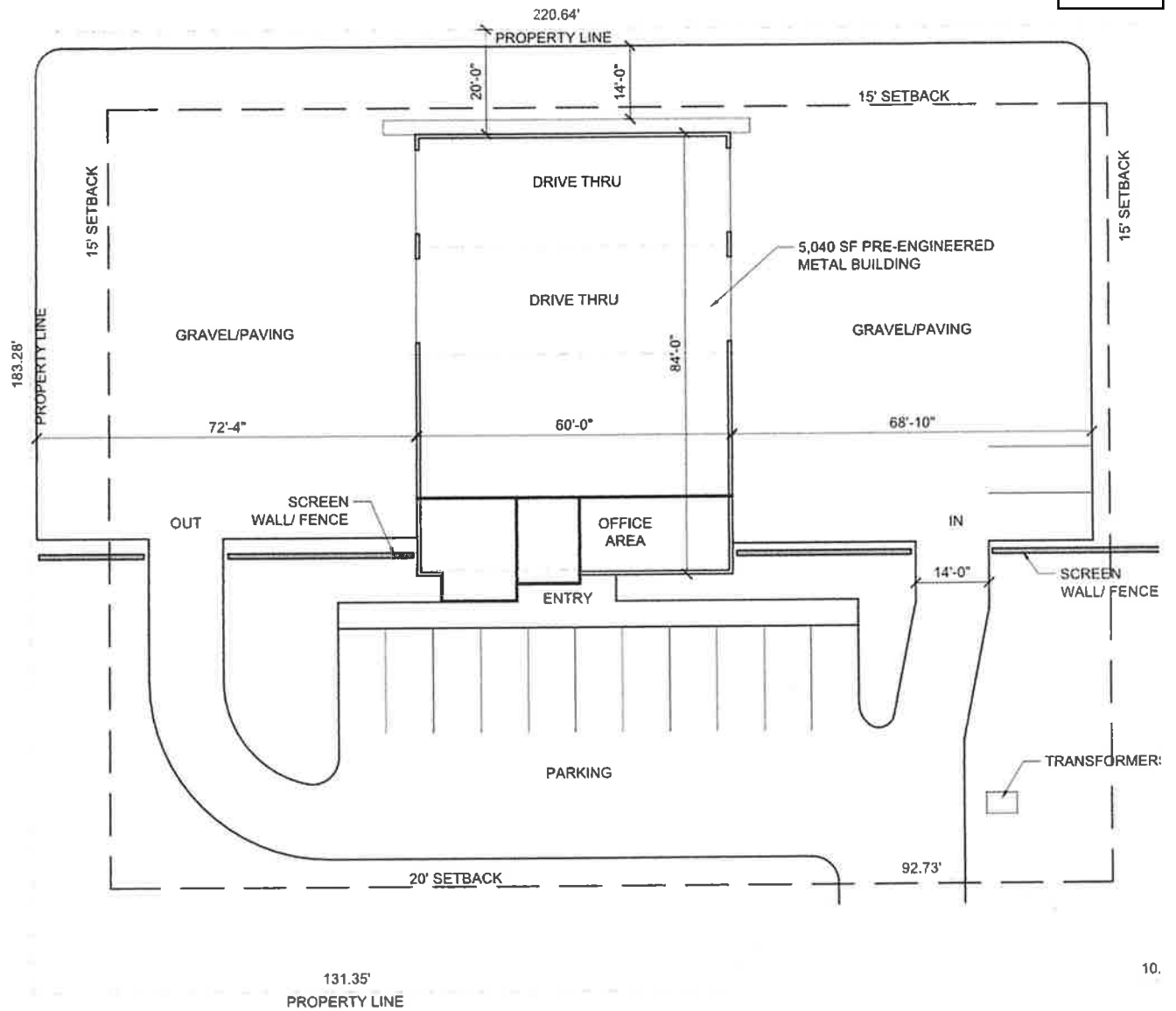
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## TRAFFIC PROJECTIONS

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

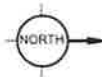
Project Details		Proposed Service (2027)	
Name of Street	Street Classification	No. of Lanes	City Traffic Count (2021)
Double Churches Road	Collector	2	9,120
			D
			17
			9,137
			D

Item #2.



## SITE PLAN

SCALE: 1"=20'-0"



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**File Attachments for Item:**

**1. Chips4Chips Funding Support**

Approval is requested to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Development Authority to support the Chips4Chips Initiative for up to \$1,250,000.

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

Item #1.

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Chips4Chips Funding Support</b>
<b>AGENDA SUMMARY:</b>	Approval is requested to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Development Authority to support the Chips4Chips Initiative for up to \$1,250,000.
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	<b>City Manager's Office</b>

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**Recommendation:** Approval is requested to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Development Authority to support the Chips4Chips (C4C) Initiative for up to \$1,250,000.

**Background:** Chips4Chips, the Chattahoochee Hub for Innovation and Production of Semiconductors began in 2022 from a Senate office email discussing the opportunities presented by the \$280 billion CHIPS (Creating Helpful Incentives to Produce Semiconductors) and Science Act. The first group of stakeholders started in September 2022 in the concept of creating a regional technology hub for semiconductors and other advanced manufacturing in the Chattahoochee Valley, as a part of the United Way's Poverty Reduction Initiative. Through extensive outreach, research, evaluation, and expert confirmation, the opportunity has been developed and validated. The C4C team has collaborated with federal, state, and local officials, as well as consulting assets and potential private industry manufacturing partners.

**Analysis:** The Chattahoochee Valley has abundant natural and human resources representing key requirements necessary for supporting a profitable and expansive semiconductor industry. The technology cluster includes Fort Moore (the 5<sup>th</sup> largest military installation in the world), Raytheon/Pratt Whitney, Global Payments, Auburn University, Columbus State University, and many other companies and institutions, as well as the corporate headquarters of Aflac, Synovus Bank, the W.C. Bradley Company. There are over 200 volunteers across more than 60 organizations committed to the effort.

**Financial Considerations:** Funding is available in the Economic Development Fund Reserves to provide up to \$1.25 million to support this initiative.

**Legal Considerations:** The City Attorney will review the MOU and approve as to form.

**Recommendation/Action:** Approval is requested to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Development Authority to support the Chips4Chips Initiative for up to \$1,250,000.

**A RESOLUTION**

**NO.**



**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, TO AUTHORIZE THE DEVELOPMENT A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO SUPPORT THE CHIPS4CHIPS INITIATIVE FOR UP TO \$1.25 MILLION.**

Item #1.

**WHEREAS**, a group of stakeholders in the Chattahoochee Valley engaged in the concept of creating a regional technology hub for semiconductor and other advanced manufacturing spurred by the opportunity presented by the \$280 billion CHIPS (Creating Helpful Incentives to Produce Semiconductors) and Science Act; and,

**WHEREAS**, the team as part of the United Way's Poverty Reduction Initiative has done extensive outreach, research, evaluation, and expert confirmation to validate this opportunity; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Chattahoochee Valley has abundant natural and human resources representing the key requirements necessary for supporting a profitable and expansive semiconductor industry; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Chips4Chips Leadership has developed an \$11 million budget to address the action items in the plan; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Chattahoochee Valley has many companies and institutions aligned to support this endeavor; and,

**WHEREAS**, the city has identified funding from the Economic Development Fund.

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

The Council of Columbus, Georgia hereby authorizes the development of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Development Authority for up to \$1.25 million in support of the Chips4Chips initiative and further authorizes the use of the Economic Development Fund Reserves of up to \$1.25 million.

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

Councilor Allen voting	_____.
Councilor Barnes voting	_____.
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Councilor Cogle voting	_____.
Councilor Crabb voting	_____.
Councilor Davis voting	_____.
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Councilor Thomas voting	_____.

Councilor Tucker voting

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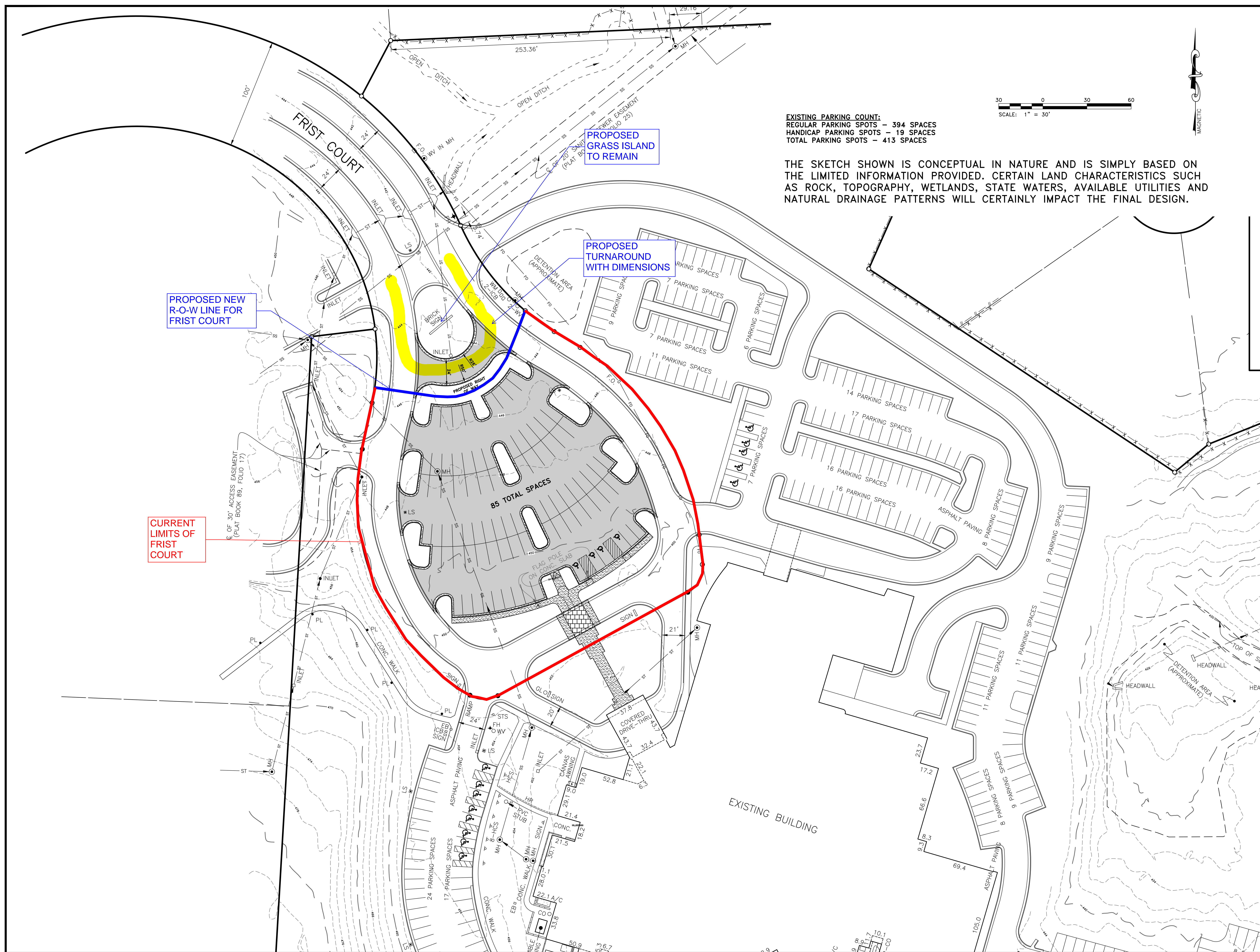
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**File Attachments for Item:**

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

Approval is requested for closure and abandonment of an approximately 260 ft. +/- section of right of way for Frist Court located within an existing parking lot that serves Piedmont Northside Campus, authorize the disposal of the said right of way with applicable State Law; reserving utility and access easements; and for other purposes. There are no financial obligations for the City.







**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

Item #2.

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Portion of Right-of-Way Abandonment for Frist Court</b>
<b>AGENDA SUMMARY:</b>	Approval is requested for closure and abandonment of an approximately 260 ft. +/- section of right of way for Frist Court located within an existing parking lot that serves Piedmont Northside Campus, authorize the disposal of the said right of way with applicable State Law; reserving utility and access easements; and for other purposes. There are no financial obligations for the City.
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	<b>Department of Engineering</b>

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**Recommendation:** Approval is requested to authorize the changing of the Official Street Map and Tax Maps of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia by officially closing and abandoning an approximate 260 ft. +/- . segment of Frist Court right-of-way located within the parking lot that serves Piedmont Northside Campus; authorize the disposal of the said right of way with applicable State Law; reserving utility and access easements; and for other purposes. There are no financial obligations for the City.

**Background:** The Medical Center Hospital Authority has requested the portion of the right of way within the parking lot be abandoned and conveyed back to them.

**Analysis:** The rights-of -way in its current layout serves no purpose to the public with the exception of existing utilities.

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

**Legal Considerations:** Council approval is required to close and abandon public street right of way.

**Recommendation/Action:** Approval is requested to authorize the changing of the Official Street Map and Tax Maps of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia by officially closing and abandoning an approximate 260 ft. +/- segment of Frist Court; authorize the disposal of the said right of way with applicable State Law; reserving utility and access easements; and for other purposes. There are no financial obligations for the City.

**A RESOLUTION**

**NO.**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, AUTHORIZING THE CHANGING OF THE OFFICIAL STREET MAP AND TAX MAP OF THE CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA BY OFFICIALLY CLOSING AND ABANDONING AN APPROXIMATELY 260 FT. SEGMENT OF FRIST COURT; AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF THE SAID RIGHT OF WAYS IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE STATE LAW; RESERVING UTILITY AND ACCESS EASEMENTS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

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**WHEREAS**, the Medical Center Hospital Authority has requested a portion of Frist Court be closed; and,

**WHEREAS**, there is a 260 ft. +/- segment of right of way that is currently being used as a parking lot; and,

**WHEREAS**, the property owners have requested a portion of the right of way be abandoned; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Engineering has determined the Street Segment is not critical to traffic flow in the area.

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

**SECTION I.**

The "Official Street Map, Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia" maintained in accordance with 18.1 of the Columbus Code and appropriate Tax Map are hereby amended by the deleting the following property from said maps:

That portion of right of way for Frist Court commencing at the right of way of the Cul-de-sac and running in a northerly direction for a distance 260 +/- ft.

**SECTION II.**

That the Council finds that the segments of rights of way described in Section I above no longer serve a substantial public purpose. This abandonment is hereby declared to be in the best public interest. Accordingly, said segments are hereby declared abandoned and removed from the Official Street Map of Columbus Georgia in accordance with O.C.G.A. Section 32-7-2(c). The City Manager is authorized to transfer the property to the adjacent property owners in accordance with the provisions of O.C.G.A. Section 32-7-4 if determined to be necessary and in the best interest of the Consolidated Government of Columbus.

**SECTION III.**

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All existing utility easements and other easements in the Street Segment shall be reserved.

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

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Councilor Crabb voting	_____.
Councilor Davis voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett voting	_____.
Councilor Huff voting	_____.
Councilor Thomas voting	_____.
Councilor Tucker voting	_____.

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. "Skip" Henderson, III Mayor

**File Attachments for Item:**

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

Approval is requested for the acceptance of that portion of a 6 ft. sidewalk/multi use trail and maintenance easement located at 6855 Midland Commons(MC-100) adjacent to the right of way for Midland Commons Blvd.



**Columbus Consolidated Government Council Meeting  
Agenda Item**

Item #3.

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Sidewalk and Maintenance Easement Acceptance –That portion of a 6 ft. Sidewalk/Multi-Use Trail and Maintenance Easement located on 6855 Midland Commons along the right-of-way for Midland Commons Blvd. as shown on Easement Survey created by GEOSurvey</b>
<b>AGENDA SUMMARY:</b>	Approval is requested for the acceptance of the 6 ft. Sidewalk/Multi-Use Trail and Maintenance Easement located on Parcel MC -100 along the right of way for Midland Commons Blvd. No City funds are involved until maintenance is assumed after the two-year warranty.
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	<b>Engineering Department</b>

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**Recommendation:** Approval is requested for the acceptance of that portion of a 6 ft. sidewalk/multi-use trail and maintenance easement located at 6855 Midland Commons (MC-100) adjacent to the right of way for Midland Commons Blvd. No City funds are involved until maintenance is assumed after the two-year warranty.

**Background:** Section 7.10.1 of the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) requires sidewalks be installed in all residential, commercial and industrial developments. Sidewalks are typically constructed on the City right of way as development occurs. An easement survey entitled “Midland Commons Parcel MC-100” for JMC Flatrock Partners includes the proposed 6. ft Sidewalk/Multi-Use Trail and Maintenance Easement for the noted parcel.

**Analysis:** Sidewalk will be added as the parcel is developed. Due to conflicts with existing infrastructure in right of way an easement was necessary in order to provide public sidewalk as required by the UDO.

**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 and easements must be accepted by the Council.

**Recommendation/Action:** Approve the acceptance of that portion of a 6. ft. sidewalk/multi-use trail and maintenance easement located at 6855 Midland Commons(MC-100) adjacent to the right of way for Midland Commons Blvd. No City funds are involved until maintenance is assumed after the two-year warranty.

**RESOLUTION  
NO.**

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**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A 6 FT. SIDEWALK/MULTI-USE TRAIL AND MAINTENANCE EASEMENT AT 6855 MIDLAND COMMONS BLVD. RIGHT OF WAY, ON BEHALF OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA.**

**WHEREAS**, sidewalks are required to be installed along public streets as part of development at the cost of the owner of the property; and,

**WHEREAS**, Columbus, Georgia has received a plat entitled Midland Commons Parcel MC-100 where it is proposed that the required sidewalks be constructed; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Engineering Department will inspect said sidewalks as they are installed and before recommending acceptance of the easement; and,

**WHEREAS**, the contractor who installs the sidewalks for each of the above referenced parcels will provide a bond warranting the work for a period of two (2) years beginning with the date of acceptance of that portion of the sidewalk.

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

1. That certain survey dated May 1, 2023, designating a 6. ft sidewalk/Multi-Use Trail and maintenance easement along 6855 Midland Commons Blvd/Lot 3000 is hereby approved in concept. A copy of the preliminary plat has been provided and is hereto attached and, by this reference, made a part of this resolution.
2. Upon completion of all sidewalk construction on a particular parcel, the Engineering Department will inspect and recommend the acceptance of that portion of the sidewalk. Upon receiving notification that the Engineering Department has approved the sidewalk as constructed and received the required two-year warranty bond, the Clerk of Council is then authorized to have an acceptance of said easement deed recorded in the Deed Records in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Muscogee County.

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

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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## GENERAL NOTES:

- 1) ALL PROPOSED DIMENSIONS USED TO SHOW THE GEOMETRIC LAYOUT OF THE PROPOSED PARKING LOT ARE SHOWN AT THE FACE OF CURB. ALL PROPOSED DIMENSIONS USED TO SHOW THE GEOMETRIC LAYOUT OF THE PROPOSED BUILDING LOCATION ARE GIVEN AT THE OUTSIDE FACE OF THE BUILDING CORNERS. ALL CURB RADII ARE GIVEN AT THE FACE OF CURB.
- 2) CONTRACTOR SHALL NOTIFY ENGINEER OF ANY DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN THE EXISTING CONDITIONS IN THE FIELD AND THE SURVEY SHOWN ON THE PLANS BEFORE PROCEEDING WITH ANY NEW CONSTRUCTION.
- 3) CONTRACTOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR CORRECT HORIZONTAL AND VERTICAL ALIGNMENT OF ALL TIES BETWEEN PROPOSED AND EXISTING PAVEMENTS, CURB AND GUTTER, SIDEWALKS, WALLS, AND UTILITIES.

## SITE NOTES:

- 1) TRACT IS ZONED: PMUD (PLANNED MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT)
- 2) SEE ARCHITECTURAL PLANS FOR BUILDING FLOOR PLAN DIMENSIONS, DOOR LOCATIONS, SITE LIGHTING PLAN, AND OTHER ARCHITECTURAL DETAILS.
- 3) ALL BUFFERS, TREE SAVE AREAS, AND UNDISTURBED AREAS SHALL BE CLEARLY IDENTIFIED BY FLAGGING AND/OR FENCING PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF ANY LAND DISTURBANCE.
- 4) SIGNS (LOCATION, NUMBER, AND SIZE) ARE NOT APPROVED UNDER THIS DEVELOPMENT PERMIT. A SEPARATE PERMIT IS REQUIRED FOR ON-SITE SIGNAGE.
- 5) ALL CONSTRUCTION RELATED PERMITS DURING THE CONSTRUCTION PHASE OF THIS PROJECT ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE OWNER, HOWEVER A CONTRACTOR/DEVELOPER CAN DO PERMITTING WITH AGENT AUTHORIZATION.
- 6) ALL EROSION, SEDIMENT CONTROL AND TREE PROTECTION MEASURES SHALL BE INSTALLED PRIOR TO ANY GRADING.
- 7) THE CITY OF COLUMBUS ACCEPTS NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA), EXCEPT FOR NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT. THE OWNER/DEVELOPER IS SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR COMPLIANCE FOR SAID ACT.
- 8) CONTRACTOR SHALL COORDINATE WITH THE CITY/COUNTY JURISDICTION, WATER AND SEWER JURISDICTION, AND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION INSPECTORS REGARDING ALL CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY REQUIREMENTS AND COORDINATE WITH THE ENGINEER APPROXIMATELY 8 WEEKS PRIOR TO ANTICIPATED CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY DATE REGARDING ANY ITEMS REQUIRING APPROVAL OR CERTIFICATIONS BY THE ENGINEER.

## ADVANCE AUTO PARTS SITE NOTES:

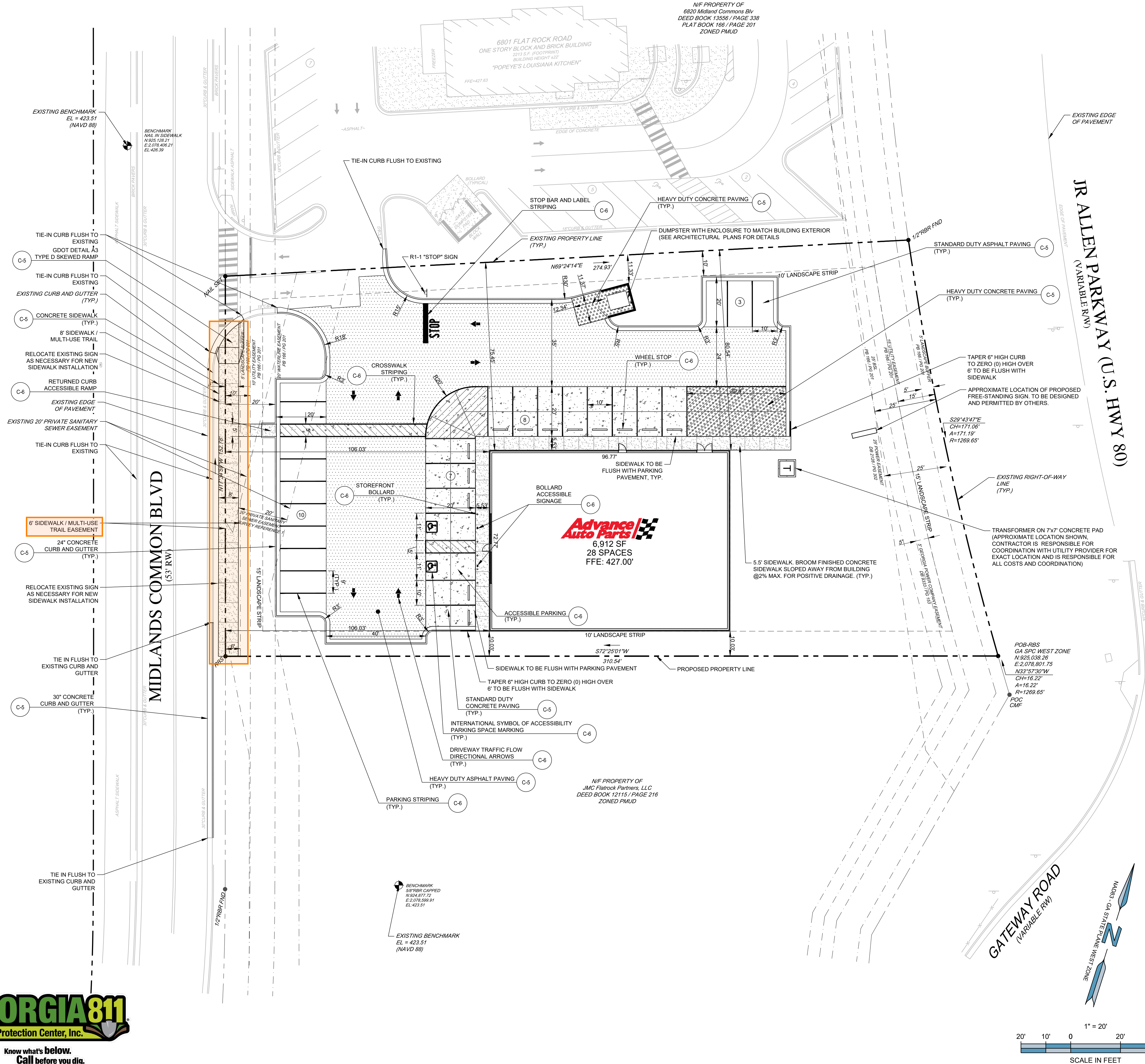
1. THE CONTRACTOR IS TO STAKE THE LOCATION OF THE PYLON SIGN AND NOTIFY ADVANCE AUTO PARTS SIGN COMPANY FOR THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE INSTALLATION DATE.
2. PARKING LOT GRADING SHALL NOT EXCEED 5% MAX. CROSS SLOPE.
3. PARKING SPACES ARE TO BE 10'X20' UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.
4. ALL ABANDONED ENTRANCES/EXITS ARE TO BE REMOVED.
5. THE DEVELOPER/CONTRACTOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SETUP AND COSTS OF ALL TEMPORARY UTILITY SERVICES (INCLUDING TEMPORARY POWER) UNTIL THE PROJECT IS TURNED OVER TO AND ACCEPTED BY ADVANCE AUTO PARTS.
6. THE CONTRACTOR IS TO PRESSURE WASH ALL PAVED AREAS AND SIDEWALKS THE MORNING PRIOR TO STORE OPENING.
7. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL FURNISH AND INSTALL A MAILBOX ON SITE. THE MAILBOX TYPE, LOCATION, AND INSTALLATION SHALL COMPLY WITH THE LOCAL U.S. POST OFFICE REQUIREMENTS. VERIFY REQUIREMENTS PRIOR TO PURCHASE AND ROUGH-IN.
8. BASE OF PARKING LOT LIGHT POLES SHALL REMAIN UNPAINTED AND RUBBED SMOOTH.
9. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING SIGNED AND SEALED CERTIFICATION THAT PARKING LOT MEETS REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN THE CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS.

LEGEND	
	STANDARD DUTY ASPHALT PAVING
	HEAVY DUTY ASPHALT PAVING
	CONCRETE SIDEWALK PAVING
	STANDARD CONCRETE PAVING
	HEAVY DUTY CONCRETE PAVING
	PROPERTY LINE
	PARKING COUNT
	TRAFFIC SIGN
	PAINTED TRAFFIC ARROWS

SITE DATA	
ZONING:	PMUD (PLANNED MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT)
PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:	109-001-001
PROJECT SITE AREA:	1.070 AC.
DISTURBED AREA:	0.9 AC.
LANDSCAPE STRIP -	
FRONT:	15 FT
SIDE:	10 FT
REAR:	10 FT
BUILDING SETBACK -	
FRONT:	20 FT
SIDE:	0 FT
REAR:	0 FT
BUILDING FLOOR AREA:	TOTAL GROUND: 6,912 S.F.
BUILDING HEIGHT:	24'-0"
PARKING RATIO REQUIRED -	RETAIL: 1 SPACE / 250 S.F.
PARKING REQUIRED:	28 SPACES
PARKING PROVIDED:	28 SPACES
ACCESSIBLE PARKING REQUIRED:	2 SPACES
ACCESSIBLE PARKING PROVIDED:	2 SPACES



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CONTACT: MRS. MICHELLE BENNEFIELD

**Advance Auto Parts**

STORE NUMBER: 7349

6855 MIDLAND COMMONS  
COLUMBUS, MUSCOGEE COUNTY, GA 31909  
9TH DISTRICT, LL 61, 62 & 63  
PARCEL #: 109-001-001

PROJECT:

SEAL:



REVISIONS	DATE
CITY COMMENTS	2023-05-26
CITY COMMENTS	2023-06-20
LOWER BUILDING FFE	2023-07-07
SIGN AND LANDSCAPE	2023-07-25

PROJECT MANAGER:	WWA
DRAWING BY:	RGH
JURISDICTION:	COLUMBUS, GA
DATE:	2023-05-31
SCALE:	1" = 20'
TITLE:	

SITE &amp; PAVING PLAN

SHEET NUMBER:

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COMMENTS: NOT RELEASED FOR CONSTRUCTION

JOB/FILE NUMBER: 341.093



August 31, 2023  
City of Columbus Consolidated Government City Council  
100 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
Columbus, Georgia 31901

RE: Request for Approval for 6' Sidewalk / Multi-Use Path Maintenance Easement

Dear City of Columbus Consolidated Government City Council,

On behalf of the developer (Trinity Flat Rock, LLC), Foresite Group, LLC submits this letter as a formal request to approve the proposed 6' sidewalk / multi-use path maintenance easement for the subject property located at 6855 Midland Commons, Columbus, GA 31909 (Tax Parcel #109-001-001). An 8' wide concrete sidewalk is proposed to accommodate the new Advance Auto Parts development and will be located for the entire Advance Auto Parts subject property frontage along Midland Commons. Due to the existing location of the right of way line platted for the Midland Commons planned master development, there was not sufficient space to propose the sidewalk entirely within this public right of way line. Therefore, a 6' wide sidewalk / multi-use trail maintenance easement is proposed on the re-plat survey to allow access to the city for future maintenance. Refer to the re-plat survey of Midland Commons Parcel MC-100, prepared by GeoSurvey, survey date of May, 1, 2023, for the exact location of this 6' wide sidewalk / multi-use trail maintenance easement.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



**Will Avant, P.E.**  
Foresite Group, LLC

**File Attachments for Item:**

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

Approval is requested to authorize the execution of a lease renewal and amendment with Verizon Wireless for the purpose of leasing space at 8889 River Road to operate and maintain an existing telecommunications tower.

**THIRD AMENDMENT**  
**TO TOWER AND GROUND LEASE AGREEMENT**

This Third Amendment to Tower and Ground Lease Agreement (the "Third Amendment") is made this the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023, by and between **COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA** (the "Landlord") and **VERIZON WIRELESS OF THE EAST LP d/b/a VERIZON WIRELESS** (the "Tenant") (collectively, the "Parties"), with reference to the facts set forth in the recitals below:

**RECITALS**

WHEREAS, Landlord and Columbus Cellular Telephone Company, as predecessor-in-interest to Tenant, entered into a Tower and Ground Lease Agreement dated May 1, 1998, as amended by that First Amendment to Tower and Ground Lease Agreement dated August 12, 2012 and further amended by that certain Second Amendment to Tower and Ground Lease Agreement dated February 16, 2015 (collectively, the "Lease"), whereby Landlord leased to Tenant a certain portion of the property (the "Premises") located at 8889 River Road, Columbus, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Landlord and Tenant desire to amend the Lease pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Third Amendment in order to extend the term of the Lease;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, Landlord and Verizon Wireless agree as follows:

1. **Renewal of Terms.** At the expiration of the current Renewal Term, the term of the Lease will automatically be extended through July 25, 2025 ("Extended Renewal Term"). The Extended Renewal Term shall be on the same terms and conditions as set forth in the Lease.
2. Capitalized words and terms used but not defined in this Third Amendment have the definitions assigned to such words and terms in the Lease.
3. **Termination.** If Landlord determines that the Tower is to be deconstructed prior to June 30, 2025, Landlord shall terminate the Lease by giving Tenant One Hundred Eighty (180) days of notice. The Tenant understands and agrees that if Landlord provides notice of Termination of Lease Tenant shall remove its building(s), antennas(s), equipment, conduits, fixtures, and all personal property no later than the termination date. Following the Termination Date, if Tenant has not removed its building(s), antenna(s), equipment, conduits, fixtures and all personal property, Landlord may remove at Tenant's expense all as originally set out in Paragraph 10 of the Tower and Ground Lease.
4. **Assignment by Tenant.** Paragraph 16 of the Lease is removed and replaced with the following:

" Tenant may assign in or all of Tenant's interest in this Lease, any part thereof, the leaseholder's interest of Tenant created hereby, and/or any of Tenant's right, title or

interest in and to any or all of the Communications Facility, provided; however, Tenant will provide thirty (30) days advance notice of such assignment together with a written statement for the Assignee stating that they will become jointly responsible for all obligations of the Tenant under the lease.”

5. Except as specifically described in this Third Amendment, the Lease is unchanged, remains in full force and effect, and is ratified and confirmed. In the event of any inconsistency between the Lease and this Third Amendment, the terms of this Third Amendment will govern and control. Each reference in the Lease to itself shall be deemed to also refer to this Third Amendment.

***SIGNATURES APPEAR ON FOLLOWING PAGE***



Tenant Site Name: RIVER ROAD  
MDG Location #: 5000387600  
Contract # 40204

Item #4.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Parties hereto have set their hands to this Third Amendment to that certain Tower and Ground Lease Agreement as of the day and year written below:

LANDLORD:

**CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT OF  
COLUMBUS, GEORGIA**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

TENANT:

**VERIZON WIRELESS OF THE EAST LP  
d/b/a Verizon Wireless**

By: Cellco Partnership  
Its: General Partner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Site: 8889 River Road, Columbus, Georgia

### TOWER AND GROUND LEASE AGREEMENT

THIS TOWER AND GROUND LEASE AGREEMENT (this "Lease") is made and entered into as of the 1st day of May, 1998, by and between COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA ("Landlord") and COLUMBUS CELLULAR TELEPHONE COMPANY by Price Communications Wireless, Inc., its managing partner ("Tenant"). *VERIZON WIRELESS*

#### WITNESSETH:

1. Premises:

Landlord hereby leases to Tenant, and Tenant hereby leases from Landlord, certain land and certain space on a tower structure (together with guy wires, the "Tower") owned and operated by Landlord (collectively, the "Leased Premises"), all as more particularly described on Exhibit "A" which is attached hereto and made a part hereof. Landlord also grants Tenant a nonexclusive easement and license for access, parking, utilities, construction, maintenance, operation and removal relating to Tenant's use of the Leased Premises (including but not limited to, the Access Easement and Utility Easement described in Section 5) on, over, under and upon the adjacent land of Landlord and the Tower.

2. Use:

The Leased Premises shall be used for the purpose of installing, constructing, maintaining, repairing, operating, inspecting, and removing a telecommunications center as described in this Lease, including but not limited to:

(a) Up to six (6) antenna(s) and no microwave dishes.

(b) Transmission lines and mounting and grounding hardware.

(c) A concrete pad and a communications building ("Communications Building") placed thereon and containing, without limitation and in Tenant's reasonable discretion, telecommunications equipment consisting of cellular base station(s), microwave equipment, cellular switch(es), power supplies, battery(ies), and accessories.

(d) An emergency generator, to be located, at Tenant's option, within the Communications Building, adjacent to the Communications Building or within a separate shelter adjacent to the Communications Building. The fuel tank for the generator (gasoline, diesel, butane, propane, LPG or other) shall be located outside the building(s), on the demised premises, in accordance with all applicable building codes.

For the purposes of this Lease, all of Tenant's antennas, dishes, lines, equipment, switches, power supplies, batteries, Communications Building, generator, generator shelter, accessories, and necessary appurtenances hereinafter shall be referred to collectively as the "Communications Facility."

The above described concrete pad, Communications Building, equipment contained therein, generator, and lines and equipment may be installed by Tenant or by any of Tenant's agents or contractors, and in the installation thereof, said agent(s) or contractor(s) may tie into the Tower's grounding system. Tenant has the right to make alterations of the Communications Facility from time to time, so long as such alterations do not adversely affect the structural integrity to the Tower or those uses being made of the Tower as of the date of this Lease.

*Verizon Wireless*  
*8889 River Rd*

3. Initial Term:

(a) This Agreement shall be for an initial term of five (5) years and shall commence on May 1, 1998 and shall terminate at 11:59 p.m. on April 30, 2003 unless sooner terminated as provided herein.

4. Renewal of Terms:

(a) Tenant shall have the option to renew the term of this Agreement for four (4) additional consecutive five (5) year periods. It is hereby understood and agreed that prior to the Tenant's exercise of an option for a renewal term, such renewal term must be approved by the Columbus City Council. If such approval is denied, Landlord must notify the Tenant of such denial ninety (90) days prior to the expiration of the then current Term, in which case, the Term of this Agreement shall expire at the end of the then current Term. Each Renewal Term shall be on the same stipulations and conditions as set forth in this Agreement except that the Rent shall increase as provided in paragraph 5 below.

5. Rent:

(a) Initial Rent: The Initial Rent shall be the annual sum of twenty-one thousand six hundred Dollars (\$21,600.00), payable in advance in quarterly installments of five thousand four hundred Dollars (\$5,400.00) on or before the first business day of each calendar quarter (three months). Rent payments shall be made to the Columbus Consolidated Government delivered to the Finance Department or to such other person, firm or place as the Landlord may, from time to time, designate in writing at least thirty (30) days in advance of any rental payment date.

(b) Rent Adjustment: The Tenant has the option to add up to six (6) antennas over the term of this lease. The Initial Rent is calculated for three (3) antennas mounted at 300 feet at a rate of \$2.00 per foot for each antenna ( $3 \times 300' \times \$2.00 \text{ LF} = \$1,800.00/\text{MO} \times 12 \text{ MO} = \$21,600.00 \text{ per year}$ ). The Rent shall be adjusted for each additional antenna attached to the tower at the rate of \$2.00 per linear foot per antenna.

(c) Rent Renewal: The Rent shall be adjusted and increased on the renewal of each new term in an amount equal to the average of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the previous five years. For example, should the CPI average 3.5% over the first five years, then, the second term's Rent would be increased by  $3.5\% \times 5 \text{ years}$  or an increase of 17.5%.

6. Access and Utilities:

Landlord hereby grants to Tenant, for use by Tenant, its employees, agents, contractors and by utility companies, an easement and licenses over, under, upon and across the adjoining lands of Landlord, the Tower and rights-of-way or easements owned or leased by Landlord, on a twenty-four (24) hour daily basis, for (a) ingress and egress to and from the Leased Premises and the Communications Facility (the "Access Easement"), and (b) the installation, operation and maintenance of necessary utilities for the Leased Premises and the Communications Facility (the "Utility Easement"). Such Access Easement and Utility Easement shall be over and lie within existing roads, parking lots and/or roads established by Tenant hereafter. Tenant shall have the right, but not the obligation, to improve the Access Easement by grading, graveling and/or paving with the written approval of the Landlord. The Access Easement, to the extent further identified, and the Utility Easement, to the extent further identified and not lying within the Access Easement, are more particularly described on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof. Tenant shall notify Landlord of any change in the particular location of any Access Easement or Utility Easement, if such shall differ from the descriptions on Exhibit "A" hereto.

7. Utilities at Tenant's Cost:

Tenant shall be solely responsible for and promptly pay all charges for gas, electricity, telephone service, or any other utility used or consumed by Tenant on the Leased Premises. If necessary, Tenant shall have an electrical current meter installed at the Leased Premises for Tenant's electrical usage, and the cost of such meter and of installation, maintenance, and repair thereof shall be paid for by Tenant.

8. Notice:

All notices or demands are deemed to have been given or made when delivered in person or mailed by certified, registered, or express mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, United States mail, and addressed to the applicable party as follows:

Landlord:

Columbus Consolidated Government  
c/o Traffic Engineering Division  
100 Tenth Street  
Columbus, Georgia 31902-1340  
Phone: (706)-653-4135

Tenant:

Price Communications Wireless, Inc.  
c/o Property Management Dept.  
500 Pine Avenue  
Albany, GA 31701  
Phone: (912)-431-1415

With a copy to:  
Price Communications Wireless, Inc.  
Attn: Legal Department  
12800 University Drive, Suite 500  
Ft. Myers, FL 33907-5333

A party may change its address to which any notice or demand may be given by written notice thereof to the other party.

9. Liability and Indemnity:

Tenant agrees to indemnify and save the Landlord harmless from all claims (including costs and expenses of defending against such claims) arising or alleged to arise from any breach of this Lease by Tenant, or any negligent act, negligent omission or intentional tort of Tenant or Tenant's agents, employees, contractors, invitees or licensees occurring during the Term of this Lease in or about the Leased Premises. The provisions of this Section 9 shall survive the termination of this Lease.

10. Termination:

(a) Tenant has the right to terminate this Lease at any time upon any of the following events:

(i) Upon providing Landlord twelve (12) months written notice; or,

(ii) If the approval of any agency, board, court, or other governmental authority, including, without limitation, local zoning approval and the approval of the Federal Aviation Administration necessary for the construction and/or operation of the Communications Facility cannot be obtained, or is revoked, or if Tenant determines the cost of obtaining such approval is prohibitive; or,

(iii) If Tenant determines that the Premises is not appropriate for locating the Communications Facility for technological reasons, including, but not limited to, signal interference; or,

(iv) If upon inspection of the Leased Premises Tenant identifies any environmental contamination or other geotechnical condition unacceptable in Tenant's sole discretion.

(b) Tenant will give Landlord ninety (90) days written notice of termination of this Lease under the terms of Section 10(a)(ii) and (iii). Tenant may terminate immediately upon written notice under the terms of this Section 10(a) (iv). Upon termination, neither party will owe any further obligation under this Lease except as otherwise provided in Section 11 and except for the indemnities and hold harmless provisions in this Lease, the provisions of Section 19, Section 21, the prompt reimbursement of pro-rata prepaid rent, and Tenant's responsibility of removing all of the Communications Facility from the Premises and restoring the Leased Premises to its condition as of the commencement date of this Lease, as near as practicable (save and except utilities and fences installed, access areas improved, removal of vegetation for construction purposes, concrete pads and guy anchors installed, items constructed, or changed by any person(s) or entity(ies) other than Tenant, normal wear and tear, and matters beyond Tenant's control).

(c) Landlord has the right to terminate the lease agreement at any time provided that the tenant is given written notice twelve (12) months prior to termination date.

#### 11. Default:

(a) Notwithstanding anything in the Lease to the contrary, Tenant shall not be in default under this Lease until thirty (30) days after receipt of written notice from Landlord specifying Tenant's failure to comply with any material provision of this Lease, which failure is not cured within said thirty (30) days; provided, however, where such default cannot reasonably be cured within thirty (30) days, Tenant shall not be deemed to be in default under this Lease if Tenant commences to cure such default within said thirty (30) days and thereafter diligently pursues such cure to completion.

(b) In the event of Tenant's default in the payment of rentals or in Tenant's failure to comply with any other material provision of this Lease, Landlord may, at its option, terminate this Lease without affecting its right to sue for all past due rentals and any other damages to which the Landlord may be entitled. Should Landlord be entitled to collect rentals or damages and be forced to do so through its attorney or by some other legal procedures, Landlord shall, upon receipt of a favorable judicial ruling, be entitled to its reasonable costs and attorney fees thereby incurred.

(c) In the event of Landlord's failure to comply with any material provision of this Lease, which failure is not cured within thirty (30) days after receipt of written notice thereof from Tenant (provided, however, where any such default cannot reasonably be cured within thirty (30) days, Landlord shall not be deemed to be in default under this Lease if Landlord commences to cure such default within said thirty (30) days and thereafter diligently pursues such cure to completion), Tenant may, at its option, cure the failure at Landlord's expense (which expense, in Tenant's discretion, may be deducted from rent) or terminate this Lease without affecting its right to demand, sue for, and collect all of its damages arising out of Landlord's said failure to comply (including consequential damages). If Tenant is entitled to collect or otherwise remedy said damages, and if Tenant should seek enforcement of its rights through an attorney or other legal procedures, Tenant is entitled to collect, in addition to any other amounts owed, its reasonable costs and attorneys fees thereby incurred.

(d) The rights and remedies stated in this Lease are not exclusive and the parties, in the event of a breach hereof or a dispute, are entitled to pursue any of the remedies provided herein, by law, or by equity.

(e) No course of dealing between the parties or any delay on the part of a party to exercise any right it may have under this Lease shall operate as a waiver of any of the rights hereunder or by law or equity provided, nor shall any waiver of any prior default operate as the waiver of any subsequent default, and no express waiver shall affect any term or condition other than the one specified in such waiver and that one only for the time and manner specifically stated.

12. Taxes:

(a) Unless separately billed to Tenant by a taxing authority, Tenant shall pay annually to Landlord an amount equal to any increase in real estate taxes that may be attributable to any improvement to the Leased Premises made by Tenant. Tenant shall pay to Landlord the Tenant's aforementioned share of any such tax within sixty (60) days of receipt of sufficient documentation demonstrating the increase in the assessed value of the Leased Premises due to Tenant's improvements and calculating Tenant's said share of the resulting increase in said taxes and payment thereof by Landlord. Landlord shall pay annually when due all real estate taxes and assessments attributable to the Leased Premises, Tower, the ground beneath the Tower, Access Easement, Utility Easement, and the tax lot(s) of which they are a part. Upon written request by Tenant, Landlord shall furnish evidence of payment of said assessments and taxes.

13. Insurance:

(a) Tenant, at its expense, shall maintain in force during the term of this Lease a combined single limit policy of general liability, bodily injury and property damage insurance, with a limit of not less than \$ 1,000,000.00 insuring Landlord and Tenant against all liability arising out of the Tenant's use, occupancy, or maintenance of the Leased Premises, which policy shall be endorsed to Landlord as additional insured.

(b) Tests: Tenant is hereby given the right to survey, soil test, radio coverage test, and to conduct any other investigations needed to determine if the surface and location of the Leased Premises are suitable for Tenant's use as intended by this Lease. The Tenant shall provide the Landlord a RF Interference Study prior to any antenna/tower installation work proving that the radio frequencies proposed by Tenant will not cause any radio interference to any of the existing radio communications systems using the tower. A RF Interference Study shall be performed any time any new radio frequencies are added to the Tenants antenna system during any Term of this Agreement.

14. Fixtures:

Landlord covenants and agrees that no part of the improvements installed, constructed, erected, or placed by Tenant on the Leased Premises or other real property owned by Landlord shall be or become, or be considered as being, affixed to or a part of Landlord's real property; and any and all provisions and principles of law to the contrary notwithstanding, Landlord specifically intends to covenant and agree and does hereby covenant and agree that all personal property and improvements of every kind and nature installed, constructed, erected, or placed by Tenant on the Leased Premises, or other real property owned by Landlord, shall be and remain the property of Tenant despite any default or termination of this Lease and may be removed by Tenant anytime in Tenant's discretion provided that Tenant at its expense shall restore the Leased Premises pursuant to Section 10(b).

15. Memorandum of Agreement:

After preparation of the legal descriptions of the Leased Premises, Access Easement and Utility Easement, each party, at the request of the other, shall sign a Memorandum of Lease substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit "B"; and Tenant, at its sole expense, may record the Memorandum of Lease in the official records of the County land records recording office(s) reasonable for notice purposes.

16. Assignment by Tenant:

Tenant may, without Landlord's consent, assign any or all of Tenant's interest in this Lease, any part thereof, the leaseholder's interest of Tenant created hereby, and/or any or all of Tenant's right, title, and interest in and to any or all of the Communications Facility.

17. Permits:

Landlord acknowledges that following the execution of this Lease, Tenant will be contacting the appropriate local governmental agencies for the purpose of obtaining all building permits and approvals, zoning changes and/or approvals, variances, use permits, and other governmental permits and approvals, including Federal Aviation Administration approval (collectively, "Permits") necessary for the installation, construction, operation, and maintenance of the Communications Facility. Landlord agrees to fully cooperate with Tenant in obtaining the Permits and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, to execute any applications, maps, certificates, or other documents that may be required in connection with the Permits.

18. Consent:

Whenever under the Lease the consent or approval of either party is required or a determination must be made by either party, no such consent or approval shall be unreasonably withheld, conditioned, or delayed, and all such determinations shall be made on a reasonable basis and in a reasonable manner.

19. Environmental Matters:

(a) Landlord represents that there are no Environmental Pollutants on or in the Leased Premises and the property is not in violation of any Applicable Environmental Law.

(b) "Environmental Pollutants" means all hazardous or toxic substances so listed in Applicable Environmental Law, including without limitation, hazardous materials, petroleum, asbestos and nuclear waste.

(c) "Applicable Environmental Law" means federal, state, or local laws and regulations pertaining to hazardous, toxic or polluting substances, including but not limited to CERCLA and RCRA.

(d) Landlord shall promptly and fully cooperate with any environmental consultant retained by Tenant to inspect the Leased Premises and shall promptly provide all additional information which may be reasonably requested by Tenant in connection with such investigations by an environmental consultant.

(e) The provisions of this Section 19 shall survive termination of this Lease.

20. Fences:

During the Initial Term and each Renewal Term, Tenant may fence with the Landlord's approval that portion of the Leased Premises as Tenant determines is reasonable for protection of the Communications Facility. In most cases Tenant will only fence reasonable areas around the Communications Building and Tenant's generator(s). Landlord shall not prohibit Tenant's access to the Leased Premises or be entitled to use such portion so fenced for any purposes.

21. Condemnation of Leased Premises:

In the event that any government, public body, or other condemning authority shall take, or if Landlord shall transfer in lieu of such taking, all or such part of the Leased Premises, Tower, the ground beneath the Tower, Access Easement or Utility Easement thereby making it physically or financially infeasible for the Leased Premises to be used in the manner intended by this Lease, Tenant shall have the right to terminate this Lease effective as of the date of the taking by the condemning party and the rental shall be prorated appropriately. However, if only a portion of the Leased Premises, Tower, the ground beneath the Tower, Access Easement or Utility Easement is taken, and Tenant does not elect to terminate this Lease under this provision, then the Lease shall continue but rental payments provided under this Lease shall abate proportionally as to the portion taken which is not then usable by Tenant, and Landlord shall make all necessary repairs and alterations to restore the portion of the Leased Premises, Tower, Access Easement and Utility Easement remaining to as near their former condition as circumstances will permit (at a cost not to exceed Landlord's proceeds from said condemnation or transfer).

22. Quiet Enjoyment:

Landlord covenants that Tenant, upon paying the rent and observing the other covenants and conditions herein upon its part to be observed, shall peaceably and quietly hold and enjoy the right to use the Leased Premises, Access Easement, and Utility Easement on the terms and conditions and for the purposes stated herein during the term of this Lease, as it may be extended, without hindrance, ejection or molestation by Landlord or any person(s) or entity(ies) claiming under the Landlord.

23. Tower Analysis:

(a) Landlord agrees to furnish Tenant, promptly on Tenant's request, with true copies of all tower analyses performed on the Tower within the two (2) years preceding Tenant's possession of space on the Tower. In the absence of said Tower analyses or if the most recent analyses are insufficient for Tenant's needs, Landlord, at Tenant's request, agrees to cooperate with Tenant in acquiring new analyses of the Tower. If Tenant requests any new analyses of the Tower, Tenant shall be responsible for coordinating the said new analyses, and the cost of the new analyses shall be paid solely by Tenant. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event Tenant determines after reviewing any Tower analyses that the Tower is not structurally appropriate for Tenant's needs, Tenant may, at Tenant's option, either terminate this Lease or pay the additional cost of reinforcing or otherwise making the Tower structurally appropriate for Tenant's use, provided all local, State, and Federal laws, rules and regulations are adhered to at Tenant's expense in the construction process, and Tenant and its agents and contractors hereby are authorized to make such reinforcements, structural work and replacements.

(b) Landlord shall notify Tenant in writing prior to Landlord adding, or permitting any other party to add, any other antenna(s), microwave dish(es), or other items which will be attached to the Tower. At Tenant's reasonable written request, Landlord shall furnish (or cause such other party to furnish), at Tenant's expense, a tower analysis performed on the Tower by a licensed structural engineer, or other party acceptable, indicating that such additions to the Tower do not impair the structural integrity of the Tower and will not materially diminish the Tower's function or useful life. All such tower analyses shall be in form and substance acceptable to Tenant in the exercise of Tenant's reasonable discretion.

24. Other Conditions and Provisions:

(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 24, Landlord, at Landlord's expense, shall maintain in good condition and repair the Tower, Landlord's land beneath and surrounding the Tower, the Access Easement and the Utility Easement. Landlord has the responsibility of observing Tower lights requirements and keeping applicable records (including records of notification to Federal Aviation Administration of any failure or repairs of the Tower and any corrections of same). If the Leased Premises, Tower, Access Easement or Utility Easement is damaged for any reason other than Tenant's negligence or Tenant's agents' or contractors' negligence so as to render all or any part of the Leased Premises, Tower, Access Easement or Utility Easement substantially unusable for Tenant's intended use, rent shall abate while Landlord, at Landlord's expense, promptly restores the Leased Premises, Tower, Access Easement and Utility Easement to its condition prior to such damage. In the event Landlord fails to repair the Leased Premises, Tower, Access Easement or Utility Easement, as the case may be, as required herein, or fails to comply with Tower lights requirements as required herein, within thirty (30) days of said damage or failure to maintain, Tenant shall have the right to:

(i) repair the damage or cause such Tower lights to be maintained, and either hold Landlord liable for the cost thereof or deduct the cost thereof from rent otherwise payable by Tenant to Landlord;

(ii) terminate this Lease without further obligations from Tenant to Landlord hereunder and without affecting Tenant's remedies permitted by law, equity, and/or this Lease for Landlord's breach of this Lease; or

(iii) hold Landlord in default pursuant to Section 11; provided, however, that if such damage or failure to maintain Tower lights shall actually or potentially (A) subject Tenant to a fine or penalty by any



government or governmental agency, (B) cause damage to the Communication Facility, or (C) cause loss of business or revenue, then Tenant shall not be required to give Landlord the thirty-day period herein provided to cure such default prior to Tenant's exercise of its rights in Subsection 25(a)(i) above.

(b) Tenant covenants and agrees that Tenant's antennas and the installation, operation, and maintenance thereof will not unreasonably interfere with:

(i) the operation of Landlord's communications equipment or the radio equipment of other tenants on the Tower. In the event there is such interference by Tenant, Tenant promptly will take all steps necessary to correct and eliminate same within a reasonable time. If Tenant is unable to eliminate such interference caused by it within a reasonable time, Tenant agrees to remove its antenna(s) causing the interference from the Tower and, in Tenant's discretion, replace it with one or more which cause no said interference.

(ii) Landlord's maintenance and repair of the Tower and its lighting system.

(c) During the Term of this Lease and its renewals, Landlord will not give, grant, or convey any interest in or lease, license, or permission to use the Leased Premises, Tower, ground beneath the Tower, Access Easement or Utility Easement not existing on the date hereof if such transfer or use may in any way adversely affect or interfere with Tenant's use of its Communications Facility or the Leased Premises, Tower, ground beneath the Tower, Access Easement or Utility Easement. Prior to use by any such future lessee, licensee or permittee, Landlord shall furnish (or cause to be furnished) to Tenant such technical analysis (i.e. RF Interference Study, Tower Structural Study) to establish that no such adverse effect or interference is likely to occur. In the event of any such adverse effect or interference, Landlord shall take all steps necessary to immediately correct and eliminate the adverse effect or interference, including but not limited to Landlord's termination or revocation of said other use, interest, lease, license or permission, or otherwise remove the grantee and any interfering antenna(s) or other equipment from the Leased Premises, Tower, ground beneath the Tower, Access Easement or Utility Easement. This paragraph does not affect in any way the Landlord's right to lease Tower and/or Ground space to any future tenants that do not adversely affect the Tenant's operation.

(d) Landlord shall comply with all local, State, and Federal laws, rules, and regulations required by it to be performed as Landlord hereunder and owner of the Tower. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Landlord warrants and represents for Tenant's reliance thereon that the Tower and Tenant's contemplated use thereof complies with all zoning ordinances.

25. Entire Agreement and Binding Effect: This Lease, and any attached exhibits, constitute the entire agreement between Landlord and Tenant; no prior written promises, or prior, contemporaneous, or subsequent oral promises or representations, shall be binding. This Lease shall not be amended or changed except by written instrument signed by the parties hereto. Section captions herein are for convenience of reference only and neither limit nor amplify the provisions of this Lease. The invalidity of any portion of this Lease shall not have any effect on the balance thereof. The provisions of this Lease shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns of Landlord and Tenant.

26. Governing Law: This Lease shall be governed by the laws of the State of Georgia.

27. Duplicate Originals: This Lease may be prepared for execution by duplicate originals, each of which constitute one in the same instrument.

[Signatures appear on the following pages.]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Landlord and Tenant have signed and sealed this Lease as of the date and year first above written.

Signed, sealed and delivered  
in the presence of:

Unofficial Witness

Print Name: Tiny B. Washington

**CLERK OF COUNCIL**

Notary Public

# LANDLORD

[EXACT NAME OF DEEDHOLDER]

By: Carmen J. Cavezza

Print Name: Carmen J. Cavezza

Title: City Manager

My Commission

S.S. or Tax I.D.#: \_\_\_\_\_

Expires: MY COMMISSION EXPIRES JULY 15, 2000

[AFFIX NOTARY SEAL HERE]

[AFFIX CORPORATE SEAL HERE]

Signed, sealed and delivered  
in the presence of:

Unofficial Witness

Print Name: PATRICIA B. CORREIA

Notary Public

# TENANT

COLUMBUS CELLULAR TELEPHONE COMPANY  
by Price Communications Wireless, Inc.,  
its managing partner

By: Wayne Wiseman

Print Name: Wayne Wiseman

Title: President

By: K. Patrick Meehan

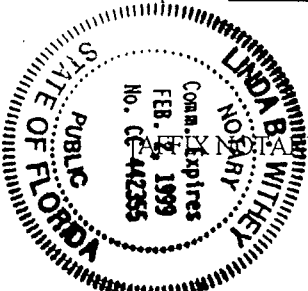
Print Name: K. PATRICK MEEHAN

Title: V. P.

[AFFIX CORPORATE SEAL HERE]

My Commission

Expires: 2/2/1999



[AFFIX NOTARY SEAL HERE]

EXECUTION AUTHORIZED

By Resolution No. 163-98

Tiny B. Washington  
Clerk of Council

Site: 8889 River Road, Columbus, Georgia

### **EXHIBIT "A"**

Exhibit "A" attached to and made a part of that certain Tower and Ground Lease Agreement entered into by and between COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, as Landlord, and COLUMBUS CELLULAR TELEPHONE COMPANY by Price Wireless, Inc., its managing partner, as Tenant, and dated May 1, 1998.

### **LEASED PREMISES**

**Tower location:** 8889 River Road City of Columbus, Georgia,

County of Muscogee, State of Georgia.

Latitude 32 degrees 34 minutes 41.5 seconds North and

Longitude 85 degrees 01 minutes 05.0 seconds West

**Demised Space on Tower:** Between 290 feet and 310 feet above ground level

**Land:** \_\_\_\_ foot by \_\_\_\_ foot area, described as follows:

### **ACCESS EASEMENT**

### **UTILITY EASEMENT**

[The Plat prepared by \_\_\_\_ [Surveyor] \_\_\_\_, dated \_\_\_\_, 1998 immediately follows this exhibit.]

Site: 8889 River Road, Columbus, Georgia .

**EXHIBIT "B"**

Prepared By:

Price Communications Wireless, Inc.  
Attn: Legal Department  
12800 University Drive, Suite 500  
Ft. Myers, FL 33907-5333

Mail Recorded Original to:

Price Communications Wireless, Inc.  
Attn: Property Management Dept.  
500 Pine Avenue  
Albany, GA 31701

**FOR RECORDER'S USE ONLY**

**MEMORANDUM OF LEASE**

THIS MEMORANDUM OF LEASE is made and entered into as of the 1st day of May, 1998, by and between COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, ("Landlord"), and COLUMBUS CELLULAR TELEPHONE COMPANY by Price Communications Wireless, Inc., its managing partner, of 12800 University Drive, Suite 500, Fort Myers, FL 33907-5333 ("Tenant").

**WITNESSETH:**

For good and valuable consideration, Landlord leases to Tenant and Tenant leases from Landlord, that certain real property, hereinafter referred to as "Leased Premises," situated in the City of Columbus, County of Muscogee, State of Georgia, and more particularly described as follows:

SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF.

The term of said lease is for five (5) years, commencing on May 1, 1998, and terminating on April 30, 2003, subject to Tenant's option to renew the term for four (4) additional periods of five (5) years each, upon approval by Columbus City Council for each additional term, upon the consideration, terms, covenants, conditions, limitations, and restrictions set forth in that certain Tower and Ground Lease Agreement of even date herewith between the parties hereto covering the land hereinabove described, including the right of Tenant to remove any fixtures installed or improvements made by Tenant as permitted by said Lease, and said Lease is hereby incorporated herein with the same force and effect as though herein set forth at length, and a copy of the provisions of said Lease material to this Memorandum is available from either party hereto at their above-stated respective addresses.

[Signatures appear on the following page(s).]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Landlord and Tenant have signed and sealed this Memorandum of Lease and Right of First Refusal as of the date and year first above written.

Signed, sealed and delivered  
in the presence of:

Unofficial Witness

Print Name: Tiny B. Washington

**CLERK OF COUNCIL**

Notary Public

My Commission

Expires: MY COMMISSION EXPIRES JULY 15, 2000

[AFFIX NOTARY SEAL HERE]

**LANDLORD**

[EXACT NAME OF DEEDHOLDER]

By: Carmen J. Cavezza

Print Name: Carmen J. Cavezza

Title: City Manager

S.S. or Tax I.D.#: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

S.S. or Tax I.D.#: \_\_\_\_\_

[AFFIX CORPORATE SEAL HERE]

**EXECUTION AUTHORIZED**

By Resolution No. 163-98

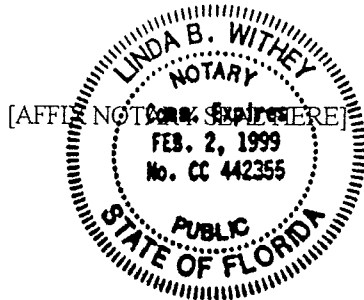
Tiny B. Washington  
Clerk of Council

Signed, sealed and delivered  
in the presence of:

Patricia B. Correia  
Unofficial Witness

Print Name: PATRICIA B. CORREIA  
Linda B. Withey  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 2/2/1999



## TENANT

COLUMBUS CELLULAR TELEPHONE COMPANY  
by Price Communications Wireless, Inc.,  
its managing partner

By: [Signature]

Print Name: M. Mayne Wizebant

Title: President

By: [Signature]

Print Name: K. PATRICK MEEHAN

Title: V P

Site: 8889 River Road, Columbus, Georgia

**EXHIBIT "A"**  
**TO**  
**MEMORANDUM OF LEASE**

Exhibit "A" attached to and made a part of that certain Memorandum of Lease entered into by and between COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA as Landlord, and COLUMBUS CELLULAR TELEPHONE COMPANY by Price Communications Wireless, Inc., its managing partner, as Tenant, and dated May 1, 1998.

**LEASED PREMISES**

**Tower location:** 8889 River Road, City of Columbus, Georgia

County of Muscogee, State of Georgia

Latitude 32 degrees 34 minutes 41.5 seconds North and

Longitude 85 degrees 01 minutes 05.0 seconds West

**Demised Space on Tower:** Between 290 feet and 310 feet above ground level

**Land:** \_\_\_\_ foot by \_\_\_\_ foot area, described as follows:

**ACCESS EASEMENT**

**UTILITY EASEMENT**

[The Plat prepared by \_\_\_\_ [Surveyor] \_\_\_\_, dated \_\_\_\_\_, 1998 immediately follows this exhibit.]

RESOLUTION  
NO. 163-98

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A FIVE (5) YEAR TOWER AND GROUND LEASE AGREEMENT WITH COLUMBUS CELLULAR TELEPHONE COMPANY FOR THE PURPOSE OF LEASING TOWER SPACE ON THE CITY'S RIVER ROAD TOWER AND GROUND SPACE FOR EQUIPMENT BUILDING TO INSTALL AND OPERATE A TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY.

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WHEREAS, Columbus Cellular Telephone Company desires to lease ground and tower space on the City's 390 foot radio communications tower located at 8889 River Road; and,

WHEREAS, the City and Columbus Cellular Telephone Company have negotiated a tower and ground lease which will initially generate \$21,600.00 per year in revenues to the City; and,

WHEREAS, the lease will begin with a five (5) year term with provisions for future renewals with Council approvals; and,

WHEREAS, the executed tower and ground lease agreement will become part of this resolution by reference and be filed with the Clerk of Council.

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

THAT THE CITY MANAGER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A FIVE (5) YEAR TOWER AND GROUND LEASE AGREEMENT WITH COLUMBUS CELLULAR TELEPHONE COMPANY FOR THE PURPOSE OF LEASING TOWER SPACE ON THE CITY'S RIVER ROAD TOWER AND GROUND SPACE FOR EQUIPMENT BUILDING TO INSTALL AND OPERATE A TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY.

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Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held on the 31st day of March, 1998; ~~introduced a second time at a regular meeting of said Council held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1998~~ and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of nine members of Council.



Councilor Allen voting  
 Councilor Chester voting  
 Councilor Henderson voting  
 Councilor McClung voting  
 Councilor McDaniel voting  
 Councilor Poydasheff voting  
 Councilor Rodgers voting  
 Councilor Suber voting  
 Councilor Turner voting  
 Councilor Woodson voting

YES

YES

YES

YES

ABSENT

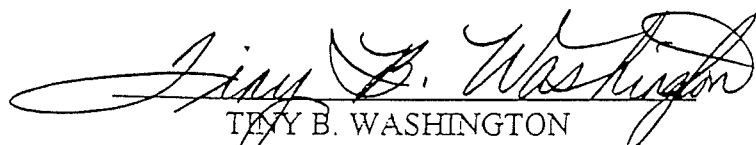
YES

YES

YES

YES

YES

  
 TERRY B. WASHINGTON  
 CLERK OF COUNCIL

  
 BOBBY G. PETERS  
 MAYOR

Network Department

**verizon**wireless

November 7, 2007

Verizon Wireless  
180 Washington Valley Road  
Bedminster, NJ 07921

Columbus Consolidated Government of Columbus, GA  
C/O Traffic Engineering Division  
100 Tenth Street  
Columbus, GA 31902-1340

RE: Tower & Ground Lease Agreement dated May 1, 1998

To Whom It May Concern:

On the 1st day of May 1998, Columbus Cellular Telephone Company by Price Communications Wireless, Inc., d/b/a Verizon Wireless, entered into a Tower and Ground Lease Agreement with Columbus Consolidated Government of Columbus, G.A., for the use of the property located at 8889 River Road, Columbus, GA.

Pursuant to paragraph 4a of the above agreement, this letter will serve as notification that we are renewing our option to extend this Agreement for an additional five (5) year term from May 1, 2008 through April 30, 2013.

On September 24, 2007, you were sent a Renewal letter. This letter was sent to you Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested and came back to us "Undeliverable as Addressed". To date, we have not received confirmation that you are in receipt of this notice.

Please sign the green card attached to this letter as verification of receipt of same.

I trust the foregoing is clear, but should you have any questions now or in the future regarding this renewal, please contact me at (908) 306-7263. For *all other* inquiries regarding this site, please call our toll free number at 866-862-4404.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Russell  
Specialist - Real Estate

Site: Columbus/River Road  
Contract# 40204

**CERTIFIED MAIL**

**RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED: 7005-2570-0001-9626-2932**

**RECEIVED**  
NOV 13 2007  
TRAFFIC ENGINEERING  
DIVISION

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<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	<b>8889 River Road Cell Tower Lease – Third Amendment to Lease</b>
<b>AGENDA SUMMARY:</b>	Approval is requested to authorize the execution of a lease renewal and amendment with Verizon Wireless for the purpose of leasing space at 8889 River Road to operate and maintain an existing telecommunications tower.
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	<b>Community Reinvestment</b>

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**Recommendation:** Approval is requested to authorize the execution of a lease renewal and amendment with Verizon Wireless for the purpose of leasing space at 8889 River Road to operate and maintain an existing telecommunications tower.

**Background:** Verizon Wireless is currently leasing space at 8889 River Road for a cell phone tower. The original lease was approved by Council on March 31, 1998 per Resolution No. 163-98. This will be the 5th renewal term for this contract. The term will be extended through July 25, 2025 with the same terms and conditions as set forth in the Lease.

The amendment allows if the Landlord determines the Tower is to be deconstructed prior to June 30, 2025, Landlord shall terminate the Lease in accordance with Section 10 c of the Lease and the Tenant shall remove all building(s), antennas(s), equipment, conduits fixtures, and all personal property no later than the termination date.

**Analysis:** The cell tower already exists at the site and was previously reviewed and approved by all parties. The lease renewal amount will be increased to \$44,334.02 per year which is received in quarterly payments of \$11,083.50.

**Financial Considerations:** The City will receive \$44,334.02 per year in quarterly payments for the term of this lease.

**Legal Considerations:** Any lease agreement involving City of Columbus owned property requires Council approval.

**Recommendation/Action:** Approval is requested to authorize the execution of a lease renewal and amendment with Verizon Wireless for the purpose of leasing space at 8889 River Road to operate and maintain an existing telecommunications tower.

NO.

Item #4.

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LEASE AMENDMENT AND RENEWAL THROUGH JULY 25, 2025, WITH VERIZON WIRELESS FOR THE PURPOSE OF LEASING SPACE AT 8889 RIVER ROAD TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN AN EXISTING TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWER.**

**WHEREAS**, Verizon Wireless desires to renew a lease agreement for space at 8889 River Road; and,

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the lease renewal is to operate and maintain an existing telecommunications tower that provides cellular telephone service to the area; and,

**WHEREAS**, the lease renewal period will be through July 25, 2025 unless the tower is deconstructed prior to that date; and,

**WHEREAS**, the lease renewal will provide the City \$44,334.02 in rent per year for the term; and,

**WHEREAS**, the executed lease agreement will become part of this resolution by reference and will be filed with the Clerk of Council.

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

That the Columbus Consolidated Government is hereby authorized to execute a lease amendment and renewal through July 25, 2025, unless earlier terminated due to the deconstruction of the tower, with Verizon Wireless for the purpose of leasing space at 8889 River Road to operate and maintain an existing telecommunications tower.

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

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

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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

**File Attachments for Item:**

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

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



## Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund Community Partnership Opportunity

September 8, 2023

### Our Request

We ask that your community sign a Community Engagement and Accountability Letter of Support for our team's Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) application to the National Clean Investment Fund (NCIF) program. This letter is non-binding and communities can provide letters of support to multiple GGRF applicants. Communities that sign a letter of support will be invited to engage in our participatory governance structure and will be eligible to benefit from our deployment of GGRF monies.

### Introduction

Last year, Congress enacted the most far-reaching climate legislation and investment in our history, the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA). One key program is the GGRF, which allocates \$27 Billion to establish financial products that can welcome low-income and disadvantaged communities to participate in and benefit from the clean energy transition. We want to connect your community to these funds.

Enterprise, Rewiring America, Habitat for Humanity, United Way Worldwide, and Local Initiatives Support Corporation are partnering to form a coalition—the Clean Communities Investment Partnership (CCIP)—to submit an application for up to \$14 billion in NCIF funding for residential electrification. Eligible residential electrification measures will include:

- Home energy audits
- Electrical panel and wiring upgrades
- Smart thermostat installation
- Weatherization and roof improvements
- Remediation
- Heat pumps
- Heat pump water heaters
- Induction stoves
- Electric dryers
- EV chargers
- Solar photovoltaics

Our joint mission is to transform the housing market, save households money, reinvest in communities and tackle the climate crisis. Our approach is centered around four strategies:

1. **Reduce friction:** We will reduce delays and challenges by simplifying the process and experience of home electrification: we will help your community members identify their projects, source service providers and complete their home renovation projects with reputable contractors and equipment manufacturers.
2. **Aggregate consumer demand:** We will create market leverage and momentum: we will combine our suite of software tools and curated marketplace with consumer-facing educational



content, including a website, events and direct outreach. We will also negotiate pricing, unlock discounts and provide for constant consumer and community feedback.

3. **Create financial solutions:** We will provide integrated financial products for every housing type and circumstance that will reduce front-end costs, reduce the cost of capital on the remaining, financed amount and have products for local community lenders to access subsidized capital.
4. **Invest in equity:** We will ensure that community members and locally-owned businesses are participating in associated job and wealth creation opportunities through dedicated workforce and business development partnerships.

### Governance Principles

Our team is committed to creating a participatory governance structure to guide equitable allocation of GGRF dollars. The following guiding principles have been developed by Stacey Abrams, Senior Counsel to Rewiring America:

- **Transparency:** Community partners will have access to critical information regarding leadership and key management roles as well as budgets and funding distribution.
- **Community Governance:** We will convene a set of advisory committees responsible for promoting accountability and supporting outreach to stakeholders
- **Accountability:** We will annually announce our KPIs and how they will be measured and tracked and produce an annual report measuring KPIs against agreed-upon metrics set by each of the advisory committees
- **Community Benefit:** We will collaborate with community partners to develop and implement appropriate Community Benefit Agreements that ensure all participating entities adhere to the organization's core values and stated objectives

### Next Steps

Please provide a letter signed by your Mayor/Executive Director or most senior leader empowered to support this opportunity by September 20, 2023. With any questions, please contact XX at XX. Please note: we have pre-populated the letter with a suggested number of households and percentage low-income households that your community can choose to target for this program based on our best understanding of EPA's programmatic guidance. Each community may choose to edit these numbers or delete this sentence entirely.

We may also reach out to you to learn of specific projects in your community that can be included in the 6-month project pipeline for GGRF funding.

Thank you for your time and effort to support our team's GGRF application. We are excited to collaborate with you and to bring necessary funding to support affordable housing renovation and electrification in your community.



## **Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund - National Clean Investment Fund Clean Communities Investment Partnership Community Engagement and Accountability Letter of Support Template**

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September 25, 2023

Clean Communities Investment Partnership, Inc.  
11000 Broken Land Pkwy  
Columbia, MD 21044

Re: Community Engagement and Accountability Letter of Support  
Clean Communities Investment Partnership Application  
Funding Opportunity EPA-R-HQ-NCIF-23

Dear Mr. Matusiak,

The City of Columbus is pleased to support the application from Clean Communities Investment Partnership, Inc. (CCIP) for Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) funding through the National Clean Investment Fund (NCIF).

CCIP is a collaboration of strong partners— Enterprise Community Partners, Rewiring America, Local Initiatives Support Corporation, United Way Worldwide and Habitat for Humanity. The coalition is designed to couple tailored financial products with software solutions and complementary partnerships that will build demand for single- and multi-family home electrification in low-income communities and beyond.

The City of Columbus embraces equitable access to residential electrification as critical to our own work. We believe that CCIP presents a detailed and compelling vision to effectively remove barriers, build markets and help U.S. households (whether they rent or own) at every income level—but particularly in low-income and disadvantaged communities—afford the transition from fossil fuels to clean, efficient and electric appliances, vehicles, solar and battery storage.





Columbus has a mission to engage and educate individuals to take greater responsibility for enhancing beautification, protecting the environment. Columbus is committed to moving towards a greener, cleaner, more sustainable Columbus by supporting on-going programs and projects for environmental advocacy, education and sustainability. The work to accelerate the electrification of all American households—and the CCIP’s approach to achieve that mission—is in line with our own mission.

We are particularly impressed with the scope of this proposed work, which both reflects an understanding of many of the systemic barriers to this clean energy transition and smartly addresses them one by one—from connecting Americans directly to incentives and contractors and organizing households ready for this transition to spur the market, to providing various financing tools aimed at maximizing affordability.

The City of Columbus has entered into discussions with CCIP and has established ongoing conversations about how the populations we serve will benefit from this combined effort. If awarded, we are prepared to collaborate with CCIP to organize our community around this generational opportunity to electrify households and to participate in CCIP’s proposed participatory governance structure alongside other community leaders. To this electrification effort, we anticipate introducing 500 households, of which, at least 50% of which will be low-income/J40 to home electrification over the seven-year window of NCIF.

We view our work at the city level as a compact of trust between us and the people we serve. Our anticipated engagement with CCIP to implement its proposed GGRF-supported programming, tools and financing solutions is rooted in our shared expectations for accountability to both those we serve and the taxpayers whose investments must yield progress for people and the planet.

If you have questions about our support for this application for funding from CCIP, please contact [NAME, TITLE, City of Columbus at EMAIL].

Respectfully submitted,

Skip Henderson  
Mayor of Columbus

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Item #5.

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Clean Communities Investment Partnership Application Funding Opportunity EPA-R-HQ-NCIF-23</b>
<b>AGENDA SUMMARY:</b>	Approval is requested to provide a letter of support for the application from Clean Communities Investment Partnership, Inc. (CCIP) for the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) funding through the National Clean Investment Fund (NCIF)
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	<b>Community Reinvestment</b>

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

**Background:** CCIP is a collaboration of strong partners— Enterprise Community Partners, Rewiring America, Local Initiatives Support Corporation, United Way Worldwide and Habitat for Humanity. The coalition is designed to couple tailored financial products with software solutions and complementary partnerships that will build demand for single- and multi-family home electrification in low-income communities and beyond. CCIP presents a detailed and compelling vision to effectively remove barriers, build markets and help U.S. households (whether they rent or own) at every income level—but particularly in low-income and disadvantaged communities.

The City of Columbus has entered into discussions with CCIP and has established ongoing conversations about how the populations we serve will benefit from this combined effort. If awarded, we are prepared to collaborate with CCIP to organize our community around this generational opportunity to electrify households and to participate in CCIP’s proposed participatory governance structure alongside other community leaders. To this electrification effort, we anticipate introducing 500 households, of which, at least 50% of which will be low-income/J40 to home electrification over the seven-year window of NCIF funding.

**Analysis:** If awarded the City of Columbus is prepared to collaborate with CCIP to organize our community around this generational opportunity to electrify households and to participate in CCIP’s proposed participatory governance structure alongside other community leaders.

**Financial Considerations:** There will be no financial impact, as the City is only providing a letter of support to support CCIP’s application and to collaborate if awarded.

**Legal Considerations:** The City Attorney will review all agreements if necessary.

**Recommendation/Action:** Approve the attached Resolution authorizing a letter of support for the application from Clean Communities Investment Partnership, Inc. (CCIP) for the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) funding through the National Clean Investment Fund (NCIF).

**A RESOLUTION**

**NO.**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE APPLICATION FROM CLEAN COMMUNITIES INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP, INC. (CCIP) FOR THE GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION FUND (GGRF) FUNDING THROUGH THE NATIONAL CLEAN INVESTMENT FUND (NCIF)**

**WHEREAS**, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has announced the National Clean Investment Fund Notice Of Funding Availability and,

**WHEREAS**, the National Clean Investment Fund seeks to provide grants to 2–3 national nonprofit entities capable of partnering with the private sector to provide accessible, affordable financing for tens of thousands of clean technology projects across the country; and,

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**WHEREAS**, these nonprofit entities will enable families, small businesses, communities and many others to access the capital they need to install cost-saving and air pollution reducing clean technology projects—with at least 40% of capital flowing into low-income and disadvantaged communities; and,

**WHEREAS**, CCIP is a collaboration of strong partners including Rewiring America, Local Initiatives Support Corporation, United Way Worldwide and Habitat for Humanity; and,

**WHEREAS**, the grant application must be submitted to EPA by October 7, 2023; and,

**WHEREAS**, CCIP requests a letter of support for their grant application intended on improving the quality of lives for citizens of our community.

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

To authorize a letter of support for the application from Clean Communities Investment Partnership, Inc. (CCIP) for the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) funding through the National Clean Investment Fund (NCIF) through the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

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

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

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. “Skip” Henderson III, Mayor

**File Attachments for Item:**

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

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
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<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	Agricultural Chemicals (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 24-0002
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the annual contract for the purchase of agricultural chemicals on an “as needed” basis from the following vendors:

<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Estimated Contract Value</b>
Central Turf & Irrigation Supply (Columbus, GA)	\$102,695.29
Heritage Landscape Supply Group, Inc. (McKinney, TX)	\$64,151.16
Opterra Solutions, Inc. (Lexington, SC)	\$35,350.50
Orion Solutions, Inc. (Rocky Mount, VA)	\$4,615.00
Southern States Cooperative (Cartersville, GA)	\$184,929.10
<b>Total Estimated Contract Value</b>	<b>\$391,741.05</b>

The chemicals will be utilized by Parks and Recreation to maintain athletic turf and by Public Works to maintain City right of ways.

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

Bid specifications were posted on DemandStar, the City’s website and Georgia Procurement Registry on July 11, 2023. Bid responses were received on August 9, 2023. This bid has been advertised, opened and reviewed. The bidders were:

<b>Vendor Name</b>	<b>Total Bid</b>
Central Turf & Irrigation Supply (Columbus, GA)	\$435,224.29
<sup>1</sup> Helena Agri-Enterprises (Suwanee, GA)	
Heritage Landscape Supply Group (McKinney, TX)	\$504,517.81
<sup>1</sup> Howard Fertilizer and Chemical (Dallas, TX)	
Opterra Solutions, Inc. (Lexington, SC)	\$517,921.16
Orion Solutions, LLC (Rocky Mount, VA)	\$246,314.00
<sup>2</sup> Site One Landscape Supply (Cleveland, OH)	\$548,881.56
Southern States Cooperative (Cartersville, GA)	\$430,635.25

Vendor Name	Total Bid
U.S. Ag Fertilizer (Hogansville, GA)	\$23,088.00

<sup>1</sup> Submissions from both Helena Agri-Enterprises and Howard Fertilizer and Chemical did not include the most recently revised pricing pages, a bid submission requirement.

<sup>2</sup> Submission from SiteOne Landscape Supply did not include Form 2 - Communication Concerning this Solicitation, a bid submission requirement.

The low, responsive bidders per line item are as follows:

PARK SERVICES			
Line #	Product	Unit Price	Extended Cost
<b>Central Turf &amp; Irrigation Supply (Columbus, GA)</b>			
2	Three-Way Ester II or Equivalent	\$214.75	\$12,885.00
10	18-24-12 *2% Local Preference*	\$21.54	\$430.80
17	Top Choice Insecticide or Equivalent	\$44.00	\$4,400.00
20	Spectacle	\$1,743.50	\$34,870.00
21	Foam Marker	\$31.25	\$468.75
22	Primo Maxx or Equivalent	\$312.33	\$2,498.64
26	UP-Star Gold or Equivalent	\$38.89	\$1,944.50
27	Headline or Equivalent	\$270.00	\$540.00
31	Monument 75WG or Equivalent	\$275.00	\$6,325.00
32	Drive 75 DF or Equivalent	\$45.00	\$4,500.00
33	Celsius WG *2% Local Preference*	\$125.80	\$20,128.00
34	Crosscheck Plus (Liquid)	\$1,347.66	\$13,476.60
35	Crosscheck Plus (Granular)	\$19.00	\$228.00
<b>Vendor Total</b>			<b>\$102,264.49</b>
<b>Heritage Landscape Supply Group, Inc. (McKinney, TX)</b>			
3	Chelated Iron Plus 12-0-0 or Equivalent	\$22.28	\$44.56
5	Revolver or Equivalent	\$282.90	\$33,948.00
6	Pre-m 0.86% 0-0-7 or Equivalent	\$12.20	\$8,540.00
7	Pre-m 3.3 EC 0.86% 0-0-7 or Equivalent	\$98.55	\$3,942.00
16	Manicure 6FL or Equivalent	\$66.15	\$661.50
18	Simazine 4L or Equivalent	\$67.92	\$2,716.80
23	Rodeo or Equivalent	\$57.79	\$4,623.20
28	Dimension Ultra or Equivalent	\$53.80	\$269.00
30	Sedge Hammer or Equivalent	\$58.80	\$4,704.00
38	Spray Tank Cleaner	\$9.77	\$488.50
39	Sevin 4F or Equivalent	\$55.97	\$2,238.80
40	Spray Dye, Tracker Blue	\$49.37	\$1,974.80
<b>Vendor Total</b>			<b>\$64,151.16</b>
<b>Opterra Solutions, Inc. (Lexington, SC)</b>			
1	Three Way Selective Herbicide or Equivalent	\$73.13	\$14,626.00
11	20-1-5 or Equivalent	\$13.45	\$269.00
12	25-5-11 or Equivalent	\$13.00	\$15,600.00
15	Garlon *3A or Equivalent	\$118.00	\$4,720.00

<b>PARK SERVICES</b>			
<b>Line #</b>	<b>Product</b>	<b>Unit Price</b>	<b>Extended Cost</b>
29	Manor 60DF or Equivalent	\$43.36	\$135.50
<b>Vendor Total</b>			<b>\$35,350.50</b>
<b>Orion Solutions, Inc. (Rocky Mount, VA)</b>			
19	Reward Landscape/Aquatic Herbicide or Equivalent	\$180.00	\$1,440.00
24	Roundup Quick Pro or Equivalent	\$99.00	\$2,970.00
37	Spreader Sticker/Surfactant	\$25.625	\$205.00
<b>Vendor Total</b>			<b>\$4,615.00</b>
<b>Southern States Cooperative (Cartersville, GA)</b>			
4	Pelletized Lime or Equivalent	\$5.47	\$656.40
8	Pre-m 0.86% 25-2-5 or Equivalent	\$22.82	\$15,974.00
9	24-2-11 or Equivalent	\$19.97	\$23,964.00
13	5-10-15 or Equivalent	\$12.51	\$1,501.00
14	Dolomitic Lime or Equivalent	\$5.47	\$1,969.20
25	Lesco-Fate or Equivalent	\$9.16	\$45.80
36	Liquid Iron	\$24.37	\$487.40
<b>PUBLIC WORKS</b>			
Southern States Cooperative (all lines awarded)			\$140,331.30
<b>Vendor Total</b>			<b>\$184,929.10</b>
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED CONTRACT VALUE</b>			<b>\$ 391,741.05</b>

Parks and Recreation has budgeted \$55,000.00 each fiscal year for this ongoing expense: General Fund – Parks & Recreation – Park Services – Horticulture/Landscaping Supplies, 0101-270-2100-PSRV-6727; General Fund – Parks & Recreation – Park Services – Grounds Maintenance, 0101-270-2100-PSRV-6576.

Public Works budgets approximately \$69,000 each fiscal year for this ongoing expense: Sewer Fund – Public Works–Sewer Maintenance – Horticulture/ Landscaping Supplies, 0202-260-3210-SRWM-6727; Paving Fund – Public Works – Right of Way Maintenance – Horticulture/Landscaping Supplies, 0203-260-3120-ROWM-6727.



**A RESOLUTION****NO.**\_\_\_\_\_**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS ON AN “AS NEEDED” BASIS FROM THE FOLLOWING VENDORS:**

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

**WHEREAS**, the chemicals will be utilized by Parks and Recreation to maintain athletic turf and by Public Works to maintain City right of ways; and,

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

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

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to purchase agricultural chemicals on an “as needed” basis from the following vendors:

<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Estimated Contract Value</b>
Central Turf & Irrigation Supply (Columbus, GA)	\$102,695.29
Heritage Landscape Supply Group, Inc. (McKinney, TX)	\$64,151.16
Opterra Solutions, Inc. (Lexington, SC)	\$35,350.50
Orion Solutions, Inc. (Rocky Mount, VA)	\$4,615.00
Southern States Cooperative (Cartersville, GA)	\$184,929.10
<b>Total Estimated Contract Value</b>	<b>\$391,741.05</b>

Parks and Recreation has budgeted \$55,000.00 each fiscal year for this ongoing expense: General Fund – Parks & Recreation – Park Services – Horticulture/Landscaping Supplies, 0101-270-2100-PSRV-6727; General Fund – Parks & Recreation – Park Services – Grounds Maintenance, 0101-270-2100-PSRV-6576.

Public Works budgets approximately \$69,000 each fiscal year for this ongoing expense: Sewer Fund – Public Works–Sewer Maintenance – Horticulture/ Landscaping Supplies, 0202-260-3210-

SRWM-6727; Paving Fund – Public Works – Right of Way Maintenance – Horticulture/Landscaping Supplies, 0203-260-3120-ROWM-6727.

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

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

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. “Skip” Henderson III, Mayor

**File Attachments for Item:**

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

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	Fire Sprinkler Service and Inspections (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 24-0003
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the annual contract for the provision of Fire Sprinkler Service and Inspections with Acom Fire Solutions (Columbus, GA). The Facilities Maintenance Division of Public Works budgets approximately \$13,500.00, per fiscal year, for these services.

The contractor will provide fire sprinkler service and inspections at various City locations. The services will be procured on an “as needed” basis in conjunction with scheduled inspections.

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

Bid specifications were posted on DemandStar, the City’s website and Georgia Procurement Registry on July 20, 2023. Bid responses were received on August 16, 2023. This bid has been advertised, opened and reviewed. The bidders were:

<b>VENDOR NAME:</b> (As shown in DemandStar)	<b>Acom Fire Solutions (Columbus, GA)</b>	<sup>1</sup> Columbus Automatic Sprinkler (Ellerslie, GA)
<b>Per Hour/Per Inspector Rates</b>		
Visual Inspection – Yearly (Regular Hours)	<b>\$ 75.00</b>	\$ 75.00
Sprinkler Testing – Quarterly (Regular Hours)	<b>\$ 75.00</b>	\$ 75.00
Helper Rate (Regular Hours)	<b>\$ 55.00</b>	\$ 50.00
Fire Pump Testing (Regular Hours)	<b>\$ 800.00/test</b>	\$ 800.00/test
Visual Inspection (Outside Regular Hours)	<b>\$ 112.50/hour</b>	\$ 112.00/hour
Sprinkler Testing (Outside Regular Hours)	<b>\$ 112.50/hour</b>	\$112.00/hour
Materials (Cost + %)	<b>15%</b>	7%

<sup>1</sup> Vendor response did not include a properly completed E-Verify Affidavit (Form 3), a bid submission requirement.

Funds are budgeted each fiscal year for this ongoing expense: General Fund – Public Works – Other Maintenance/Repairs – Building Maintenance-Gen. Gov't; 0101-260-3710-REPA-6529.

**A RESOLUTION****NO.**\_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR PROVISION OF FIRE SPRINKLER SERVICE & INSPECTIONS WITH ACOM FIRE SOLUTIONS (COLUMBUS, GA), FOR THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL CONTRACT VALUE OF \$13,500.00.**

**WHEREAS**, the contractor will provide fire sprinkler service and inspections at various City locations; and,

**WHEREAS**, the services inspections will be on an “as needed” basis with scheduled inspections; and,

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

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

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into an annual contract for the provision of fire sprinkler service & inspections from Acom Fire Solutions (Columbus, GA), for the estimated annual contract value of \$13,500.00. Funds are budgeted each fiscal year for this on-going expense: General Fund - Public Works, Other Maintenance/Repairs – Building Maintenance-Gen. Gov’t; 0101-260-3710-REPA-6529.

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

Councilor Allen voting	_____
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Councilor Tucker voting	_____

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. “Skip” Henderson III, Mayor

**File Attachments for Item:**

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

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	Contract Extension for Temporary Staffing for the Civic Center (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 17-0021
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	Finance Department

It is requested that Council authorize the extension of the Temporary Staffing for the Civic Center contract with Global Personnel Services (Columbus, GA), Primary Contractor, and Labor Finders (Columbus, GA), Secondary Contractor, for an additional six-month period.

Global Personnel Services and Labor Finders are contracted to provide temporary staffing for the Civic Center on an “as needed” basis. The current contract expires on October 9, 2023.

Per Resolution No. 338-17, Council authorized a five-year contract with both Global Personnel Services and Labor Finders. The contract expired on October 9, 2022. However, in accordance with Article 3-109 (Annual Contracts: Price Agreement and Service Contracts) of the Procurement Ordinance, the contract was extended for one year. An additional six-month extension is necessary to allow time to advertise a new RFP and award a new contract. Council approval is required for contract extension beyond one year.

Funds are budgeted each fiscal year for this ongoing expense: Civic Center Fund – Civic Center – Other Events – Contractual Services; 0757-160-2500-CIVC-6319.



**A RESOLUTION****NO.**\_\_\_\_\_**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF THE TEMPORARY STAFFING FOR THE CIVIC CENTER CONTRACT WITH GLOBAL PERSONNEL SERVICES (COLUMBUS, GA), AND LABOR FINDERS (COLUMBUS, GA) FOR AN ADDITIONAL SIX-MONTH PERIOD.**

**WHEREAS**, Global Personnel Services and Labor Finders are contracted to temporary staffing for the Civic Center on an “as needed” basis. The current contracts expires on October 9, 2023; and,

**WHEREAS**, Per Resolution No. 338-17, Council authorized a five-year contract with both Global Personnel Services and Labor Finders. The contracts expired on October 9, 2022. However, in accordance with Article 3-109 (Annual Contracts: Price Agreement and Service Contracts) of the Procurement Ordinance, the contract was extended for one year. An additional six-month extension is necessary to allow time to advertise a new RFP and award a new contract(s). Council approval is required for contract extension beyond one year.

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

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to extend the contract for Temporary Staffing for the Civic Center with Global Personnel Services (Columbus, GA), and Labor Finders (Columbus, GA), for an additional six-month period. Funds are budgeted each fiscal year for this ongoing expense: Civic Center Fund – Civic Center – Other Events – Contractual Services; 0757-160-2500-CIVC-6319.

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

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

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. “Skip” Henderson III, Mayor

**File Attachments for Item:**

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

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	Forty-Three Vehicles for Columbus Police Department – HGACBUY Cooperative Contract
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the purchase of forty-three (43) vehicles from Rockdale Country Ford, LLC (Rockdale, TX) as follows:

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

The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via HGACBuy Contract #601-19.

The forty-three (43) vehicles will be used by officers of the Columbus Police Department Patrol Division to patrol the streets of Columbus and Muscogee County. These are replacement vehicles.

This purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Request for Proposal (RFP) #601-19, initiated by HGACBuy, whereby Rockdale Country Ford (dba Caldwell Country Ford) was one of the successful vendors contracted to provide Vehicles, Heavy-Duty Trucks, Police Motorcycles, Parts and Service Labor. Rockdale Country Ford is a franchised dealer, authorized to sell and service Ford Motor Company vehicles in the United States. The effective date of the contract began December 1, 2019, through November 30, 2020, with two possible one-year renewals. The contract was extended on a month-month basis beginning December 1, 2022. HGACBuy is a nationwide, government procurement service striving to make the governmental procurement process more efficient. Units of local government, including non-profits providing governmental services, are eligible to become participating members of the HGACBuy Cooperative. All contracts available to participating members of HGACBuy have been awarded by virtue of a public competitive procurement process compliant with State and Federal statutes.

The RFP process utilized by HGACBuy meets the requirements of the City's Procurement Ordinance; additionally, cooperative purchasing is authorized per Article 9-101 of the Procurement Ordinance.

Funds are available in the FY24 Budget: American Rescue Plan Fiscal Recovery Fund – Federal ARP – Federal Revenue Recovery – Revenue Recovery - CPD Pursuit Vehicles; 0218 – 691 – 1300 – ARRR – 40494-20230.

**A RESOLUTION**

Item #D.

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

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF FORTY-THREE (43) VEHICLES FROM ROCKDALE COUNTRY FORD, LLC (ROCKDALE, TX):**

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

**THE PURCHASE WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY COOPERATIVE PURCHASE VIA HGACBUY CONTRACT #601-19.**

**WHEREAS**, the forty-three (43) vehicles will be used by officers of the Columbus Police Department Patrol Division to patrol the streets of Columbus and Muscogee County. These are replacement vehicles; and,

**WHEREAS**, this purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Request for Proposal (RFP) #601-19, initiated by HGACBuy, whereby Rockdale Country Ford (dba Caldwell Country Ford) was one of the successful vendors contracted to provide Vehicles, Heavy-Duty Trucks, Police Motorcycles, Parts and Service Labor. Rockdale Country Ford is a franchised dealer, authorized to sell and service Ford Motor Company vehicles in the United States. The effective date of the contract began December 1, 2019, through November 30, 2020, with two possible one-year renewals. The contract was extended on a month-month basis beginning December 1, 2022. HGACBuy is a nationwide, government procurement service striving to make the governmental procurement process more efficient. Units of local government, including non-profits providing governmental services, are eligible to become participating members of the HGACBuy Cooperative. All contracts available to participating members of HGACBuy have been awarded by virtue of a public competitive procurement process compliant with State and Federal statutes. The RFP process utilized by HGACBuy meets the requirements of the City's Procurement Ordinance; additionally, cooperative purchasing is authorized per Article 9-101 of the Procurement Ordinance.

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

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to purchase forty-three (43) vehicles from Rockdale Country Ford, LLC (Rockdale, TX) at a total cost of \$2,347,327.50. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via HGACBuy Contract #601-19. Funds are available

in the FY24 Budget: American Rescue Plan Fiscal Recovery Fund – Federal ARP – Federal Revenue Recovery – Revenue Recovery - CPD Pursuit Vehicles; 0218 – 691 – 1300 – ARRR – 40494-20230.

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

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

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. “Skip” Henderson III, Mayor

**File Attachments for Item:**

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

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	Payment for Supplemental Yard Waste Collection Services for August 2023
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	Finance Department

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

Funding is available in the FY24 Budget from General Fund Reserves. However, services will be charged to: Integrated Waste Fund – Public Works – Yard Waste – Contractual Services; 0207-260-3580-YARD-6319.



**A RESOLUTION****NO.**\_\_\_\_\_**A RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT TO AMWASTE, LLC (WEST POINT, GA) FOR SUPPLEMENTAL YARD WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$439,600.00 FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2023.**

**WHEREAS,** Amwaste, LLC provided supplemental yard waste collection services for fourteen routes.

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

That the City Manager is hereby approved to pay Amwaste, LLC (West Point, GA) for supplemental yard waste collection services in the amount of \$439,600.00 for the month of August 2023. Amwaste, LLC provided supplemental yard waste collection services for fourteen routes. Funding is available in the FY24 Budget from General Fund Reserves. However, services will be charged to: Integrated Waste Fund – Public Works – Yard Waste – Contractual Services; 0207-260-3580-YARD-6319.

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

Councilor Allen voting	_____
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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

**File Attachments for Item:**

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

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

Item #F.

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	Tractors for Parks and Recreation Department – Sourcewell Contract Cooperative Purchase
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	Finance Department

It is requested that Council rescind Resolution #179-23 for the purchase of six (6) tractors (John Deere 5050E) from Deere & Company (Cary, NC) at a unit price of \$28,400.70, and a total price of \$170,404.20; and approve the purchase of six (6) tractors (John Deere 5045E) from Deere & Company (Cary, NC) at a unit price of \$31,533.35, and a total price of \$189,200.10, by Cooperative Purchase via Sourcewell Contract #110719-JDC.

The six tractors approved May 23, 2023, per Resolution #179-23, were no longer available when the purchase order was submitted to the vendor. The newer models increased in price. The tractors are necessary for the work performed by the Park Services Division staff in maintaining fifty-two (52) City owned parks. This is replacement equipment.

This purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Request for Proposal (RFP) #110719-JDC, initiated by Sourcewell, whereby Deere & Company was one of the successful vendors contracted to provide Agricultural tractors and equipment. The effective date of the contract began December 23, 2019, and will expire on December 30, 2023. The contract may be extended up to one additional one-year period upon request of Sourcewell and with written agreement by Vendor. The contract available under Sourcewell has been awarded by virtue of a public competitive procurement process compliant with State and Federal statutes. Sourcewell is a Service Cooperative created by Minnesota Statute 123A.21. This statute was created in 1978 and revised in 1995 to allow participating governmental and municipal agencies to reduce the cost of purchased goods by leveraging their combined purchasing power. The RFP process utilized by Sourcewell meets the requirements of the City's Procurement Ordinance; additionally, cooperative purchasing is authorized per Section 3-118 of the Procurement Ordinance.

Funds are budgeted in the FY24 Budget: General Fund – Parks and Recreation – Park Services – Off Road Equipment; 0101-270-2100-PSRV-7725.

**A RESOLUTION****NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TO RESCIND RESOLUTION #179-23 FOR THE PURCHASE OF SIX (6) TRACTORS (JOHN DEERE 5050E) FROM DEERE & COMPANY (CARY, NC) AT A UNIT PRICE OF \$28,400.70, AND A TOTAL PRICE OF \$170,404.20; AND APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF SIX (6) TRACTORS (JOHN DEERE 5045E) FROM DEERE & COMPANY (CARY, NC) AT A UNIT PRICE OF \$31,533.35, AND A TOTAL PRICE OF \$189,200.10, BY COOPERATIVE PURCHASE VIA SOURCEWELL CONTRACT #110719-JDC.**

**WHEREAS**, the six tractors approved May 23, 2023, per Resolution #179-23, were no longer available when the purchase order was submitted to the vendor. The newer models increased in price. The tractors are necessary for the work performed by the Park Services Division staff in maintaining fifty-two (52) City owned parks. This is replacement equipment; and,

**WHEREAS**, this purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Request for Proposal (RFP) #110719-JDC, initiated by Sourcewell, whereby Deere & Company was one of the successful vendors contracted to provide Agricultural tractors and equipment. The effective date of the contract began December 23, 2019, and will expire on December 30, 2023. The contract may be extended up to one additional one-year period upon request of Sourcewell and with written agreement by Vendor. The contract available under Sourcewell has been awarded by virtue of a public competitive procurement process compliant with State and Federal statutes. Sourcewell is a Service Cooperative created by Minnesota Statute 123A.21. This statute was created in 1978 and revised in 1995 to allow participating governmental and municipal agencies to reduce the cost of purchased goods by leveraging their combined purchasing power. The RFP process utilized by Sourcewell meets the requirements of the City's Procurement Ordinance; additionally, cooperative purchasing is authorized per Section 3-118 of the Procurement Ordinance.

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

**I.**

That Resolution No. 179-23 is hereby rescinded; and

**II.**

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to purchase six (6) tractors (John Deere 5045E) from Deere & Company (Cary, NC) at a unit price of \$31,533.35, and a total price of \$189,200.10, for the Park Services Division. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Sourcewell Contract #110719-JDC. Funds are budgeted in the FY24 Budget: General Fund – Parks and Recreation – Park Services – Off Road Equipment; 0101-270-2100-PSRV-7725.

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

Councilor Allen voting	_____
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 Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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 B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

**File Attachments for Item:**

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

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	Assessment of Premium Dial-A-Ride Services for METRA Transit System – Cooperative Purchase
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	Finance Department

It is requested that Council authorize the execution of a contract with Nelson/Nygaard Consulting Associates, Inc. (Atlanta, GA) in the estimated amount of \$105,050.00 for an assessment of premium Dial-A-Ride services for METRA Transit System. The estimated amount is contingent upon additional services required outside the initial scope of work, to include an assessment of microtransit services. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via the Chatham Area Transit Authority, Contracts and Procurement Department, Contract No. 2022-05.

Nelson/Nygaard Consulting Associates, Inc. will assess the costs and parameters of offering premium Dial-A-Ride service exceeding the minimum Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements. Currently, METRA operates paratransit service to eligible customers according to the requirements of the ADA as a complement to its fixed route service.

METRA Dial-A-Ride service is compliant with all ADA requirements. It operates within the ADA-required three-fourths ( $\frac{3}{4}$ ) mile buffer on each side of METRA fixed bus routes (i.e., the service area referenced above). Nelson/Nygaard Consulting Associates, Inc. will complete an assessment of premium Dial-A-Ride service beyond the required  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile buffer, in a manner that is compliant with the federal ADA regulations.

Nelson/Nygaard Consulting Associates, Inc. will document current Dial-A-Ride operations, including any challenges METRA is facing delivering complementary paratransit service that is in full compliance with ADA requirements, both currently and in the future. Using available data and demographic information, the study will estimate future demand for service, including travel beyond the  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile ADA minimum. Nelson/Nygaard Consulting Associates, Inc. will estimate costs and suggest ways to deliver these services while continuing to deliver ADA-compliant complementary paratransit service.

The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via RFP No. 2022-05, initiated by the Contracts and Procurement Department of the Chatham Area Transit Authority, whereby Nelson/Nygaard Consulting Associates, Inc. was the successful vendor for providing a comprehensive master plan and implementation strategy. The contract, which commenced on August 15, 2022, is good through September 30, 2023. The RFP process utilized by the Contracts and Procurement Department of the Chatham Area Transit Authority meets the requirements of the City's Procurement Ordinance; additionally, cooperative purchasing is authorized per Article 9-101 of the Procurement Ordinance.

Funding is available in the FY24 Budget: Transportation Fund – Transportation – T-SPLOST  
Capital – Metra T-SPLOST – Capital Expenditures Over \$5000; 0751-610-2500-MTSP-7761.



**A RESOLUTION****NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH NELSON/NYGAARD CONSULTING ASSOCIATES, INC. (ATLANTA, GA) IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$105,050.00 FOR AN ASSESSMENT OF PREMIUM DIAL-A-RIDE SERVICES FOR METRA TRANSIT SYSTEM. THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT IS CONTINGENT UPON ADDITIONAL SERVICES REQUIRED OUTSIDE THE INITIAL SCOPE OF WORK, TO INCLUDE AN ASSESSMENT OF MICROTRANSIT SERVICES. THE PURCHASE WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED VIA THE CHATHAM AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY, CONTRACTS AND PROCUREMENT DEPARTMENT, CONTRACT NO. 2022-05.**

**WHEREAS**, Nelson/Nygaard Consulting Associates, Inc. will assess the costs and parameters of offering premium Dial-A-Ride service exceeding the minimum Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements; and,

**WHEREAS**, Nelson/Nygaard Consulting Associates, Inc. will document current Dial-A-Ride operations, including any challenges METRA is facing delivering complementary paratransit service that is in full compliance with ADA requirements, both currently and in the future. Using available data and demographic information, the study will estimate future demand for service, including travel beyond the ¾ mile ADA minimum. Nelson/Nygaard Consulting Associates, Inc. will estimate costs and suggest ways to deliver these services while continuing to deliver ADA-compliant complementary paratransit service; and,

**WHEREAS**, the purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via RFP No. 2022-05, initiated by the Contracts and Procurement Department of the Chatham Area Transit Authority, whereby Nelson/Nygaard Consulting Associates, Inc. was the successful vendor for providing a comprehensive master plan and implementation strategy. The contract, which commenced on August 15, 2022, is good through September 30, 2023. The RFP process utilized by the Contracts and Procurement Department of the Chatham Area Transit Authority meets the requirements of the City's Procurement Ordinance; additionally, cooperative purchasing is authorized per Article 9-101 of the Procurement Ordinance.

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

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to a contract with Nelson/Nygaard Consulting Associates, Inc. (Atlanta, GA) in the estimated amount of \$105,050.00 for an assessment of premium Dial-A-Ride services for METRA Transit System. The estimated amount is contingent upon additional services required outside the initial scope of work, to include an assessment of microtransit services. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via the Chatham Area Transit Authority, Contracts and Procurement Department, Contract No. 2022-05. Funding is available in the FY24 Budget: Transportation Fund – Transportation – T-SPLOST Capital – Metra T-SPLOST – Capital Expenditures Over \$5000; 0751-610-2500-MTSP-7761.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the \_\_\_\_\_  
 day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of  
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 B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

**File Attachments for Item:**

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

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	Amendments 10 & 11 for Construction Manager as General Contractor Services for Columbus Government Complex – RFQ No. 20-0002
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	Finance Department

It is requested that Council authorize the execution of Amendment 10 in the amount of \$1,374,613.00 and Amendment 11 in the amount of \$500,000.00 with Gilbane Building Company (Atlanta, GA), in association with Freeman & Associates, Inc., for construction manager as general contractor services for the Government Center Complex.

Per Resolution No. 030-20, dated February 11, 2020, Council authorized the execution of a contract with Gilbane Building Company (Atlanta, GA), in association with Freeman & Associates, Inc., for construction manager as general contractor services for the new Government Center Complex. Council further authorized the negotiation of costs for the remaining phases of the project.

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Amendment 11 is for moving costs related to relocating City departments to City Hall and for relocating Judicial departments from the East and West Wings into the Government Center Tower. Gilbane Transition, Planning, and Management has been engaged to provide these services. In the mid-year FY23 budget adjustments, a \$500,000 budget was created by Council for costs associated with moving departments throughout the City. Request is for Council to approve this amendment to utilize this \$500,000 budget for moving expenses. If this amendment is not approved, project funds will be utilized to cover these expenses which will reduce the overall scope of the projects.

Document	Description	Amount
Original Contract	Construction manager as general contractor (CM/GC) for preconstruction services for the Government Center Complex, which included technical review, cost verification, cost evaluation, value engineering, schedule development, and schedule evaluation, in addition to management of the construction.	325,000.00
Amendment 1	Construction manager as general contractor (CM/GC) for preconstruction services for the new courthouse	978,000.00
Amendment 2	Early equipment package for the former Synovus Bank main office building and parking structure located on Broadway, which will serve as the new Government Center.	4,211,609.63
Amendment 3	Guaranteed Maximum Price Amendment for the former Synovus Bank main office building and parking structure located on Broadway, which will serve as the new City Hall	19,288,390.37
Amendment 4	Preconstruction services for the former TSYS Building located at 1000 5 <sup>th</sup> Avenue, which will serve as the Sheriff's Administration offices and Jail Support	58,500.00
Amendment 5	Material and Labor for the construction of full-size mock-ups of the future Judicial Center courtrooms.	77,000.00
Amendment 6	Early Equipment Package for the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office Administration Building and generator and parking garage security cameras for City Hall	703,302.00
Amendment 7	Procurement and installation of back-up generator for the City Hall project.	1,427,272.00
Amendment 8	Procurement and installation of security cameras for the parking garage at City Hall	261,279.00
Amendment 9	Initial Demolition and Furniture Relocation at the new Sheriff's Administration Building	\$195,051.00
<b>Amendment 10</b>	Government Center Tower Modifications for Juvenile Court & Jury Manager	<b>\$1,374,613.00</b>
<b>Amendment 11</b>	Moving Expenses	<b>\$500,000.00</b>
New Contract Amount		\$29,400,017.00

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B.H. “Skip” Henderson III, Mayor

**File Attachments for Item:**

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





LAND BANK AUTHORITY  
LOTS OF GOOD USE



COMMUNITY  
REINVESTMENT  
COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT

September 26, 2023

Presented By:

Board Chair, Lance Hemmings

CRD Director, Robert Scott

Real Estate Specialist, Natalie Bouyett

## History of the Land Bank Authority

- **56** Properties returned to tax paying status
- **\$54,693** in taxes collected
- **32** properties sold in the past 2 years
- **\$23,645** in taxes collected in the past 2 years



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# Success

## North Highlands



## Heirs Property Workshop



## Website Development



# CRD Mission And Vision



## Mission

Branding Community Reinvestment to be a center of excellence serving the community in a capacity where the hard work that we put in translates into outcomes that are pragmatic and oriented to succeed.

## Vision

A community tremendously impacted by our efforts and resources were leveraged in a way that was equitable but most of all has provided growth.

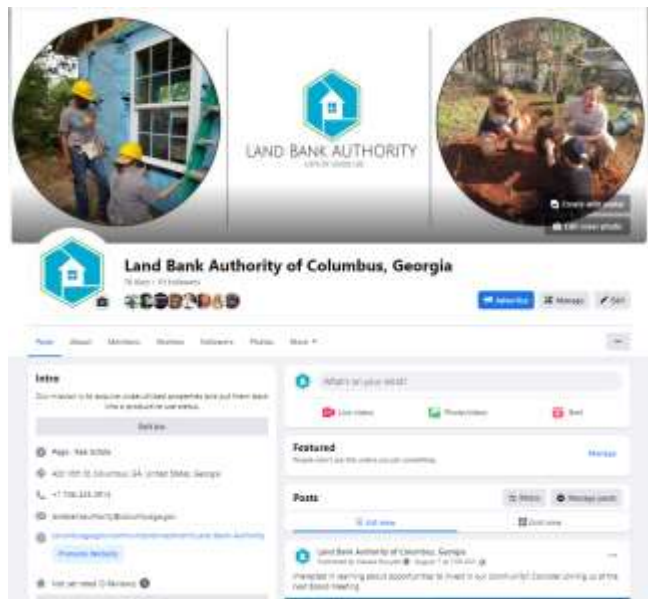
# Land Bank Authority Vision

Item #A.

For all the neighborhoods in Columbus to be defined by economic stability, quality of life for residents and an absence of blight.



## Facebook



## Website





# Community Engagement



Fundamentals of Land Banking Workshop



Signage and QR links to apply

# Easy to Apply




## 2401 14th Street

This property has been vacant, abandoned, and tax delinquent for 10 years. The property is 41.8ft x 100.1ft x 63ft x 93.2ft. It abuts another Land Bank Authority owned property, 1349 24th St. We want to work with a buyer who is ready to turn the property into a neighborhood asset.

**For Sale** Minimum Bid \$5000

**Submit Bid And Proposal**



## Property Bid and Proposal Form

Thank you for your interest in purchasing a property from the Land Bank Authority. The mission of the Land Bank Authority is to acquire underutilized properties and to return those properties to a productive use status in a timely manner. This allows for returning properties to a tax producing status, while improving neighborhoods and strengthening communities throughout Columbus and Muscogee County. The Land Bank works with responsible buyers that can demonstrate a viable plan for the redevelopment of property.

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\* Required

### Contact Information

1. Type of Applicant

☐ Individual  
☐ Nonprofit Corporation  
☐ Partnership  
☐ For-Profit Corporate Entity  
☐ LLC





Cozy Corner Pre-Demolition



Post Construction

Item #A.



The Homebuyer

# North Highlands Development





# Meaningful Transformation







Item #A.

**Sold**

**Sold**

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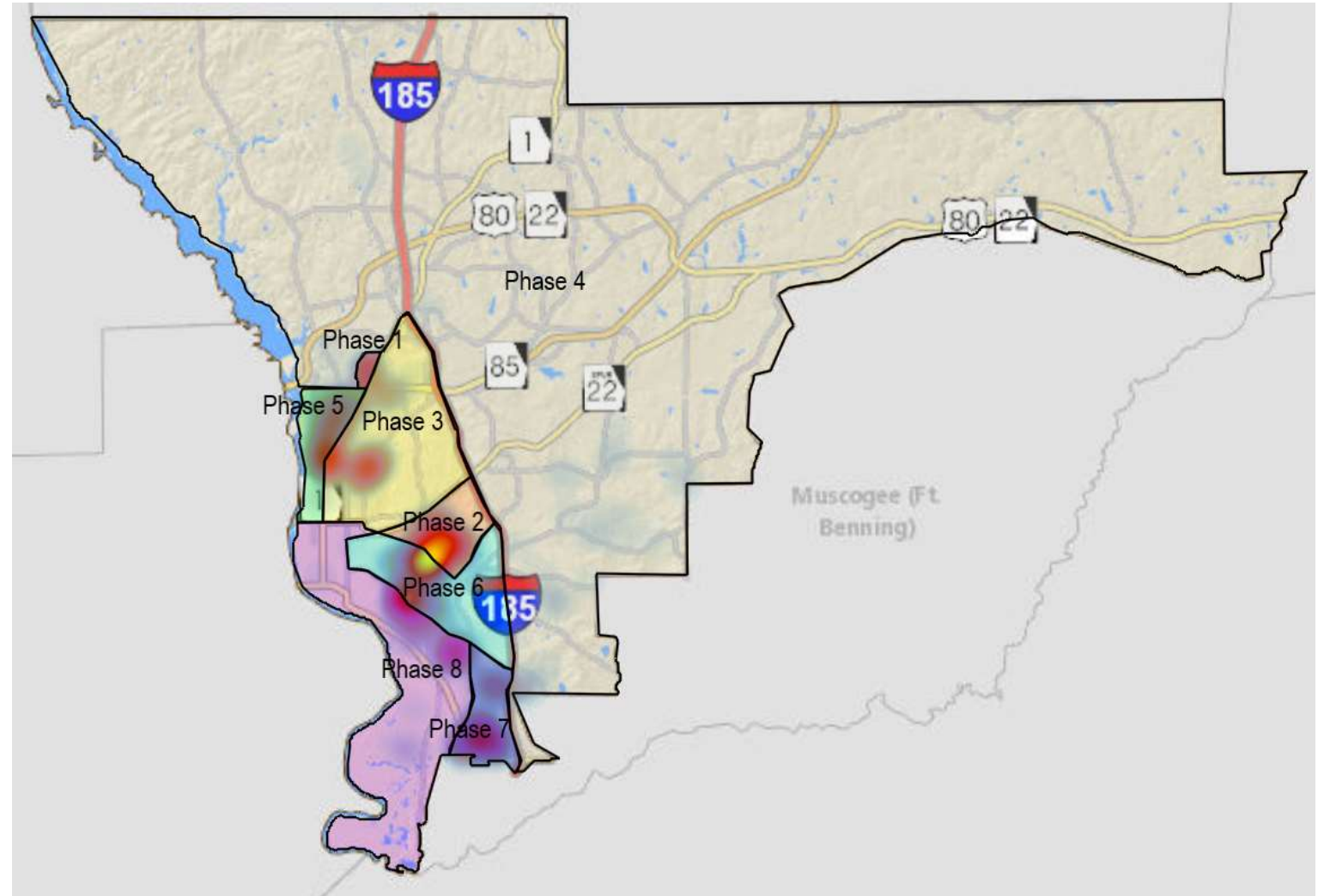
**Under  
Contract**

**Sold**

Clearing Out  
the Inventory



# Opportunity Zones





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○ Individual

☐ Nonprofit Corporation

9/20/2023

Item #A.

Photo

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### Data for Phase 1 Opportunity Zone - Phase 1 Beallwood

Address	5029 11TH AVE
City	Columbus
State	Georgia
Parcel	033 021 027
Acres	0.08
Zoning	GC
Vacant_Structure	Vacant
Starting_Bid	6,500
Status	Accepting Applications

Zoom to Pan 2 of 2

### Data for Phase 1 Opportunity Zone - Phase 1 Beallwood

Address 5029 11TH AVE

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Columbus Consolidated Government





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**File Attachments for Item:**

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



# INTEGRATED WASTE TRANSITION

## SEPTEMBER 26, 2023



# STAFFING LEVELS – WASTE EQUIP. OPERATORS

Item #B.

WEO POSITION	FY'21	TOTAL	FY'22	Total	FY'23	TOTAL
<b>FUNDED POSITIONS</b> (Household Waste)	3510 - 57		3510 – 33		3510 – 34 Full Time 20 FT Temp	
(Yard Waste)	<del>3580</del>		<del>3580 - 22</del>		<del>3580 – 21 Full Time</del>	
Recycling Waste	3520 - 9	66 Full Time	3520 - 6	61 Full Time	3520 – 6 Full Time 1 FT Temp	61 Full Time 21 Full Time Temp
<b>FILLED POSITIONS</b> (Household Waste)	3510 - 53		3510 - 27		3510 – 32	
(Yard Waste)	<del>3580</del>		<del>3580 - 14</del>		<del>3580 – 13</del>	
Recycling Waste	3520 - 7	60 Full Time	3520 - 5	46 Full Time	3520 – 6	51 Full Time
<b>VACANT POSITIONS</b> (Household Waste)	3510 - 4		3510 - 6		3510 – 2	
(Yard Waste)	<del>3580</del>		<del>3580 - 8</del>		<del>3580 – 9</del>	
(Recycling Waste)	3520 - 2	6 Full Time	3520 - 1	15 Full Time	3520 - 1	12 Full Time

# ASL HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE TRANSITION

SEPTEMBER – IMPLEMENTED 8 ASL  
HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE ROUTES

SEPTEMBER - PHASED OUT 16  
HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE REAR LOADER  
ROUTES

OCTOBER – IMPLEMENT FINAL 8 ASL  
HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE ROUTES

PHASE OUT FINAL 10 HOUSEHOLD  
GARBAGE REAR LOADER ROUTES

16 ASL HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE ROUTES  
SERVICING 56,400 CUSTOMERS

(16)

# ASL YARD WASTE TRANSITION BACK TO CCG COLLECTION

DECEMBER – IMPLEMENT 11  
AUTOMATED SIDE LOADERS YARD  
WASTE ROUTES AND 3 REAR LOADERS

Item #B.

DECEMBER - PHASE OUT ALL 14  
AMWASTE YARD WASTE ROUTES

11 AUTOMATED SIDE LOADERS WILL  
COLLECT ALL GREEN WASTE CARTS

3 REAR LOADERS ROUTES WILL  
COLLECT SMALL YARD WASTE PILES  
AND BAGS ON THE CURB

TOTAL-11 AUTOMATED SIDE LOADERS  
YARD WASTE ROUTES IMPLEMENTED  
INT SERVICE & 3 REAR LOADERS (14 CDL)

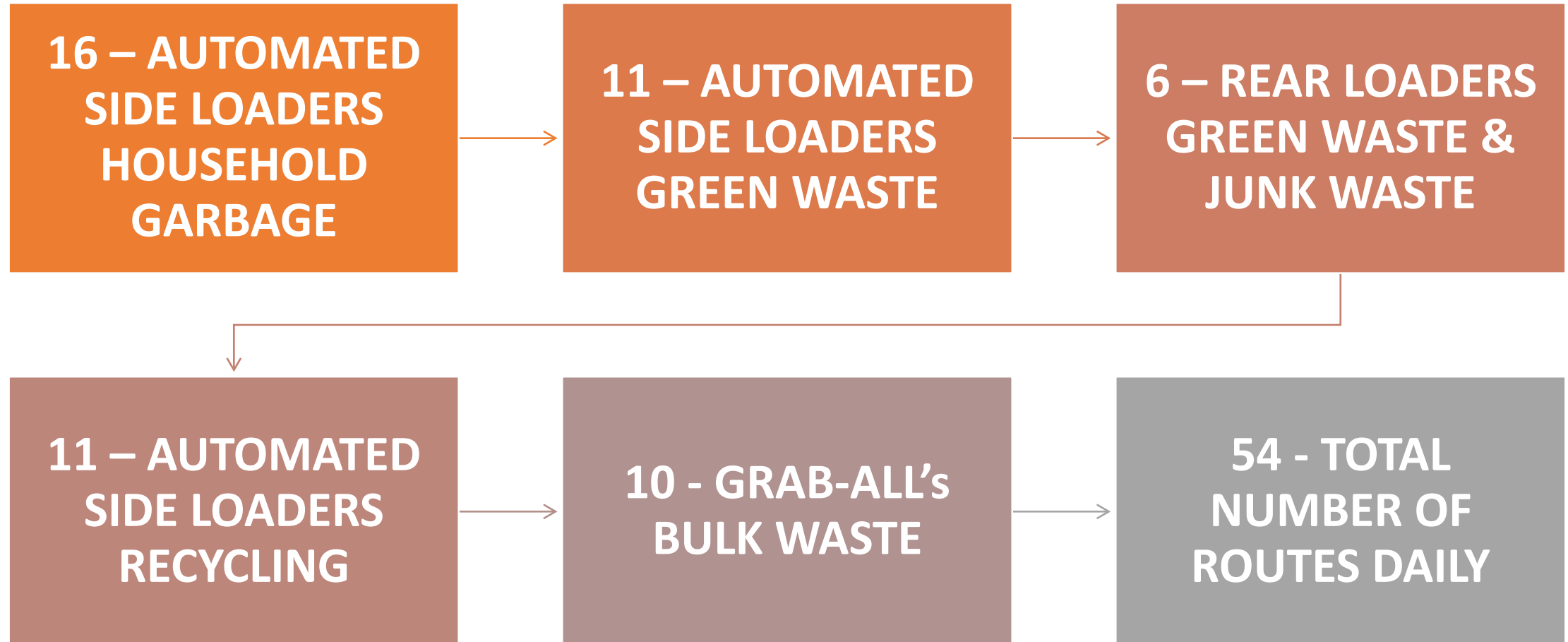
# ASL & YARD WASTE COMPLETE IMPLEMENTATION

Item #B.

- **16 ASL Household Waste @1000 Homes Per Route (Designed for Growth)**
- **11 ASL Green Waste @1800 Homes Per Route**
- **3 Rear Loaders Green Waste @5000 Homes Per Route.**
- **3 Rear Loaders Junk Waste @5000 Homes Per Route.**
- **11 ASL Recycling @ 1500 Homes Per Route**
- **10 Grab-Alls On Call Service (40 Loads Per Day)**
- **Daily Total Number of Routes (54)**

# AUTOMATED GARBAGE, RECYCLING, YARD WASTE & BULK WASTE

Item #B.



# TRANSITION SCHEDULE

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- **GETTING THE WORD OUT & EDUCATING THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE CHANGES TO SERVICE.**
  - **ONE CART SYSTEM INFORMATION DISTRIBUTED TO PUBLIC. INFORMING THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE NEW AUTOMATED SYSTEM THROUGH CCG TV, SOCIAL MEDIA, LOCAL NEWS, LOCAL RADIO, BILLBOARDS, POST CARDS & COMMUNITY MEETINGS**
- **BULK CALL-IN SERVICE – ALREADY APPROVED**
- **AMEND THE ORDINANCE:**
  - **ONE CART SYSTEM**
  - **LIMIT THE NUMBER OF BAGS THAT CAN BE PLACED AT THE CURB PER COLLECTION DAY.**

	COLUMBUS Pop. 202,616	MACON/BIBB Pop. 156,197	Item #B.
SERVICE PROVIDER	Local Government Mon, Tues, Thurs, & Fri.	Ryland Environmental Mon. – Thurs.	
SOLID WASTE	Weekly	Weekly	
RECYCLABLES	Weekly	Every other week	
YARD WASTE	Weekly - Am Waste	Every other Week	
BULK ITEMS	Weekly	Weekly	
FEE	\$18.00 per month – CWW	\$20 Mthly \$60 Qrtly and \$240 Yrly – Tax Assessors \$2.00 of \$20. monthly fee goes toward mitigating dumping.	
LIMITS	No construction waste	No more than 2 cy yard of debris Fee for more than 2cy/2 bulk items \$25.00 - \$300. No construction material No stumps or large logs	
LANDFILL	Local Government \$42.50 per ton	CLOSED - Waste is hauled to Houston County @ \$25.00 per ton; \$18. goes towards collection/disposal; \$2. dumping mitigation; additional \$2.50 per ton increase in disposal fee	

	COLUMBUS	MACON/BIBB <div>Item #B.</div>
Convenience Center	Free - Off Site Recycling Drop Off Points (3)	3 Centers - Free of Charge to residents of Macon/Bibb
AUTOMATED TRUCKS	ASL & Rear Loaders	ASL
Waste Collection Carts	Local Government	Local Government
Additional Cart Fee	\$	\$20.00 each additional cart (annual would be \$480)
Integrated Waste Staff	Collection - 38 positions / 5 Temps Recycling - 12 positions / 1 Temps Granite Bluff- 1 position Pinegrove MSW - 17 positions /5 Temps Recycling Ctr - 12 positions/5 Temps Yard Waste - 25 positions <b>TOTAL –105 positions/16 Temps</b>	27 Integrated Waste Employees:  1 Solid Waste Manager; 2 Administrative Asst; 1 Asst. Manager; 1 Solid Waste Inspector; 7 Service Workers; 8 Heavy Equipment Operators; 1 Landfill Supervisor; 1 Landfill Weigh Master; 5 Heavy Equipment Operators



# QUESTIONS



**File Attachments for Item:**

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

# SHERIFF'S OFFICE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

September 26, 2023

# SHERIFF'S OFFICE — Administration

- Currently housed at the Government Center
- Includes Executive Management, Internal Affairs, Special Projects, HR, Criminal and Civil Warrants, Patrol Services, Community Outreach, Evidence and Property Storage, Quartermaster
- Included in RFP 20-0001, Space Planning and Programming & Design Professional Services for Columbus Government Center Complex

# Sheriff's Office Administration - Timeline

Item #C.

- On 8/23/2022, Council authorized the acquisition of the property at 1000 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue to house the Sheriff's Administration offices.
- Also, on 8/23/2022, Council authorized the issuance of \$13,000,000.00 in bonds to fund the renovation of the facility.
- On 11/08/2022, Council authorized the execution of a contract amendment with the SLAM Collaborative for the design services for the renovation.
- On 4/25/2023, Council authorized a contract amendment to allow for the procurement of an early equipment package for the Sheriff's Administration project.
- On 7/25/2023, Council authorized a contract amendment to allow for furniture removal and preliminary demolition.









# Sheriff's Office Administration - Update

- Design services have been completed.
- Current budget accommodates original project goal of relocating Sheriff's Office functions from the Government Center.
- During the design process, the Sheriff identified additional needs that can not be accommodated within the current budget.
- Additional needs include:
  - Garage for storage of equipment and processing of vehicles for evidence
  - Fitness Center including locker room and showers
  - Canopy to provide covered parking
  - IBIS Room
  - Enhanced AV Systems for Situation Room and Media Room
  - Perimeter Fencing to provide secure parking for a portion of the parking lot
- Total costs over budget = \$1,835,294.59

Item #C.



# Sheriff's Office Administration - Update

- During the design process, it was recommended that an additional courtroom, located in the Sheriff's Building, could be utilized by Recorder's Court and other Courts, as necessary.
- Courtroom (including Judges chamber, holding cell, clerk space, security screening, etc.) can be accommodated in space in the building that is currently programmed to be future growth space.
- Current budget does not accommodate courtroom costs.
- Total costs to add courtroom = \$1,687,314.53
- Total costs for both courtroom and Sheriff needs = \$3,522,609.12

Item #C.



# QUESTIONS

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**File Attachments for Item:**

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

# American Rescue Plan Update

September 26, 2023



# American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021

- ARP was passed by the House on February 27, 2021, the Senate on March 6, 2021 and signed into law on March 11, 2021
- \$1.9 trillion for economic relief from the devastating economic and health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic
- \$362 billion in direct aid (not thru the state) for states and local governments (Subtitle M., Sec. 9901 of the Act)

# American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021

- Uses of Funds
  - Respond to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19 or its negative economic impacts
  - Respond to workers performing essential work
  - Revenue replacement for the government
  - Investments in water, sewer or broadband infrastructure

# American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021

- Amount allocated to the City of Columbus/Muscogee County
  - City = \$40,456,205
  - County = \$38,025,833
  - TOTAL = \$78,482,038
- Amount received Phase 1
  - City = \$20,228,102.50 on June 7, 2021
  - County = \$19,012,916.50 on June 14, 2021
  - TOTAL = \$39,241,019
- Amount received Phase 2
  - City = \$20,228,102.50 on June 9, 2022
  - County = \$19,012,916.50 on June 16, 2022
  - TOTAL = \$39,241,019
- Total Expended = \$38,976,088.39
- Total Encumbered = \$14,941,613.72
- Balance = \$24,564,335.89

# American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021

- Eligible costs must be incurred between March 3, 2021 and December 31, 2024 and expended by December 31, 2026
- Financial reporting will be required on a quarterly basis and records must be maintained for five years after all funds have been expended
- Final Rule was released by the Treasury on January 6, 2022 and became effective April 1, 2022 which allows for more flexibility and a wider range of uses



# ARP Phase 1 Funding Status

- Automation of Garbage Collection to include Garbage Trucks and Carts = \$19,699,145
- Trucks = \$12,869,195
  - Cab/Chassis on order
  - Trucks are being delivered
- 120,000 Carts approved by Council on 11.16.2021 = \$6,830,000
  - Carts delivered.

**COMPLETE**



# ARP Phase 1 Funding Status

- Ambulances = \$2,099,517
  - Delivered



# ARP Phase 1 Funding Status

- Community Safeguard Programs
  - Summer Youth and Youth Development Programs (\$350,000)
    - \$240,481.39 Paid to date
  - Cure Violence (\$500,000)
    - \$200,000 Paid to date
  - Cameras – Phase 1 (\$2,660,756.90)
    - \$2,660,756.90 Paid to date, Balance encumbered

**COMPLETE**

# ARP Phase 1 Funding Status

- Broadband/Cyber Security Upgrades – Phase 1 = \$3,000,000
  - \$884k for upgrades to the CSC and Civic Center completed
  - Fired Station 12 almost complete. Liberty Theatre, Northside Rec Center, Fire Station 3, Edgewood Sr. Center and Lakebottom Park in progress. Parking garages are under review.
- Revenue Recovery = \$3,556,843.95
  - Hotel/Motel Tax Fund Recovery = \$2,476,843.95
  - General Fund Fund Recovery = \$1,082,626.89
- Premium Pay for Public Safety and Other Essential Employees = \$5,000,000 original budget, \$3,705,313 spent
  - Paid to all eligible employees on Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>
  - Transfer balance to Cameras \$1,294,687

# ARP Phase 1 Funding Status

- Small Business Grants = \$3,000,000 (Exhausted with current applications)
- Nonprofit Grants = \$1,000,000 (\$750,000 to transfer to Small Business)
- Economic/Tourism Grants = \$750,000 (\$750,000 to transfer to Small Business)
  - Application was received January 11<sup>th</sup>
  - Close portal for application submission
  - Utilize balance of funds in all 3 categories to satisfy applications under review
- Administration = \$201,518.16 (Full-time temporary position for up to 3 years, Project Financial Analyst and other oversight expenditures)
  - Project Financial Analyst is on board, \$139,492.46 Paid to date

# ARP Phase 2



# ARP Phase 2 Recommendations

- **Community Assistance Programs focused in Qualified Census Tracts (QCTs)**  
**\$12.0 million** - At least 50% of households have an income less than 60% of the Area Median Gross Income
  - Affordable Housing \$3 million (RFP Responses under review)
  - Utility Assistance Program \$2 million (Contract with Enrichment Services executed. All appointments filled thru Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>. Expended \$493k to date, 513 households served for a total of 1078 people.)
  - Homeowner Occupied Rehab Program \$2 million (RFP Under Development)
  - Handicap Access Program \$1 million (RFP Under Development)
  - Job Training/Workforce Development/Youth Work Program \$1,147,155
  - Mental Health Training/Intervention \$750k, \$152,654.10 encumbered
  - Substance Abuse Treatment Services \$750k
  - Community Safeguard Program \$400k Poverty Reduction Initiative (Agreement with United Way executed.)
  - \*Family Connection \$500k (Funded thru Revenue Recovery allocation)
    - 4 Navigators started Sept. 6, 2023.

# ARP Phase 2 Recommendations

- **Public Safety \$3.1 million**
  - Gun Buy-back Program \$300k
  - Mobile Command Vehicle \$1,350,286, Vehicle ordered
  - Police Dept. IBIS \$350k, Encumbered \$350k
  - Ambulances \$1.6 million, Encumbered \$1,545,600
- **Judicial Backlog Program \$1 million**



# ARP Phase 2 Recommendations

- **Facility Improvements \$4.85 million**
  - Civic Center HVAC \$2.25 million
  - Trade Center HVAC \$2.25 million
  - Liberty Theater HVAC \$350k
- **Land Acquisition Cemetery \$200k** (Property options under review)
- **Administration \$478,655.87**

# ARP Phase 2 Recommendations

- **Revenue Recovery \$10,115,312.88**
  - CCGTV Upgrades \$500k (Quote under review)
  - Cyber Security \$1.5 million, Expended \$1.006 million, Encumbered \$494k
  - Family Connection \$500k (Community Assistance Program)
    - 4 Navigators started Sept. 6, 2023
  - Public Safety Capital \$7,615,312.88
    - CPD Pursuit Vehicles \$3,056,125.15, \$2,347,327.50 on 9/26 Agenda
    - Sheriff Pursuit Vehicles \$1,715,364.69
    - Fire Apparatus \$2,843,823.04, Encumbered \$2,794,027
- **Camera Program Phase 2 and 3 \$6,564,906.41**
  - Expended \$4,585,449.31, Encumbered \$1,979,457.10

# State Fiscal Recovery Funds

- Awarded \$4,000,000 to continue the Small Business/Non-Profit Grant Program
  - \$3,000,000 Small Business, revised to \$3,650,000
    - 63 / \$2,074,004.69 paid to date
    - 32 pending final approval or requested additional information
    - Balance \$840,644.76
  - \$1,000,000 Nonprofits, revised to \$350,000
    - 4 / \$79,979.09 paid to date
    - 7 pending final approval or requested additional information
    - Balance \$104,979.27
- Completion anticipated by September 30, 2023

# QUESTIONS



**File Attachments for Item:**

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

# COLUMBUS INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE

September 26, 2023

# Projects Under Construction

- Resurfacing/Restriping
- Psalmund Road Signal
- River Road / J. R. Allen Signals & Lights
- Spiderweb
- I-185 / Buena Vista Diverging Diamond (Managed by GDOT)
- Veterans Parkway-Turnberry to SR315 in Harris County (Managed by GDOT)

# Projects Under Development

- Fortson Road / Williams Road Roundabout
- 30<sup>th</sup> Ave. Signal
- 10<sup>th</sup> Ave. Signal
- Military Drive
- Infantry Road
- I-185 / Cusseta Road Interchange (Managed by GDOT)
- Mott's Green
- 19<sup>th</sup> Street Flood Abatement
- 35<sup>th</sup> Street / 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Stormwater Relocation



# GDOT Projects Under Development/ Construction

- RR Crossing – 9<sup>th</sup> Street / Veterans Parkway
- Olgethorpe Bridge
- River Road Resurfacing
- Miller Road / Manchester Expressway Bridge
- J. R. Allen / Manchester Expressway Improvements
- Bradley Park at J. R. Allen Diverging Diamond
- Weracoba Creek Culvert

# 2022 TSPLOST – Band 1 (City Managed)

- Steam Mill Road Improvements – Design in process
- Riverwalk Repaving
- Whitesville Road Improvements – Design contract awarded
- South Lumpkin Road Improvements – Pending SS4A amendment
- 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue / 17<sup>th</sup> Street / Linwood Blvd. – Design contract in process
- Liberty Theatre Block Enhancements (8<sup>th</sup> Avenue) – Design contract in process
- 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Connector – Design contract awarded

# 2022 TSPLOST – Band 1 (GDOT Managed)

- Buena Vista Road Corridor Improvements – Design contract in process
- University Avenue – Road Diet / Streetscapes – Design contract awarded
- Andrews Road Improvements – Design contract in process
- Brennan Road Improvements – Design contract in process

# FACILITIES UPDATE

# City Hall

- Acquisition: February 2022
- Offices Relocated
  - Mayor, City Manager, City Attorney, Clerk of Council, Finance Admin, IT, Human Resources, Workforce Investment, UGA Cooperative Extension, 311, Parks & Recreation Admin, Health & Wellness Center
- Parking Garage, Floors 1-2, open to the public – October 6th



# Facilities Under Development

- Judicial Center
- Sheriff's Administration Building
- Jail Assessment
- Fire Station #5 Replacement
- Swimming Pool Replacements (Psalmond Road, Shirley B. Winston, Rigdon Park)
- Liberty Theatre
- River Road Tower

# Project Management – Judicial Center

- Judicial Center – 2 Full Time Project Managers
  - Positions to be authorized in October 2023



# QUESTIONS





**File Attachments for Item:**

**DATE:** September 26, 2023

**TO:** Mayor and Councilors

**FROM:** Finance Department

**SUBJECT:** Advertised Bids/RFPs/RFOs

**September 26, 2023**

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**September 27, 2023**

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**October 11, 2023**

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**File Attachments for Item:**

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Legislative Agenda Draft Items are attached at the end

## Purpose of the NOW Program

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

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

## Purpose of the COMP Program

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

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

Goals for participants in the COMP program include:

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

## For More Information

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

### NOW/COMP Waiver Program Services

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

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



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

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

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

### **Eligibility for Both Programs**

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

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

#### **Specific qualifications:**

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

**DATE:** September 26, 2023  
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### I. **ADOPT THE MENTAL HEALTH MODEL:**

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

#### **Explanation:**

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

### II. **ONE USER UTILITY BILL:**

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

#### **Explanation:**

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



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

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

#### **Explanation:**

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

### IV. **ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES (APRN) LICENSING:**

The Columbus Consolidated Government along with the United Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (UAPRN) of West Georgia Columbus chapter is requesting that the local legislative delegation to the Georgia General Assembly support legislation which would remove barriers to APRN practice whereby increasing access to cost effective, quality, and safe healthcare services. *(Request of Councilor Jerry "Pop" Barnes)*

#### **Explanation:**

The legislation would separately license APRN's in order to allow them to provide expanded health care services. Currently APRN is issued an "authorization to practice" under an RN's license. Independent licensing could allow them to provide the following services which they currently cannot:

1. APRN's would be added to the list of the Department of Revenue's approved practitioners to order disability parking permits.
2. APRN's would be authorized to write prescriptions for Schedule II controlled substances: Stimulants-for ADHD, ADD. Opiates prescriptions would be a 3-day supply with other criteria.
3. APRN's would be authorized to certify orders for home health agency to make home visits.

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

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### Carry Over Requests from Previous Years

#### V. SHORT TERM RENTALS:

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

#### Explanation:

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

#### VI. MUSICAL PRODUCTION STATE SALES TAX CREDIT:

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

#### Explanation:

The current legislation provides for certain state sales tax credits for production companies producing music or musical theatre productions in Georgia while touring and defines parameters including the dollar amount to be spent in the State of Georgia

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over a certain period and length of time that a production must tour in order to be awarded the state sales tax credit. The current legislation excludes most music and music theatre production companies from taking advantage of the tax credit thereby severely limiting most production activity to outside the State of Georgia.

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

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

#### Explanation:

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

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

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

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### VIII. COUNTY SPECIAL LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX MAINTENANCE RESERVE:

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

#### Explanation:

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

### IX. FUNDING FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, ADDICTIVE DISEASES AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES:

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

#### Explanation:

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

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### X. PERSONAL CARE HOMES (Prompt Notification of Local Authorities Upon Licensing):

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

#### Explanation:

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

### XI. PERSONAL CARE HOMES (Minimum Staffing Requirement):

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

#### Explanation:

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

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### **XII. HOUSING AFFORDABILITY:**

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

#### **Explanation:**

O.C.G.A. Section 44-7-19 prohibits city and county governments from enacting, maintaining, or enforcing “any ordinance or resolution which would regulate in any way the amount of rent to be charged for privately owned, single-family or multiple-unit residential rental property.” Rising rents compound the overall financial insecurity of many households. The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) defines a cost-burdened household as one that spends more than 30 percent of its income on housing costs. The onslaught of pandemic-related job losses, rising health care costs, and increased cost of necessities due to inflation and supply chain issues likely worsened the outlook for many renters. The pain of rising rents and the associated financial insecurity disproportionately affects single parents, individuals with disabilities, older adults, and people with multiple or intersecting identities. The COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent economic fallout succeeded in shining a harsh light on the ongoing housing crisis.

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

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

#### **Explanation:**

See fact sheet attached.

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

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

#### **Explanation:**

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

### **XV. LEGITIMATION PROCEDURES:**

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

#### **Explanation:**

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

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

The Columbus Consolidated Government is requesting the legislative delegation to the Georgia general assembly introduce an amendment to O.C.G.A. Section 36-44-21

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Item #7.

which allows voluntary acquisition of property within a TAD by elected officials and employees of a political subdivision, but prohibits receipt of any TAD funding by such elected officials or employees; and to further amend said law so as to clarify that elected officials may conduct business within a TAD and that citizens owning a business, property or a home within a TAD can run for and hold any elected office in a county which has created TAD districts. *(Request of Councilor Charmaine Crabb/Carry Over From Previous Year)*

### **Explanation:**

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



**File Attachments for Item:**


Referrals 9.12.23

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1	7/25/2023	Charmaine Crabb	<p><b><u>Monuments</u></b> Suggests using QR Codes in all monuments for Ma Rainey to Share Information with Citizens</p> <p><b><u>Response</u></b></p> <p>The only monument for Ma Rainey is the bronze historic marker in front of the house which gives all of the details related to Ma Rainey. This is the only monument we are aware of.</p>	Pam Hodge Lisa Goodwin
2	8/8/2023	Tyson Begly	<p><b><u>Fire and EMS</u></b> I had two follow-upsg from slide 7 of the Fire EMS PowerPoint in the last meeting:  <a href="https://mccmeetingspublic.blob.core.usgovcloudapi.net/columga-meet-9989af2150264ee3a984571dda5c6614/ITEM-Attachment-001-97400da668ce4bf79d68029ba871e2ef.pdf">https://mccmeetingspublic.blob.core.usgovcloudapi.net/columga-meet-9989af2150264ee3a984571dda5c6614/ITEM-Attachment-001-97400da668ce4bf79d68029ba871e2ef.pdf</a>:         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Numbers on the Medicare/Medicaid clearing house, to know how much to put in and the additional level of coverage received.</li> </ul>         Numbers of how much a private billing service would cost, and the amount of money it would save, and the potential impact to our accounts receivable       </p> <p><b><u>Response:</u></b> Please see the attached response from the fire department.</p>	Sal Scarpa Pam Hodge Angelica Alexander

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			<div></div> <p>CFEMS Memo on Referral - Begly Aug</p> <p>Fire/EMS Department is in the process of developing an RFP to privatize ambulance billing. Private billing services costs will be determined once the RFP process is complete.</p> <p>As of FY23, 9,668 ambulance claims were processed and billed. The billed breakdown for claims processed is as follows:</p> <table><tr><td>Medicare</td><td>18.92%</td></tr><tr><td>Medicaid</td><td>17.90%</td></tr><tr><td>Primary</td><td>23.46%</td></tr><tr><td>Self-Pay</td><td>35.99%</td></tr><tr><td>Write off</td><td>3.73%</td></tr></table> <p>The claims paid breakdown is as follows:</p>	Medicare	18.92%	Medicaid	17.90%	Primary	23.46%	Self-Pay	35.99%	Write off	3.73%	
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			<p>Medicare 53.86%</p> <p>Medicaid 20.71%</p> <p>Primary 19.91%</p> <p>Self-Pay 5.52%</p>	
3	8/8/2023	Toyia Tucker	<p><b><u>Crime Prevention Grants</u></b> Request a breakdown and definition of the cost of personnel.</p> <p><b><u>Response:</u></b> This matter is currently under review. A response is expected soon.</p>	Seth Brown
4	8/8/2023	Tyson Begly	<p><b><u>Integrated Waste</u></b> How will we account for holidays where we will have large pick-ups, such as Christmas? Also, suggest a financial analysis of fees and why they will increase.</p> <p><b><u>Response:</u></b>  Residents will be able to obtain additional carts once approved by Council. Off Site Recycling trailers are available for our resident to use whenever they have excess cardboard, paper, etc. Financial Analysis on rates based on privatization or internal services is</p>	Lisa Goodwin Drale Short

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			<p>being done by our consultant. An RFP to advertise is being formulated to incorporate various options:</p> <p>Option A: Yard Waste Collection Only</p> <p>Option B: Household Waste Collection Only</p> <p>Option C: Recycling Collection Only</p> <p>Option D: Household and Recycling Waste Only</p> <p>Option E: Bulk Waste Only</p> <p>Option F: All Collection Services (Household, Recycling, Yard Waste and Bulk Waste)</p>	
5	8/8/2023	Toyia Tucker	<p><b><u>Integrated Waste</u></b></p> <p>Requests Code Enforcement go into the Georgetown Area to talk to Citizens about leaving their cans out all week.</p> <p><b><u>Response:</u></b></p> <p>Waste Collection is designing a new door hanger that will be placed on the door of violators. It will remind them of our local Ordinance Section 13.167.3.</p>	Lisa Goodwin Drale Short

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6	8/29/23	Tyson Begly	<p><b><u>Inspections &amp; Code</u></b></p> <p>Is there a possibility to hire a third party to issue in-person citations to out-of-state parcel owners?</p> <p><b>Response</b></p> <p>The matter is still under review. A response is expected soon.</p>	Pam Hodge Ryan Pruett
7	8/29/23	Joanne Cogle	<p><b><u>Inspections &amp; Code</u></b></p> <p>Requesting information on how to track Code Enforcement Cases.</p> <p><b><u>Response:</u></b></p> <p>The matter is still under review. A response is expected soon.</p>	Pam Hodge Ryan Pruett
8	8/29/23	Toyia Tucker	<p><b><u>Lot Clearing Liens</u></b></p> <p>Requests a list of bills for lot clearing that have been sent out and how many of the liens have been paid.</p> <p><b><u>Response:</u></b></p> <p>Please see the attached list of outstanding lot-clearing liens as of 9/22/23. Bills for liens are sent every month.</p>	Pam Hodge Ryan Pruett Angelica Alexander

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			 Lien List - Lot Clearings.pdf	
9	8/29/23	Toyia Tucker	<b><u>Code Enforcement</u></b> Requests a monthly report on Code Enforcement Issues  <b><u>Response:</u></b> The matter is still under review. A response is expected soon.	Pam Hodge Ryan Pruett
10	8/29/23	Judy Thomas	<b><u>Park Facilities Update Facilities Personnel</u></b> Would like a program to pull trade graduates in from Columbus Tech and Jordan.  <b><u>Response:</u></b> The matter is still under review. A response is expected soon.	Lisa Goodwin Drale Short Reather Hollowell

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11	8/29/23	Joanne Cogle	<p><b><u>Parks and Recreation Update</u></b></p> <p>What would cost to overfund the requests made in this presentation at mid budget year? Requests that we come back next budget year with a preventative maintenance plan cost</p> <p><b><u>Response:</u></b></p> <p>The capital outlay requests presented in the challenges can be found in the attached document.</p> <p>Capital Improvement costs are listed in the attached documents. Parks and Recreation has a Park Maintenance Management Plan that is a part of our accreditation process. Completed in 2014, this plan is reviewed every year as part of that process and any changes needed are done at that time or before the Accreditation Review. We will present this plan with costs in our FY25 budget requests.</p> <p>Capital Equipment Presented in Challenges Presentation</p> <p>Capital Improvement Presented in Challenges Presentation</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">   </div> <p>Parks and Recreation Parks and Recreation Capital Improvement Capital Outlay 9.20.23</p>	<p>Lisa Goodwin Holli Browder Angelica Alexander</p>



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12	8/29/23	Toyia Tucker	<p><b><u>Parks and Recreation Update</u></b></p> <p>Give the council the amount required for capital improvements that are needed for parks and recreation, even if it's just an estimate. Make sure to prioritize the list for them.</p> <p><b><u>Response:</u></b></p> <p>Our Capital Improvement requests are provided each year in the budget process. Attached is a chart showing those requests and the costs associated.</p> <p>Capital Outlay request Presented in Challenges Presentation. Attached is the chart showing those requests and the costs associated.</p> <div>   </div> <p>Parks and Recreation Parks and Recreation Capital Outlay 9.20.23Capital Improvement</p>	Lisa Goodwin Holli Browder
13	8/29/23	Toyia Tucker	<p><b><u>Parks and Recreation Update</u></b></p> <p>Requests that we see if Ft Moore is willing to donate exercise equipment to our rec centers since we are in need of updated equipment</p>	Isaiah Hugley Lisa Goodwin Holli Browder

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			<b><u>Response:</u></b> We have reached out to Ft. Moore on two separate occasions, and they have not responded as of 9-20-23.	
14	8/29/23	Bruce Huff	<b><u>Parks and Recreation Update</u></b> Inquired whether the basketball courts and goals will be restriped, and nets replaced. The mentioned events are now looking for a 3-point line for outdoor courts. <b><u>Response:</u></b> We are currently pressure washing Fluellen to have it ready for painting. We will then continue approximately every two weeks on all other courts.	Lisa Goodwin Holli Browder
15	8/29/23	Charmaine Crabb	<b><u>Parks and Recreation Update</u></b> Requests that a day of work or weekend of work be coordinated for citizens in Heath Park <b><u>Response:</u></b> Councilor Crabb sent Holli an email on 9-18-23 stating that she had reached out to the homeowners association and would get back with us. As of 9-20-23, we have not heard back from Councilor Crabb.	Lisa Goodwin Holli Browder

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16	8/29/23	Toyia Tucker	<p><b><u>Parks and Recreation Update</u></b></p> <p>Would like an inventory of what's inside all of our parks and facilities and requests that Parks and recreation share their 5 year plan for their facilities and programs.</p> <p><b>COMPLETED</b></p> <p><b><u>Response:</u></b></p> <p>Columbus Parks and Recreation Facility Inventory attached.</p> <p>Parks and Recreation Master Plan is attached.</p> <div>   </div> <p>Parks and Recreation Columbus Parks and Center Inventory 9.20 Recreation Master Pla</p>	Lisa Goodwin Holli Browder
17	9/12/23	Toyia Tucker	<p><b><u>Community Reinvestment Audit</u></b></p> <p>Would like an update on the vision to remedy the underutilized Land Bank Authority</p> <p><b>COMPLETED</b></p> <p><b><u>Response:</u></b></p> <p>A Land Bank Authority Update will be provided at the next meeting</p>	Pam Hodge Robert Scott

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18	9/12/23	Tyson Begly	<p><b><u>Community Reinvestment Audit</u></b></p> <p>Would like to know the advantages of having multiple properties under one contract for the Land Bank.</p> <p><b>COMPLETED</b></p> <p><b><u>Response:</u></b></p> <p>There are no multiple properties under contract in the Land Bank Authority. Each property acquired is governed by a sales contract for the specific property being acquired. This is considered a better practice as the bureaucratic nature of real estate management requires distinct, specific documentation. While multiple properties under one contract is certainly permissible, it is not a practice the Land Bank Authority follows.</p>	Pam Hodge Robert Scott
19	9/12/23	Glenn Davis	<p><b><u>Community Reinvestment</u></b></p> <p>Requests an update on how we plan to remedy all of the issues found in the audit in Findings #2</p> <p><b>COMPLETED</b></p> <p><b><u>Response:</u></b></p> <p>A request for services is being developed to have an outside accounting firm assist with the reconciliation, Once completed, an update will be provided to City Council.</p>	Pam Hodge Robert Scott

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20	9/12/23	Toyia Tucker	<p><b><u>Community Reinvestment Audit</u></b></p> <p>Requests a follow-up for the next course of action on the second Tuesday in October.</p> <p><b>COMPLETED</b></p> <p><b><u>Response:</u></b></p> <p>A request for services is being developed to have an outside accounting firm assist with the reconciliation. Once completed, an update will be provided to City Council.</p>	Pam Hodge Robert Scott
21	9/12/23	Glenn Davis	<p><b><u>Authority Updates</u></b></p> <p>Requests updates from all of the Authorities, specifically an update from the Airport Authority.</p> <p><b>COMPLETED</b></p> <p><b><u>Response:</u></b></p> <p>There will be in update from the Airport Authority at the next council meeting. The other updates will come at a later time.</p>	Isaiah Hugley Pam Hodge
22	9/12/23	Glenn Davis	<p><b><u>Rail Road</u></b></p> <p>Would like for the City Manager to have staff look into seeing if we have ordinances that we can enforce on the railroads.</p>	Isaiah Hugley Pam Hodge Donna Newman

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			<p><b>COMPLETED</b></p> <p><u>Response:</u> Have met with GDOT and R/R representatives twice. Signs have been placed at some crossings. Working on short term and long term programs for improvements at crossings. Look to work on 9<sup>th</sup> Street crossing in October.</p>	
23	9/12/23	Tyson Begly	<p><u>Integrated Waste</u></p> <p>Requests a true financial analysis for the transition of leaving Amwaste</p> <p><u>Response:</u> The matter is still under review. A response will be provided soon.</p>	Pam Hodge Angelica Alexander Drale Short
24	9/12/23	Toyia Tucker	<p><u>Integrated Waste</u></p> <p>Would like to know where the phase-out plan can be found in the budget book?</p> <p><b>COMPLETED</b></p>	Pam Hodge Lisa Goodwin Angelica Alexander Drale Short


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			<p><b><u>Response:</u></b></p> <p>The Budget Presentation was shown at the previous council meeting that outlined the plan.</p>	
25	9/12/23	Toyia Tucker	<p><b><u>Integrated Waste</u></b></p> <p>Would like for us to bring back Macon's fee and compare it side by side .</p> <p><b>COMPLETED</b></p> <p><b><u>Response:</u></b></p> <p>The side by side comparison will be presented during the September 26, 2023 Council meeting.</p>	<p>Pam Hodge Lisa Goodwin Angelica Alexander Drale Short</p>
26	9/12/23	Glenn Davis	<p><b><u>Integrated Waste</u></b></p> <p>Would like to see a cost-benefit analysis on the integrated waste fees for automation.</p> <p><b><u>Response:</u></b></p> <p>The matter is still under review. A response will be provided soon.</p>	<p>Pam Hodge Angelica Alexander Lisa Goodwin Drale Short</p>

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27	9/12/23	Toyia Tucker	<p><u>Metra Dial-A-Ride Premium Service Update</u></p> <p>Requests a study on how many people actually ride Dial-A-Ride.</p> <p><b>Response:</b></p> <p>Please see Dial-A-Ride Ridership 9-12-2023 attachment.</p> <p> Dial-a-Ride Ridership 9-12-2023</p>	Lisa Goodwin Rosa Evans
28	9/12/23	Toyia Tucker	<p><u>Metra Dial-A-Ride Premium Service Update</u></p> <p>How many people do we deny for paratransit service?</p> <p><b>COMPLETED</b></p> <p><b>Response:</b></p> <p>There were 3 Denials in FY23 and 1 Denial in FY24 to date.</p>	Lisa Goodwin Rosa Evans



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29	9/12/23	Council	<p><b><u>Metra Dial-A-Ride Premium Service Update</u></b></p> <p>Requests that Director Evans email the information regarding premium service to them.</p> <p><b>COMPLETED</b></p> <p><b><u>Response:</u></b></p> <p>Please see Public Involvement in Transit= Decision-Making FTA.pdf and Complementary Paratransit Premium Service #1.pdf</p> <p><a href="https://www.transit.dot.gov/Public-Involvement">https://www.transit.dot.gov/Public-Involvement</a></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">         Public Involvement in Transit Decision-Making     </div> <div style="text-align: center;">         Complementary Paratransit Premium     </div> </div>	<p>Lisa Goodwin Rosa Evans</p>
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30	9/12/23	Judy Thomas	<p><b><u>Judicial Building</u></b></p> <p>Requests that Council Receives updates on the Judicial Center Regularly</p> <p><b><u>Response:</u></b></p> <p>The matter is still under review. A response will be provided soon.</p>	Pam Hodge Ryan Pruett
31	9/12/23	Bruce Huff	<p><b><u>Community Meeting</u></b></p> <p>Would like to have a follow-up community meeting with staff and the people in his district from the meeting that took place before COVID at M.L. Harris United Methodist Church</p> <p><b><u>Response:</u></b></p> <p>Will work with the Councilor to set a date for this community meeting.</p>	Lisa Goodwin

**File Attachments for Item:**

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

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

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



# Columbus, Georgia, Board of Tax Assessors

GEORGIA'S FIRST CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT

Item #1.

City Services Center  
3111 Citizens Way  
Columbus, GA 31906

Mailing Address:  
PO Box 1340  
Columbus, GA 31902

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Fax (706) 225-3800

## Board Members

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Lanita Sandifer Hicks  
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Todd A. Hammonds  
Assessor

Trey Carmack  
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Suzanne Widenhouse

## MINUTES #30-23

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Jayne Govar calls the Columbus, Georgia Board of Assessors' meeting to order on Monday, August 28, 2023, at 9:00 A.M.

### PRESENT ARE:

Chairman Jayne Govar  
Vice Chairman Trey Carmack  
Assessor Lanitra Sandifer Hicks  
Assessor Kathy Jones  
Chief Appraiser/Secretary Suzanne Widenhouse  
Recording Secretary Katrina Culpepper

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Assessor Jones motions to accept agenda with noted change. Assessor Sandifer Hicks seconds and the motion carries.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Vice Chairman Carmack motions to accept minutes as presented. Assessor Sandifer Hicks seconds and the motion carries.

At 9:06, Administrative Manager Leilani Floyd presents to the Board:

- Homestead - Signed & Approved.

At 9:09, Personal Property Manager Stacy Pollard presents to the Board:

- A4's - Signed & Approved.
- Late Filing - Signed & Approved.

At 9:14, Residential Division Property Manager Paul Borst presents to the Board:

- A4's - Signed & Approved. Assessor Sandifer Hicks recused herself from parcel #'s 013 027 005; 014 014 017; and 079 005 006.

At 9:21, Commercial Division Property Manager Jeff Milam presents to the Board:

- A4 Agenda - Signed & Approved.

"An Equal Opportunity / Affirmative Action Organization"

MEMBERS: Georgia Association of Assessors' National Association of Assessing Officials

At 9:24, Deputy Chief Appraiser Glen Thomason presents to the Board:

- Map Splits - #186 013 006; 006A - Signed & Approved.

At 9:31, Chief Appraiser Suzanne Widenhouse presents to the Board:

- Update regarding discussions with the Board of Education and City Council on appealing the sales ratio.

Reminder that there will be no board meeting next Monday due to the holiday.

At 9:53, Chairman Govar adjourns the meeting without any objections.

Suzanne Widenhouse  
Chief Appraiser/Secretary

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

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CHAIRMAN

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ASSESSOR

  
K. JONES  
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Suzanne Widenhouse

## MINUTES #31-23

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Jayne Govar calls the Columbus, Georgia Board of Assessors' meeting to order on Monday, September 11, 2023, at 9:00 A.M.

### PRESENT ARE:

Chairman Jayne Govar  
Vice Chairman Trey Carmack  
Assessor Lanitra Sandifer Hicks  
Assessor Kathy Jones  
Assessor Todd Hammonds  
Chief Appraiser/Secretary Suzanne Widenhouse  
Recording Secretary Katrina Culpepper

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Assessor Jones motions to accept agenda. Assessor Hammonds seconds and the motion carries.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Vice Chairman Carmack motions to accept minutes as presented. Assessor Jones seconds and the motion carries.

At 9:02, Chief Appraiser Widenhouse presents for Administrative Division to the Board:

- Homesteads - Signed & Approved.
- Appeal Certifications – no vote needed, placed into record.

At 9:06, Personal Property Manager Stacy Pollard presents to the Board:

- E&R - Signed & Approved.
- 2022 & 2023 Audit Results - Signed & Approved.
- Motor Vehicle Appeal – Signed & Approved.
- A4 Appeal – Signed & Approved.
- No Change Audit Results – no signature needed, placed into record.

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MEMBERS: Georgia Association of Assessors / National Association of Assessing Officials

At 9:16, Residential Division Property Manager Paul Borst presents to the Board:

- A4 Agenda - Signed & Approved.
- A2's – no signature needed, placed into record.
- Residential Admin Corrections - #063 049 005 & 050 004 004 – Signed & Approved.

At 9:55, Commercial Division Property Manager Jeff Milam presents to the Board:

- A4H Agenda Hearing Officer - # 005 010 001 pulled to resubmit @ later date. All others Signed & Approved. Assessor Hammonds recused himself from # 007 006 003. Assessor Sandifer Hicks recused herself from parcel #008 009 003 & 004. Vice Chairman Carmack recused himself from parcel # 017 023 013 & 016.

At 10:11, Deputy Chief Appraiser Glen Thomason presents to the Board:

- Map Splits - #099 008 022 & 024; 180 006 003 & 010 - Signed & Approved.
- Tax Distribution Split Correction - # 192 021 006A – Signed & Approved.

At 10:16, Chief Appraiser Suzanne Widenhouse presents to the Board:

- Taxpayer Correction Update & Superior Court Update
- Request for Refund - Vice Chairman Carmack motions to deny request for refund for year 2020 and 2021 because of no authority. Assessor Sandifer Hicks seconds and the motion carries. Assessor Hammonds secondly motions to deny request for refund for year 2022 due to appeal still being in process. Assessor Jones seconds and the motion carries.
- DOAA Appeal Status – letter of authorization signed by Chairman Govar.

At 10:48, Chairman Govar adjourns the meeting without any objections.


Suzanne Widenhouse  
Chief Appraiser/Secretary

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

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VICE CHAIRMAN

## **RAC Agenda Notes**

### **Region Six**

July 12, 2023

**Trisha Israel**

*Chairperson*

**Doris Aduze**

*Vice Chairperson*

**Linda Howard**

*Secretary*

### **Roll Call**

Trisha Israel called the meeting to order and began with a roll call. There were 14 participants present for today's meeting. The agenda and minutes from May 10 were approved after a motion was presented and seconded. Chairperson Trisha Israel, Vice Chairperson Doris Aduze, Secretary Linda Howard, and Alternate Janet Bussey were all filled, leaving one alternate position open.

### **DBHDD Reports**

Filling in for Valona Baldwin is Natalie Prater, with two updates:

#### **IDD/DD health**

1. The Federal Government will end the Public Health Emergency Appendix K by sunset on or near November 12, 2023.
2. The Comp Waiver program manual has been updated to include changes regarding Family Caregiver hire through Traditional DVA CD providers and CLS provisions within individual or family-owned homes when a family caregiver is hired.

#### **Behavior Health**

Ann Riley's update:

They are moving to a hybrid. The region field office in Region 6 started going back out to the field more, site visits, the crisis units, to outpatient clinics. They have been having in-person collaborative meetings. Ann shared that she has been back in the office a little over two months and has already visited 9 counties, as well as her staff. Working part-time, in the field part-time,



in the state office is moving back to a hybrid model. Ann shared that she is putting together some training classes for October at the West Central Georgia Regional Hospital. The training is free and offered to anyone who would like to come.

No further updates.

Valerie West and Cynthia Smith announced that this was their final meeting but will remain available to assist as needed. Valerie is a new trainer for Nominee National, training people for support groups.

Sabrina Manning-Prince will be talking with her county to see if she can be replaced because her schedule is full.

Trisha called the meeting to close. The meeting was motioned and seconded to adjourn.

**File Attachments for Item:**

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

**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:**

**Tiffani Stacy-** Interested in serving another term *(Mayor's Appointment)*

*(Resident Member)*

*Eligible to succeed*

Term Expires: November 16, 2023

*These are five-year terms. Board meets monthly.*

**Women: 3**

**Senatorial District 15: 4**

**Senatorial District 29: 3**

**COUNCIL APPOINTMENT- READY FOR CONFIRMATION:**

**LAND BANK AUTHORITY:** Ms. Jackie Leonard was nominated to succeed Mr. Lance Hemmings. *(Councilor Tucker's nominee)* Term expires: October 31, 2026

**LIBERTY THEATRE & CULTURAL ARTS CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:** Ms. Ku'Wonna Ingram was nominated to serve as a member on the newly created board. *(Councilor Huff's nominee)* Term Expires: August 14, 2027

**LIBERTY THEATRE & CULTURAL ARTS CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:** Ms. Delois Carr was nominated as the Civic Center Director's recommendation to serve as a member

on the newly created board. (*Civic Center Director's nominee*) Term Expires: August 14, 2027

**COUNCIL APPOINTMENT- VOTE TABULATION:**

**COLUMBUS GOLF COURSE AUTHORITY:**

**Stephanie Callahan**

*Seat declared vacant*

Term Expires: June 30, 2026

**Open for Nominations**

**(Council's Appointment)**

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

**Women: 0**

**Senatorial District 15: 3**

**Senatorial District 29: 5**

**Councilor Crabb nominated Ms. Karen Stewart and Councilor Davis nominated Mr. Gerald Miley for the vacant seat.**

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

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:**

**Chris Poirier**

**(Council District 2- Davis)**

*Resigned to accept another appointment*

**Term Expires: March 27, 2024**

**Sendreka Lakes**

**(Council District 9- Thomas)**

*Seat declared vacant*

**Term Expires: March 27, 2024**

**Councilor Thomas is nominating Mr. Mike Welch to fill the unexpired term of Ms. Sendreka Lakes.**

**COUNCIL’S CONFIRMATION– RECOMMENDATIONS FROM ORGANIZATIONS / AGENCIES:**

**UPTOWN FACADE BOARD:**

**Cesar Bautista**

**Open for Nominations**

**(Uptown Business Improvement Dist. Rep)**

**(Council’s Appointment)**

*Eligible to succeed*

**Term Expires: October 31, 2023**

**Robert Battle**

**Open for Nominations**

**(Uptown Business Improvement Dist. Rep)**

**(Council’s Appointment)**

*Not Eligible to succeed*

Term Expires: October 31, 2023

**Ramon Brown**

**Open for Nominations**

**(Uptown Columbus Inc. Rep)**

**(Council's Appointment)**

*Not Eligible to succeed*

Term Expires: October 31, 2023

**Wayne Bond**

**Open for Nominations**

**(Historic Columbus Foundation Rep)**

**(Council's Appointment)**

*Not Eligible to succeed*

Term Expires: October 31, 2023

***The respective organizations are making the following recommendations and may be confirmed on meeting date presented:***

**Uptown Business Improvement District and Uptown Columbus, Inc. are recommending the following: Mr. Cesar Bautista to serve another term; Mr. Norman Easterbrook to succeed Mr. Robert Battle and Ms. Evelyn Veloz to succeed Mr. Ramon Brown**

**Historic Columbus Foundation is recommending Mr. Frank Schley to succeed Mr. Wayne Bond.**

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**Women: 5**

**Senatorial District 15: 6**

**Senatorial District 29: 3**

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

**HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:**

**Warner Kennon, Jr.**

*Eligible to succeed*

Term Expires: November 14, 2023

**Open for Nominations**

**(Council's Nomination)**

**Sarah Banks-Lang**

*Eligible to succeed*

Term Expires: November 14, 2023

**Open for Nominations**

**(Council's Nomination)**

**Jennings Chester**

*Rotating off the authority*

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**Senatorial District 29: 2**

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

**ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD:**

**Jayne Dunn**

*Not Eligible to succeed*

Term Expires: October 15, 2023

**Open for Nominations**

**(Council's Appointment)**

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**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Board Appointments – Action Requested**

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Term Expires: October 31, 2023

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

**Ramon Brown**  
**(Uptown Columbus Inc. Rep)**

*Not Eligible to succeed*

Term Expires: October 31, 2023

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

**Wayne Bond**  
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**File Attachments for Item:**

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



# BUDGET REVIEW PROCESS - SUGGESTED CHANGES

Tyson Begly

“

A budget is telling your  
money where to go  
instead of wondering  
where it went.

DAVE RAMSEY



# DISCUSSION OUTLINE

Current Process

Current Issues

Suggested Improvements:

- Priority List
- List of session topics
- Templates

Benefits

FAQs

Summary

# WHAT IS THE CURRENT PROCESS?



CITY CREATES  
INITIAL  
DRAFT  
BUDGET

CITY COUNCIL  
REVIEWS  
DRAFT  
BUDGET

ADDITIONAL  
REQUESTS  
ARE  
PRESENTED

CITY COUNCIL  
APPROVES  
THE BUDGET



## UNCLEAR PRIORITIES

City Council reviews draft budget and requests but is unable to quickly change strategic direction.

## LIMITED SESSIONS TO DISCUSS

The timeline doesn't allow enough time for an in-depth review of all departments and changes.

## UNSTRUCTURED REQUESTS

Add requests are unique and not in a consistent format.

# WHAT ARE THE CURRENT ISSUES?

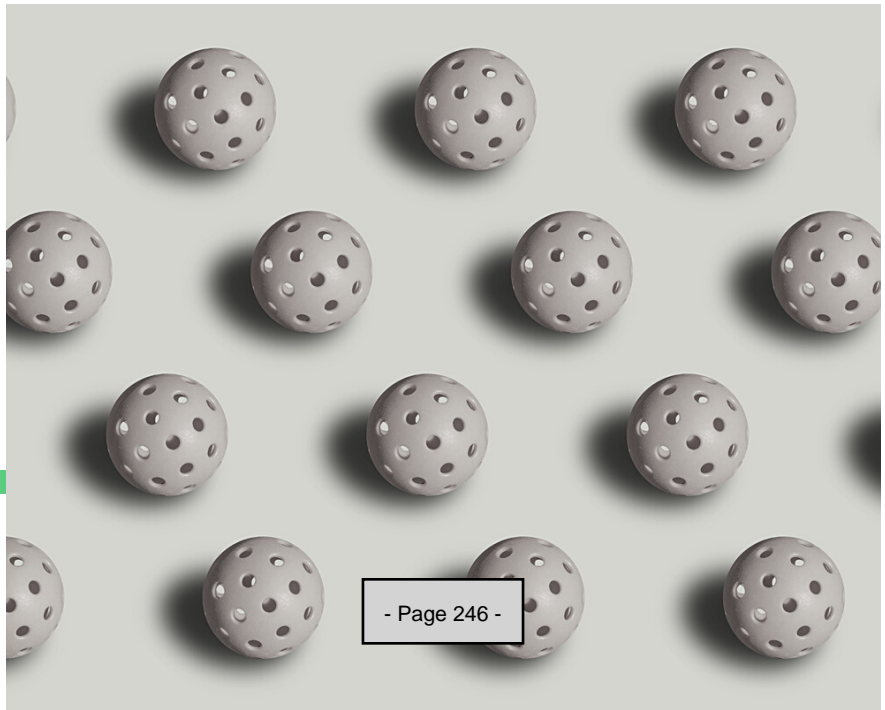


EARLY PRIORITY  
LIST FROM CITY  
COUNCIL



LIST OF EXPENSES  
TO REVIEW

3 Needed  
Updates



TEMPLATE FOR  
STANDARDIZED  
ADD REQUESTS

## IMPROVEMENTS COVERED IN NEXT 3 SLIDES

# NEXT 3 SLIDES: DETAILS OF THE SUGGESTED IMPROVEMENTS

- Priority list from City Council
- Defined list of expenses to review
- Template for standardized add requests





## AFTER MIDYEAR, THE BUDGET CHAIR TO EMAIL MAYOR WITH A LIST OF 3-5 PRIORITIES

Priorities should be strategic, such as areas to invest or cut expenses.

By communicating strategic priorities early, the Mayor has time to consider them as the budget is drafted.

Priorities should not contradict each other and should focus on capital improvements or one-time expenses.

# DEFINED PRIORITY LIST FROM CITY COUNCIL

## REVIEW SESSIONS TO INCLUDE SPECIFIC EXPENSE CATEGORIES AS SPECIFIED BY CITY COUNCIL

The budget chair to provide a list of expense categories to be reviewed in detail.

List of expense categories to review to be based on priority or due to a large increase or decrease from the previous year.

# LIST OF EXPENSES TO COVER IN SESSIONS

# TEMPLATE FOR STANDARDIZED ADD REQUESTS

## CITY COUNCIL TO PROVIDE A SUGGESTED TEMPLATE TO BE USED FOR ALL ADD REQUESTS

By using a standard template, City Council can quickly evaluate the requests and make decisions with limited further research.

Templates should include the following fields: Cost per unit, Total Cost, District(s) Affected, Grant Potential, Recurring/Non-Recurring, Headcount/Non-headcount, Contractual/Discretionary, General Fund Balance Days, ROI

## CLEAR PRIORITIES

The Mayor has clear input of priorities from City Council.

## SESSIONS ARE FOCUSED

Sessions are focused on expense categories that are important to Council.

## STRUCTURED REQUESTS

Add requests are in a consistent format to proactively answer City Council's questions.

# BENEFITS OF CHANGES

# FAQS

## DOES THIS AFFECT THE BUDGET PROCESS AS DEFINED IN THE CHARTER?

No. These are just suggested communications for City Council to provide.

## IS THE MAYOR OBLIGATED TO INCORPORATE?

No. The Mayor can consider the suggestions and incorporate them where appropriate. City Council is welcome to ask about anything that was not incorporated.



A vertical stack of five wooden blocks spelling 'RECAP' is positioned on the left side of the slide. To the left of the blocks, a black pen lies vertically. The background is split: the left half is dark grey with the blocks and pen, and the right half is a solid green color.

# SUMMARY

By communicating priorities, the list of expenses to review, and request templates, the budget process can better focus on the information that City Council wants to see.