

Council Members

R. Gary Allen
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Jerry 'Pops' Barnes
Glenn Davis

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

March 29, 2022
9:00 AM
Consent Agenda / Work Session

CONSENT AGENDA/WORK SESSION

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Rev. Adrian J. Chester. at Greater Beallwood Baptist Church of Columbus, Georgia

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Henderson

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the March 22, 2022 Council Meeting and Executive Session.

UPDATE:

2. An update on COVID-19

CONSENT AGENDA

ORDINANCE

1. **2nd Reading-** An ordinance extending the business and occupation tax licensing deadline established by local law for the year 2022; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem)

RESOLUTION

2. A Resolution cancelling the Council Meeting for May 24, 2022 and holding a regular business meeting on May 31, 2022, at 9:00 a.m., in lieu of a Council Consent Agenda / Work Session.

WORK SESSION AGENDA

- I. TSPLOST Update - Pam Hodge, Deputy City Manager
- II. Critical Vacancies Update - Reather Hollowell, Human Resources Director
- III. Standing Boy Creek State Park Update - Pam Hodge, Deputy City Manager

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File Attachments for Item:

1. Approval of minutes for the March 22, 2022 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

March 22, 2022
5:30 PM
Regular Meeting

M A Y O R ' S A G E N D A

PRESENT: Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III, and Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen and Councilors Jerry "Pops" Barnes (arrived at 5:39 p.m.), Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis (arrived at 5:37 p.m.), R. Walker Garrett, John M. House, Bruce Huff, Judy W. Thomas, Toyia Tucker and Evelyn "Mimi" Woodson (arrived at 6:02 p.m.). City Manager Isaiah Hugley, City Attorney Clifton Fay, Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis, and Deputy Clerk of Council Lindsey G. McLemore were present.

<p><u>The following documents were distributed to the members of Council:</u> (1) Information submitted by Ms. Beth Leatherwood, Re: CA#3; (2) Monthly Financial Snapshot (Unaudited) FY2022- February 2022; (3) TSPLOST Update</p>
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CALL TO ORDER: Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III, Presiding

INVOCATION: Offered by Rev. David L. Stallion, Sr. at Mount Pilgrim Baptist Church of Columbus, Georgia

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Henderson

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the March 8, 2022, Council Meeting and Executive Session. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Barnes, Davis and Woodson being absent for the vote.

UPDATE:

2. An update on COVID-19

Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson provided a brief update on the impact of COVID-19 on the community. He explained the hospitalization rate is currently at thirty-two and the positive cases are down to three.

PROCLAMATIONS:

3. **PROCLAMATION:** Child Abuse Prevention Month

RECEIVING: Exchange Club of Columbus

Councilor Charmaine Crabb read the proclamation into the record, proclaiming the month of April 2022 as *Child Abuse Prevention Month*, recognizing the Exchange Club of Columbus for their commitment to bring awareness to the prevention of child abuse in the community.

4. **PROCLAMATION:** Ride the Wave Championship Day
- RECEIVING:** Spencer High School Varsity Boys Basketball Team &
Coaching Staff

Councilor Bruce Huff read the first proclamation into the record, proclaiming Tuesday, March 22, 2022, as *Ride the Wave Championship Day*, recognizing the Spencer High School Varsity Boys Basketball Team for their win in the State Championship and their academic achievements.

Councilor Judy W. Thomas read the second proclamation into the record, proclaiming Tuesday, March 22, 2022, as *Ride the Wave Championship Day*, recognizing the Spencer High School Varsity Boys Basketball Team and coaching staff for winning the first Varsity Boys Basketball State Title for Spencer High School.

RESOLUTION:

5. **Resolution (079-22)** – A Resolution express our deep appreciation to Frank Morast, former President of the Hospital Authority of Columbus, Georgia, for his thirty years of service to the Columbus Consolidated Government. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the nine members present with Councilor Woodson being absent for the vote.

MAY MEETING SCHEDULE:

Councilor Thomas made a motion to cancel the May 24, 2022, Regular Council Meeting and change the May 31, 2022, Consent Agenda/Work Session into a Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

CITY ATTORNEY’S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

1. **Ordinance (22-015) - 2nd Reading-** REZN-01-22-0072: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **2947 Mimosa Street** (parcel # 067-046-010) from NC (Neighborhood Commercial) Zoning District to SFR3 (Single Family Residential 3) Zoning District. Planning Department and PAC recommend approval. (Councilor Huff) Councilor Huff made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members present.
2. **Ordinance (22-016) - 2nd Reading-** An Ordinance amending Chapter 13 of the Columbus Code to revise Section 13-109 to prohibit maintaining a swimming pool in a manner that causes a health hazard or noxious odors; and for other purposes. (Councilor Barnes) Councilor Barnes made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members present.
3. **1st Reading-** REZN-11-21-2154: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia to change certain boundaries of a district located at 0 Old Guard Road (parcel # 079-001-001) from RE1 (Residential Estate 1) Zoning District to SFR4 (Single Family Residential 4) Zoning District. (Planning Department recommends denial, and PAC recommends approval subject to school and traffic study.) (Councilor Davis) Councilor

Davis made a motion to amend the ordinance to include a condition requiring the developer to adhere to the site plan as presented, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the ten members present. Councilor Crabb made a motion to require the developer to install sidewalks on the outside of entry adjacent to Old Guard Road on the developer's property, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members present. Councilor Crabb made a motion to require the developer to include age specific language in deeds issued for properties located inside the gated community, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

Attorney Austin Gibson (Page, Scrantom, Sprouse, Tucker & Ford) approached the rostrum representing the owners of the property, Banana Bay, LLC. He explained the purpose for the rezoning request is to develop a gate community geared toward fifty-five and older residents, with one hundred fifteen single family homes on quarter to half acre lots on thirty of the total fifty acres being developed. He also agreed to the conditions incorporated into the proposed rezoning ordinance. He further agreed to draft the condition as provided by Councilor Davis to send to the City Attorney for his approval.

Agent Kel Bowers (Banana Bay, LLC) came forward to provide information on the plans for one hundred fifteen age focused single family units with dedicated yard space on the fifty-acre property located on Old Guard Road. He explained Columbus has a need for housing for the fifty-five and older age group that does not need homes assistance and prefers not to live in apartment buildings. He stated this age focused development would include amenities targeting seniors, limit school impact in the area, and would provide a major property tax increase for the City of Columbus.

Councilor Glenn Davis explained the property will need to be developed eventually and he believes what has been presented is an attractive idea. He stated there are times Council approves an ordinance rezoning a property based on the site plans that are presented, but later something happens causing the development to take a different route than what was initially presented; for this reason, he will be asking for a condition to require the developer to adhere to the site plan as presented to protect the residents in that area.

Planning Director Rick Jones approached the rostrum to provide the reasons for the recommendation for denial from the Planning Department. He explained the traffic impact a development of this size would have on the area is the reason for his recommendation. He stated the Planning Advisory Council requested a traffic impact study from the developer, and without this information, they are not comfortable with making assumptions on the development not having a significant impact on the already congested traffic in the area during the school year.

Senior Director James "Ward" Odom (Muscogee County School District, Operations and Facilities) came forward to represent the school district in this matter. He explained the district is concerned about the impact on traffic this development would have on Veterans Middle School and Northside Elementary School.

Ms. Beth Leatherwood came forward to speak in opposition of the proposed rezoning. She explained they own property adjacent to this property in question and voiced her concerns regarding the traffic from the two schools on Old Guard Road.

Mr. Brett Leatherwood came forward to speak in opposition of the proposed rezoning. He expressed his concerns with similar developments being permitted in the area if this rezoning is approved.

Mr. Paul Olson came forward to speak on the proposed rezoning. He suggested the HOA (Homeowners Association) for the development to include in their bylaws to prohibit subletting to meet the requirement of residents being fifty-five or older.

4. **1st Reading-** An ordinance providing for the demolition of various structures located at: **1000 Peachtree Drive** (Working With Houses LLC, Owner); **2816 Baldwin Street** (Joe & Lucinda

Collier, C/O Charlie Collier, Owner); **600 8th Street** (Phillip & Thomas Real Estate Holding LLC, Owner); **27 Munson Drive** (Alpeshkumar Patel, Owner); **3822 3rd Avenue** (Lange Realty LLC, Owner); **1502 Virginia Street** (Ed M Wohlwender Jr, Owner); **2600 14th Avenue** (Dennis R Deal, Owner); **167 Munson Drive** (Geraldine Toler Owens, Owner); **3232 Urban Avenue** (Isabelle Spence, Owner); **2315 Hamilton Avenue** (Doug Mann, Owner); **909 Charleston Avenue** (Josephine W Banks Life Estate, Owner)(Mayor Pro-Tem)

Inspections & Code Director Ryan Pruett approached the rostrum to present information on various properties on the demolition list and answer questions asked by the members of Council present.

Ms. Yolanda Durbin (Grant Living, LLC) came forward to speak in opposition of the demolition of the property located at 1000 Peachtree Drive. She stated they are in the process of obtaining the permits necessary to begin renovating the property and are just awaiting the approval.

Ms. Fran Carpenter came forward to speak in opposition of the demolition of the property located at 600 8th Street as a resident in a historic district. She advised that she currently serves on the Historic & Architectural Review Board but is not speaking on behalf of the board. She then encouraged the members of Council to enforce codes that are in place to protect historic properties by not allowing demolition by neglect.

Mr. Chance Chancellor came forward to speak in opposition of the demolition of the property located at 600 8th Street as a resident in a historic district.

City Manager Isaiah Hugley stated he is particularly concerned about the property located at 600 8th Street. He explained that he drives by this property every day, and he recently saw a film crew in the dilapidated building. He stated he worries children will possibly play inside the dilapidated building and get injured.

Mr. Justin Lang came forward to speak in opposition of the demolition of the property located at 3822 3rd Avenue as the owner of the property. He explained realistically he would need two years to get the property renovated. He stated if he is not able to get the time he needs, he respectfully asks for ninety days to get the property sold.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE INSPECTIONS & CODE DIRECTOR:

- Check on the strip mall located on Victory Drive across from the Flea Market. (*Request of Councilor Davis*)
- Check on the house on the north corner of Brown Avenue and Amos Street. (*Request of Councilor Huff*)

5. **1st Reading-** An ordinance extending the business and occupation tax licensing deadline established by local law for the year 2022; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem)

Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen explained this extension was allowed last year and he believes it is only right to allow it again this year to help the local businesses.

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Mr. Ladarius Colbert, Re: A social complaint to bring forth an issue of occurrence within the Muscogee County criminal court system. ***Not Present***
2. Ms. Jessica Palmer, Re: Citizen safety. ***Not Present***

3. Mr. Paul S. Olson, Re: 1) The Mayor's Biography on city website, 2) City's purchase of Synovus building and 3) Double roundabout intersection of Lynch Road and Highway 80 and intersection end of Macon Road and Highway 80.

Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge came forward to provide a presentation that was originally shown at the September 28, 2021, Council Meeting giving information on the acquisition of the Synovus properties. She explained there is 249,350 square feet of administrative space within the four buildings, a 634-space parking facility, and furniture was purchased for \$24.5 million.

4. Mr. Jerome Lawson, representing Twist Skillit LLC, Re: The ARP funding eligibility need for clarity.

Community Reinvestment Director Rob Scott came forward to respond to questions asked by the members of Council present. He explained one of the requirements of businesses listed on the ARP Grant Application is for the business to have obtained a business license on or before March 1, 2019. He stated that Mr. Lawson obtained a business license on March 18, 2019, but he did ask for an exception for Mr. Lawson's application; however, the exception was not granted. He explained application review committee did say if there are any remaining funds at the end of the grant process, Mr. Lawson's application would be considered.

In response to a question of Councilor House regarding the dates, Community Reinvestment Director Scott explained that at the time this grant process was developed, the ARP final ruling had not come out; therefore, we were following interim regulations to get the product out to the community.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Subrecipient Agreement with the Columbus Department of Public Health for Cure Violence Columbus

Resolution (080-22): A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a memorandum of agreement with the Columbus Department of Public Health to fund the Cure Violence Columbus Initiative for an award amount up to \$500,000.00 to address community violence exacerbated by the COVID-19 Pandemic. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

Cure Violence Co-Founder Reggie Lewis approached the rostrum to provide a response to questions asked by members of Council. He explained the system that Cure Violence Columbus will be using will provide a report based on the information entered in their database, to include costs associated with each case.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Let's determine how we can track and measure the productivity and the progress. (*Request of Councilor Davis*)

2. Street Acceptance – That portion of Ripple Ridge located in Section Three, Creekrise

Resolution (081-22): A Resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, authorizing the acceptance of a deed to that portion of Ripple Ridge located in Section Three, Creekrise on behalf of Columbus, Georgia. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

3. Street Acceptance – That portion of Pine Chase Drive, that portion of Long Leaf Pine Drive and that portion of Pine Tar Drive located in Section Eighteen, Garrett Pines

Resolution (082-22): A Resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, authorizing the acceptance of a deed to that portion of Pine Chase Drive, that portion of Long Leaf Drive and that portion of Pine Tar Drive located in Section Eighteen, Garrett Pines on behalf of Columbus, Georgia. Councilor House made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

4. Purchase of 5212 Ray Drive, Columbus, Georgia 31904

Resolution (083-22): A Resolution authorizing the purchase of property located at 5212 Ray Drive, Columbus, Georgia 31904 to include all damage claims of Mary Lou Norwood. Councilor House made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

5. Risk Management Donations for Worker's Compensation Seminar for Public Entities

Resolution (084-22): A Resolution authorizing the City to approve and accept financial donations from external organizations and business to offset the costs of presenting a worker's compensation seminar for public entities. Councilor House made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

6. Acquisition of 19 land parcels from Snyder's-Lance located on 8th Ave., 9th Ave, and 9th St.

Resolution (085-22): A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a purchase and sale agreement with Snyder's-Lance to purchase 19 properties for the expansion of development opportunities. Councilor House made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

7. Georgia Traffic Incident Management Enhancement (TIME) Task Force Grant

Resolution (086-22): A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to approve the grant application for equipment in the amount of \$12,642.75, or as otherwise awarded, for Georgia Traffic Incident Management Enhancement (TIME) Task Force Grant. Funds requested in the amount of \$12,642.75 does not require any matching funding. The multi-governmental fund will be amended by the amount of the award. Equipment requested will be 100 tear-away safety vests, 200 personal warning safety lights, and 25 LED safety batons. Councilor House made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

8. PORCH (Providing Overdose Reversal to give Columbus Hope) Project Grant

Resolution (087-22): A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit and if approved, accept a grant of \$2,000,000 or as otherwise awarded from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to fund the Porch Project from October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2026 with no match requirement and also authorizing Dr. Andrew Cox as the sole provider for evaluation of the program and to amend the multi-governmental fund by the award amount. Councilor House made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

9. Mott's Green Additional Funding

Resolution (088-22): A Resolution authorizing the use of Federal Z230 Funds to reconstruct and refurbish the area known as Mott's Green with an estimated local match of \$103,400 and execute a GDOT contract amendment and other documents to complete the project. Councilor House made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

10. PURCHASES

A. Traffic Safety Equipment (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 22-0014

Resolution (089-22): A Resolution authorizing the purchase of traffic safety equipment from Bullseye Equipment and Supply, LLC (Moncks Corner, SC) for the estimated annual contract value of \$86,044.169. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

B. Fiber Contractor Services (Re-Bid) (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 22-0030

Resolution (090-22): A Resolution authorizing the execution of an annual contract with Bigham Cable Construction (Smiths Station, AL), for the provision of fiber contractor services on an "as needed" basis. The Information Technology Department has been allocated \$2,000,000.00 from the American Rescue Plan (ARP) for the initial purchases from this contract to connect some city buildings to a new main distribution point at the Citizens Services Center. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

C. Adoption of GDOT Procurement Policy for the Procurement Management and Administration of Engineering and Design-Related Consultant Services

Resolution (091-22): A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign a letter of agreement to adopt the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) Policy for the procurement, management and administration of engineering and design-related consultant services that are federally funded and administered by GDOT. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

D. Payment for Dialysis Treatment for Muscogee County Jail Inmates

Resolution (092-22): A Resolution authorizing payment to Dialysis Clinic, Inc. (Columbus, GA) in the amount of \$65,450.00, for inmates requiring dialysis treatment; and authorizing future payments to the vendor for dialysis treatment. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

E. Avanan Harmony Email & Collaboration Advanced Software for Information Technology – Georgia Statewide Contract

Resolution (093-22): A Resolution authorizing the purchase of Avanan email and collaboration advanced software from SHI International Corporation (Somerset, NJ), in the amount of \$77,760.00 via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-SPD-SPD0000060-0003. It is also requested that Council approve payment for the annual subscription and maintenance fees in subsequent years. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

11. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Monthly Finance Update - Angelica Alexander, Finance Director

Finance Director Angelica Alexander approached the rostrum to provide a monthly finance update for the FY 2022 Budget ending February 2022.

B. TSPLOST Update on Public Meetings - Pam Hodge, Deputy City Manager

Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge came forward to provide an update on various TSPLOST projects for our region. She explained the City of Columbus was part of the River Valley Regional Commission where there were twenty-three planned projects, with eight projects ongoing and twelve being completed. The public meeting dates for the upcoming TSPLOST for the citizens to consider when voting on May 24, 2022 were provided.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR DEPUTY CITY MANAGER HODGE:

- Plan a meeting on the northside of town. (*Request of Councilor Davis*)

BID ADVERTISEMENT

March 23, 2022

1. Stretcher Preventative Maintenance for Fire & EMS Dept (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 22-0029

Scope of Bid

Upon notification by Columbus Fire and EMS, the successful vendor shall provide preventive maintenance service on an annual basis for the department stretchers, stair chairs and cot fastening systems, to include future implementation of the Stryker powerload system. Costs for labor for repairs outside of preventive maintenance shall include price listing of replacement parts related to the stretchers, stair chairs and cot fastening systems, both manual and powerload.

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

CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

1. Minutes of the following boards:

Animal Control Advisory Board, January 12, 2022

Board of Tax Assessors, #07-22 and #08-22

Board of Water Commissioners, February 14, 2022

Board of Zoning Appeals, December 1, 2021 and February 2, 2022

Hospital Authority of Columbus, January 25, 2022

Housing Authority of Columbus, January 19, 2022

Public Safety Advisory Commission, February 17, 2022

River Valley Regional Council, February 23, 2022

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

BOARD APPOINTMENTS- ACTION REQUESTED:

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

A. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:

A nominee for the seat of Reverend Joseph Baker (*Not eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on March 27, 2022, on the Community Development Advisory Council (*Mayor's Appointment*). Mayor Henderson nominated Armando Fernandez to succeed Reverend Joseph Baker on the Community Development Advisory Council. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

B. CONVENTION & VISITORS BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

A nominee for the seat of Amish Das (*Resigned*) for a term expiring on December 31, 2023, as a representative of the Hotel/Motel Industry on the Convention & Visitors Board of Commissioners (*Mayor's Appointment*). Mayor Henderson nominated Pace Halter to fill the unexpired term of Amish Das on the Convention & Visitors Board of Commissioners. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

3. COUNCIL'S APPOINTMENT- READY FOR CONFIRMATION:

A. ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD: Mr. Raymond Culpepper was nominated to serve another term of office. (*Councilor Huff's nominee*) Term expires: April 11, 2024. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

B. ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD: Ms. Sabine Stull was nominated to serve another term of office as the Animal Rescue representative. (*Councilor Huff's nominee*) Term expires: April 11, 2024. Councilor Huff made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

C. ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD: Ms. Courtney Pierce was nominated to serve another term of office as the PAWS Humane Society representative. (*Councilor Huff's nominee*) Term expires: April 11, 2024. Councilor Huff made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

D. DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: Mr. Dallis Copeland was nominated to serve another term of office. (*Mayor Pro Tem Allen's nominee*) Term expires: April 30, 2026. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

E. DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: Mr. Tyson Begley was nominated to succeed Mr. Alfred Blackmar. (*Councilor Garrett's nominee*) Term expires: April 30, 2026. Councilor House made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

F. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS COMMITTEE: Ms. Holli Browder was nominated to serve another term of office in the Department Director / Assistant Director seat. (*Councilor Huff's nominee*) Term expires: April 30, 2025. Councilor Huff made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

G. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS COMMITTEE: Ms. Nancy Boren was nominated to serve another term of office in the Department Director / Assistant Director seat. (*Councilor Huff's nominee*) Term expires: April 30, 2025. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the ten members present

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

A. CIVIC CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of Roeaster Coles (*Not Eligible to serve another term*) for a term that expired on March 1, 2022, as the District 3 Representative on the Civic Center Advisory Board (*District 3 – Huff*). Councilor Huff nominated Reverend Gregory Blue to succeed Roeaster Coles on the Civic Center Advisory Council. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

B. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:

A nominee for the seat of Tamika McKenzie (*No longer resident of CD5*) for a term expiring on March 27, 2022, as the District 5 Representative on the Community Development Advisory Council (*District 5 – Crabb*). Councilor Crabb nominated Michael Ernest to succeed Tamika McKenzie on the Community Development Advisory Council. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

5. COUNCIL'S APPOINTMENTS- ANY NOMINATIONS WOULD BE LISTED FOR THE NEXT MEETING:

A. ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of Lindsay Ellis (*No longer a resident*) for a term expiring on October 15, 2023, on the Animal Control Advisory Board (*Council's Appointment*). Clerk Davis advised that Councilor Garrett is nominating Ms. Patricia Montgomery to succeed Ms. Lindsay Ellis.

B. HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of Cathy Williams (*Not Eligible to succeed*) as the Historic Columbus Foundation Representative for a term that expires on January 31, 2022, on the Historic & Architectural Review Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Henderson entertained a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss matters of litigation and personnel as requested earlier in the meeting by City Attorney Fay. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members present, with the time being 10:04 p.m.

The regular meeting reconvened at 10:21 p.m., at which time, Mayor Henderson announced that the Council did meet in executive session to discuss matters of litigation and personnel; 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 March 22, 2022, Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the ten members present, with the time being 10:22 p.m.

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

File Attachments for Item:

1. 2nd Reading- An ordinance extending the business and occupation tax licensing deadline established by local law for the year 2022; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem)

ORDINANCE**NO. _____**

An ordinance extending the business and occupation tax licensing deadline established by local law for the year 2022; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, the United States and Columbus, Georgia, specifically have continued to feel the economic effects of the National Public Health Emergency created due to the COVID-19 virus and its subsequent variants; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Georgia continues to declare monthly a Declaration of State of Emergency for Continued COVID-19 Economic Recovery in Georgia on June 30, 2021, and has continued to extend that State of Emergency through the present;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council desire to extend the 2022 business license tax deadline to June 1, 2022, due to the continued COVID 19 pandemic and the resulting economic hardship.

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of Columbus, Georgia, hereby ordains as follows:

Section 1.

The Mayor and Council adopt and make the findings discussed in the “Whereas” paragraphs the factual findings of the Council.

Section 2.

The April 1 deadline for obtaining business licenses and paying any business occupational tax as required by Columbus Code Sections 19-47 and 19-53 for the year 2022 is hereby extended from April 1, 2022, to June 1, 2022.

Section 3.

Occupation taxes remaining due for any prior tax year are not affected by this extension and shall remain due and payable with penalties and interest from their due date.

Section 4.

This ordinance shall become effective as of April 1, 2022.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 22nd day of March, 2022, introduced a second time at a regular meeting of said Council held on the ____ day of _____, 2022 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting _____.
Councilor Barnes	voting _____.
Councilor Crabb	voting _____.
Councilor Davis	voting _____.
Councilor Garrett	voting _____.
Councilor House	voting _____.
Councilor Huff	voting _____.
Councilor Thomas	voting _____.
Councilor Tucker	voting _____.
Councilor Woodson	voting _____.

Sandra T. Davis
Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson, III
Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

2. A Resolution cancelling the Council Meeting for May 24, 2022 and holding a regular business meeting on May 31, 2022, at 9:00 a.m., in lieu of a Council Consent Agenda / Work Session.

RESOLUTION**NO. _____**

A Resolution cancelling the Council Meeting for May 24, 2022 and holding a regular business meeting on May 31, 2022, at 9:00 a.m., in lieu of a Council Consent Agenda / Work Session.

WHEREAS, regular Council meetings shall commence at the time or times as set forth in the rules of procedures by the Council of Columbus, Georgia; and,

WHEREAS, the Council desires to make a change in its regular meeting schedule by cancelling the May 24, 2022 Meeting and holding a regular business meeting on May 31, 2022 in lieu of a Council Consent Agenda / Work Session; and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 3-103 of the Charter, the Council may, by majority vote of the Council at least seven days prior to the meeting cancel a regularly scheduled meeting.

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

To ratify the results of a vote taken on March 22, 2022 by cancelling the May 24, 2022 Meeting and holding a regular business meeting on May 31, 2022, at 9:00 a.m., in lieu of a Council Consent Agenda / Work Session.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 29th day of March 2022 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting _____
Councilor Barnes	voting _____
Councilor Crabb	voting _____
Councilor Davis	voting _____
Councilor Garrett	voting _____
Councilor House	voting _____
Councilor Huff	voting _____
Councilor Thomas	voting _____
Councilor Tucker	voting _____
Councilor Woodson	voting _____

Sandra T. Davis
 Clerk of Council

B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III
 Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

I. TSPLOST Update - Pam Hodge, Deputy City Manager

Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax Update

March 22, 2022 City Council Meeting

TIA Regions



River Valley Project List

Total Projects: **23**

Projects Under Construction: **8**

Projects Completed: **12**

Original Approved Budget (2011 Dollars): **\$410,754,730.00**

Total Expenditure to Date: **\$189,957,669**

Heart of Georgia

Total Projects: **764**

Projects Under Construction: **81**

Projects Completed: **582**

Original Approved Budget (2011 Dollars): **\$366,631,175.00**

Total Expenditure to Date: **\$132,415,714**

Central Savannah River Area

Total Projects: **84**

Projects Under Construction: **18**

Projects Completed: **52**

Original Approved Budget (2011 Dollars): **\$713,019,813.00**

Total Expenditure to Date: **\$254,878,848**

Southern Georgia

Total Projects: **151**

Projects Under Construction: **24**

Projects Completed: **42**

Original Approved Budget (2017 Dollars): **\$408,763,452.19**

Total Expenditure to Date: **\$32,296,655**

2012 TSPLOST

RiverWalk:
\$10.0 million



2012 TSPLOST

Follow Me Trail:
\$3.5 million



2012 TSPLOST

US 27/Custer:
\$20.0 million



2012 TSPLOST

METRA:
\$22.4 million



2012 TSPLOST

Buena Vista
Spiderweb:
\$40.0 million



2012 TSPLOST

I-85/Buena Vista
Road Interchange
\$47.7 million



2012 TSPLOST

Cusseta
Interchange:
\$58 million



2012 TSPLOST Harris/Muscogee Joint Projects

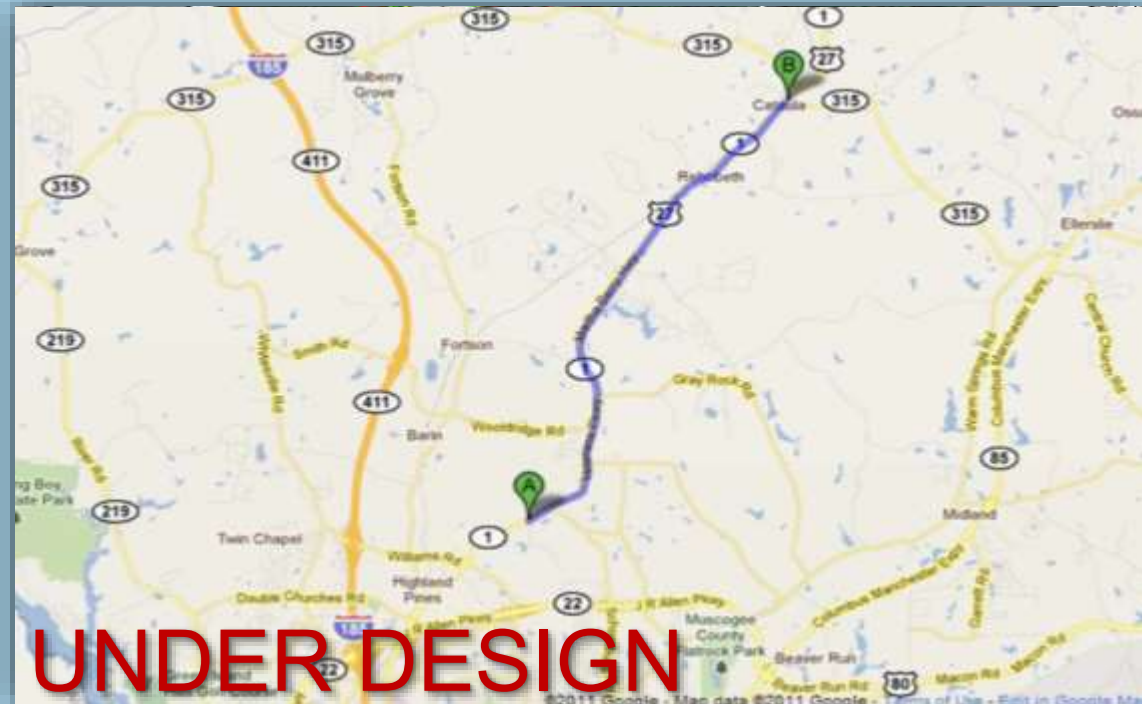
SR 219:
\$17.7 million



2012 TSPLOST

Harris/Muscogee Joint Projects

SR1/US 27
Widening:
\$40.0 million



2012 TSPLOST Discretionary Funds Received FY14-FY21 = \$22.475 million

Project	Allocation
Resurfacing (approximately 27 miles)	\$6.755 million
Boxwood Blvd Bridge Replacement	\$1.26 million
Benning Drive Bridge	\$1.4 million
Claradon Bridge	\$700,000
Morris Road Bridge	\$1,500,000
Warm Springs Road Culvert *	\$867,000
Victory Drive Improvements	\$409,000
Traffic Calming	\$500,000
Double Churches Park Parking	\$244,000
Psalmond Road Signal *	\$144,000

* = Partial funding

2012 TSPLOST Discretionary Funds

Project	Allocation
River Road / J. R. Allen Signal	\$110,000
Victory Drive / 10 th Ave. Signal	\$40,000
Reese Road Bridge *	\$1.68 million
Dragonfly Trail Matching Funds	\$1.998 million
Sidewalks	\$500,000
Infantry Road and Trail Match	\$300,000
Mott's Green Match	\$200,000
Guardrails	\$400,000
Total TSPLOST Discretionary Funds Allocated	\$19,007,000

* = Partial funding

PROPOSED TSPLOST 2023

- Final Investment List
 - 10 Year Forecast (2023-2032)
\$664,868,521.70
 - 75% of Total Projections
\$498,651,391.27
 - Local Discretionary 25%
\$166,217,130.42
 - Administration of the Program 4% \$19,707,368.60
 - Reduction due to Inflation 3%
\$79,083,060.18
 - Present Value for Investment List
\$399,860,962.50

2022 Proposed TSPLIST Projects

Band	Project	Cost Estimate
1	Riverwalk Repaving	\$12,500,000
1	Steam Mill Road Improvements	\$22,500,000
1	Whitesville Road Widening	\$12,800,000
1	Buena Vista Road Corridor Improvements	\$10,700,000
1	South Lumpkin Road Streetscapes	\$10,100,000
1	University Avenue Road Diet/Streetscapes	\$6,000,000
1	13th Ave/17th St/Linwood	\$6,650,000
1	Liberty Theater Block Enhancement (8 th Ave,)	\$4,000,000
1	5th Avenue Connector	\$690,000
1	Andrews Road Improvements	\$6,800,000
1	...	\$2,000,000

2022 Proposed TSPLOST Projects

Band	Project	Cost Estimate
2	Second Avenue Streetscapes	\$18,200,000
2	JR Allen @ Schomburg and Blackmon*	\$11,300,000
2	Forrest Road Widening	\$15,400,000
2	Morris Road Improvements	\$12,000,000
3	Cusseta Road Widening	\$17,600,000
3	Williams Road Widening	\$18,700,000
3	Double Churches Road Improvements	\$12,200,000
3	County Line @ Mehaffey*	\$37,450,000
3	Bull Creek Dragonfly Trail Connector	\$8,400,000
Multi	Metra	\$25,000,000
2	Columbus Airport	\$25,000,000
*Partial funding by GDOT	TOTAL	\$303,190,000

PROPOSED TSPLOST 2023

- Final Investment List for Muscogee County
\$303,190,000*
- Estimated TSPLOST 2023 Discretionary
\$36,532,554.71
- TOTAL
\$339,722,554.71
- *Note: GDOT to contribute \$38.36 million
- Approval of TSPLOST reduces the local match
requirement for LMIC

TSPLOST SUMMARY

- 2012 TSPLOST Investment = \$201,600,000
- 2012 TSPLOST Joint Project Investment with Harris County = \$57,700,000
- 2012 TSPLOST Discretionary Estimate = \$27,470,000 (\$24,670,172.86 collected to date including interest)
- 2022 Proposed TSPLOST Investment = \$303,190,000 (GDOT to contribute \$38.36 million)
- 2022 Proposed Discretionary = \$36,532,554.71
- TOTAL if TSPLOST is approved = \$626,492,554.71
- Paving Fund, OLOST Infrastructure, Federal/State Grants, SPLOSTs and Private Contributions are also leveraged to fund Transportation related projects which are not included in this total.

PROPOSED 2023 TSPLOST Public Meetings

- Thursday, April 14th, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. (on CCGTV)
City Services Center, 3111 Citizens Way
- Monday, April 25th, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Shirley Winston Recreation Center, 5025 Steam Mill Road
- Thursday, April 28th, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Psalmound Road Recreation Center, 6550 Psalmound Road

QUESTIONS

File Attachments for Item:

II. Critical Vacancies Update - Reather Hollowell, Human Resources Director

Critical Vacancies Update

Recruitment & Retention Strategy

Columbus Consolidated Government

March 29, 2022

Item #11.





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Recruitment Strategy

- Jobs Advertised on:
 - CCG Career Opportunities webpage
 - Governmentjobs.com
 - Indeed.com
 - Glassdoor
 - Continuous job postings on 20 plus websites and publications including colleges and universities
- Hiring Fairs – Job Offers on the spot
 - Civic Center – April 27, 2022
 - Trade Center – May 3, 2022



Recruitment Strategy

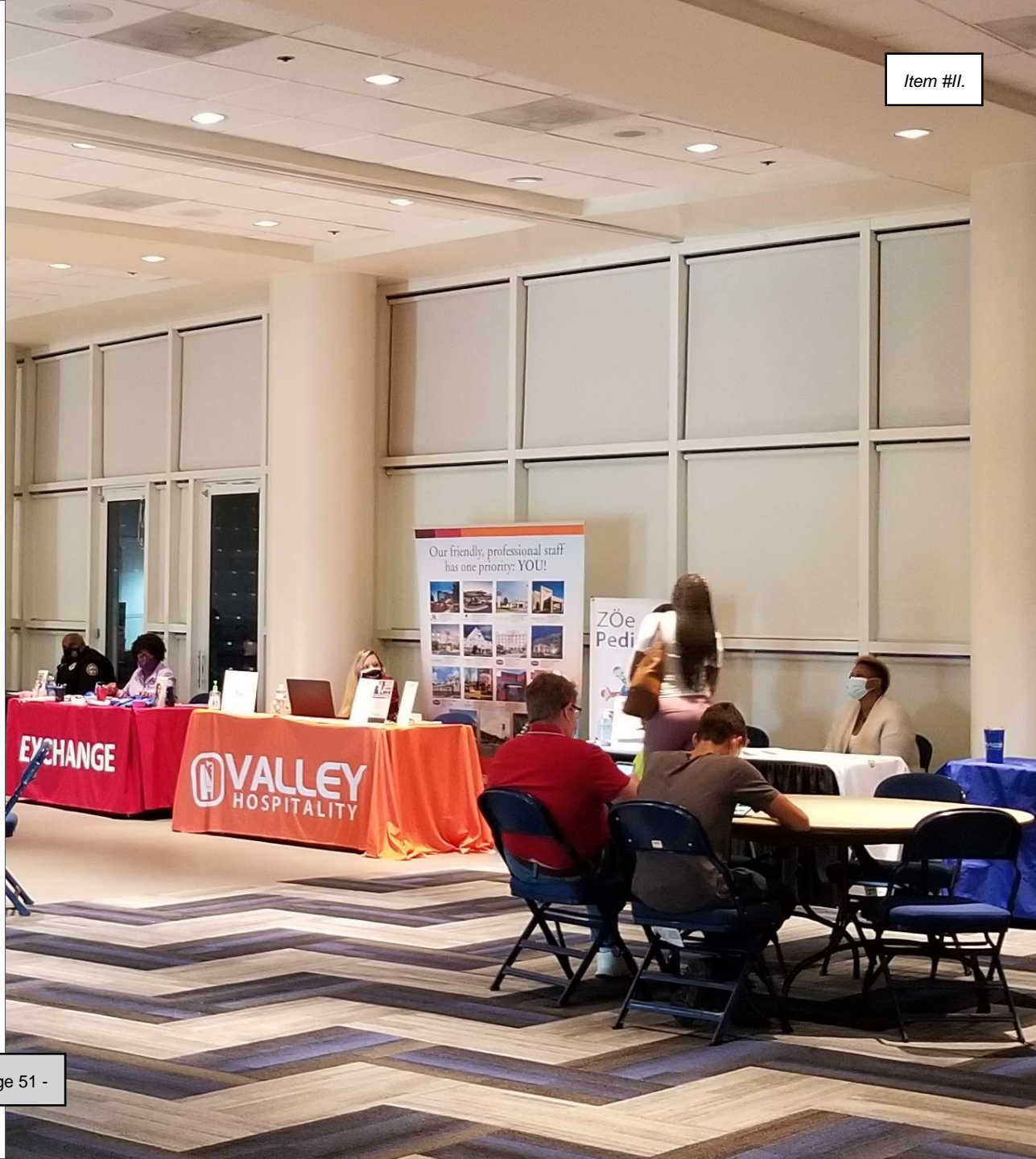
- Increasing presence with local colleges and universities
- Increasing social media footprint on Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, etc.
- Utilizing CCG-TV to promote career opportunities
- Advertising Career Opportunities on City Vehicles
- Civic Center Marquee and indoor signage
- Promoting CCG careers on local radio stations – PSAs, on air interviews
- Contracting with Temporary Agencies















UPCOMING HIRING EVENTS

Item #11.

Event	Date	Location
Georgia Southern University	March 30, 2022	Statesboro, Georgia
University of West Florida	April 6, 2022	Pensacola, Florida
Alabama State University	April 7, 2022	Virtual Event
Georgia Cities Week (Public Works)	April 27, 2022	Columbus, Georgia

Police Department Recruitment

- <https://www.columbusga.gov/police/Recruitment>
- <https://protectcolumbus.columbusga.gov/>
- <https://www.policeapp.com/Dispatcher-Columbus-Communications-Center-GA-Police-Officer-Jobs/823/>
- https://www.columbusga.gov/Portals/Police-4/pdfs/CLEA_APPLICATION.pdf





2022 Recruitment and Retention Incentive

*Police
Sheriff
MCP*

- **Recruitment of New Officers**
 - **\$5,000 Sign-On Bonus**
 - **\$2,500 every six months**
- **Retention of Current and New Officers**
\$6,000 Retention Bonus - \$1,500 Per Quarter
- *****Other Pay Incentives*****
 - **Post Certification Pay**
\$2,400
 - **Military Experience**
\$1,200
 - **Education Incentive**
\$1200 (BS) or \$2500 (MS) added to base pay
 - **Longevity Pay – Based on years of service**
\$1,000 to \$3,500



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File Attachments for Item:

III. Standing Boy Creek State Park Update - Pam Hodge, Deputy City Manager

Standing Boy Creek State Park Update

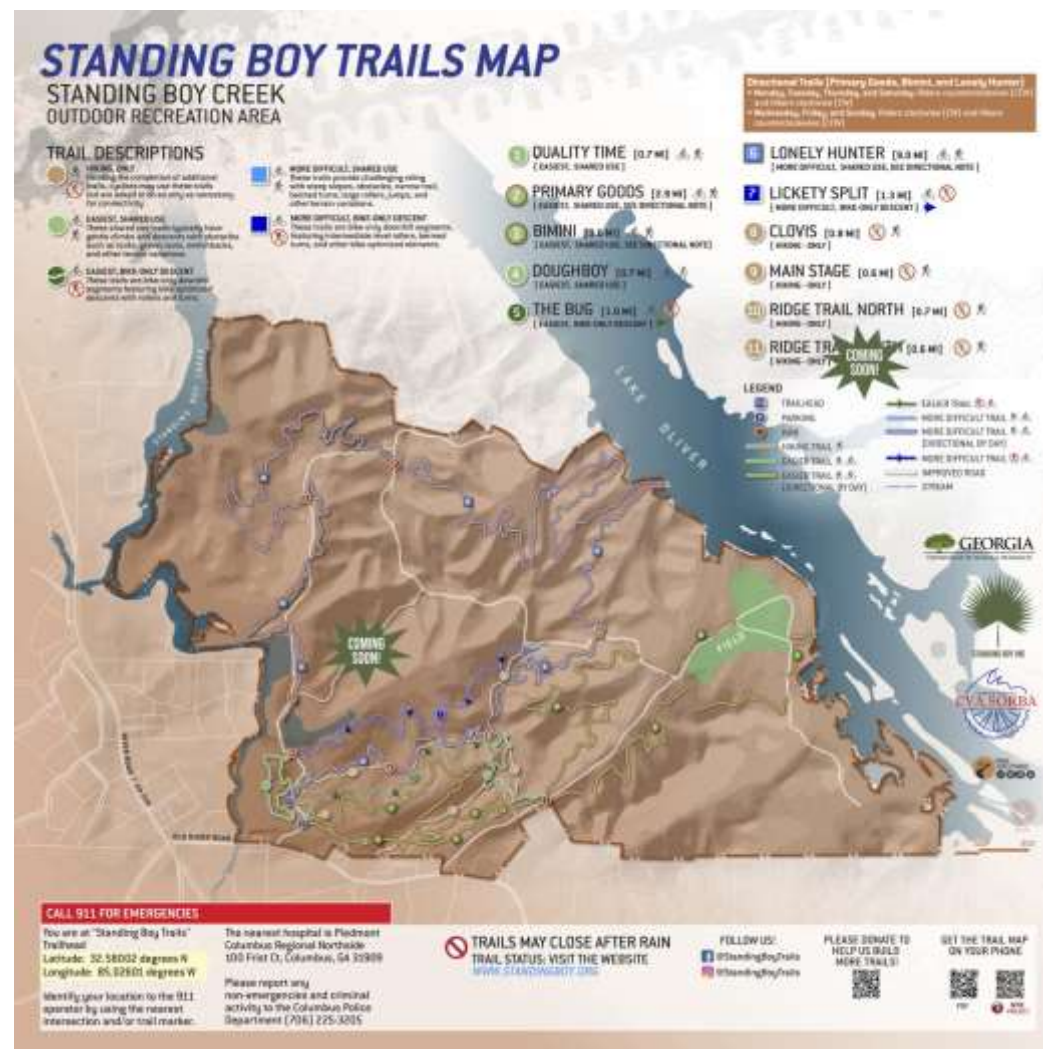
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Standing Boy Creek State Park

- 1,580 acres off the shores of Lake Oliver
- Located at 1701 Old River Road
- Owned by the State of Georgia
- Operated by Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR)
- Activities offered: Hiking, Mountain Biking, Hunting (Limited), Fishing, Birding

Standing Boy Creek State Park

- Standing Boy, Inc. (SBI) – 501(c)3 organization, Chair Blake Melton
 - Began discussions with DNR in 2015
 - Private funds to develop a Trail Network Master Plan
 - Private funds to begin implementation of the Master Plan
 - Presentation to City Council on August 13, 2019
 - www.standingboy.org



Draft Intergovernmental Agreement with DNR

- Under development
- Requires the city to be party to the agreement
- SBI will manage the park and trail system

Key Factors in the Agreement

- Lease Term
- Hours of Operation
- Permitted uses of the park
- Hunting
- Parking Fees and Revenue
- Responsibilities of the Parties
- Participation of the Columbus Water Works regarding the Access Road
- Liability and Insurance

City of Columbus

- Proposed Responsibilities
 - Standard law enforcement and emergency response
 - Assistance with grants (no financial obligation)



QUESTIONS