

Council Members

R. Gary Allen
Charmaine Crabb

Travis L. Chambers
Glenn Davis

Byron Hickey
Bruce Huff

R. Walker Garrett
Toyia Tucker

John Anker
Joanne Cogle

Clerk of Council
Lindsey G. McLemore



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

January 27, 2026
5:30 PM
Regular Meeting

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

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Skip Henderson

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the January 13, 2026, Council Meeting and Executive Session.

PRESENTATIONS

2. Columbus Water Works and Columbus Consolidated Government's Partnership (Presented by: Jeremy Cummings, President of Columbus Water Works)

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

1. **2nd Reading-** An ordinance amending the budgets for the Fiscal Year 2026 by appropriating amounts in each fund for various operational activities. (FY26 MID-YEAR BUDGET AMENDMENT) (Budget Review Committee)

2. **1st Reading-** REZN-11-25-2127: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **6213 and 6221 Macon Road** (parcel # 111-008-005) from Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District to General Commercial (GC) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Crabb)
3. **1st Reading:** REZN-11-25-2173: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **3233 6th Avenue** (parcel # 014-018-028) from Residential Multifamily – 2 (RMF2) Zoning District to Residential Multifamily – 1 (RMF1) Zoning District with conditions. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval) (Councilor Garrett)
4. **1st Reading:** REZN CUVA: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain portions of a district known as the Conversation Use Valuation Assessment, from RE1 (Residential Estate 1) Zoning District to RE5 (Residential Estate 5) Zoning District. (Planning Department recommends approval.) (Mayor Pro-Tem and Councilor Davis)

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Mr. Donald Moeller, Re: Concerns about Columbus Fire & EMS protocols for PTSD diagnosis, monitoring, early intervention, and treatment.
2. Dr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr., representing State of Georgia Omega Psi Fraternity, Re: Announcement of Fatherhood Conversation in Columbus, GA.
3. Dr. Natalie Nicole, representing Role Model Academy, Re: Equity, Responsiveness, and Representation in City Governance.
4. Mr. Michael Graddy, Re: Dial-A-Ride inequities and subsequent abject failures.
5. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Anti-Racism Network, Re: Planning, Inspections, Paws Humane, and City of Durham.
6. Mr. Howard Turner, Re: E-Verify is for thee but not for me. What is the purpose when it is a half-baked measure?
7. Ms. Amy Spencer, Re: Initiative to maintain good community and police relations.
8. Rev. Mark Lawrence, representing IMA, Re: Let's look past ourselves.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Director of Human Resources

A resolution authorizing the appointment of Mrs. Ola O. Terrell as Director of the Human Resources Department.

2. Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) Fund Capital Reallocation for the Sheriff's Office

Approval is requested to reallocate approximately \$430,000.00 of the Sheriff's Office appropriated Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) Fund capital budget to purchase tactical equipment in lieu of vehicles.

3. Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) Fund Capital Reallocation for the Fire/Ems Department

Approval is requested to reallocate approximately \$1.8 million of the Fire-EMS Department's appropriated Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) Fund capital budget to purchase various equipment in lieu of fire engines.

4. FY27 Holiday Schedule

Approval is requested to approve the Holiday Schedule for the FY27 Budget Year. It is recommended that Thursday, December 24, 2026, be designated as a floating holiday.

5. PURCHASES

- A. Electric Buses for Metra – Washington State Transit Bus Cooperative Contract Purchase**
- B. Contract Extension for Comprehensive Generator Services (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 20-0010**

6. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. Liberty District Master Plan Update - Robert Scott, Director, Community Reinvestment & Will Johnson, Director, Planning**
- B. Finance Update - Angelica Alexander, Director, Finance**
- C. Revenue Update - Angelica Alexander, Director, Finance**

CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

- 1. Vacancy Request** – Consideration of a request to declare the seat of Terrance Flowers vacant on the Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board, pursuant to Resolution No. 525-02.

- 2. Minutes of the following boards**

Board of Elections and Registrations, 10-02-25

Board of Tax Assessors, #43-25

Board of Tax Assessors, #44-25

Board of Tax Assessors, #01-26

Board of Water Commissioners, 12-08-25

Board of Zoning Appeals, 12-03-25

Columbus Golf Course Authority, 12-02-25

Columbus Sports & Entertainment Authority, 12-08-25

Columbus Sports & Entertainment Authority, 01-12-26

Community Development Advisory Council, 03-14-24

Community Development Advisory Council, 09-12-24

Community Development Advisory Council, 01-09-25

Community Development Advisory Council, 03-13-25

Community Development Advisory Council, 05-08-25

Community Development Advisory Council, 07-10-25

Development Authority of Columbus, 11-13-25

Development Authority of Columbus, 12-04-25

Liberty Theatre Advisory Board, 11-13-25

Planning Advisory Commission, 12-03-25

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

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

A. BUILDING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:

Vacant

Term Expires: March 24, 2027

Open for Nominations
(**Mayor's Appointment**)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms: 2 Year Term Limit: n/a

Meetings: As needed.

Women: 1 Senatorial District 15: 0

Vacancies: 2 Senatorial District 29: 3

B. CIVIC CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:

Vacant

Term Expires: March 1, 2026

Open for Nominations
(**Mayor's Appointment**)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms: 3 Year Term Limit: 2, except for Hockey Association President

Meetings: Quarterly – 3rd Thursday (February, May, August & November)

Women: 3 Senatorial District 15: 5

Vacancies: 3 Senatorial District 29: 4

C. COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND CULTURAL LIAISON ENCOUNTERS (CIRCLE):

Vacant

Term Expires: March 1, 2026

Open for Nominations
(**Mayor's Appointment**)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms: 4 Year Term Limit: 2

Meetings: Monthly – 3rd Tuesday

Women: 6 Senatorial District 15: 5

Vacancies: 1

Senatorial District 29: 5

D. PENSION FUND, EMPLOYEES' BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Vacant

(Business Community)

Term Expires: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations
(*Mayor's Appointment*)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms: 4 Year Term Limit: n/a

Meetings: Monthly – 1st Wednesday

Women: 4 Senatorial District 15: 9

Vacancies: 1 Senatorial District 29: 2

4. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS – LISTED FOR CONFIRMATION:

A. PERSONNEL REVIEW BOARD: Antron Murray was nominated to succeed Yolanda Sumbry Sewell as the Regular Member #4 on the Personnel Review Board. (*Councilor Huff's nominee*)
Term expires: December 31, 2028

B. PERSONNEL REVIEW BOARD: Lakesha Stringer was nominated to fill the vacant seat designated as Alternate Member #5 on the Personnel Review Board. (*Councilor Tucker's nominee*)
Term expires: December 31, 2028

5. NOMINATIONS – CONFIRMED BY COUNCIL:

A. HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD:

Emily Flournoy

Not eligible for reappointment

Uptown Business Association

Term Expires: January 31, 2026

Waiting on Nominee
(*Confirmed by Council*)

Vacant

Board of Realtors

Term Expires: January 31, 2026

**Waiting on potential nominee's application.*

Waiting on Nominee
(*Confirmed by Council*)

Vacant

Columbus Homebuilders Association

Term Expires: January 31, 2028

Waiting on Nominee
(*Confirmed by Council*)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms: 3 Year Term Limit: 2

Meetings: Monthly – 2nd Monday

Women: 5 Senatorial District 15: 7

Vacancies: 2 Senatorial District 29: 2

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

A. CIVIC CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:

Vacant

Term Expires: March 1, 2028

Open for Nominations
(*District 8 – Garrett*)

Vacant

Term Expires: March 1, 2026

Open for Nominations
(*District 9 – Anker*)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms: 3 Year Term Limit: 2, except for Hockey Association President

Meetings: Quarterly – 3rd Thursday (February, May, August & November)

Women: 3 Senatorial District 15: 5

Vacancies: 3 Senatorial District 29: 4

B. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:

Vacant

Term Expires: March 27, 2026

Open for Nominations
(*District 1 – Hickey*)

Vacant

Term Expires: March 27, 2026

Open for Nominations
(*District 5 – Crabb*)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms: 3 Year (Mayor Appts); 2 Year (Council Appts)

Term Limit: 2

Meetings: Quarterly – 2nd Thursday (March, June, September & December)
Women: 4 Senatorial District 15: 7
Vacancies: 2 Senatorial District 29: 3

C. PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION:

Paul T. Berry, III

Eligible

Term Expired: October 31, 2025

**Not interested in serving another term.*

Open for Nominations
(District 5 – Crabb)

Scott Taft

Not Eligible

Term Expired: October 31, 2025

Open for Nominations
(District 9 – Anker)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms: 3 Year Term Limit: 2

Meetings: Monthly – 3rd Thursday

Women: 3 Senatorial District 15: 4

Vacancies: 0 Senatorial District 29: 3

D. YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:

District 9 Nominee:

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

A. ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD:

Vacant

Vacant (Georgia Veterinary Technician)

Term Expires: October 15, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Vacant

(Animal Rescue Shelter Representative)

Animal Rescue Shelter Representative

Recommendations are submitted by a licensed animal shelter.

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Note: The Animal Control Advisory Board is currently developing recommendations for Council's consideration regarding the board's composition.

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	2 Year	Term Limit:	2
Meetings:	Semiannually		
Women:	7	Senatorial District 15:	3
Vacancies:	3	Senatorial District 29:	4

B. BOARD OF HEALTH:

Yasmine Cathright

Not Eligible

Term Expires: December 31, 2025

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	5 Year	Term Limit:	2
Meetings:	Monthly – 4 th Wednesday		
Women:	4	Senatorial District 15:	0
Vacancies:	1	Senatorial District 29:	5

C. BUILDING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:

Vacant

Term Expires: March 24, 2027

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	2 Year	Term Limit:	n/a
Meetings:	As needed.		
Women:	1	Senatorial District 15:	0
Vacancies:	2	Senatorial District 29:	3

D. HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD (BHAR):

Fran Poole Carpenter

Eligible for reappointment

Term Expires: January 31, 2026

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

Shea E. Spencer
Eligible for reappointment
Term Expires: January 31, 2026

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms: 3 Year Term Limit: 2
Meetings: Monthly – 2nd Monday
Women: 5 Senatorial District 15: 7
Vacancies: 2 Senatorial District 29: 2

E. LIBERTY THEATRE & CULTURAL ARTS CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:

Vacant
Term Expired: August 14, 2025

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

Vacant
Term Expired: August 14, 2026

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

Vacant **(Civic Center Director Recommendation / Confirmed by Council)**
Term Expired: August 14, 2027

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms: 4 Year Term Limit: 3
Meetings: Bimonthly – 2nd Thursday (January, March, May, July, September & November)
Women: 5 Senatorial District 15: 4
Vacancies: 3 Senatorial District 29: 4

F. NEW HORIZONS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH – MENTAL HEALTH, ADDICTIVE DISEASES AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES- COMMUNITY SERVICE BOARD:

Judge David Ranieri
Does not desire reappointment
Term Expired: June 30, 2025

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms: 3 Year Term Limit: n/a
Meetings: Monthly – 2nd Monday
Women: 2 Senatorial District 15: 2

Vacancies: 0

Senatorial District 29: 1

G. PERSONNEL REVIEW BOARD:

Vacant
(Alternate Member 1)
Term expires: December 31, 2027

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Vacant
(Alternate Member 2)
Term expires: December 31, 2027

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Vacant
(Alternate Member 3)
Term expires: December 31, 2027

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Delano Leftwich
Not Eligible
(Alternate Member 4)
Term expired: December 31, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms: 3 Year Term Limit: 2

Meetings: Monthly – 3rd Wednesday

Women: 4 Senatorial District 15: 2

Vacancies: 4 Senatorial District 29: 4

UPCOMING BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

- A. [Board](#) of Zoning Appeals
- B. [Building](#) Authority of Columbus
- C. [Civic](#) Center Advisory Board
- D. [Community](#) Development Advisory Council (CDAC)
- E. [Commission](#) on International Relations & Cultural Liaison Encounters (CIRCLE)
- F. [Planning](#) Advisory Commission (PAC)

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File Attachments for Item:

1. Approval of minutes for the January 13, 2026, Council Meeting and Executive Session.

COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council Chambers
 C. E. "Red" McDaniel City Services Center- Second Floor
 2960 Macon Road, Columbus, GA 31906

January 13, 2026
 9:00 AM
 Regular Meeting

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

PRESENT: Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen and Councilors John Anker, Travis L. Chambers, Joanne Cogle, Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis (arrived at 9:19 a.m.), R. Walker Garrett, and Toyia Tucker. Deputy City Manager Lisa Goodwin, Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge, City Attorney Clifton Fay, Assistant City Attorney Lucy Sheftall, Clerk of Council Lindsey G. McLemore and Deputy Clerk of Council Tameka Colbert.

ABSENT: Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III was absent. Councilors Byron Hickey and Bruce Huff were also absent.

The following documents have been included as a part of the electronic Agenda Packet: (1) MA#6: United Way Chattahoochee Valley; (2) CM#8(A): AJ McClung Memorial Stadium A Comprehensive Plan for Modernization and Community Impact; (3) CM#8(B): Accessory Dwelling Units Presentation

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen, Presiding

INVOCATION: Offered by Councilor Travis Chambers

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen

MINUTES:

1. Approval of minutes for December 16, 2025, Council Meeting. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote and Councilors Hickey and Huff being absent from the meeting.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

3. Standing Boy Preserve Management Agreement Amendment

Resolution (001-26) - A resolution authorizing the Mayor or his designee to execute an amendment to the management agreement with Standing Boy, Inc. For the construction of a viewing tower at the Standing Boy Preserve. Councilor Garrett made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Anker and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote and Councilors Hickey and Huff being absent from the meeting. (*NOTE: Item called forward at the request of Councilor Garrett.*)

MAYOR'S AGENDA (continued)

PROCLAMATIONS

2. Proclamation: Major Terry Lee Kee, United States Air Force (*Retired*)

Receiving: Gerry Kee

Mayor Pro Tem Gary Allen read the proclamation into the record proclaiming Friday, January 2, 2026, as *Terry Lee Kee Day*, recognizing Terry Lee Kee and highlighting his integrity, devotion to his family and country, and his burial with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery.

3. Proclamation: Law Enforcement Appreciation Day

Receiving: Law Enforcement

Councilor Tovia Tucker read the proclamation into the record proclaiming Friday, January 9, 2026, as *Law Enforcement Appreciation Day*, recognizing and honoring the men and women of law enforcement for their daily sacrifices, courage, and dedication to protecting the Columbus community.

RESOLUTIONS

4. **Resolution (002-26)** - A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to adopt a Columbus-Muscogee County Emergency Management Agency & Homeland Security Emergency Operations Plan for 2026-2028. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Hickey and Huff being absent from the meeting.

5. **Resolution (003-26)** - A Resolution authorizing a transition audit of the Engineering Department by the Internal Auditor. (*Requested by Councilor Toyia Tucker, as Chair of the Auditor Committee*) Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Hickey and Huff being absent from the meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

6. 2026 Point in Time Count

Presented by: Pat Frey, Vice President of Home for Good
Holli Browder, Director of Parks & Recreation

Vice President of Home for Good Pat Frey presented an overview of the annual Home for Good Point-in-Time (PIT) Count, which is conducted each January to assess the number and needs of individuals and families experiencing homelessness in the community. She explained that the PIT Count is not just a headcount, but a detailed assessment used to identify service gaps, make referrals, and guide data-driven decisions.

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

1. **2nd Reading-** REZN-07-25-1260: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **8828 Veterans Parkway and 4885 Charleston Way** (parcel # 079-002-002A) from Planned Unit Development (PUD) Zoning District to Planned Unit Development (PUD) Zoning District with conditions. (Planning Department recommends approval with conditions. PAC recommends denial.) (Mayor Pro-Tem) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to deny the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Garrett and found inconclusive by a five-to-three vote, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Chambers, Cogle, Garrett and Tucker voting in favor; Councilors Anker, Crabb and Davis voting in opposition, with Councilors Hickey and Huff being absent from the meeting.

(NOTE: Additional action was taken on this matter at the end of the City Attorney's Agenda.)

2. **1st Reading-** An ordinance amending the budgets for the Fiscal Year 2026 by appropriating amounts in each fund for various operational activities. (FY26 MID-YEAR BUDGET AMENDMENT) (Budget Review Committee)

Finance Director Angelica Alexander presented the FY26 mid-year budget amendment, explaining that it incorporates purchase orders and reserve funds carried over from the prior fiscal year, along with a small number of new amendments. She highlighted the major carryover items and identified which amendments would impact reserves, while emphasizing that most adjustments are budget-neutral and align previously approved or reserved funds with current FY26 spending needs.

Muscogee County Prison Warden Hubert Walker III explained that the requested additional pay adjustment is needed to help Muscogee County Prison remain competitive with nearby correctional agencies. He said the added adjustment would help close that gap, improve recruitment, and reduce staff losses to neighboring facilities.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE FINANCE DIRECTOR:

- A request was made for departments that are currently over budget or at risk of exceeding their budgets at midyear to provide a report detailing their plans to remain within budget for the remainder of the fiscal year. (*Councilor Cogle*)
- A request was made for the proposed permanent pay adjustment for Muscogee County Prison officers be revised to a one-time bonus. (*Councilor Tucker*)
- A request was made for staff to return during the budget cycle with detailed information on the \$30 per inmate per day reimbursement, including projected revenues and how those funds would support a potential permanent pay adjustment. (*Councilor Tucker*)
- A request was made for a report to explain how the one-time bonus is going to work. (*Mayor Pro Tem Allen*)

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- *Theresa El-Amin* – Concerned about property being demolished in historic neighborhoods,

RESOLUTIONS

3. **Resolution (004-26)** - A Resolution authorizing Sunday Sales of alcoholic beverages at all On-Premises locations within Columbus on Sunday February 8, 2026. (Councilor Cogle) Councilor Davis made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Hickey and Huff being absent from the meeting.

4. **Resolution (005-26)** - A Resolution establishing qualifying fees for county offices of the Consolidated Government to be filled in the 2026 elections. (Mayor Pro-Tem) Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Hickey and Huff being absent from the meeting.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION ON ITEM CA#1:

Mayor Pro Tem made a motion to reconsider action taken on Item No. 1 on the City Attorney's Agenda, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Hickey and Huff being absent from the meeting

2nd Reading- REZN-07-25-1260: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **8828 Veterans Parkway and 4885 Charleston Way** (parcel # 079-002-002A) from Planned Unit Development (PUD) Zoning District to Planned Unit Development (PUD) Zoning District with conditions. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to deny the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried by a six-to-two vote, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Chambers, Cogle, Davis, Garrett and Tucker voting in favor; Councilors Anker and Crabb voting in opposition, with Councilors Hickey and Huff being absent from the meeting.

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Mr. Samuel Whit, Re: LGBTQ+ Resources and Representation
2. Dr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr., Re: The Charter; Once again is the bane of all our problems.
3. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Mauldin & Jenkins Report.
4. Ms. Arreasha "Z" Lawrence, representing Music Entertainment Council and Columbus Creative Collective, Re: Request for members of Council to have offices and additional resources.
5. Mrs. Laketha Ashe, representing Still Standing Organization and Justmyne, Re: Standing Still organization overview and upcoming arts and cultural initiative.
6. Mr. Mark Lawrence, representing IMA, Re: Closing loose ends before moving forward.
7. Mr. Steve Kelly, Re: City Employees' Pay and Cost of Living.
8. Mr. Ric Rivera, representing Indivisible Columbus, Re: DeFlock Columbus.

In response to Mr. Rivera's concerns, **Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen** advised that follow-up information would be provided, including data on saved lives, crimes solved, and individuals incarcerated as a result of the use of the cameras.

9. Dr. Natalie Nicole, representing Role Model Academy, Re: Equity, Responsiveness, and Representation in City Governance. ***Not Present - Rescheduled***

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA (continued)

1. Fort Benning Technology Park Tax Allocation District Fund Grant – Columbus Housing Initiative, Inc. Development Agreement

Resolution (006-26) - A resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Columbus Housing Initiative, Inc., dba Neighborworks Columbus, for the purposes of allocating Fort Benning Technology Park Tax Allocation District Funds for the construction of certain public infrastructure improvements to construct a single family residential subdivision known as Newmans Crossing in an amount not to exceed three million three hundred seventeen thousand three hundred forty dollars and twenty-nine cents (\$3,317,340.29) Councilor Cogle made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Anker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Hickey and Huff being absent from the meeting.

2. Real Estate Agreement with Historic Columbus Foundation, Inc.

Resolution (007-25) - A resolution authorizing the Mayor or his designee to enter into an agreement with Historic Columbus Foundation, Inc. for the relocation and restoration of the Alma Thomas house to 815 5th Avenue in the Liberty Heritage District. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Hickey and Huff being absent from the meeting.

(NOTE: Item CM#3 called forward during the Mayor's Agenda.)

4. Ignite Pro Hockey, L.L.C. Agreement Amendment

Resolution (008-25) - A resolution authorizing an amendment to the Ignite Pro Hockey, L.L.C., agreement to correct the contract term dates. Councilor Cogle made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Hickey and Huff being absent from the meeting.

5. 2026 Legislative Agenda Items – Additional Proposed Items

Approval is requested of the resolutions for the 2026 Legislative Session of the Georgia General Assembly.

5 (1). MUSCOGEE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT CLERK – SALARIES:

The Columbus Council requests that the local delegation to the Georgia General Assembly introduce legislation to amend the local act found at Georgia Laws 1984, page 4314. The requested amendment would provide that the salary of the Muscogee County Superior Court Clerk shall be no less than 80% of the state base salary of the superior court judges for the Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit or any future judicial circuit that includes Muscogee County. Based upon the terms of office served by the Muscogee County Superior Court Clerk, longevity and cost of living increases shall be added to the salary of the clerk of said court under the same provisions and in the same manner as provided for longevity and cost of living increases pursuant to general law. The salary of the Chief Deputy Clerk appointed pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 15-6-59 shall be recommended by the Muscogee County Superior Court Clerk and approved in the Clerk of Superior Court’s Budget. In no event shall such Chief Deputy Clerk’s salary be less than 65% of the base salary of the Muscogee County Superior Court Clerk, excluding any longevity or cost of living increases. (*Request of Councilor Toyia Tucker*)

Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Cogle and open for discussion.

In response to Councilor Tucker’s question, Finance Director Angelica Alexander explained that under the existing state statute, Council is authorized to approve a local supplement for the Clerk’s position, similar to supplements already provided to the Probate Judge and Sheriff.

Clerk of Superior Court Danielle Forte explained that her compensation and that of her chief deputy are governed by an outdated 1984 law, which sets pay levels far below those of comparable positions. She noted that her salary is currently tied to the sheriff rather than to the superior court judges, unlike clerks in similarly sized jurisdictions. She also mentioned that she serves as clerk for both Superior and State Courts.

After several minutes of discussion regarding this item, the vote was found inconclusive by five-to-two, with Councilors Chambers, Cogle, Crabb, Garrett and Tucker voting in favor; Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Anker voting in opposition, and Councilors Hickey and Huff being absent from the meeting.

(NOTE: Additional action was taken on this matter Item CM#8(A).)

6. FY26 - FY27 – Solicitor General Crime Victim Assistance Grant

Resolution (009-26) - A resolution authorizing the Mayor or his designee to apply for and accept, if awarded, a VOCA Grant award of \$57,483 or as otherwise awarded to operate the Solicitor General's Victim Witness Assistance Program from October 1, 2025, to September 30, 2026, with no local match required, and amend the multi-governmental fund 0216 by the amount awarded. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Anker and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote and Councilors Hickey and Huff being absent from the meeting.

7. PURCHASES

- A. Industrial, Medical and Special Gases (Annual Contract) – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (010-26) – A resolution authorizing the purchase of industrial, medical and special gases from Airgas, Inc, via Georgia State Contract, #99999-001-SPD0000237-0001. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Davis and Tucker being absent for the vote and Councilors Hickey and Huff being absent from the meeting.

- B. Contract Extension For Course Instructors For The Department Of Human Resources/The Learning Center (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 19-0003

Resolution (011-26) – A resolution authorizing the extension of the annual contract for Course Instructors for the Department of Human Resources/The Learning Center with The Leadership Institute at Columbus State University (Columbus, GA) through January 17, 2027. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Davis and Tucker being absent for the vote and Councilors Hickey and Huff being absent from the meeting.

- C. Two (2) Ford Transit Vans For Public Works – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (012-26) – A resolution hereby authorizing the purchase of two (2) Ford Transit Vans for the Public Works Department from Wade Ford (Smyrna, GA) at a unit price of \$60,980.00 and a total cost of \$121,960.00. The vehicles will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Georgia State Contract #99999-001-SPD-SPD0000218-0001. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Davis and Tucker being absent for the vote and Councilors Hickey and Huff being absent from the meeting.

D. Cellular Connection Service for Emergency Telephones Installed in Elevators at Various City Locations (Annual Contract) – GSA Cooperative

Resolution (013-26) - A resolution authorizing the execution of a contract with Kings III of America, dba Kings III Emergency Communications (Coppell, TX) to provide cellular connection services for emergency phones installed in elevators at various city locations. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Federal GSA contract #47qsms24d009r. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Davis and Tucker being absent for the vote and Councilors Hickey and Huff being absent from the meeting.

E. Electronic Monitoring Equipment and Services for Detainees (Annual Contract) – GSA Cooperative Contract

Resolution (014-26) - A resolution authorizing the purchase of electronic monitoring equipment and services from Buddi US, LLC (Dunedin, FL), on an “as needed” basis, via the Federal GSA Contract # 47QSMS25D00CJ, for the estimated annual contract amount of \$36,000.00. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Davis and Tucker being absent for the vote and Councilors Hickey and Huff being absent from the meeting.

F. Soft Body Armor – The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS) Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (015-26) – A resolution authorizing the purchase of soft body armor from Federal Eastern International, LLC (Jacksonville, FL) for the estimated annual contract value of \$183,340.00, based on previous purchase history. The purchases will be made on an “as needed” basis by cooperative purchase via The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS), Contract #250101. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Davis and Tucker being absent for the vote and Councilors Hickey and Huff being absent from the meeting.

G. Three (3) Ford Transit Vans for Public Works – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (016-26) – A resolution authorizing the purchase of three (3) 2026 Ford Transit Vans for the Public Works Department – Stormwater Division from Wade Ford. (Smyrna, GA) at a unit price of \$60,980.00 and total cost of \$182,940.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Georgia State Contract #99999-SPD-SPD0000218-0001. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Davis and Tucker being absent for the vote and Councilors Hickey and Huff being absent from the meeting.

H. Fast Fare Fareboxes For METRA

Resolution (017-26) – A resolution authorizing the purchase of four (4) fast fare fareboxes from Genfare, LLC (Elk Grove Village, IL) in the total amount of \$82,570.61. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Davis and Tucker being absent for the vote and Councilors Hickey and Huff being absent from the meeting.

I. Mobile/Automatic License Plate Readers Associated Software/Equipment For The Sheriff's Office – GSA Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (018-26) – A resolution authorizing the purchase of seven (7) mobile/automatic license plate readers with associated software/equipment, from Madden Associates (Buford, GA), in the total amount of \$128,423.90. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchasing via GSA Federal Contract, Schedule 84, Contract #GS-07F-0004Y. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Davis and Tucker being absent for the vote and Councilors Hickey and Huff being absent from the meeting.

J. Replacement Ice Plant Condenser for The Civic Center

Resolution (019-26) – A resolution authorizing the purchase and installation of a ice plant condenser at the Civic Center from American Refrigeration (Jacksonville, FL) in the amount of \$398,220.17. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Davis and Tucker being absent for the vote and Councilors Hickey and Huff being absent from the meeting.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE DEPUTY CITY MANAGER:

- A request was made for the current balance of the Friends of Columbus fund designated for the Civic Center. (*Councilor Anker*)

8. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

A. AJ McClung Update - Scott Allen, Vice President, Architecture, Commercial with 2WR + Partners

Parks and Recreations Director Holli Browder explained that while \$1.6 million in previously designated TAD funding was initially considered for upgrades at AJ McClung Stadium, early

evaluations showed that amount was insufficient for the needs of this facility. After further assessment and collaboration with architects and design teams, the focus shifted toward reimagining the facility as a modern, multi-use stadium.

Scott Allen, Vice President, Architecture, Commercial with 2WR + Partners presented a conceptual vision for redeveloping AJ McClung Stadium, explaining that ongoing structural issues make phased or piecemeal renovations impractical. He outlined a proposal for a comprehensive, modernized stadium designed to be versatile and competitive, capable of hosting football, soccer, concerts, and regional events. The concept includes expanding seating capacity, integrating design elements that honor the historic legacy of AJ McClung Stadium and creating visual and functional connections with Synovus Park.

Director of Inspections & Code Ryan Pruett stated that several years ago the City completed structural concrete repairs to address soil issues beneath the stadium seating bowl, after which structural engineers confirmed there were no remaining structural concerns and control joints were resealed to preserve integrity. He said no new structural engineering report has been completed.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE DEPUTY CITY MANAGER:

- A request was made for Council to be provided with a copy of the video presentation that was shown. (*Councilor Anker*)
- A request was made for staff to present some additional options as far as what can be done in the next 10-15 years. (*Councilor Cogle*)
- A request was made to explore whether the City or its Sports and Entertainment Authority can legally and creatively pursue a capital campaign to fund facility improvements, including options such as sponsorships, prepaid leasing, and other contributions, to generate upfront funding and accelerate meaningful upgrades rather than delaying improvements for many years. (*Councilor Crabb*)

In response, **Assistant City Attorney Lucy Sheftall** explained that fundraising for a city facility is typically handled through a separate nonprofit organization, often structured as a “Friends of” group, which conducts the fundraising and then donates the proceeds to the City of Columbus.

- A request was made to explore the feasibility of pursuing a public–private partnership, similar to the South Commons model facilitated by the Sports Council (a 501(c)(3)), as a potential funding and development option. (*Councilor Tucker*)

- A request was made for staff to return with a prioritized and phased plan for improvements.
(*Councilor Chambers*)

Deputy City Manager Hodge responded to an earlier request from Councilor Anker by reporting that, following today's purchase, the current balance of the Friends of Columbus account is \$2.2 million.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION ON ITEM CM#5(1):

Councilor Tucker made a motion to reconsider Item No. 5(1) on the City Manager's Agenda, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Hickey and Huff being absent from the meeting

Resolution (020-26) – A resolution requesting the Local Legislative Delegation to introduce legislation to amend the local act found at Georgia Laws 1984, p. 4314. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried by a six-to-two vote, with Councilors Chambers, Cogle, Crabb, Davis, Garrett and Tucker voting in favor; Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilor Anker voting in opposition, with Councilors Hickey and Huff being absent from the meeting.

8. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS (continued)

- B. Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) and Tiny Homes Update - Will Johnson, Director, Planning

Planning Director Will Johnson provided a presentation on tiny homes and accessory dwelling units (ADUs), explaining that ADUs are small, independent living spaces located on the same lot as a single-family home and can provide economic and housing benefits. He pointed out that current zoning restrictions in Columbus limit their use and recommended updating local regulations to allow them with appropriate conditions. He provided an overview of tiny homes, defined as single-family dwellings generally 400 square feet or less, and explained how they are regulated through the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) and local building codes. He stated with Council direction, the City could adopt the updated standards, determine appropriate zoning, and allow tiny homes as primary residences.

REFERRAL(S):**FOR THE CITY ATTORNEY:**

- A request was made for the City Attorney to review the Planning Director's recommended changes regarding ADUs and work on a revised ordinance, along with ongoing efforts related to tiny homes. (*Councilor Tucker*)

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Pro Tem Allen entertained a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation and personnel as requested by City Attorney Fay. Councilor Tucker made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with the time being 1:13 p.m.

The Regular Meeting was reconvened at 3:02 p.m., at which time, Mayor Pro Tem Allen announced that the Council did meet in Executive Session to discuss litigation and personnel; however, there were no votes taken.

BID ADVERTISEMENT

DATE: December 16, 2025

TO: Mayor and Councilors

FROM: Finance Department

SUBJECT: Advertised Bids/RFPs/RFQs

December 19, 2025

1. Aerial Ground Ladder and Apparatus Pumps Inspection & Testing Services (Annual Contract)
- RFB No. 26-0010

Scope of RFB

Provide aerial and ground ladder inspection and testing services to the Columbus Consolidated Government Fire and EMS Department. This specification applies to all fire apparatus equipped with a fire pump and outlines the procedures for annual pump testing, including requirements for equipment, site selection, test procedures, and documentation.

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

2. 24ft Rolling Scaffolding for METRA- RFB 26-0014

Scope of RFB

METRA Transit System in Columbus, Georgia is seeking bids for one (1) Heavy-Duty 24' Rolling Maintenance Scaffolding in order to perform rooftop maintenance and access on large transit buses. The large transit buses are 30', 35' and 40' in length. The scaffolding must also be able to provide rooftop access to electric bus batteries for the purpose of maintenance and replacement.

3. Muscogee County Board of Elections & Registration Voting Equipment Delivery Services (Re-Bid) (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 26-0010

Scope of RFP

Muscogee County Board of Elections and Registration is seeking proposals from qualified moving firms to deliver voting equipment to voting sites before the scheduled election events, and to retrieve the same equipment after the election event. The election schedule consists of up to five election events in a presidential election cycle, up to four election events in a mid-term election cycle, and the possibility of special elections in odd-numbered years. Deliveries vary from county-wide (25 precincts) to district elections (as few as five) based on the type of election.

Note: The first election expected to be serviced under this contract, if awarded, will be May, 2026.

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

January 14, 2026

1. Dump Truck Rental (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 25-0025

Scope of RFB

Provide rental of tandem dump trucks, **with operator**, on an “as needed” basis, with a requested availability of six (6) trucks (minimum) at all times, swing gate and lift gate compatible. The trucks will be used by the Public Works Department for various projects, and will be awarded to both a Primary Contractor, and a Secondary Contractor. The contract term will be for two (2) years, with the option to renew for three additional twelve-month periods.

CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

1. **Resignation:** Delois Dee Marsh has submitted a resignation from her seat on the Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to receive the resignation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the seven members

present, with Councilor Cogle being absent for the vote and Councilors Hickey and Huff being absent from the meeting.

2. **Travel Authorization Request:** Authorization is being requested for Councilor Toyia Tucker to attend the 2026 NACo Legislative Conference during the month of February 2026.

Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve an allowance contribution from Councilor Davis for allowance overage with the understanding reimbursement would be made by ACCG, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Cogle being absent for the vote, and Councilors Hickey and Huff being absent from the meeting.

Councilor Anker made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Cogle being absent for the vote and Councilors Hickey and Huff being absent from the meeting.

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

Board of Tax Assessors #42-25

Board of Water Commissioners 11-10-25

Board of Zoning Appeals 11-05-25

Hospital Authority of Columbus 07-29-25

Hospital Authority of Columbus 08-28-25

Hospital Authority of Columbus 09-30-25

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

ADD-ON RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution (021-26) - A resolution excusing the absence of Councilor Byron Hickey from the January 13, 2026, Council Meeting. Councilor Anker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Cogle being absent for the vote, and Councilors Hickey and Huff being absent from the meeting.

Resolution (022-26) - A resolution excusing the absence of Councilor Bruce Huff from the January 13, 2026, Council Meeting. Councilor Anker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Cogle being absent for the vote and Councilors Hickey and Huff being absent from the meeting.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

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

A. BUILDING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:

A nominee for a vacant seat with a term expiring on March 24, 2025, on the Building Authority of Columbus, (*Mayor's Appointment*). There were none.

B. PENSION FUND, EMPLOYEES' BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

A nominee for a vacant seat with a term that expires on June 30, 2026, as a representative of the Business Community on the Pension Fund, Employees' Board of Trustees (*Mayor's Appointment*). There were none.

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

A. CIVIC CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:

A nominee for the vacant seat of the District 9 Representative with a term expiring on March 1, 2026, on the Civic Center Advisory Board. (*District 9 – Anker*). There were none.

B. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:

A nominee for the vacant seat of the District 8 Representative for a term expiring on March 27, 2026, on the Community Development Advisory Council (*District 8 – Garrett*). Clerk of Council McLemore announced that Councilor Garrett is nominating John House to fill the vacant seat on the Community Advisory Council. Councilor Tucker made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Cogle being absent for the vote and Councilors Hickey and Huff being absent from the meeting.

C. PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION:

A nominee for the seat of Paul T. Berry, III (*Not interested in serving another term*) for a term that expired on October 31, 2025, on the Public Safety Advisory Commission (*District 5 – Crabb*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Scott Taft (*Not Eligible*) for a term that expired on October 31, 2025, on the Public Safety Advisory Commission (*District 9 – Anker*). There were none.

D. YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:

A nominee for the District 9 Representative on the Youth Advisory Council (*District 9 – Anker*). There were none.

6. APPOINTMENTS – CONFIRMED BY COUNCIL:**A. AIRPORT COMMISSION:**

A nominee for the seat of Art Guin (*Eligible to serve another term – Renominated by the Airport Commission*) for a term that expires on December 31, 2025, on the Airport Commission (*Commission's Nominee/Confirmed by Council*). Clerk of Council McLemore announced that the Airport Commission has nominated Philip Thayer to fill the seat of Art Guin on the Airport Commission. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Cogle being absent for the vote and Councilors Hickey and Huff being absent from the meeting.

7. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS – ANY NOMINATIONS WOULD BE LISTED FOR THE NEXT MEETING:**A. ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD:**

A nominee for the vacant seat of the Georgia Veterinary Technician with a term expiring on October 15, 2026, on the Animal Control Advisory Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the vacant seat of the Animal Rescue Shelter Representative with a term expiring on October 15, 2026, on the Animal Control Advisory Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

B. BOARD OF HEALTH:

A nominee for the seat of Yasmine Cathright (*Not Eligible*) with the term expiring on December 31, 2025, on the Board of Health (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

C. LIBERTY THEATRE & CULTURAL ARTS CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:

A nominee for a vacant seat for a term that expired on August 14, 2025, on the Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for a vacant seat for a term that expires on August 14, 2026, on the Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

D. NEW HORIZONS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH – MENTAL HEALTH, ADDICTIVE DISEASES AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES- COMMUNITY SERVICE BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of Judge David Ranieri (*Does not desire reappointment*) for a term that expired on June 30, 2025, on the New Horizons Behavioral Health – Mental Health, Addictive Diseases and Developmental Disabilities – Community Service Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

E. PERSONNEL REVIEW BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of Yolanda Sumbry Sewell (*Not Eligible*) for a term that expires on December 31, 2025, on the Personnel Review Board (*Council's Appointment*). Clerk of Council McLemore announced that Councilor Huff is nominating Antron Murray to succeed Yolanda Sumbry Sewell on the Personnel Review Board. This nomination was supported by Councilor Tucker in the absence of Councilor Huff.

A nominee for a vacant seat (*Alternate Member 1*) for a term that expires on December 31, 2027, on the Personnel Review Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for a vacant seat (*Alternate Member 2*) for a term that expires on December 31, 2027, on the Personnel Review Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for a vacant seat (*Alternate Member 3*) for a term that expires on December 31, 2027, on the Personnel Review Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Delano Leftwich (*Not Eligible – Alternate Member 4*) for a term that expires on December 31, 2025, on the Personnel Review Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for a vacant seat (*Alternate Member 5*) for a term that expires on December 31, 2025, on the Personnel Review Board (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Tucker nominated Lakiesha Stringer to fill the Alternate Member 5 vacant seat on the Personnel Review Board.

UPCOMING BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

- A. Historic & Architectural Review Board (BHAR) (Council's Appointment)

PUBLIC AGENDA (continued)

2. Dr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr., Re: The Charter; Once again is the bane of all our problems.
3. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Mauldin & Jenkins Report.

RESOLUTION (ADD-ON)

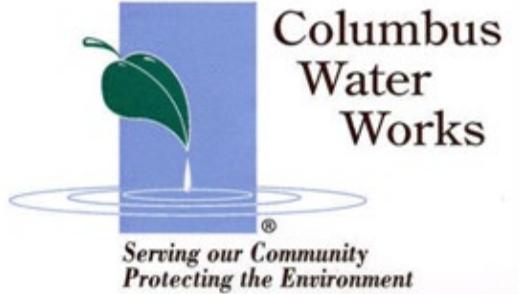
Resolution (023-26) - A Resolution authorizing a payment of \$215,000 to settle all damage claims of Rickey Boswell stemming from the incident which occurred on July 16, 2025, and to execute all appropriate settlement documents to this effect.

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Pro Tem Allen entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Councilor Anker to adjourn the January 13, 2026, Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the six members present, with Councilors Cogle and Garrett being absent for the vote, Councilors Hickey and Huff being absent from the meeting, and the time being 3:16 p.m.

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

File Attachments for Item:

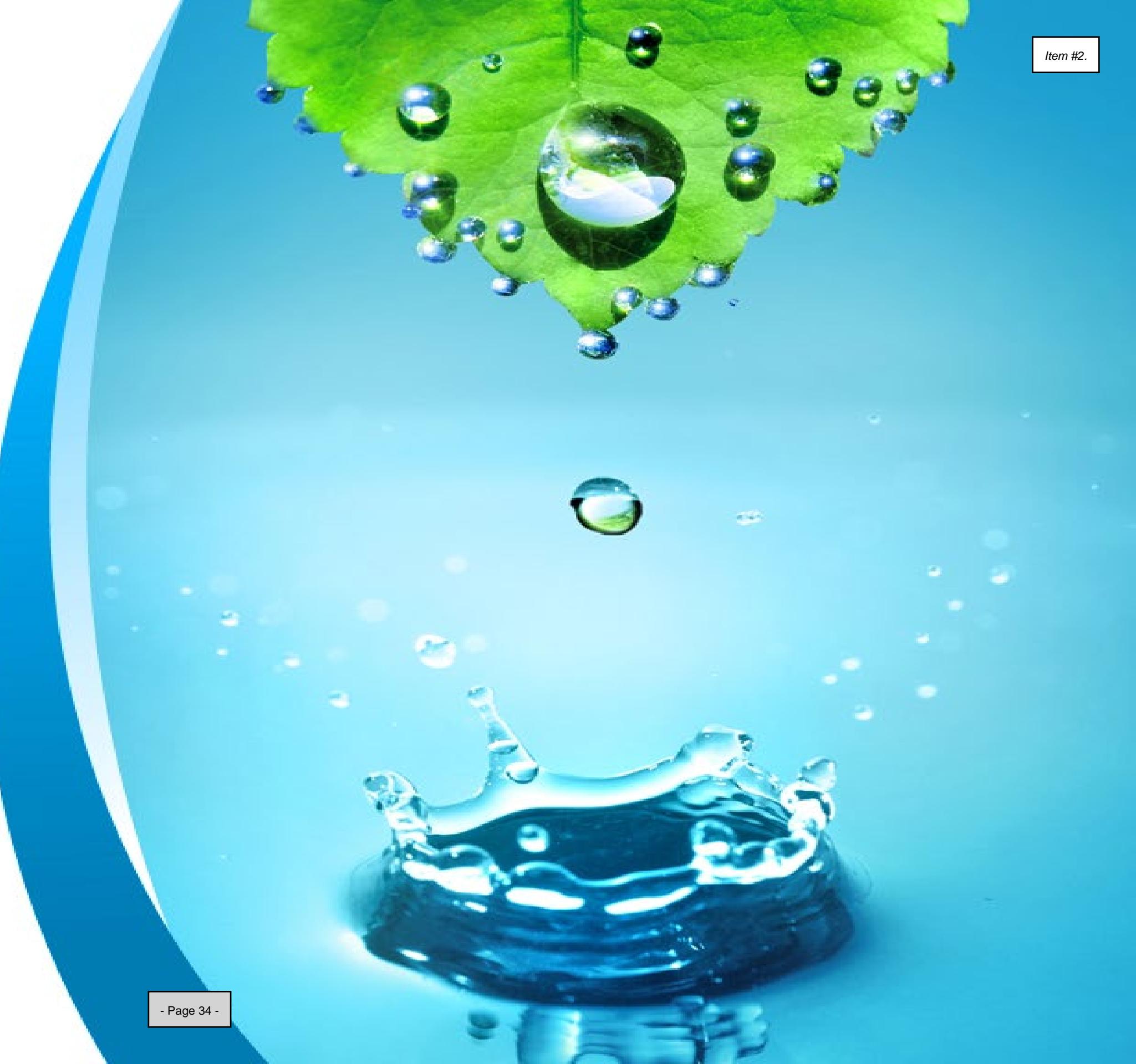
2. Columbus Water Works and Columbus Consolidated Government's Partnership (Presented by: Jeremy Cummings, President of Columbus Water Works)



Item #2.

Board of Water Commissioners

Organizational Information



Purpose of Today

- Understanding the relationship between the City of Columbus and the Columbus Water Works
- Columbus Water Works financial position
- Concurrence to proceed with bond exploration and refinancing analysis
- Formal bond issuance request scheduled for Feb 10

How is the City of Columbus and the Board of Water Commissioners connected?

- The Board of Water Commissioners of Columbus is considered a component unit of the City of Columbus Consolidated Government, with authority to establish policies, set rates, and provide water/wastewater services.
- The Board is an enterprise fund and receives its funding through fees received from its rate payers. The Board does not receive tax dollars nor has taxation authority.
- As a component unit of the City of Columbus Consolidated Government, CWW regular full-time employees are eligible to participate in the City's cost-sharing pension plan/fund.

Board of Water Commissioners

Current Board Members

Chairman – Nick Smith

Vice-Chair – Jennifer Upshaw

Member – Oz Roberts

Member – Brooks Yancey

Mayor – Skip Henderson
Ex-Officio

What is the jurisdiction and primary responsibilities of the Board of Water Commissioners?

The primary role of the Board is to act collaboratively in establishing policies that aid CWW in meeting its mission and achieving its vision. The Board hires the President (chief executive officer) to manage the day-to-day operations.

Some of the major Board responsibilities include:

- Serving as an advocate on behalf of existing and future customers, guarding CWW against undue risk;
- Set water/wastewater/combined sewer rates;
- Provide general guidance to facilitate excellence in water and wastewater services;
- Approval of annual holiday and Board meeting schedules;
- Approval of construction contracts greater than \$250k;
- Accept and respond to occasional public comments and
- Assurance of executive performance.

In addition to rate setting, another financial fiduciary responsibility of the Board is Debt Issuance

Debt Issuance – the Board issues bonds and other long-term debt instruments whereby the payment is made solely from the revenues generated by the system. Water and wastewater infrastructure is very capital-intensive. Debt issuance is one method used to finance infrastructure improvements and expansions while maintaining generational equity for our customers. CWW is an enterprise fund of the Columbus Consolidated Government; as such, all long-term debt issuance and/or debt refinancing requires concurrence from the Council of the Consolidated Government.

CWW Current Financial Standing

- **Consistent Operating Growth:** Total operating revenues reach \$96.5 million in FY25, up 6.9% from FY24, supported by continued rate adjustments and steady customer demand.
- **FY2024 Outperformance:** Revenue growth exceeded expectations, driven by increased water sales (+10.0%) and sewer revenue growth (+8.0).
- **Expenditure Management:** Total operating expenses increased by only 2.5% year-over-year, reflecting continued cost discipline and operational efficiencies.
- **Strong Coverage & Liquidity:** The system maintained a 1.98x debt service coverage ratio and approximately 490 days cash on hand, supporting operational flexibility and long-term capital planning.
- **Stable Rate Competitiveness:** Residential customers continue to benefit from moderate, regionally competitive rates. The average monthly bill of \$136.93 ranks below peer utilities in Macon, Savannah, and Augusta

Operating Revenues
\$96.5M
FY25: \$90.2M
+6.9%

Operating Expenses
\$89.2M
FY24: \$87.0M
+2.5%

Net Position
\$457.7M
FY24: \$451.6M
+1.4%

Summary of Moody's 2025 Rating

Columbus Water Works, GA (CWW, Aa2/STA) has a strong financial foundation, with regular annual rate increases contributing to steady growth in net revenues, debt service coverage, and liquidity. While CWW's debt burden is currently low, its asset condition is weaker than comparably rated entities, and management reports that construction of a new wastewater treatment plant is in discussions that could require a significant amount of new borrowing in the next three years. The project's design, financing plan, and timeline have yet to be finalized, and these factors will be important considerations in assessing the ultimate credit implication.

"CWW's strong financial position creates an opportunity to proactively address aging assets before they become emergencies."

Next Steps

- CWW is here to inform Council that the Board of Water Commissioners has approved CWW Staff to move forward with Bond Exploration for 2026 and refinancing of current bonds.
- After options have been explored, CWW will return to Council for approval before any final decision.
- CWW will return for the February 10th meeting for a formal request for Bond Issuance.

File Attachments for Item:

- 1. 2nd Reading-** An ordinance amending the budgets for the Fiscal Year 2026 by appropriating amounts in each fund for various operational activities. (FY26 MID-YEAR BUDGET AMENDMENT) (Budget Review Committee)

AN ORDINANCE**NO.**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGETS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2026, FOR CERTAIN FUNDS OF THE CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, APPROPRIATING AMOUNTS SHOWN IN EACH FUND FOR VARIOUS ACTIVITIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1.

1. The General Fund expenditure budget in the amount of \$221,670,697 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, is hereby increased by \$7,207,432 to \$228,878,129 and the revenue budget in amount of \$207,895,047 is hereby increased by \$1,024,708 to \$208,919,755 for the departments listed on the attached chart.
2. The Other Local Option Sales Tax Fund expenditure budget in the amount of \$49,245,117 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, is hereby increased by \$6,536,298 to \$55,781,415 for the departments listed on the attached chart.
3. The Stormwater (Sewer) Fund expenditure budget in the amount of \$7,091,505 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, is hereby increased by \$840 to \$7,092,345 for the departments listed on the attached chart.
4. The Paving Fund expenditure budget in the amount of \$20,501,010 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, is hereby increased by \$840,252 to \$21,341,262 for the departments listed on the attached chart.
5. The Community Care Fund expenditure budget in the amount of \$12,731,967 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, is hereby increased by \$6,249 to \$12,738,216 for the departments listed on the attached chart.
6. The Integrated Waste Fund expenditure budget in the amount of \$18,637,447 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, is hereby increased by \$513,398 to \$19,150,845 for the departments listed on the attached chart.
7. The Emergency Telephone Fund expenditure budget in the amount of \$4,325,167 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, is hereby increased by \$12,941 to \$4,338,108 for the departments listed on the attached chart.
8. The Community Development Block Grant Fund expenditure and revenue budget in the amount of \$1,812,296 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, is hereby increased by \$1,362,634 to \$3,174,930 for the departments listed on the attached chart.
9. The HOME Program Fund expenditure and revenue budget in the amount of \$4,018,227 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, is hereby increased by \$2,943,519 to \$6,961,746 for the departments listed on the attached chart.

10. The Multi-Governmental Fund expenditure and revenue budget in the amount of \$7,446,062 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, is hereby increased by \$260,294 to \$7,706,356 for the departments listed on the attached chart.
11. The American Rescue Plan Fund expenditure budget in the amount of \$15,412,226 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, is hereby increased by \$11,255,373 to \$26,667,599 for the departments listed on the attached chart.
12. The Sheriff Forfeiture Fund expenditure budget in the amount of \$300,000 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, is hereby increased by \$10,575 to \$310,575 for the departments listed on the attached chart.
13. The 2nd Avenue/City Village Mill District Fund expenditure budget in the amount of \$800,000 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, is hereby increased by \$2,600,000 to \$3,400,000 for the departments listed on the attached chart.
14. The Bond and Lease Purchase Pool Fund expenditure budgets in the amount of \$0 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, is hereby increased by \$3,157,407 to \$3,157,407 for the departments listed on the attached chart.
15. The Metra Transportation Fund expenditure and revenue budget in the amount of \$23,584,918 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, is hereby increased by \$7,473,926 to \$31,058,844 for the departments listed on the attached chart.
16. The Trade Center Fund expenditure budget in the amount of \$4,721,154 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, is hereby increased by \$803,708 to \$5,524,862 for the departments listed on the attached chart.
17. The Bull Creek Golf Course Fund expenditure budget in the amount of \$2,410,041 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, is hereby increased by \$82,914 to \$2,492,955 for the departments listed on the attached chart.
18. The Oxbow Creek Golf Course Fund expenditure budget in the amount of \$721,000 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, is hereby increased by \$13,880 to \$734,880 for the departments listed on the attached chart.
19. The Civic Center Fund expenditure budget in the amount of \$6,521,513 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, is hereby increased by \$1,431,936 to \$7,953,449 and the revenue budget in the amount of \$6,521,513 is hereby increased by \$398,221 to \$6,919,734 for the departments listed on the attached chart.
20. The following position changes are hereby adopted as part of the FY26 Mid-Year Budget Amendment and are as follows:

RECLASSIFICATION:

- Parks & Recreation – One (1) Community Engagement Coordinator - G116 to One (1) Community Engagement Coordinator G121 (Budget Neutral Grade Change Only Effective 01/01/2026)

21. Section 25 of Columbus Ordinance No. 25-026 is hereby modified to insert the following:

- In recognition of the abolishment of local supplements for the Superior Court Judges of the Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit pursuant to 2025 House Bill 85, locality pay is hereby established at a pro-rata cost share of 54.3% for Muscogee County. The Muscogee County locality pay pro-rata percentage is fixed and is only applicable to locality pay as authorized by O.C.G.A. 15-6-29.2.
- Effective January 1, 2026, discretionary funds in the amount of \$100,000 will be provided annually to the Office of the Solicitor General for recruitment and retention of attorneys in the Solicitor General's Office.
- Effective January 1, 2026, a 1% pay adjustment for classified part-time positions is hereby adopted in concurrence with the 1% market adjustment to the General Government and Public Safety Pay Scales.

22. Section 36 of Columbus Ordinance No. 25-026 is hereby deleted in its entirety, and a new Section 36 is inserted to read as follows::

Columbus Ordinance No. 24-027 authorized a \$2,500.00 pay adjustment for existing full-time Sworn Officers at the Muscogee County Prison. Public Safety Officers hired at the Muscogee County Prison before and/or after said effective date in Ordinance 24-027 are not eligible for the \$2,500.00 pay adjustment until obtaining 24 months of employment and at the conclusion of any sign-on bonus payouts. Beginning with the onset of the FLSA pay cycle start date of January 31, 2026, an additional \$2,500.00 pay adjustment for existing full-time Sworn Officers at the Muscogee County Prison is hereby authorized. Public Safety Officers hired at the Muscogee County Prison before and/or after January 31, 2026, are not eligible for the additional \$2,500.00 pay adjustment until obtaining 24 months of employment and at the conclusion of any sign-on bonus payouts which shall run in concurrence with the original pay adjustment authorized by Ordinance No. 24-027.

23. Each budget increase provided herein is to be funded with fund balances and various revenue sources of the accounting fund for those funds that are being affected by the stated actions.

24. Within the overall budget limitations, authority is hereby delegated to the City Manager and Mayor, or the Finance Director when acting on the authority delegated by the City Manager or Mayor, to effect such intra-fund transfers of appropriation and revenue anticipation as may be deemed necessary to the effective performance and delivery of services approved herein.

25. The minimum budget requirements set forth in O.C.G.A. Title 36, Chapter 81, are hereby adopted.

SECTION 2.

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

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held on the 13th day of January 2026; introduced a second time at a regular meeting held on the ____ day of January 2026 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting _____.
Councilor Anker	voting _____.
Councilor Chambers	voting _____.
Councilor Cogle	voting _____.
Councilor Crabb	voting _____.
Councilor Davis	voting _____.
Councilor Garrett	voting _____.
Councilor Hickey	voting _____.
Councilor Huff	voting _____.
Councilor Tucker	voting _____.

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson, Mayor

FY26 (July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026) BUDGET AMENDMENT

Item #1.

Fund	Original Expenditure Adopted Budget	(Reserved Fund Balance from FY25) PO Roll	(Reserved Fund Balance from FY25) Carryovers	FY26 Revenue Offset	FY26 Amendment	Pay Plan Adjustments	Mid Year Amended Budget
<u>OPERATING FUNDS</u>							
0101 General Fund	\$221,670,697	\$2,403,248	\$3,887,032	\$700,154	\$216,998	\$0	\$228,878,129
0102 2009 Other LOST Public Safety Fund	34,545,117	2,507,104	205,000	0	96,334	0	37,353,555
0109 2009 Other LOST Infrastructure Fund	14,700,000	3,727,860	0	0	0	0	18,427,860
0202 Stormwater (Sewer) Fund	7,091,505	840	0	0	0	0	7,092,345
0203 Paving Fund	20,501,010	840,252	0	0	0	0	21,341,262
0204 Community Care Fund	12,731,967	6,249	0	0	0	0	12,738,216
0207 Integrated Waste Fund	18,637,447	513,398	0	0	0	0	19,150,845
0209 E911	4,325,167	12,941	0	0	0	0	4,338,108
0230 Economic Development Authority	3,114,885	0	0	0	0	0	3,114,885
0405 Debt Service	19,341,860	0	0	0	0	0	19,341,860
0751 METRA	23,584,918	7,473,926	0	0	0	0	31,058,844
0753 Trade Center	4,721,154	103,726	0	0	699,982	0	5,524,862
0755 Bull Creek Golf Course	2,410,041	0	0	0	82,914	0	2,492,955
0756 Oxbow Creek Golf Course	721,000	0	0	0	13,880	0	734,880
0757 Civic Center	6,521,513	1,033,715	0	0	398,221	0	7,953,449
TOTAL OPERATING FUNDS	\$394,618,281	\$18,623,259	\$4,092,032	\$700,154	\$1,508,329	\$0	\$419,542,055
<u>OTHER NON-OPERATING FUNDS</u>							
0210 CDBG Fund	\$1,812,296	\$169,008	\$0	\$0	\$1,193,626	\$0	\$3,174,930
0213 HOME Fund	4,018,227	693,849	0	0	2,249,670	0	6,961,746
0216 Multi-Government Project Fund	7,446,062	260,294	0	0	0	0	7,706,356
0218 American Rescue Plan Fund	15,412,226	11,255,373	0	0	0	0	26,667,599
0228 Sheriff Forfeiture Fund	300,000	10,575	0	0	0	0	310,575
0239 TAD #4 2nd Ave/City Village Mill District Fund	800,000	0	0	0	2,600,000	0	3,400,000
0542 Lease Purchase Pools Fund	0	3,157,407	0	0	0	0	3,157,407
0860 Risk Management Fund	8,189,571	0	0	0	0	0	8,189,571
TOTAL NON-OPERATING FUNDS	\$37,978,382	\$15,546,506	\$0	\$0	\$6,043,296	\$0	\$59,568,184

FY26 (July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026) BUDGET AMENDMENT
GENERAL FUND 0101

Item #1.

Department	Original Adopted Budget	(Reserved Fund Balance from FY25) PO Roll	(Reserved Fund Balance from FY25) Carryovers	FY26 Revenue Offsets	FY26 Amendments	Pay Plan Adjustments	Mid Year Amended Budget
100 COUNCIL	\$1,286,524					10,501	\$1,297,025
110 MAYOR	\$334,726					41,162	\$381,065
120 CITY ATTORNEY	\$1,934,862		5,177			10,020	\$1,944,882
130 CITY MANAGER	\$2,321,131	59,181				35,888	\$2,416,200
200 FINANCE	\$3,442,084	4,823				45,501	\$3,492,408
210 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	\$9,902,172	255,201				42,570	\$10,199,943
220 HUMAN RESOURCES	\$2,531,528	180,840				21,306	\$2,733,674
240 INSPECTIONS & CODE	\$3,307,912		266,005			34,592	\$3,608,509
242 PLANNING	\$398,548					5,369	\$403,917
245 COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT	\$259,331	28,750			14,153	2,241	\$304,475
250 ENGINEERING	\$1,602,288					16,560	\$1,618,848
260 PUBLIC WORKS	\$6,840,196	440,249	309,679			116,921	\$7,707,045
265 FACILITIES MAINTENANCE	\$8,063,713						\$8,063,713
270 PARKS AND RECREATION	\$16,021,012	246,562				123,635	\$16,391,209
280 COOPERATIVE EXTENSION	\$138,621						\$138,621
290 BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS	\$3,851,665					39,838	\$3,891,503
400 POLICE	\$30,835,447	136,938	107,824	614,425		419,610	\$32,114,244
410 FIRE & EMS	\$37,550,580	55,028	7,665	35,129		478,351	\$38,126,753
420 MCP	\$11,483,854	1,176	7,665	35,129	149,020	127,492	\$11,804,336
450 HOMELAND SECURITY	\$465,519					5,672	\$471,191
500 SUPERIOR COURT	\$10,662,535	1,928				142,391	\$10,806,854
510 STATE COURT	\$2,301,646					34,221	\$2,389,692
520 PUBLIC DEFENDER	\$2,677,629					11,169	\$2,688,798
530 MUNICIPAL COURT	\$1,632,917					23,211	\$1,656,128
540 PROBATE COURT	\$766,349					10,940	\$777,289
550 SHERIFF	\$42,319,710	68,173	503,857	15,471		387,894	\$43,295,105
560 TAX COMMISSIONER	\$2,393,039	13,170				30,734	\$2,436,943
570 CORONER	\$519,099	0				7,720	\$526,819
580 RECORDERS COURT	\$1,990,471	0				26,146	\$2,016,617
590 MISCELLANEOUS	\$13,643,145	911,229	2,679,160			(2,252,807)	\$14,980,727
610 PARKING MANAGEMENT	\$192,444					1,152	\$193,596
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	\$221,670,697	\$2,403,248	\$3,887,032	\$700,154	\$216,998	\$0	\$228,878,129
REVENUE**	\$207,895,047			1,024,708			\$208,919,755
USE OF FUND BALANCE	\$13,775,650						\$13,775,650
REVENUE TOTAL	\$221,670,697	\$0	\$0	\$1,024,708	\$0	\$0	\$222,695,405

FY26 Carryovers (Reserved from FY25)

\$5,177 - Mayor - Martin Luther King Event Donations & Expenses
\$266,005 - Inspections & Code - Demolitions For Blight Reduction Initiative
\$309,679 - Public Works - Capital Equipment
\$107,824 - Police - Various Public Safety Initiatives (Funded by Public School Zone Camera Fines)
\$7,665 - Fire - Various Public Safety Initiatives (Funded by Public School Zone Camera Fines)
\$7,665 - MCP - Various Public Safety Initiatives (Funded by Public School Zone Camera Fines)
\$503,857 - Sheriff - Various Public Safety Initiatives (Funded by Private School Zone Camera Fines)
\$279,160 - Miscellaneous - 5 Months Rent for Comer Avenue Judicial Space
\$2,400,000 - Miscellaneous - CIP Transfer for Uptown Pickleball Project

FY26 Revenue Offsets

\$614,425 - Police - Various Public Safety Initiatives (Funded by Public School Zone Camera Fines)
\$35,129 - Fire - Various Public Safety Initiatives (Funded by Public School Zone Camera Fines)
\$35,129 - MCP - Various Public Safety Initiatives (Funded by Public School Zone Camera Fines)
\$15,471 - Sheriff - Various Public Safety Initiatives (Funded by Private School Zone Camera Fines)

FY26 Amendments

\$14,153 - Community Reinvestment - Columbus Futbol/Farmer's Market Expenses
\$149,020 - MCP - Add \$2,500 Pay Adjustment for Sworn Officers each month amount - 357,648)
\$53,825 - Solicitor General - Add Discretionary Salary Budget for Recruitment and Retention effective 1/1/26 (12 month amount - \$107,650)

FY26 (July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026) BUDGET AMENDMENT
2009 Other Local Option Sales Tax Public Safety Fund 0102

Department	Original Adopted Budget	(Reserved Fund Balance from FY25) PO Roll	(Reserved Fund Balance from FY25) Carryovers	FY26 Revenue Offsets	FY26 Amendments	Pay Plan Adjustments	Mid Year Amended Budget
110 Crime Prevention	\$1,114,932					1,809	\$1,116,741
260 Public Works	\$127,593						\$127,593
270 Parks & Rec	\$50,270						\$50,270
400 Police	\$13,515,473	104,768			96,334	140,994	\$13,857,569
410 Fire	\$3,577,364	2,091,986				21,918	\$5,691,268
420 MCP	\$1,229,544	14,558	205,000			5,203	\$1,454,305
450 Homeland Security	\$30,734	144					\$30,878
500 District Attorney	\$188,678					3,213	\$191,891
500 Clerk of Superior Court	\$52,283					2,339	\$54,622
500 Juvenile Court	\$48,462					756	\$49,218
510 State Court	\$260,937					4,161	\$265,098
520 Public Defender	\$244,306						\$244,306
530 Clerk of Municipal Court	\$201,589					3,078	\$204,667
540 Probate Court	\$54,042					859	\$54,901
550 Sheriff	\$4,839,036	292,148				46,365	\$5,177,549
570 Coroner	\$11,647						\$11,647
580 Recorder's Court	\$99,005					1,550	\$100,555
590 Non-Categorical	\$8,895,339	3,500				(232,245)	\$8,666,594
610 METRA	\$3,883						\$3,883
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	\$34,545,117	\$2,507,104	\$205,000	\$0	\$96,334	\$0	\$37,353,555
REVENUE	\$34,300,000						\$34,300,000
USE OF FUND BALANCE	\$245,117						\$245,117
REVENUE TOTAL	\$34,545,117	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$34,545,117

FY26 Carryovers (Reserved from FY25)

\$205,000 - MCP - Use of Fund Balance for Replacement Washing Machines

FY26 Amendments

\$96,334 - Police - Use of Fund Balance for 10 Mobile Cameras for Real Time Crime Center

FY26 (July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026) BUDGET AMENDMENT
2009 Other Local Option Sales Tax Infrastructure Fund 0109

Item #1.

Department	Original Adopted Budget	(Reserved Fund Balance from FY25) PO Roll	(Reserved Fund Balance from FY25) Carryovers	FY26 Revenue Offsets	FY26 Amendments	Mid Year Amended Budget
210 Information Technology	\$325,000	260,179				\$585,179
250 Roads/ Bridges	\$1,000,000	3,272,079				\$4,272,079
250 Stormwater	\$1,400,000	5,612				\$1,405,612
260 Facilities	\$2,620,485	189,990				\$2,810,475
590 Non-Categorical	\$9,354,515					\$9,354,515
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	\$14,700,000	\$3,727,860		\$0	\$0	\$18,427,860
REVENUE	\$14,700,000					\$14,700,000
USE OF FUND BALANCE	\$0					\$0
REVENUE TOTAL	\$14,700,000		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$14,700,000

FY26 (July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026) BUDGET AMENDMENT
STORMWATER (SEWER) FUND 0202

Item #1.

Department	Original Adopted Budget	(Reserved Fund Balance from FY25) PO Roll	(Reserved Fund Balance from FY25) Carryovers	FY26 Revenue Offsets	FY26 Amendments	Pay Plan Adjustments	Mid Year Amended Budget
250 ENGINEERING	\$826,867	840				\$11,772	\$839,479
260 PUBLIC WORKS	\$4,622,582					51,036	\$4,673,618
590 MISCELLANEOUS	\$1,642,056					(62,808)	\$1,579,248
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	\$7,091,505	\$840	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$7,092,345
REVENUE	\$7,091,505						\$7,091,505
USE OF FUND BALANCE	\$0						\$0
REVENUE TOTAL	\$7,091,505	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$7,091,505

FY26 (July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026) BUDGET AMENDMENT
PAVING FUND 0203

Item #1.

Department	Original Adopted Budget	(Reserved Fund Balance from FY25) PO Roll	(Reserved Fund Balance from FY25) Carryovers	FY26 Revenue Offsets	FY26 Amendments	Pay Plan Adjustments	Mid Year Amended Budget
250 ENGINEERING	\$1,440,238	63,755				19,321	\$1,523,314
260 PUBLIC WORKS	\$16,409,146	776,497				154,769	\$17,340,412
590 MISCELLANEOUS	\$2,651,626					(174,090)	\$2,477,536
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	\$20,501,010	\$840,252	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$21,341,262
REVENUE	\$19,501,010						\$19,501,010
USE OF FUND BALANCE	\$1,000,000						\$1,000,000
REVENUE TOTAL	\$20,501,010	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$20,501,010

FY26 (July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026) BUDGET AMENDMENT
COMMUNITY CARE FUND 0204

Item #1.

Department	Original Adopted Budget	(Reserved Fund Balance from FY25) PO Roll	(Reserved Fund Balance from FY25) Carryovers	FY26 Revenue Offsets	FY26 Amendments	Pay Plan Adjustments	Mid Year Amended Budget
200 INDIGENT CARE	\$8,485,276				-190,000		\$8,295,276
410 FIRE/EMS CORRECT CARE	\$346,691				190,000		\$536,691
590 INDIGENT CARE EXCESS	\$3,900,000	6,249					\$3,906,249
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	\$12,731,967	\$6,249	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$12,738,216
REVENUE	\$6,054,900						\$6,054,900
USE OF FUND BALANCE	\$6,677,067						\$6,677,067
REVENUE TOTAL	\$12,731,967	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$12,731,967

FY26 Amendments

Reallocation of \$190,000 for Contractual Services to Support Correct Care Program

- MercyMed of Columbus \$150,000
- Valley Healthcare - \$40,000

FY26 (July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026) BUDGET AMENDMENT
INTEGRATED WASTE FUND 0207

Item #1.

Department	Original Adopted Budget	(Reserved Fund Balance from FY25) PO Roll	(Reserved Fund Balance from FY25) Carryovers	FY26 Revenue Offsets	FY26 Amendments	Pay Plan Adjustments	Mid Year Amended Budget
260 PUBLIC WORKS	\$14,679,104	513,398				114,588	\$15,307,090
270 PARKS & RECREATION	\$236,026					2,917	\$238,943
590 MISCELLANEOUS	\$3,722,317					(117,505)	\$3,604,812
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	\$18,637,447	\$513,398	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$19,150,845
REVENUE	\$18,637,447						\$18,637,447
USE OF FUND BALANCE	\$0						\$0
REVENUE TOTAL	\$18,637,447	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$18,637,447

FY26 (July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026) BUDGET AMENDMENT
E911 FUND 0209

Item #1.

Department	Original Adopted Budget	(Reserved Fund Balance from FY25) PO Roll	(Reserved Fund Balance from FY25) Carryovers	FY26 Revenue Offsets	FY26 Amendments	Pay Plan Adjustments	Mid Year Amended Budget
400 E911	\$4,042,867	12,941				54,091	\$4,109,899
590 MISCELLANEOUS	\$282,300					(54,091)	\$228,209
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	\$4,325,167	\$12,941		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,338,108
REVENUE	\$4,325,167						\$4,325,167
USE OF FUND BALANCE	\$0						\$0
REVENUE TOTAL	\$4,325,167		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,325,167

FY26 (July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026) BUDGET AMENDMENT
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND 0230

Item #1.

Department	Original Adopted Budget	(Reserved Fund Balance from FY25) PO Roll	(Reserved Fund Balance from FY25) Carryovers	FY26 Revenue Offsets	FY26 Amendments	Mid Year Amended Budget
590 MISCELLANEOUS	\$3,114,885					\$3,114,885
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	\$3,114,885	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,114,885
REVENUE	\$2,929,770					\$2,929,770
USE OF FUND BALANCE	\$185,115					\$185,115
REVENUE TOTAL	\$3,114,885	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,114,885

Funding for Economic Development is based on the **collection** of 0.50 mills, 0.25 mills allocated to the Development Authority.

FY26 (July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026) BUDGET AMENDMENT
DEBT SERVICE FUND 0405

Item #1.

Department	Original Adopted Budget	(Reserved Fund Balance from FY25) PO Roll	(Reserved Fund Balance from FY25) Carryovers	FY26 Revenue Offsets	FY26 Amendments	Mid Year Amended Budget
200 DEBT SERVICE	\$19,341,860					\$19,341,860
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	\$19,341,860		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$19,341,860
REVENUE	\$19,341,860					\$19,341,860
USE OF FUND BALANCE	\$0					\$0
REVENUE TOTAL	\$19,341,860		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$19,341,860

FY26 (July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026) BUDGET AMENDMENT
METRA TRANSPORTATION FUND 0751

Item #1.

Department	Original Adopted Budget	(Reserved Fund Balance from FY25) PO Roll	(Reserved Fund Balance from FY25) Carryovers	FY26 Revenue Offsets	FY26 Amendments	Pay Plan Adjustments	Mid Year Amended Budget
260 PUBLIC WORKS	\$15,000						\$15,000
590 MISCELLANEOUS	\$708,567						\$602,774
610 METRA	\$22,861,351	7,473,926					\$30,441,070
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	\$23,584,918	\$7,473,926	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$31,058,844
REVENUE	\$23,584,918			7,473,926			\$31,058,844
USE OF FUND BALANCE	\$0						\$0
REVENUE TOTAL	\$23,584,918	\$0	\$0	\$7,473,926	\$0	\$0	\$31,058,844

FY26 (July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026) BUDGET AMENDMENT
TRADE CENTER FUND 0753

Item #1.

Department	Original Adopted Budget	(Reserved Fund Balance from FY25) PO Roll	(Reserved Fund Balance from FY25) Carryovers	FY26 Revenue Offsets	FY26 Amendments	Pay Plan Adjustments	Mid Year Amended Budget
590 MISCELLANEOUS	\$202,260					(\$35,910)	\$166,350
620 TRADE CENTER	\$4,518,894	103,726			699,982	35,910	\$5,358,512
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	\$4,721,154	\$103,726	\$0	\$0	\$699,982	\$0	\$5,524,862
REVENUE	\$4,721,154						\$4,721,154
USE OF FUND BALANCE	\$0						\$0
REVENUE TOTAL	\$4,721,154	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,721,154

FY26 Amendments

\$699,982 - Trade Center - Use of Fund Reserves for Replacement of a Small Chiller Per Trade Center Authority

FY26 (July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026) BUDGET AMENDMENT
BULL CREEK GOLF COURSE FUND 0755

Item #1.

Department	Original Adopted Budget	(Reserved Fund Balance from FY25) PO Roll	(Reserved Fund Balance from FY25) Carryovers	FY26 Revenue Offsets	FY26 Amendments	Pay Plan Adjustments	Mid Year Amended Budget
590 MISCELLANEOUS	\$78,498					(\$15,708)	\$62,790
630 BULL CREEK	\$2,331,543				82,914	15,708	\$2,430,165
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	\$2,410,041	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$82,914	\$0	\$2,492,955
REVENUE	\$2,410,041						\$2,410,041
REVENUE TOTAL	\$2,410,041	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,410,041

FY26 Amendments

\$58,269 - Bull Creek - Use of Fund Reserves for Bunker Renovation Project Per Golf Authority

\$11,841 - Bull Creek - Use of Fund Reserves for Cart Path Repair Project Per Golf Authority

FY26 (July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026) BUDGET AMENDMENT
OXBOW CREEK GOLF COURSE FUND 0756

Item #1.

Department	Original Adopted Budget	(Reserved Fund Balance from FY25) PO Roll	(Reserved Fund Balance from FY25) Carryovers	FY26 Revenue Offsets	FY26 Amendments	Pay Plan Adjustments	Mid Year Amended Budget
590 MISCELLANEOUS	\$24,331					(\$5,176)	\$19,155
640 OXBOW CREEK	\$696,669					5,176	\$715,725
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	\$721,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$13,880	\$0	\$734,880
REVENUE	\$721,000						\$721,000
REVENUE TOTAL	\$721,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$721,000

FY26 Amendments

\$13,880 - Oxbow Creek - Use of Fund Reserves for Capital Equipment Purchase Per Golf Authority

FY26 (July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026) BUDGET AMENDMENT
 CIVIC CENTER FUND 0757

Item #1.

Department	Original Adopted Budget	(Reserved Fund Balance from FY25) PO Roll	(Reserved Fund Balance from FY25) Carryovers	FY26 Revenue Offsets	FY26 Amendments	Pay Plan Adjustments	Mid Year Amended Budget
160 CIVIC CENTER	\$6,095,996	\$1,033,715			398,221	\$22,550	\$7,550,482
260 PUBLIC WORKS	\$125,000						\$125,000
590 MISCELLANEOUS	\$300,517					(22,550)	\$277,967
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	\$6,521,513	\$1,033,715	\$0	\$0	\$398,221	\$0	\$7,953,449
REVENUE	\$6,521,513				\$398,221		\$6,919,734
REVENUE TOTAL	\$6,521,513	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$398,221	\$0	\$6,919,734

FY26 Amendments

\$398,221 - Civic Center Budget Adjustment Due to Ice Plant Condenser Replacement Reimbursed From Friends of Columbus Funds

FY26 (July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026) BUDGET AMENDMENT
CDBG FUND 0210

Item #1.

Department	Original Adopted Budget	(Reserved Fund Balance from FY25) PO Roll	(Reserved Fund Balance from FY25) Carryovers	FY26 Revenue Offsets	FY26 Amendments	Pay Plan Adjustments	Mid Year Amended Budget
245 COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT	\$1,807,100	169,008			1,193,626	\$5,196	\$3,174,930
590 MISCELLANEOUS	\$5,196					(5,196)	\$0
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	\$1,812,296	\$169,008	\$0	\$0	\$1,193,626	\$0	\$3,174,930
REVENUE	\$1,812,296			169,008	\$1,193,626		\$3,174,930
REVENUE TOTAL	\$1,812,296	\$0	\$0	\$169,008	\$1,193,626	\$0	\$3,174,930

FY26 Amendments

\$1,193,626- CDBG Program Funding Allocations (HUD Carryover Funds Available from Prior Years)

FY26 (July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026) BUDGET AMENDMENT
HOME PROGRAM FUND 0213

Item #1.

Department	Original Adopted Budget	(Reserved Fund Balance from FY25) PO Roll	(Reserved Fund Balance from FY25) Carryovers	FY26 Revenue Offsets	FY26 Amendments	Pay Plan Adjustments	Mid Year Amended Budget
245 COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT	\$4,015,617	693,849			2,249,670	\$2,610	\$6,961,746
590 MISCELLANEOUS	\$2,610					(2,610)	\$0
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	\$4,018,227	\$693,849	\$0	\$0	\$2,249,670	\$0	\$6,961,746
REVENUE	\$4,018,227			\$693,849	\$2,249,670		\$6,961,746
REVENUE TOTAL	\$4,018,227	\$0	\$0	\$693,849	\$2,249,670	\$0	\$6,961,746

FY26 Amendments

\$2,449,670 - HOME Program Funding Allocations (HUD Carryover Funds Available from Prior Years)

FY26 (July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026) BUDGET AMENDMENT
MULTI-GOVERNMENTAL FUND 0216

Item #1.

Department	Original Adopted Budget	(Reserved Fund Balance from FY25) PO Roll	(Reserved Fund Balance from FY25) Carryovers	FY26 Revenue Offsets	FY26 Amendments	Mid Year Amended Budget
VARIOUS	\$7,446,062	260,294				\$7,706,356
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	\$7,446,062	\$260,294	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$7,706,356
REVENUE	\$7,446,062	\$0		260,294		\$7,706,356
REVENUE TOTAL	\$7,446,062	\$0	\$0	\$260,294	\$0	\$7,706,356

FY26 (July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026) BUDGET AMENDMENT
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN - FISCAL RECOVERY FUND 0218

Item #1.

Department	Original Adopted Budget	(Reserved Fund Balance from FY25) PO Roll	(Reserved Fund Balance from FY25) Carryovers	FY26 Revenue Offsets	FY26 Amendments	Mid Year Amended Budget
VARIOUS	\$15,412,226	\$11,255,373			\$0	\$26,667,599
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	\$15,412,226	\$11,255,373		\$0	\$0	\$26,667,599
REVENUE	\$0					\$0
REVENUE TOTAL	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0

FY26 (July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026) BUDGET AMENDMENT
SHERIFF FORFEITURE FUND 0228

Department	Original Adopted Budget	(Reserved Fund Balance from FY25) PO Roll	(Reserved Fund Balance from FY25) Carryovers	FY26 Revenue Offsets	FY26 Amendments	Mid Year Amended Budget
SHERIFF	\$300,000	10,575				\$310,575
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	\$300,000	\$10,575	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$310,575
REVENUE	\$300,000					\$300,000
REVENUE TOTAL	\$300,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$300,000

FY26 (July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026) BUDGET AMENDMENT
TAD #4 - 2ND AVE/CITY VILLAGE MILL DISTRICT FUND 0239

Department	Original Adopted Budget	(Reserved Fund Balance from FY25) PO Roll	(Reserved Fund Balance from FY25) Carryovers	FY26 Revenue Offsets	FY26 Amendments	Mid Year Amended Budget
NONDEPARTMENTAL		\$800,000			\$2,600,000	\$3,400,000
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	\$800,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,600,000	\$3,400,000
REVENUE		\$800,000				\$800,000
REVENUE TOTAL	\$800,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$800,000

FY26 Amendments

\$2,600,000 - Use of Fund Reserves for Uptown Pickleball Facility Construction Project

FY26 (July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026) BUDGET AMENDMENT
BOND AND LEASE PURCHASE POOLS FUND 0542

Department	Original Adopted Budget	(Reserved Fund Balance from FY25) PO Roll	(Reserved Fund Balance from FY25) Carryovers	FY26 Revenue Offsets	FY26 Amendments	Mid Year Amended Budget
LEASE PURCHASE POOL		\$0	3,157,407			\$3,157,407
EXPENDITURE TOTAL		\$0	\$3,157,407	\$0	\$0	\$0
REVENUE		0		3,157,407		\$3,157,407
REVENUE TOTAL		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,157,407	\$0

FY26 (July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026) BUDGET AMENDMENT
RISK MANAGEMENT FUND 0860

Item #1.

Department	Original Adopted Budget	(Reserved Fund Balance from FY25) PO Roll	(Reserved Fund Balance from FY25) Carryovers	FY26 Revenue Offsets	FY26 Amendments	Pay Plan Adjustments	Mid Year Amended Budget
220 HUMAN RESOURCES	\$8,189,571						\$8,189,571
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	\$8,189,571	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8,189,571
REVENUE USE OF FUND BALANCE	\$8,189,571						\$8,189,571
REVENUE TOTAL	\$8,189,571	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8,189,571

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	FY26 MID-YEAR BUDGET AMENDMENT
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approve an Ordinance amending the budgets for the Fiscal Year 2026 by appropriating amounts in each fund for various operational activities.
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

Recommendation: Approve an Ordinance amending the budgets for the Fiscal Year 2026 by appropriating amounts in each fund for various operational activities.

Background: The Council has adopted the City's Annual Operating budget and in special actions has adopted various special purpose budgets. All of these budgets appropriate funding for planned operations. During the course of the year, adjustments become necessary to increase or redistribute funding based on actions of Council, changes in departmental activities and changes in funding sources.

Staff is requesting a budget amendment to appropriate monies needed for various operational activities. As provided in the charter and state law, only Council has the authority to change spending levels. Adjustments are included in this Ordinance to reflect changes needed to complete organizational objectives. These adjustments are necessary to modify budgets to change the legal level of control at the department level as per O.C.G.A. Chapter 36. Staff is requesting adjustments for operational expenditures like administrative and operating costs for the following funds. In order to keep an accurate record of authorized spending levels and positions, this budget amendment is submitted for Council consideration.

Analysis: The recommended budget adjustments are outlined on the attached summary table immediately following the memorandum identifying the amount to be appropriated in each accounting fund. The appropriation will change the total approved budget of each fund as indicated in the accompanying chart.

Financial Considerations: None, other than as noted in the analysis.

Legal Considerations: Council approval is required to modify spending levels.

Recommendations/Actions: Approve an Ordinance amending the budgets for the Fiscal Year 2026 by appropriating amounts in each fund for various operational activities.

File Attachments for Item:

2. 1st Reading- REZN-11-25-2127: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **6213 and 6221 Macon Road** (parcel # 111-008-005) from Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District to General Commercial (GC) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Crabb)

AN ORDINANCE

NO. _____

An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **6213 and 6221 Macon Road** (parcel # 111-008-005) from Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District to General Commercial (GC) Zoning District.

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

Section 1.

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

“All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Land Lot 38 of the Ninth Land District, Columbus, Muscogee County, Georgia, and being described within the following metes and bounds, to-wit: Commence at the iron stake which marks the southeasterly terminus of the mitered intersection of the northeasterly margin of Miller Road and the northwesterly margin of Macon Road and from said point commencing thence north 61 degrees 44 minutes cast along said northwesterly margin of Macon Road a distance of 174.90 feet to the iron stake which marks the point of beggining of the property hereby conveyed; and from said point of beginning running thence north 28 degrees 16 minutes west a distance of 200.0 feet to an iron stake thence north 61 degrees 44 minutes east a distance of 274.0 fed to an iron stake; running thence south 28 degrees 16 minutes cast a distance of 200.0 feet to an iron stake located on said northwesterly margin of Macon Road; running thence south 61 degrees 44 minutes west along said northwesterly margin of Macon Road a distance of 274.0 feet to the iron stake which marks the point of beginning of the property hereby conveyed.

The above described property contains 1.258 acres of land and is designated as such on a survey entitled "Survey of Part of Land Lot 38, Ninth District, Columbus, Muscogee County Georgia prepared by Moon, Meeks, Maron & Vinson, Inc. under date of February 17, 1999."

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 27th day of January, 2026; introduced a second time at a regular meeting of said Council held on the _____ day of _____, 2026 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting _____
Councilor Anker	voting _____
Councilor Chambers	voting _____
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COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

REZN-11-25-2127

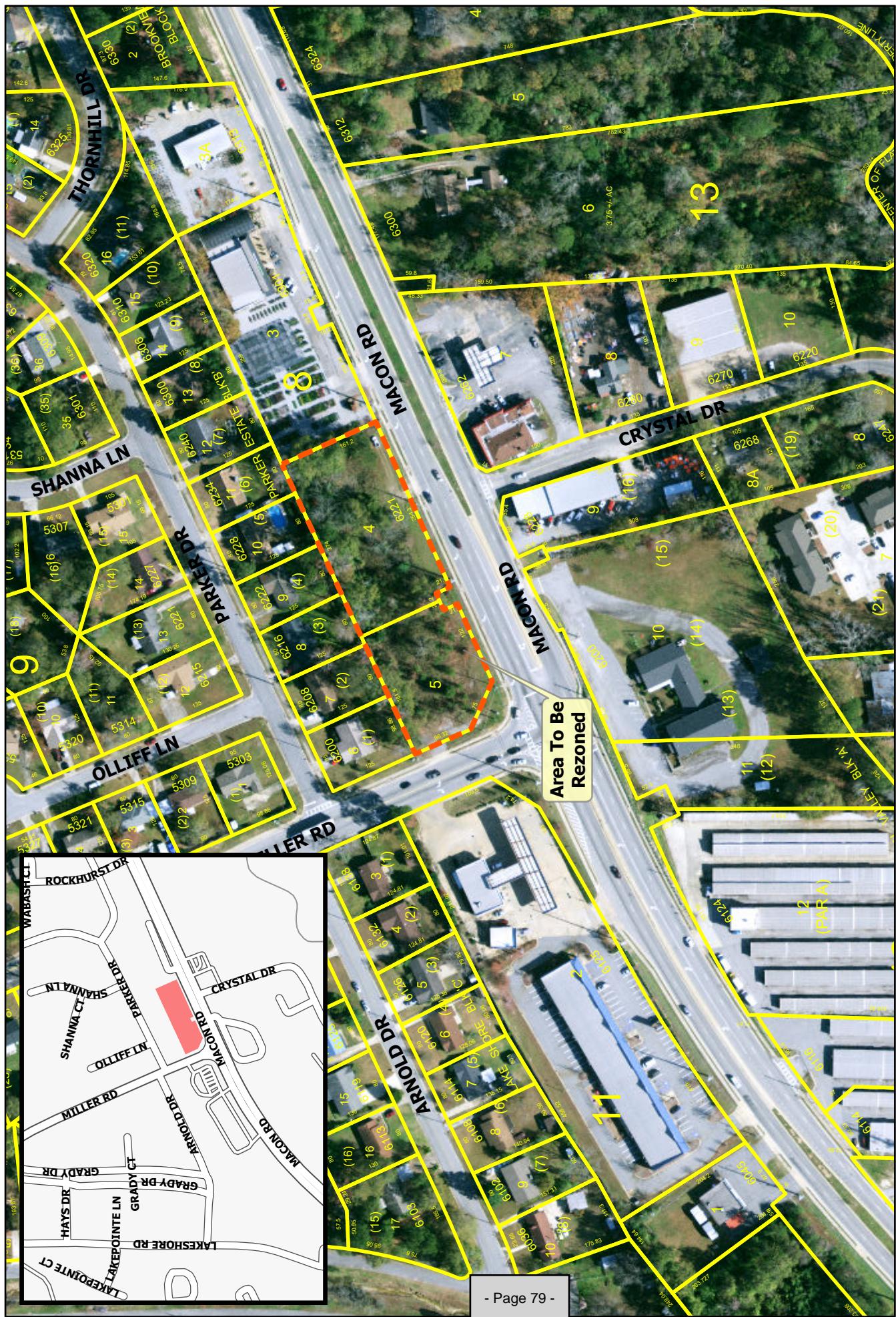
Applicant:	Ernest Smallman IV
Owner:	Foskey Properties LLC & Foskey Family Holding LLP
Location:	6213 & 6221 Macon Road
Parcel:	011-008-005/4
Acreage:	0.92/1.25 Acres
Current Zoning Classification:	Neighborhood Commercial
Proposed Zoning Classification:	General Commercial
Current Use of Property:	Vacant
Proposed Use of Property:	Commercial flex space
Council District:	District 5
PAC Recommendation:	Approval based on the Staff Report and compatibility with existing land uses.
Planning Department Recommendation:	Approval based on compatibility with existing land uses.
Fort Benning's Recommendation:	N/A
DRI Recommendation:	N/A
General Land Use:	Consistent Planning Area B
Current Land Use Designation:	Vacant/Undeveloped

Future Land Use Designation:	General Commercial								
Compatible with Existing Land-Uses:	Yes								
Environmental Impacts:	The property does not lie within the floodway and floodplain area. The developer will need an approved drainage plan prior to issuance of a Site Development permit, if a permit is required.								
City Services:	Property is served by all city services.								
Traffic Engineering:	This site shall meet the Codes and regulations of the Columbus Consolidated Government for commercial usage.								
Surrounding Zoning:	<table> <tr> <td>North</td><td>Single Family Residential 2 (SFR2)</td></tr> <tr> <td>South</td><td>Neighborhood Commercial (NC)</td></tr> <tr> <td>East</td><td>General Commercial (GC)</td></tr> <tr> <td>West</td><td>Neighborhood Commercial (NC)</td></tr> </table>	North	Single Family Residential 2 (SFR2)	South	Neighborhood Commercial (NC)	East	General Commercial (GC)	West	Neighborhood Commercial (NC)
North	Single Family Residential 2 (SFR2)								
South	Neighborhood Commercial (NC)								
East	General Commercial (GC)								
West	Neighborhood Commercial (NC)								
Reasonableness of Request:	The request is compatible with existing land uses.								
School Impact:	N/A								
Buffer Requirement:	<p>The site shall include a Category C buffer along all property lines bordered by the SFR2 zoning district. The 3 options under Category C are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) 5 feet with a certain amount of canopy trees, under story trees, and shrubs / ornamental grasses per 100 linear feet. 2) 10 feet with a certain amount of shrubs / ornamental grasses per 100 linear feet and a wood fence or masonry wall. 3) 20 feet undisturbed natural buffer. 								
Attitude of Property Owners:	Ninety-Seven (97) property owners within 300 feet of the subject properties were notified of the rezoning request. The Planning Department received no calls and/or emails regarding the rezoning.								
Approval	0 Responses								
Opposition	0 Responses								

Additional Information: N/A

Attachments:

- Aerial Land Use Map
- Location Map
- Zoning Map
- Existing Land Use Map
- Future Land Use Map
- Flood Map
- Concept Plan



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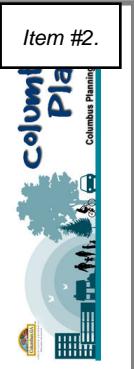
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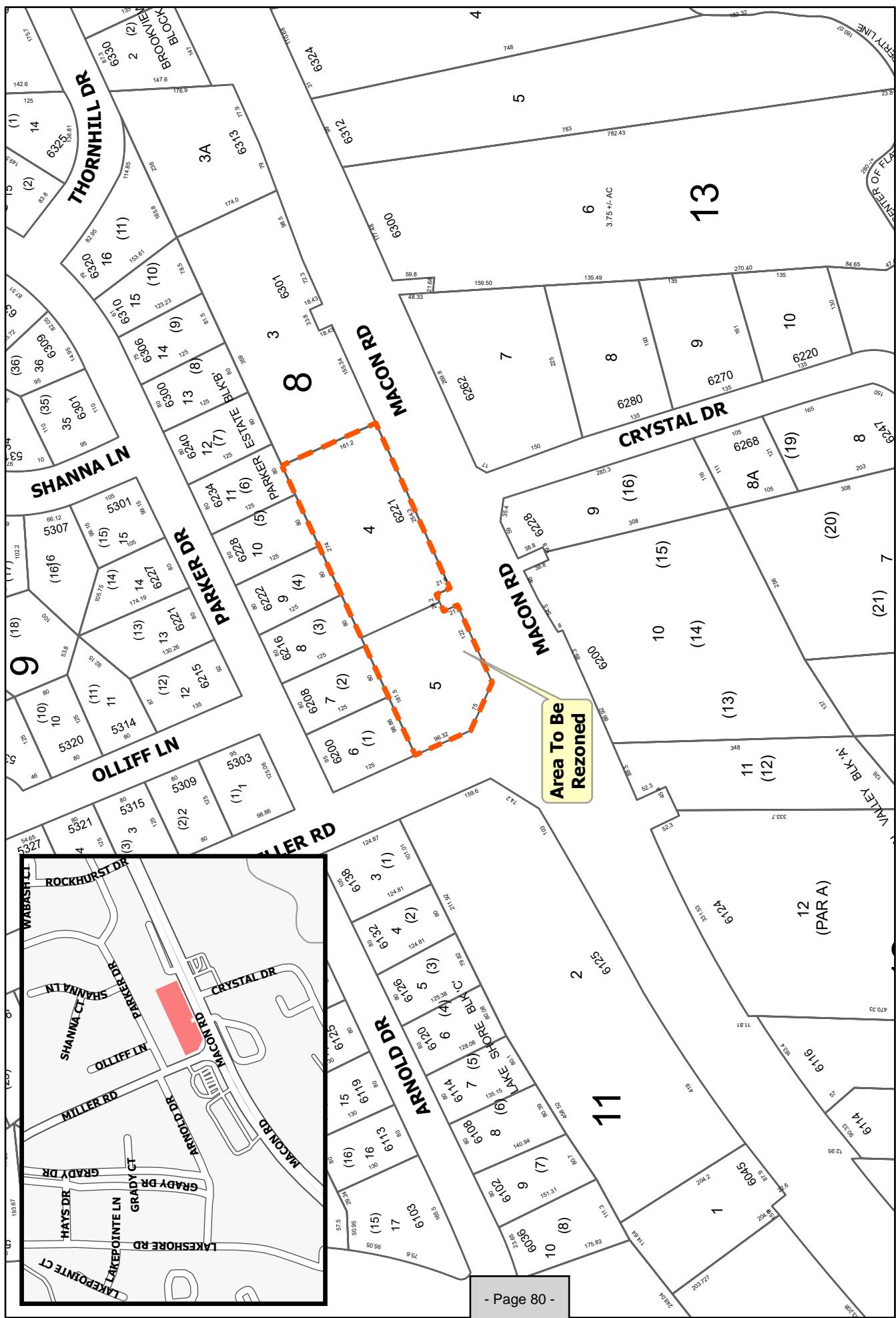
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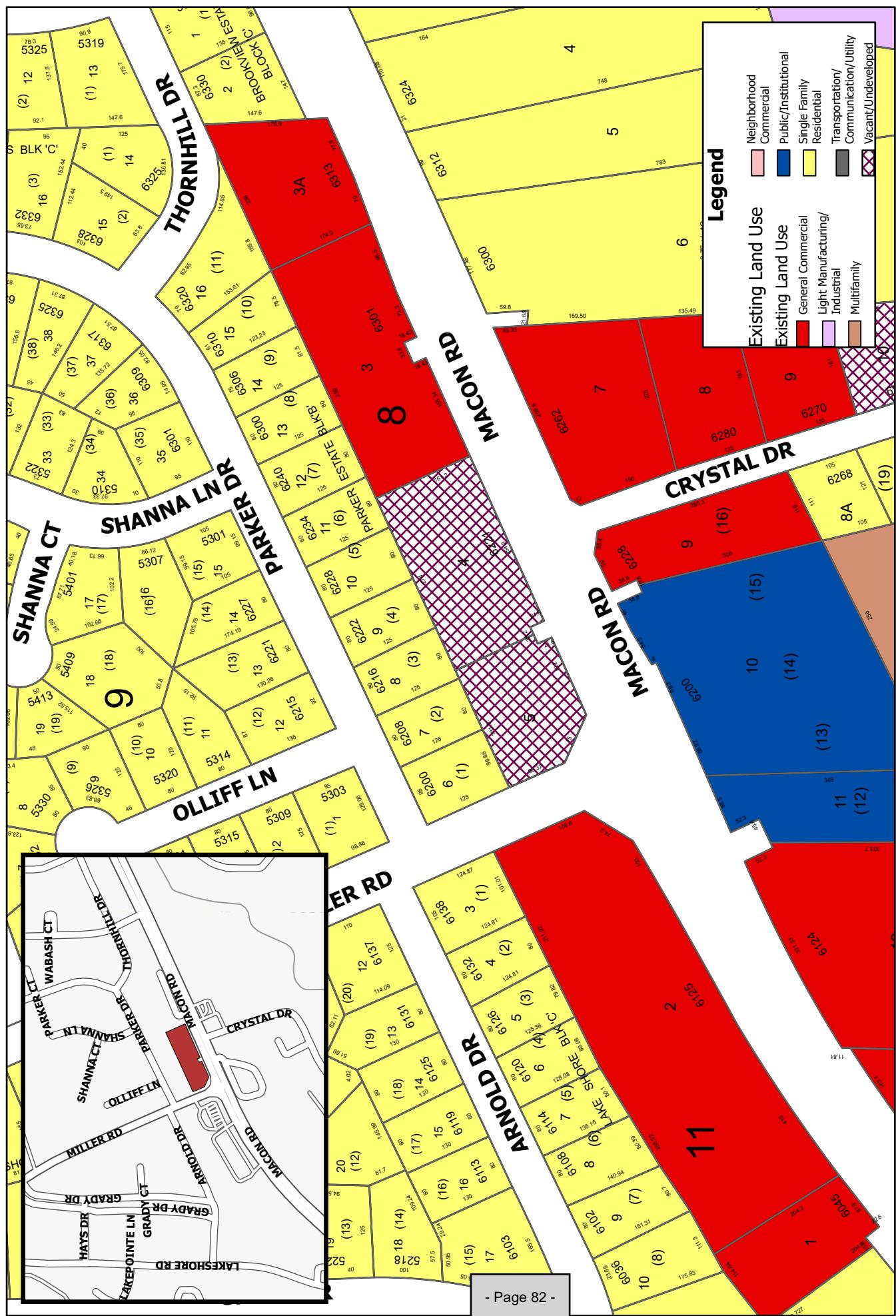


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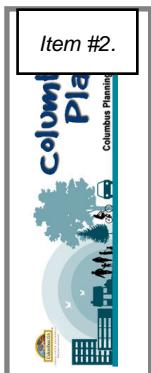
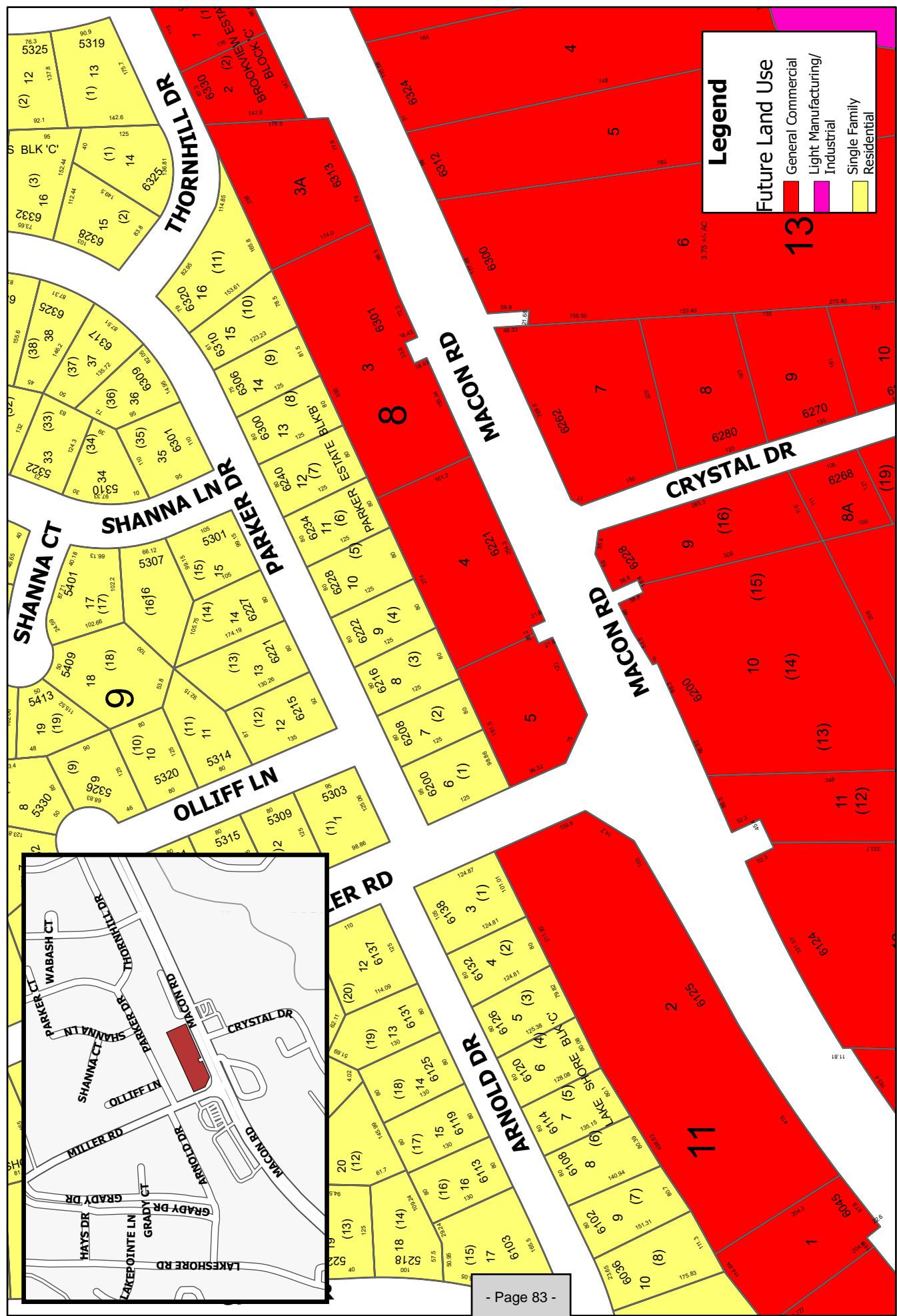
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Existing Land Use Map for REZN 11-25 - 2127
Map 111 Block 008 Lots 004 & 005
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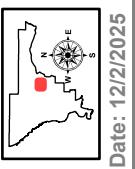
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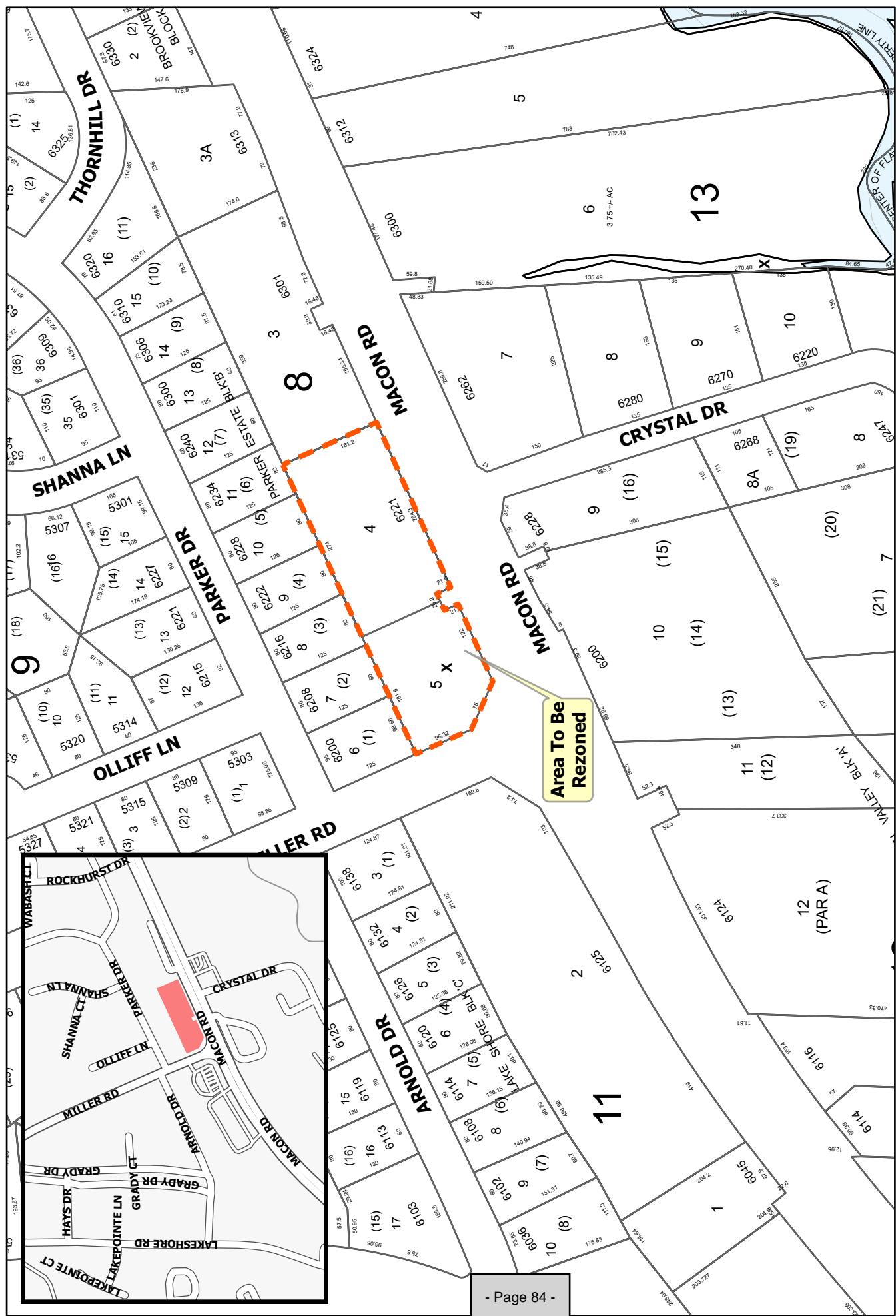


Future Land Use Map for REZN 11-25 - 2127
Map 111 Block 008 Lots 004 & 005
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Flood Hazard Map for REZN 11252127
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File Attachments for Item:

3. 1st Reading: REZN-11-25-2173: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **3233 6th Avenue** (parcel # 014-018-028) from Residential Multifamily – 2 (RMF2) Zoning District to Residential Multifamily – 1 (RMF1) Zoning District with conditions. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval) (Councilor Garrett)

AN ORDINANCE

NO. _____

An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **3233 6th Avenue** (parcel # 014-018-028) from Residential Multifamily – 2 (RMF2) Zoning District to Residential Multifamily – 1 (RMF1) Zoning District with conditions.

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

Section 1.

The Zoning Atlas on file with the Planning Department is hereby amended by changing the property described below from Residential Multifamily – 2 (RMF2) Zoning District to Residential Multifamily – 1 (RMF1) with conditions Zoning District.

“All that tract or parcel of land being Parcel 3, M. R. Flournoy Subdivision of Cook Property, lying in and being part of Land Lot 72, 8th District, Columbus, Muscogee County, Georgia, being more particularly described as follows: Commence at an iron stake marking the intersection of the northerly line of 32nd Street and the westerly line of 6th Avenue; thence northerly along the westerly line of 6th Avenue, 389.27 feet to an iron stake and the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence leaving 6th Avenue, North 89 degrees 28 minutes 48 seconds West, 149.87 feet to an iron stake; thence North 04 degrees 11 minutes 57 seconds East, 98.51 feet to an iron stake; thence North 89 degrees 58 minutes 20 seconds East, 149.89 feet to an iron stake on the westerly line of 6th Avenue; thence South 04 degrees 09 minutes 12 seconds West, along the westerly line of 6th Avenue, 100.0 feet to an iron stake and the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 0.34 acres.”

Section 2.

The property is rezoned subject to the following conditions:

1. Minimum lot size of 3,000 sq ft
2. Minimum lot width of 20 feet

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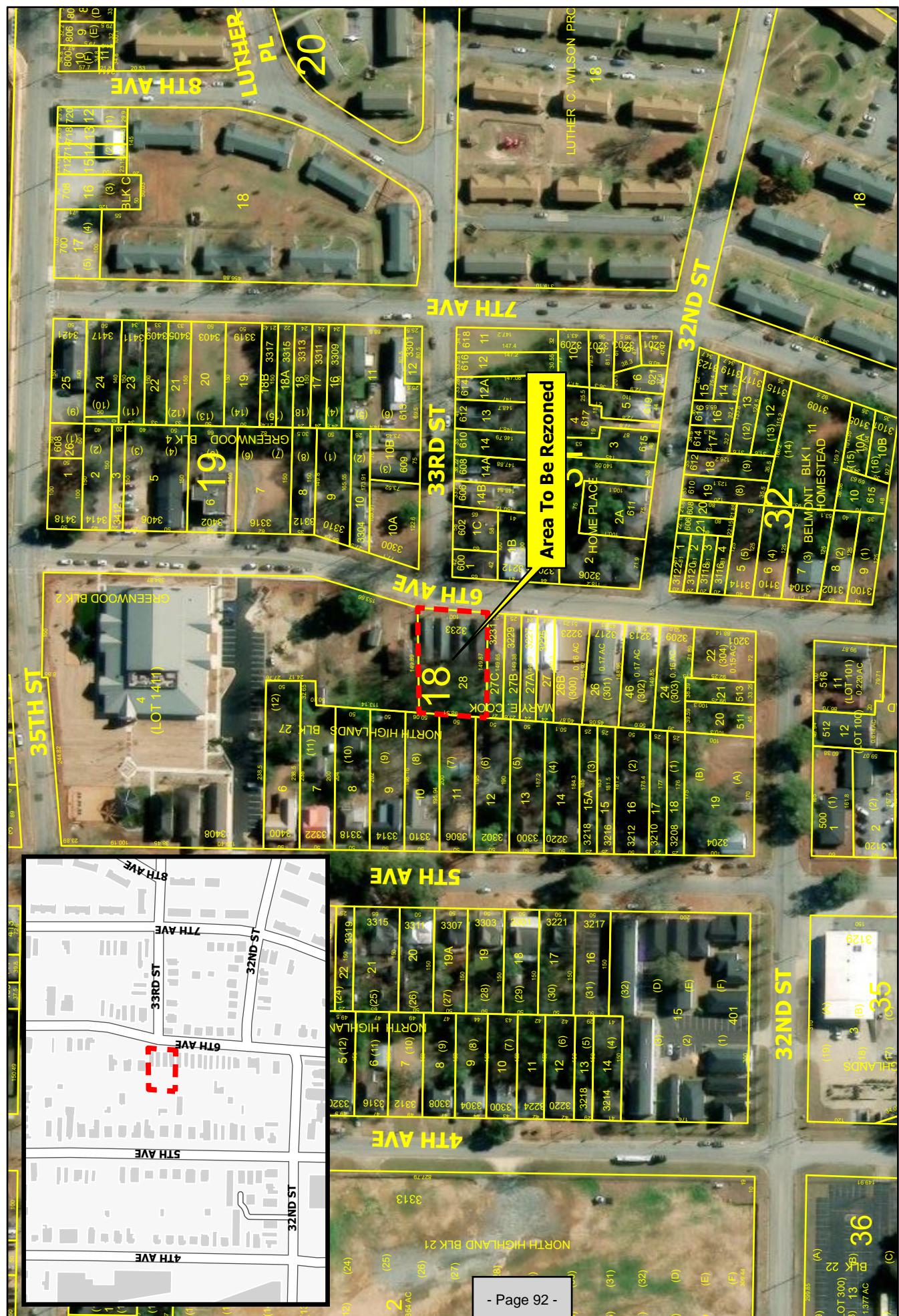
COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

REZN-11-25-2173

Applicant:	Truth Spring
Owner:	Truth Spring Inc and Truth Spring Real Estate LLC
Location:	3233 6th Avenue
Parcel:	014-018-028
Acreage:	0.34 Acres
Current Zoning Classification:	Residential Multifamily – 2
Proposed Zoning Classification:	Residential Multifamily – 1
Proposed Conditions:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Minimum lot size of 3,000 sq ft2. Minimum lot width of 20 feet
Current Use of Property:	Single Family Residential
Proposed Use of Property:	Single Family Residential
Council District:	District 8
PAC Recommendation:	Approval based on the Staff Report and compatibility with existing land uses.
Planning Department Recommendation:	Approval based on compatibility with existing land uses.
Fort Benning's Recommendation:	N/A
DRI Recommendation:	N/A
General Land Use:	Consistent Planning Area F

Current Land Use Designation:	Single Family Residential								
Future Land Use Designation:	Single Family Residential								
Compatible with Existing Land-Uses:	Yes								
Environmental Impacts:	The property does not lie within the floodway and floodplain area. The developer will need an approved drainage plan prior to issuance of a Site Development permit, if a permit is required.								
City Services:	Property is served by all city services.								
Traffic Engineering:	This site shall meet the Codes and regulations of the Columbus Consolidated Government for residential usage.								
Surrounding Zoning:	<table> <tr> <td>North</td><td>Residential Multifamily – 2 (RMF2)</td></tr> <tr> <td>South</td><td>Residential Multifamily – 2 (RMF2)</td></tr> <tr> <td>East</td><td>Residential Multifamily – 2 (RMF2)</td></tr> <tr> <td>West</td><td>Residential Multifamily – 1 (RMF1)</td></tr> </table>	North	Residential Multifamily – 2 (RMF2)	South	Residential Multifamily – 2 (RMF2)	East	Residential Multifamily – 2 (RMF2)	West	Residential Multifamily – 1 (RMF1)
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South	Residential Multifamily – 2 (RMF2)								
East	Residential Multifamily – 2 (RMF2)								
West	Residential Multifamily – 1 (RMF1)								
Reasonableness of Request:	The request is compatible with existing land uses.								
School Impact:	N/A								
Buffer Requirement:	N/A								
Attitude of Property Owners:	Forty-Eight (48) property owners within 300 feet of the subject properties were notified of the rezoning request. The Planning Department received no calls and/or emails regarding the rezoning.								
Approval	0 Responses								
Opposition	0 Responses								
Additional Information:	4 single family homes were built on one lot. The parcel will be divided into 4 lots, one for each existing house.								
Attachments:	Aerial Land Use Map Location Map Zoning Map Existing Land Use Map Future Land Use Map								

Flood Map
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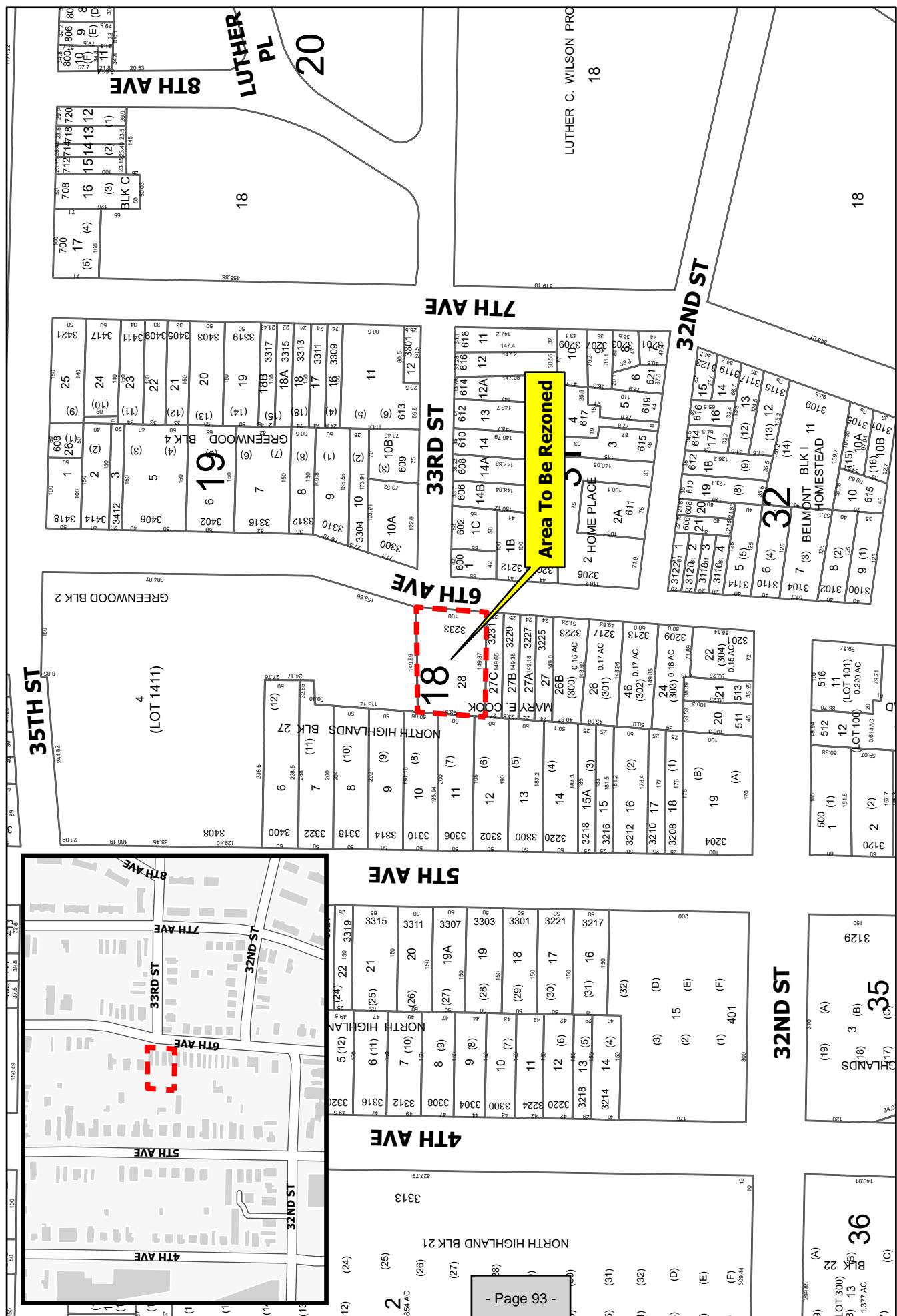
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Location Map for REZN 11-25-11-3
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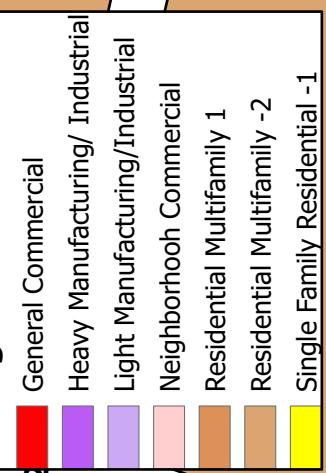
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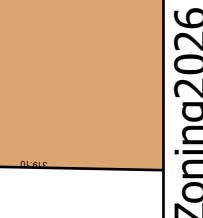

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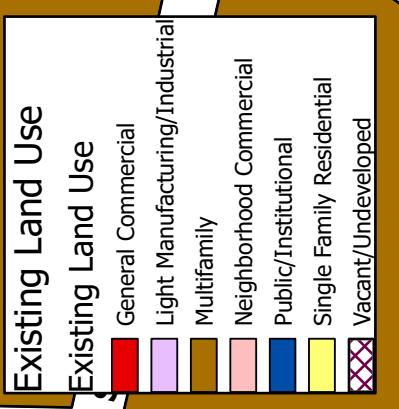
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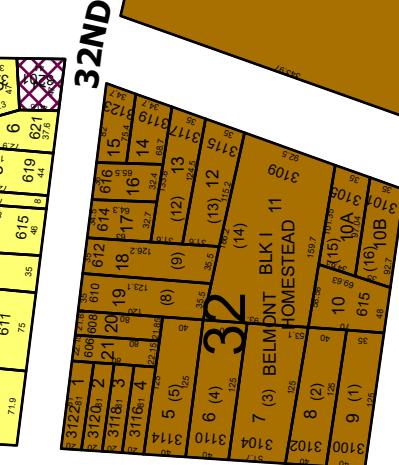
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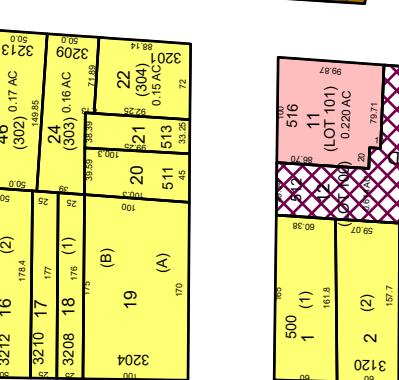
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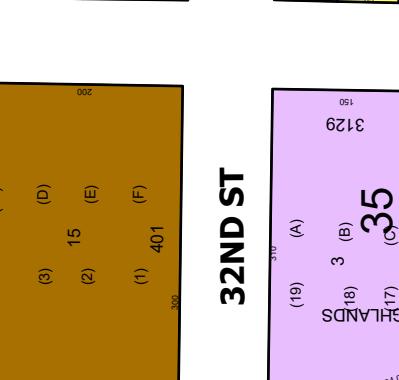
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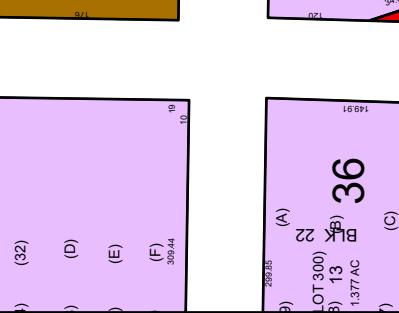
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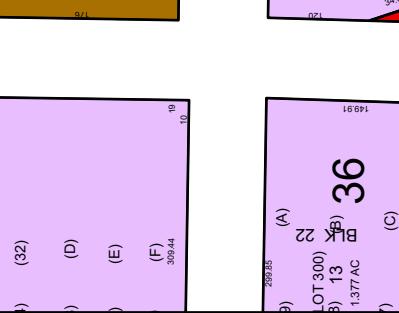
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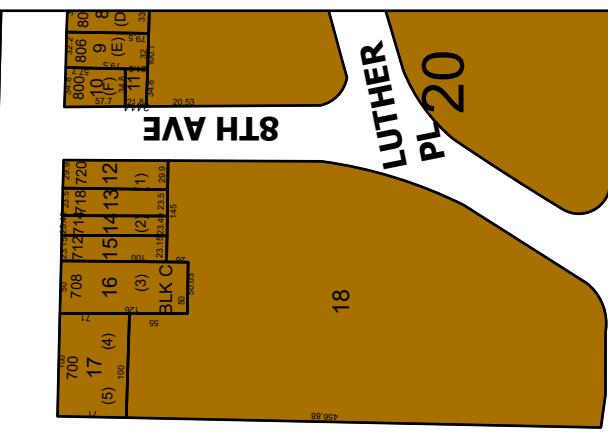


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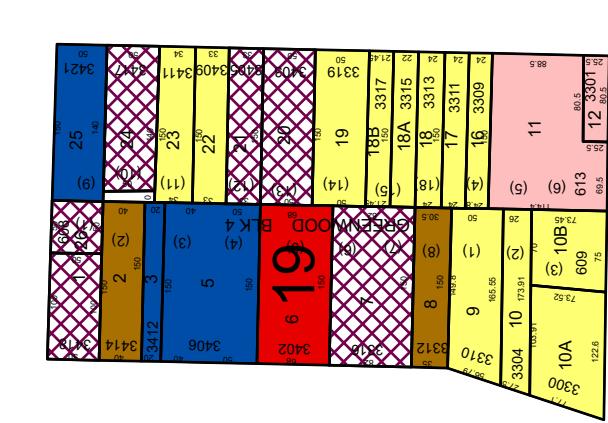


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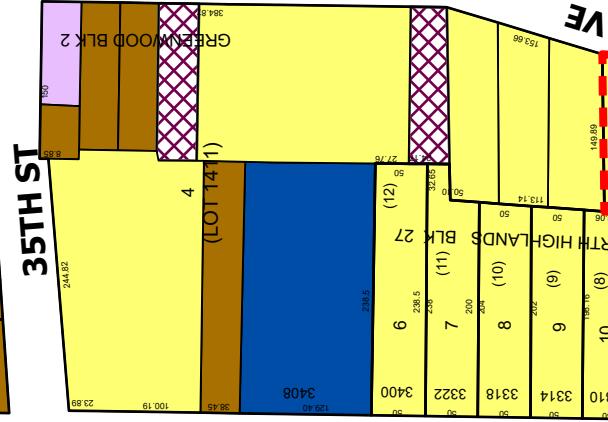
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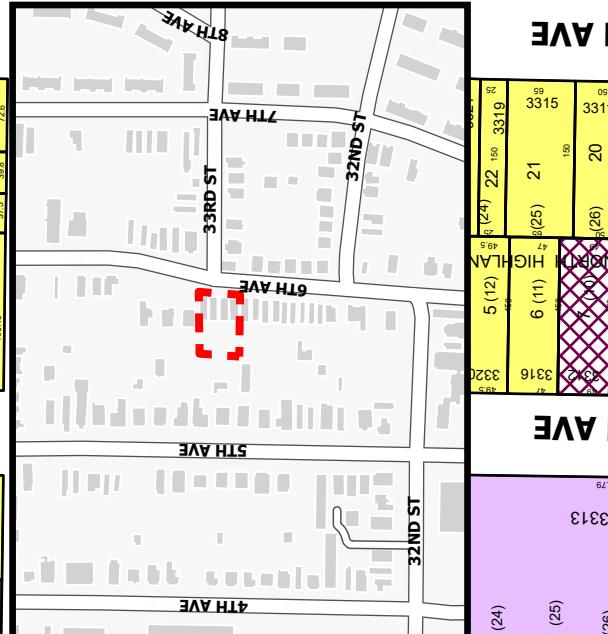
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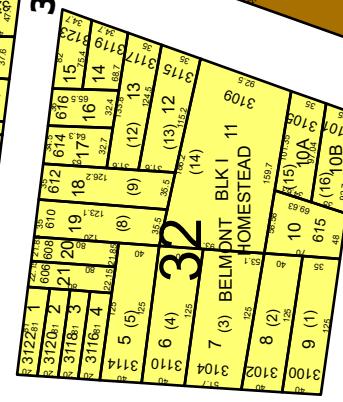
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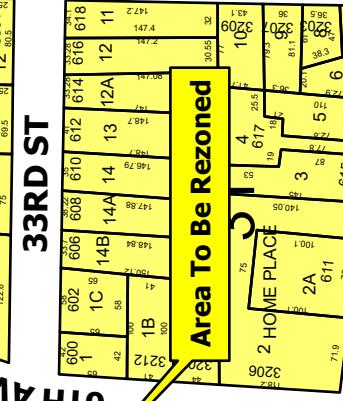
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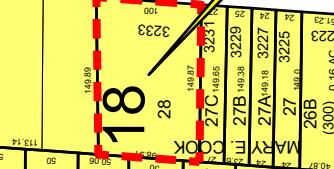


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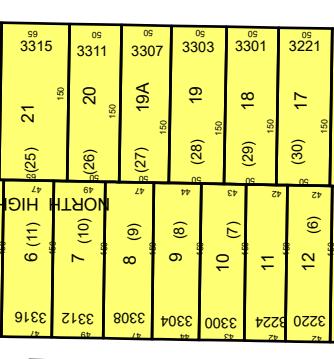
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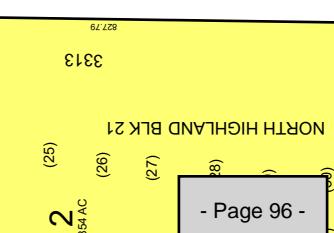
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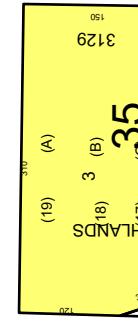


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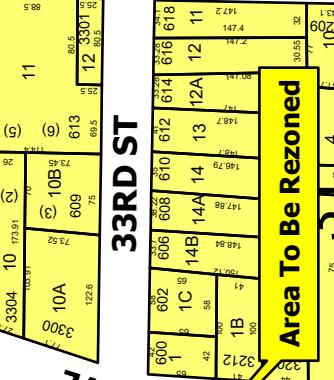
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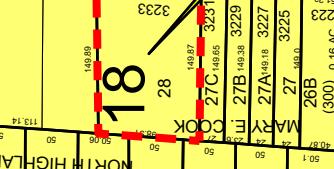
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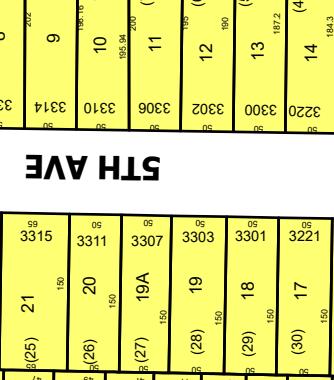
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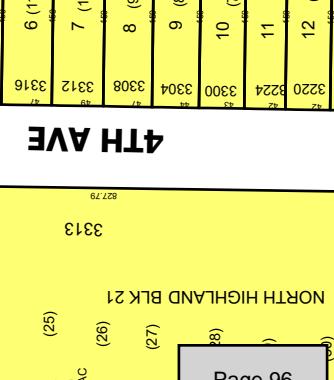
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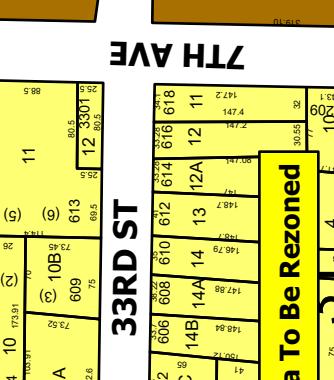


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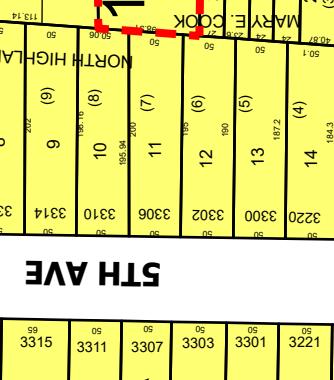
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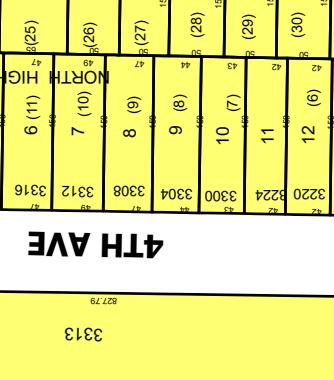
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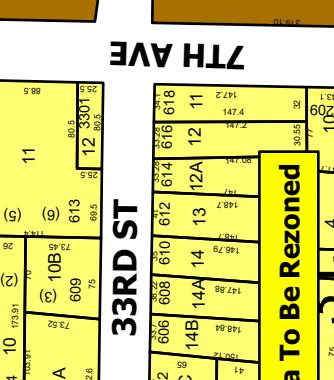


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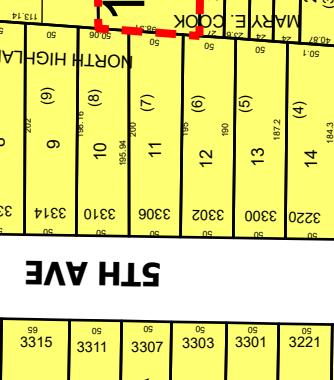
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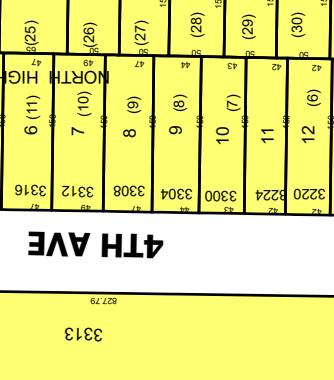
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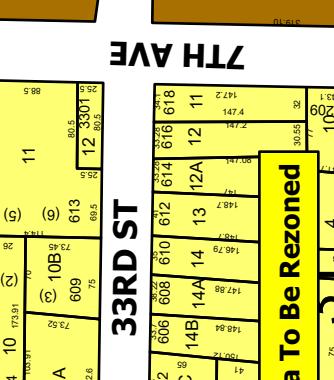


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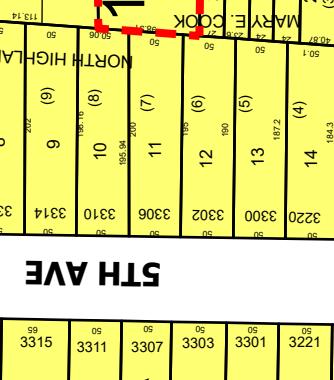
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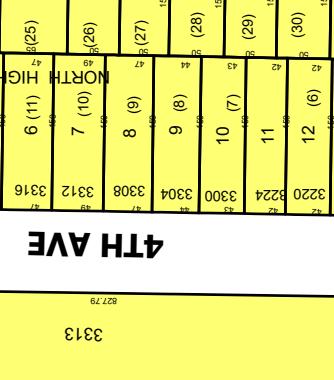
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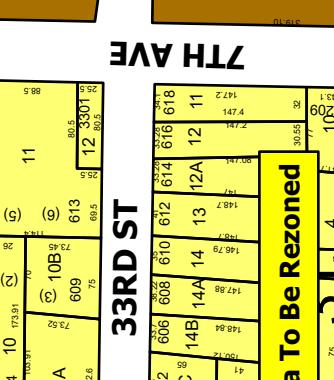


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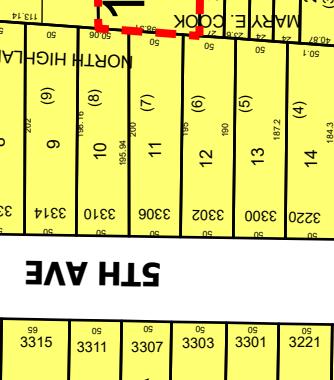
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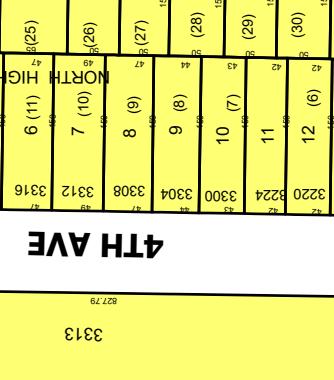
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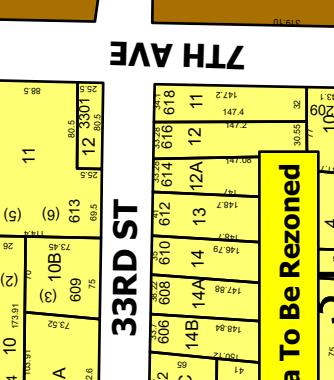


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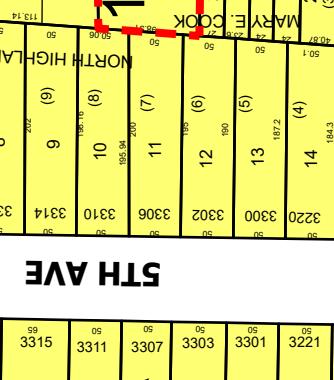
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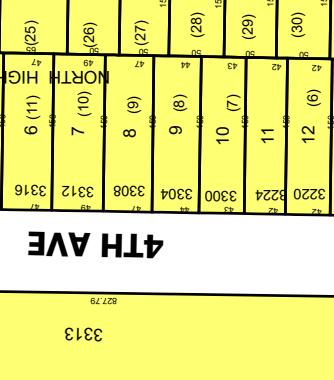
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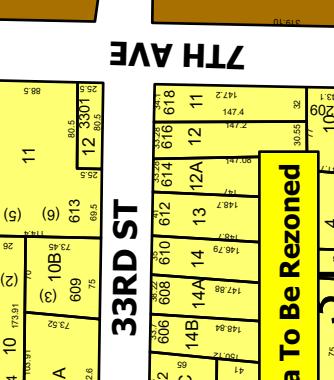


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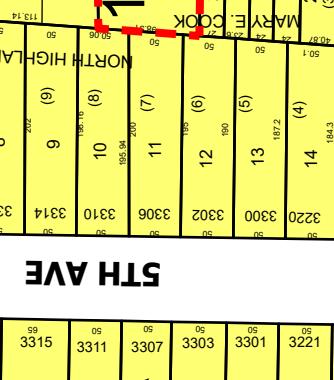
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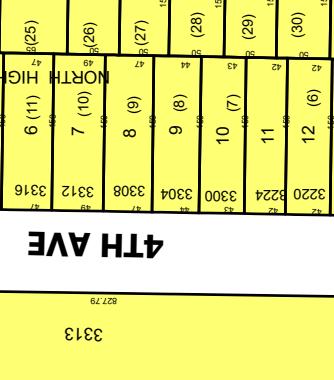
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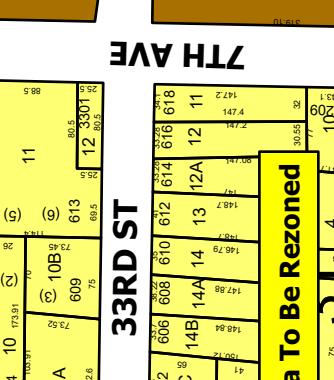


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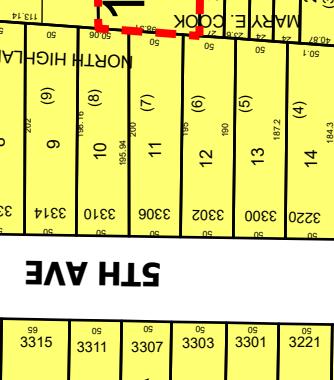
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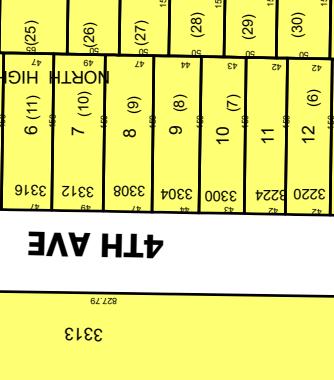
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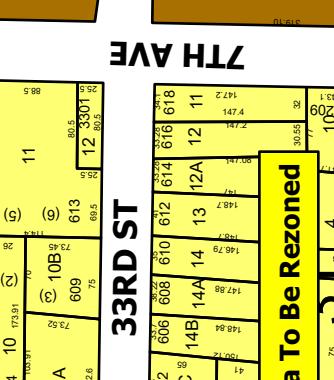


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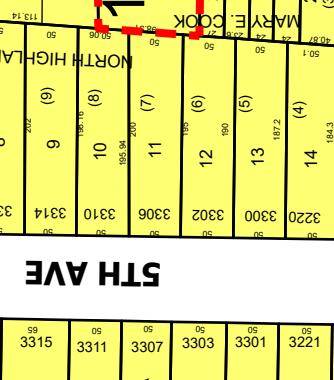
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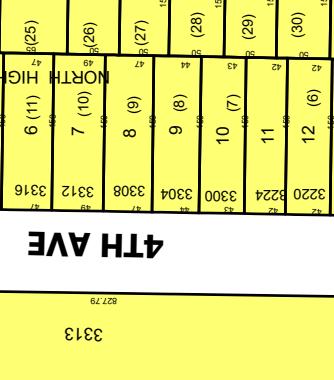
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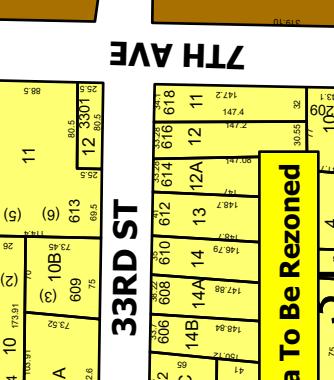


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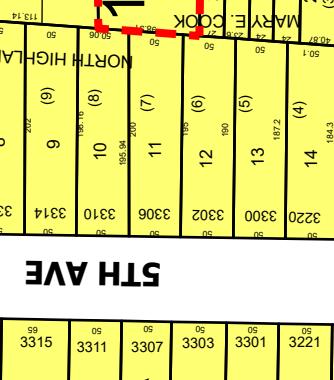
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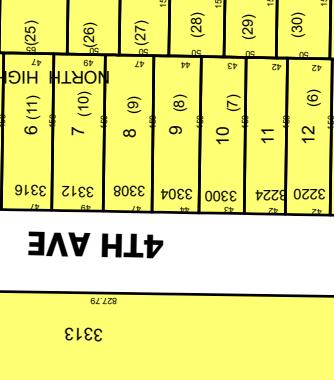
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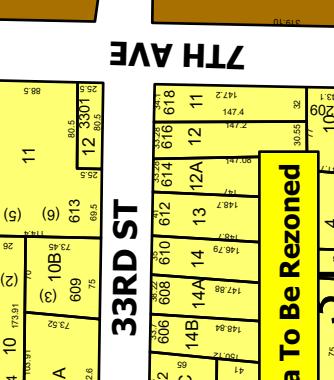


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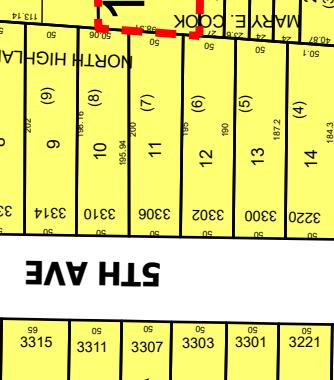
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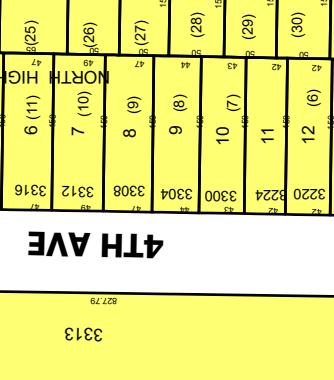
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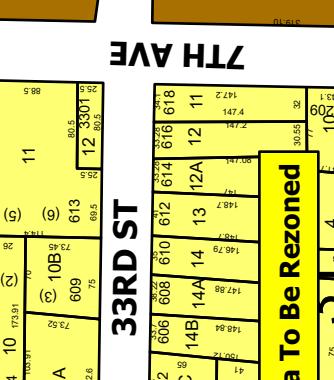


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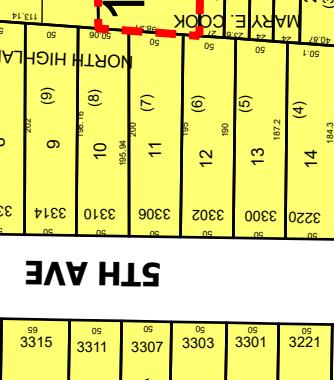
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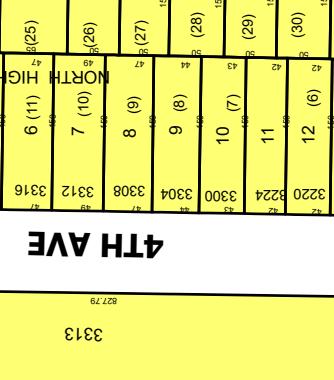
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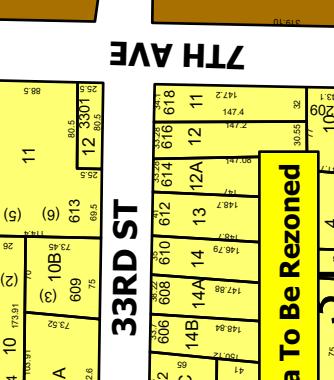


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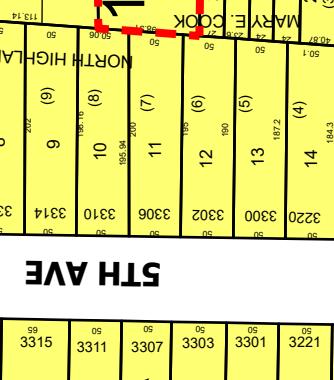
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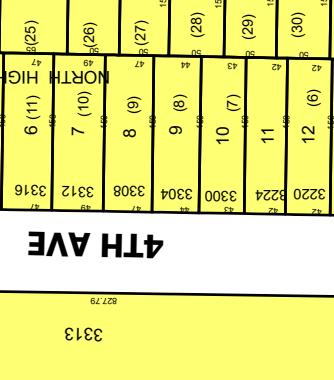
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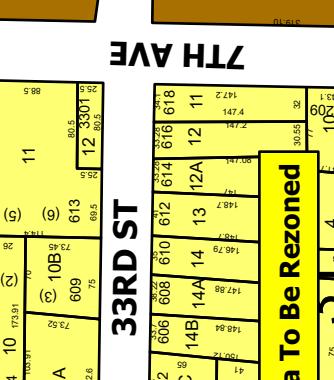


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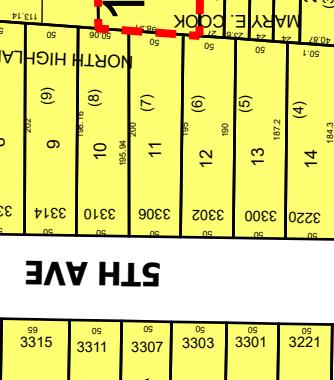
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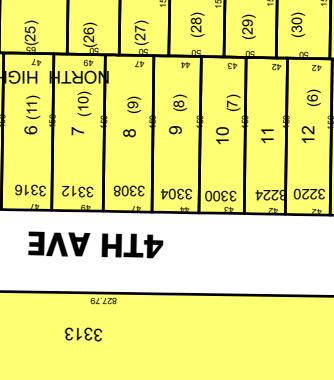
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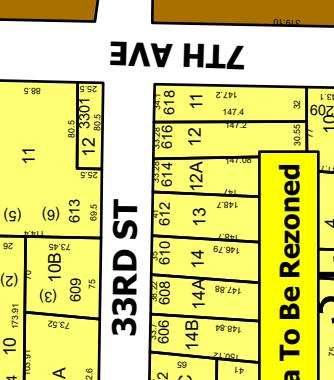


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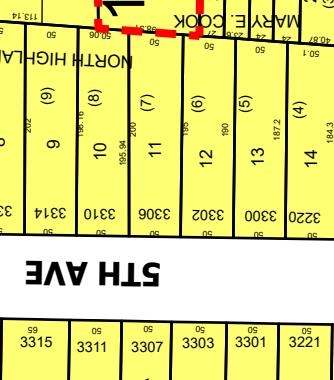
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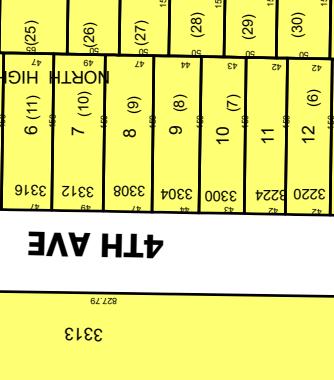
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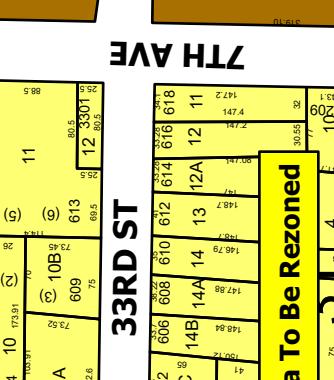


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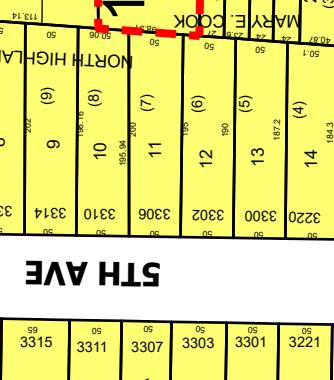
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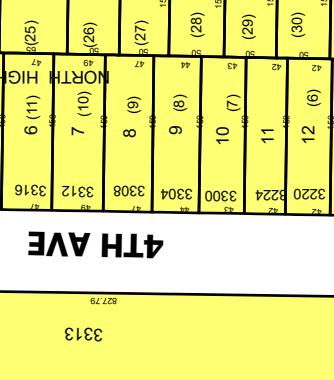
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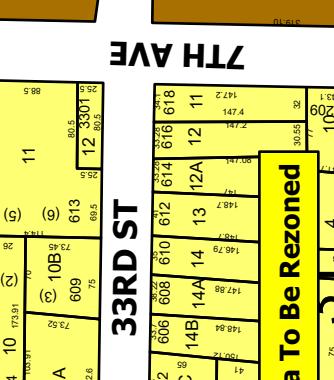


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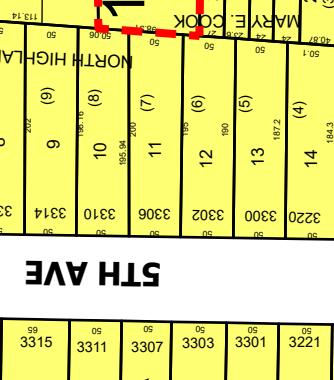
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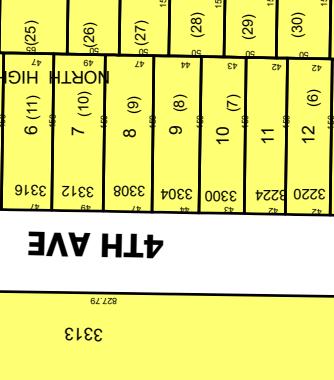
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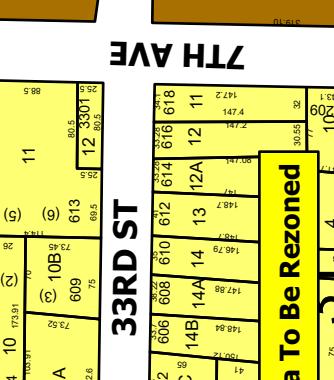


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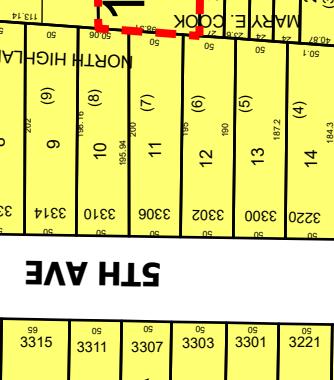
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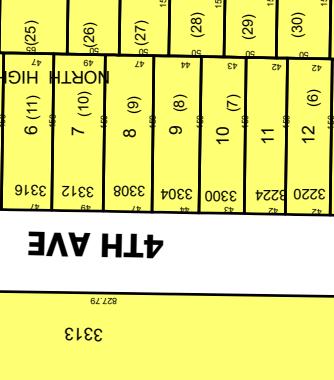
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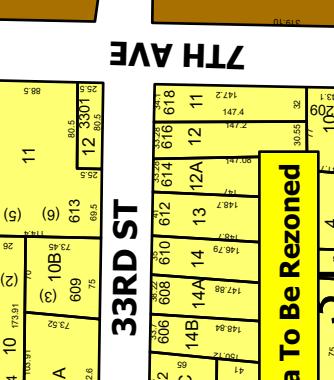


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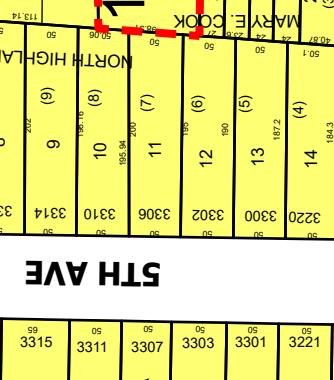
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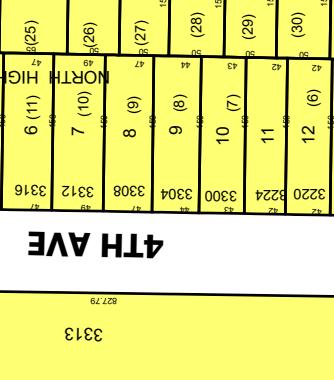
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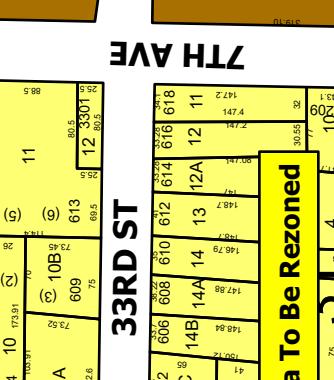


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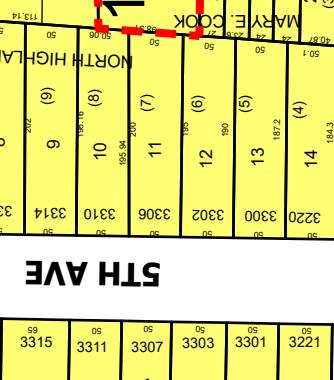
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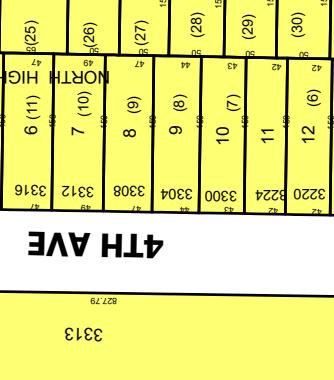
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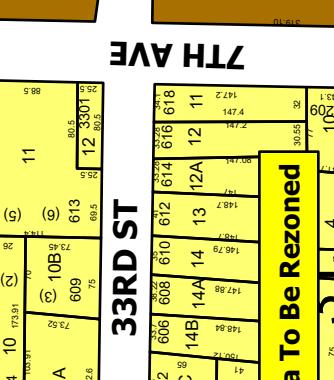


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Flood Hazard Map for REZN 11-25-2173

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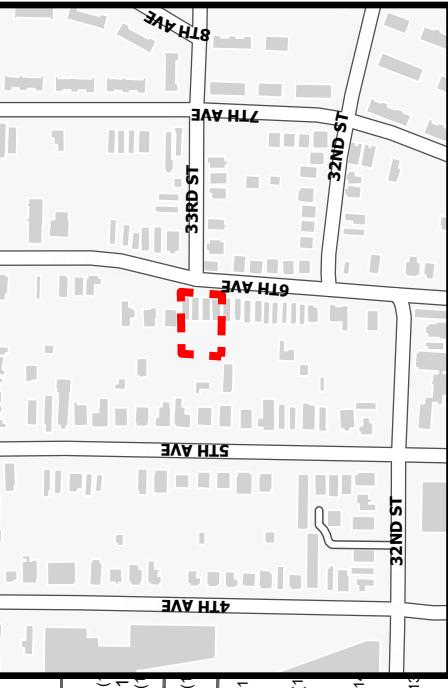
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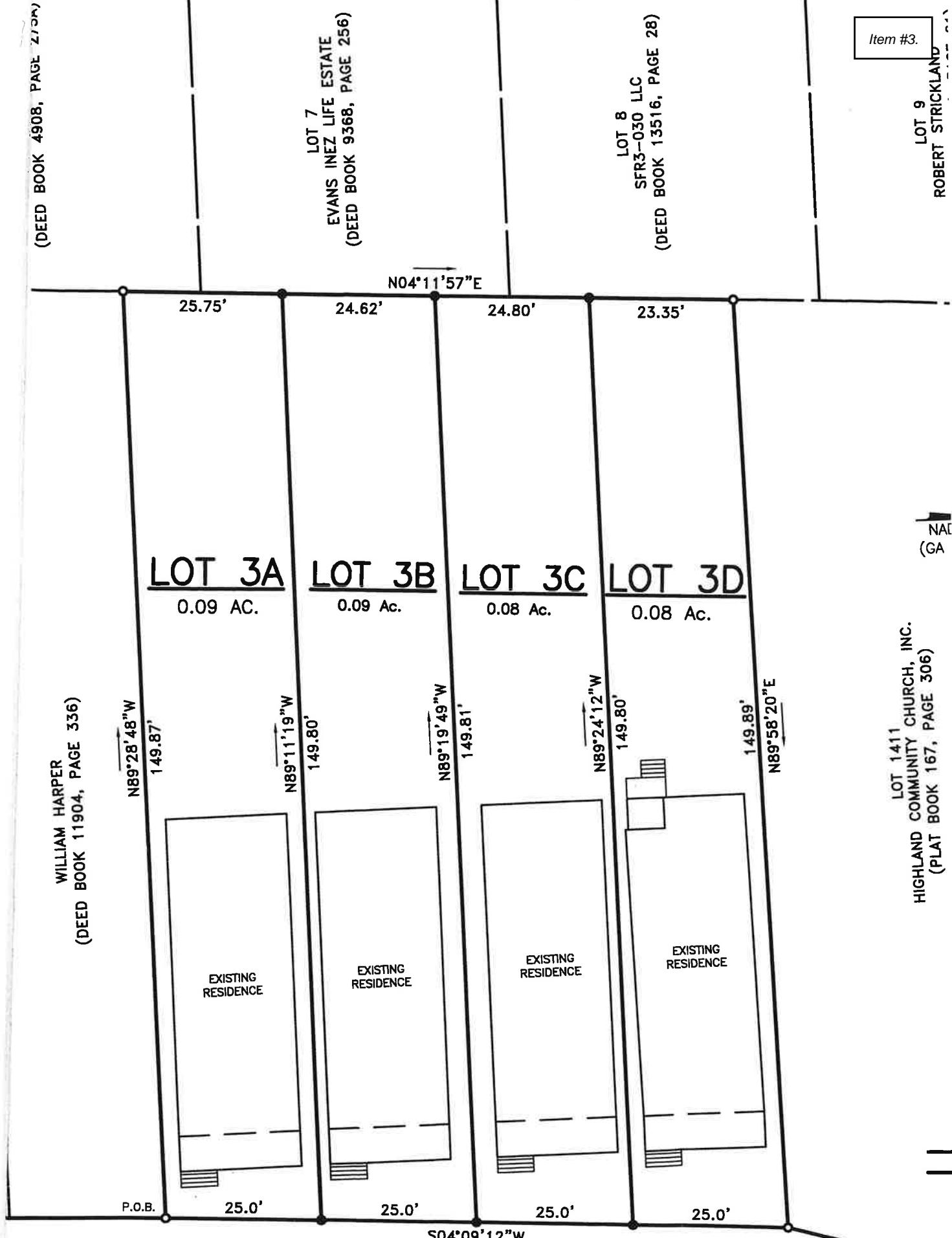
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LOT 1411
HIGHLAND COMMUNITY CHURCH, INC.
(PLAT BOOK 167, PAGE 306)



File Attachments for Item:

4. 1st Reading: REZN CUVA: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain portions of a district known as the Conversation Use Valuation Assessment, from RE1 (Residential Estate 1) Zoning District to RE5 (Residential Estate 5) Zoning District. (Planning Department recommends approval.) (Mayor Pro-Tem and Councilor Davis)

AN ORDINANCE**NO. _____**

An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain portions of a district known as the Conversation Use Valuation Assessment, from RE1 (Residential Estate 1) Zoning District to RE5 (Residential Estate 5) Zoning District.

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

Section 1.

The following properties shall be rezoned from RE1(Residential Estate 1) to RE5 (Residential Estate 5):

7750 MCKEE ROAD	149-001-008	5.57 ACRE
8512 MCKEE ROAD	150-001-005	10.00 ACRE
8724-15 MCKEE ROAD	150-002-001	5.04 ACRE
8650 MCKEE ROAD	150-001-002	25.00 ACRE

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 27th day of January 2026; introduced a second time at a regular meeting of said Council held on the _____ day of _____ 2026 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting _____
Councilor Anker	voting _____
Councilor Cogle	voting _____
Councilor Crabb	voting _____
Councilor Davis	voting _____
Councilor Garrett	voting _____
Councilor Hickey	voting _____
Councilor Huff	voting _____
Councilor Tucker	voting _____

Lindsey Mclemore
Clerk of Council

B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III
Mayor



COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

REZN-Conservation Use Valuation Assessment (CUVA)_04

Applicant: CCG – Planning Department

Location	Parcel	ACRES	ZONING:
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7750 MCKEE ROAD	149-001-008	5.57 ACRE	RE1 TO RE5
8512 MCKEE ROAD	150-001-005	10.00 ACRE	RE1 TO RE5
8724-15 MCKEE ROAD	150-002-001	5.04 ACRE	RE1 TO RE5
8650 MCKEE ROAD	150-001-002	25.00 ACRE	RE1 TO RE5

Acreage: 5+ Acres

Current Zoning Classification: RE1 (Residential Estate 1)

Proposed Zoning Classification: RE5 (Residential Estate 5)

Current Use of Property: Land Use

Proposed Use of Property: Land Use

Council District: District 2 (Davis) / District 6 (Allen)

PAC Recommendation: N/A

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

Fort Benning's Recommendation: N/A

DRI Recommendation: N/A

General Land Use: Consistent
Planning Area A / Planning Area B

Current Land Use Designation: Land Use

Future Land Use Designation: Land Use

Compatible with Existing Land-Uses: Yes

Environmental Impacts:	N/A
City Services:	N/A
Traffic Impact:	N/A
Traffic Engineering:	N/A
Surrounding Zoning:	N/A
Reasonableness of Request:	The request is compatible with existing land uses.
School Impact:	N/A
Buffer Requirement:	N/A
Attitude of Property Owners:	N/A
Additional Information:	N/A
Attachments:	N/A

File Attachments for Item:

1. Director of Human Resources

A resolution authorizing the appointment of Mrs. Ola O. Terrell as Director of the Human Resources Department.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

Item #1.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF MS. OLA O. TERRELL AS DIRECTOR OF THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT.

WHEREAS, the recruitment process for the Human Resources Director position involved a nationwide search; and,

WHEREAS, a selection committee process was used, and Ola O. Terrell is being recommended as Director of the Human Resources Department.

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

That the Mayor or the designee is hereby authorized to appoint Ola O. Terrell as the Director of the Human Resources Department at a salary of \$126,976.43, Pay Grade 135, effective February 16, 2025.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the _____ day of _____, 2026 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting	_____.
Councilor Anker voting	_____.
Councilor Chambers voting	_____.
Councilor Cogle voting	_____.
Councilor Crabb voting	_____.
Councilor Davis voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett voting	_____.
Councilor Hickey voting	_____.
Councilor Huff voting	_____.
Councilor Tucker voting	_____.

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

2. Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) Fund Capital Reallocation for the Sheriff's Office

Approval is requested to reallocate approximately \$430,000.00 of the Sheriff's Office appropriated Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) Fund capital budget to purchase tactical equipment in lieu of vehicles.

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

Item #2.

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) Fund Capital Reallocation for the Sheriff's Office
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to reallocate approximately \$430,000.00 of the Sheriff's Office appropriated Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) Fund capital budget to purchase tactical equipment in lieu of vehicles.
INITIATED BY:	Sheriff's Office/Finance Department

Recommendation: Approval is requested to reallocate approximately \$430,000 of the Sheriff's Office appropriated Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) Fund capital budget to purchase tactical equipment in lieu of vehicles.

Background: The SPLOST budget appropriations for the Sheriff's Office include funding to purchase new & replacement vehicles. These vehicles were specifically approved by Council during the annual budget process.

Analysis: Due to an increased need for tactical equipment such as night vision goggles and ballistic vests, the Sheriff's Office would like to delay purchasing some of the approved vehicles to instead procure tactical equipment needed to support ongoing investigations.

Financial Considerations: SPLOST funding is available and can be reallocated to support capital outlay.

Legal Considerations: Council approval is required for the reallocation of the SPLOST budget.

Recommendations/Actions: Approval is requested to reallocate approximately \$430,000 of the Sheriff's Office appropriated Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) Fund capital budget to purchase tactical equipment in lieu of vehicles.

A RESOLUTION

Item #2.

NO.

A RESOLUTION REALLOCATING APPROXIMATELY \$430,000 OF THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE APPROPRIATED SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX (SPLOST) FUND CAPITAL BUDGET TO PURCHASE TACTICAL EQUIPMENT IN LIEU OF VEHICLES.

WHEREAS, the SPLOST budget appropriations for the Sheriff's Office include funding to purchase new & replacement vehicles; and,

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office would like to delay purchasing some of the approved vehicles to instead procure tactical equipment needed to support ongoing investigations; and,

WHEREAS, SPLOST funding is available and can be reallocated to support the capital outlay requested.

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

That the Sheriff's Office is hereby authorized to reallocate approximately \$430,000 to purchase tactical equipment, to include 20 night vision googles and 34 ballistic vests, to support ongoing investigations.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the _____ day of _____, 2026 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting	_____.
Councilor Anker voting	_____.
Councilor Chambers voting	_____.
Councilor Cogle voting	_____.
Councilor Crabb voting	_____.
Councilor Davis voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett voting	_____.
Councilor Hickey voting	_____.
Councilor Huff voting	_____.
Councilor Tucker voting	_____.

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

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

File Attachments for Item:

3. Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) Fund Capital Reallocation for the Fire/Ems Department

Approval is requested to reallocate approximately \$1.8 million of the Fire-EMS Department's appropriated Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) Fund capital budget to purchase various equipment in lieu of fire engines.

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) Fund Capital Reallocation for the Fire/Ems Department
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to reallocate approximately \$1.8 million of the Fire-EMS Department's appropriated Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) Fund capital budget to purchase various equipment in lieu of fire engines.
INITIATED BY:	Fire-EMS/Finance Department

Recommendation: Approval is requested to reallocate approximately \$1.8 million of the Fire-EMS Department's appropriate Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) Fund capital budget to purchase various equipment in lieu of fire engines.

Background: The SPLOST budget appropriations for the Fire-EMS Department include funding to purchase replacement fire engines. These vehicles were specifically approved by Council during the annual budget process.

Analysis: Due to an increased need for various other equipment, the department would like to delay purchasing fire engines to instead procure and/or replace the following items: 3 Ambulance Units w/ Equipment, Maverick Command & Control Hub, Traffic Preemption System, Turnout Gear, Reserve Fire Truck Equipment, Mobile Data Terminals w/ Equipment, Staff Vehicles, and a Bomb Suit.

Financial Considerations: SPLOST funding is available and can be reallocated to support capital outlay.

Legal Considerations: Council approval is required for the reallocation of the SPLOST budget.

Recommendations/Actions: Approval is requested to reallocate approximately \$1.8 million from the Fire-EMS Department's Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) Fund capital budget to purchase various equipment in lieu of fire engines.

A RESOLUTION**NO.**

A RESOLUTION REALLOCATING APPROXIMATELY \$1.8 MILLION OF THE FIRE-EMS DEPARTMENT'S APPROPRIATED SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX (SPLOST) FUND CAPITAL BUDGET TO PURCHASE VARIOUS EQUIPMENT IN LIEU OF FIRE ENGINES.

WHEREAS, the SPLOST budget appropriations for the Fire-EMS Department includes funding to purchase replacement fire engines; and,

WHEREAS, the Fire-EMS Department would like to delay purchasing the approved fire engines to instead procure and/or replace various other equipment needed to support ongoing operations of the department; and,

WHEREAS, SPLOST funding is available and can be reallocated to support the capital outlay requested.

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

That the Sheriff's Office is hereby authorized to reallocate approximately \$1.8 million to purchase and/or replace the following items: 3 Ambulances w/ Equipment, 1 Maverick Command & Control Hub w/ Buildout, 1 Traffic Preemption System, 95 Turnout Gear, 2 Reserve Fire Truck Equipment, 5 Mobile Data Terminals w/ Equipment, 3 Staff Vehicles, and 1 Bomb Suit.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the _____ day of _____, 2026 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting	_____.
Councilor Anker voting	_____.
Councilor Chambers voting	_____.
Councilor Cogle voting	_____.
Councilor Crabb voting	_____.
Councilor Davis voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett voting	_____.
Councilor Hickey voting	_____.
Councilor Huff voting	_____.
Councilor Tucker voting	_____.

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

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

File Attachments for Item:

4. FY27 Holiday Schedule

Approval is requested to approve the Holiday Schedule for the FY27 Budget Year. It is recommended that Thursday, December 24, 2026, be designated as a floating holiday.

Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	FY27 Holiday Schedule
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to approve the Holiday Schedule for the FY27 Budget Year. It is recommended that Thursday, December 24, 2026, be designated as a floating holiday.
INITIATED BY:	City Manager's Office

Recommendation: Approval is requested to approve the Holiday Schedule for the FY27 Budget Year. It is recommended that Thursday, December 24, 2026, be designated as a floating holiday.

Background: The Holiday Schedule has historically been approved by City Council to assist various departments and organizations in developing their calendar schedules. All holidays are established with the exception of the floating holiday.

Analysis: The floating holiday could be designated to follow a specific holiday, for example, extending a holiday weekend or adding Good Friday as an option. The floating holiday could also be designated to recognize some other event or occasion.

Financial Considerations: None

Legal Considerations: The City will not incur any additional cost in future years to approve the request.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to approve the Holiday Schedule for the FY27 Budget Year. It is recommended that Thursday, December 24, 2026, be designated as a floating holiday.

A RESOLUTION**NO.**

WHEREAS, all holidays are established with the exception of the floating holiday; and,

WHEREAS, the floating holiday is hereby recommended for Thursday, December 24, 2026.

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

That the attached Holiday Schedule for FY27 is hereby adopted, designating the floating holiday as Thursday, December 24, 2026.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held on the _____ day of _____ 2026 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ten members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting

Councilor Anker voting

Councilor Chambers voting

Councilor Cogle voting

Councilor Crabb voting

Councilor Davis voting

Councilor Garrett voting

Councilor Hickey voting

Councilor Huff voting

Councilor Tucker voting

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

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

Columbus Consolidated Government

FY27 Holiday Schedule

July 2026 - June 2027

Holiday	Date
Independence Day	Friday, July 3, 2026
Labor Day	Monday, September 7, 2026
Columbus Day	Monday, October 12, 2026
Veteran's Day	Wednesday, November 11, 2026
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 26, 2026
Day After Thanksgiving	Friday, November 27, 2026
Floating Holiday	Thursday, December 24, 2026
Christmas Holiday	Friday, December 25, 2026
New Year's Day	Friday, January 1, 2027
Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday	Monday, January 18, 2027
Memorial Day	Monday, May 31, 2027
Juneteenth	Friday, June 18, 2027

File Attachments for Item:

A. Electric Buses For Metra – Washington State Transit Bus Cooperative Contract Purchase

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Electric Buses For Metra – Washington State Transit Bus Cooperative Contract Purchase
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the purchase of one (1) 40 ft Electric Bus, in the amount of \$1,376,275.00, and two (2) 35 ft Electric Buses, in the amount of \$2,725,960.00 (2 @ \$1,362,980.00 each), from Gillig (Livermore, CA); the grand total purchase amount is \$4,102,235.00, plus any price increases due to manufacturer changes or freight charges. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via the Washington State Transit Bus Cooperative Contract #06719-01. Additionally, approval is requested to execute the Cooperative Purchasing Agreement required by the Washington State Department of Enterprise Services.

METRA will utilize these new buses to add to METRA's fleet for citizen transportation.

The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Competitive Solicitation No. 06719-01, initiated by the Washington State Department of Enterprise Services, whereby Gillig was one of the successful vendors contracted to provide Transit Buses. The contract, which commenced April 1, 2021, is good through March 31, 2026. The contract available under Washington State Department of Enterprise Services has been awarded by virtue of a public competitive procurement process compliant with State and Federal statutes. Washington State Department of Enterprise Services offers cooperative procurement solutions to government entities. Participation is open to federal, state/province, and municipal governmental entities. The RFP process utilized by Washington State Department of Enterprise Services meets the requirements of the City's Procurement Ordinance; additionally, the City's Procurement Ordinance, Article 9-101, authorizes the use of cooperative purchasing.

Funds are budgeted in the FY26 Budget: Transportation Fund –Transportation – Clean Fuels Grant Program - Capital Expenditures over \$5,000; 0751 – 610 – 3440 – MFTA – 7761 (FTA 80% and City 20%).

A RESOLUTION**NO. _____**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) 40 FT ELECTRIC BUS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,376,275.00, AND TWO (2) 35 FT ELECTRIC BUSES, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,725,960.00 (2 @ \$1,362,980.00 EACH), FROM GILLIG (LIVERMORE, CA); THE GRAND TOTAL PURCHASE AMOUNT IS \$4,102,235.00, PLUS ANY PRICE INCREASES DUE TO MANUFACTURER CHANGES OR FREIGHT CHARGES. THE PURCHASE WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY COOPERATIVE PURCHASE VIA THE WASHINGTON STATE TRANSIT BUS COOPERATIVE CONTRACT #06719-01. ADDITIONALLY, APPROVAL IS REQUESTED TO EXECUTE THE COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT REQUIRED BY THE WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENTERPRISE SERVICES.

WHEREAS, METRA will utilize these new buses to add to METRA's fleet for citizen transportation; and,

WHEREAS, the purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Competitive Solicitation No. 06719-01, initiated by the Washington State Department of Enterprise Services, whereby Gillig was one of the successful vendors contracted to provide Transit Buses. The contract, which commenced April 1, 2021, is good through March 31, 2026. The contract available under Washington State Department of Enterprise Services has been awarded by virtue of a public competitive procurement process compliant with State and Federal statutes. Washington State Department of Enterprise Services offers cooperative procurement solutions to government entities. Participation is open to federal, state/province, and municipal governmental entities. The RFP process utilized by Washington State Department of Enterprise Services meets the requirements of the City's Procurement Ordinance; additionally, the City's Procurement Ordinance, Article 9-101, authorizes the use of cooperative purchasing.

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

That the Mayor and/or his designee are hereby authorized to one (1) 40 ft Electric Bus, in the amount of \$1,376,275.00, and two (2) 35 ft Electric Buses, in the amount of \$2,725,960.00 (2 @ \$1,362,980.00 each), from Gillig (Livermore, CA); the grand total purchase amount is \$4,102,235.00, plus any price increases due to manufacturer changes or freight charges. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via the Washington State Transit Bus Cooperative Contract #06719-01. Funds are budgeted in the FY26 Budget: Transportation Fund –Transportation – Clean Fuels Grant Program - Capital Expenditures over \$5,000; 0751 – 610 – 3440 – MFTA – 7761 (FTA 80% and City 20%).

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the _____ day of _____, 2026 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting _____
Councilor Anker	voting _____
Councilor Chambers	voting _____
Councilor Cogle	voting _____
Councilor Crabb	voting _____
Councilor Davis	voting _____
Councilor Garrett	voting _____
Councilor Hickey	voting _____
Councilor Huff	voting _____
Councilor Tucker	voting _____

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

B. Contract Extension For Comprehensive Generator Services (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 20-0010

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Contract Extension For Comprehensive Generator Services (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 20-0010
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council authorize the extension of the annual contract for Comprehensive Generator Services, for Facilities Maintenance, with Taylor Power Systems (Bessemer, AL) through April 30, 2026.

The Contractor provides maintenance and repair services for thirty-two (32) generators at various City facilities

Per Resolution No. 404-19, Council authorized a five-year contract with Taylor Power Systems (Bessemer, AL). The contract expired on February 3, 2025. In accordance with Article 3-109 (Annual Contracts: Price Agreement and Service Contracts) of the Procurement Ordinance, the contract was extended for one year through February 3, 2026. A further extension of the contract through April 30, 2026, is needed to allow time for the Bid process to be completed and a new contract awarded. Council approval is required for contract extensions beyond one-year extension.

Funds are budgeted each fiscal year for this ongoing expense: General Fund — Facilities Maintenance — Facilities Maintenance — Service Contracts; 0101-265-2000-MNTN-6513.

A RESOLUTION

NO._____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF THE ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR COMPREHENSIVE GENERATOR SERVICES, FOR FACILITIES MAINTENANCE, WITH TAYLOR POWER SYSTEMS (BESSEMER, AL) THROUGH APRIL 30, 2026.

WHEREAS, the Contractor provides maintenance and repair services for thirty-two (32) generators at various City facilities; and,

WHEREAS, per Resolution No. 404-19, Council authorized a five-year contract with Taylor Power Systems (Bessemer, AL). The contract expired on February 3, 2025. In accordance with Article 3-109 (Annual Contracts: Price Agreement and Service Contracts) of the Procurement Ordinance, the contract was extended for one year through February 3, 2026. A further extension of the contract through April 30, 2026, is needed to allow time for the Bid process to be completed and a new contract awarded. Council approval is required for contract extensions beyond one-year extension.

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

That the Mayor and/or his designee is hereby authorized to extend the annual contract for Comprehensive Generator Services, for Facilities Maintenance, with Taylor Power Systems (Bessemer, AL) through April 30, 2026. Funds are budgeted each fiscal year for this ongoing expense: General Fund — Facilities Maintenance — Facilities Maintenance — Service Contracts; 0101-265-2000-MNTN-6513.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the _____ day of _____, 2026 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting _____
Councilor Anker	voting _____
Councilor Chambers	voting _____
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Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

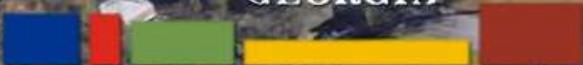
File Attachments for Item:

A. Liberty District Master Plan Update - Robert Scott, Director, Community Reinvestment & Will Johnson, Director, Planning

The Liberty District

Renewing a neighborhood

CoLumbus
GEORGIA



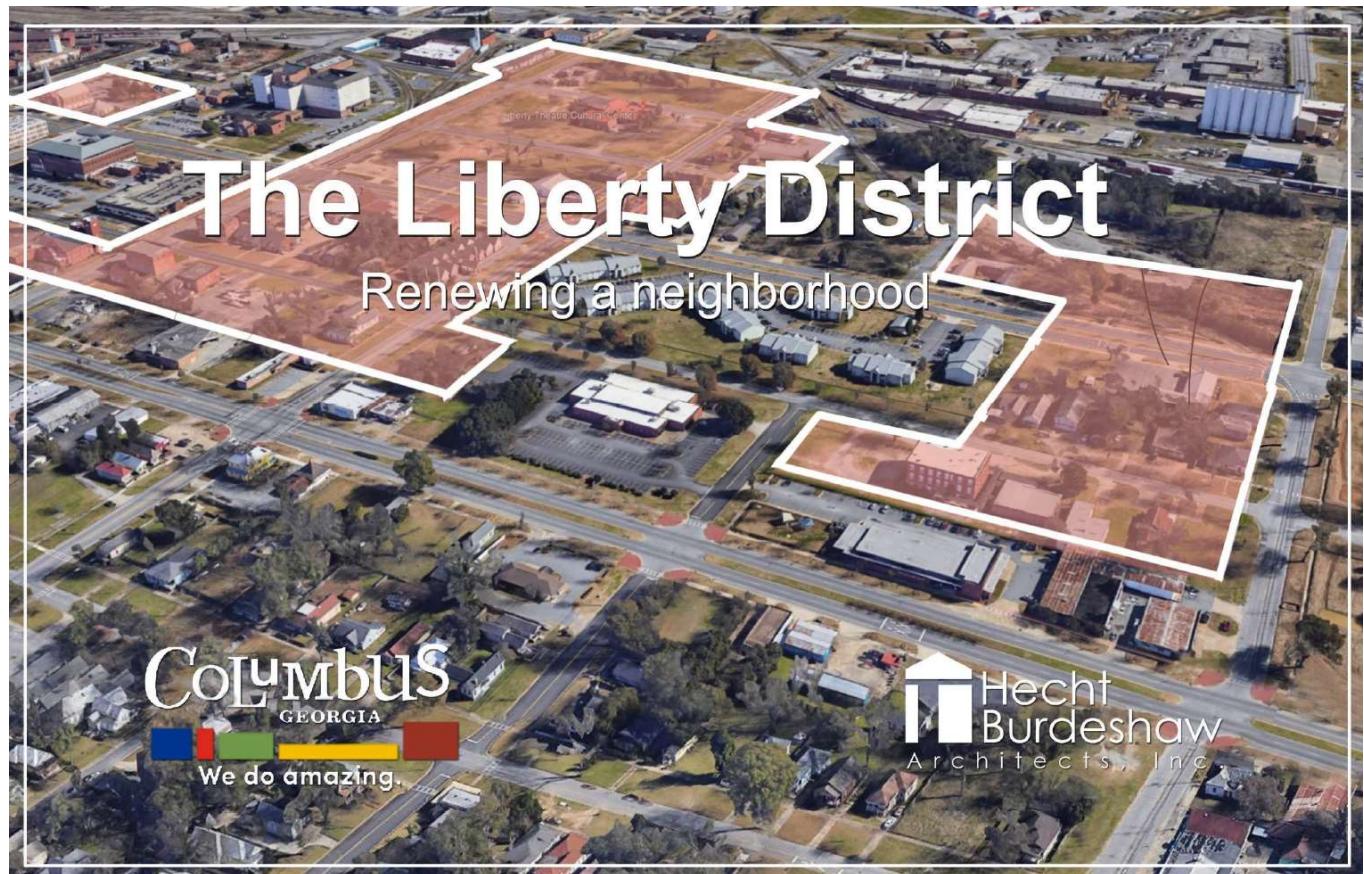
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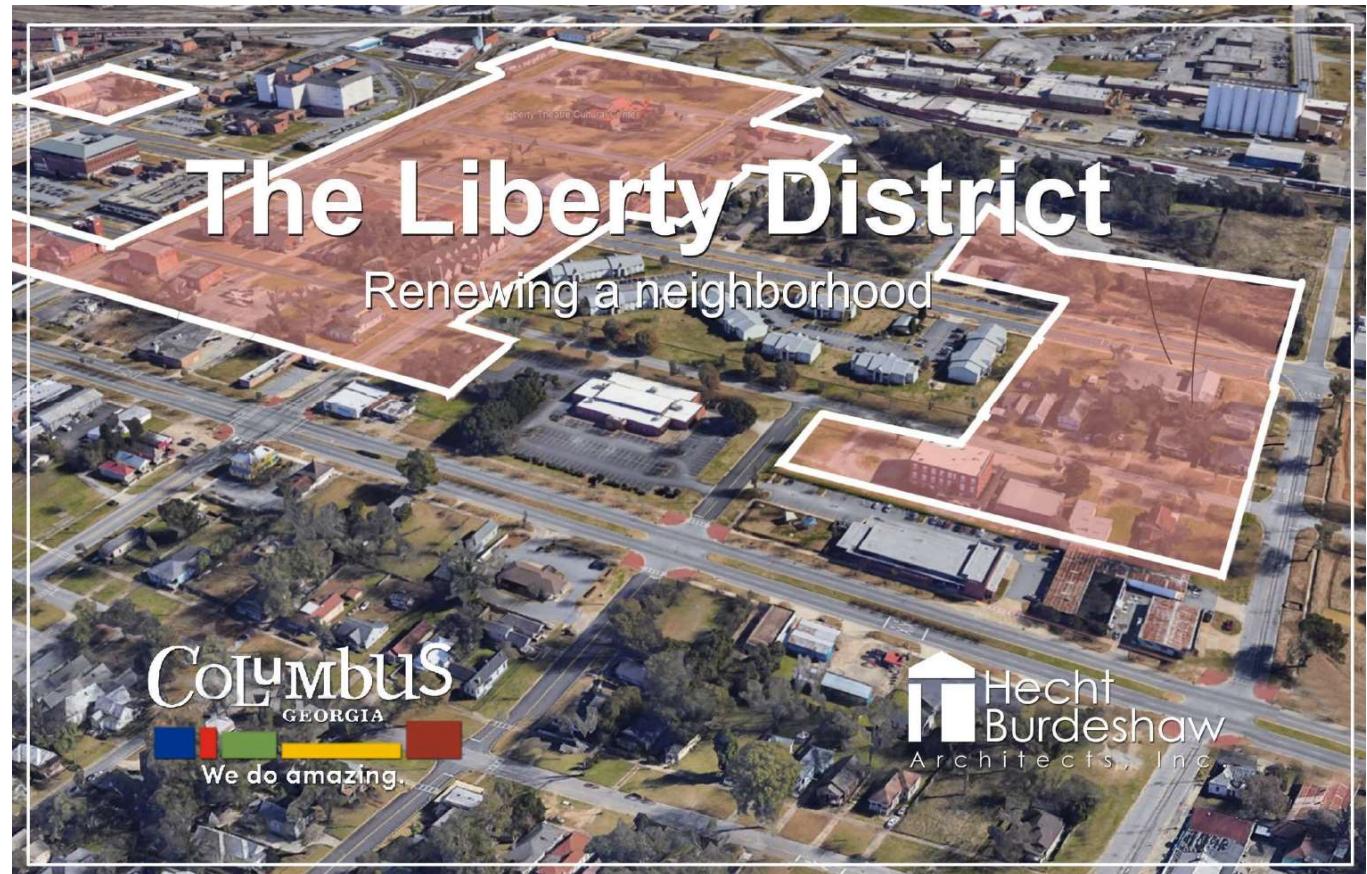
Liberty District Master Plan

- June 3, 2025 Liberty District Master Plan Approved per Resolution No. 179-25 after feedback from public meetings, interviews, private organizational and religious entity meetings and stakeholder input
- The implementation of the Master Plan is ready to move forward with the surplus of 14 city-owned lots to be developed into single family residential homes
- Master Plan calls for the preservation of community character as much as possible.



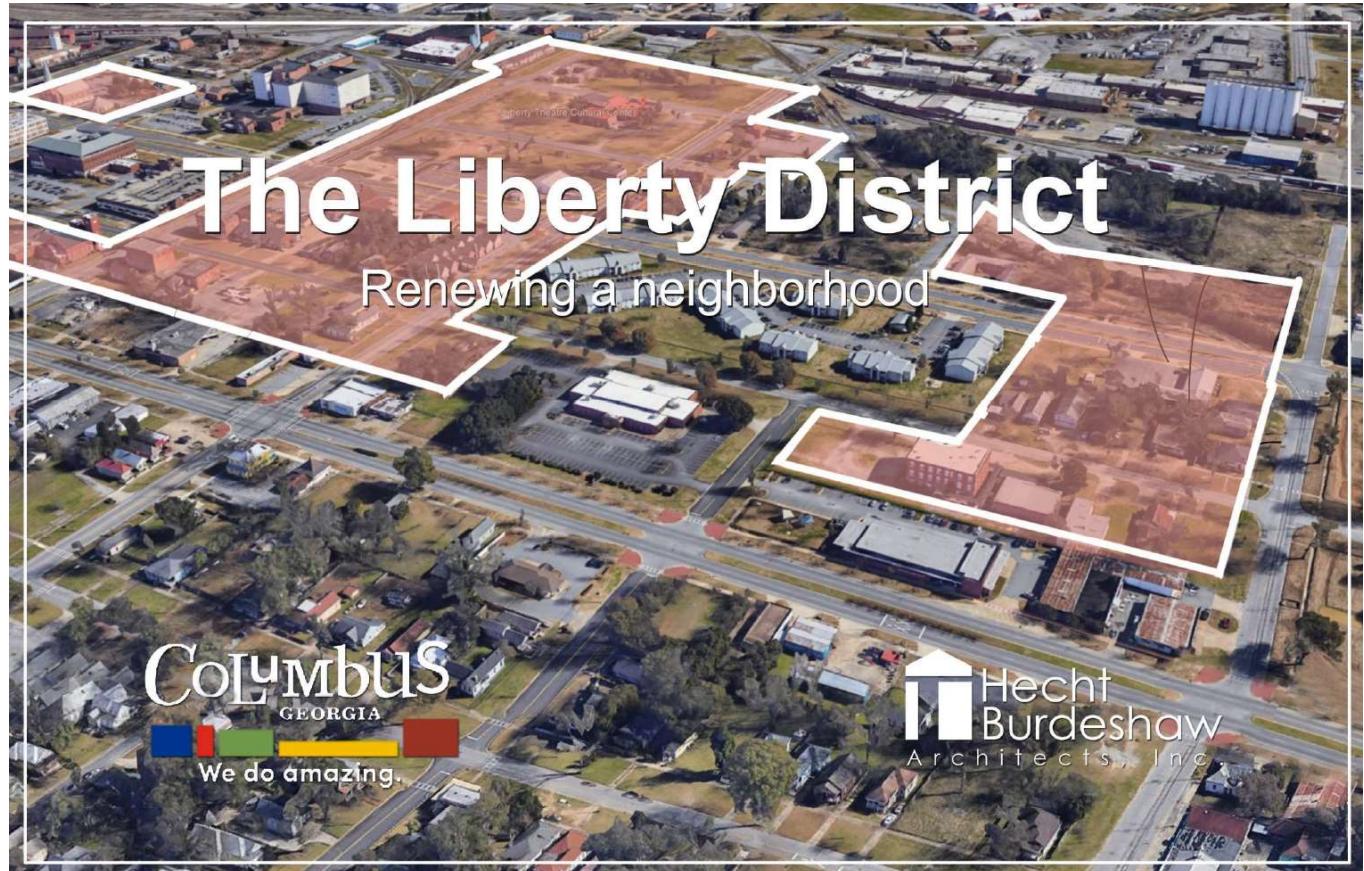
Liberty District Master Plan – Design Standards

- October 19, 2004, Liberty District Design Standards adopted
- The Design Standards calls for rezoning, replating, mixed-use development, etc., on the front end
 - 10 lots replated into 14 single family lots in Summer 2025
 - Said 14 lots rezoned to UPT (mixed-use) in October 2025
 - Buyer(s) of those 14 lots will be guided by the Design Standards for Single Family Residential in the Liberty District: home design, orientation, setbacks, scale, proportion, and shape.



Residential Structure Design Standard

- For single family residential housing, the Design Standards focus on four housing types: shotgun, Queen Anne, New South cottage, side hallway (2-story), and American Foursquare
- The housing styles were prominent in the Liberty District when it was a thriving community
- The Design Standards are a GUIDE, not LAW. Any housing design proposed for the 14 lots needs to be similar or appropriate for the District.



Residential Structure Design Standard

- **Shotgun:** The shotgun house is a linear, one-story dwelling, one room in width and two or more rooms in depth. There is no hallway in a shotgun house but rather a consecutive series of passageways, beginning with the front door and continuing through the house to the back door. Most shotguns were built for low-income workers between the 1870s and 1920s, and feature front-gable roofs although hipped roofs are also seen. A porch may be recessed beneath the main roof (as in the sketch below) or attached to the front of the building



Residential Structure Design Standard

- **Queen Anne Cottage and House:**

The Queen Anne cottage provided popular middle-class housing in the 1880s and 1890s. The style consists of a square main building mass with slightly projecting gables on the front and one side. There is no hallway (which differentiates this from the New South cottage) and rooms are arranged in an asymmetrical plan. The roof is usually pyramidal or hipped, and chimneys are usually located in the interior.



Residential Structure Design Standard

- **New South Cottage:** This was a very popular house type for middle- and upper-middle-income Georgians between the 1890s and 1920s. The New South cottage resembles the Queen Anne cottage, with its central square mass, usually with a hipped roof and gabled projections. Its main distinguishing trait is the emphasis on symmetry, the key element of which is the central hallway, which is flanked by pairs of room, one or both of which may project forward. A pair of gables in the facade, either over projecting rooms or flush with the wall of the main mass,



Residential Structure Design Standard

- **Side Hallway (Two Story):**

There are several varieties of side hallway houses, built mostly from about 1820 to 1850 in Georgia. Of the three subtypes of this house, the most common type in Columbus is known as the Augusta house, a detached dwelling two rooms in depth that lacks a basement and has a side hall on each floor.



Residential Structure Design Standard

- **American Foursquare:** A very popular house type nationwide between 1915 and 1930, the type in Georgia appears mostly in urban settings. The style, consisting of a cubical mass capped by a pyramidal roof, was reputed to provide maximum interior space for the cost. There are four principal rooms on each floor. One of the front two rooms typically serves as the entry and stair hall.



Surplus Properties

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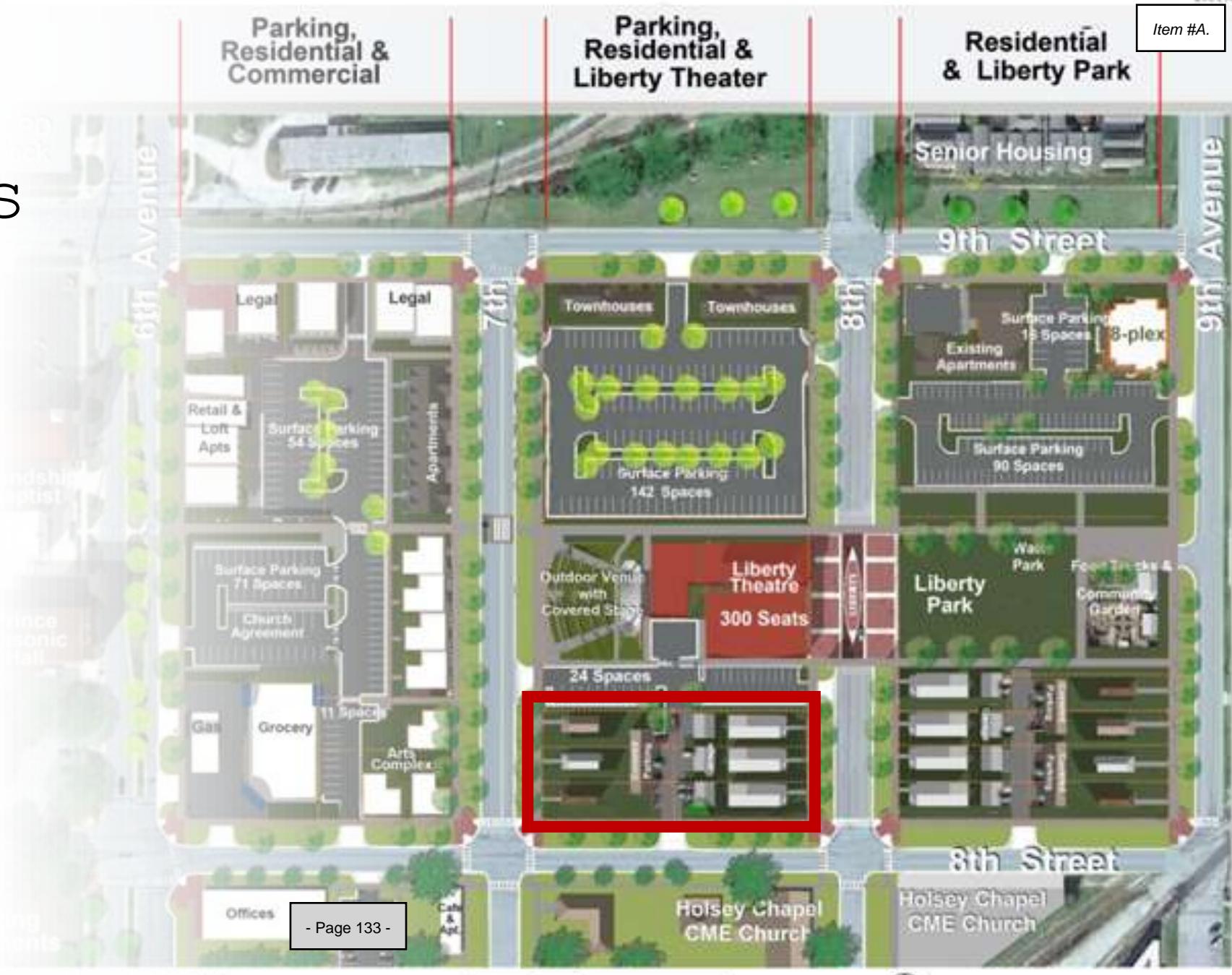
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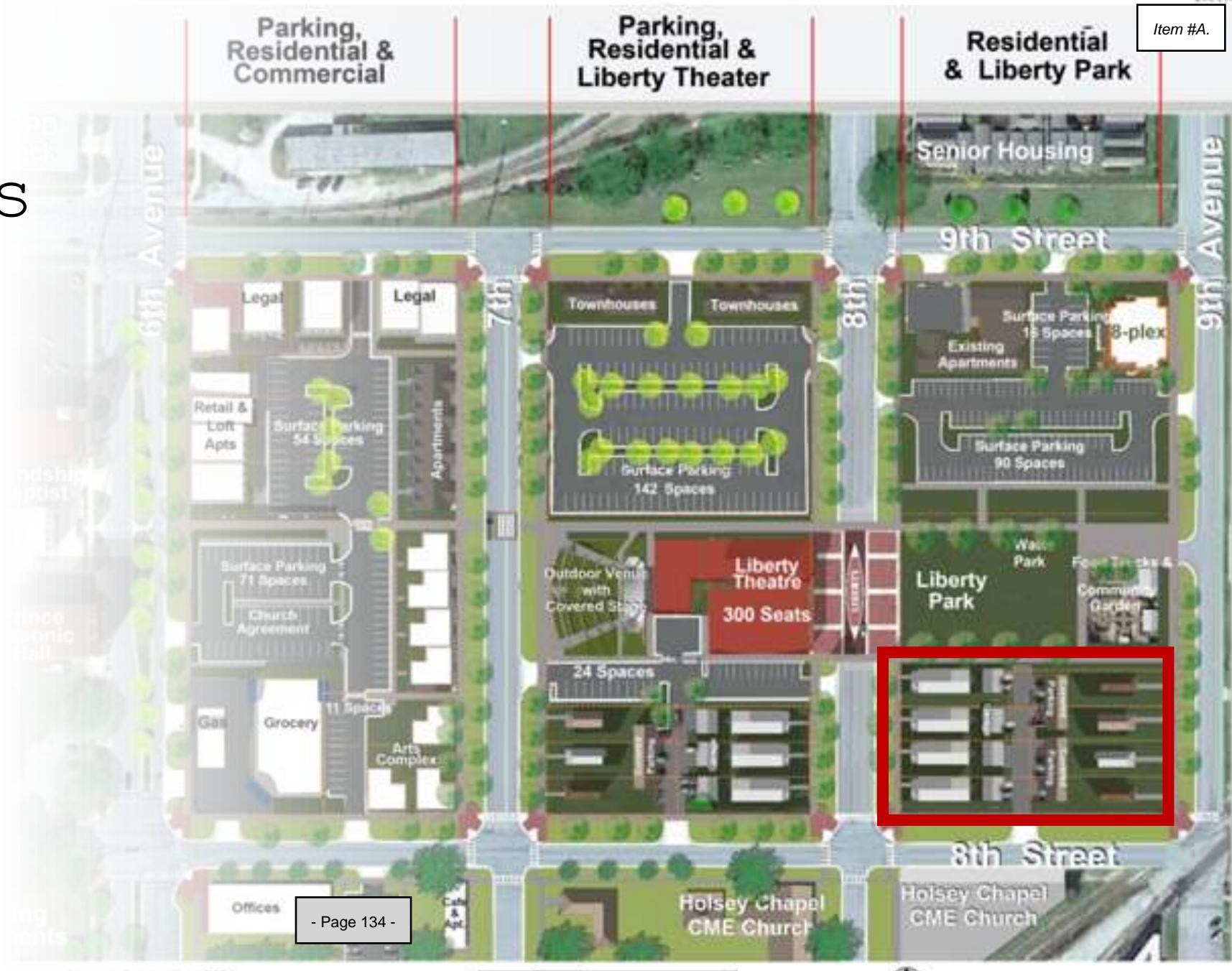
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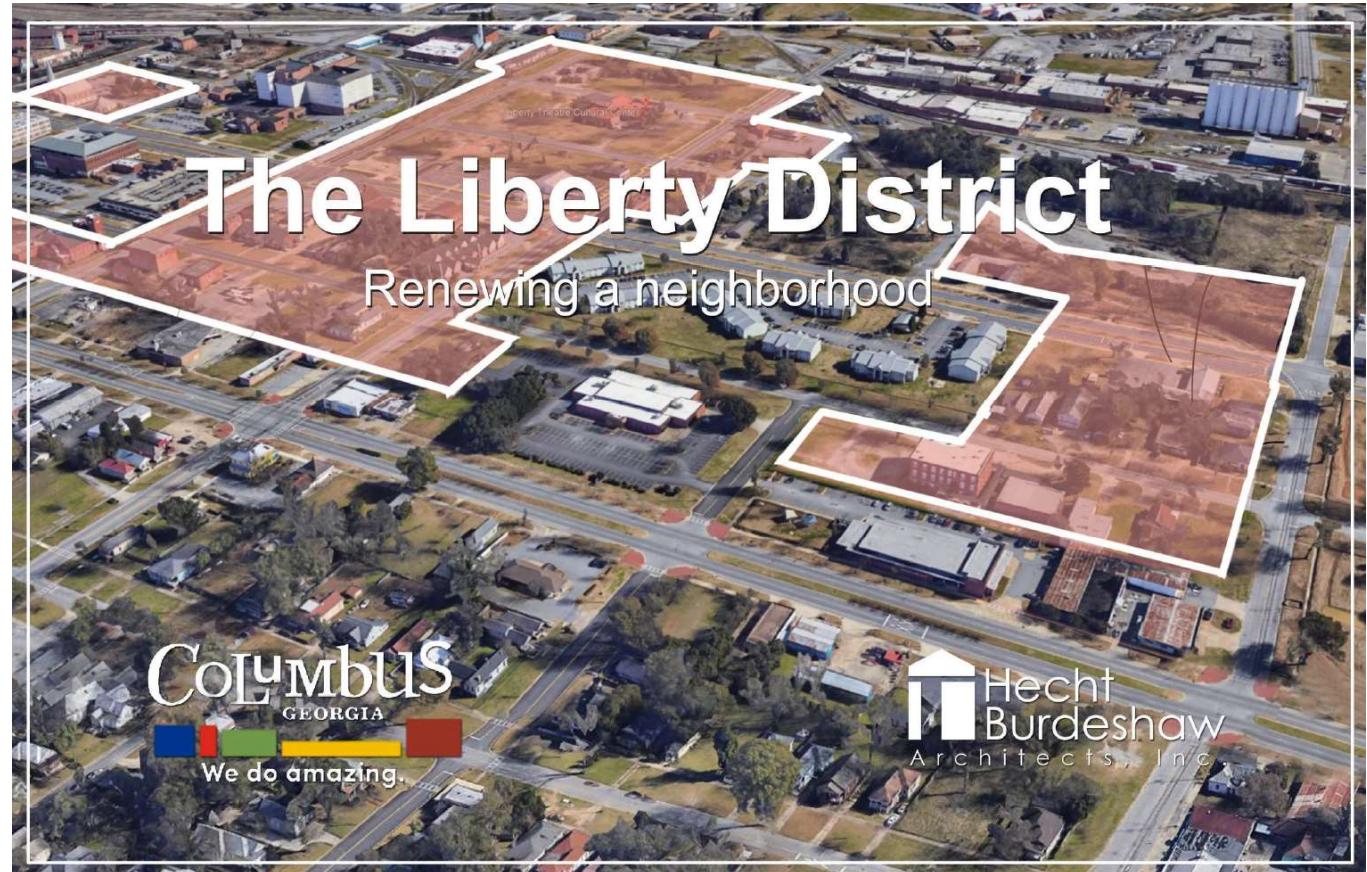
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Conclusion

- In February, City Council will be requested to approve the surplus of the 14 lots conforming to residential structure standards identified in the plan for the development of single-family residential homes.



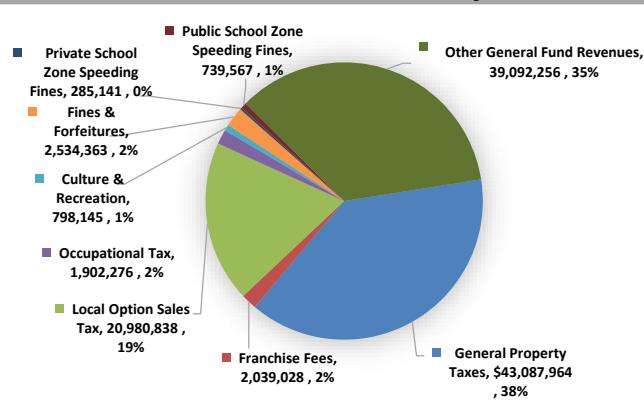
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B. Finance Update - Angelica Alexander, Director , Finance

Columbus Consolidated Government
Monthly Financial Snapshot (Unaudited)
FY2026 - December 2025

Item #B.

General Fund Revenue Summary



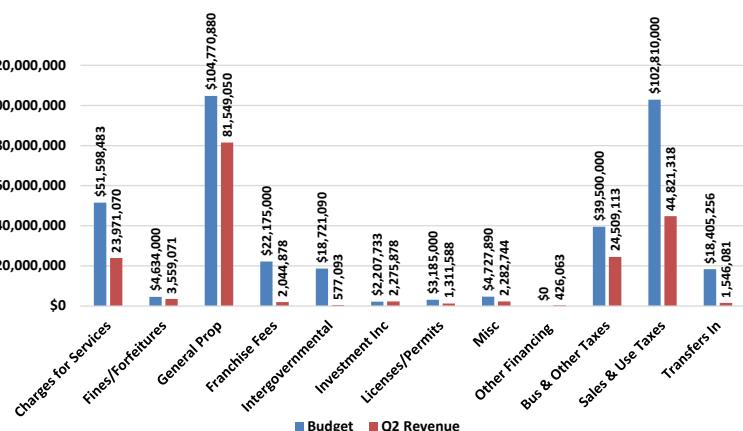
Revenues	Budget	Year-to Date	%
General Property Taxes	\$59,280,201	\$43,087,964	72.69%
Franchise Fees	22,175,000	2,039,028	9.20%
Local Option Sales Tax	49,000,000	20,980,838	42.82%
Occupational Tax	19,300,000	1,902,276	9.86%
Culture & Recreation	1,234,900	798,145	64.63%
Fines & Forfeitures	4,634,000	2,534,363	54.69%
Private School Zone Speeding Fines	0	285,141	N/A
Public School Zone Speeding Fines	0	739,567	N/A
Other General Fund Revenues	52,270,946	39,092,256	74.79%
Total Revenues	\$207,895,047	\$111,459,577	53.61%

General Fund Expenditures

Expenditures	Budget	Year-to Date	Goal
City Council	\$475,245	\$203,070	57%
Clerk of Council	413,182	145,335	65%
Internal Audit	398,097	191,824	52%
Mayor's Office	334,726	167,789	50%
City Attorney - Operating	634,862	270,140	57%
City Attorney - Litigation	1,300,000	716,923	45%
City Manager	2,380,312	1,078,990	55%
Finance	3,446,907	1,266,092	63%
Information Technology	10,157,373	5,144,872	49%
Human Resources	1,582,021	798,653	50%
Employee Benefits	1,130,347	859,857	24%
Inspections & Codes	3,307,912	1,241,636	62%
Planning	398,548	169,848	57%
Real Estate	288,081	166,430	42%
Engineering	1,602,288	613,298	62%
Public Works	7,280,445	3,670,624	50%
Facilities Maintenance	8,063,713	4,405,560	45%
Parks & Recreation	16,267,574	6,950,301	57%
Cooperative Extension	138,621	58,416	58%
Tax Assessor	2,403,812	948,243	61%
Elections	1,447,853	562,281	61%
Police	30,972,385	14,442,888	53%
Fire	37,605,608	17,402,658	54%
MCP	11,485,030	5,493,485	52%
Homeland Security	465,519	250,111	46%
Superior Court Judges	1,929,981	802,224	58%
District Attorney	3,345,707	1,571,434	53%
Juvenile Court	1,531,495	659,774	57%
Jury Manager	508,264	190,926	62%
Victim Witness	224,453	66,817	70%
Clerk of Superior Court	3,124,563	1,262,543	60%
State Court Judges	728,544	345,606	53%
State Court Solicitor	1,573,102	642,847	59%
Public Defender	2,677,629	1,449,762	46%
Municipal Court Judge	729,307	287,814	61%
Clerk of Municipal Court	903,610	360,318	60%
Probate Court	766,349	382,885	50%
Sheriff	42,387,883	23,381,310	45%
Tax Commissioner	2,406,209	1,016,577	58%
Coroner	519,099	238,183	54%
Recorder's Court	1,990,471	843,900	58%
Non-Categorical	14,554,374	6,651,347	54%
Parking Management	192,444	53,901	72%
Total Expenditures	\$224,073,945	\$107,427,491	52%

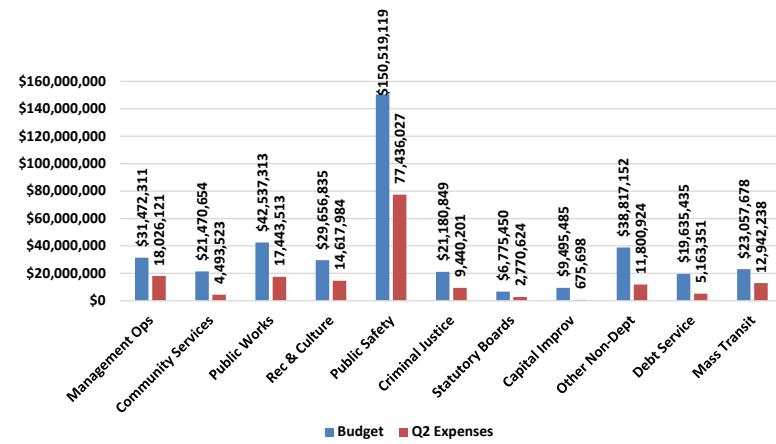
Current Fiscal Year Revenue vs Prior Fiscal Year Revenue

Operating Funds	Dec-2025	Dec-2024	% Change
General Fund	\$111,459,577	\$99,016,627	12.57%
Other Local Option Sales Tax Fund	\$22,007,448	\$21,694,380	1.44%
Stormwater (Sewer) Fund	\$5,809,964	\$4,962,494	17.08%
Paving Fund	\$15,905,518	\$13,567,844	17.23%
Community Care Fund	\$5,510,002	\$9,234,117	-40.33%
Integrated Waste Fund	\$7,526,877	\$6,896,715	9.14%
Emergency Telephone Fund	\$1,364,572	\$1,360,974	0.26%
Economic Development Authority Fund	\$2,428,784	\$2,140,757	13.45%
Debt Service	\$5,355,876	\$4,132,387	29.61%
Transportation Fund	\$4,578,997	\$4,271,548	7.20%
Trade Center Fund	\$2,010,685	\$1,870,347	7.50%
Bull Creek Golf Course Fund	\$1,298,049	\$1,180,679	9.94%
Oxbow Creek Golf Course Fund	\$355,584	\$287,133	23.84%
Civic Center Fund	\$3,262,012	\$2,709,661	20.38%



Current Fiscal Year Expenditures vs Prior Fiscal Year Expenditures

Operating Funds	Dec-2025	Dec-2024	% Change
General Fund	\$107,427,491	\$97,890,550	9.74%
Other Local Option Sales Tax Fund	\$19,675,704	\$25,906,097	-24.05%
Stormwater (Sewer) Fund	\$2,041,438	\$2,132,184	-4.26%
Paving Fund	\$8,203,549	\$7,756,099	5.77%
Community Care Fund	\$112,300	\$207,500	-45.88%
Integrated Waste Fund	\$7,913,599	\$8,069,637	-1.93%
Emergency Telephone Fund	\$2,075,920	\$2,953,824	-29.72%
Economic Development Authority Fund	\$1,178,054	\$2,334,298	-49.53%
Debt Service	\$5,134,492	\$4,707,293	9.08%
Transportation Fund	\$13,187,932	\$7,918,493	66.55%
Trade Center Fund	\$1,515,286	\$1,596,849	-5.11%
Bull Creek Golf Course Fund	\$1,190,160	\$1,373,294	-13.34%
Oxbow Creek Golf Course Fund	\$333,186	\$298,439	11.64%
Civic Center Fund	\$4,821,095	\$5,362,723	-10.10%



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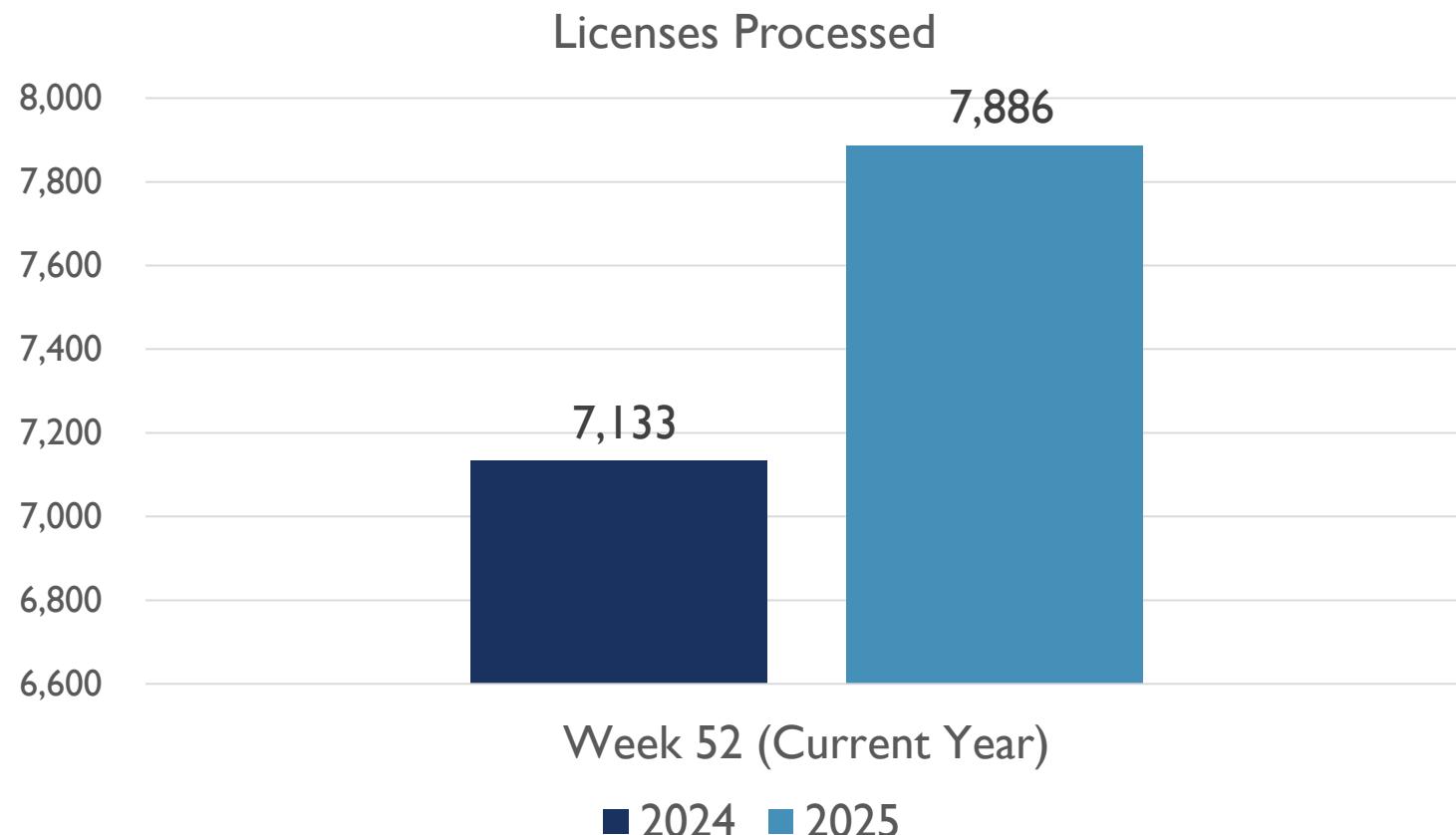
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REVENUE DIVISION UPDATE

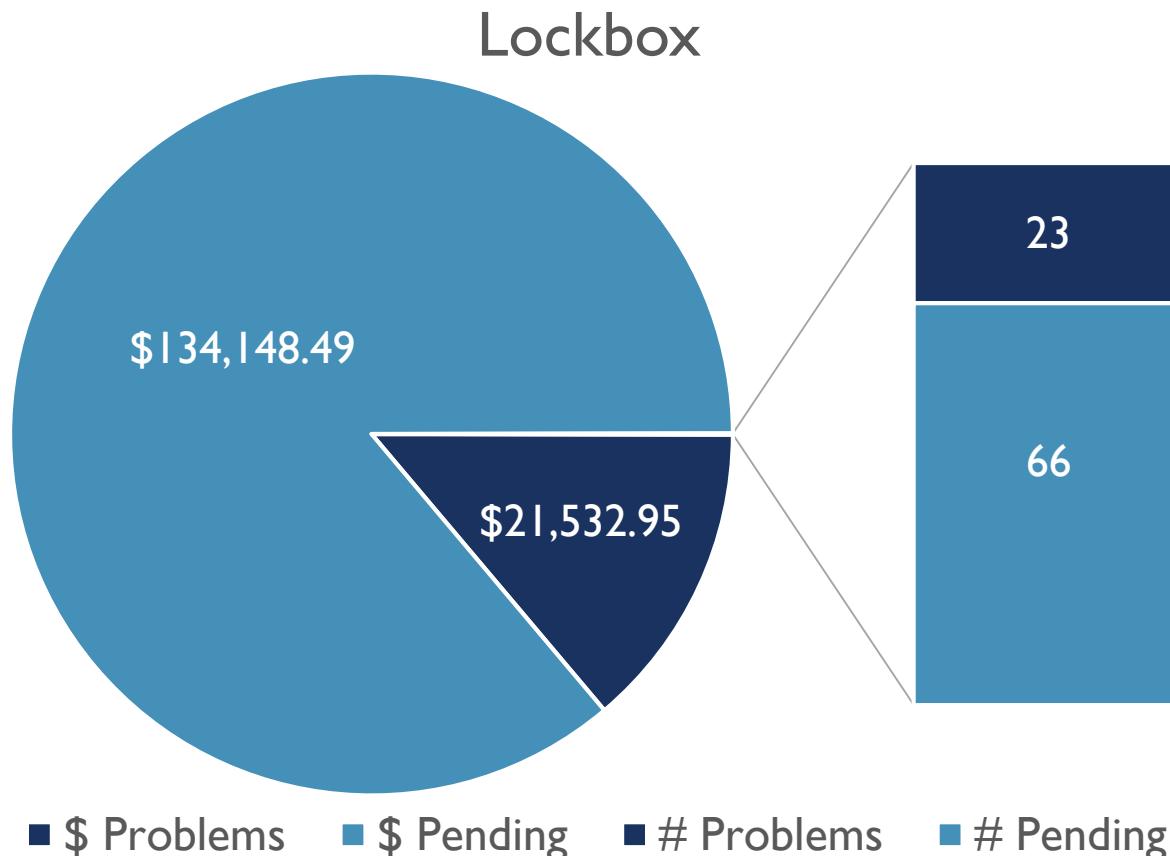
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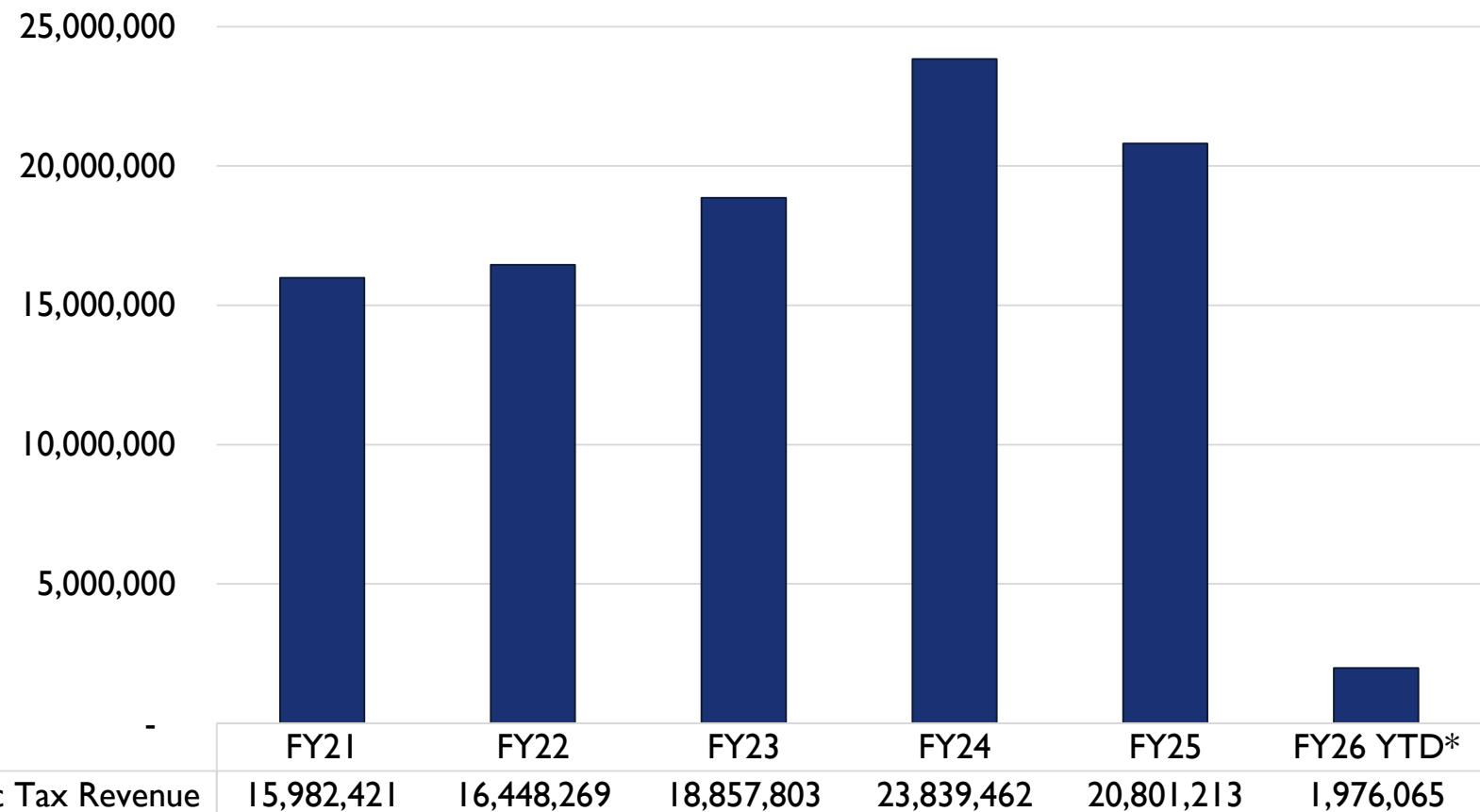
4TH QUARTER UPDATE

- 2026 insurance license renewals were mailed in December 2025.
- 2026 alcohol license renewal season has officially ended, but alcohol license processing is still underway for new and delinquent accounts.
- 74 delinquent alcohol accounts were turned over to Code Enforcement on January 7, 2026.
- Code Enforcement has issued 12 citations, 25 have come into compliance, 11 are out of business, and 26 are still pending contact.
- Code Enforcement is an ongoing activity that requires constant communication between Finance and Inspections and Code.
- Goal is to contact all delinquent businesses by the end of January.

4TH QUARTER UPDATE

- Civic Access Self Service (CASS) Portal is live and available for reporting and remitting excise taxes.
- Mixed Drinks (3% Liquor Tax), Hotel/Motel, Vehicle Rental and Alcohol Distributor excise taxes may be reported and paid online.
- QR code and web page references to CASS Portal have been created and posted in the Revenue Division and online.
- Conducting weekly system improvement/online migration meetings with appropriate staff.

OCCUPATION TAX REVENUE



*Unaudited

2026 AND BEYOND

- 2026 business license renewals are being mailed this week.
- January 2026, we implemented internal system improvements such as auto-calculation of taxes & fees to include penalties and interest.
- Continue working towards additional automations to improve efficiency.
- Continuously reviewing/updating operational policies and procedures as processes change.
- Consider updating city code to abolish estimated tax prepayments and quarter payments as well as implement mandatory online excise tax remittance to reduce manual processes and gain efficiency.

2026 AND BEYOND

- Potential Code Updates:
 - Elimination of the occupation tax estimates and quarter payments.
 - Advantages
 - Easier tax reporting for businesses.
 - Lower upfront licensing costs for businesses.
 - Supports online migration by eliminating the need to account for prepayment credits.
 - Disadvantages
 - Significant impact to General Fund revenue in the first-year post implementation due to current prepayment structure.
 - Reduced payment options for businesses.

2026 AND BEYOND

- Potential Code Updates:
- Mandatory online excise tax payments.

- Advantages

- Convenient tax reporting for businesses.
 - Faster payment processing.
 - Enhanced security measures for the city and businesses.

- Disadvantages

- Per transaction charges or service fees.
 - Current Fees:
 - Card – 3.85% (\$2.50 minimum)
 - eCheck - \$1.75

Questions?

File Attachments for Item:

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**Columbus Consolidated Government
Bid Advertisement - Agenda Item**

DATE: January 27, 2026

TO: Mayor and Councilors

FROM: Finance Department

SUBJECT: Advertised Bids/RFPs/RFQs

February 18, 2026

1. Comprehensive Generator Services (Annual Contract) – RFB 26-0023

Scope of Bid

It is the intent of the Columbus Consolidated Government to establish an annual contract with a qualified licensed contractor to provide, maintain and/or repair generators at various locations. The contract term shall be for three (3) years with the option to renew for two (2) additional twelve-month periods.

Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference: February 3, 2026 - 9:00 am.

February 20, 2026

1. Third-Party Administration Services for the Community Cares Program Servicing Medically Underserved Persons in Muscogee County (Annual Contract) – RFP 26-0023

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government (CCG) is seeking proposals from qualified Third-Party Administrator (TPA) to manage administrative services for the Community Care Program, which serves medically underserved persons in Muscogee County.

The requested administrative services include the management of claims related to medical, pharmaceutical, and mental health services. These services may include, but are not limited to, claims for acute inpatient and outpatient hospital care, x-ray, laboratory, and primary medical care. The TPA will be responsible for processing and managing claims, verifying eligibility, coordinating payments, and reporting to the City.

File Attachments for Item:

- 1. Vacancy Request** – Consideration of a request to declare the seat of Terrance Flowers vacant on the Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board, pursuant to Resolution No. 525-02.



Dear Members of the Council,

I am writing to formally request the replacement of the following individuals currently serving on the Liberty Theatre Cultural Arts & Center Advisory Board, in accordance with Attendance Policy Resolution 525-02. Additionally, please note that all Board members were reminded of Attendance Policy Resolution 525-02 on March 10, 2025, and provide a meeting schedule for the year.

As outlined in Resolution 525-02. *"The positions held by Terrance Flowers who has missed over three meetings for which he has been unexcused in a twelve-month period, shall be considered vacant, and the council shall appoint a successor to fill such vacancy."* Unfortunately, see attachment of Board Member who has accumulated three or more unexcused absences from regularly scheduled board meetings within the past twelve months. As such, their position must now be considered vacant.

In line with the policy, I respectfully request that the council initiate the appointment process to select a successor to fill this vacancy on the Liberty Theatre Cultural Arts & Center Advisory Board. Timely action on this matter will ensure the continued effectiveness and representation of the board as it fulfills its duties to the community.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you require further information or documentation regarding the attendance records or the context of this request.

Sincerely,

Evelyn M. Woodson

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Oz Roberts

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File Attachments for Item:

2. Minutes of the following boards

Board of Elections and Registrations 10-02-25

Board of Tax Assessors #43-25

Board of Tax Assessors #44-25

Board of Tax Assessors #01-26

Board of Water Commissioners, 12-08-25

Board of Zoning Appeals, 12-03-25

Columbus Golf Course Authority, 12-02-25

Columbus Sports & Entertainment Authority, 12-08-25

Columbus Sports & Entertainment Authority, 01-12-26

Community Development Advisory Council March 14, 2024

Community Development Advisory Council September 12, 2024

Community Development Advisory Council Jan 9, 2025

Community Development Advisory Council March 13, 2025

Community Development Advisory Council May 8, 2025

Community Development Advisory Council July 10, 2025

Development Authority of Columbus, 11-13-25

Development Authority of Columbus, 12-04-25

Liberty Theatre Advisory Board, 11-13-25

Planning Advisory Commission, 12-03-25



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Diane Scrimshire
Annette Williams

Item #2.

Muscogee County Board of Elections and Registration October 2, 2025 Minutes

The monthly meeting for the Muscogee County Board of Elections and Registration was held Thursday, October 2nd. Chairperson Uhland Roberts called the meeting to order at 2p.m. All board members were present.

Board Comments: Elections office purchased Election Pin for Board members and election staff, poll workers and temp employees.

Blue Ribbon Committee meeting on going in Covington Ga.

Agenda Request: N/A

Approval of Minutes:

- Linda Parker seconded Edwin Roldan's motion to approve board meeting minutes for the month of September.

New Business:

- **Voter Registration Report-** Excused until next meeting.
- **Early Voting Location- 2026-** No site secured yet. Elections office encourages the Board to help in the search for North, South and Mid locations.

To remain at Shirley Winston the Elections office would like the facility to close outside activity for Election Day. Board discussed previous locations stating the Health Dept. is no longer an option although the voting equipment is stored at that location. City has yet to provide a building for space for the equipment.

Board member Annette Williams requested director Nancy Boren to reach out to the school board for any schools that are not in use.

Old Business:

- **Polling Place Change-Cusseta-** Director Nancy Boren contacted Goodwill and asked if we could look at the building for use of the facility during elections for precinct 110 Cusseta.
- **Polling Place Change-INC-** Facility agreed to work with the Elections office and allowed use for the remainder of 2025.
- **November Special Election-** Early voting for the November 4th Special Election will begin October 14- October 31st. Early tabulation notice is posted on the Elections website and legal origin. Eligible Elderly and Disable voters were mailed out letters on how to request and receive mail-in ballots for the November 4th election.



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Public Comments Regarding Agenda Items: None

Correspondence: Confirmation notices sent by the state for:
SOS List maintenance in odd years. Confirmation NCOA, NGE, No Action, Cross State. Yellow
labels are being returned to the elections office and processed.

No further business Chair, Uhland Roberts, adjourned the meeting at 2:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Uhland Roberts
Chairperson

ADVANCE VOTING

PRIMARY/NONPARTISAN

ACTUAL VOTING DATE IS MAY 19, 2026

Tuesday October 14th ~ Friday October 31st
8:00am ~ 5:30pm

No voting October 13th for Columbus Day Holiday

Saturdays October 18th & October 25th
8:00am ~ 5:30pm

(No Sunday Voting)

Only at the City Services Center

Community Room
3111 Citizens Way
Columbus, GA 31906

Ballot Collection Drop Box Location:

During the hours of Advance Voting Only
Drop Box closes 5:30pm May 15th.

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Columbus, Georgia, Board of Tax Assessors

GEORGIA'S FIRST CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT

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MINUTES #43-25

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Jayne Govar calls the Columbus, Georgia Board of Assessors' meeting to order on Wednesday, Dec 10th, 2025 at 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT ARE:

Chairman Jayne Govar
Vice Chairman Lanitra Sandifer Hicks
Assessor Kathy Jones
Assessor Clay Hood
Assessor Doug Jefcoat
Chief Appraiser/Secretary Suzanne Widenhouse
Recording Secretary Katrina Culpepper

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Assessor Jones motions to accept the agenda with noted changes. Assessor Hood seconds and the motion carries.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Assessor Jefcoat motions to accept the minutes as presented. Assessor Hood seconds and the motion carries.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Assessor Jefcoat motions to cancel the Board meeting on Dec 17th. Assessor Jones seconds and the motion carries.
- Chairman Govar reminds the board that the next meeting after today will be on Jan 7th of 2026.

At 9:08, Board Attorney Nick Garcia entered the meeting.

- Assessor Jones motions to add Executive Session to the agenda. Assessor Hood seconds and the motion carries.
- Assessor Hood motions to enter Executive Session to discuss possible litigation. Assessor Jones seconds and the motion carries.
- At 9:10, Executive Session begins. No vote taken. Assessor Hood motions to end Executive Session @ 9:40. Assessor Jefcoat seconds and the motion carries.
- At 9:43, Chief Appraiser Widenhouse presents bond issue. Signed by Chairman Govar.
- At 9:46, Board Attorney Nick Garcia leaves meeting.

At 9:47, Personal Property Manager Stacy Pollard presents to the Board:

- Audit Results - Signed & Approved.
- No Changes - placed into record.

At 9:49, Administrative Appraiser Mary Hale presents to the Board:

- Homesteads - #179 019 007; 115 026 005 - Signed & Approved.

At 9:51, Residential Property Manager Jeff Milam presents to the Board:

- BOE Results - placed into record.
- Waiver & Releases - signed by Chairman Govar.
- #106 006 011 - Assessor Jefcoat motions for denial of waiver. Assessor Jones seconds and the motion carries.

At 10:16, Deputy Chief Appraiser Glen Thomason presents to the Board:

- Map Splits - #193 001 035 - Signed & Approved.
- Mobile Home Digest - Signed & Approved.

At 10:25, Chief Appraiser Suzanne Widenhouse presents to the Board:

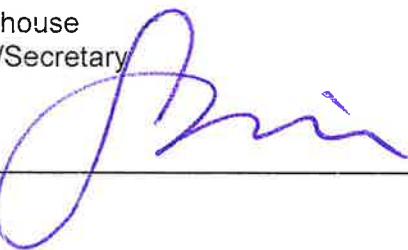
- Update DOR 2025 Public Utilities - discussion only.
- Update on Tax Exempt Research - #008 008 001 & 010 - Signed & Approved.

Assessor Jefcoat motions to adjourn the meeting. Assessor Jones seconds and the motion carries.

At 10:32, Chairman Jayne Govar adjourns the meeting without any objections.

Suzanne Widenhouse
Chief Appraiser/Secretary

APPROVED:

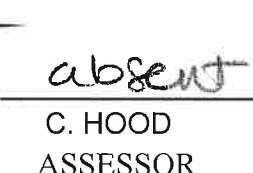


MIN# 01-26 JAN 14 2026


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CALLED MEETING MINUTES #44-25

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Jayne Govar calls the Columbus, Georgia Board of Assessors' called meeting to order on Monday, December 19, 2025, at 1:00 P.M.

PRESENT ARE:

Chairman Jayne Govar
Assessor Kathy Jones
Assessor Clay Hood
Assessor Doug Jefcoat
Chief Appraiser/Secretary Suzanne Widenhouse

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Assessor Jones motions to accept the agenda. Assessor Jefcoat seconds and the motion carries. All in favor.

At 1:01, Chief Appraiser Suzanne Widenhouse presents to the Board:

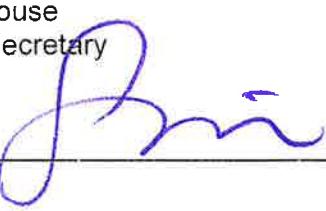
- Bond Issue - Assessor Hood motions to accept. Assessor Jones seconds and the motion carries. All in favor.
- Settlement Agreement - Assessor Jefcoat motions to accept. Assessor Jones seconds and the motion carries. All in favor.

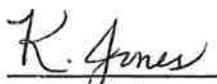
Assessor Jefcoat motions to adjourn the meeting. Assessor Hood seconds and the motion carries. At 1:04, Chairman Jayne Govar adjourns the meeting without any objections.

Suzanne Widenhouse
Chief Appraiser/Secretary

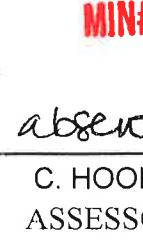
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L. SANDIFER HICKS
VICE CHAIRMAN



Columbus, Georgia, Board of Tax Assessors

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Vice Chairman

Chief Appraiser
Suzanne Widenhouse

MINUTES #01-26

Chairman Jayne Govar calls the Columbus, Georgia Board of Assessors' meeting to order on Wednesday, Jan 7th, 2026 at 9:08 A.M.

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS:

Chief Appraiser Suzanne Widenhouse informs the Board that the first order of business is to select a new Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary for the 2026 year.

Assessor Lanitra Sandifer Hicks nominates Assessor Jayne Govar as Chairman. Assessor Jefcoat seconds the nomination and the motion carries.

Assessor Lanitra Sandifer Hicks nominates Assessor Jones for Vice Chairman. Assessor Jefcoat nominates Assessor Lanitra Sandifer Hicks for Vice Chairman. Assessor Lanitra Sandifer Hicks withdraws nomination of Assessor Jones. Assessor Govar seconds nomination of Assessor Lanitra Sandifer Hicks. Unanimous for Assessor Lanitra Sandifer Hicks as Vice Chairman.

Assessor Lanitra Sandifer Hicks nominates Chief Appraiser Widenhouse as Secretary. Assessor Jefcoat seconds the nomination and the motion carries.

PRESENT ARE:

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Assessor Jones motions to accept called meeting minutes 44-25 as presented. Assessor Lanitra Sandifer Hicks seconds and the motion carries. Assessor Jones motions to accept meeting minutes 43-25 as presented. Assessor Jefcoat seconds and the motion carries.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Assessor Jones motions the approval of Board Policies for the 2026 year. Vice Chairman Lanitra Sandifer Hicks seconds and the motion carries.

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At 9:21, Chief Appraiser Suzanne Widenhouse presents to the Board:

- Public Utilities - Assessor Jones motions to accept Public Utilities & Airline values as set by the State & mailing of the notices today. Assessor Jefcoat seconds and the motion carries.
- Veterans Exemption Amount - placed into record.
- Social Security Exemption Amount - placed into record.

At 9:28, Personal Property Manager Stacy Pollard presents to the Board:

- BOE Results - Placed into record.
- No Change Audit Results - placed into record.

At 9:30, Chief Appraiser Suzanne Widenhouse presents for Administrative division to the Board:

- Homesteads - Removals #097 016 036; 180 010 006A; 068 043 002 and Renewals - #090 050 003; 127 011 011; 068 029 024; 059 003 006; 047 016 020; 029 014 001 - Signed & Approved.

At 9:51, Real Property Manager Jeff Milam presents to the Board:

- BOE Results - placed into record.
- Waiver & Releases - signed by Chairman Govar.
- Assessor Jefcoat motions to change this division heading on weekly agenda to Real Property rather than Residential and Commercial as it has been listed in the past. Assessor Jones seconds and the motion carries.

At 10:15, Deputy Chief Appraiser Glen Thomason presents to the Board:

- Map Splits - #086 063 016; 032; 114 001 008; 007; 002; 113 002 008 - Signed & Approved.

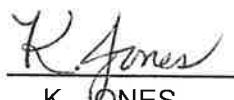
Assessor Jefcoat motions to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chairman Lanitra Sandifer Hicks seconds and the motion carries. At 10:18, Chairman Jayne Govar adjourns the meeting without any objections.

Suzanne Widenhouse
Chief Appraiser/Secretary

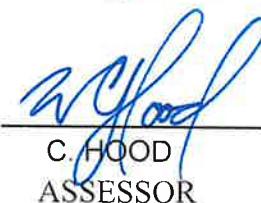
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Protecting the Environment*

Columbus Water Works

December 8, 2025

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners of Columbus, Georgia was held on Monday, December 8, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. at our Main Office, Chattahoochee Room. Chairman Nick Smith took the roll call, and the following Commissioners were present:

Nick Smith, Chair
Jennifer Upshaw, Vice Chair
Wes Kelley
Oz Roberts
Mayor Skip Henderson

Receipt of the Minutes from the regular meeting on November 10, 2025, was presented to the Board. A motion was made by Jennifer Upshaw and seconded by Oz Roberts to approve the Minutes as written. Motion carried.

Aric Jackson presented the following Resolution to the Board, recognizing our retiree, Ronnie Farley.

A Resolution

Whereas, Ronnie Farley, has been an employee of the Columbus Board of Water Commissioners since April 2005, is retiring; and,

Whereas, Ronnie Farley, has served in the capacity of Field Services Technician I in the Field Services Water Distribution Department with the Columbus Water Works; and,

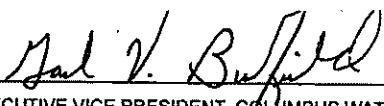
Whereas, Ronnie Farley, has performed in an outstanding and productive manner throughout his Twenty years of service;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Water Commissioners of the City of Columbus, Georgia, on behalf of all the people of the City, hereby publicly expresses appreciation and heartfelt thanks to Ronnie Farley for his diligent and faithful service on behalf of the Columbus Water Works; and,

Be It further Resolved that this resolution be spread upon the official minutes of this Board on this eighth day of December 2025 and that the Secretary of this Board be directed to furnish copies of this resolution to the said Ronnie Farley and to the Clerk of Council of Columbus, Georgia.



PRESIDENT, COLUMBUS WATER WORKS



EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, COLUMBUS WATER WORKS



CHAIR, BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

Aric Jackson recognized several employee promotions for the month of November, acknowledging the hard work and dedication of team members across the organization. Dayshun Johnson was promoted to Field Services Crew Leader I, Christopher Owens to Field Services Technician II, Bradley Gross to Field Services Technician II, Carter Freiberg to Field Services Technician I, and Jadeis Carter to Field Services Technician I. Their continued commitment and contributions have strengthened the organization, and each promotion reflects their exceptional performance and leadership.

Vickie Clark presented the Financial Report for the month of November 2025, including those for Ft. Benning, to the Board. A motion was made by Wes Kelley and seconded by Oz Roberts to approve the Financial Reports. Motion carried.

Chairman Smith introduced Brian Rutledge from Robinson, Grimes and Company to present the Columbus Water Works' Annual Audit Report. Mr. Rutledge provided the Board with a summary of the financial audit that ended on June 25, 2025. He advised the Board that Robinson, Grimes and Company was issuing an auditing opinion, dated December 8, 2025, for the fiscal years ending June 25, 2025, and 2024, advising that the financial statements are fairly presented in all material respects. Mr. Rutledge advised the Board that the audit had gone smoothly, with no issues. A copy of the annual audit report is on file at the Columbus Water Works' office.

President Cummings presented the proposed 2026 Water and Sewer Rate Resolution to the Board for final approval for the rate increase effective with bills beginning on or after January 1, 2026.

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, a thorough study and evaluation was made of the water and sewer system facilities in 2018, resulting in the acknowledgment by the Board of a five-year Capital Improvement Plan in May 2020, and

WHEREAS, since 2002, Raftelis Financial, Inc., has been engaged to conduct and update a cost of service study annually to ensure that water and wastewater rates are equitable, consistent with the cost of providing utilities and provide sufficient revenues to address the long-term operation and financial needs of Columbus Water Works, pursuant to the study a series of rate increases were adopted for bills rendered during fiscal years 2003 through 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Board did direct, as part of that process, that an annual review of Columbus Water Works' financial condition be conducted and any necessary adjustment to the proposed rates be identified, and

WHEREAS, a financial review of the Audit was performed by Raftelis Financial and CWW Staff; and,

WHEREAS, at its regularly scheduled meeting on December 08, 2025, the Board received the Columbus Water Works annual Financial Audit performed by Robinson, Grimes, and Company; and

WHEREAS, a presentation of the FY 2026 Rate Update was made to the Board at the October 14, 2025, Board meeting; and,

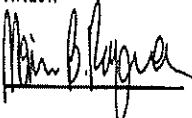
WHEREAS, CWW staff and our Financial Consultant to conduct a public hearing on the proposed rate increase at City Council on October 28, 2025, as well as a town hall meeting held on October 16, 2025, and

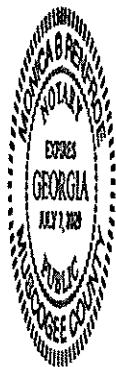
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the recommendations contained in the financial review entitled FY 2025-26 RATE UPDATE dated October 14, 2025, and amended on December 8, 2025, be hereby adopted, and become effective for all water use initially included in bills rendered on or after January 1, 2026, and

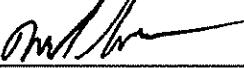
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Columbus Board of Water Commissioners will continue the practice of making an annual financial review and the planned rate program, and make any necessary adjustments.

SO RESOLVED THIS 8TH DAY OF December 2025.

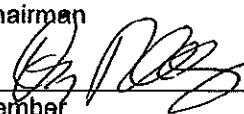
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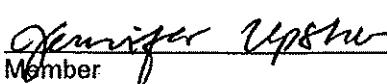




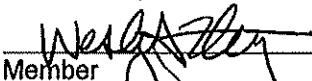
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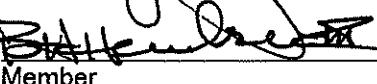
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Following the discussion, a motion was made by Jennifer Upshaw and seconded by Oz Roberts to adopt the above Resolution regarding the 2026 water and sewer rate increase as outlined to become effective January 1, 2026. Motion carried.

President Cummings recognized outgoing Board Member, Wes Kelley. Mr. Kelley has served on our Water Board since January 2022. He was presented with the following Resolution and a gift of appreciation.

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Wes Kelley has served as a member of the Board of Water Commissioners of the City of Columbus, Georgia, since January 2022 and

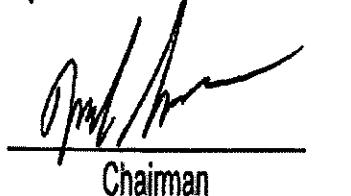
WHEREAS, the said Wes Kelley has performed an outstanding public service and for four years has devoted his time and efforts, without compensation or remuneration, to the work of this Board and the City of Columbus, Georgia.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Water Commissioners of the City of Columbus, Georgia, on behalf of all the people of the City, hereby publicly expresses appreciation and heartfelt thanks to the said Wes Kelley, for his unselfish and diligent devotion to public service and for his able and efficient attention to public work; and

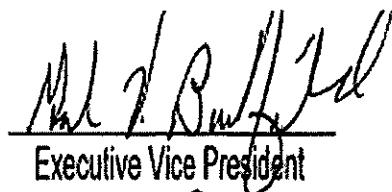
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be spread upon the official minutes of this Board this eight Day of December 2025 and that the Secretary of this Board is directed to furnish copies of this resolution to the said Wes Kelley, and to the Clerk of Council of Columbus, Georgia.



President



Chairman



Executive Vice President



Member



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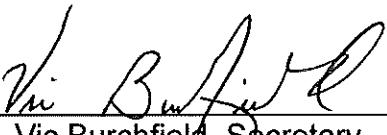
Member

Mr. Kelley thanked management and staff for the opportunity to work with such a special organization.

The following Departmental Reports for August and September 2025 were provided to the Board as information only:

- Customer Service Reports
- Customer Advocacy/Meter Maintenance/Water Accountability Reports
- Engineering Reports
- Field Services Reports
- Information Services/Environmental Services Reports
- Communications Report
- Employee Services Report
- Water Resource Operations/Managed Maintenance Reports

There being no further business, a motion was made by Jennifer Upshaw and seconded by Oz Roberts to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.



Vic Burchfield, Secretary

Call TO ORDER: Shaun Roberts calls the Board of Zoning Appeals to order on Wednesday, December 3rd, 2025, at 2:00 P.M.

PRESENT ARE:

Shaun Roberts

Angela Strange

Phillip Smith

Kathleen Mullins

Alissa Neal

John Renfroe

BZA-10-25-002041

1901 Schatulga Rd.

- Jake Stewart and Carlos Tony are present to request to split existing parcel into two separate parcels with a width of 50 feet each. Minimum required by the UDO is 75 feet in SFR2. Roberts inquires about 1909 and 1915 Schatulga Rd, if there are structures and what their plans are for all the lots they own. Deliberation occurs regarding if the other lots need variances as well regarding their structures. John Renfroe and Phillip Smith attempt to clarify. Alissa Neal motions to approve. Kathleen Mullins seconds. All vote to approve. Motion carries. Roberts makes it known on record the board requests for more information regarding cases.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Roberts brings attention to a misspelling of Alissa Neal's name on the third case. Mullins motions to approve the minutes with that change. Strange seconds. All vote to approve. Motion carries.

Roberts adjourns meeting at 2:15 P.M.

COLUMBUS GOLF AUTHORITY MINUTES

DECEMBER 2, 2025

Chairman William Roundtree called the meeting to order.

The chairman recognized attendance by former Columbus City Manager Isaiah Hugley and City Councilors JoAnne Cogle, Toyia Tucker and Charmaine Crabb. Each told the Authority they recognize that the financial status of Bull Creek Golf Course and Oxbow Creek Golf Course has changed dramatically, since the hiring of Director of Golf Jim Arendt. It has progressed from requiring support annually from city revenues to operating with no city subsidies and generating revenue exceeding annual budgeted funds.

Each of the guests also pledged continuing support for the prospective goals of the Authority, which include a proposal to expand Oxbow Creek to an 18-hole facility.

Minutes of the September 23, 2025, meeting of the Authority were approved by unanimous vote upon a motion by Ken Crumpler, seconded by Gerald Miley.

In the absence of Superintendent Steve Brown, Assistant Superintendent Charles Lewis reported that work crews have continued to focus on removing fallen trees downed by an April tornado and transporting them to an area where city crews are to pick them up. In addition, tree stump grinding and limb removal have occupied a generous portion of the crews' time at Bull Creek Golf Course.

The Bull Creek inmate crew has consisted of 21 inmates, with four designated for Oxbow Creek being trained at Bull Creek. A new inmate guard has been hired and will be working with a crew of up to eight inmates at Oxbow. The Bull Creek inmate allotment continues to be seven or eight short on a regular basis, however, Lewis said.

A pump for pressure maintenance on the irrigation lines at Oxbow Creek also has become necessary and two applications of herbicide have been applied at that course.

Cart path repair work also is an ongoing effort, Lewis said.

Director of Golf Jim Arendt reported that revenues at Bull Creek and Oxbow Creek continue to look strong, with Bull Creek recording more than \$258,940 in October, totaling more than \$953,566 for the year to date. When Godwin Creek totals are added, the ledger shows more than \$988,000 has been banked toward the FY 2025-26 budget of \$2.41 million. Oxbow's revenue totaled more than \$56,538 during the month, reaching \$268,114 of its \$721,000 budget.

"Our revenues continue to be strong," Arendt said, while reminding members that the courses are facing large expenditures above normal on the horizon, including replacing aged greens and irrigation infrastructure.

Cash reserves for the year to date at Bull Creek total \$497,269.06, with Oxbow Creek reserves at \$102,100.89, he said.

Arendt said the prison warden has helped Oxbow with approval of the hiring of David Pontecorvo as the new inmate guard for the facility. The hiring was necessary when the previous guard became ill and was unable to return to work. Months without a guard have required shifting of manpower and extra work by the regular staff at Oxbow and Bull Creek. The new guard is expected to complete training and be at work in two weeks.

Work has been completed to build demonstration bunkers on East Course holes No. 1 and 13, which was previously approved by the Authority at a cost of up to \$50,000, the golf director said. The actual cost exceeds that amount by \$14,000, which requires approval of spending that additional sum from cash reserves, rather than from shifting budget allocations. Gerald Miley made a motion to approve spending up to \$64,000 on the project, with Ken Davis seconding the motion. The measure passed unanimously.

The demonstration bunkers were installed under the auspices of Bill Bergin Golf Design to show how the Bull Creek bunkers, considered the weakest part of the 36-hole course, would be redesigned and put in place to show golfers how a reconstruction project would improve those problem areas.

The golf director reported he has been consulting with the city's legal department on crafting a resolution that would permit the golf director to spend a limited amount of funds, when necessary, without delaying for approval by the Authority at its next scheduled meeting, or a called meeting. The maximum amount suggested would be \$25,000. The resolution requires adoption by the Authority, which is proposed for action at its next meeting.

Arendt said he is working to prepare a budget proposal and will work with the Authority Budget Committee to fashion a plan to present to Columbus Council.

The golf director said he also is working to complete employee evaluations, and distributed to Authority members a form for each to prepare in order to rate his performance for the last year. He gave an oral self-evaluation presentation to the Authority, noting the accomplishments of the past year and progress toward goals previously set.

Tommy Nobles, with two key city advisors present, outlined status of the work toward Oxbow Creek projects to be funded by the current Special Purpose Local Option Tax that authorized \$5 million to renovate the Oxbow clubhouse, replace a fallen bridge at Oxbow, replace or build a bridge at Bull Creek Golf Course, and build a new clubhouse at Bull Creek.

The update noted that bids are in and a contract is in order for the low bidder on the Oxbow projects. The work could be completed in the Spring, if all goes well, but Authority agreement is needed. Members suggested a rendering or craft example of the clubhouse renovation proposed by the bidder is desirable, and a called meeting of the Authority at Oxbow Creek will be set when the demonstration is ready for presentation. The contract would be slated for approval following the Authority's review and consent.

Three proposed amendments to the Golf Authority Bylaws also were distributed to members by Chairman Roundtree following their adoption by a four-member Bylaws Committee. No action was taken on the proposed amendments to give all members an opportunity to review and consider each.

During earlier discussions with Columbus Council guests, it was noted by Nobles that during the next couple of years, at least three members of the Authority would be due for replacement, robbing the Authority of continuity during a time of considerable reconstruction activities. Councilor Tucker suggested the Authority to prepare a letter requesting a variance on terms for current members in order to allow continuity on the Authority through the upcoming construction projects. Alonzo Jones made a motion, seconded by Ken Crumpler, for such a letter to be prepared. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Roundtree noted that the next regular meeting of the Authority is set for January 13, at which time during that required annual meeting a slate of officers is to be elected for 2026.

In the meantime, the Authority will await the call for a special meeting with city officials at Oxbow Creek to consider the proposed contractor's plans and give approval for the bid contract to go forward.

No further business being undertaken, a motion to adjourn the meeting, made by Ken Crumpler and seconded by Ken Davis, was passed unanimously.

Attending were Chairman William Roundtree, Vice Chairman Richard Mahone, Ken Crumpler, Stephanie Leohr, Tommy Nobles, Alonzo Jones, Ken Davis, Gerald Miley and Secretary Jim Houston.

Columbus Sports & Entertainment Authority

Organizational Meeting

Minutes

December 8, 2025, • 2:00 pm

*Columbus Civic Center, Hospitality Suites
400 4th Street, Columbus, GA 31901*

ATTENDANCE:

Voting Members Present – Andy G. Luker (Chair), Ashley Woitena (Secretary), Herman E. Lewis, Jr (Treasurer), Mike Welch, Morgan Moore and Gerald Miley

Voting Members Absent – Robert L. Wadkins Jr. (Vice Chair), Will Taylor and Charles Jim Rutland

Ex-Officio Members Present – Deputy City Manager Lisa Goodwin, Director Holli Browder, Director Ryan Pruitt, Lt. Kelly Phillips, Charles Auer, and Jeff Croop

Ex-Officio Members Absent – Director Forrest Toelle

Visitor(s) Present: Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge, Assistant City Attorney Lucy Sheftall, Clerk of Council Lindsey McClemore, and City Councils

1. Call to Order

Chair Andy Luker called the meeting to order at 2:05 PM.

Minutes for November 10, 2025, approved.

- *Minor change to minutes = Secretary Ashley 'Wotenia' to 'Woitena'*

2. Roll Call

- Authority Department Secretary – Zeanne Abano, Civic Center

3. New Business

- **Clarifying Authority's Purpose and Executive Director Role:**

- i. No vote required to excuse absent members, verbal acknowledgement sufficient.
- ii. Non-voting members cannot send substitutes in their absence.
- iii. Sports and Entertainment Authority created to consolidate and improve facility management efficiency and profitability.
- iv. Executive Director position proposed to oversee all sports and entertainment facilities; no operational or staffing changes planned.

- **Facility Oversight: Liberty Theater, Civic Center, South Commons:**

- i. Liberty Theater currently closed for renovations and construction
- ii. Operating structure and management model for Liberty Theater remained undecided; council holds authority.

- iii. Liberty Theater is temporarily managed under Civic Center; final responsibility lies with council.
- iv. Confusion exists regarding authority and reporting structure between Civic Center, Liberty Theater, and other facilities.
- v. Council and advisory board continue discussion to clarify management, transparency, and operational intentions.
- **Strategic Planning, Mission Statement, and Financials:**
 - i. Executive director position identified as key for authority operations and collaboration.
 - ii. MOUs to be developed with Parks & Rec, Sports Council, and other entities for South Commons.
 - iii. Authority executive to assume functions of former Civic Center director and coordinate with City Departments.
 - iv. *Short-term Goal:* to hire executive director; *Long-term Goal:* to achieve financial self-sustainability (operate in the black).
 - v. Mission Statement and Strategic Vision to be developed; 2-3-year MOU with Parks & Rec proposed for operational continuity.
- **Governance, Bylaws, and Conflict of Interest:**
 - i. Ordinance and bylaws define authority structure; ordinance is difficult to change.
 - ii. Job description for executive director unclear, especially regarding Liberty Theater and other facilities.
 - iii. Authority over A.J McClung Stadium and South Commons facilities remains with Parks & Rec; executive director role involves collaboration, not direct control.
 - iv. Collaboration with other entities through memorandums of understanding is expected; operational clarity may take 2-3 years.
 - v. Success depends on hiring the right executive director to coordinate with city and facility leaders.
- **Facility Preservation, Subcommittees, and Next Steps:**
 - i. Council discussed need for a subcommittee focused on facility preservation and strategic planning.
 - ii. Current funding (TAD Dollars) for A.J McClung Stadium is insufficient; alternative revenue sources are required.
 - iii. Golf authority previously identified 90% of assets as outdated; strategic upgrades improved financial performance.
 - iv. Emphasis is placed on hiring the right director and using a search firm for best candidate selection.
 - v. Next meeting to review job description and discuss future vision for facilities.

4. Old Business

- **Bylaws:** No Changes; will bring up to next meeting
- **A.J McClung Stadium and South Commons Facility Tour Schedule:** Andy Luker (Chair) will send out three (3) available dates for board members to tour the facility and set the schedule by January meeting.
- **Monthly Board Meeting:** The schedule has been changed *from 2:00 pm to 1:00 pm, every second Monday of every month.*

5. Public Comment – *NONE*

6. Adjournment – *Meeting adjourned at 3:18 pm, Mike Welch*

Minutes Recorded by: Zeanne Abano, Civic Center, Authority Department Secretary

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 12, 2026, at 1:00 pm,

Columbus Civic Center Hospitality Suites, 400 4th St Columbus, GA 31901

Columbus Sports & Entertainment Authority

Minutes

January 12, 2026, • 1:00 pm

Columbus Civic Center, Catering Room

400 4th Street, Columbus, GA 31901

ATTENDANCE:

Voting Members Present – Andy G. Luker (Chair), Robert L. Wadkins Jr. (Vice Chair), Ashley Woitena (Secretary), Herman E. Lewis, Jr (Treasurer), Will Taylor, Mike Welch, Gerald Miley, Morgan Moore

Voting Members Absent – Charles Jim Rutland

Ex-Officio Members Present – Deputy City Manager Lisa Goodwin, Director Holli Browder, Director Ryan Pruett, Charles Auer, and Jeff Croop

Ex-Officio Members Absent – Director Forrest Toelle and Lt. Kelly Phillips

Visitor(s) Present: Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge, Assistant City Attorney Lucy Sheftall, and Assistant Human Resources Director Sheila Risper

1. Call to Order

- Andy Luker, Chair, called the meeting at 1:05 pm.

2. Roll Call

- Authority Department Secretary – Zeanne Abano, Civic Center

3. Approval of Minutes

- Minutes for December 8, 2025, approved. Motion made by Herman Lewis, second motion by Gerald Miley. *No changes are needed.*

4. Action Items

• Review and Adoption of By-Laws:

- i. Approved By Laws as submitted. Motion made by Mike Welch, second motion by Herman Lewis.
- ii. By Laws require majority approval of all members for expenditures over \$10,000; emergency funding had been executed through Friends account before bylaws existed and may be ratified later.
- iii. Board action requires a physical (in-person) quorum; Zoom may allow participation but does not replace physical presence; email votes may qualify as written votes, but procedural ambiguity remains.
- iv. Planned amendment to add a conflict-of-interest clause for members with financial ties to the building; review scheduled in 1-2 months.

- **Executive Director Job Description:**

- i. Two draft job descriptions received: one from a counselor; one from Deputy City Manager Lisa Goodwin.
- ii. Vote to establish a sub-committee to review and finalize a job description: Sub-committee will consist of: Morgan Moore, Robert Wadkins, Mike Welch, and Herman Lewis. Motion made by Ashley Woitena, second motion by Gerald Miley.
- iii. Formal subcommittee triggers open-meetings requirements and requires committee confirmation from volunteers.
- iv. Existing drafts show significant discrepancies; subcommittee will reconcile and finalize job description.
- v. Committee authorized solicit quotes from 4-5 search firms next month; City HR and Leadership Institute (CSU) will assist; no hiring decision approved.

5. Discussion / Presentations

- **Ice Rink Operations and Finance:**

- i. Council sets facility rates; pricing requires balance between public access and avoiding General Fund subsidy; out-of-country surcharges are applied to non-Muscogee County residents.
- ii. Authority authorized to solicit quotes and work with City HR and CSU; quotes to be returned next month (no contract approved yet).
- iii. Ice Rink operations summarized: calendar full; partners include CHA, Auburn Men's & Women's Hockey, Purple Love Project; Columbus Valley Warriors, Columbus Learn to Skate; Public Skate pricing \$8 (adult), \$5 (kids 10 and under), skate rentals \$4; private ice \$215/hr. (partners) and \$250/hr. (non-partners); private event rental \$1500; party packages \$190 (no food) and \$262 (with food); income statements available FY22 – FY26; Bruster's concession contract and some staff contracts expire June; grab-and-go added to Ice Rink to give more options.
- iv. Staffing and operations: event staff (security, ticketing), janitorial, one Zamboni driver, box office with four sellers, operating materials line covers maintenance costs; additional maintenance funded via operations, emergency purchases, or program accounts.
- v. Security and policy: clear bag and wanding policies remain enforced for public events and are waived for private events; staff safety incidents justified continued security measures; budget review noted as \$85,000 increase in event staff wages from FY24-FY25 and consideration to raise rates (benchmark venues about \$10 higher).

- **Energy Review / Rate Decision**

- i. Cherry Street Energy initiated a no-cost energy review and coordinated a formal rate review request with Georgia Power.
- ii. Georgia Power confirmed Civic Center is on RTP (real-time pricing) and recommended switching to a fixed pricing option with estimated savings \$30,000-\$60,000/year and no capital investment.

- iii. Offer validity is 40 days; notice dated Nov. 25, 2025, = decision deadline Jan. 19, 2026.
- iv. **Memo Action 1:** execute rate change from RTP to fixed pricing; no payment obligation to Cherry Street; execution owners: City of Columbus with Cherry Street and Georgia Power.
- v. **Memo Action 2:** solar procurement proposed as a longer-term capital option for the incoming executive director; LED lighting retrofit already completed with typical payback – 2 years; building-aging and envelope issues may require further assessment.

6. Public Comment – NONE

7. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 2:09 pm. Motion made by Herman Lewis, second motion by Gerald Miley.

Minutes Recorded by: Zeanne Abano, Civic Center, Authority Department Secretary

*Next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, February 9, 2026, at 1:00 pm,***

Columbus Civic Center Hospitality Suites, 400 4th St Columbus, GA 31901

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Summary of the
Community Development Advisory Council
(CDAC)
March 14, 2024**

A virtual meeting via Microsoft Teams of the Community Development Advisory Council (CDAC) held on March 14, 2024, at 11:00 am.

Members Present: Virginia Dickerson, Charlotte Ingram, Mike Welch, Adrian Wade, and Julio Portillo

Members Absent: Tamika McKenzie, Tollie Strode, Armando Fernandez, Tracey Belt, Evan Collins, and Michael Ernst

Also Present: Community Reinvestment Staff: Michael Baker, Emma Kimbrel, Kawana Hooks, Altemese Wilson and Kimberly Mitchell

ORDER OF MEETING

The meeting began at 11:05 am. With five CDAC members being present the CDAC board was unable to conduct official business due to lack of quorum.

DISCUSSION

1. Director's Report

a. Welcome

Robert Scott, Director of Community Reinvestment, welcomed CDAC to a new year and introduced his staff. CDAC members then introduced themselves. Rob then gave a background on the department.

b. NOFA Launch

Rob gave an overview of Community Reinvestment's funding process. Applications open in January. Twelve applications were received requesting over \$650,000. Rob shared that the CDBG-Public Service cap is approximately \$245,000.

c. Public Meeting

A public meeting about the Annual Action Plan will be held on Tuesday, April 2nd, 2024. Rob encouraged CDAC to join and to inform the community about the public meeting.

d. National Community Development Week/CDBG Month

Rob shared information about National Community Development Week (NCDW), which is happening from April 1st to 5th. Community Reinvestment will be receiving two proclamations from City Council: one recognizing NCDW and one recognizing April as CDBG Month. Rob shared the presentation that would be given at City Council, which encompasses the work the Department is doing within Columbus.

e. CRD-CDAC Relationship

Rob discussed the history of CDAC and how future business needs to change. He suggested a future workshop where the board would come together to review the bylaws and discuss the responsibilities of the board. Rob shared his vision of what he would like CDAC to look like in the future, which includes more community engagement from the board members and their communities.

2. Open Floor Discussion

- a. Mike Welch, board member, asked if there was any more funding from the Small Business Grant. Rob responded no and explained that it had all been expended.
- b. Mike asked who applied for the Public Service Grant. Rob went through the list of non-profits that applied. Charlotte Ingram, board member, asked if the list could be sent out. Emma Kimbrel, Community Reinvestment Planner, said she would send the list to the board after the meeting.
- c. Adrian Wade, board member, asked about the lack of attendance. Rob responded with reasons why there is low attendance.

NEXT MEETING

The next CDAC meeting is June 13, 2024, at 11:00 am on

Teams. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 AM.

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Summary of the
Community Development Advisory Council
(CDAC)
September 12, 2024**

A hybrid meeting in person and via Microsoft Teams of the Community Development Advisory Council (CDAC) held on September 12, 2024, at 10:00 am.

Members Present: Adrian Wade, Julio Portillo, Charlotte Ingram, Tracey Belt, Tollie Strode, Tamika McKenzie, and Brandy Tolbert.

Members Absent: Mike Welch, Armando Fernandez, Evan Collins, and Michael Ernst

Also Present: Community Reinvestment Staff: Rob Scott and Emma Kimbrel

ORDER OF MEETING

The meeting began at 10:20 am. With five CDAC members being present the CDAC board was unable to conduct official business due to lack of quorum. Two members joined midway through the meeting, however we still didn't meet quorum due to two members needing to leave around the same time due to other commitments.

CDAC approved the meeting minutes from June 13, 2024, via email due to a lack of quorum in the meeting.

DISCUSSION

1. Director's Report

a. Welcome

Tracey Belt, Board Vice Chair, went over the minutes and the agenda for the meeting. Emma Kimbrel, Board Secretary, shared what she learned at the Board Secretaries meeting that Clerk of Council had.

Tollie Strode, Board Member, asked if the new information Emma learned could be included in the amendment of the Bylaws.

Emma said she would do that and send it out to the board members.

b. HUD Entitlement Funding

i. Nominating a Board Chair

CDAC was unable to nominate and vote on a Board Chair due to a lack of quorum.

ii. CDAC Bylaws

CDAC discussed the bylaws and the edits to be made. A vote to approve the bylaw edits was held over email, due to a lack of quorum, and passed unanimously.

iii. Emergency Solutions Grant

Rob Scott, Community Reinvestment Director, began to speak about the new source of funding the department has received. Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) is funding that helps those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

Since Community Reinvestment has not received this funding in some time, the Department had to amend their five-year Consolidated Plan and their Citizen Participation Plan in order to include the funding in the FY2025 Annual Action Plan. Rob shared the amount of funding the Department received in ESG, which is \$145,932. Rob went on to tell CDAC what the funding could be used for and who qualifies for funding. Rob explained that the amount of funding isn't enough to meet the needs of Columbus, but that Community Reinvestment is going to do their best with the funding they have. Community Reinvestment is still in the early stages of building the ESG program.

Tollie Strode, board member, asked about the role of DFACs with ESG. Rob explained their role and that they are state funded. They could be potential partners, but it isn't likely.

Tollie speaks about how in order to receive the funding organizations must be able to follow the federal guidelines.

Rob confirms.

Charlotte Ingram, board member, talked about individuals who are couch surfing if they qualify for prevention.

Rob explained that a person couch surfing would be considered literally homeless and not qualify for prevention.

Charlotte is concerned that the amount of money we have will not be enough to solve the issue in the community.

Rob confirms that it isn't.

Tollie asks if a letter to City Council could possibly get us more funding that is unrestricted so it could serve more people.

Rob said it could possibly.

The Board said they'd be interested in penning a letter to City Council.

2. Open Floor Discussion

- a. Emma shared she would send out the ESG information, the minutes from the last meeting, and the updated amended CDAC Bylaws. A virtual vote can be conducted, but Emma must receive seven responses before she can move forward with finalizing the minutes from June and the amended CDAC Bylaws.

NEXT MEETING

The next CDAC meeting is December 12, 2024, at 10:00 am in person at the Annex located at 420 10th Street, 1st Floor Conference Room.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:27AM.

Columbus Consolidated Government

Summary of the Community Development Advisory Council (CDAC)

January 9, 2025

A hybrid meeting (in-person and via Microsoft Teams) of the Community Development Advisory Council (CDAC) was held on December 12, 2024, at 10:00 AM.

Members Present:

Brandy Tolbert, Denise Cambridge, James Jordan, Anthony Montgomery, Mike Welch, and Adrian Wade

Members Absent:

Tracy Belt, Charlotte Ingram, Tollie Strode Jr., and Julito Portillo

Also Present:

Community Reinvestment Staff: Rob Scott and Emma Kimbrel

Order of Meeting

The meeting commenced at 2:05 PM. With only six CDAC members present, the board did not meet the quorum requirement to conduct official business.

Discussion

Since there was no quorum, the approval of the December 12, 2024, meeting minutes was postponed.

Director's Report

HUD Entitlement Funding

Annual Action Plan

Emma Kimbrel, Planner for Community Reinvestment, informed the board that the department is beginning the **Annual Action Plan (AAP)** process. The first public meeting for the plan was scheduled for later that evening, and all CDAC members were encouraged to attend.

Scoring Public Service Applications

As part of the AAP process, applications for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Services funding have been opened. Nonprofits in Muscogee County have the opportunity to apply for funding, with the application period lasting one month.

Emma asked if the board would be interested in assisting with scoring the applications once the submission period closes. The board expressed interest, so Emma will send an email with detailed instructions and a scoring guide for evaluating applications in Neighborly.

Open Floor Discussion

Denise Cambridge, Board Chair, requested that Rob Scott, Director of Community Reinvestment, provide an update on the Former Georgia State Farmers Market.

Rob explained the history of the Farmers Market site and outlined activities that have taken place on the property, including:

Brownfield clean-up efforts

Demolition funded by CDBG grants

The goal for the property is to ensure a public benefit. Rob discussed why this requirement exists, citing state and federal funding regulations. Due to the federal funding sources and the security deed from the State of Georgia, there are specific limitations on how the property can be used. Post-demolition, the site must continue to serve a qualifying national objective under CDBG guidelines.

Next Meeting

The next CDAC meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2025, at 2:00 PM in person at the Annex, located at 420 10th Street, 1st Floor Conference Room.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 PM.

Columbus Consolidated Government

Minutes of the Community Development Advisory Council (CDAC)

March 13, 2025

A hybrid meeting (in-person and via Microsoft Teams) of the Community Development Advisory Council (CDAC) was held on March 13, 2025, at 2:00 PM.

Members Present:

Brandy Tolbert, Denise Cambridge, James Jordan, Anthony Montgomery, Mike Welch, Tracy Belt, and Adrian Wade

Members Absent:

Charlotte Ingram, Tollie Strode Jr., and Julito Portillo

Also Present:

Community Reinvestment Staff: Rob Scott and Aysia Merritt (substitute for Emma Kimbrel)

Order of Meeting

The meeting commenced at 2:05 PM. With only six CDAC members present at first, a little later in the meeting an additional member joined virtually but was not noted in time to recognize a quorum was present. The board did not, at the start of the meeting, meet the quorum requirement to conduct official business.

Discussion

Since a quorum was not noted in time, the approval of December 12, 2024, meeting minutes were postponed.

Board Chair Updates

Tracy Belt resigned effective immediately as Vice Chair. She stated that, due to a lack of availability with her new schedule, she will no longer be able to serve as Vice Chair. Denise and the Board thanked her for her service and expressed gratitude for her service.

Denise continued with Board Chair updates

Rob was asked how many applications were received for the Public Service applications. Rob responded that there were about 13.

A previously discussed letter that was to be sent to City Council was determined not to be sent to City Council anymore.

It was noted that Councilman Davis made a mention at the last February council meeting that he was interested in what each board specialized in. Denise warned that the board should be ready in case they are called on to present at City Council about what they do.

Director's Report

HUD Entitlement Funding

Annual Action Plan

Rob Scott, Director for Community Reinvestment, informed the board about the Public Hearing Meeting, March 26, 2025, to discuss the **FY26 Annual Action Plan (AAP)**. He also informed the board that this is when it will be revealed who will be receiving what funding. There were over \$600,00 - \$700,000 requested funds in applications and there is only a limited amount that can be spread over awarded applications. Rob encouraged all CDAC members to attend. Forty-five days before the upcoming fiscal year the final action plan is due and thus there may be another meeting.

Rob requested that Emma, Planner for Community Reinvestment, send the draft action plan to the board.

Public Service Applications

Rob noted that scoring will be finalized by next week and discussion regarding selections will begin.

There was discussion about which applications stood out and interesting points that the board saw while scoring the applications.

Farmer's Market

Rob explained the complexities that surround the farmer's market. He also discussed that the vision workshop for the farmer's market wouldn't be taking place due to instructions to cancel it. The board asked questions about why it was cancelled and what the city desired to do with the old farmer's market area. The board also asked whether the council was aware of the strings attached to the land upon clearing. Rob let the board know that he gave the council all relevant information about HUD stipulations as they pertain to the old farmer's market.

Rob noted that there was going to be a survey to gather public opinion but that also is on pause as well. Once updates are available, they will be provided to the board.

National Community Development Week (NCDW)

Rob updated the board about the classroom at Brewer Elementary School that the department adopted. He explained that this meant that he intended to be regular supportive presences in the classroom and assist them with what he can. In relation to NCDW, Rob expressed his interest in making an afternoon visit to the school with the CRD team and invited the board.

Rob also mentioned that there will be a bus tour that takes individuals through the city to look at CRD projects. Projects such as the Food Mill Shared Kitchen will be on the stops list. Denise asked when this would happen. Rob answered that as soon as it is solidified, he will let them know.

Rob highlighted that it is also going to be pointed out on this tour how different programs and efforts come together to produce amazing outcomes. He shared how at the land bank meeting Dew Point Farms came to present, sharing how the farm produces lots of products for the mobile food pantry. This is how different efforts are coming together to produce those amazing outcomes.

Rob spoke about the "You Do Amazing" Awards that they would like to do and that the staff has begun nominating individuals. There will be an awards ceremony during that week to recognize some friends of CRD who have helped the team move forward.

Open Floor Discussion

Rob began with an idea for open discussion to include looking at the flyer about the Georgia Initiative for Community Housing. He mentioned that this initiative might be beneficial and has positively impacted cities across Georgia such as Norcross. Rob encouraged the board to look at it and consider its benefits.

Rob also mentioned the pilot project with Valley Healthcare. In this joint effort, he hopes to assist with providing dentures for the 62+ age population. Valley health also has a program that assists with dentures for recovering addicts as well that he found to be fascinating but hopes to help with 62+.

Rob mentioned how much he loved the work that Easter Seal's is doing and commended Mike for all the hard work he has done. He also thanked him for the immense value he has added to the team.

Rob left.

Deniese and the board discussed possible events that could be CDAC hosted for NCDW. Brandy and Denise discussed the book nooks and how that would be fun to include. Denise asked if there were any upcoming installations. Brandy mentioned that there was one that they were looking for to relocate to a new park that was built. It was located at a place where it was repeatedly vandalized and was taken down.

The board decided that the installation would be best, taking place the Tuesday, 22nd, or Thursday, 24th. Denise said she would consult Rob and Emma about which day would work best. It could also maybe include people bringing books to fill the book nook too after it is installed.

Denise asked if there were any ideas from those online. There weren't. Adrian was interested in attending and asked to be kept up to date.

Tracy mentioned that while CDAC moves forward to make a name for themselves in the community, they should also continue to maintain partnerships with previous partners.

Rob texted Aysia to ask everyone about shirt sizes and to see if they liked the CDAC logo.

Everyone liked the logo and Denise recorded shirt sizes.

Denise asked if there were any more points of discussion.

Next Meeting

The next CDAC meeting is scheduled for May 8, 2025, at 2:00 PM in person at the Annex, located at 420 10th Street, 1st Floor Conference Room.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:56 PM.

Columbus Consolidated Government

Summary of the Community Development Advisory Council (CDAC)

May 8, 2025

An in-person meeting of the Community Development Advisory Council (CDAC) was held on May 8, 2025, at 2:00 PM.

Members Present:

Brandy Tolbert, Denise Cambridge, James Jordan, Anthony Montgomery, and Adrian Wade

Members Absent:

Mike Welch, Tracy Belt, Tollie Strode Jr., and Julio Portillo

Also Present:

Community Reinvestment Staff: Rob Scott and Emma Kimbrel

Order of Meeting

The meeting commenced at 2:04 PM. With only five CDAC members present at first, the board did not meet the quorum requirement to conduct official business.

Discussion

Since there was no quorum, the approval of December 12, 2024, meeting minutes were postponed.

Board Chair Updates

Denise Cambridge, Board Chair, thanked everyone for their participation in National Community Development Week. She shared that there is interest in redoing the bus tour. Denise also highlighted upcoming volunteer activities, including opportunities with Clingstones.

Director's Report

HUD Entitlement Funding

Annual Action Plan

Rob Scott, Director of Community Reinvestment, provided an update on the Annual Action Plan and walked through the planned allocation of funds for the year. He shared details about CDBG projects, including public services, public facilities and infrastructure, and acquisition, as well as HOME funding projects.

Denise asked about how to better share the stories of funded projects with the community, and Rob explained the department's current communication methods.

James Jordan, board member, inquired about the SHINE program, asking if it involves new builds or existing homes. Rob explained that SHINE rehabilitates existing homes, with projects spread out rather than clustered. Rob noted that the program has been in development since 2023 and significant groundwork has been laid. Enrichment Services may be invited to present further details at a future meeting.

Adrian Wade, board member, also asked how the houses are acquired. Rob explained that initially the plan was for the City to purchase and lease the homes to Enrichment Services, but due to the City's preference not to act as landlord, it was changed to a reimbursable grant structure where Enrichment Services purchases the homes and is then reimbursed.

James asked about CHDO qualifications and whether Habitat for Humanity could be designated as one. Rob explained current CHDO requirements and why Habitat does not currently qualify, although this could change in the future.

Rob also shared about Nueva Valley, a HOME-funded project in partnership with Habitat for Humanity and stated he would send an updated Allocated Funds document to include this project.

[National Community Development Week \(NCDW\)](#)

Rob thanked CDAC members for their participation and discussed the importance of community engagement. He highlighted volunteer opportunities at Mellon Street Pocket Park Public Meeting. Anthony Montgomery, board member, asked what could be put at this site, and Rob and Emma Kimbrel, Planner for Community Reinvestment, explained options for development at the park.

[Open Floor Discussion](#)

Denise asked about the Food Mill food pantry reopening due to a call she received. Rob said he was unsure but would reach out to find out and encouraged members to ask the department if they receive community calls about partner programs so staff can provide updates. Denise requested that Food Mill be invited to present on their Mobile Market.

Valley Healthcare was requested as a future presentation topic.

Emma shared that Charlotte Ingram resigned from the board. Additionally, members who have missed three meetings are eligible to be rolled off, which the Board Chair will handle with the Clerk of Council.

The council expressed interest in developing a mission statement, purpose statement, and potentially a newsletter.

Denise shared her CDAC "wishlist" which includes black bookbags, name tags, and CDAC shirts or baseball jerseys.

Adrian and James mentioned A&J and Thread Mob for marketing items and CDAC items.

Upcoming Presentations:

- July: The Food Mill & Valley Healthcare
- September: Enrichment Services & HARP

Next Meeting

The next CDAC meeting is scheduled for July 10, 2025, at 2:00 PM in person at the Annex, located at 420 10th Street, 1st Floor Conference Room.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:11 PM.

Columbus Consolidated Government

Summary of the Community Development Advisory Council (CDAC)

July 10, 2025

An in-person meeting of the Community Development Advisory Council (CDAC) was held on July 10, 2025, at 2:00 PM.

Members Present:

Brandy Tolbert, Denise Cambridge, James Jordan, Anthony Montgomery, Mike Welch, and Adrian Wade

Members Absent:

Xavier McCaskey, Tracy Belt, and Tollie Strode Jr.

Also Present:

Community Reinvestment Staff: Rob Scott and Emma Kimbrel

Order of Meeting

The meeting commenced at 2:05 PM. With only six CDAC members present at first, the board did not meet the quorum requirement to conduct official business.

Discussion

Since there was no quorum, the approval of December 12, 2024, meeting minutes were postponed.

Board Chair Updates

Denise Cambridge, Board Chair, did not have any updates.

Director's Report

HUD Entitlement Funding

Food Mill Presentation

Olivia Amos from The Food Mill gave a presentation on the organization and its use of CDBG funding. She highlighted the importance of their various programs and how they work together to build a healthier Columbus. Olivia also shared that The Food Mill will be updating its metrics to more accurately track and reflect the community members they serve.

Annual Action Plan

Rob Scott, Director of Community Reinvestment provided a brief update on the status of the Annual Action Plan. He explained that because funding was received later than expected, the Department will need to repeat the public comment period and public hearing. Once those steps are completed, the Annual Action Plan will be ready for submission to HUD.

CAPER

Community Reinvestment is entering into their Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) timeline. Rob let CDAC know that the Department is in the beginning stages so as we progress CDAC will be updated.

Awards

Community Reinvestment received two National Achievement Awards for Strategic Innovation and Impact from the National Association of Counties (NACo). The recognized projects were the Food Mill Shared Kitchen and the Small Business Relief Grant Program. In addition, Rob was honored by the Boys & Girls Club of the Chattahoochee Valley with the 2025 Champion of Youth Award.

Projects Update

Mellon Street

Rob shared the success of the survey, noting its effectiveness was due to accessibility and the use of paper surveys.

Girls Inc

The kitchen renovation is moving forward. Staff are meeting with the architect soon, and all requirements have been met. The project is expected to be completed before the end of the year.

Dentures

This public service project will be in partnership with Valley Healthcare, providing free dentures to individuals aged 62 and older, a presumed benefit group.

Open Floor Discussion

Brandy asked for an update on the Georgia Farmers Market. Rob shared that a resolution passed to sell the Farmers Market back to the state at a cost, and the City will then lease it back from the state.

Denise raised the topic of back-to-school for Brewer. Rob shared that the City partnered with CMMR. Emma said she would share flyers from CMMR with the group.

Next Meeting

The next CDAC meeting is scheduled for September 11, 2025, at 2:00 PM in person at the Annex, located at 420 10th Street, 1st Floor Conference Room.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 PM.



**Development Authority of Columbus, GA
118 W. 11th Street, Suite 102
Columbus, GA 31901
November 13, 2025 – 8:30 AM**

Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Charles Ray Sheffield	Doug Jenkins
	Laura Gower	Will White
	Geniece Granville	Audrey Tillman

OTHERS PRESENT:

Rob McKenna (Page, Scrantom, Sprouse, Tucker & Ford, PC), Missy Kendrick (DACGA), Michelle Phillips (DACGA), Andy Hilmes (DACGA), Bill Dudley (DACGA), Jack Key (CEDC), Christopher Woodruff (CEDC), Pace Halter (CEDC), and Audrey Hollingsworth (CEDC) joined by Zoom

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Mr. Charles Ray Sheffield called the meeting to order, and a quorum was present.

Mr. Jack Key called the CEDC meeting to order, and a quorum was present.

Audit

Ms. Missy Kendrick presented the final audit report. Mr. White made a motion to approve the audit report. Ms. Gower seconded the motion. Mr. Sheffield, Ms. Gower, Ms. Granville, Mr. Jenkins, Mr. White and Ms. Tillman all voted in favor.

Mr. Jack Key made a motion to approve the audit. Mr. Christopher Woodruff seconded the motion. Mr. Key, Mr. Woodruff, Mr. Pace Halter, and Ms. Audrey Hollingsworth all voted in favor.

The CEDC meeting was adjourned.

Minutes

Mr. Sheffield presented the minutes of the meeting for October 9, 2025. Ms. Audrey Tillman made a motion to accept the previous meeting minutes. Mr. Will White seconded the motion. Mr. Sheffield, Ms. Laura Gower, Ms. Geniece Granville, Mr. Doug Jenkins, Mr. White and Ms. Tillman voted in favor.

Finance Report

Mr. White presented the financial report for October 2025 with Total Assets and Equity of \$22,800,881.98 and Net Income of \$427,027.41. Ms. Gower made a motion to approve the financial report and Ms. Tillman seconded.

Mr. Sheffield, Ms. Gower, Ms. Granville, Mr. Jenkins, Mr. White and Ms. Tillman all voted in favor.

Economic Development Report

Ms. Kendrick advised there is a meeting scheduled for November 17, 2025, with the City department leaders to discuss the clearing and grading at MTP site 12, 13 and 19.

Ms. Kendrick mentioned that the due diligence planning for the South Commons development has been awarded to Barge.

Ms. Kendrick notified the board that there have been letters of support sent for the Piedmont Regional Midtown's Open Heart Surgery facility and for the River Surfing project.

Ms. Kendrick noted that there will be a first ever Strategic Planning session on December 12, 2025. Leadership will come together and discuss the next two to 5 year plan for Choose Columbus.

Ms. Kendrick informed the board that she would like the board to participate in a Leadership Presentation at the Ga. Power Experience Center. They will meet statewide project managers and be able to showcase Columbus. More details will be forthcoming.

Ms. Kendrick presented Ms. Gower, Mr. Jenkins, Mr. Sheffield and Ms. Granville with a certificate for their required 2-hour Board Member Training.

Ms. Kendrick spoke about a FAM (familiarization) tour that will be held next year. The purpose of the tour is to familiarize the board with where the available properties are in our community.

Ms. Kendrick noted that project activity for the month is still very strong.

Workforce Development/Military Affairs

Mr. Andy Hilmes updated the board on the South Korea trip that was on October 24th – October 30th, 2025. He spoke about the partnership that was created with Jinju,

our sister city. Ms. Kendrick and Mr. Hilmes also visited JS Link, the magnet facility that is planning to locate to Columbus.

Mr. Hilmes spoke about the restructuring of Ft. Benning. The result of a massive Department of the Army reorganization and restructure related to training and transformation, the Commanding General (CG) of Fort Benning has been designated as one of the Army's six Portfolio Acquisition Executives (PAE). With the PAE designation, the CG now has oversight and responsibility for the acquisition of ground maneuver weapons systems, associated technologies and equipment. This is a significant increase in the responsibilities of the Maneuver Center of Excellence (Fort Benning) and it likely signals greater involvement by Fort Benning and the Maneuver Center with defense-related industry. Mr. Hilmes recommends community leadership ask the Fort Benning command group for an information brief to better understand Fort Benning's expanded role, implications, and to see how the community best posture to support.

Mr. Hilmes updated the board about the A&P (Airframe and Power Plant) maintenance school. The plan is to have the first five classes to be operational Fall of 2026. Ms. Martha Ann Todd spoke up and mentioned that Columbus Technical College is currently raising funds for the remainder of the classes. Mr. White asked Ms. Pam Hodge if the city could use part of the SPLOST funds to help fund the classes of the A&P program. She advised that it will be discussed at the next Council meeting.

City Update

Ms. Hodge noted that the Annex will be moving to City Hall by the end of December. She also mentioned that there is a new Sports & Entertainment Authority that has been appointed. She advised the DACG should collaborate with them on developing the South Commons area.

Goodwill Presentation

Mr. Jack Warden provided a presentation about the services provided by Goodwill.

Legal Actions

Mr. Rob McKenna presented the bond resolution for Project Sienna, J.M. Smucker. Ms. Tillman made the motion to approve the bond resolution and Mr. Jenkins seconded the motion. Mr. Sheffield, Ms. Gower, Ms. Granville, Mr. Jenkins, Mr. White and Ms. Tillman all voted in favor.

Mr. McKenna presented the Trucking Bonds for Waggoners for termination. Ms. Granville made the motion to terminate the bonds. Ms. Tillman seconded the motion. Mr. Sheffield, Ms. Gower, Ms. Granville, Mr. Jenkins, Mr. White, and Ms. Tillman all voted in favor.

Mr. McKenna presented the Land Use Restriction for Avalon Apartments for termination, contingent upon them paying the bonds. Ms. Tillman made a motion to terminate the Land Use Restriction contingent payment of the bonds. Ms. Granville seconded the motion. Mr. Sheffield, Ms. Gower, Ms. Granville, Mr. Jenkins, Mr. White, and Ms. Tillman all voted in favor.

Mr. White and Ms. Gower left the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Granville made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss real estate. Ms. Tillman seconded the motion. Mr. Sheffield, Ms. Granville, Mr. Jenkins, and Ms. Tillman all voted in favor.

Mr. Jenkins made a motion to come out of Executive Session and Ms. Granville seconded. Mr. Sheffield, Ms. Granville, Mr. Jenkins, and Ms. Tillman all voted in favor.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Missy Kendrick

President/CEO

Development Authority of Columbus, GA
118 W. 11th Street, Suite 102
Columbus, GA 31901
December 4, 2025 – 8:30 AM

CALLED MEETING

Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Selvin Hollingsworth Laura Gower Geniece Granville	Doug Jenkins Will White Audrey Tillman
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OTHERS PRESENT:

Rob McKenna (Page, Scrantom, Sprouse, Tucker & Ford, PC), Missy Kendrick (DACGA), Michelle Phillips (DACGA), Andy Hilmes (DACGA), Bill Dudley (DACGA), Rob Coyle (BioTouch), Kevin Boykin (BioTouch), Christy Bozeman (GDED), Jordyn Slater-Paul (Ledger-Enquirer)

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Mr. Selvin Hollingsworth called the meeting to order, and a quorum was present.

Legal Actions

Mr. Rob McKenna presented the Inducement Resolution, Bond Resolution and the Project Agreement for Project Yeti, BioTouch. Mr. Will White made the motion to approve the resolutions, and the Project Agreement and Ms. Audrey Tillman seconded the motion. Mr. Hollingsworth, Ms. Laura Gower, Ms. Geniece Granville, Mr. Doug Jenkins, Mr. White, and Ms. Tillman all voted in favor.

Mr. McKenna presented the Quit Claim Deed for NVH USA. Ms. Granville made a motion to approve the Quit Claim Deed. Ms. Gower seconded the motion. Mr. Hollingsworth, Ms. Gower, Ms. Granville, Mr. Jenkins, Mr. White, and Ms. Tillman all voted in favor.

Mr. McKenna presented the Collateral Access Agreement for approval for Spartan Nash, pending attorney approval of language revisions from the company. Mr. Jenkins made a motion to approve the Collateral Access Agreement. Mr. White seconded the motion. Mr. Hollingsworth, Ms. Gower, Ms. Granville, Mr. Jenkins, Mr. White, and Ms. Tillman all voted in favor.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Missy Kendrick

Missy Kendrick
President/CEO



Item #2.

The Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board Minutes November 13, 2025

*Columbus Civic Center, Hospitality Suites
400 4th St, Columbus, GA 31901*

Board Members Present: Arreasha 'Z' Lawrence, Fernando Verdree, Ku'Wonna Ingram, Arsburn 'Oz' Roberts, Evelyn 'Mimi' Woodson, Dr. Shikha Shah, Cletus Richardson

Board Members Absent: Delois "Dee" Marsh, Terrance Flowers

Present: Civic Center Staff: Kanise Wiggins, Caryn Hammond, Jennifer Babin, Janine Abano

Absent: Civic Center Staff: Troy Vanerson, Josaland Hardwick

Mimi Woodson - Called for order at 4:10 pm

Minutes for September 11, 2025, approved.

- **Quorum, Minutes Review, and 2026 General Meetings:**

- Minutes from September 11 reviewed; approval postponed due to lack of quorum.
- Correction needed: change 'Coloma' to 'Columbus Jazz Society'
- Community library visits are promoted on all media platforms, not just Facebook, including websites and online survey in minutes.
- 2026 General Meetings Schedule has been edited and approved by the board.

- **Community Feedback from Library Visits and Surveys:**

- Quorum achieved with six members; minutes and attendance approved with two amendments.
- Community feedback collected via social media and library visits; feedback aligns with committee direction.
- Survey questions addressed desired appearance, programs, and experiences for Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center.
- Attendees requested marquees, movies, plays, and children's activities
- Feedback collection remains open until year-end to increase community input.

- **Strategic Planning, Work Session Scheduling and Implementation Discussion:**
 - Staff to categorize items before January meeting for organized discussion.
 - Foundation must be established before programming or planning.
 - New architect involvement required; introduction to David Schwartz proposed for expertise.
 - Planning to have Virtual Work Session with the board members on December 09, 2025 from 10 am – 12 pm. Talk about strategic planning.
- **Event Planning, Marketing, and Partnerships for 2026:**
 - The Liberty Theatre will be participating at Columbus Museum February Festival.
 - Questionnaires to be distributed at events; digital links suggested for higher engagement.
 - Event planning ideas to be collected, reviewed, and scheduled in January to avoid conflicts with other organizations.
 - MaFest will be combined for a two-day event scheduled on April 25-26.

Meeting adjourned 5:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Janine Abano

Janine Abano, Board Secretary



Planning Advisory Commission

December 3, 2025

MINUTES

A meeting of the Planning Advisory Commission was held Wednesday, December 3, 2025 in the Council Chambers of the Citizen Service Center.

Commissioners Present:

Chairperson: Brad Baker
Vice Chairperson: Michael Ernst
Commissioners: Rick Stallings, Haley Lyman, Anthony Smith, Gloria Thomas, Patrick Steed, Zarome Lackey
Absent: Lakshmi Karthik
Staff Members: Morgan Shepard, Principal Planner

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Baker called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. All in attendance stood for the pledge of allegiance to the American Flag. He explained the rezoning process to the audience.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Chairperson Baker asked for a motion on the minutes from November 19, 2025. No changes or additions by other commissioners. Motion carries, minutes accepted.

ZONING CASES:

- REZN-11-25-2127:** A request to rezone 2.17 acres of land located at 6213 and 6221 Macon Road. Current zoning is Neighborhood Commercial (NC). Proposed zoning General Commercial (GC). The proposed use is Commercial flex space. Ernest Smallman IV is the applicant. This property is located in Council District 5.

Morgan Shepard read the staff report.

Applicant:	Ernest Smallman IV
Owner:	Foskey Properties LLC & Foskey Family Holding LLP
Location:	6213 & 6221 Macon Road
Parcel:	011-008-005/4

Acreage:	0.92/1.25 Acres
Current Zoning Classification:	Neighborhood Commercial
Proposed Zoning Classification:	General Commercial
Current Use of Property:	Vacant
Proposed Use of Property:	Commercial flex space
General Land Use:	Consistent Planning Area B
Current Land Use Designation:	Vacant/Undeveloped
Future Land Use Designation:	General Commercial
Compatible with Existing Land-Uses:	Yes
Environmental Impacts:	The property does not lie within the floodway and floodplain area. The developer will need an approved drainage plan prior to issuance of a Site Development permit, if a permit is required.
City Services:	Property is served by all city services.
Traffic Engineering:	This site shall meet the Codes and regulations of the Columbus Consolidated Government for commercial usage.
School Impact:	N/A
Buffer Requirement:	<p>The site shall include a Category C buffer along all property lines bordered by the SFR2 zoning district. The 3 options under Category C are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) 20 feet with a certain amount of canopy trees, under story trees, and shrubs / ornamental grasses per 100 linear feet. 2) 10 feet with a certain amount of shrubs / ornamental grasses per 100 linear feet and a wood fence or masonry wall. 3) 30 feet undisturbed natural buffer.
Fort Moore's Recommendation:	N/A

DRI Recommendation:	N/A	
Surrounding Zoning:	North	Single Family Residential 2 (SFR2)
	South	Neighborhood Commercial (NC)
	East	General Commercial (GC)
	West	Neighborhood Commercial (NC)
Attitude of Property Owners:	Ninety-Seven (97) property owners within 300 feet of the subject properties were notified of the rezoning request. The Planning Department received no calls and/or emails regarding the rezoning.	
	Approval	0 Responses
	Opposition	0 Responses

Applicant Presentation: Ernie Smallman discussed the request.

Public Comments: None for or against.

Commission Discussion: Brief clarifying questions only; no concerns raised.

Motion: Approval by Commissioner Stalling. Seconded by Commissioner Thomas. Approved (6-0). Commissioner Stallings recused himself from the vote.

2. **REZN-11-25-2173:** A request to rezone 0.34 acres of land located at 3233 6th Avenue. Current zoning is Residential Multifamily 2 (RMF2). Proposed zoning Residential Multifamily 1 (RMF1) with conditions. The proposed use is Single-family Residential. Truth Springs is the applicant. This property is located in Council District 8.

Morgan Shepard read the staff report.

Applicant:	Truth Spring
Owner:	Truth Spring Inc and Truth Spring Real Estate LLC
Location:	3233 6th Avenue
Parcel:	014-018-028
Acreage:	0.34 Acres
Current Zoning Classification:	Residential Multifamily – 2

Proposed Zoning Classification:	Residential Multifamily – 1								
Proposed Conditions:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minimum lot size of 3,000 sq ft 2. Minimum lot width of 20 feet 								
Current Use of Property:	Single Family Residential								
Proposed Use of Property:	Single Family Residential								
General Land Use:	Consistent Planning Area F								
Current Land Use Designation:	Single Family Residential								
Future Land Use Designation:	Single Family Residential								
Compatible with Existing Land-Uses:	Yes								
Environmental Impacts:	The property does not lie within the floodway and floodplain area. The developer will need an approved drainage plan prior to issuance of a Site Development permit, if a permit is required.								
City Services:	Property is served by all city services.								
Traffic Engineering:	This site shall meet the Codes and regulations of the Columbus Consolidated Government for residential usage.								
Surrounding Zoning:	<table> <tr> <td>North</td><td>Residential Multifamily – 2 (RMF2)</td></tr> <tr> <td>South</td><td>Residential Multifamily – 2 (RMF2)</td></tr> <tr> <td>East</td><td>Residential Multifamily – 2 (RMF2)</td></tr> <tr> <td>West</td><td>Residential Multifamily – 1 (RMF1)</td></tr> </table>	North	Residential Multifamily – 2 (RMF2)	South	Residential Multifamily – 2 (RMF2)	East	Residential Multifamily – 2 (RMF2)	West	Residential Multifamily – 1 (RMF1)
North	Residential Multifamily – 2 (RMF2)								
South	Residential Multifamily – 2 (RMF2)								
East	Residential Multifamily – 2 (RMF2)								
West	Residential Multifamily – 1 (RMF1)								
Attitude of Property Owners:	Forty-Eight (48) property owners within 300 feet of the subject properties were notified of the rezoning request. The Planning Department received no calls and/or emails regarding the rezoning.								
Approval	0 Responses								
Opposition	0 Responses								
Additional Information:	4 single family homes built on one lot. The parcel will be divided into 4 lots, one for each existing house.								

Applicant Presentation: Carrie Strickland provided an overview of the request. She described the existing conditions and the work being done on 6th Avenue by Truth Springs.

Commission Questions: None

Public Comments: None for or against

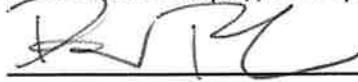
Motion: Approval by Commissioner Smith. Seconded by Commissioner Thomas. Approved (7-0).

NEW BUSINESS: N/A

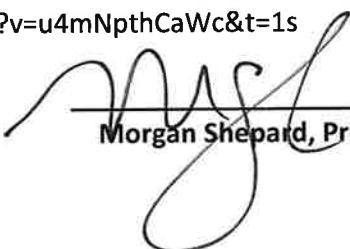
OLD BUSINESS: N/A

ADJOURNMENT: 9:08 A.M.

RECORDING: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u4mNpthCaWc&t=1s>



Brad Baker, Chairperson



Morgan Shepard, Principal Planner

File Attachments for Item:

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Board Appointments – Action Requested**

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

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

A. BUILDING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:

Vacant
Term Expires: March 24, 2027

Open for Nominations
(Mayor's Appointment)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	2 Year	Term Limit:	n/a
Meetings:	As needed.		
Women:	1	Senatorial District 15:	0
Vacancies:	2	Senatorial District 29:	3

B. CIVIC CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:

Vacant
Term Expires: March 1, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Mayor's Appointment)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	3 Year	Term Limit:	2, except for Hockey Association President
Meetings:	Quarterly – 3rd Thursday (February, May, August & November)		
Women:	3	Senatorial District 15:	5
Vacancies:	3	Senatorial District 29:	4

C. COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND CULTURAL LIAISON ENCOUNTERS (CIRCLE):

Vacant
Term Expires: March 1, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Mayor's Appointment)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	4 Year	Term Limit:	2
Meetings:	Monthly – 3 rd Tuesday		

Women: 6	Senatorial District 15: 5
Vacancies: 1	Senatorial District 29: 5

D. PENSION FUND, EMPLOYEES' BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Vacant
(Business Community)
 Term Expires: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Mayor's Appointment)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms: 4 Year	Term Limit: n/a
Meetings: Monthly – 1 st Wednesday	
Women: 4	Senatorial District 15: 9
Vacancies: 1	Senatorial District 29: 2

3. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS – LISTED FOR CONFIRMATION:

- A. **PERSONNEL REVIEW BOARD:** Antron Murray was nominated to succeed Yolanda Sumbry Sewell as the Regular Member #4 on the Personnel Review Board. (*Councilor Huff's nominee*)
 Term expires: December 31, 2028
- B. **PERSONNEL REVIEW BOARD:** Lakesha Stringer was nominated to fill the vacant seat designated as Alternate Member #5 on the Personnel Review Board. (*Councilor Tucker's nominee*)
 Term expires: December 31, 2028

4. NOMINATIONS – CONFIRMED BY COUNCIL:

A. HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD:

Emily Flournov
Not eligible for reappointment
Uptown Business Association
 Term Expires: January 31, 2026

Waiting on Nominee
(Confirmed by Council)

Vacant
Board of Realtors
 Term Expires: January 31, 2026
**Waiting on potential nominee's application.*

Waiting on Nominee
(Confirmed by Council)

*Vacant***Columbus Homebuilders Association**

Term Expires: January 31, 2028

Waiting on Nominee
(*Confirmed by Council*)Membership and Meeting Information

Terms: 3 Year Term Limit: 2

Meetings: Monthly – 2nd Monday

Women: 5 Senatorial District 15: 7

Vacancies: 2 Senatorial District 29: 2

5. COUNCIL DISTRICT SEAT APPOINTMENTS- ANY NOMINATIONS MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:**A. CIVIC CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:**

Vacant

Term Expires: March 1, 2028

Open for Nominations
(*District 8 – Garrett*)

Vacant

Term Expires: March 1, 2026

Open for Nominations
(*District 9 – Anker*)Membership and Meeting Information

Terms: 3 Year Term Limit: 2, except for Hockey Association President

Meetings: Quarterly – 3rd Thursday (February, May, August & November)

Women: 3 Senatorial District 15: 5

Vacancies: 3 Senatorial District 29: 4

B. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:

Vacant

Term Expires: March 27, 2026

Open for Nominations
(*District 1 – Hickey*)

Vacant

Term Expires: March 27, 2026

Open for Nominations
(*District 5 – Crabb*)Membership and Meeting Information

Terms: 3 Year (Mayor Appts); 2 Year (Council Appts)

Term Limit: 2

Meetings: Quarterly – 2nd Thursday (March, June, September & December)
 Women: 4 Senatorial District 15: 7
 Vacancies: 2 Senatorial District 29: 3

C. PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION:

Paul T. Berry, III Open for
 Nominations
Eligible
(District 5 – Crabb)
 Term Expired: October 31, 2025
**Not interested in serving another term.*

Scott Taft Open for
 Nominations
Not Eligible
(District 9 – Anker)
 Term Expired: October 31, 2025

Membership and Meeting Information
 Terms: 3 Year Term Limit: 2
 Meetings: Monthly – 3rd Thursday
 Women: 3 Senatorial District 15: 4
 Vacancies: 0 Senatorial District 29: 3

D. YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:

District 9 Nominee: _____

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

A. ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD:

Vacant
(Georgia Veterinary Technician)
 Term Expires: October 15, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

*Vacant***(Animal Rescue Shelter Representative)**

Term Expires: October 15, 2026

Recommendations are submitted by a licensed animal shelter.

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Note: The Animal Control Advisory Board is currently developing recommendations for Council's consideration regarding the board's composition.

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms: 2 Year Term Limit: 2

Meetings: Semiannually

Women: 7 Senatorial District 15: 3

Vacancies: 3 Senatorial District 29: 4

B. BOARD OF HEALTH:**Yasmine Cathright****Not Eligible**

Term Expires: December 31, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)Membership and Meeting Information

Terms: 5 Year Term Limit: 2

Meetings: Monthly – 4th Wednesday

Women: 4 Senatorial District 15: 0

Vacancies: 1 Senatorial District 29: 5

C. BUILDING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:

*Vacant*Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Term Expires: March 24, 2027

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms: 2 Year Term Limit: n/a

Meetings: As needed.

Women: 1 Senatorial District 15: 0

Vacancies: 2 Senatorial District 29: 3

D. HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD:

Fran Poole Carpenter
Eligible for reappointment
 Term Expires: January 31, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Shea E. Spencer
Eligible for reappointment
 Term Expires: January 31, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms: 3 Year Term Limit: 2

Meetings: Monthly – 2nd Monday

Women: 5 Senatorial District 15: 7

Vacancies: 2 Senatorial District 29: 2

E. LIBERTY THEATRE & CULTURAL ARTS CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:

Vacant
 Term Expired: August 14, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Vacant
 Term Expired: August 14, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Vacant ***(Civic Center Director Recommendation / Confirmed by Council)***
 Term Expired: August 14, 2027

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms: 4 Year Term Limit: 3

Meetings: Bimonthly – 2nd Thursday (January, March, May, July, September & November)

Women: 5 Senatorial District 15: 4

Vacancies: 3 Senatorial District 29: 4

F. NEW HORIZONS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH – MENTAL HEALTH, ADDICTIVE DISEASES AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES- COMMUNITY SERVICE BOARD:

Judge David Ranieri
Does not desire reappointment
 Term Expired: June 30, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	3 Year	Term Limit:	n/a
Meetings:	Monthly – 2nd Monday		
Women:	2	Senatorial District 15:	2
Vacancies:	0	Senatorial District 29:	1

G. PERSONNEL REVIEW BOARD:

Vacant
(Alternate Member 1)
 Term expires: December 31, 2027

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Vacant
(Alternate Member 2)
 Term expires: December 31, 2027

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Vacant
(Alternate Member 3)
 Term expires: December 31, 2027

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Delano Leftwich
Not Eligible
(Alternate Member 4)
 Term expired: December 31, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	3 Year	Term Limit:	2
Meetings:	Monthly – 3rd Wednesday		
Women:	4	Senatorial District 15:	2
Vacancies:	4	Senatorial District 29:	4

File Attachments for Item:

Board of Zoning Appeals



Item #

Clerk of Council's Office

Columbus Consolidated Government

BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & AUTHORITIES

Board of Zoning Appeals

Purpose and Functions

- Provides an independent review of zoning and land development decisions.
- Hears and decides appeals alleging errors in decisions made by zoning or administrative officials.
- Reviews and rules on requests for zoning variances when strict application of regulations would create hardship.
- Ensure zoning regulations are applied fairly and consistently in accordance with the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO).
- Exercises authority to affirm, reverse, or modify administrative decisions, as allowed by law.

Legal References

 [Columbus Code, Section 8.2.4](#)

Membership

- Composed of 5 members

Appointments & Terms

- Council Appointments
- Term length: 3 years
- Term limit: 2 terms

Name	Term	End Date	Appointing Authority	Position	Senatorial District	Eligibility
Alissa Neal	1	03/31/2026	Council		SD-29	yes
Ernest Smallman IV	1	03/31/2027	Council		SD-15	
Kathleen Mullins	1	03/31/2027	Council		SD-29	
Angela D. Strange	1	03/31/2027	Council		SD-15	
Shaun Roberts	2	03/31/2027	Council		SD-29	

 Expiring Term

 Vacant Seat

File Attachments for Item:

Building Authority of Columbus



Clerk of Council's Office

Columbus Consolidated Government

BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & AUTHORITIES

Building Authority of Columbus

Purpose and Functions

- Public authority that supports building-related functions for the consolidated government of Columbus, Georgia.
- Issues bonds to finance the construction and/or improvement of public facilities.
- Carries out responsibilities in accordance with state law.

Legal References

🔗 [Columbus Code, Section 4-629.](#)

- (1945 Constitution, Art. VII, Sec. VI, Pa. 1, as amended Nov. 5, 1968 Ga Laws 1966, Pg. 946)
- Established by a constitutional amendment approved by Georgia voters.
- Continues to operate under the Columbus City Charter.

Membership

- Composed of 5 members

Appointments & Terms

- 1 Mayor appointment
- 4 Council appointments
- Term length: 2 years
- Term limits: n/a

○ 🔗 [Ordinance No. 11-23](#) removes the limitation of two full consecutive terms for this authority.

Name	Term	End Date	Appointing Authority	Position	Senatorial District	Eligibility
Christopher Smith	4	03/24/2026	Council		SD-29	YES
Olive Vidal- Kendall	4	03/24/2026	Council		SD-29	YES
Tyler R Martindill	2	03/24/2027	Council		SD-29	
VACANT	n/a	03/24/2027	Council		n/a	
VACANT	n/a	03/24/2027	Mayor		n/a	

 Expiring Term

 Vacant Seat

File Attachments for Item:

Civic Center Advisory Board



Clerk of Council's Office

Columbus Consolidated Government



BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & AUTHORITIES

Civic Center Advisory Board

Purpose and Functions

- Advise the City on the operation, management, and overall functioning of the Columbus Civic Center, including providing input and recommendations that support effective oversight and community use of the facility.

Legal References

- [Ordinance No. 01-077](#)
- [Ordinance No. 11-061](#)
- [Ordinance No. 12-012](#)

Membership

- Composed of 13 members
 - 2 members appointed by the Mayor
 - 1 member selected from the Columbus Hockey Association (or successor entity)
 - 1 member is the President of the Columbus Hockey Association
 - If the President is not a Columbus resident, an officer of the Association who resides in Columbus may serve instead
 - 11 members appointed by the Columbus Council
 - Each member of Council will appointed a resident of their respective districts, to include each at-large councilor

Appointments & Terms

- Term length: 3 years
- Term limit: 2 terms

**Member roster on next page.*

Name	Term	End Date	Appointing Authority	Position	Senatorial District	Eligibility	Item #
VACANT	n/a	03/01/2026	Mayor		n/a		
Charles E Huff, Jr	1	03/01/2028	Council	District 1	SD-15		
Daniel T Woodard	1	03/01/2028	Council	District 2	SD-29		
Gregory Blue	2	03/01/2028	Council	District 3	SD-15		
Terrance Little Sr	2	03/01/2028	Council	District 4	SD-15		
Jacob T Greer	1	03/01/2026	Council	District 5	SD-29	yes	
Jennifer Teague	1	03/01/2026	Council	District 6	SD-29	yes	
Romeo Byll	1	03/01/2028	Council	District 7	SD-15		
VACANT	n/a	03/01/2028	Council	District 8	n/a		
VACANT	n/a	03/01/2026	Council	District 9 (At-Large)	n/a		
Katie Bishop	1	03/01/2026	Council	District 10 (At-Large)	SD-15	yes	
Orrin Hergott	2	03/01/2027	Mayor	Columbus Hockey Association Representative			
Jessica Taylor	n/a	n/a	Council	Columbus Hockey Association President	SD-29		

Expiring Term

Vacant Seat

File Attachments for Item:

Community Development Advisory Council (CDAC)



Clerk of Council's Office

Columbus Consolidated Government

Item #

BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & AUTHORITIES

Community Development Advisory Council

Purpose and Functions

- Advises the City Council on the annual program plan for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and other federal grant programs administered by the Community and Economic Development Department.
- Provides a forum for discussion and consideration of issues related to community development and federal grant programs.
- Serves as a communication link between citizens, Community and Economic Development staff, other City departments, and City Council.
- Assists in identifying community needs for CDBG and other available HUD grant applications.
- Monitors program development, including progress on approved projects and review of grant expenditures.
- Recommends programs, activities, and projects to be funded through CDBG and other HUD grant programs.

Legal References

 [Resolution No. 670-97](#)

Membership

- 13 members
 - 10 members appointed by City Council (one from each Council District)
 - 3 members appointed by the Mayor from neighborhood strategy, redevelopment, and revitalization areas, as recommended by Community Development Staff

Appointments & Terms

- Term length: varies
 - Council appointees serve two-year terms.
 - Mayoral appointees serve three-year terms.
- Term limit: 2 terms

Name	Term	End Date	Appointing Authority	Position	Senatorial District	Eligibility	Item #
VACANT	1	03/27/2026	Council	District 1 (2-year term)	n/a		
Paul Wildes	Partial	03/27/2026	Council	District 2 (2-year term)	SD-29	YES	
Xavier M McCaskey	1	03/27/2026	Council	District 3 (2-year term)	SD-15	YES	
Tracy Belt	2	03/27/2026	Council	District 4 (2-year term)	SD-15	NE	
VACANT	1	03/27/2026	Council	District 5 (2-year term)	n/a		
Shannon Rowe	1	03/27/2026	Council	District 6 (2-year term)	SD-29	YES	
Brandy Tolbert	1	03/27/2026	Council	District 7 (2-year term)	SD-15	YES	
John House	Partial	03/27/2026	Council	District 8 (2-year term)	SD-15	YES	
Mike Welch	1	03/27/2026	Council	District 9 (2-year term)	SD-29	YES	
James Jordan	1	03/27/2026	Council	District 10 (2-year term)	SD-15	YES	
Anthony Montgomery	2	03/27/2028	Mayor	3-year term	SD-15		
Denise Cambridge	2	03/27/2028	Mayor	3-year term	SD-15		
Travis Anderson	1	03/27/2028	Mayor	3-year term	SD-29		

Expiring Term

Vacant Seat

File Attachments for Item:

Commission on International Relations & Cultural Liaison Encounters (CIRCLE)



Clerk of Council's Office

Columbus Consolidated Government

BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & AUTHORITIES

Commission on International Relations and Cultural Liaison Encounters

Purpose and Functions

- Advises the Columbus Consolidated Government on international concerns, interests, and relationships.
- Supports and advances the sister city relationship with Kiryu, Japan, and other sister city partnerships.
- Encourages additional international relationships and cultural exchanges.
- Promotes intercultural and international goodwill through social, cultural, educational, artistic, business, and governmental programs and activities.
- Serves as a connecting link among local groups and organizations representing diverse national and cultural communities.
- Assists with hosting international visitors to Columbus and coordinating visits by Columbus residents to other countries.
- Raises and accepts funds, gifts, and donations for CIRCLE activities, subject to approval of the Columbus Council.
- Submits an annual report to the Clerk of Council by February 1, summarizing activities and all financial transactions from the prior calendar year.

Legal References

 [Columbus Code, Article XVII, Sections 2-225 through 2-227](#)

Membership

- Composed of 12 members
- 4 members appointed by the Mayor
- 8 members appointed by the Columbus Council

Appointments & Terms

- Term length: 4 years
- Term limit: 2 terms

Name	Term	End Date	Appointing Authority	Position	Senatorial District	Eligibility	Item #
Mattie Hall	1	03/01/2026	Council		unk	yes	
Mary Quiller	2	03/01/2027	Council		SD-15		
Mary Kathryn V. McCray	1	03/01/2027	Council		SD-15		
Natasha Banks	1	03/01/2027	Council		SD-15		
Inna Russell	1	03/01/2028	Council		SD-29		
Pythias "Pete" Temesgen	1	03/01/2028	Council		SD-29		
Chie Canady	2	03/01/2028	Council		SD-29		
Brandon Wilkins	1	03/01/2029	Council		SD-15		
VACANT	n/a	03/01/2026	Mayor		n/a		
Eric Spears	2	03/01/2027	Mayor		SD-29		
Aaron Guest	2	03/01/2028	Mayor		SD-29		
Merrill Rushin	2	03/02/2028	Mayor		SD-15		

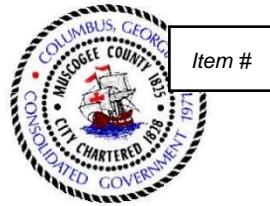
 Expiring Term



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File Attachments for Item:

Planning Advisory Commission (PAC)



Clerk of Council's Office

Columbus Consolidated Government

BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & AUTHORITIES

Planning Advisory Commission

Purpose and Functions

- Advises the Planning Department and the Columbus Council on planning, zoning, and land development matters.
- Recommends adoption and amendments to the City's Comprehensive Plan and Future Land Use Map.
- Reviews and makes recommendations on rezoning requests and amendments to the Official Zoning Map.
- Recommends changes to the Unified Development Code, including zoning districts, permitted uses, development standards, and land subdivision regulations.
- Reviews and recommends approval, approval with conditions, or denial of special exception uses and modifications to previously approved developments.
- Recommends adoption of the City's Official Map.
- Performs additional duties as directed by City Council or required by ordinance to protect public health, safety, and welfare.

Legal References

- 🔗 [Columbus Code, Sec. 9.2.3](#)

Membership

- Composed of 9 members appointed by the Columbus Council

Appointments & Terms

- Term length: 3 years
- Term limit: 2 terms

Name	Term	End Date	Appointing Authority	Position	Senatorial District	Eligibility	Item #
John P Steed	1	03/31/2026	Council		SD-29	YES	
Rick Stallings	1	08/31/2026	Council		SD-29		
Gloria Thomas	2	08/31/2026	Council		SD-15		
Michael Ernst	1	03/31/2027	Council		SD-15		
Brad P Barker	2	03/31/2027	Council		SD-15		
Lakshmi Karhik	1	03/31/2027	Council		SD-15		
Haley B Lyman	1	03/31/2028	Council		SD-15		
Anthony Smith	1	03/31/2028	Council		SD-15		
Zarome Lakey	1	03/01/2028	Council		SD-29		

 Expiring Term

 Vacant Seat