

Council Members

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

July 14, 2026
9:00 AM
Regular Meeting

MAYOR'S A G E N D A

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Chaplain Matthew Miller, Fort Benning

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Abigail Logsdon from Double Churches Middle School

OATH OF OFFICE:

1. **SWEARING-IN CEREMONY:** The Oath of Office for Dr. Cathy Cook as the District Nine Councilor for the City of Columbus, Georgia. (Oath of Office administered by Superior Court Judge Benjamin S. Richardson and Probate Court Judge Marc D'Antonio)

MINUTES

2. Approval of minutes for the June 16, 2026, Council Meeting and Executive Session.

PRESENTATIONS:

3. Department Overview – Chance Corbett, Director of Emergency Management & Homeland Security
4. Award Presentation to Director Chance Corbett and Warden Herbert Walker

- [5.](#) General Operational Audit Report for the Columbus Golf Authority – Donna McGinnis, Internal Auditor/Compliance Officer

RESOLUTIONS:

- [6.](#) A Resolution authorizing a transitional audit of the Muscogee County Juvenile Court Office. *(Requested by Juvenile Court Judge Amy C. Walters)*

CITY ATTORNEY’S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

- [1.](#) **2nd Reading:** An Ordinance providing for the levy, assessment, and collection of taxes for the public school system of Columbus, Georgia; and for other purposes. (Proposed Amendment) (Budget Review Committee)
- [2.](#) **1st Reading:** An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 26-032 which provided the establishment of taxing districts, including a county-wide general services district and three (3) urban services districts and three (3) Business Improvement Districts (BID); providing for the levy, assessment, and collection of taxes for Columbus, Georgia within such districts for the year 2026 as provided under the Charter of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia; providing penalties for violations of the provisions of said ordinance; and for other purposes. (Budget Review Committee)
- [3.](#) **1st Reading:** REZN-04-26-0739: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **6909 Buena Vista Road** (parcel # 115-008-029) from Single Family Residential – 2 (SFR2) Zoning District to General Commercial (GC) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.)(Delayed 30 days on 1st Reading from 6-9-26.)(Councilor Tucker)

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Mr. Tim Mason, Re: PAWS Humane.
2. Mr. John Fitzpatrick, Re: God Directed.
3. Mr. Moody Mitchell, Re: Delay on the flood zone changes for Miller Court.
4. Mr. Gregory Foster, Re: Georgetown Subdivision.
5. Mr. Bob Hutchison, Re: Tax Commissioner’s Office Wait Time.

6. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Search for new CPD Chief and Participatory-Budgeting.
7. Mr. Carey Hall, Re: Zoning Matter.
8. Mrs. Kim Hicks, Re: Preserving Rural Life.
9. Mr. Robert Greyer, Re: Gallops Senior Center Repair Timeline.
10. Ms. Carolyn Weinbaum, Re: Water Pollution.
11. Mrs. Laketha Ashe, representing Still Standing Initiatives, Re: Columbus Fashion Weekend.
12. Mr. Mike Nash, Re: Proposed Hyperscale Data Center.
13. Dr. Natalie Nicole, representing Role Model Academy of Arts, Re: City Executive Leadership & Organizational Performance.
14. Ms. Jennifer Le Denney, Re: What Happens in the Absence of an ADA Compliance Officer?
15. Mr. Corie Wilson, Re: Community Trust in Elected Leadership. Preserving Rural Life.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Columbus Consolidated Government and Chattahoochee Riverkeeper, Inc (CRK)

Approval is requested to execute a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Columbus Consolidated Government and Chattahoochee Riverkeeper, Inc. (CRK) to install, maintain, and operate trash traps located at various locations for a period of one year with an automatic renewal. This will address the pressing issue of litter runoff into the Chattahoochee River and its lakes and tributaries through a novel, low-cost program operated by Chattahoochee Riverkeeper that deploys devices called “trash traps” to remove floating litter from the Chattahoochee's tributaries.

2. Public Art – 11th Street Viaduct

Approval is requested to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Dragonfly Trails, Inc. and approve the final design of the mural located at the 11th Street Viaduct.

3. Advanced Air Mobility / eVTOL Funding

Approval is requested to allocate up to \$2.2 million of TSPLOST Discretionary Funds for the construction of an airside electric charging station and a dedicated vertiport for the arrival/departure of electric vertical takeoff and lift (eVTOL) aircraft at the Columbus Airport

4. Disposition of Public Alleyway on the West Side of 12th Avenue, East of Southern Street

Approval is requested to sell city-owned property to adjacent landowner, Freedom Investments LLC, in accordance with section 7-501, paragraph 5, of the Columbus Charter, and to authorize the Mayor or designee to execute all contracts, agreements, and understandings related to the conveyance of City property.

5. 2026-2030 Consolidated Plan, 2026 Annual Action Plan, Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA) Study, and Citizen Participation Plan Submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Approval is requested for the filing of the 2026-2030 Consolidated Plan, 2026 Annual Action Plan, NRSA Study and Citizen Participation Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The sources of federal funding and programs are the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, the HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), and the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program.

6. Minor Amendment to FY26 HUD Annual Action Plan Resolution

Approval is requested to amend the title of the FY26 Annual Action Plan resolution, dated April 8, 2025, to read “A Resolution Authorizing the Filing of the FY26 Annual Action Plan with the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).”

7. Hazard Mitigation Grant – Four Emergency Shelters

Approval is requested to apply for and accept, if awarded, the hazard mitigation grant award from GEMA, in the amount of \$618,000.00, or as otherwise awarded, for the purchase and installation of four emergency shelter generators at four CCG Parks & Recreation Centers, which are assigned for use as emergency shelters, operated by the American Red Cross during times of disasters or large emergencies, and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the award. The local match requirement is \$154,500.00.

8. Firehouse Subs Grant

Approval is requested to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant in the amount of \$10,014.00, or as otherwise awarded, from the Fire House Subs Public Safety Foundation to fund the purchase of smoke detectors, carbon monoxide alarms, and fire safety educational materials. There are no matching funds required.

9. FY2026 COPS Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act (LEMHWA) Program Grant

Approval is requested for the Mayor, or their designee to apply for, accept, and expend any awarded funds as per the grant guidelines and City regulations, if awarded, a grant from the FY 2026 COPS Law Enforcement Mental Health And Wellness Act (LEMHWA) Program that provides new or enhance existing programs that offer training and services to support deputy's emotional and mental health, including counseling programs, peer mentoring, suicide prevention, stress reduction, and deputy family services, in the amount of \$250,000, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund budget by the amount of the award.

10. DOJ FY 2026 National Integrated Ballistic Information (NIBIN) Modernization Program

Approval is requested for the Mayor, or their designee to apply for, accept, and expend any awarded funds as per the grant guidelines and City regulations, if awarded, a grant from the DOJ FY 2026 National Integrated Ballistic Information (NIBIN) Modernization Program that provides state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies with funding to acquire modern ballistic imaging equipment and implement crime gun intelligence best practices, in the amount of \$300,000, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund budget by the amount of the award.

11. Columbus Police Department: Family Fun Day Donation Acceptance

Approval is requested to accept a donation in the amount of \$2,500 for sponsorship of the Columbus Police Department's 4th Annual Family Fun Day and other employee activities.

12. Donation of Vehicles to the Columbus Police Department

Approval is requested to accept a donation from KIA motors of a vehicle for training purposes. Approval is requested to accept a donation from Griffin & Griffin Towing for use as a bait-car.

13. Columbus Police Department: K9 Unit Donation

Approval is requested to accept a donation in the amount of \$2,708.68 for the CPD K9 Unit to aid in the purchase of additional ballistic vests or medical expenses for the K9S.

14. PURCHASES

A. Fuel Purchases for Fiscal Year 2027

B. Federal and State Mandated Fees for Fiscal Year 2027

C. Drug and Alcohol Screening: After-Hours, Weekends and Holidays (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 25-0007

D. Contract Extension for Tree Removal & Stump Grinding/Removal Services (Re-Bid) (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 20-0051

[E.](#) Contract Extension for Heating & Refrigeration Supplies (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 20-0047

[F.](#) Comprehensive Generator Services (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 26-0023

15. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

[A.](#) Juvenile Court FY26 Budget Update - Judge Thomas Tebeau

[B.](#) Dragonfly Trail Update - Becca Zajac, Executive Director of Dragonfly Trail Network

[C.](#) Infrastructure Update - Will Johnson, Director of Planning, Vance Beck, Director of the Engineering, Ryan Pruett, Director of Inspections & Code

[D.](#) Pension Plan Design Options - Pam Hodge, Deputy City Manager of Finance, Planning & Development

CLERK OF COUNCIL’S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - INFORMATION ONLY

[1.](#) **Upcoming Board Appointments:** Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board

[2.](#) **Upcoming Board Appointments:** Planning Advisory Commission (PAC)

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

[3.](#) **Request for Declaration of Vacancy:** Memo from the Clerk of Council requesting that the seat of Taylor Martin, representing Senatorial District 29 (SD-29) on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (KCBC), be declared vacant.

[4.](#) **Request for Declaration of Vacancy:** Memo from the Clerk of Council requesting the seats for representatives of Council Districts 2, 3, and 4 are declared vacant.

[5.](#) **Resignation:** Memo from the Clerk of Council regarding the resignation of Tommy Nobles from his seat on the Columbus Golf Authority.

[6.](#) **Resignation:** Correspondence from Kristasia Heath, resigning from her seat as one of the representatives of Senatorial District 29 on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (KCBC).

[7.](#) **Resolution:** A Resolution excusing Councilor Joanne Cogle from the July 14, 2026, Council Meeting.

[8.](#) **Minutes of the following boards:**

Board of Election and Registration 04-02-26 & 05-07-26

Board of Tax Assessors #22-26, 23-26 & 24-26

Board of Zoning Appeals 05-06-26

Columbus Convention and Visitor Board 03-18-26

Columbus Golf Authority 04-21-26 & 05-19-26

Columbus Ironworks Convention & Trade Center Authority 01-22-26 & 02-27-26

Crime Prevention Board 01-20-26 & 05-20-26

Development Authority of Columbus 05-14-26

Employee Benefits Committee 04-22-26

Hospital Authority of Columbus 05-26-26

Land Bank Authority 03-11-26

Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board 01-08-26

New Horizons Behavioral Health Board 05-11-26

Personnel Review Board 02-17-26, 03-18-26, 04-15-26, 05-20-26 & 06-17-26

Planning Advisory Commission 04-15-26 & 05-06-26

Retirees' Health Benefits Committee 09-18-25 & 11-17-25

Retirees' Health Benefits Committee 05-20-26

The Medical Center Hospital Authority 01-28-26

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

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

A. AUDIT COMMITTEE:

Open for Nominations

Vacant

(Mayor's Appointment)

Finance/Accounting or Governmental Rep.

Term Expires: June 30, 2027

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	2 Year	Term Limit: 3
Meetings:	Meets as needed.	
Women:	1	Senatorial District 15:
Vacancies:	1	Senatorial District 29:

B. COLUMBUS SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT AUTHORITY:

Vacant

Open for Nominations
(Mayor's Appointment)

Certified Public Accountant (CPA)

Term Expires: June 30, 2026

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	3 Year	Term Limit: 2
Meetings:	Monthly	
Women:	2	Senatorial District 15: 4
Vacancies:	1	Senatorial District 29: 5

C. PENSION FUND, EMPLOYEES' BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Vacant

Open for Nominations
(Mayor's Appointment)

(Business Community)

Term Expires: June 30, 2026

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

D. YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:

Mayor's Nominee: _____

****Mayor Henderson is nominating Lucy Wylie, St. Luke School.***

10. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS – LISTED FOR CONFIRMATION:

- A. BOARD OF FAMILY & CHILDREN SERVICES:** Darlene Small was renominated to serve another term. (*Councilor Crabb's nominee*) Term expires: June 30, 2031

11. NOMINATIONS – CONFIRMED BY COUNCIL:

- A. HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD (BHAR):**

Vacant

Uptown Business Association

Term Expires: January 31, 2029

Open for Nominations
(*Confirmed by Council*)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	3 Year	Term Limit: 2
Meetings:	Monthly – 2 nd Monday	
Women:	4	Senatorial District 15: 6
Vacancies:	2	Senatorial District 29: 2

- B. LIBERTY THEATRE & CULTURAL ARTS CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:**

Vacant

Term Expires: August 14, 2027

***Civic Center Interim Director Kanise Wiggins has recommended Robbie Branscomb**

Open for Nominations
(*Civic Center Director's Recommendation/ Confirmed by Council*)

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: 5
Vacancies:	1	Senatorial District 29: 4

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

- A. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:**

Vacant

Open for Nominations
(*District 1 – Barnes*)

Term Expired: March 27, 2026

Vacant

Term Expired: March 27, 2026

****Councilor Crabb is nominating Connie Smith.***

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: 3 Senatorial District 15: 7

Vacancies: 2 Senatorial District 29: 4

B. PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION:

Vacant

Term Expired: October 31, 2028

Open for Nominations
(District 5 – Crabb)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms: 3 Year Term Limit: 2

Meetings: Monthly – 3rd Thursday

Women: 0 Senatorial District 15: 5

Vacancies: 1 Senatorial District 29: 2

C. YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:

District 4 Nominee: _____ District 9 Nominee: _____

District 10 Nominee: _____

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

A. ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD:

Vacant

(Georgia Veterinary Technician)

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Term Expires: October 15, 2025

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 – 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:	1
Vacancies:	1	Senatorial District 29:	3

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

Sandra Gill

Does not desire reappointment

Term Expired: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

Nancy Schroeder

Does not desire reappointment

Term Expires: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

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: 3

Vacancies: 0 Senatorial District 29: 1

E. 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)

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

Term expired: December 31, 2025

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

F. REGION SIX REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH & DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES:

Dr. Janet C. Bussey

Does not desire reappointment

Term Expires: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	3 Year	Term Limit: 2
Meetings:	Bimonthly – 2nd Wednesday (Odd months)	
Women:	4	Senatorial District 15: 3
Vacancies:	0	Senatorial District 29: 1

G. TREE BOARD:

Vacant

(At-Large)

Term expires: December 31, 2026

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

Vacant

(At-Large)

Term expires: December 31, 2028

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

Vacant

(At-Large)

Term expires: December 31, 2028

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

Vacant

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

(Residential Development)

Term expires: December 31, 2026

Vacant

(Commercial or Industrial Development)

Term expires: December 31, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Vacant

(Public Utility Representative)

Term expires: July 1, 2028

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	3 Year	Term Limit: 2
Meetings:	Meets as needed.	
Women:	4	Senatorial District 15: 4
Vacancies:	6	Senatorial District 29: 1

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File Attachments for Item:

2. Approval of minutes for the June 16, 2026, Council Meeting and Executive Session.

COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

MCSD Board Room
Muscogee Public Education Center
2960 Macon Road, Columbus, GA 31906

June 16, 2026
9:00 AM
Regular Meeting

MAYOR'S A G E N D A

PRESENT: Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III and Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen and Councilors John Anker, Simi Barnes, Travis L. Chambers, Joanne Cogle, Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis and R. Walker Garrett. 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: Councilors Bruce Huff and Toyia Tucker were absent.

The following documents have been included as a part of the electronic Agenda Packet: (1) CM#3(A): Columbus Uptown Pickleball Complex Update; (2) CM#3(D): Revenue Division Update

The following documents were distributed around the Council table: (1) PA#2: Special Invitation; (2) PA#5: ADA Compliance: Accessibility Is A Civil Right; (3) CM Add-On Resolution; (4) CM#3(E): Columbus Consolidated Government Monthly Financial Snapshot FY2026 – May 2026; (5) COC: List of Add-On Items; (4) CA Add-On Resolutions

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Sophia Phillips from Fox Elementary

MINUTES:

1. Approval of minutes for the June 9, 2026, Council Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Huff and Tucker being absent from the meeting.

PROCLAMATIONS

2. Proclamation: Responsible Fatherhood Month

Receiving: Pastor Jarod Hinton, Georgia Faith Director for Citizens Defending Freedom

Councilor Travis Chambers read the proclamation into the record proclaiming the month of June 2026 as *Responsible Fatherhood Month*, recognizing the vital role fathers, father figures, foster fathers, and adoptive fathers play in the healthy development of children and emphasized the importance of responsible fatherhood, co-parenting, and family support.

3. Proclamation: ASK Day

Receiving: Dr. Jaketra Bryant, LPC

Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen read the proclamation into the record proclaiming June 21, 2026 as *ASK Day*, recognizing gun violence as a leading cause of death among children and highlighted the importance of the ASK (Asking Saves Kids) Campaign, which encourages parents to ask whether unsecured firearms are present in homes where their children visit or play.

PRESENTATIONS

4. AJ McClung Stadium Update – Honorable Calvin Smyre, Chairman, Fountain City Classic, Inc.

Honorable Calvin Smyre, Chairman, Fountain City Classic, Inc., appeared before Council to express appreciation for the City of Columbus' longstanding support of the Fountain City Classic. He reflected on helping establish the event in 1989 after being approached by the presidents of Albany State University and Fort Valley State University and shared that he is now serving his 36th year as chairman. He also stated for the record his support for the plans and work prepared by 2WR Architects, explaining that he had met with representatives on multiple occasions to review the project and discuss its details.

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

1. Ordinance (26-028) - 2nd Reading: REZN-03-26-0652: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **2458 and 2464 Martha's Loop** (parcel # 085-054017A/026) from Residential Multifamily 2 (RMF2) Zoning District to Single Family Residential – 4 (SFR4) Zoning District.

(Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Barnes) Councilor Crabb made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Huff and Tucker being absent from the meeting.

2. **Ordinance (26-029) – 2nd Reading:** REZN-04-26-0737: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **715 and 723 Apex Road** (parcel # 014-005-004/011) from General Commercial (GC) Zoning District to Residential Multifamily -1 (RMF1) Zoning District with a condition. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Garrett). Councilor Crabb made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Huff and Tucker being absent from the meeting.

3. **Ordinance (26-030) - 2nd Reading:** An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **5227 13th Avenue** (parcel # 033-011-008) from General Commercial (GC) Zoning District to Residential Multifamily -1 (RMF1) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Garrett) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Huff and Tucker being absent from the meeting.

4. **Ordinance (26-031) - 2nd Reading:** REZN-04-26-0956: An Ordinance amending the text of Unified Development Ordinance of the Columbus Code (“the UDO”) to provide for a Mill Redevelopment Zoning District in the Bibb City Area; and for other purposes. (Planning Department recommends conditional approval and PAC recommends approval.) (Councilor Garrett) Councilor Garrett made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Huff and Tucker being absent from the meeting.

5. **Ordinance (26-032) - 2nd Reading:** An Ordinance providing for the establishment of taxing districts, including a county-wide general services district and three (3) urban services districts and three (3) Business Improvement Districts (BID); providing for the levy, assessment, and collection of taxes for Columbus, Georgia within such districts for the year 2026 as provided under the Charter of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia; providing penalties for violations of the provisions of said ordinance; and for other purposes. (Budget Committee)

Councilor Garrett made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Huff and Tucker being absent from the meeting.

- 6. Ordinance (26-033) - 2nd Reading:** An Ordinance amending the Columbus Code to repeal and replace Sections 14-14 and 14-15 with new code sections that impose a curfew for unattended minors in the Uptown District, and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem).

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to amend the proposed curfew ordinance by establishing a penalty structure for parents or guardians of juveniles found in violation of the curfew, consisting of a written warning for a first offense, a minimum fine of \$500 for a second offense, and a minimum fine of \$1,000 for a third and each subsequent offense. The motion was seconded by Councilor Davis and was opened for Council discussion.

Councilor Chambers offered a substitute motion to apply the curfew citywide, seconded by Councilor Barnes and defeated by a two-to-six vote with Councilors Barnes and Chambers voting in favor, Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Anker, Cogle, Crabb, Davis and Garrett voting in opposition, and Councilors Huff and Tucker being absent from the meeting.

Councilor Cogle made a substitute motion to amend the penalty language to change the penalties to a written warning for a first offense, a fine of “up to” \$500 for a second offense, and a fine of “up to” \$1,000 for a third and subsequent offense, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried by a seven-to-one vote with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Anker, Barnes, Cogle, Crabb, Davis and Garrett voting in favor and Councilor Chambers voting in opposition, with Councilors Huff and Tucker being absent from the meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance as amended, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Huff and Tucker being absent from the meeting.

- 7. Ordinance (26-034) - 2nd Reading:** REZN-02-26-0289: An Ordinance amending the Unified Development Ordinance of the Columbus Code (“the UDO”) to provide for Technology Overlay Districts; establishing underlying zoning districts where such overlay districts are permitted; to redefine Developments of Regional Impact; and for other purposes. (As amended on 1st Reading 6-9-26.) (Mayor Pro-Tem)

Councilor Crabb made a motion to adopt the ordinance, and after receiving a seconded by Councilor Davis, the motion was on the table for discussion.

Councilor John Anker stated for the record that the Technology Overlay District is a planning and zoning tool designed to establish standards for future technology related developments and is not a vote on a specific data center project. He explained that the proposal incorporates recommendations from the Planning Advisory Commission, including a 500-foot buffer requirement, and stated that any future data center proposal would still be subject to extensive review, studies, and public hearings.

Councilor Joanne Cogle stated for the record that Council had received significant public input on the proposed Technology Overlay District from residents, stakeholders, and the Chamber of Commerce committee. She expressed concern that several recommendations had not yet been fully considered and stated that she believed the proposal was premature. She further stated that she was not satisfied that the overlay contained sufficient enforceable protections to adequately safeguard citizens.

After discussion, during which Council members expressed their views and concerns regarding the proposed Technology Overlay District, the motion for adoption carried by a six-to-two vote, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Anker, Chambers, Crabb, Davis and Garrett voting in favor, Councilors Barnes and Cogle voting in opposition, and Councilors Huff and Tucker being absent from the meeting.

- 8. 1st Reading:** An Ordinance providing for the levy, assessment, and collection of taxes for the public school system of Columbus, Georgia; and for other purposes. (Budget Review Committee)

(NOTE: The City Attorney clarified that the 1st Reading Ordinance was not a public hearing before the City Council but rather a matter under the jurisdiction of the School Board.)

RESOLUTIONS

- 9. Resolution (154-26):** A Resolution authorizing payment of attorney fees which may be incurred for legal services rendered regarding various city issues during fiscal year 2027. (Mayor Pro-Tem) Councilor Garrett made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Huff and Tucker being absent from the meeting.

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Ms. Kim Decker, Re: PAWS. ***Resscheduled***

2. Mrs. Irma Mason & Ms. Waleisah Wilson-Menefee, representing NewLife-Second Chance Outreach, Inc., Re: Upcoming Events and to Announce Receipt of 10th Annual Proclamation Receipt from Governor to Honor July as Reentry Awareness Month.
3. Mr. Danny Arencibia, representing Columbus Collaborative, Inc., Re: Action Plan with Strategic Local Public and Private Partnerships for Youth Community.
4. Dr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr., Re: Landlords & Property Owners Must Do Better.
5. Dr. Natalie Nicole, representing Role Model Academy of Arts, Re: ADA Compliance: Accessibility Is a Civil Right.
6. Mr. Gregory Foster, Re: Curfew.
7. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Understanding Social Movements & How Not to Betray Them.
8. Ms. Pamela Moss, Re: Whose Best Interest is Being Represented by Columbus City Council?
Cancelled
9. Miss. Haley Sargent, Re: Data Center Overlay.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Risk Management Legal Services

Resolution (155-26): - A resolution authorizing payment of attorney fees which may be incurred for legal services rendered regarding Risk Management issues during fiscal year 2027. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Huff and Tucker being absent from the meeting.

2. PURCHASES

- A. Contract Extension for Elevator Maintenance Services (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 19-0025

Resolution (156-26): - A resolution authorizing the extension of the annual contract for Elevator Maintenance Services with Elevated Facility Services (Tampa, FL) through September 30, 2026. Councilor Davis made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and

carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Huff and Tucker being absent from the meeting.

B. Contract Extension for Post-Accident Drug Screening: After-Hours, Weekends, Holidays

Resolution (157-26): - A resolution authorizing extension of the annual contract for Post-Accident Drug Screening: After-Hours, Weekends, Holidays with 4D GA Fastest Labs (Columbus, GA) through August 30, 2026. Councilor Davis made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Huff and Tucker being absent from the meeting.

C. Contract Amendment for Inmate Food Management Services for Muscogee County Prison (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 20-0005

Resolution (158-26): - A resolution authorizing an amendment to the annual contract for Inmate Food Management Services for Muscogee County Prison with Aramark Correctional Services, LLC (Philadelphia, PA). The amendment is needed to increase the price per meal charged to the City for inmate meals during the current term. Councilor Davis made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Huff and Tucker being absent from the meeting.

D. Four (4) Salt/Sand Tailgate Spreaders and Hydraulic System Upfit for Public Works

Resolution (159-26): - A resolution authorizing the purchase of four (4) salt/sand tailgate spreaders and hydraulic system vehicle upfitting from Viking-Cives Midwest, Inc. (Oran, MO) in the amount of \$77,130.00. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase, via Sourcewell Contract #062222-VCM Councilor Davis made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Huff and Tucker being absent from the meeting.

E. Four (4) Washer/Extractors for Muscogee County Prison – BuyBoard Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (160-26): - A resolution authorizing the purchase of four (4) Washer/Extractors (including delivery and installation) for the Muscogee County Prison, from Alliance Distribution Holdings, Inc. d/b/a Alliance Laundry Systems Distribution LLC at a total cost of \$190,802.80. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via BuyBoard Contract #784-25. Councilor Davis made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried

unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Huff and Tucker being absent from the meeting.

F. Mold Removal and Remediation Services

Resolution (161-26): - A resolution authorizing payment to MLB Envirohealth & Safety, LLC (Columbus, GA), in the amount of \$670,000, for mold removal and remediation services at The Liberty Theatre; and \$60,000 for mold removal and remediation services at Frank D Chester Recreation Center, for a grand total of \$730,000.00. Councilor Davis made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Huff and Tucker being absent from the meeting.

G. Grant Writing Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 25-0020

Resolution (162-26): - A resolution authorizing the execution of an annual contract with GAFS Co. LLC d/b/a Grant and Funding Solutions Company (Key West, FL) for grant writing services for the Columbus Consolidated Government on an “as needed” basis. Councilor Davis made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Huff and Tucker being absent from the meeting.

ADD-ON RESOLUTION

Resolution (163-26): - A resolution authorizing the Mayor or his designee to apply for and accept a Hazard Mitigation Grant from the Georgia Emergency Management Agency in the amount of \$69,541.00, or as otherwise awarded, to contract with a consultant to complete a revision of the city’s hazard mitigation plan. This grant is aligned with the pre-disaster hazard mitigation plan currently in effect for Columbus, Ga/Muscogee County, and will conclude with full revision and subsequent adoption by the Council of the 2029-2034 hazard mitigation plan. This application is to be submitted to the Georgia Emergency Management Agency for funding consideration. This grant requires a local match of 25%, totaling \$15,318.25. The 25% local match will be a cash match or in-kind match as available. Any cash match will be paid by Columbus Consolidated Government. This grant shall be administered by the department of homeland security & emergency management. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Huff and Tucker being absent from the meeting.

3. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. Columbus Uptown Pickleball Complex Update - Ryan Pruett, Director of Inspections & Code

Inspections & Code Director Ryan Pruett provided an update on the proposed pickleball complex, stating that the project is moving forward through a partnership with the Columbus Pickleball Association. He reviewed the current project scope, funding, and anticipated timeline, and advised that related agreements will be brought back to Council for future consideration.

In response to a question raised by Councilor Cogle, **Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge** explained that the project falls within the Second Avenue Village TAD rather than the Midtown TAD. She stated that staff has worked to keep the project within the budget approved by Council by utilizing multiple funding sources, including TAD funds and OLOST infrastructure funds.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE DEPUTY CITY MANAGER:

- A request was made for staff to explore potential funding options to support the addition of four pickleball courts beneath the Second Avenue Bridge. (*Councilor Cogle*)

- B. FY26 Budget Update - Jim Arendt, Executive Director of the Golf Authority

Finance Director Angelica Alexander explained that pursuant to Ordinance 13-39, the Golf Authority was requesting Council approval for a budget adjustment, including the use of salary savings for operational expenses at Oxbow Creek Golf Course and an additional appropriation for Bull Creek Golf Course, both supported by golf course revenues.

Jim Arendt, Executive Director of the Golf Authority further explained that the request included the reallocation of \$55,000 in salary savings to operational expenses at Oxbow Creek Golf Course and an additional appropriation of \$216,000 for Bull Creek Golf Course, funded through golf course revenues.

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the request to transfer \$55,000 from salary savings to operations within the FY26 Budget for Oxbow Creek Golf Course and for an additional appropriation of \$216,000 in the FY26 Budget for Bull Creek Golf Course, funded by revenues generated by Bull Creek Golf Course operations, seconded by Councilor Anker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Huff and Tucker being absent from the meeting.

C. FY26 Budget Update – David Britt, Tax Commissioner

Finance Director Angelica Alexander explained that the Tax Commissioner’s Office was appearing pursuant to Ordinance 13-39 to request approval for the use of salary savings within its existing budget and was not seeking any additional appropriation.

David Britt, Muscogee County Tax Commissioner, explained that he was requesting the reallocation of approximately \$64,000 in salary savings to cover increased postage and advertising expenses resulting from a higher volume of tax sales and delinquent taxpayer mailings. He added that the increased costs have been addressed in the upcoming budget to help mitigate similar expenses in the future.

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the request to reallocate \$64,000 from salary savings to operations within the Tax Commissioner's Office budget to cover increased postage and advertising costs, seconded by Councilor Chambers and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Huff and Tucker being absent from the meeting.

D. Revenue Division Update - Angelica Alexander, Finance Director

Finance Director Angelica Alexander provided a revenue update, reporting that occupation tax license processing and revenues remained on pace with the prior year. She also reviewed ongoing efforts to improve collections, customer service, and operational efficiency, including enhancements to online services and evaluation of a new software system.

E. Finance Update - Angelica Alexander, Finance Director

Finance Director Angelica Alexander provided the May 2026 financial update, reporting that overall revenues remained strong across most operating funds and that general fund revenues were up compared to the prior year. She reviewed year-over-year revenue and expenditure trends, highlighted several departments being monitored for budget performance, and stated that the City remained within its overall budget targets as the fiscal year nears completion.

CLERK OF COUNCIL’S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - INFORMATION ONLY

1. **Current Vacancy Report:** Boards, Commissions & Authorities. *No Action Taken*

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

2. Minutes of the following boards:

Board of Tax Assessors #21-26

Columbus Sports & Entertainment Authority 5-11-26

Columbus Sports & Entertainment Authority 5-26-26

New Horizon Behavioral Health 02-02-26

New Horizon Behavioral Health 03-09-26

New Horizon Behavioral Health April 2026 - Notice

New Horizon Behavioral Health 05-11-26

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

ADD-ON RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution (164-26) - A Resolution excusing Councilor Bruce Huff from the June 16, 2026, Council Meeting. Councilor Garrett made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Huff and Tucker being absent from the meeting.

Resolution (165-26) - A Resolution excusing Councilor Toyia Tucker from the June 16, 2026, Council Meeting. Councilor Garrett made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Huff and Tucker being absent from the meeting.

ADD-ON ITEM: Request to declare the seat of Tracy Belt on the Community Development Advisory Board as vacant. Councilor Anker made a motion to declare the seat as vacant, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Huff and Tucker being absent from the meeting.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

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

A. AUDIT COMMITTEE:

A nominee for a vacant seat for a Finance/Accounting or Governmental Rep. on the Audit Committee that expires on June 30, 2027. (*Mayor's Appointment*) There were none.

B. COLUMBUS SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT AUTHORITY:

A nominee for a vacant seat for a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) on the Columbus Sports & Entertainment Authority that expires on June 30, 2026. (*Mayor's Appointment*) There were none.

C. 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.

D. YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:

A nominee for the Youth Advisory Council (*Mayor's Nominee*). There were none.

4. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS – LISTED FOR CONFIRMATION:

A. LIBERTY THEATRE & CULTURAL ARTS CENTER ADVISORY BOARD: Zach Lee was nominated to fill a vacant seat. (*Councilor Barnes's nominee*) Term expires: August 14, 2026, Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Huff and Tucker being absent from the meeting.

5. NOMINATIONS – CONFIRMED BY COUNCIL:

A. HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD (BHAR):

A nominee for a vacant seat (*Uptown Business Association*) for a term expiring on January 31, 2029, on the Historic & Architectural Review Board (*Confirmed by Council*). There were none.

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

A. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:

A nominee for the vacant seat of the District 1 Representative for a term that expired on March 27, 2026, on the Community Development Advisory Council (*District 1 – Hickey*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Tracy Belt (*Not Eligible*) the District 4 Representative for a term that expired on March 27, 2026, on the Community Development Advisory Council (*District 4 – Tucker*). Clerk of Council McLemore advised that Councilor Tucker is nominating Val McGowan to fill the seat of Tracy Belt on the Community Development Advisory Council. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Huff and Tucker being absent from the meeting.

A nominee for the vacant seat of the District 5 Representative for a term that expired on March 27, 2026, on the Community Development Advisory Council (*District 5 – Crabb*). There were none.

B. 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.

C. YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:

A nominee for the District 2 Representative on the Youth Advisory Council (*District 2 – Davis*). Clerk of Council McLemore announced that Councilor Davis is nominating Mary-Piper Scarborough of Calvary Christian to represent District 2. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Huff and Tucker being absent from the meeting.

A nominee for the District 4 Representative on the Youth Advisory Council (*District 4 – Tucker*). There were none.

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

A nominee for the District 10 Representative on the Youth Advisory Council (*District 10 – Chambers*). There were none.

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.

Clerk of Council Lindsey G. McLemore shared the Animal Control Advisory plans to submit recommendations on the board composition to the Assistant City Attorney soon.

B. BOARD OF FAMILY & CHILDREN SERVICES:

A nominee for the seat of Darlene Small (*Eligible to succeed*) with the term that expired on June 30, 2025, on the Board of Family & Children Services (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Crabb nominated Darlene Small to serve another term on the Board of Family & Children Services.

C. BOARD OF HEALTH:

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

D. BUILDING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:

A nominee for a vacant seat for a term that expired on March 24, 2026, on the Building Authority of Columbus (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

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

A nominee for the seat for Sandra Gill (*Does not desire reappointment*) for a term that expires on June 30, 2026, on the New Horizons Behavioral Health – Mental Health, Addictive Diseases and Developmental Disabilities – Community Service Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat for Nancy Schroeder (*Does not desire reappointment*) for a term that expires on June 30, 2026, on the New Horizons Behavioral Health – Mental Health, Addictive Diseases and Developmental Disabilities – Community Service Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

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.

F. PERSONNEL REVIEW BOARD:

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 expired on December 31, 2025, on the Personnel Review Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

G. REGION SIX REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH & DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES:

A nominee for the seat of Dr. Janet C. Bussey (*Does not desire reappointment*) for a term that expires on June 30, 2026, on the Region Six Regional Advisory Council for Department of Behavioral Health & Development Disabilities (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

PUBLIC AGENDA (continued)

4. Dr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr., Re: Landlords & Property Owners Must Do Better. **No Action Taken**
5. Dr. Natalie Nicole, representing Role Model Academy of Arts, Re: ADA Compliance: Accessibility Is a Civil Right. **No Action Taken**
7. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Understanding Social Movements & How Not to Betray Them. **No Action Taken**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Henderson entertained a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation, potential litigation, and personnel as requested by City Attorney Fay. Councilor Cogle made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Councilor Garrett carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Huff and Tucker being absent from the meeting, and the time being 11:49 a.m.

The Regular Meeting was reconvened at 12:04 p.m., at which time, Mayor Henderson announced that the Council did meet in Executive Session to discuss litigation, potential litigation, and personnel; however, there were no votes taken.

ADD-ON RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution (166-26) - A resolution authorizing the Mayor, or his designee, the City Attorney and the Finance Director to make payments which total \$500,000.00 to settle the above referenced claims of Clarence Nash against any and all parties, including attorney's fees which may be paid without presentation of a business license by Stewart Miller Simmons Trial Attorneys. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Huff and Tucker being absent from the meeting.

Resolution (167-26) - A resolution authorizing the Mayor, Deputy City Manager, City Attorney, Risk Manager, Finance Director, and their representatives to make a payment of \$27,000 to settle all damage claims of Dearrious Sparks stemming from the incident which occurred on May 27, 2025, and to execute all appropriate settlement documents to this effect. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Huff and Tucker being absent from the meeting.

Resolution (168-26) - A resolution confirming the appointment of Pedro F. Cardenas as the Deputy Warden of Security for Muscogee County Prison. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Huff and Tucker being absent from the meeting.

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Skip Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Councilor Garrett to adjourn the June 16, 2026, Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Huff and Tucker being absent from the meeting and the time being 12:06 p.m.

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

File Attachments for Item:

5. General Operational Audit Report for the Columbus Golf Authority – Donna McGinnis,
Internal Auditor/Compliance Officer



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General Operational Audit of Columbus Golf Authority July 14, 2026

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AUDIT AUTHORIZATION

The audit of the Columbus Golf Authority was authorized as a General Operational Audit on February 24, 2026, by City Council.

AUDIT PURPOSE

The purpose of the audit is to determine the status of the Columbus Golf Authority's operations, including its financial status, the condition of its assets, its facilities, and to assess its current and future needs to function as a viable entity in the Columbus community, in terms of relevance and financial sustainability. While relevance might appear to relate to only local demand for golf availability, the City's Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Authority might argue that such is very relevant in their efforts to attract businesses to relocate to the community. A Public Golf Course is also relevant in that it provides access and affordability to play golf for all citizens and visitors of our community. Financial Viability addresses an entity's ability to be self-sustaining, not only on a cash expense basis, but to also have the financial resources for maintenance, upkeep of its facilities, equipment maintenance and replacement, and expansion needs for the future. It needs to have a defined vehicle to fund each of those programs, whether it be from operating revenues, City Council appropriations, SPLOST, LOST or from charitable gifts.

AUDIT SCOPE

The audit scope is one of full scope, so that each element of its current operation, facilities and their condition are assessed, in terms of current and future needs. It evaluates the ability of the entity to generate the financial and economic resources needed for the future; while maintaining its competitive position in current times. A competitive position includes golf courses and facilities that are physically and aesthetically competitive, along with being financially competitive. Determining one's financial requirements necessitates the evaluation of both the current and future financial considerations.

AUDIT PROCESS

The audit process began with the authorization of the audit and the development of the audit program. Next, we held an entrance conference with the Golf Director, Jim Arendt, to discuss the audit plan and to gain input from the auditee. The audit also included a review of the Golf Authority's financial and budgetary performance, and a review of the Minutes of the Golf Authority. The audit also includes a review of staffing and payroll expenditures and its source of available manpower. Each of the operational and administrative areas were reviewed for effectiveness and efficiency. A golfing operation includes considerable real estate, buildings, equipment, supplies and merchandise inventory. At the end of the fieldwork, an exit conference was held with the Golf Director. Following review of the Draft Audit Report by the Golf Director, a briefing was provided to Golf Authority members and critical staff members. Lastly, the audit report and PowerPoint presentation will be prepared and reviewed with the Golf Director before the report is scheduled for presentation at City Council. The audit report and presentation are then made to City Council.

AUDIT ACTIVITY AND OBSERVATIONS

The audit fieldwork began with visits to the Business Office and tours of the golf courses. We traversed each of the golf courses, noting observations along the way. We initially met with Administrative Services Coordinator Dena Dawson, along with Assistant Accounting Technician Amy Lewis in the Business Office. We observed payroll processing for the 3 golf courses, as well as daily cash reconciliation and reporting. The Business Office was also manually entering all invoices for later hand delivery to Finance as scanning was not an option. Human Resources documentation followed a similar manual process, with original material later driven to Human Resources. The Administrative Services Coordinator handles the set-up of new vendors and serves as the payroll manager. In observing routine office activities, it was learned that there are communications issues with other supportive departments, and there were boxes of aged paper documents stored on the property dating back to the late 1990's. Such documents included membership records, pro-shop sales records, paper timecards and vendor invoicing. Our audit team were provided with a tour of the Pro Shop and Clubhouse and were then escorted on a Bull Creek golf cart tour by Ambassadors, who provided the history of the course.

The Bull Creek facility consists of two, 18-hole courses, situated on about 500 acres of Watershed property, adjacent to Lynch Road, between Macon Road and Manchester Expressway, in the eastern portion of Columbus. The courses are moderately challenging, located on property that is abundant with trees and lakes. The watershed lakes, designed to prevent flooding throughout the city, provide a natural source of water for irrigating the courses. The natural beauty of the courses and landscape surrounding them is a sight unto itself. The Bull Creek Courses were constructed and opened in 1972, some 54 years ago. While current staff, supplemented by prison labor, maintain the course daily, there is still additional cleanup necessary throughout the course and cart paths because of the tornado of April 6, 2025.

The buildings at the Bull Creek facility are showing their age and their capacities are frequently exceeded, due to the volume of golfers playing at the facility. The maintenance building and sheds need to be expanded, and the cart barn is undersized when considering the popularity of the course and volume of golf patrons. Parking is another area in need of considerable expansion. On normal days the lot is full, and many cars are parked on the adjacent grass and along the dirt road toward the maintenance facility. On numerous occasions, auditors have witnessed cars parked along Lynch Road. That road is now heavily traveled and is not a suitable place for parking, as it presents a safety hazard for motorists and pedestrians. The parking lot could be enlarged, but it would need to expand into the area where the cart barn and clubhouse currently are located. This would require construction of a new clubhouse, with the cart barn underneath to minimize the footprint requirement.

The audit team additionally toured the Oxbow Creek facility, assisted by Donald Smith, David Pontecorvo and Tremayne Upshaw. It was great to see the completion of the renovated bridge on the cart path, and we also learned that Oxbow Creek is quite busy and looking forward to the potential expansion of the course to 18 holes.

The Oxbow Creek Golf Course is a 9-hole facility, with a long-planned expansion to 18 holes. It was built in the mid-nineties to replace the Lion's Club Course located at the curve along Victory Drive, to enable the construction of a softball complex. The building is adequate for its current usage, except for the floor covering which needs replacement. Also, the PVC Pipe Fencing between the parking lot and the course needs to be replaced with more appropriate fencing. The course was inexpensively built, as noted by the simple design of the course and the narrow asphalt cart paths. The course also has bridges over the creek at several locations. There are minimum quantities of golf equipment, shoes, and apparel in the Pro Shop at this facility. Expansion of the inventory could result in additional revenue and profitability at this facility.

The audit team also had an opportunity to visit the Godwin Creek Course, escorted by Golf Director Arendt. We went through the old Clubhouse and toured the course on golf carts. The Clubhouse, Maintenance Garage and "mini driving range" were in disrepair. When touring the course, it was noted that a homeless encampment of tents and tarps was located along the eastern property line. There is compromised fencing in that area, with discarded trash impacting the adjacent area of the course.

The Godwin Creek Course, located in City Village, was developed by the Bibb Manufacturing Company for its employees. The Course is rich in history and was later deeded to the city. In the past, the City had contracted with Fore Kids, who provided youth golf instruction. At the present time, there is no longer a contract in place.

Beyond site visits, the audit team additionally completed payroll cycle testing for 3 cycles and reviewed budget performance for FY24, FY25 and FYTD26.

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

Revenue performance across all three courses had been exceptional in both FY24 and FY25. In FY24, Bull Creek exceeded the revenue budget by \$508,629.69, Oxbow Creek exceeded the revenue budget by \$117,474.29, and Godwin Creek exceeded the revenue budget by \$30,215.22 for a total variance of \$656,319.20. In FY25, Bull Creek exceeded the revenue budget by \$241,563.66, Oxbow Creek exceeded the revenue budget by \$45,028.82, and Godwin Creek exceeded the revenue budget by \$68,809.21, for a total variance of \$355,401.69. In a review of FYTD26 at 4-30-26, we're seeing the seasonality and impact of inflation. At this point, across all 3 courses, we have a total revenue budget shortfall of \$270,577.90. May and June of 2026 should be busy months and it's certainly likely that the revenue budget will be met.

In a similar review of expenditures, variance issues were concentrated in several areas- Operating Materials, Auto Parts and Supplies, Misc. Equipment Maintenance, Motor Fuel, Merchandise for Redistribution, and Snack Bar Food.

A survey of local course membership rates was also completed, with the details shared below:

Membership Rates:

	Bull Creek	Maple Ridge	Lakewood
Individual (unlimited)	\$750.00	\$2,100.00	\$700.00
Individual (weekday)	\$650.00	\$1,680.00	\$600.00
Family	\$1,100.00	N/A	\$975.00
Senior (unlimited)	\$550.00	N/A	\$500.00
Senior (weekday)	\$450.00	N/A	\$400.00
Military (individual)	\$550.00	\$1,680.00	\$450.00
Military (family)	\$650.00	N/A	N/A
Corporate	\$650.00	N/A	\$400.00
Student(weekday)	\$200.00	\$600.00	\$300.00
College	\$550.00	\$600.00	N/A

Yellow-\$250 Initiation Fee not required.

Green-\$150 for just the summer, \$300 for annual.

GOLF AUTHORITY INVOLVEMENT

A review of the minutes of the Columbus Golf Authority for the past three years reveals governance that is actively meeting, on a regularly scheduled basis, with meetings well attended. They bring a diverse set of skills and abilities to the table, and they are actively engaged. Sometimes Golf Authority members have been frustrated by delays in projects and upgrades. They are responsible for performing periodic performance appraisals of the Golf Director.

The Golf Authority manages improvement and development of facilities, oversees financial management, executes contracts and authorizes equipment purchases, establishes rules, regulations and pricing, and provides supervision over construction projects, operations and the maintenance and management of city own golf courses.

AUDIT SUMMARY

Reflecting to the last audit of the Golf Authority in 2021, there has certainly been progress, and improved profitability. While there had been delays, it was wonderful to confirm the completion of the bridge at Oxbow Creek. There had been staff departures in the Business Office, but it was great to meet and work with both Dena Dawson and Amy Lewis who now have taken Business Office activity to the next level. Their diligence and work ethic shines and was not unnoticed.

Our audit recommendations will address areas for consideration and implementation where revisions, improvements and upgrades would benefit the Golf Authority team, our courses and facilities. Each of our courses need renovation and upgrades, and it will be important to stage such activity so that at least one course is available while others are closed for renovation.

Godwin Creek is in a compromised condition and is becoming a risk management issue. Once that property has been addressed, it is hoped that Oxbow Creek could then be expanded as community demand is ready for the additional 9 holes. Lastly, Bull Creek will eventually need their own renovation.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The Administrative Services Coordinator position in the Business Office should be re-classified to a Financial Operations Administrator. Over the years, it has been difficult to secure a capable employee due to the compensation offered. Across the Columbus Consolidated Government, the closest fit to the broad business office role is found at the Columbus Trade Center. This role handles Human Resources activity such as recruiting and onboarding, the development of Standard Operating Procedures, vendor set-up and maintenance, Accounts Payable, Payroll Processing, Cash Management and Records Retention. The comparable position at the Trade Center is correctly classified as a Financial Operations Administrator. The Financial Operations Administrator position is classified at the G125 pay grade, at \$55,571.

2. The condition of the Godwin Creek Course honestly calls for a decision- either to close the facility to minimize the risk to the community or proceed with sorely needed renovations and upgrades. While generally serving as a youth course, parents are now reluctant to allow their children to participate in activities at the site. With adequate fencing, the homeless encampment can be protected. The Clubhouse and Maintenance Shed urgently need enhancements and upgrades. It would be possible to expand into a small Pro Shop and Snack Stand as well as to add Golf Course Simulators for customers. Such golf course simulators would allow customers to experience Augusta, Doral and other such courses, and would provide a new non-traditional revenue source. Such upgrades would cost \$4 million, and the revival of the Godwin Creek Course would have resulting revenue impact.
3. The expansion of the Oxbow Creek Course should also be pursued. The additional 9 holes have been planned and discussed for years, and the customer volume supports moving forward. Excess demand is higher than production-as a result, we're turning folks away. Expansion of the Oxbow Creek Course will cost about \$13 million- resulting in increased capacity to serve citizens & more revenue generation.
4. The Golf Authority is anticipating the Superintendent's retirement in the coming months, after completing decades of service. Funding should be designated to address this staffing plan/transition, which is already being addressed by the Executive Director.

AUDITEE'S RESPONSE

The audit performance, by City Auditor Donna McGinnis, and her team have been very professional. They have spent considerable time with me and other staff members while conducting their business. Her reported findings all appear to be accurate and reasonable.

The Columbus Golf Authority is an actively engaged Board. The Golf Authority contributes to the cause of serving people through golf. There are over 90,000 rounds of golf played annually at CCG golf courses. Bull Creek and Oxbow Creek serve as hosts for Veteran programs, Adaptive Golf programs, and junior golf programs such as the Columbus Junior Golf Association. Numerous charitable golf fundraisers, corporate leagues, and an everyday way of life recreational/social gathering sites are major golf benefits.

Columbus Consolidated Government and the citizens who live here are all fortunate to have wonderful golf facilities. Columbus benefits from golf through affordable recreation, the attraction of jobs, mental health, physical health, treatment of depression and much more! CCG golf courses need renovation. The facilities are proven to operate in businesslike fashion; however, reinvestment is necessary and best

performed strategically and not in an emergency. There is a plan in place to preserve these city assets that are loved by many citizens and of benefit to all.

Jim Arendt, PGA

Internal Audit of Columbus Golf Authority

Presented by: Donna L. McGinnis, CPA, CFE
Internal Auditor/Compliance Officer ,
Jonathan Smith, Forensic Auditor, Benjamin
Meadow, CFE, Forensic Auditor and Grant
Conaway, Forensic Auditor

July 14, 2026

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Audit Authorization

- ▶ The audit was authorized by City Council on February 24, 2026.

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Audit Process

- Authorization of Audit
- Development of Audit Program
- Entrance Conference With Auditee
- Conduct of Fieldwork

Audit Process (Continued)

- Preparation of Draft Audit Report
- Exit Conference with Auditee
- Auditee Response
- Preparation of Final Audit Report
- Presentation to City Council

Audit Scope

- Organizational Structure of the Columbus Golf Authority
- Golf Authority Governance
- Operations
- Inventory and Assessment of Vehicles, Capital Equipment, & Facilities
- Financial Position

Audit Scope (Continued)

- Employee Verification & Position Description Review
- Administrative and Financial Operations

Audit Activity and Observations

- ▶ Tour of Golf Courses & Facilities
- ▶ Bull Creek Facility consists of 2, 18-Hole Courses situated on about 500 Acres of Watershed Property, adjacent to Lynch Road, north of Macon Road, projected for 64,000+ rounds in FY2027.
- ▶ Built in the early 1970's and opened in 1972
- ▶ Heavily wooded property, with watershed lakes interspersed to detain water from flowing directly into Bull Creek and flooding areas to the south as it flows toward the Chattahoochee River

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Photos from Bull Creek



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Photos from Bull Creek



Audit Activity and Observations

- Visits with the Administrative Services Coordinator and Assistant Accounting Technician included observation of payroll processing, daily cash reconciliation vendor payments and reporting. The Business Office team, located at Bull Creek, is taking their activities to a new level, since their hire in early 2026.
- Parking at the Bull Creek facility is often scarce, with community golfers parking under adjacent trees, or along Lynch Road if necessary.
- While current staff is supplemented by available prison labor, maintaining the course daily, there is still some additional cleanup necessary throughout the course and cart paths due to the tornado that struck the course on April 6, 2025.

Audit Activity and Observations

- Oxbow Creek Facility
- Located on South Lumpkin Road in South Columbus
- Newer Brick Clubhouse and Course
- Designed for 18 holes , but only 9 constructed

Audit Activity and Observations

- It was great to see the recent completion of the renovated bridge on the cart path , adjacent to the Hole #2 tee box.
- The PVC Pipe Fencing between the parking lot and the course needs to be replaced with appropriate fencing, and floor covering in the Club House needs replacement. Expansion of the inventory in the Pro Shop would also result in additional revenue and profitability.
- 26,000+ rounds of golf are forecasted at Oxbow Creek in FY2027.
- Sorely needing the additional 9 holes to accommodate its growing number of participants, as customers have been turned away on peak dates.

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Oxbow Creek-Renovated Cart Path Bridge vs 2021 Condition



Audit Activity and Observations

- Godwin Creek Course, located in City Village in Northwest Columbus.
- A 9-hole short course, a respite tucked away in the city amidst Industrial and Commercial enterprises.
- A developmental facility, creating a new supply of young golfers to learn the game, building their confidence and self esteem, and refilling the courses for years to come.
- There is no longer contracted programming provided at the course.

Audit Activity and Observations

- Currently, the Godwin Creek Course is urgently in need of maintenance, renovations and upgrades. The property is a community risk, and when planning youth activities, parents have asked that their children not attend activities at the site.
- Trash & debris are scattered across the course in an area adjacent to a homeless encampment, as fencing is damaged in the area.
- The Pro Shop and Snack Bar were only able to conduct cash transactions, without card service options.
- The Maintenance Shop was also urgently in need of renovation.

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Photos from Godwin Creek



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Photos from Godwin Creek



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Photos from Godwin Creek



Audit Findings

- The new Business Office team is doing a fine job-this is an area that has struggled with turnover across the last 5 years. It was identified that position classification is an issue for action.
- The Oxbow Bridge renovation is now complete after several years.
- The Oxbow Creek course is turning away customers due to course constraints, and still has the opportunity to grow- adding the additional 9 holes.
- Parking, cart storage, pavilion and a starter house are inadequate or lacking, at the Bull Creek Facility

Audit Findings (Continued)

- The Pro Shop at Oxbow Creek carries minimal inventory, and should be expanded.
- The Snack Bar at Oxbow Creek similarly offers a limited menu, and should be expanded.
- The condition of the Godwin Creek Course calls for a decision- either close the facility or address the urgent need for renovations and upgrades.
- Each course would benefit from renovations and upgrades but the work effort should be prioritized and staged so that only one course is out of service at a time.

Audit Findings (Continued)

- ▶ Trailing clean-up is still needed associated with the tornado strike at Bull Creek on April 6, 2025, and should be addressed.
- ▶ In the next few months, the Superintendent will be retiring after decades of service. The Golf Director has developed a responsive staffing action plan for the transition, but there will be some additional funding needed.

Audit Recommendations

- The existing Administrative Services Coordinator position in the Business Office should be re-classified to a Financial Operations Administrator. The re-classification would more accurately address the current activities performed under this role.
- The Godwin Creek Course is sorely in need of renovations and upgrades. In it's current condition, there are risks to the community. Proposed renovations would expand the Pro Shop and Snack Stand and would add Golf Course Simulators. Upgrades and Renovations would cost \$4 million. The revival of the Godwin Creek Course would have additional revenue impact, as the simulators would provide a new non-traditional revenue source.

Audit Recommendations (Continued)

- The Oxbow Creel Course should be expanded, providing an additional 9 holes. Customer volume and demand supports the expansion. The expansion will cost about \$13 million.
- With the anticipated retirement of the Golf Superintendent, it is recommended that funding be designated to address the staffing plan and transition.

Auditee Response

- ▶ Jim Arendt, Golf Director has responded, indicating that audit activities were thorough, and acknowledged that audit findings and related recommendations were accurate and reasonable. His response is attached to the printed audit report.

Questions

- ▶ Are there any questions from City Council or Executive Management regarding this report?

File Attachments for Item:

6. A Resolution authorizing a transitional audit of the Muscogee County Juvenile Court Office.
(Requested by Juvenile Court Judge Amy C. Walters)

RESOLUTION**NO.**_____

WHEREAS, Judge Amy C. Walters has requested a transition audit by the Internal Auditor of the Muscogee County Juvenile Court Office.

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

We hereby confirm and approve the conduct of the audit listed above by the Internal Auditor. Reports shall be submitted upon completion as required by ordinance.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 14th day of July 2026 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting _____
Councilor Chambers	voting _____
Councilor Cogle	voting _____
Councilor Cook	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:

1. 2nd Reading: An Ordinance providing for the levy, assessment, and collection of taxes for the public school system of Columbus, Georgia; and for other purposes. (Proposed Amendment)
(Budget Review Committee)

AN ORDINANCE**NO. _____**

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

THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1.

There is hereby levied and shall be collected on all real estate and personal property, tangible or intangible, in Columbus, Georgia, on the 1st day of January 2026, a tax of 23.075 mills on each dollar of valuation of such property for current operation of schools. This rate has been set and certified by the Muscogee County Board of Education for FY 2027.

SECTION 2.

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

SECTION 3.

Claims for exemption from taxation by Columbus, Georgia for the year 2026 on personal property shall be controlled by applicable state law.

SECTION 4.

Returns of tangible property, including description of real estate, shall be made on oath to the Tax Commissioner between the 1st day of January 2026, and the 1st day of April 2026, and in default of such return, the Tax Assessor shall assess the property. Should any person, firm or corporation fail to make returns of property for taxation as required by this Ordinance, the Tax Commissioner shall use the value as shown on the prior year's return. A failure to pay the tax on said property at the returned or assessed value shall subject such property to the same liability and sale as other like property regularly assessed or returned where the same was in Columbus, Georgia, on January 1, 2026.

SECTION 5.

It shall be the duty of the Tax Commissioner carefully to scrutinize each return and to see that no real estate is returned at a value less than fixed by the Board of Tax Assessors and that all personal property embraced in the return is fixed at its true market value. Review of any return shall be made in accordance with the provisions of the Columbus Charter and applicable state law. If in any case the Board of Tax Assessors of Columbus, Georgia, is not satisfied with the accuracy of the tax returns herein provided for, Columbus, Georgia, through its officers, agents, employees, or representatives, may inspect the books of the business for which the returns are made. The Board of Tax Assessors shall have the right to inspect the books or records for the business of which the return was made in Columbus, Georgia, and upon demand of the Board of Tax Assessors such books or records shall be submitted for inspection by the representative of Columbus, Georgia, within 30 days. ALL TAX RETURNS ACCEPTED SUBJECT TO AUDIT.

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

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

SECTION 6.

The valuation of all property upon which taxes are herein above levied and assessed, and all tax liens, shall date and rank and become fixed as of January 1, 2026.

Taxes shall become due December 1 and delinquent if not paid before December 2. Interest shall immediately begin to accrue on any delinquent tax; a penalty of 10% of the tax due shall accrue on taxes not paid on or before December 21, 2026; and Fi Fa costs will be added, all as provided by Georgia law.

Where any person becomes liable for the payment to Columbus, Georgia, of a tax on personal property for 2026, and between January 1, 2026, and September 1, 2026, such person is moving or about to move the personal property subject to such tax without the limits of Columbus, Georgia, the tax for said year on said personal property shall immediately become due, and execution shall be issued by the Tax Commissioner and levied by the Tax Commissioner instantler, and said property advertised and sold pursuant to the provisions regarding sales for taxes due said Columbus, Georgia.

SECTION 7.

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

Introduced at a meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held on the 16th day of June 2026; introduced a second time at a regular meeting of said Council held on the ____ day of July 2026, and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting _____
Councilor Barnes	voting _____
Councilor Cook	voting _____
Councilor Chambers	voting _____
Councilor Cogle	voting _____
Councilor Crabb	voting _____
Councilor Davis	voting _____
Councilor Garrett	voting _____
Councilor Huff	voting _____
Councilor Tucker	voting _____

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

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



Muscogee County School District
Columbus, Georgia

Board of Education

June 29, 2026

*Ms. Lindsey Mclemore
Clerk of Council
Columbus Consolidated Government
P.O. Box 1340
Columbus, Georgia 31993-1340*

Dear Ms. Mclemore:

In official action on Monday, June 29, 2026, the Muscogee County Board of Education passed a resolution setting a millage rate for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027.

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

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

Sincerely,

*David F. Lewis
Superintendent of Education*

/kpj

*Tax Commissioner
Janice Bloodworth
Greg S. Ellington*

Enclosure

RESOLUTION

MILLAGE RATE

MUSCOGEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Adopted at an Official Meeting on June 29, 2026

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

WHEREAS, this Board previously set a millage rate of 23.075 mills on June 23, 2025 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026 for the operations, functions, and purposes set forth above; and,

WHEREAS, this Board at its meeting on June 29, 2026 has determined that the budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027 will require 23.075 mills for the operations, functions, and purposes, as set forth above, of which .0843 mills is allocated for capital outlay and 1.50 mills is allocated for libraries.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT SAID Muscogee County Board of Education hereby certifies to the Council of Columbus, Georgia, that the rate of levy necessary for the support, maintenance, and operation of schools, libraries, and other operations and functions coming within the jurisdiction of the Board and the Muscogee County School District for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027 is 23.075 mills for operations, functions and purposes, as set forth above and 1.5 mills is allocated for libraries;

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

Adopted this 29th day of June, 2026.

MUSCOGEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION



Pat Hugley Green, Board Chair



Dr. David F. Lewis, Secretary

File Attachments for Item:

2. 1st Reading: An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 26-032 which provided the establishment of taxing districts, including a county-wide general services district and three (3) urban services districts and three (3) Business Improvement Districts (BID); providing for the levy, assessment, and collection of taxes for Columbus, Georgia within such districts for the year 2026 as provided under the Charter of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia; providing penalties for violations of the provisions of said ordinance; and for other purposes. (Budget Review Committee)

An Ordinance**No. _____**

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 26-032 which provided the establishment of taxing districts, including a county-wide general services district and three (3) urban services districts and three (3) Business Improvement Districts (BID); providing for the levy, assessment, and collection of taxes for Columbus, Georgia within such districts for the year 2026 as provided under the Charter of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia; providing penalties for violations of the provisions of said ordinance; and for other purposes.

THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1.

SECTION 10 of Ordinance No.26-032 is hereby repealed and replaced with a new SECTION 10 to read as follows:

“SECTION 10.

The valuation of all property upon which taxes are herein above levied and assessed, and all tax liens, shall date and rank and become fixed as of January 1, 2026.

“Taxes shall become due on December 1 and delinquent if not paid before December 2. Interest shall immediately begin to accrue on any delinquent tax; a penalty of 10% of the tax due shall accrue on taxes not paid on or before December 21, 2026; and Fi Fa costs will be added, all as provided by Georgia law.

Where any person becomes liable for the payment to Columbus, Georgia of a tax on personal property for 2026, and between January 1, 2026 and September 1, 2026, such person is moving or about to move the personal property subject to such tax without the limits of Columbus, Georgia, the tax for said year on said personal property shall immediately become due, and execution shall be issued by the Tax Commissioner and levied by the Tax Commissioner instantler, and said property advertised and sold pursuant to the provisions regarding sales for taxes due said Columbus, Georgia.”

SECTION 2.

The remainder of Ordinance N0. 26-032 shall remain in full force and effect as previously adopted on June 16, 2026.

Introduced at a meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held on the 14th day of July 2026; introduced a second time at a regular meeting of said Council held on the 28th day of July 2026, and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ____ members of said Council.

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

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. “Skip” Henderson, III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

3. 1st Reading: REZN-04-26-0739: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **6909 Buena Vista Road** (parcel # 115-008-029) from Single Family Residential – 2 (SFR2) Zoning District to General Commercial (GC) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.)(Delayed 30 days on 1st Reading from 6-9-26.)(Councilor Tucker)

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 **6909 Buena Vista Road** (parcel # 115-008-029) from Single Family Residential – 2 (SFR2) Zoning District to General Commercial (GC) Zoning District.

THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:**Section 1.**

The Zoning Atlas on file with the Planning Department is hereby amended by changing the property described below from Single Family Residential – 2 (SFR2) Zoning District to General Commercial (GC) Zoning District.

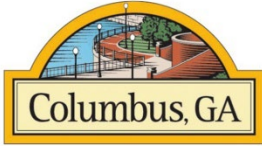
“All that tract or parcel of land lying in and being part of Land Lot 53, 9th District, Columbus, Muscogee County, Georgia, being more particularly described as follows: Commence at an iron stake marking the intersection of the northerly line of Land Lot 53, 9th District and the westerly line of Schatulga Road; thence South 02 degrees 08 minutes 23 seconds West, along the westerly line of Schatulga Road, 604.25 feet to a concrete monument; thence along the arc of a clockwise curve (said arc having a radius of 654.52 feet and being subtended by a 64.60 foot chord bearing South 04 degrees 52 minutes 55 seconds West), 64.63 feet to concrete monument and the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence leaving said street line, South 50 degrees 58 minutes 43 seconds West, 540.43 feet to a point; thence North 22 degrees 20 minutes 06 seconds West, 150.0 feet to a point; thence North 49 degrees 32 minutes 41 seconds East, 220.0 feet to a point; thence North 79 degrees 14 minutes 53 seconds East, 315.0 feet to a concrete monument and the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 1.29 acre.”

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 2nd day of June 2026; introduced again on 1st Reading on the 14th day of July, 2026, and heard on 2nd Reading 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 Barnes	voting _____
Councilor Chambers	voting _____
Councilor Cogle	voting _____
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COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

REZN-04-26-0739

Applicant:	Frank Walden
Owner:	Kulwaut Singh
Location:	6909 Buena Vista Road
Parcel:	115-008-029
Acreage:	1.29 Acres
Current Zoning Classification:	Single Family Residential -2
Proposed Zoning Classification:	General Commercial
Current Use of Property:	Vacant/Undeveloped
Proposed Use of Property:	Convenience Store with Gas Sales
Council District:	District 4
PAC Recommendation:	Approval based on the Staff Report and compatibility with existing land uses.
Planning Department Recommendation:	Approval based on compatibility with existing land uses.
Fort Benning's Recommendation:	N/A
DRI Recommendation:	N/A
General Land Use:	Inconsistent Planning Area E
Current Land Use Designation:	Vacant/Undeveloped

Future Land Use Designation:	Public/Institutional								
Compatible with Existing Land-Uses:	No								
Environmental Impacts:	The property does not lie within the floodway and floodplain area. The developer will need an approved drainage plan prior to issuance of a Site Development permit, if a permit is required.								
City Services:	Property is served by public water only.								
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</td></tr> <tr> <td>South</td><td>General Commercial/ Single Family Residential 2</td></tr> <tr> <td>East</td><td>General Commercial</td></tr> <tr> <td>West</td><td>Single Family Residential 2</td></tr> </table>	North	Single Family Residential 2	South	General Commercial/ Single Family Residential 2	East	General Commercial	West	Single Family Residential 2
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South	General Commercial/ Single Family Residential 2								
East	General Commercial								
West	Single Family Residential 2								
Reasonableness of Request:	The request is incompatible with existing land uses.								
School Impact:	N/A								
Buffer Requirement:	The site shall include a Category C buffer along all property lines bordered by the SFR2 zoning district. The 3 options under Category C are: 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:	Fourteen property owners within 300 feet of the subject properties were notified of the rezoning request. The Planning Department received no calls and/or emails regarding the rezoning.								
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Additional Information:	Purpose is to replat the 1.29 ac with adjacent GC								

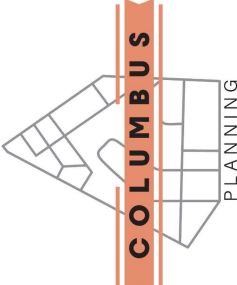
lot, 1.74 ac and develop as a Convenience store, 3,812 sq ft, with gas sales, 12 fuel pumps and attached retail space, 1,200 sq ft.

Adjacent property, 6939 Buena Vista Rd, is subject to Ordinance number 11-68 restricting the property to the following uses:

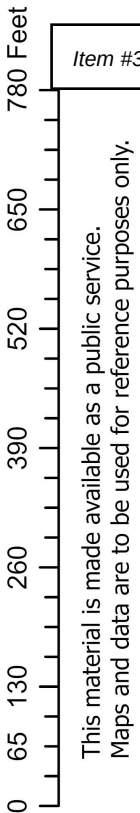
1. Auto/Truck Wash and Detail Facility
2. Check Cashing Office.
3. Convenience Store, With Gas Sales
4. Dry Cleaning and Laundry, General.
5. Dry Cleaning and Laundry Station.
6. Hotel, Motel or Inn.
7. Laundry, Coin Operated.
8. Personal Services.
9. Restaurant, General.
10. Restaurant, Specialty.
11. Restaurant, Take Out.
12. Self Service Storage.

Attachments:

Aerial Land Use Map
Location Map
Zoning Map
Existing Land Use Map
Future Land Use Map
Flood Map
Site Plan
Floor Plan
Ordinance #11-68



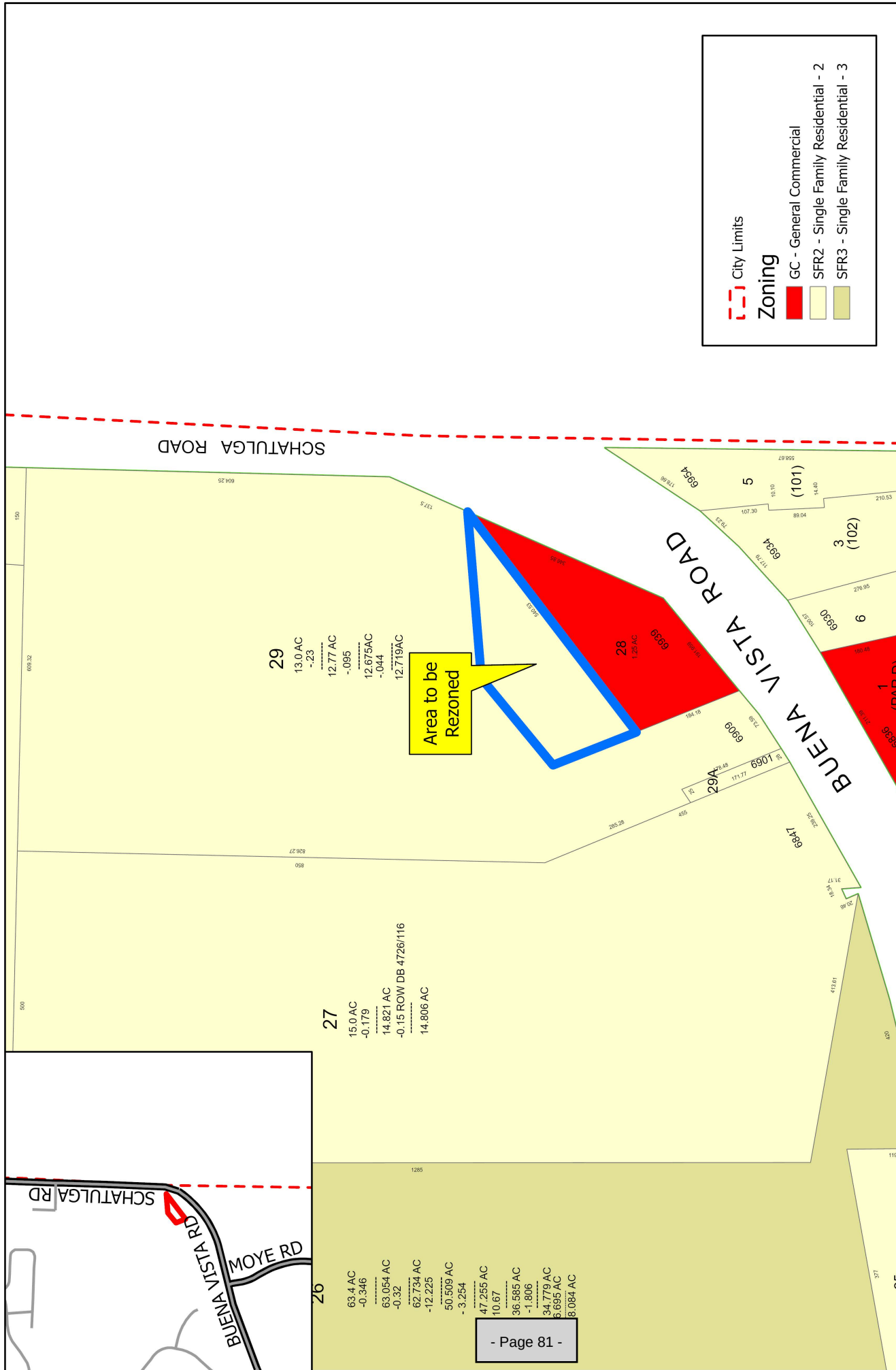
REZN 04-26-0739 Aerial Map CCG Planning Department



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REZN 04-26-0739 : Zoning Map

CCG Planning Department

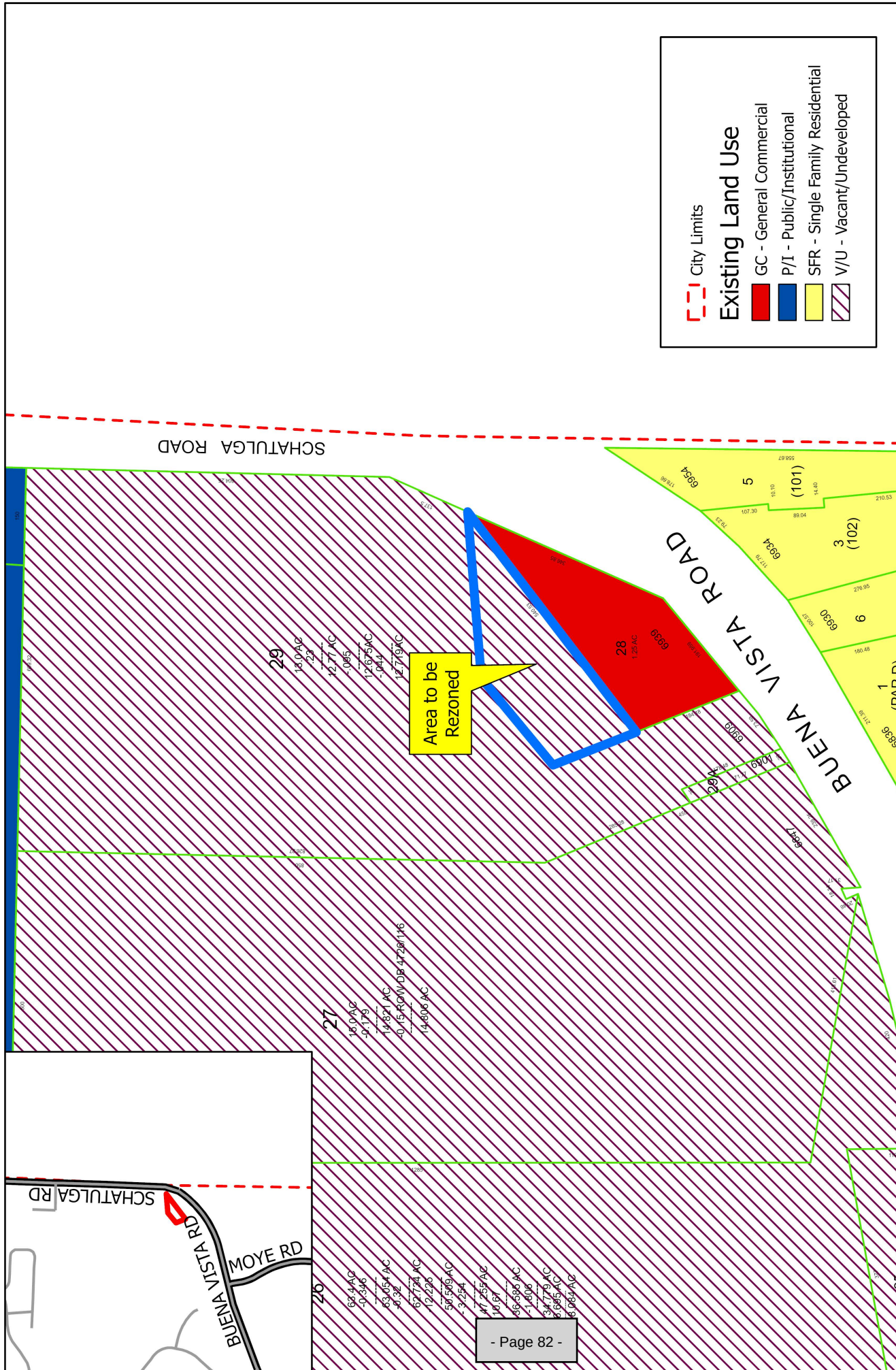
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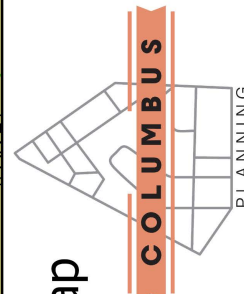
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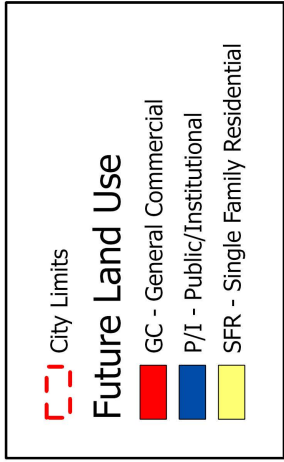
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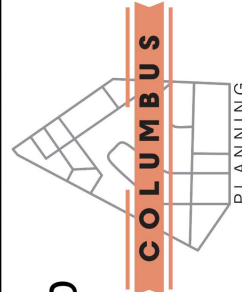


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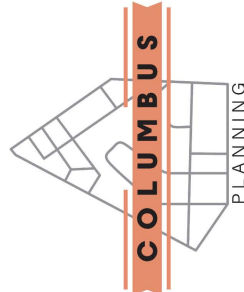
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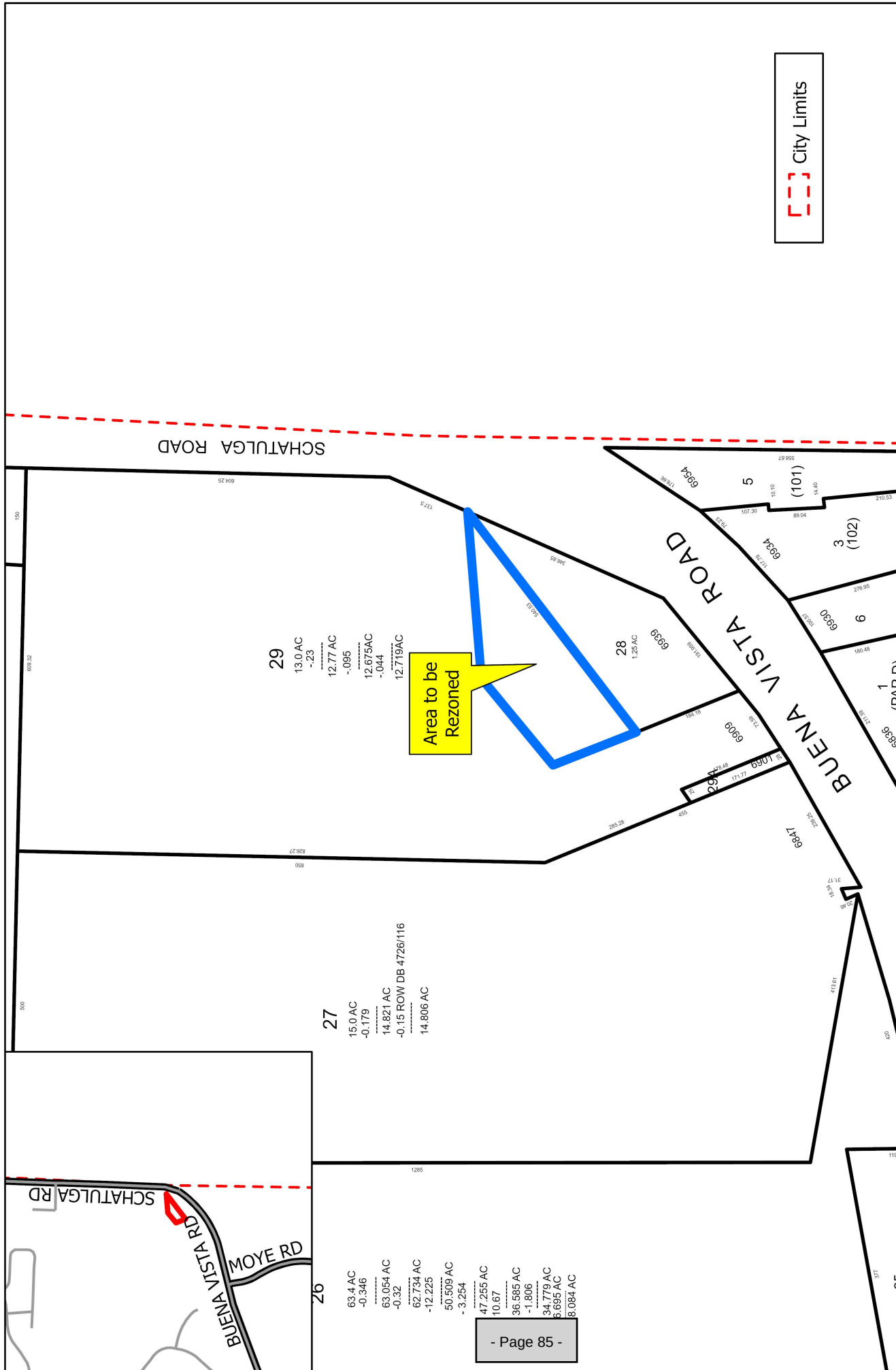
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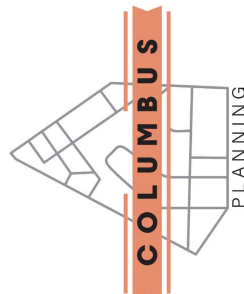
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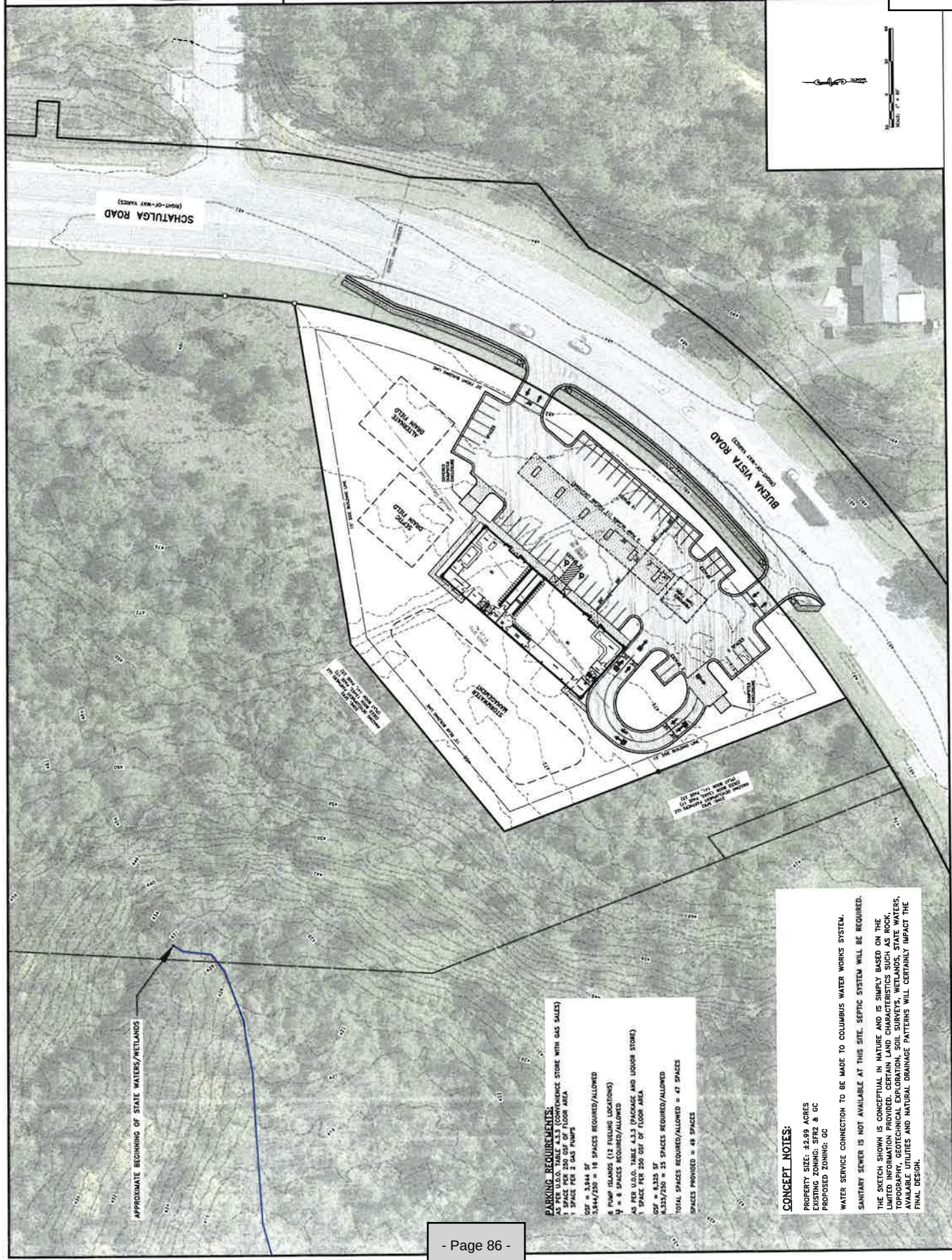
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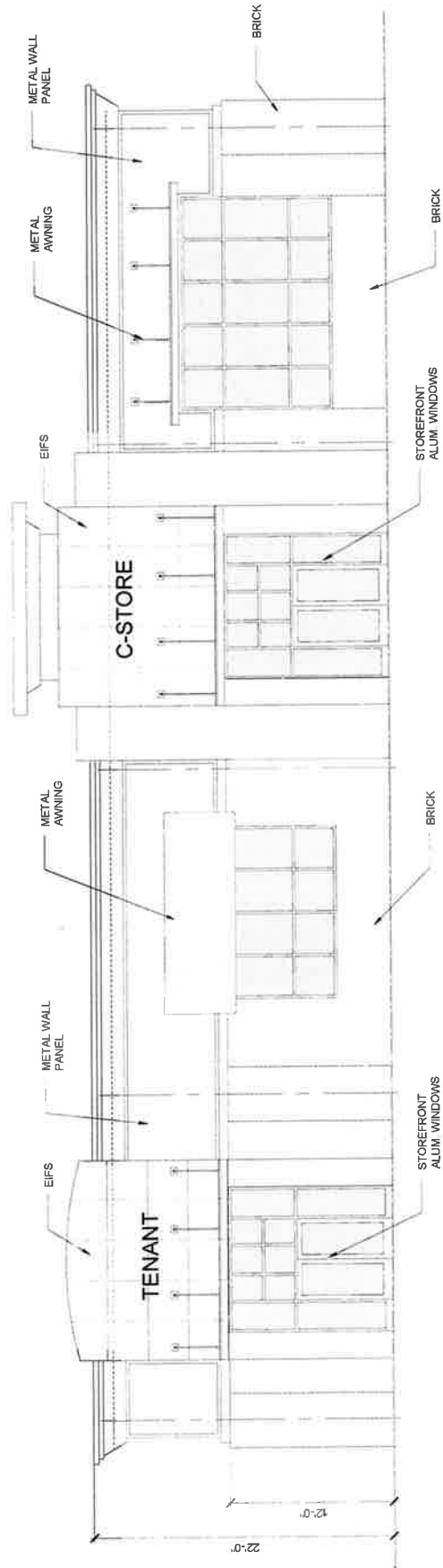
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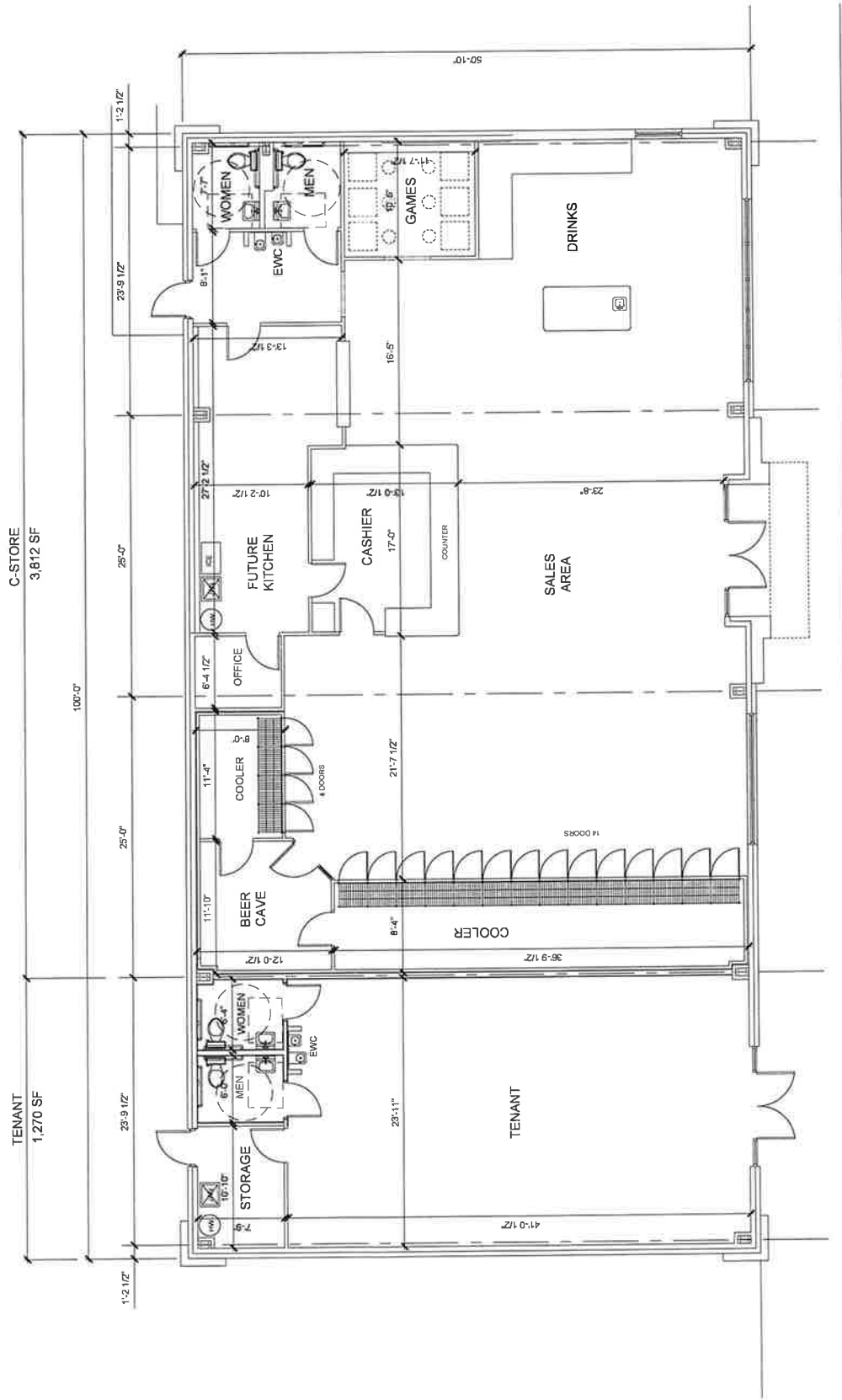
PARKING REQUIREMENTS:
 AS PER U.D.O. TABLE 4.3.3 (CONVENIENCE STORE WITH GAS SALES)
 1 SPACE PER 250 SQ FT OF FLOOR AREA
 1 SPACE PER 2 GAS PUMPS
 GSF = 3,844 SF
 3,844/250 = 15 SPACES REQUIRED/ALLOWED
 8 PUMP ISLANDS (12 FILLING LOCATIONS)
 1/2" = 8 SPACES REQUIRED/ALLOWED
 AS PER U.D.O. TABLE 4.3.3 (PACKAGE AND LIQUOR STORE)
 1 SPACE PER 250 SQ FT OF FLOOR AREA
 GSF = 8,308 SF
 8,308/250 = 33 SPACES REQUIRED/ALLOWED
 4,330/250 = 17 SPACES PROVIDED = 49 SPACES

CONCEPT NOTES:
 PROPERTY SIZE: 52.99 ACRES
 EXISTING ZONING: SFR2 & GC
 PROPOSED ZONING: GC
 WATER SERVICE CONNECTION TO BE MADE TO COLUMBUS WATER WORKS SYSTEM.
 SANITARY SEWER IS NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS SITE. SEPTIC SYSTEM WILL BE REQUIRED.
 THE SKETCH SHOWN IS CONCEPTUAL IN NATURE AND IS SIMPLY BASED ON THE LIMITED INFORMATION PROVIDED. CERTAIN LAND CHARACTERISTICS SUCH AS ROCK, TOPOGRAPHY, GEOTECHNICAL EXPLORATION, SOIL SURVEYS, WETLANDS, STATE WATERS, AVAILABLE UTILITIES AND NATURAL DRAINAGE PATTERNS WILL CERTAINLY IMPACT THE FINAL DESIGN.



PRELIMINARY
6369 BUENA VISTA ROAD
RAY UNDERWOOD, ARCHITECT
JANUARY 20, 2025

FRONT ELEVATION
SCALE: 1/8"=1'-0"



PRELIMINARY
6369 BUENA VISTA ROAD
RAY UNDERWOOD, ARCHITECT
JANUARY 20, 2025

C-STORE = 3,812 SF
TENANT SPACE = 1,270 SF
TOTAL = 5,072 SF

FLOOR PLAN
SCALE: 1/8"=1'-0"

AN ORDINANCE
NO. 11-68

C.A. 11-22-11(7)
As Amended
Consent Agenda 11-29-11(3)
11-68
Item #3.

An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia; this amendment changes certain boundaries of a district located at **6939 Buena Vista Road** from NC (Neighborhood Commercial) Zoning District to GC (General Commercial) Zoning District.

THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY ORDAINS:

That the Zoning Atlas on file with the Planning Department be, and the same is hereby amended by changing the aforementioned property of the following described property from NC (Neighborhood Commercial) Zoning District to GC (General Commercial) Zoning District:

All that lot, tract, or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Columbus, Muscogee County, Georgia, and being known and designated as the certain 1.742 acre parcel shown on a certain map or survey entitled "SURVEY OF PART OF LAND LOT 53, 9TH DISTRICT, COLUMBUS, MUSCOGEE COUNTY, GEORGIA," prepared by Hobbs Smith & Associates, Inc. Civil Engineers, dated April 10, 2000 and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Muscogee County, Georgia, in Plat Book 141, Page 23 to which reference is hereby made for a more particular location and description of said lot.

The above-described property is being rezoned subject to the following conditions:

1. Smoke and noise disclosure statements shall be included in all real estate documents.
2. The Property shall be restricted to the following uses:
 1. Auto/Truck Wash and Detail Facility.
 2. Check Cashing Office.
 3. Convenience Store, With Gas Sales.
 4. Dry Cleaning and Laundry, General.
 5. Dry Cleaning and Laundry Station.
 6. Hotel, Motel or Inn.
 7. Laundry, Coin Operated.
 8. Personal Services.
 9. Restaurant, General.
 10. Restaurant, Specialty.
 11. Restaurant, Take Out.
 12. Self Service Storage.

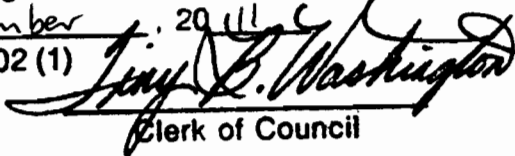
Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 22nd day of November, 2011; introduced a second time at a regular meeting of said Council held on the 27th day of November, 2011 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ten members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting YES .
 Councilor Baker voting YES .
 Councilor Barnes voting YES .
 Councilor Davis voting YES .
 Councilor Henderson voting YES .
 Councilor Huff voting YES .
 Councilor McDaniel voting YES .
 Councilor Pugh voting YES .
 Councilor Thomas voting YES .
 Councilor Woodson voting YES .


 TINY B. WASHINGTON, CLERK

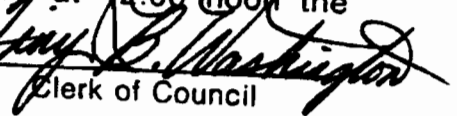

 TERESA PIKE TOMLINSON, MAYOR

This ordinance submitted to the Mayor for his signature, this the 5th day of December, 2011.
 Sec: 3-202 (1)


 Clerk of Council

This ordinance received, signed by the Mayor at 3:17 P.M. on the 6th day of Dec, 2011, and became law at said time received and became effective at 12:00 noon the following day.

Sec: 3-202 (2)


 Clerk of Council

File Attachments for Item:

1. Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Columbus Consolidated Government and Chattahoochee Riverkeeper, Inc (CRK)

Approval is requested to execute a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Columbus Consolidated Government and Chattahoochee Riverkeeper, Inc. (CRK) to install, maintain, and operate trash traps located at various locations for a period of one year with an automatic renewal. This will address the pressing issue of litter runoff into the Chattahoochee River and its lakes and tributaries through a novel, low-cost program operated by Chattahoochee Riverkeeper that deploys devices called “trash traps” to remove floating litter from the Chattahoochee's tributaries.

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

Item #1.

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Columbus Consolidated Government and Chattahoochee Riverkeeper, Inc (CRK)
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to execute a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Columbus Consolidated Government and Chattahoochee Riverkeeper, Inc. (CRK) to install, maintain, and operate trash traps located at various locations for a period of one year with an automatic renewal. This will address the pressing issue of litter runoff into the Chattahoochee River and its lakes and tributaries through a novel, low-cost program operated by Chattahoochee Riverkeeper that deploys devices called “trash traps” to remove floating litter from the Chattahoochee's tributaries.
INITIATED BY:	City Manager’s Office

Recommendation: Approval is requested to execute a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Columbus Consolidated Government and Chattahoochee Riverkeeper, Inc. (CRK) to install, maintain, and operate trash traps located at various locations for a period of one year with an automatic renewal. This will address the pressing issue of litter runoff into the Chattahoochee River and its lakes and tributaries through a novel, low-cost program operated by Chattahoochee Riverkeeper that deploys devices called “trash traps” to remove floating litter from the Chattahoochee's tributaries.

Background: The volume of garbage in the Chattahoochee River and its lakes and tributaries is a growing crisis requiring an array of creative solutions. During every rainstorm, stormwater carries litter pollution from roads, parks, and sidewalks into streams, where it can break down and harm critical habitats. If left unchecked, plastic litter from the Chattahoochee Basin will break down into microplastics, which eventually flow into the ocean.

Solving the problem requires effective and scalable strategies implemented at the community level. To address this issue, Chattahoochee Riverkeeper employs devices called “trash traps” to remove floating litter from tributaries of the Chattahoochee River.

The trash traps are small-stream litter collection devices designed to catch floating garbage from stormwater runoff. The devices use booms to guide trash into a collection area where it can be captured and emptied after a rainstorm. Since the program’s inception in 2019, CRK’s trash traps have collected more than 15,000 pounds of floating trash. Approximately 30 percent of the volume of collected trash is recycled annually.

Analysis: CRK will install, maintain, and operate a trash trap at various locations for a period of one year, with automatic renewal. At the end of the initial period, the parties may mutually agree to extend the period of maintenance and operation, or, if appropriate, seek a mutually agreed-

upon site for relocation or remove the trash trap. Upon removal, CRK will maintain ownership and possession of the trash trap.

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Financial Considerations: There are no financial obligations.

Legal Considerations: The City Attorney will approve as to form.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to execute a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Columbus Consolidated Government and Chattahoochee Riverkeeper, Inc. (CRK) to install, maintain, and operate trash traps located at various locations for a period of one year with an automatic renewal.

APPROVAL IS REQUESTED TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA) BETWEEN THE COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT (“CCG”) AND CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVERKEEPER, INC. (“CRK”) TO INSTALL, MAINTAIN, AND OPERATE TRASH TRAPS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR WITH AN AUTOMATIC RENEWAL.

WHEREAS, CRK is a Georgia-based nonprofit headquartered at 6020 River View Rd. SE Suite 100, Smyrna, GA 30126; and,

WHEREAS, CRK agrees to own and operate the trash traps; and,

WHEREAS, CRK agrees to bear responsibility – through organization staff, volunteers or other partners – for the maintenance and clean-outs of the trash traps; and,

WHEREAS, CRK agrees to monitor the trash and empty trash as needed; and,

WHEREAS, CRK agrees to report any impacts to the project site to CCG in a timely manner; and,

WHEREAS, CRK agrees to remove the trash traps if requested by CCG; and,

WHEREAS, CRK agrees to provide a certificate of Insurance or other proof of coverage where necessary; and,

WHEREAS, CCG agrees to provide CRK right of entry and access to the project site at any time for the purpose of installing, maintaining, and emptying the trash trap; and,

WHEREAS, CCG agrees to ensure that the project site remains accessible to CRK for the duration of the project period.

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

The Mayor, City Manager, or his designee is hereby authorized to execute a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Columbus Consolidated Government and Chattahoochee Riverkeeper, Inc. (CRK) to install, maintain, and operate trash traps located at various locations for a period of one year with an automatic renewal.

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.

Council Allen voting _____
 Councilor Barnes voting _____
 Councilor Chambers voting _____.

Councilor Cogle voting _____.
Councilor Cook voting _____.
Councilor Crabb voting _____.
Councilor Davis voting _____.
Councilor Garrett voting _____.
Councilor Huff voting _____.
Councilor Tucker voting _____.

Item #1.

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. “Skip” Henderson III, Mayor



CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVERKEEPER®

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT Between Parties' Regarding In-Stream Trash Traps Installation, Maintenance, and Access

July 14, 2026

BETWEEN

Chattahoochee Riverkeeper, Inc., ("CRK"), (a Georgia-based non-profit organization), headquartered at 6020 River View Rd. SE Suite 100, Smyrna, GA 30126.

And

The Columbus Consolidated Government, Georgia ("CCG")

PURPOSE

To address the pressing issue of litter runoff into the Chattahoochee River and its lakes and tributaries, through a novel, low-cost program operated by Chattahoochee Riverkeeper, which deploys devices called "trash traps" to remove floating litter from tributaries of Chattahoochee River.

To maintain and operate existing trash traps located at Cooper Creek Park and Dinglewood Park, and to install, maintain, and operate additional trash traps at mutually agreed upon locations within Columbus for a period of one year (the "Initial Term"). CRK will consult with the Columbus Department of Engineering to identify suitable locations for trash traps.

The Initial Term shall automatically renew for subsequent periods of the same length as the Initial Term unless either party gives the other written notice of termination at least thirty (30) days prior to expiration of the then-current Term. If appropriate, the parties may mutually agree to seek a mutually agreed upon site for relocation, or remove the trash trap. Upon removal, CRK will maintain ownership and possession of the trash trap.

BACKGROUND

The volume of garbage in the Chattahoochee River and its lakes and tributaries is a growing crisis requiring an array of creative solutions. During every rainstorm, stormwater carries litter pollution from roads, parks, and sidewalks into streams where it can break down and harm critical habitats. If left unchecked, plastic litter from the Chattahoochee Basin will break down into microplastics which eventually flow into the ocean.

Solving the problem requires effective and scalable strategies implemented at the community-level. To address this issue, Chattahoochee Riverkeeper employs devices called “trash traps” to remove floating litter from tributaries of Chattahoochee River.

The trash traps are small-stream litter collection devices designed to catch floating garbage from stormwater runoff. The devices use booms to guide trash into a collection area where it can be captured and emptied after a rainstorm. Since the program’s inception in 2019, CRK’s trash traps have collected more than 15,000 pounds of floating trash. Approximately 30 percent of the volume of collected trash is recycled annually.

OBLIGATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARTNERS

CRK agrees to:

- Own and operate the trash traps;
- Bear responsibility—through organization staff, volunteers or other partners—for maintenance and clean-outs of the trash traps;
- Monitor the trash traps and empty trash as needed;
- Report any impacts to the project site to CCG in a timely manner;
- Remove trash traps if requested by CCG; and
- Provide a Certificate of Insurance or other proof of coverage where necessary.

Columbus Consolidated Government agrees to:

- Provide CRK right of entry and access to the project sites at any time for the purpose of installing, maintaining and emptying the trash traps;
- Ensure that the project sites remain accessible by CRK for the duration of the project period;

INDEMNIFICATION

To the fullest extent allowed by law, CRK shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless Columbus Consolidated Government, its elected officials, officers, employees, and agents from and against any and all claims, losses, liabilities, damages, including Environmental Losses, resulting from, arising out of or associated with, in any manner, the exercise by CRK of the rights granted under this Agreement. The term "Environmental Losses" shall mean any liability, loss, cost or expense including costs of investigation, cleanup, remedial or response action, the costs associated with posting financial assurances for the completion of response, remedial or corrective actions.

CERTIFICATION OF AUTHORITY TO SIGN AGREEMENT

The persons signing this MOA on behalf of CRK and Columbus Consolidated Government hereto certify by said signatures that they are duly authorized to enter the parties into this agreement.

Chattahoochee Riverkeeper, (CRK) (A Georgia-based non-profit organization)

Signed: _____
Print: _____
Title: _____

Date: _____

Columbus Consolidated Government, Georgia

Signed: _____
Print: _____
Title: _____

Date: _____

File Attachments for Item:

2. Public Art – 11th Street Viaduct

Approval is requested to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Dragonfly Trails, Inc. and approve the final design of the mural located at the 11th Street Viaduct.

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

Item #2.

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Public Art – 11th Street Viaduct
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Dragonfly Trails, Inc. and approve the final design of the mural located at the 11 th Street Viaduct.
INITIATED BY:	City Manager’s Office

Recommendation: Approval is requested to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Dragonfly Trails, Inc. and approve the final design of the mural to be located at the 11th Street Viaduct.

Background: The city has partnered with Dragonfly Trails, Inc. for public art at the 11th Street Viaduct while the road is being resurfaced. The Dragonfly Trails, Inc. desires to add public art to the viaduct.

Analysis: Dragonfly Trails, Inc. will be financially responsible for all aspects of this project. They will be required to coordinate with the traffic plan for the resurfacing project and use of the right-of-way and any applicable permits. They are also responsible for all maintenance of the wall during the period this contract is in effect. They will be required to coordinate with adjoining property owners/businesses in the immediate area. They will obtain waiver(s) from any participant(s) working on the wall, releasing the City from any and all claims during the term of the Agreement.

Financial Considerations: There are no financial obligations.

Legal Considerations: The City Attorney will approve as to form.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Dragonfly Trails, Inc. and approve the final design of the mural to be located at the 11th Street Viaduct.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, REQUESTING APPROVAL TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT (THE “CITY”) AND DRAGONFLY TRAILS, INC. (“DFI”) FOR A PUBLIC ARTS PROJECT AND APPROVE THE FINAL DESIGN OF THE MURAL.

Item #2.

WHEREAS, Dragonfly Trails, Inc. promotes recreation, transportation, and connectivity of the greenway trail network in Columbus; and,

WHEREAS, the City agrees to allow DFI to install public art on the 11th Street Viaduct; and,

WHEREAS, the City shall approve the art plans and design prior to the start of the project; and,

WHEREAS, DFI will be fully responsible for the financial requirements of this project; and,

WHEREAS, DFI will be required to coordinate with the resurfacing traffic plan and get all necessary permits needed if any lane closure(s) are required, closure/obstruction of the sidewalk area, and use of the right of way; and,

WHEREAS, DFI is responsible for all maintenance of the artwork during the period this contract is in effect; and,

WHEREAS, DFI will be required to coordinate with adjoining property owners/businesses in the immediate area; and,

WHEREAS, DFI will obtain liability waiver(s) from any participant(s) working on the wall, releasing the City and DFI from any and all claims during the term of the Memorandum of Understanding.

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

The City Manager or his designee is hereby authorized to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between Dragonfly Trails, Inc. and the City in accordance with the terms set forth in the form attached and to approve the final design.

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 Barnes voting	_____.
Councilor Chambers voting	_____.
Councilor Cogle voting	_____.
Councilor Cook voting	_____.
Councilor Crabb voting	_____.
Councilor Davis voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett voting	_____.

Councilor Huff voting
Councilor Tucker voting

_____.
_____.

Item #2.

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. “Skip” Henderson III, Mayor

MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT OF COLUMBUS,
GEORGIA AND
DRAGONFLY TRAILS, INC.

This MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (the "Agreement"), made and entered into this ____ day of July, 2026, by and between the CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA (the "City") and the DRAGONFLY TRAILS, INC. ("DFI") for a Public Art Project ("Project").

WHEREAS, DFI is a nonprofit organization that promotes recreation, transportation, and connectivity of the greenway trails in Columbus;

WHEREAS, DFI desires to make additional improvements to the 11th Street Viaduct by adding public art in accordance with the Public Art Policy adopted by Council on October 27, 2020, Resolution No. 335-20.

NOW THEREFORE, in order to carry out the public purposes as set forth above, the City and DFI hereby agrees as follows:

1. City's Obligations.
 - (a) The City agrees to allow DFI to utilize the 11th Street Viaduct to add public art.
 - (b) The City shall approve the plans and design of the proposed artwork prior to the start of the Project.
2. DFI's Obligations.
 - (a) DFI will be fully responsible for the financial requirements of this Project.
 - (b) DFI will be required to provide a traffic plan to the City Manager and the Engineering Department and get all necessary permits needed if any lane closure(s), closure/obstruction of the sidewalk area, and/or use of the right of way are required.
 - (c) Should the Project not be executed in accordance with the approved concept and plans, DFI will agree to remove the non-compliant artistic material at its own expense within three business days.
 - (d) DFI is responsible for all maintenance of the artwork during the period this

Agreement is in effect.

- (e) DFI will be required to coordinate with adjoining property owners/businesses in the immediate area.
- (f) DFI will obtain waiver(s) from any participant(s) working on the artwork releasing the City and DFI from any and all claims that may accrue due to personal injury or due to loss, destruction, or vandalism to the artwork, and such waivers shall be filed with the City Manager.
- (g) DFI will hold the City harmless and indemnify it for any claims dues to loss, destruction or vandalism to the art or the viaduct during the term of the Agreement.
- (h) DFI or its contractors will obtain liability and property and casualty insurance acceptable to the Finance Director.

3. Cooperation. The parties will cooperate with each other in good faith in pursuing the completion of the undertakings of the parties hereunder.

4. Governing Law. This Agreement and the rights and obligations of the parties hereto (including third party beneficiaries) shall be governed, construed, and interpreted according to the laws of the State of Georgia.

5. Entire Agreement. This Agreement expresses the entire understanding and agreement between the parties hereto.

6. Severability. The invalidity of any one or more phrases, sentences, clauses, or sections contained in this Agreement shall not affect the remaining portions of this Agreement or any part thereof.

7. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be an original, and all of which shall constitute but one and the same instrument.

8. Amendments in Writing. No waiver, amendment, release, or modification of this Agreement shall be established by conduct, custom, or course of dealing, but solely by an instrument in writing executed by the parties hereto.

9. Notices. Except as otherwise specifically provided herein, any notices, demands, approvals, consents, requests, and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed given when the writing is delivered in person or three (3) days after being mailed, if mailed, by certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, to the City or DFI, at the addresses shown below or at such other addresses as may be furnished by the City or DFI in writing from time to time:

City: Consolidated Government of Columbus,
Georgia 1111 1st Ave. (Zip 31901)
P.O. Box 1340
Columbus, Georgia 31902
Attention: City Manager

With a copy to: City Attorney
P.O. Box 1340
Columbus, Georgia 31902

DFI: DRAGONFLY TRAILS,
INC.
1445 2nd Ave.
Columbus, Georgia 31901

10. Limitation of Rights. Nothing in this Agreement express or implied, shall give to any person, other than the parties hereto and their successors and assigns hereunder, any benefit or any legal or equitable right, remedy, or claim under this Agreement.

11. Term of the Agreement. This Agreement will remain in effect for 1 year from the date first written above and can be renewed for four (4) additional one-year periods with the written approval of both parties. The City reserves the right to terminate this Agreement upon sixty (60) days written notice.

COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

Date Signed: _____

Tyson Begly, City Manager

Attest _____

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

Approval as to Form:

Clifton C. Fay, City Attorney

Dragonfly Trails, Inc.

Date Signed: _____ By _____

Becca Zajac, Executive Director

Attest



11th Street Underpass - Existing Conditions



11th Street Underpass - Proposed Conditions

TOPOGRAPHIC MAP LINES



SUNRISE BAND



Item #2.

BIRDS IN MOTION



RIVER



File Attachments for Item:

3. Advanced Air Mobility / eVTOL Funding

Approval is requested to allocate up to \$2.2 million of TSPLOST Discretionary Funds for the construction of an airside electric charging station and a dedicated vertiport for the arrival/departure of electric vertical takeoff and lift (eVTOL) aircraft at the Columbus Airport

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Advanced Air Mobility / eVTOL Funding
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to allocate up to \$2.2 million of TSPLOST Discretionary Funds for the construction of an airside electric charging station and a dedicated vertiport for the arrival/departure of electric vertical takeoff and lift (eVTOL) aircraft at the Columbus Airport
INITIATED BY:	City Manager's Office

Recommendation: Approval is requested to allocate up to \$2.2 million of TSPLOST Discretionary Funds for the construction of an airside electric charging station and a dedicated vertiport for the arrival/departure of electric vertical takeoff and lift (eVTOL) aircraft at the Columbus Airport.

Background: Advanced Air Mobility focuses on transporting people and cargo at low altitudes within urban and suburban areas to expand the range of inter-city and regional travel. This initiative will posture Columbus to serve as the regional hub to for eVTOL aircraft. The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) conducted a study in 2024 to assess and develop a statewide action plan. Four Georgia airports currently have airside electric charging stations.

Analysis: The first commercial aircraft will take flight in the U.S. this year. Georgia is seeing significant interest from industry for this infrastructure. The benefit of this type of infrastructure includes reduced emergency response times, increased range of access to the urban core, additional disaster response capabilities, stronger connection of rural areas to urban opportunities and others.

Financial Considerations: TSPLOST Discretionary funds are available in the FY27 Budget.

Legal Considerations: The City Attorney will review any related documents.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to allocate up to \$2.2 million of TSPLOST Discretionary Funds for the construction of an airside electric charging station and a dedicated vertiport for the arrival/departure of eVTOL aircraft at the Columbus Airport.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, TO APPROVE THE UTILIZATION OF UP TO \$2.2 MILLION IN TSPLOST DISCRETIONARY FUNDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN AIRSIDE ELECTRIC CHARGING STATION AND DEDICATED VERTIPORT FOR THE ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE OF EVTOL AIRCRAFT AT THE COLUMBUS AIRPORT.

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WHEREAS, the Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) focuses on transporting people and cargo at low altitudes within urban and suburban areas; and,

WHEREAS, the electric vertical takeoff and lift (eVTOL) aircraft are less expensive to operate and maintain; and,

WHEREAS, the U. S. Department of Transportation, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), and the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) support the development of this infrastructure; and,

WHEREAS, the City desires to be part of the statewide network; and,

WHEREAS, the Columbus Airport has identified a location for the construction of the charging station and vertiport.

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

The Council of Columbus, Georgia, hereby allocates up to \$2.2 million of TSPLOST Discretionary Funds for the construction of an airside electric charging station and a dedicated vertiport for the arrival/departure of eVTOL aircraft at the Columbus Airport.

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 Barnes voting	_____.
Councilor Chambers voting	_____.
Councilor Cogle voting	_____.
Councilor Cook voting	_____.
Councilor Crabb voting	_____.
Councilor Davis voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett voting	_____.

Councilor Huff voting
Councilor Tucker voting

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Item #3.

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. “Skip” Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

4. Disposition of Public Alleyway on the West Side of 12th Avenue, East of Southern Street

Approval is requested to sell city-owned property to adjacent landowner, Freedom Investments LLC, in accordance with section 7-501, paragraph 5, of the Columbus Charter, and to authorize the Mayor or designee to execute all contracts, agreements, and understandings related to the conveyance of City property.

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Disposition of Public Alleyway on the West Side of 12th Avenue, East of Southern Street
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to sell city-owned property to adjacent landowner, Freedom Investments LLC, in accordance with section 7-501, paragraph 5, of the Columbus Charter, and to authorize the Mayor or designee to execute all contracts, agreements, and understandings related to the conveyance of City property.
INITIATED BY:	Community Reinvestment

Recommendation: Approval is requested to sell city-owned property to adjacent landowner, Freedom Investments LLC, in accordance with section 7-501, paragraph 5, of the Columbus Charter, and to authorize the Mayor or designee to execute all contracts, agreements, and understandings related to the conveyance of City property.

Background: The City owns the public alleyway on the west side of 12th Avenue, east of Southern Street. The Columbus Charter Section 7-501, Paragraph 5 permits the sale of property that is not needed for public purposes to adjoining landowners at Fair Market value based on at least one appraisal. The adjoining landowner located at 2215 12th Avenue, Freedom Investments LLC, is interested in purchasing the public alleyway for the purpose of property expansion. Freedom Investments LLC will bid the appraised value of \$13,000, including any other fees incurred by the City. A map of the property is attached. A resolution is needed to sell to the adjacent landowner after the advertisement is complete, as outlined by Columbus Charter Section 7-501, Paragraph 5.

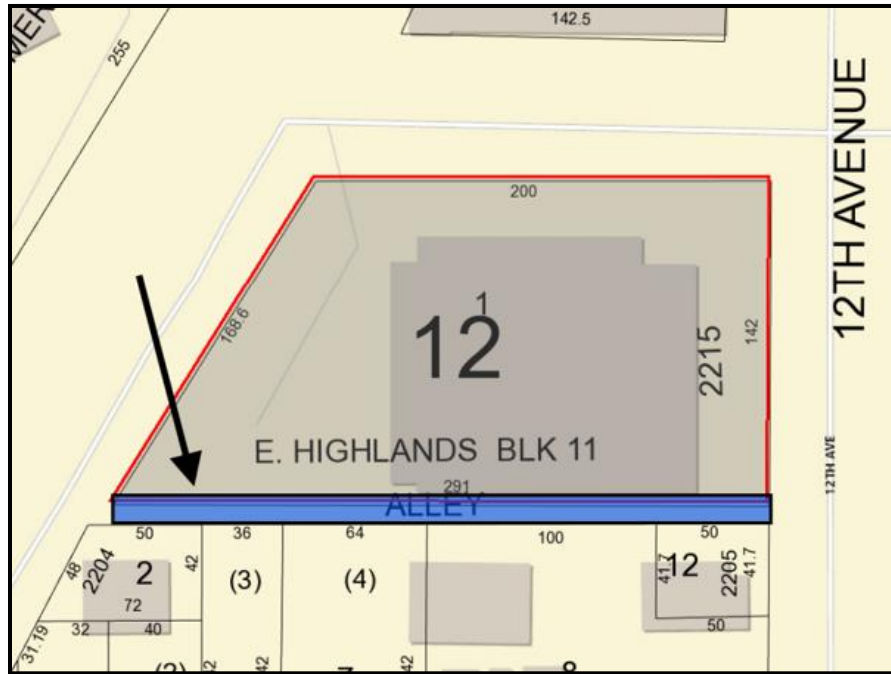
Analysis: It has been determined to be in the best interest of the City to sell the property.

Financial Considerations: The property and any related improvements will be returned to the tax digest, and public works will no longer need to use resources to maintain said portion of the right-of-way.

Legal Considerations: The property must be advertised and sold in accordance with Section 7-501, Paragraph 5 of the Columbus Charter.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to sell city-owned property to adjacent landowner, Freedom Investments LLC, in accordance with section 7-501, paragraph 5, of the Columbus Charter, and to authorize the Mayor or designee to execute all contracts, agreements, and understandings related to the conveyance of City property.

MAP OF PROPERTY



LEGAL DESCRIPTION

All that tract or parcel of land being an Alleyway located in Block 11, East Highlands (aka Comer Survey), lying in and being part of Land Lot 56, Coweta Reserve, Columbus, Muscogee County, Georgia, being more particularly described as follows: Commence at an iron stake marking the intersection of the southerly line of 23rd Street and the easterly line of Southern Street; thence South 27 degrees 41 minutes 04 seconds West, along the easterly line of Southern Street, 164.66 feet to an iron stake on the northerly line of an Alley and the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence leaving Southern Street, North 87 degrees 37 minutes 11 seconds East, along the northerly line of said Alley, 282.56 feet to an iron stake on the westerly line of 12th Avenue; then South 02 degrees 27 minutes 44 seconds East, along the westerly line of 12th Avenue, 15.41 feet to a rebar & cap on the southerly line of Alley; thence leaving 12th Avenue, South 87 degrees 37 minutes 11 seconds West, along the southerly line of said Alley, 291.47 feet to a rebar & cap on the easterly line of Southern Street; thence North 27 degrees 41 minutes 04 seconds East, along the easterly line of Southern Street, 17.80 feet to an iron stake and the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 0.10 acres.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION TO SELL CITY-OWNED PROPERTY TO ADJACENT LANDOWNER, FREEDOM INVESTMENTS LLC, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 7-501 PARAGRAPH 5 OF THE COLUMBUS CHARTER, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR OR DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ALL CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS AND UNDERSTANDINGS RELATED TO THE CONVEYANCE OF CITY PROPERTY.

WHEREAS, the public alleyway on the west side of 12th Avenue, east of Southern Street, adjacent to the property at 2215 12th Avenue is owned exclusively by the Columbus Consolidated Government; and,

WHEREAS, the Columbus Consolidated Government has no current or future use or plans for said properties; and,

WHEREAS, the Consolidated Government may authorize the transfer of property to an adjacent landowner, the adoption of a resolution by the Council finding that the property is not needed for public purposes and that the adjacent landowner will pay fair market value for the property as shown by at least one appraisal; and,

WHEREAS, the other adjacent landowner has given written notice that they are not interested in purchasing the property; and,

WHEREAS, Freedom Investments LLC has given written notice that they are interested in purchasing the property; and,

WHEREAS, surplus real property owned by the Columbus Consolidated Government, which has appreciable monetary value and is to be acquired by adjacent landowners, must be conveyed in accordance with paragraph (5) of Section 7-501 of the Columbus Charter.

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

That the Mayor or his designee is hereby authorized to convey said property described above to the adjoining landowner, Freedom Investments LLC, located at 2215 12th Avenue, upon completion of the procedures required by Section 7-501 (5) of the Columbus Charter, and to authorize the Mayor or his designee to execute all contracts, agreements and understandings related to the conveyance.

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

Councilor Allen voting	_____
Councilor Barnes voting	_____
Councilor Chambers voting	_____
Councilor Cogle voting	_____
Councilor Cook voting	_____
Councilor Crabb voting	_____
Councilor Davis voting	_____
Councilor Garrett voting	_____
Councilor Huff voting	_____
Councilor Tucker voting	_____

Lindsey G. Mclemore, Clerk of Council

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

File Attachments for Item:

5. 2026-2030 Consolidated Plan, 2026 Annual Action Plan, Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA) Study, and Citizen Participation Plan Submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Approval is requested for the filing of the 2026-2030 Consolidated Plan, 2026 Annual Action Plan, NRSA Study and Citizen Participation Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The sources of federal funding and programs are the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, the HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), and the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program.

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TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	2026-2030 Consolidated Plan, 2026 Annual Action Plan, Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA) Study, and Citizen Participation Plan Submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested for the filing of the 2026-2030 Consolidated Plan, 2026 Annual Action Plan, NRSA Study and Citizen Participation Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The sources of federal funding and programs are the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, the HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), and the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program.
INITIATED BY:	Community Reinvestment

Recommendation: Approval is requested for the filing of the 2026-2030 Consolidated Plan, 2026 Annual Action Plan, NRSA Study and Citizen Participation Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The sources of federal funding and programs are the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, the HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), and the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program.

Background: The City's 5-year Consolidated Plan (2026-2030) is a document designed to help the City of Columbus assess its affordable housing and community development needs, to study market conditions, and to make data-driven, place-based investment decisions. It is mandated by federal law and regulations set by HUD in order for the City of Columbus to receive federal funding for affordable housing, community development initiatives, and homelessness prevention, primarily benefiting low- and moderate-income persons.

The Annual Action Plan (2026) is a document required by HUD illustrating how entitlement funding will be expended during FFY 2026/FY 2026 (see attached). The Annual Action Plan is the first annual planning document of the City's Consolidated Plan for the years 2026-2030.

The Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA) Study, called the South Columbus Redevelopment Plan, serves as an urban revitalization plan and economic development tool

allowing the City to utilize CDBG funding more flexibly to promote investment in South Columbus and increasing South Columbus's access to low-income housing tax credits.

The Citizen Participation Plan serves as the City's plan for encouraging all citizens to participate in the development of plans governing HUD-funded programs. The Citizen Participation Plan has been updated to meet current federal regulations.

Three public meetings (January 13 and 15, 2026, and June 11, 2026) and two public hearings (January 14, 2026, and June 10, 2026) were held to receive input during the development of the plan as well as the draft of the plans listed above. A 30-day comment period was held between May 31, 2026, to June 29, 2026, to receive input on the plan. No written comments were received during that time.

These plans must be submitted to HUD no later than August 16, 2026.

Analysis: A resolution is needed to authorize the filing of the 2026-2030 Consolidated Plan, 2026 Annual Action Plan, Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA) Study and Citizen Participation Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Financial Considerations: The sources of federal funding for projects recommended in the FY27 Annual Action plan are:

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	\$1,708,493.00
HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME)	\$955,158.84
Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)	\$148,619.00

Legal Considerations: Council must approve the filing of the 2026-2030 Consolidated Plan, 2026 Annual Action Plan, NRSA Study and Citizen Participation Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Recommendations/Actions: Approval is requested for the filing of the 2026-2030 Consolidated Plan, 2026 Annual Action Plan, NRSA Study and Citizen Participation Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Federal funding sources for the above-named plans include the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, the HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), and the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF THE 2026-2030 CONSOLIDATED PLAN, 2026 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN, NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION STRATEGY AREA (NRSA) STUDY, AND CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD).

WHEREAS, the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, wishes to come into compliance with Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended, the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 as amended, the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 as amended, and the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform Act of 2010 as amended; and,

WHEREAS, the 2026-2030 Consolidated Plan, 2026 Annual Action Plan, Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA) Study, and the Citizen Participation Plan for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia have been developed as prescribed by the Federal Regulations of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and,

WHEREAS, the sources of federal funding and programs are the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, the HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), and the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program.

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

That the 2026-2030 Consolidated Plan, 2026 Annual Action Plan, Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA) Study and Citizen Participation Plan are hereby approved for filing with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and further authorizes the City Manager and/or his designee to execute all contracts, agreements, and understandings related to the 2026-2030 Consolidated Plan, 2026 Annual Action Plan, NRSA Study and Citizen Participation Plan.

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

Councilor Allen voting	_____.
Councilor Barnes voting	_____.
Councilor Chambers voting	_____.
Councilor Cogle voting	_____.
Councilor Cook voting	_____.
Councilor Crabb voting	_____.
Councilor Davis voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett voting	_____.
Councilor Huff voting	_____.
Councilor Tucker voting	_____.

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

Attachment

FFY26/FY27 CDBG Funding

City Fiscal Year	Funding Category	Agency	Activity	Funding Amount
FY27	CDBG Administration	Columbus Consolidated Government	CDBG Program Administration	\$341,698.60
CDBG Administration				\$341,698.60
FY27	CDBG Public Services	MercyMed of Columbus	Healthcare Services	\$ 60,000.00
FY27	CDBG Public Services	Boys & Girls Clubs of the Chattahoochee Valley, Inc	Education and Career Development Program	\$ 10,400.00
FY27	CDBG Public Services	Boys & Girls Clubs of the Chattahoochee Valley, Inc.	Education and Career Development Program	\$ 3,600.00
FY27	CDBG Public Services	Boys & Girls Clubs of the Chattahoochee Valley, Inc.	Education and Career Development Program	\$ 9,120.00
FY27	CDBG Public Services	Girls Incorporated of Columbus & Phenix-Russell	Education and Career Development Program	\$ 25,000.00
FY27	CDBG Public Services	Boys & Girls Clubs of the Chattahoochee Valley, Inc	Education and Career Development Program	\$ 10,240.00
FY27	CDBG Public Services	Boys & Girls Clubs of the Chattahoochee Valley, Inc.	Education and Career Development Program	\$ 15,520.00
FY27	CDBG Public Services	Literacy Alliance	Literacy Services	\$ 10,000.00
FY27	CDBG Public Services	Easterseals West Georgia, Inc.	Developmental Disabilities	\$ 24,000.00
FY27	CDBG Public Services	The Food Mill Mobile Farmer's Market Program	Food Insecurity	\$ 47,393.95
FY27	CDBG Public Services	Chattahoochee Valley Episcopal Ministry (CVEM)	Homelessness Prevention	\$ 15,000.00
FY27	CDBG Public Services	Valley Healthcare Systems	Dentures Program	\$ 26,000.00
CDBG Public Services				\$ 256,273.95
FY27	CDBG Public Facilities	Columbus Consolidated Government	FIFRO	\$1,110,520.45
CDBG Public Facilities				\$1,110,520.45
				\$1,708,493.00

FFY26/FY27 HOME Funding

City Fiscal Year	Funding Category	Agency	Activity	Funding Amount
FY27	HOME Administration	Columbus Consolidated Government	HOME Program Administration	\$95,155.58
HOME Administration				\$95,155.58
FY27	HOME Program	Sweet HOME Columbus	Down Payment Assistance	\$ 189,000.00
HOME DPA				\$ 189,000.00
FY27	HOME Program	NeighborWorks	CHDO Operating	\$47,757.94
FY27	HOME Program	NeighborWorks	CHDO Award	\$143,273.83
HOME CHDO				\$191,031.77
FY27	HOME Program	Patriot Pointe (HACG)	FIFRO	\$479,971.49
HOME FIFRO				\$479,971.49
				\$955,158.84

FFY26/FY27 ESG Funding

City Fiscal Year ▾	Funding Category ▾	Agency ▾	Activity ▾	Funding Amount ▾
FY27	ESG	United Way of the Chattahoochee Valley	HMIS Coordination	\$80,000.00
FY27	ESG	Enrichment Services	Emergency Shelter	\$34,309.50
FY27	ESG	Hope Harbour	Emergency Shelter	\$34,309.50
ESG				\$148,619.00
				\$148,619.00

File Attachments for Item:

6. Minor Amendment to FY26 HUD Annual Action Plan Resolution

Approval is requested to amend the title of the FY26 Annual Action Plan resolution, dated April 8, 2025, to read "A Resolution Authorizing the Filing of the FY26 Annual Action Plan with the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)."

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

Item #6.

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Minor Amendment to FY26 HUD Annual Action Plan Resolution
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to amend the title of the FY26 Annual Action Plan resolution, dated April 8, 2025, to read “A Resolution Authorizing the Filing of the FY26 Annual Action Plan with the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).”
INITIATED BY:	Community Reinvestment

Recommendation: Approval is requested to amend the title of the FY26 Annual Action Plan resolution, dated April 8, 2025, to read “A Resolution Authorizing the Filing of the FY26 Annual Action Plan with the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).”

Background: The PY25 / FY26 Annual Action Plan was approved on April 8, 2025, by City Council via Resolution 111-25. A typographical error has been identified in the title of the resolution, which references the FY24 Annual Action Plan instead of the FY26 Annual Action Plan.

Analysis: The resolution title should be amended to state “FY26 Annual Action Plan” for accurate record keeping.

Financial Considerations: None.

Legal Considerations: The amended resolution will be filed with all Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, the HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), and the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program sub-recipient agreements and contracts funded from FY26 HUD grants. Unobligated funding from FY26 will reference the amended resolution approved by the council.

Recommendations/Actions: Approval is requested to amend the title of the FY26 Annual Action Plan resolution, dated April 8, 2025, to state “A Resolution Authorizing the Filing of the FY26 Annual Action Plan with the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).”

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE TITLE OF RESOLUTION NO. 111-25
TO REFERENCE THE FY26 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN**

Item #6.

WHEREAS, the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, wishes to come into compliance with Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended, the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 as amended, the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 as amended, and the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform Act of 2010 as amended; and,

WHEREAS, the FY2026/PY2025 Annual Action Plan for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, was developed as prescribed by the Federal Regulations of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and,

WHEREAS, the sources of federal funding and programs were the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, the HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), and the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program.

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

That the title of Resolution 111-25, approved April 8, 2025, has been amended to state “A Resolution Authorizing the Filing of the FY26 Annual Action Plan with the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).”

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

Councilor Allen voting	_____.
Councilor Barnes voting	_____.
Councilor Chambers voting	_____.
Councilor Cogle voting	_____.
Councilor Cook voting	_____.
Councilor Crabb voting	_____.
Councilor Davis voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett voting	_____.
Councilor Huff voting	_____.
Councilor Tucker voting	_____.

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. “Skip” Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

7. Hazard Mitigation Grant – Four Emergency Shelters

Approval is requested to apply for and accept, if awarded, the hazard mitigation grant award from GEMA, in the amount of \$618,000.00, or as otherwise awarded, for the purchase and installation of four emergency shelter generators at four CCG Parks & Recreation Centers, which are assigned for use as emergency shelters, operated by the American Red Cross during times of disasters or large emergencies, and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the award. The local match requirement is \$154,500.00.

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

Item #7.

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Hazard Mitigation Grant – Four Emergency Shelters
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to apply for and accept, if awarded, the hazard mitigation grant award from GEMA, in the amount of \$618,000.00, or as otherwise awarded, for the purchase and installation of four emergency shelter generators at four CCG Parks & Recreation Centers, which are assigned for use as emergency shelters, operated by the American Red Cross during times of disasters or large emergencies, and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the award. The local match requirement is \$154,500.00.
INITIATED BY:	Homeland Security Department

Recommendation: Approval is requested to apply for and accept, if awarded, the hazard mitigation grant award from GEMA, in the amount of \$618,000.00, or as otherwise awarded, for the purchase and installation of four emergency shelter generators at four CCG Parks & Recreation Centers, which are assigned for use as emergency shelters, operated by the American Red Cross during times of disasters or large emergencies, and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the award. The local match requirement is \$154,500.00.

Background: In an effort to provide backup power to the four designated American Red Cross Shelters in Columbus/Muscogee County, this grant, if approved, will provide 75% of the cost of the purchase and installation of the generators. The grant is through the Georgia Emergency Management Agency and Homeland Security and is funded by the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program as a result of declared disasters in the State of Georgia.

Analysis: The four designated locations are CCG Parks and Recreation supercenters, and they do not currently have generators. Placing a generator at each location will help ensure that the facilities may be used as shelter locations without loss of power.

Financial Considerations: This grant, if approved, will provide 75% of the total project cost, and the Columbus Consolidated Government will need to provide a 25% match.

Legal Considerations: None known.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to apply for and accept, if awarded, the hazard mitigation grant award from GEMA, in the amount of \$618,000.00, or as otherwise awarded, for the purchase and installation of four emergency shelter generators at four CCG Parks & Recreation Centers, which are assigned for use as emergency shelters, operated by the American Red Cross during times of disasters or large emergencies, and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the award. The local match requirement is \$154,500.00.

A RESOLUTION

Item #7.

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT AND ACCEPT, IF AWARDED, A HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT FUNDING FROM THE GEORGIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY AND HOMELAND SECURITY, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$618,000.00, OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED, FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF FOUR FULL-SERVICE GENERATORS AT FOUR CCG PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES FOR USE AS AN EMERGENCY SHELTER, WITH A LOCAL MATCH REQUIRED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$154,500.00 AND AMEND THE MULTI-GOVERNMENTAL FUND BUDGET BY THE AMOUNT AWARDED.

WHEREAS, this grant will allow Columbus Consolidated Government to purchase and have installed four full-service generators at four of the Columbus Consolidated Government's Parks and Recreation supercenters for use as emergency shelters, typically operated by the American Red Cross by an approved agreement; and,

WHEREAS, the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management will work closely with Parks and Recreation, Facilities, GEMA, and any contractors to ensure the generators are purchased, installed, and maintained; and,

WHEREAS, the local match of 5% totaling \$154,500.00 will be paid out of the budget of the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management at the time of the grant award.

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

That the City Manager, the Mayor, or their designee is authorized to apply for and accept, if awarded, a hazard mitigation grant from the Georgia Emergency Management Agency and Homeland Security in the amount of \$618,000.00, or as otherwise awarded, with a local match requirement of \$154,500.00, and amend the multi-governmental fund budget by the amount awarded.

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.

Item #7.

Councilor Allen voting _____
Councilor Barnes voting _____
Councilor Chambers voting _____
Councilor Cogle voting _____
Councilor Cook voting _____
Councilor Crabb voting _____
Councilor Davis voting _____
Councilor Garrett voting _____
Councilor Huff voting _____
Councilor Tucker voting _____

Lindsey G. Mclemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

8. Firehouse Subs Grant

Approval is requested to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant in the amount of \$10,014.00, or as otherwise awarded, from the Fire House Subs Public Safety Foundation to fund the purchase of smoke detectors, carbon monoxide alarms, and fire safety educational materials. There are no matching funds required.

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Firehouse Subs Grant
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant in the amount of \$10,014.00, or as otherwise awarded, from the Fire House Subs Public Safety Foundation to fund the purchase of smoke detectors, carbon monoxide alarms, and fire safety educational materials. There are no matching funds required.
INITIATED BY:	Fire/EMS

Recommendation: Approval is requested to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant in the amount of \$10,014.00, or as otherwise awarded, from the Fire House Subs Public Safety Foundation to fund the purchase of smoke detectors, carbon monoxide alarms, and fire safety educational materials. There are no matching funds required.

Background: Columbus Fire and Emergency Medical Services (CFEMS) is requesting funds from the Fire House Subs Public Safety Foundation to fund the purchase of smoke detectors, carbon monoxide alarms, and fire safety educational materials. The Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation grant will enable our department to implement a targeted, data-driven Community Risk Reduction (CRR) initiative focused on reducing preventable fire and carbon monoxide (CO) fatalities in Muscogee County. This project will deploy a focused, high-impact prevention program combining equipment installation and direct public education.

Analysis: Local incident data clearly identifies a critical life safety gap:

- Since July 2025, our department has responded to 149 residential structure fires
- Only ~50% of those residences had smoke detectors present at the time of the incident

Financial Considerations: The total amount requested is \$10,014.00, with no matching funds required. The funds will be used for the acquisition of smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors, and educational materials.

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

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant in the amount of \$10,014.00, or as otherwise awarded, from the Fire House Subs Public Safety Foundation to fund the purchase of smoke detectors, carbon monoxide alarms, and fire safety educational materials. There are no matching funds required.

The Multi-Governmental Fund will be amended by the amount of the award.

A RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT, IF AWARDED, A GRANT FROM THE FIREHOUSE SUBS PUBLIC SAFETY FOUNDATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,014.00, OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED, TO SUPPORT THE ACQUISITION OF SMOKE DETECTORS, CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS AND EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS, WITH NO MATCHING FUNDS REQUIRED. THE MULTI-GOVERNMENTAL FUND WILL BE AMENDED BY THE AMOUNT OF THE AWARD.

WHEREAS, the Columbus Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department (CFEMS) seeks to deploy a focused, high-impact prevention program combining equipment installation and direct public education; and,

WHEREAS, the project will focus on smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors acquisition and installation in Muscogee County homes; and,

WHEREAS, the grant funds will also support the acquisition and distribution of public education materials; and,

WHEREAS, this grant requires no matching funds.

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

- 1) That the City Manager or his designee is hereby authorized to approve the grant application with Fire House Subs Public Safety Foundation in the amount of \$10,014.00, or as otherwise awarded, to support the acquisition of smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors and educational materials, with no matching funds required.
- 2) That the Multi-Governmental Fund will be amended by the amount of the award.

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 Barnes voting	_____.
Councilor Chambers voting	_____.
Councilor Cogle voting	_____.
Councilor Cook voting	_____.
Councilor Crabb voting	_____.
Councilor Davis voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett voting	_____.
Councilor Huff voting	_____.
Councilor Tucker voting	_____.

File Attachments for Item:

9. FY2026 COPS Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act (LEMHWA) Program Grant

Approval is requested for the Mayor, or their designee to apply for, accept, and expend any awarded funds as per the grant guidelines and City regulations, if awarded, a grant from the FY 2026 COPS Law Enforcement Mental Health And Wellness Act (LEMHWA) Program that provides new or enhance existing programs that offer training and services to support deputy's emotional and mental health, including counseling programs, peer mentoring, suicide prevention, stress reduction, and deputy family services, in the amount of \$250,000, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund budget by the amount of the award.

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Item #9.

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	FY2026 COPS Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act (LEMHWA) Program Grant
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested for the Mayor, or their designee to apply for, accept, and expend any awarded funds as per the grant guidelines and City regulations, if awarded, a grant from the FY 2026 COPS Law Enforcement Mental Health And Wellness Act (LEMHWA) Program that provides new or enhance existing programs that offer training and services to support deputy's emotional and mental health, including counseling programs, peer mentoring, suicide prevention, stress reduction, and deputy family services, in the amount of \$250,000, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund budget by the amount of the award.
INITIATED BY:	Muscogee County Sheriff's Office

Recommendation: Approval is requested for the Mayor, or their designee to apply for, accept, and expend any awarded funds as per the grant guidelines and City regulations, if awarded, a grant from the FY2026 COPS Law Enforcement Mental Health And Wellness Act (LEMHWA) Program that provides new or enhance existing programs that offer training and services to support deputy's emotional and mental health, including counseling programs, peer mentoring, suicide prevention, stress reduction, and deputy family services, in the amount of \$250,000, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund budget by the amount of the award.

Background: FY2026 COPS Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act (LEMHWA) Program funds will be used for enhancing peer support, training, suicide prevention, stress reduction, clinical support, and other promising practices for wellness initiatives.

Analysis: These funds are available through the FY 2026 COPS Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act (LEMHWA) Program.

Financial Considerations: There is no local match requirement.

Legal Considerations: The Muscogee County Sheriff's Office is eligible to apply for, receive, and expend these funds as per the grant guidelines and City regulations, if awarded, and will be obligated to the conditions of the grant award.

Recommendation/Action Approval is requested for the Mayor, or their designee to apply for, accept, and expend any awarded funds as per the grant guidelines and City regulations, if awarded, a grant from the FY2026 COPS Law Enforcement Mental Health And Wellness Act (LEMHWA) Program that provides new or enhance existing programs that offer training and services to support deputy's emotional and mental health, including counseling programs, peer mentoring, suicide prevention, stress reduction, and deputy family services, in the amount of \$250,000, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund budget by the amount of the award.

Item #9.

A RESOLUTION

Item #9.

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND EXPEND ANY AWARDED FUNDS AS PER THE GRANT GUIDELINES AND CITY REGULATIONS, IF AWARDED, A GRANT OF \$250,000, OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED, FY 2026 COPS LAW ENFORCEMENT MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS ACT (LEMHWA) PROGRAM, AND TO AMEND THE MULTI-GOVERNMENTAL FUND BY THE AMOUNT AWARDED. FUNDS WILL BE UTILIZED FOR ENHANCING PEER SUPPORT, TRAINING, SUICIDE PREVENTION, STRESS REDUCTION, CLINICAL SUPPORT, AND OTHER PROMISING PRACTICES FOR WELLNESS INITIATIVES.

WHEREAS, the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office has been authorized by the FY 2026 COPS Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act (LEMHWA) Program to apply for \$250,000 of grant monies; and,

WHEREAS, funding is from the U.S. Department of Justice Office (DOJ)/ Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS); and,

WHEREAS, funds will be utilized for enhancing peer support, training, suicide prevention, stress reduction, clinical support, and other promising practices for wellness initiatives; and,

WHEREAS, programs may serve sworn law enforcement, civilian staff, and families of agency members; and,

WHEREAS, this program is to provide funding to law enforcement agencies that have current wellness programs in place and are seeking to enhance or expand upon those existing wellness programs; and,

WHEREAS, there are no matching funds required for this grant project;

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

That the Mayor or their designee is authorized to apply for, accept, and expend any awarded funds as per the grant guidelines and City regulations, if awarded, the FY 2026 COPS Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act (LEMHWA) Program, in the amount of \$250,000, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund budget by the amount awarded.

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.

Item #9.

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:

10. DOJ FY 2026 National Integrated Ballistic Information (NIBIN) Modernization Program

Approval is requested for the Mayor, or their designee to apply for, accept, and expend any awarded funds as per the grant guidelines and City regulations, if awarded, a grant from the DOJ FY 2026 National Integrated Ballistic Information (NIBIN) Modernization Program that provides state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies with funding to acquire modern ballistic imaging equipment and implement crime gun intelligence best practices, in the amount of \$300,000, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund budget by the amount of the award.

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Item #10.

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	DOJ FY 2026 National Integrated Ballistic Information (NIBIN) Modernization Program
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested for the Mayor, or their designee to apply for, accept, and expend any awarded funds as per the grant guidelines and City regulations, if awarded, a grant from the DOJ FY 2026 National Integrated Ballistic Information (NIBIN) Modernization Program that provides state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies with funding to acquire modern ballistic imaging equipment and implement crime gun intelligence best practices, in the amount of \$300,000, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund budget by the amount of the award.
INITIATED By:	Muscogee County Sheriff's Office

Recommendation: Approval is requested for the Mayor, or their designee to apply for, accept, and expend any awarded funds as per the grant guidelines and City regulations, if awarded, a grant from the DOJ FY 2026 National Integrated Ballistic Information (NIBIN) Modernization Program that provides state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies with funding to acquire modern ballistic imaging equipment and implement crime gun intelligence best practices, in the amount of \$300,000, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund budget by the amount of the award.

Background: the DOJ FY 2026 National Integrated Ballistic Information (NIBIN) Modernization Program will be utilized to support law enforcement operations (including immigration law enforcement operations; combatting violent crime; supporting services to American citizens; protecting American children; and supporting American victims of trafficking and sexual assault.

Analysis: These funds are available through the DOJ FY 2026 National Integrated Ballistic Information (NIBIN) Modernization Program.

Financial Considerations: There is no local match requirement.

Legal Considerations: The Muscogee County Sheriff's Office is eligible to apply for, receive, and expend these funds as per the grant guidelines and City regulations, if awarded, and will be obligated to the conditions of the grant award.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested for the application for, acceptance, and expenditure of these funds as per the grant guidelines and City regulations, if awarded, a grant from the DOJ FY 2026 National Integrated Ballistic Information (NIBIN) Modernization Program that provides state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies with funding to acquire modern ballistic imaging equipment and implement crime gun intelligence best practices, in the amount of \$300,000, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund budget by the amount of the award.

A RESOLUTION

Item #10.

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND EXPEND ANY AWARDED FUNDS AS PER THE GRANT GUIDELINES AND CITY REGULATIONS, IF AWARDED, A GRANT OF \$300,000, OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED. DOJ FY 2026 NATIONAL INTEGRATED BALLISTIC INFORMATION (NIBIN) MODERNIZATION PROGRAM WILL BE UTILIZED TO SUPPORT LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS (INCLUDING IMMIGRATION LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS; COMBATTING VIOLENT CRIME; SUPPORTING SERVICES TO AMERICAN CITIZENS; PROTECTING AMERICAN CHILDREN; AND SUPPORTING AMERICAN VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING AND SEXUAL ASSAULT.

WHEREAS, the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office has been authorized by DOJ FY 2026 National Integrated Ballistic Information (NIBIN) Modernization Program, to apply for \$300,000 of grant monies; and,

WHEREAS, funding is from the U.S. Department of Justice's (DOJ)/ Office of Justice Programs (OJP); and,

WHEREAS, funds will be utilized to acquire modern ballistic imaging equipment and implement crime gun intelligence best practices; and,

WHEREAS, funds will be utilized to support law enforcement operations (including immigration law enforcement operations; combatting violent crime; supporting services to American citizens; protecting American children; and supporting American victims of trafficking and sexual assault; and,

WHEREAS, this program will modernize NIBIN technology at 194 existing sites currently utilizing outdated technology; and,

WHEREAS, there are no matching funds required for this grant project;

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

That the Mayor or their designee is authorized to apply for, accept, and expend any awarded funds as per the grant guidelines and City regulations, if awarded, DOJ FY 2026 National Integrated Ballistic Information (NIBIN) Modernization Program, in the amount of \$300,000, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the Multigovernmental Fund budget by the amount awarded.

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.

Item #10.

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:

11. Columbus Police Department: Family Fun Day Donation Acceptance

Approval is requested to accept a donation in the amount of \$2,500 for sponsorship of the Columbus Police Department's 4th Annual Family Fun Day and other employee activities.

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Item #11.

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Columbus Police Department: Family Fun Day Donation Acceptance
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to accept a donation in the amount of \$2,500 for sponsorship of the Columbus Police Department's 4 th Annual Family Fun Day and other employee activities.
INITIATED BY:	Columbus Police Department

Recommendation: Approval is requested to accept a donation in the amount of \$2,500 for sponsorship of the Columbus Police Department's 4th Annual Family Fun Day and other employee activities.

Background: A committee planned our 4th Annual Family Fun Day for May 9, 2026, which was rescheduled due to weather. CPD just celebrated Family Fun Day on June 27, 2026. The funds will help cover the costs of activities, food, and prizes for families and employees.

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

Financial Considerations: The donated funds are specifically for the Columbus Police Department's Family Fun Day and other employee activities. Funds will be placed within the Department's designated Donation fund.

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

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to accept a donation in the amount of \$2,500 for sponsorship of the Columbus Police Department's 4th Annual Family Fun Day and other employee activities.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT
DONATED FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,500 FROM STEVEN GOUINE, ON
BEHALF OF THE COLUMBUS POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

Item #11.

WHEREAS the Columbus Police Department is requesting the acceptance of this donation to help fund the fourth annual Family Fun Day and other employee activities; and,

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

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

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

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to accept donated funds in the amount of \$2,500.00 for the Columbus Police Department for the fourth annual Family Fun Day and other employee activities.

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 Barnes voting	_____.
Council Chambers voting	_____.
Council Cogle voting	_____.
Councilor Cook voting	_____.
Councilor Crabb voting	_____.
Councilor Davis voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett voting	_____.
Councilor Huff voting	_____.
Councilor Tucker voting	_____.

Lindsey G. McClemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

12. Donation of Vehicles to the Columbus Police Department

Approval is requested to accept a donation from KIA motors of a vehicle for training purposes.

Approval is requested to accept a donation from Griffin & Griffin Towing for use as a bait-car.

**Columbus Consolidated Government
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Item #12.

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Donation of Vehicles to the Columbus Police Department
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to accept a donation from KIA motors of a vehicle for training purposes. Approval is requested to accept a donation from Griffin & Griffin Towing for use as a bait-car.
INITIATED BY:	Columbus Police Department

Recommendation: Approval is respectfully requested to accept a generous donation from KIA motors of a vehicle for use on the Columbus Police Department Firing Range. Approval is respectfully requested to accept a generous donation from Griffin & Griffin Towing of a vehicle for use as a bait-car.

Background: The Columbus Police Department Training Unit has been hampered by its inability to effectively train officers in safely extracting individuals from vehicles. KIA Motors has generously offered to donate a vehicle for use on the training range to effectively train officers. Separately, to assist in combating auto theft, Griffin & Griffin Towing has offered to donate a vehicle to be utilized as a bait car that would allow the Property Crimes Unit of the Columbus Police Department to successfully apprehend perpetrators.

Analysis: The Columbus Police Department is committed to the care and maintenance of the donated vehicles and will ensure they remain secure and in optimal condition at all times.

Financial Considerations: The donated vehicles are specifically for the Columbus Police Department's Training and Property Crimes Units and will be at no cost to the Columbus Consolidated Government.

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

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to accept two donated vehicles.

**A RESOLUTION
NO. _____**

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT GENEROUS DONATIONS FROM KIA MOTORS OF A VEHICLE FOR USE ON THE COLUMBUS POLICE DEPARTMENT FIRING RANGE AND A DONATION FROM GRIFFIN & GRIFFIN TOWING OF A VEHICLE FOR USE AS A BAIT CAR.

WHEREAS the Columbus Police Department is requesting acceptance of this donation of vehicles. The donation will be an invaluable asset in ensuring the safety of officers and citizens during vehicle extractions. The donation will be an invaluable asset in combatting automobile theft; and,

WHEREAS this donation is specifically for the Columbus Police Department's Training and Property Crimes Units and will be at no cost to the Columbus Consolidated Government; and,

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

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

That the Mayor or his designee is hereby authorized to accept 2 donated vehicles for the Training Unit and Property Crimes Unit of the Columbus Police Department.

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 Barnes voting	_____
Councilor Chambers voting	_____
Councilor Cogle voting	_____
Councilor Cook voting	_____
Councilor Crabb voting	_____
Councilor Davis voting	_____
Councilor Garrett voting	_____
Councilor Huff voting	_____
Councilor Tucker voting	_____

Lindsey G. Mclemore, Clerk of Council

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

File Attachments for Item:

13. Columbus Police Department: K9 Unit Donation

Approval is requested to accept a donation in the amount of \$2,708.68 for the CPD K9 Unit to aid in the purchase of additional ballistic vests or medical expenses for the K9S.

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Item #13.

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Columbus Police Department: K9 Unit Donation
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to accept a donation in the amount of \$2,708.68 for the CPD K9 Unit to aid in the purchase of additional ballistic vests or medical expenses for the K9S.
INITIATED BY:	Columbus Police Department

Recommendation: Approval is requested to accept a donation in the amount of \$2,708.68 for the CPD K9 Unit to aid in the purchase of additional ballistic vests or medical expenses for the K9S.

Background: Tracy and Joey St. John, owners of Three Dog Bakery of Columbus, had generously donated \$2708.68 to the Columbus Police Department K9 Unit to put towards medical expenses or additional ballistic vests for the K9 unit. Three Dog Bakery specially made "K9 Havoc" cookies to sell and donated all the proceeds for this cause.

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

Financial Considerations: The donated funds are specifically for the Columbus Police Department's K9 Unit to purchase vests and other safety equipment. Funds will be placed within the Department's designated Donation fund.

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

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to accept a donation in the amount of \$2,708.68 for the CPD K9 Unit to aid in the purchase of additional ballistic vests or medical expenses for the K9S.

A RESOLUTION

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT
DONATED FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2708.68 FROM THREE DOG BAKERY, ON
BEHALF OF THE COLUMBUS POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

WHEREAS the Columbus Police Department is requesting the acceptance of this donation to help the Columbus Police Department K9 Unit to purchase ballistic vests or other safety equipment; and,

WHEREAS this generous donation will allow the furtherance of improving the safety of the K9s as they are deployed in hazardous situations; and,

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

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

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to accept donated funds in the amount of \$2,708.68 for the Columbus Police Department K9 Unit to purchase ballistic vests and safety equipment.

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 Barnes voting	_____.
Council Chambers voting	_____.
Council Cogle voting	_____.
Councilor Crabb voting	_____.
Councilor Davis voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett voting	_____.
Councilor Huff voting	_____.
Councilor Tucker voting	_____.

Lindsey G. McClemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

A. Fuel Purchases for Fiscal Year 2027

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Fuel Purchases for Fiscal Year 2027
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve payment for Fiscal Year 2027 fuel purchases awarded to the vendor submitting the lowest, responsive, responsible quote, via the daily fuel quote process.

The Finance Department receives daily fuel quotes from various vendors to provide Unleaded, Diesel, Ethanol and other related fuel. The daily quote process ensures the City receives the lowest possible price for fuel each day. Participating vendors are instructed to submit their, per gallon, quotes by 8:30 am EST each day. The quotes are awarded by individual fuel type to the lowest bidder. The vendor submitting the lowest, responsive, responsible quote is the vendor from whom the City purchases fuel for that specific day. Fuel is purchased by Public Works, METRA Transit and Parks and Recreation Departments, and is used to fuel all City vehicles. Additionally, Columbus Water Works receives a copy of the City's daily fuel quotes for their use.

Funds are budgeted, as needed, for this ongoing expense in various Department Budgets for Motor Fuel, 6746.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027 FUEL PURCHASES AWARDED TO THE VENDOR SUBMITTING THE LOWEST, RESPONSIVE, RESPONSIBLE QUOTE VIA THE DAILY FUEL QUOTE PROCESS.

WHEREAS, the Finance Department receives daily fuel quotes from various vendors to provide Unleaded, Diesel, Ethanol and other related fuel. The daily quote process ensures the City receives the lowest possible price for fuel each day. Participating vendors are instructed to submit their, per gallon, quotes by 8:30 am EST each day; and,

WHEREAS, the quotes are awarded by individual fuel type to the lowest bidder. The vendor submitting the lowest, responsible, responsive quote is the vendor from whom the City purchases fuel for that specific day. Fuel is purchased by the Public Works, METRA Transit, and Parks and Recreation Departments, and is used to fuel all City vehicles. Additionally, Columbus Water Works receives a copy of the City's daily fuel quotes.

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

That the City Manager and/or his designee is hereby authorized to render payment for fiscal year 2027 fuel purchases awarded to the vendor submitting the lowest, responsive, responsible quote via the daily fuel quote process. Funds are budgeted, as needed, for this ongoing expense in various Department Budgets for Motor Fuel, 6746.

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 Barnes	voting _____
Councilor Chambers	voting _____
Councilor Cogle	voting _____
Councilor Cook	voting _____
Councilor Crabb	voting _____
Councilor Davis	voting _____
Councilor Garrett	voting _____
Councilor Huff	voting _____
Councilor Tucker	voting _____

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

B. Federal and State Mandated Fees for Fiscal Year 2027

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

Item #B.

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Federal and State Mandated Fees for Fiscal Year 2027
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve payment for various federal and state mandated fees during Fiscal Year 2027.

Examples of the various mandated fees, include, but not limited to the following: Air Emission Fees, State Alternative Fuel and Highway Impact Fees, Solid Waste Disposal Fees, Georgia Department of Labor, Worker's Compensation Annual Assessment, EMT & Paramedic License Fees, Ambulance Service License Fees, State Bar Dues, Juvenile Court Appointed Attorneys/Guardian Ad Litem, etc.

These fees are paid each year and are mandated by the Federal or State Government. This resolution will ensure the payments are made in a timely manner during FY27.

Funds are budgeted each fiscal year for the mandated fees in various City Department budgets.

A RESOLUTION**NO.** _____**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR VARIOUS FEDERAL AND STATE MANDATED FEES DURING FISCAL YEAR 2027.**

WHEREAS, examples of the various mandated fees, include, but not limited to the following: Air Emission Fees, State Alternative Fuel and Highway Impact Fees, Solid Waste Disposal Fees, Georgia Department of Labor, Worker's Compensation Annual Assessment, EMT & Paramedic License Fees, Ambulance Service License Fees, State Bar Dues, Juvenile Court Appointed Attorneys/Guardian Ad Litem, etc.; and,

WHEREAS, these fees are paid each year and are mandated by the Federal or State Government. This resolution will ensure the payments are made in a timely manner during FY27.

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

That the City Manager and/or his designee is hereby authorized to render payment for various federal and state mandated fees during fiscal year 2027. Funds are budgeted each fiscal year for the mandated fees in various City Department budgets.

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

Councilor Allen	voting _____
Councilor Barnes	voting _____
Councilor Chambers	voting _____
Councilor Cogle	voting _____
Councilor Cook	voting _____
Councilor Crabb	voting _____
Councilor Davis	voting _____
Councilor Garrett	voting _____
Councilor Huff	voting _____
Councilor Tucker	voting _____

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

C. Drug and Alcohol Screening: After-Hours, Weekends and Holidays (Annual Contract) – RFP
No. 25-0007

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Drug and Alcohol Screening: After-Hours, Weekends and Holidays (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 25-0007
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council authorize the execution of an annual contract with 4D GA Investments LLC D/B/A Fastest Labs of Columbus GA (Columbus, GA) for Drug and Alcohol Screening: After-Hours, Weekends and Holidays (Annual Contract) on an “as needed” basis. The recommended firm’s cost proposal is within the Department’s budget.

The vendor will perform Drug Testing and Alcohol Testing 24 hours a day with minimal notice. The vendor will provide results of such testing, including Medical review Officer/MRO services and necessary reports, to the Director of Human Resources or designee within 24-48 Hours.

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

Annual Contract History:

These services were previously a requirement in the contract for Employee Physicals, RFP No. 21-0013, which was awarded to Occupational Medicine of Columbus on April 27, 2021, per Resolution No. 125-21. In October of 2023, Occupational Medicine of Columbus informed the City they were unable to continue to provide the after-hours drug and alcohol screens. To avoid a lapse in services, Occupational Medicine identified Fastest Labs of Columbus to perform the work. Due to the need for these services on a 24-hour basis, an emergency purchase was approved by the City Manager on October 16, 2023, whereby for period of sixty (60) days Occupational Medicine of Columbus would act as a pass-through for Fastest Labs of Columbus to perform the services until an official agreement could be reached with the City. Council was notified of the emergency purchase on the next available Council agenda, November 7, 2023. In December of 2023, an agreement with Fastest Labs of Columbus was reached to provide the services for the remainder of the contract term.

RFP Advertisement and Receipt of Proposals:

RFP Specifications were posted on the web pages of the Purchasing Division, the Georgia Procurement Registry, and DemandStar on January 3, 2025. This RFP has been advertised, opened and evaluated. Ten (10) proposals were received on January 31, 2025. The responding vendors were:

4D GA Investments LLC D/B/A Fastest Labs of Columbus (Columbus, GA)

Abundant Collections (Sparta, GA)

Agile Private Enterprise LLC, (Desoto, Tx)

Blak Lotus Lab Services (Stone Mountain, GA)

Complete Drug Services (Albany, GA)

Global Business Lab (Fayetteville, GA)

JBell Marie Labs (Douglasville, GA)
 My Healing Angels (Covington, GA)
 Nao Medical (Mineola, NY)
 Sovereign and Grace Services (Thomasville, GA)

The following events took place after receipt of proposals:

Between the RFP closing on January 31, 2025, and the Pre-Evaluation Meeting on October 17, 2025 the Purchasing Division experienced various delays. These delays were due to Buyer staffing changes, training new Buyers, completing fiscal year-end tasks, and managing high priority solicitations the Purchasing Division was mandated to expedite. On September 22, 2025, a request was sent to all Committee members requesting their availability as Purchasing worked to coordinate schedules and initiate the formal proposal review process. Due to scheduling conflicts, the Pre-Evaluation Committee Meeting could not be held until October 17th. All submitting vendors were contacted in writing requesting to bind their proposals through August 31, 2026, to allow time to complete the Evaluation process and award the new contract.

RFP MEETINGS/EVENTS		
Description	Date	Agenda/Action
Pre-Evaluation Meeting	10/17/2025	The Purchasing Manager advised the Evaluation Committee members of the RFP rules and process and the Project Manager gave a brief overview. The proposals were distributed to the committee.
1 st Evaluation Meeting	10/30/2026	The Evaluation Committee discussed each proposal and determined clarifications were needed from vendors.
Clarification Requested	01/13/2026	Clarification request letters were forwarded to vendors.
Clarification Received	02/11/2026	Clarification responses were received and forwarded to the Evaluation Committee. No further clarifications were requested.
Evaluation Forms Sent	02/24/2026	Via email, the Committee members indicated they were ready to begin evaluations and evaluation forms were forwarded to the voting members.
Evaluation Forms Completed	03/19/2026	Final set of completed evaluation forms were received from voting Committee members.
Evaluation Results	04/08/2026	Evaluation results were forwarded to the Committee for review.
Recommendation received	04/08/2026	The Evaluation Committee voted to award to highest scoring vendor.

Evaluation Committee:

Proposals were reviewed by the Evaluation Committee, which consisted of one (1) voting member from Human Resources, one (1) voting member from Public Works, one (1) voting member from Sheriff's Office, one (1) voting member from Columbus Police Department, and one (1) voting member from Fire and EMS.

One (1) representative from Human Resources and one (1) representative from Parks and Recreation served as alternate voters.

One (1) representative from Human Resources served as a non-voting advisor.

Award Recommendation:

The Evaluation Committee, as reflected by their comments provided below, unanimously recommended the award of the contract to 4D GA Investments LLC D/B/A Fastest Labs of Columbus (Columbus, GA), for the following reasons:

- The Staff is fully trained and certified to perform the tasks required by the City without causing difficulties to the employees.
- They are locally based with brick and mortar and offer remote services.
- Their cost was reasonable with 24-48 hours turn around response time.
- The availability of medical staff to respond to questions, and present results, in a timely manner is key and the facilities are easily accessible to employees in all Departments (e.g., Fire Department employees can maneuver their trucks into parking places).

Vendor Qualifications/Experience:

- The Fastest Labs staff is fully trained and certified for all services requested.
- The parent company of 4D GA Fastest Labs became a national franchise system in 2010, under the name Fastest Franchise Systems, LLC. The name “Fastest Labs” was registered as a trademark in 2014.
- As of 2020, there are 79 franchises in 20 states throughout the United States.
- Fastest Labs provides individual drug, alcohol and DNA testing. Their methods include urinalysis, saliva, breathalyzer, hair and nail, sweat/skin and other specialty tests as well as DOT-compliant testing.

Client Work History:

- Homeland Security & Emergency October 2023 – Present
510 10th Street, Columbus, GA, 31901
4D GA Investments LLC D/B/A Fastest Labs of Columbus (Columbus, GA) has been providing Drug and Alcohol After-Hours, weekends and Holidays testing services.
- Homeland Security & Emergency October 2023 – Present
6175 Technology Parkway, Midland GA, 31820
4D GA Investments LLC D/B/A Fastest Labs of Columbus (Columbus, GA) has been providing Drug and Alcohol After-Hours, weekends and Holidays testing services.
- Buffalo Rock October 2023 – Present
1111 Oxmoor Rd, Birmingham, AL 35209
4D GA Investments LLC D/B/A Fastest Labs of Columbus (Columbus, GA) has been providing Drug and Alcohol After-Hours, weekends and Holidays testing services.

The City’s Procurement Ordinance Article 3-110 (Competitive Sealed Proposals for the procurement of Equipment, Supplies and Professional Services) governs the RFP Process. During the RFP process, there is no formal opening possibility of negotiated components of the

proposal. In the event City Council does not approve the recommended offeror(s), no proposal responses or any negotiated components are made public until after the award of the contract. Therefore, the evaluation results and cost information has been submitted to the City Manager in a separate memo for informational purposes.

Funds are budgeted each fiscal year for this ongoing expense: Various Departments - Pre-Employment Physicals.

A RESOLUTION**NO.** _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN ANNUAL CONTRACT WITH 4D GA INVESTMENTS LLC D/B/A FASTEST LABS OF COLUMBUS (COLUMBUS, GA) TO PROVIDE DRUG AND ALCOHOL AFTER-HOURS, WEEKEND AND HOLIDAYS TESTING SERVICES ON AN “AS NEEDED” BASIS.

WHEREAS, an RFP was administered (RFP No. 25-0007) and ten (10) proposals were received; and,

WHEREAS, the proposal submitted by 4D GA Investments LLC D/B/A Fastest Labs of Columbus (Columbus, GA), met all proposal requirements, and was evaluated most responsive to the RFP; and,

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

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

That the City Manager and/or his designee is hereby authorized to execute an annual contract with 4D GA Investments LLC D/B/A Fastest Labs of Columbus (Columbus, GA) to provide Drug and Alcohol Screening: After-Hours, Weekends and Holidays on an “as needed” basis. Funds are budgeted each fiscal year for the ongoing expense: Various Departments – Pre-Employment Physicals.

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 Barnes	voting _____
Councilor Chambers	voting _____
Councilor Cogle	voting _____
Councilor Cook	voting _____
Councilor Crabb	voting _____
Councilor Davis	voting _____
Councilor Garrett	voting _____
Councilor Huff	voting _____
Councilor Tucker	voting _____

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. “Skip” Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

D. Contract Extension for Tree Removal & Stump Grinding/Removal Services (Re-Bid) (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 20-0051

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Contract Extension for Tree Removal & Stump Grinding/Removal Services (Re-Bid) (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 20-0051
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council authorize the extension of the annual contract for Tree Removal & Stump Grinding/Removal Services with Elite Tree Service, Inc. (Columbus, GA), through December 31, 2026.

The vendor will remove trees at various locations within the City, which are in hazardous conditions and could pose a serious liability for the City, as well as the grinding/removal of stumps and other related debris.

Per Resolution No. 131-20, dated May 26, 2020, Council authorized a five-year contract with Elite Tree Service, Inc. (Columbus, GA). The contract has exhausted all renewals, and a previously authorized extension expired on May 31, 2026. The extension through December 31, 2026, is needed to allow the Department time to advertise a new RFB for the next contract. Council approval is required for this contract extension.

Funds are budgeted each fiscal year for this on-going expense: Paving Fund - Public Works - Right-of-Way Maintenance - Contractual Services; 0203 – 260 – 3120 – ROWM - 6319.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF THE ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR TREE REMOVAL & STUMP GRINDING/REMOVAL SERVICES WITH ELITE TREE SERVICE, INC. (COLUMBUS, GA), THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2026.

WHEREAS, the vendor will remove trees at various locations within the City, which are in hazardous conditions and could pose a serious liability for the City, as well as the grinding/removal of stumps and other related debris; and,

WHEREAS, per Resolution No. 131-20, dated May 26, 2020, Council authorized a five-year contract with Elite Tree Service, Inc. (Columbus, GA). The contract has exhausted all renewals, and a previously authorized extension expired on May 31, 2026. The extension through December 31, 2026, is needed to allow the Department time to advertise a new RFB for the next contract. Council approval is required for this contract extension.

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

That the City Manager and/or his designee is hereby authorized to extend the annual contract for Tree Removal & Stump Grinding/Removal Services with Elite Tree Service, Inc. (Columbus, GA), through December 31, 2026. Funds are budgeted each fiscal year for this on-going expense: Paving Fund - Public Works - Right-of-Way Maintenance - Contractual Services; 0203 – 260 – 3120 – ROWM - 6319.

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 Barnes	voting _____
Councilor Chambers	voting _____
Councilor Cogle	voting _____
Councilor Cook	voting _____
Councilor Crabb	voting _____
Councilor Davis	voting _____
Councilor Garrett	voting _____
Councilor Huff	voting _____
Councilor Tucker	voting _____

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

E. Contract Extension for Heating & Refrigeration Supplies (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 20-0047

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

Item #E.

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Contract Extension for Heating & Refrigeration Supplies (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 20-0047
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council authorize the extension of the annual contract for Heating & Refrigeration Supplies with Refrigeration Supplies, Inc. dba Johnstone Supply #265 (Columbus, GA) through December 31, 2026.

The vendor will provide heating and refrigeration supplies to be used for maintenance and installation at City facilities.

Per Resolution No. 105-20, dated April 28, 2020, Council authorized a five-year contract with Refrigeration Supplies, Inc. dba Johnstone Supply #265 (Columbus, GA). The contract has exhausted all renewals, and a previously authorized extension expired on April 31, 2026. The extension through December 31, 2026, is needed to allow the Department time to advertise a new RFB for the next contract. Council approval is required for this contract extension.

Funds are budgeted each fiscal year for this on-going expense: General Fund – Facilities Maintenance — Other Maintenance/Repairs – Various object codes; 0101-265-3000-OMNT-Various object codes.

A RESOLUTION**NO. _____****A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF THE ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR HEATING & REFRIGERATION SUPPLIES (ANNUAL CONTRACT) WITH REFRIGERATION SUPPLIES, INC. DBA JOHNSTONE SUPPLY #265 (CLUMBUS, GA) THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2026.**

WHEREAS, the vendor will provide heating and refrigeration supplies to be used for maintenance and installation at City facilities, on an “as needed” basis; and,

WHEREAS, Per Resolution No. 105-20, dated April 28, 2020, Council authorized a five-year contract with Refrigeration Supplies, Inc. dba Johnstone Supply #265 (Columbus, GA). The contract has exhausted all renewals, and a previously authorized extension expired on April 31, 2026. The extension through December 31, 2026, is needed to allow the Department time to advertise a new RFB for the next contract. Council approval is required for this contract extension.

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

That the City Manager and/or his designee is hereby authorized to extend the annual contract for Heating & Refrigeration Supplies with Refrigeration Supplies, Inc. dba Johnstone Supply #265 (Columbus, GA) through December 31, 2026. Funds are budgeted each fiscal year for this on-going expense: General Fund – Facilities Maintenance — Other Maintenance/Repairs – Various object codes; 0101-265-3000-OMNT- Various object codes.

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 Barnes	voting _____
Councilor Chambers	voting _____
Councilor Cogle	voting _____
Councilor Cook	voting _____
Councilor Crabb	voting _____
Councilor Davis	voting _____
Councilor Garrett	voting _____
Councilor Huff	voting _____
Councilor Tucker	voting _____

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. “Skip” Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

F. Comprehensive Generator Services (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 26-0023

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

Item #F.

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Comprehensive Generator Services (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 26-0023
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

The Facilities Maintenance Department will utilize the contract for maintenance and repair services for thirty-four (34) generators at various locations. The City reserves the right to add and delete locations as needed. If locations are added the City will contact Contractor for price quotes for added locations. Contractor will be notified, in writing, of any deleted locations.

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

Bid specifications were posted on the web pages of the Purchasing Division, Georgia Procurement Registry, and DemandStar. Eight (8) bids were received on January 9, 2026. This bid has been advertised, opened and reviewed. The bidders were:



F2. Bid Tabulation
for Comprehensive (

Funds will be budgeted each fiscal year for this ongoing expense: General Fund –Facilities Maintenance – Facilities Maintenance – Service Contracts; 0101-265-2000-MANT-6513.

A RESOLUTION**NO. _____**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN ANNUAL CONTRACT WITH SUDDEN SERVICE, INC. D/B/A TAYLOR SUDDEN SERVICE, INC., (BESSEMER, AL) FOR COMPREHENSIVE GENERATOR SERVICES IN THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL CONTRACT VALUE OF \$231,775.00. THE SERVICES WILL BE PROCURED ON AN “AS NEEDED” BASIS.

WHEREAS, the Facilities Maintenance Department will utilize the contract for maintenance and repair services for thirty-four (34) generators at various locations. The City reserves the right to add and delete locations as needed. If locations are added the City will contact Contractor for price quotes for added locations. Contractor will be notified, in writing, of any deleted locations; and,

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

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

That the City Manager and/or his designee is hereby authorized to execute an annual contract with Sudden Service, Inc d/b/a Taylor Sudden Service Inc (Bessemer, AL) for comprehensive generator services in the estimated annual contract value of \$231,775.00. The services will be procured on an “as needed” basis. Funds will be budgeted each fiscal year for this ongoing expense: General Fund –Facilities Maintenance – Facilities Maintenance – Service Contracts; 0101-265-2000-MANT-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 Barnes	voting _____
Councilor Chambers	voting _____
Councilor Cogle	voting _____
Councilor Cook	voting _____
Councilor Crabb	voting _____
Councilor Davis	voting _____
Councilor Garrett	voting _____
Councilor Huff	voting _____
Councilor Tucker	voting _____

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	Taylor Sudden Service, INC (Bessemer, AL)				Elite Energy Systems d/b/a Anderson Power Services (Douglasville, GA)				Energy Systems Southeast, LLC (Birmingham, AL)			
Building	Annual Inspection & Maintenance			Semi-Annual Inspections	Annual Inspection & Maintenance			Semi-Annual Inspectionss	Annual Inspection & Maintenance			Semi-Annual Inspections
	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3		YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3		YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	
CCG Annex Bldg	\$2,866.00	\$1,802.00	\$1,802.00	\$299.00	\$3,019.20	\$3,019.20	\$3,019.20	\$250.00	\$2,830.00	\$2,055.00	\$2,055.00	\$415.00
Citizens Service Center	\$3,270.00	\$2,040.00	\$2,040.00	\$399.00	\$3,867.84	\$3,867.84	\$3,867.84	\$250.00	\$4,415.00	\$3,140.00	\$3,140.00	\$415.00
Civic Center	\$3,876.00	\$2,311.00	\$2,311.00	\$399.00	\$4,090.20	\$4,090.20	\$4,090.20	\$250.00	\$4,445.00	\$3,420.00	\$3,420.00	\$495.00
Convention & Trade Center	\$2,652.00	\$1,710.00	\$1,710.00	\$299.00	\$2,713.20	\$2,713.20	\$2,713.20	\$250.00	\$2,630.00	\$1,930.00	\$1,930.00	\$370.00
Convention & Trade Center	\$2,371.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$299.00	\$2,182.80	\$2,182.80	\$2,182.80	\$250.00	\$2,290.00	\$1,890.00	\$1,890.00	\$370.00
Fire Station 07	\$2,866.00	\$1,802.00	\$1,802.00	\$299.00	\$3,019.20	\$3,019.20	\$3,019.20	\$250.00	\$2,830.00	\$2,055.00	\$2,055.00	\$415.00
Government Center	\$4,269.00	\$2,549.00	\$2,549.00	\$499.00	\$6,413.76	\$6,413.76	\$6,413.76	\$250.00	\$7,100.00	\$5,100.00	\$5,100.00	\$500.00
Muscogee County Jail	\$9,839.00	\$5,089.00	\$5,089.00	\$599.00	\$10,200.00	\$10,200.00	\$10,200.00	\$250.00	\$12,605.00	\$8,955.00	\$8,955.00	\$500.00
Muscogee County Prison	\$4,240.00	\$2,520.00	\$2,520.00	\$499.00	\$6,548.40	\$6,548.40	\$6,548.40	\$250.00	\$72.95	\$4,645.00	\$4,645.00	\$500.00
Public Safety Bldg	\$2,866.00	\$1,802.00	\$1,802.00	\$299.00	\$4,304.40	\$4,304.40	\$4,304.40	\$250.00	\$2,830.00	\$2,055.00	\$2,055.00	\$415.00
Public Safety Bldg	\$2,349.00	\$1,583.00	\$1,583.00	\$299.00	\$2,029.80	\$2,029.80	\$2,029.80	\$250.00	\$1,950.00	\$1,645.00	\$1,645.00	\$370.00
Fire Station 01	\$1,700.00	\$1,130.00	\$1,130.00	\$299.00	\$1,825.80	\$1,825.80	\$1,825.80	\$250.00	\$1,690.00	\$1,535.00	\$1,535.00	\$360.00
Fire Station 02	\$2,390.00	\$1,440.00	\$1,440.00	\$299.00	\$2,621.40	\$2,621.40	\$2,621.40	\$250.00	\$2,425.00	\$1,875.00	\$1,875.00	\$360.00
Fire Station 03	\$1,700.00	\$1,130.00	\$1,130.00	\$299.00	\$1,723.80	\$1,723.80	\$1,723.80	\$250.00	\$1,690.00	\$1,535.00	\$1,535.00	\$360.00
Fire Station 04	\$1,700.00	\$1,130.00	\$1,130.00	\$299.00	\$1,723.80	\$1,723.80	\$1,723.80	\$250.00	\$1,690.00	\$1,535.00	\$1,535.00	\$360.00
Fire Station 05	\$2,000.00	\$1,130.00	\$1,130.00	\$299.00	\$1,615.68	\$1,615.68	\$1,615.68	\$250.00	\$1,685.00	\$1,530.00	\$1,530.00	\$360.00
Fire Station 06	\$1,700.00	\$1,300.00	\$1,300.00	\$299.00	\$1,958.40	\$1,958.40	\$1,958.40	\$250.00	\$1,710.00	\$1,555.00	\$1,555.00	\$360.00
Fire Station 08	\$2,119.00	\$1,130.00	\$1,130.00	\$299.00	\$1,723.80	\$1,723.80	\$1,723.80	\$250.00	\$1,690.00	\$1,535.00	\$1,535.00	\$360.00
Fire Station 09	\$1,700.00	\$1,130.00	\$1,130.00	\$299.00	\$2,101.20	\$2,101.20	\$2,101.20	\$250.00	\$1,940.00	\$1,715.00	\$1,715.00	\$360.00
Fire Station 10	\$1,700.00	\$1,130.00	\$1,130.00	\$299.00	\$1,621.80	\$1,621.80	\$1,621.80	\$250.00	\$1,690.00	\$1,535.00	\$1,535.00	\$360.00
Fire Station 11	\$1,700.00	\$1,130.00	\$1,130.00	\$299.00	\$1,621.80	\$1,621.80	\$1,621.80	\$250.00	\$1,690.00	\$1,535.00	\$1,535.00	\$360.00
Fire Station 12	\$1,700.00	\$1,130.00	\$1,130.00	\$299.00	\$1,621.80	\$1,621.80	\$1,621.80	\$250.00	\$1,690.00	\$1,535.00	\$1,535.00	\$360.00
Fire Station 15	\$1,700.00	\$1,130.00	\$1,130.00	\$299.00	\$1,621.80	\$1,621.80	\$1,621.80	\$250.00	\$1,690.00	\$1,535.00	\$1,535.00	\$360.00
Homeland Security Bldg	\$1,700.00	\$1,130.00	\$1,130.00	\$299.00	\$1,621.80	\$1,621.80	\$1,621.80	\$250.00	\$1,690.00	\$1,535.00	\$1,535.00	\$360.00
Radio Shop	\$2,100.00	\$1,300.00	\$1,300.00	\$299.00	\$1,876.80	\$1,876.80	\$1,876.80	\$250.00	\$1,840.00	\$1,615.00	\$1,615.00	\$360.00
Fire Station 14	\$1,700.00	\$1,130.00	\$1,130.00	\$299.00	\$1,621.80	\$1,621.80	\$1,621.80	\$250.00	\$1,690.00	\$1,535.00	\$1,535.00	\$360.00
Pine Grove Landfill Scale House	\$1,700.00	\$1,130.00	\$1,130.00	\$299.00	\$1,611.60	\$1,611.60	\$1,611.60	\$250.00	\$1,680.00	\$1,525.00	\$1,525.00	\$360.00
Radio Tower	\$2,150.00	\$1,300.00	\$1,300.00	\$299.00	\$2,121.60	\$2,121.60	\$2,121.60	\$250.00	\$1,955.00	\$1,730.00	\$1,730.00	\$360.00
Radio Tower	\$2,150.00	\$1,339.00	\$1,339.00	\$299.00	\$2,121.60	\$2,121.60	\$2,121.60	\$250.00	\$1,955.00	\$1,730.00	\$1,730.00	\$360.00
Radio Tower	\$2,150.00	\$1,339.00	\$1,339.00	\$299.00	\$2,264.40	\$2,264.40	\$2,264.40	\$250.00	\$2,100.00	\$1,875.00	\$1,875.00	\$360.00
Recycle/Sustainability Center	\$1,700.00	\$1,130.00	\$1,130.00	\$299.00	\$1,611.60	\$1,611.60	\$1,611.60	\$250.00	\$1,675.00	\$1,520.00	\$1,520.00	\$360.00

South Commons Softball Complex	\$1,700.00	\$1,230.00	\$1,230.00	\$299.00	\$1,683.00	\$1,683.00	\$1,683.00	\$250.00	\$1,690.00	\$1,535.00	\$1,535.00	\$360.00
Sheriff's Headquarters	\$9,839.00	\$5,089.00	\$5,089.00	\$599.00	\$7,650.00	\$7,650.00	\$7,650.00	\$250.00	\$9,750.00	\$7,050.00	\$7,050.00	\$500.00
City Hall	\$9,839.00	\$5,089.00	\$5,089.00	\$599.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$250.00	\$9,750.00	\$7,050.00	\$7,050.00	\$500.00
Sub-Totals	\$100,001.00	\$60,054.00	\$60,054.00	\$11,666.00	\$99,354.08	\$99,354.08	\$99,354.08	\$8,500.00	\$101,052.95	\$84,545.00	\$84,545.00	\$13,325.00
GRAND TOTAL COST	\$231,775.00				\$306,562.24				\$283,467.95			

¹Vendor did not include properly competed E-Verify Affidavit, a mandatory bid submission requirement.
²and ³Vendor did not include properly competed Conflict of Interest Affidavit, a mandatory bid submission requirement.
⁴and ⁵Vendor pricing not provided on the Revised Form 2 - Revised Pricing Page.

¹ Critical Power Resiliency (Senoia, GA)				² LJ Power, Inc. d/b/a/ GenServe (Austell, GA)				³ Nixon Power (Columbus, GA)			
Annual Inspection & Maintenance			Semi-Annual Inspections	Annual Inspection & Maintenance			Semi-Annual Inspections	Annual Inspection & Maintenance			Semi-Annual Inspections
YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3		YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3		YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	
\$810.00	\$810.00	\$810.00	\$150.00	\$2,520.00	\$1,270.00	\$1,270.00	\$190.00	\$2,241.00	\$2,241.00	\$2,241.00	\$250.00
\$810.00	\$810.00	\$810.00	\$150.00	\$2,945.00	\$1,610.00	\$1,610.00	\$190.00	\$2,808.00	\$2,808.00	\$2,808.00	\$250.00
\$810.00	\$810.00	\$810.00	\$150.00	\$3,465.00	\$2,030.00	\$2,030.00	\$190.00	\$3,510.00	\$3,510.00	\$3,510.00	\$250.00
\$810.00	\$810.00	\$810.00	\$150.00	\$2,290.00	\$1,205.00	\$1,205.00	\$190.00	\$1,539.00	\$1,539.00	\$1,539.00	\$250.00
\$810.00	\$810.00	\$810.00	\$150.00	\$2,060.00	\$1,075.00	\$1,075.00	\$190.00	\$1,575.00	\$1,575.00	\$1,575.00	\$250.00
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\$810.00	\$810.00	\$810.00	\$150.00	\$1,740.00	\$1,030.00	\$1,030.00	\$190.00	\$1,184.00	\$1,184.00	\$1,184.00	\$250.00

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\$3,700.00	\$3,700.00	\$3,700.00	\$250.00	\$8,155.00	\$4,630.00	\$4,630.00	\$320.00	\$5,850.00	\$5,850.00	\$5,850.00	\$250.00
\$41,990.00	\$41,990.00	\$41,990.00	\$5,300.00	\$90,735.00	\$52,195.00	\$52,195.00	\$6,720.00	\$73,214.00	\$73,214.00	\$73,214.00	\$8,500.00
\$131,270.00				\$201,845.00				\$228,142.00			

⁴ Yancey Power Systems (Austell, GA)				⁵ S.G. Power Pros, LLC (Riverview, FL)			
Annual Inspection & Maintenance			Semi-Annual Inspections	Annual Inspection & Maintenance			Semi-Annual Inspections
YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3		YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	

File Attachments for Item:

B. Dragonfly Trail Update - Becca Zajac, Executive Director of Dragonfly Trail Network



DRAGONFLY TRAILS ORIGINAL LOGO

Item #B.

With two trail segments already in place, **Columbus' Dragonfly** trail master plan identified the need for Columbus to have a name and logo for their entire trail system. Inter-connectivity between the Columbus RiverWalk, Fall Line Trace Rail Trail, and the South Lumpkin Rail Trail was the goal of the master plan. Indicating the good quality of water, **Dragonfly** became the dominate word and an icon through the planning of the trail system.

The final **Dragonfly Trails** logo shown here was created for the trail system.

The bright blue color of the dragonfly reflects the enjoyment to be experienced along the trail system from neighborhoods to downtown and to the river. The green reflects the greenness of parks and the city's outdoor environment. The round shape of the logo allows flexibility for layout on banners, signs, and a strong graphic icon that will create a success branding of each trail segment within **Columbus Dragonfly** trail system.



The primary Dragonfly Trails brand assets are listed here, including the complete logo suite along with supporting brand badges & marks.

COMPLETE LOGO SUITE

Item #B.

PRIMARY STACKED



ISOLATED GRAPHIC MARK

SECONDARY RECTANGLE BADGE



SINGLE COLOR VERSION

TERTIARY STACKED



REVERSE VERSION

ISOLATED LOGOS



REVERSE VERSION

ISOLATED WORDMARKS



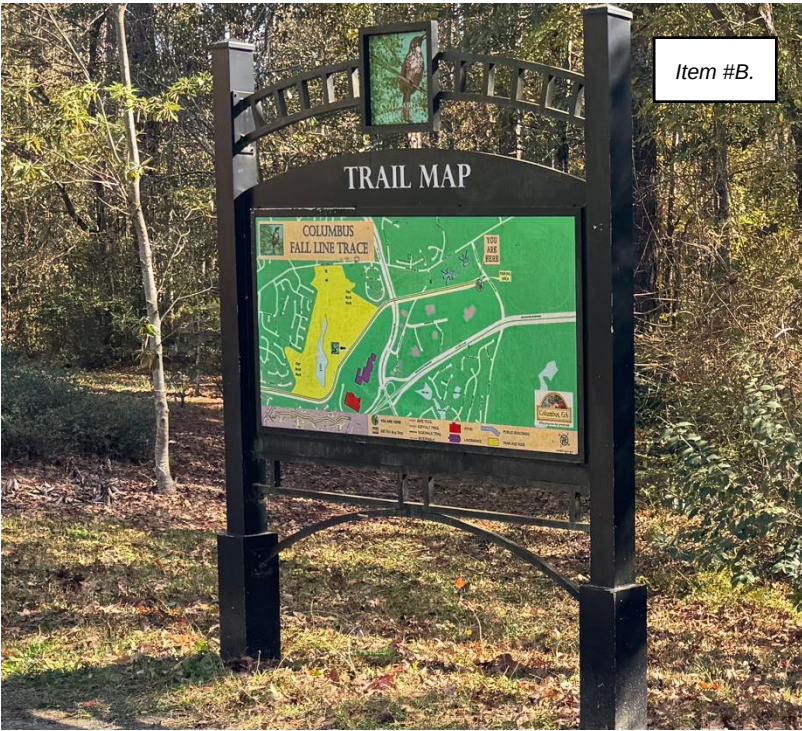
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ISOLATED VERTICAL STACKED WORDMARK

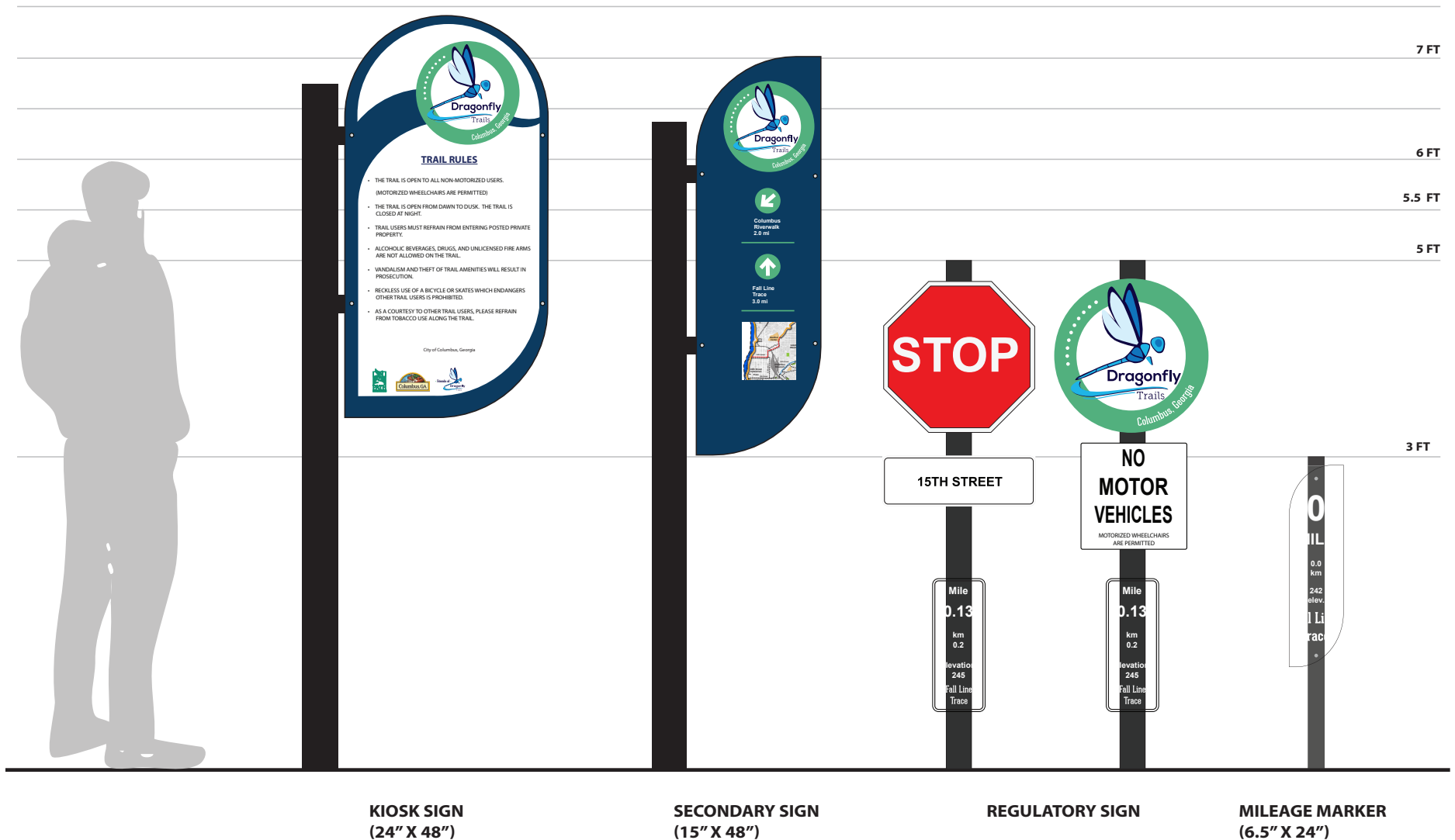


ISOLATED TAGLINE



SIGNAGE STANDARDS

Item #B.

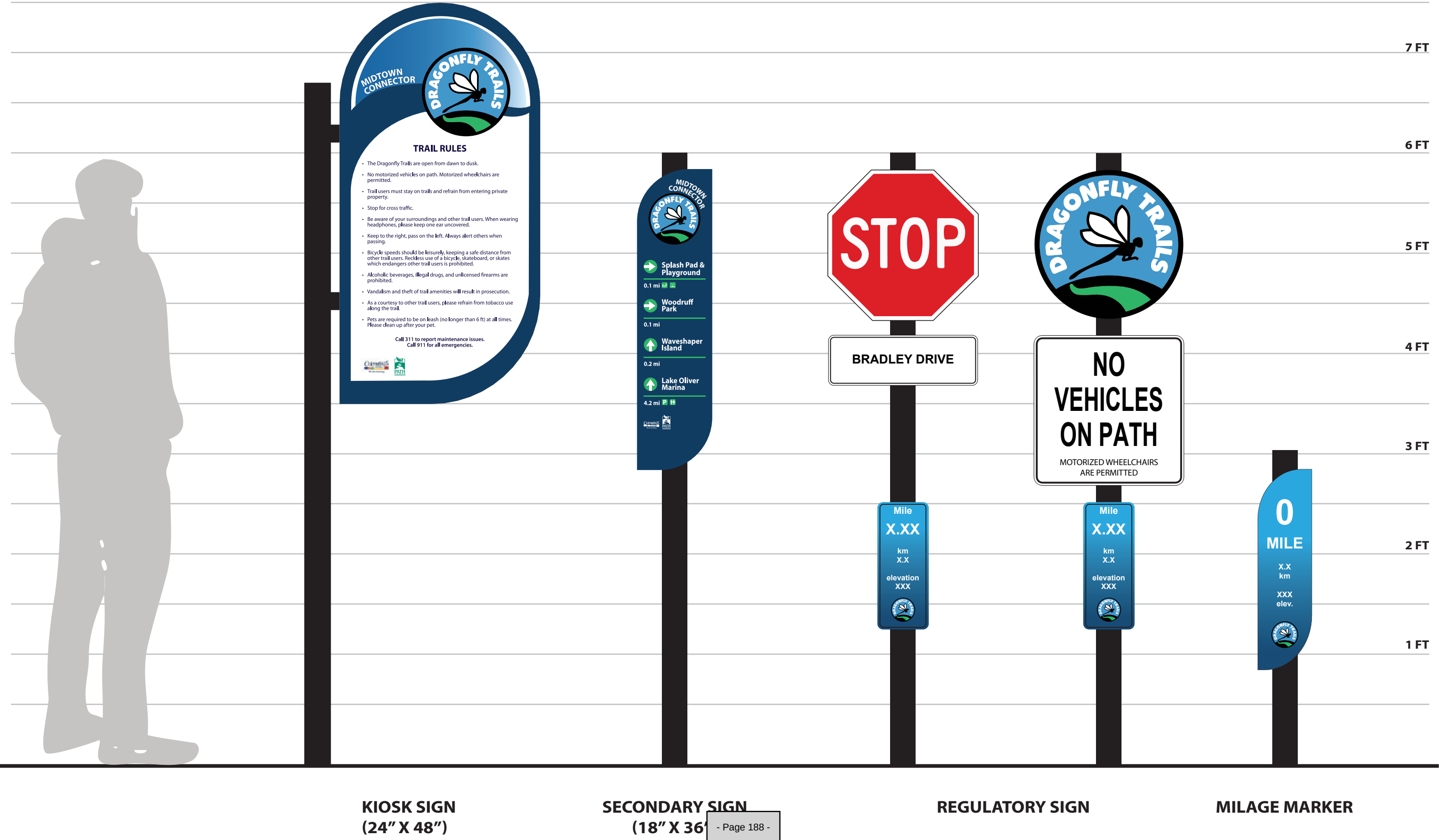


The signage standard for **Columbus Dragonfly** trail system is a cantilever sign with custom sign panels and black powder-coated metal posts. The curved edge and the color scheme was an complement to the **Dragonfly Trail** logo, and reflect the trail and the river. This sign style takes into consideration the current metal signs along both the River Walk and the Fall Line Trace to complement what is currently being used on those trail segments. The trail's final logo is shown in this sign option.



Dragonfly Trails 2026 Updated Signage Standards

Item #B.



DRAGONFLY TRAILS

BUILD
ADVOCATE
ACTIVATE

File Attachments for Item:

C. Infrastructure Update - Will Johnson, Director of Planning, Vance Beck, Director of the Engineering, Ryan Pruett, Director of Inspections & Code

COLUMBUS Administered Projects - July 14, 2026

Project Name	Funding Source	Type	Budget	Committed to Date	Budget Start Date	PHASE				Estimated Construction Completion Date
						Design	ROW	Utilities	Construction	
2nd Ave./14th St. Signal	OLOST Infrastructure	Transportation	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 194,383.77	FY25	Complete	N/A	Complete	Complete	Complete
13th Ave/17th St/Linwood	TSPLOST (TIA 2)	Transportation	\$ 6,650,000.00	\$ 322,800.00	FY24	In Process			Estimated Start Winter 2026	
14th St/Broadway Drainage	SPLOST	Stormwater	\$ 600,000.00	\$ -	FY26					
19th Street Flood Abatement	Stormwater Fund, 99SPLOST, 2003A Bonds	Stormwater	\$ 14,904,274.32	\$ 14,819,034.23	FY14	Complete	Complete	Complete	In Process	Winter 2026
5th Ave. Safety Enhancements	Paving fund	Transportation	\$ 110,000.00	\$ 28,875.00	FY24	In Process	N/A	N/A		
5th Ave. Trail Extension	TSLOST (TIA 2), TSPLOST Discretionary	Transportation	\$ 1,040,000.00	\$ 284,997.09	FY24	In Process	N/A	N/A		
8th Street Improvements	TSPLOST (Discretionary)	Transportation	\$ 750,000.00	\$ 727,656.80	FY24	Complete	N/A	N/A	In Process	Summer 2026
9th Ave. Trail Connection	OLOST Infrastructure	Transportation	\$ 725,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	FY26	In Process	N/A	N/A		
Benning Park	SPLOST	Parks & Rec	\$ 2,465,000.00	\$ -	FY26					
Buena Vista Road Drainage	SPLOST	Stormwater	\$ 500,000.00	\$ -	FY25					
Bull Creek Bridge	SPLOST	Other	\$ 750,000.00	\$ 405,560.00	FY25	In Process				
Bull Creek Clubhouse	SPLOST	Other	\$ 2,100,000.00	\$ -	FY23					
Carver Park Improvements	SPLOST	Parks & Rec	\$ 5,000,000.00	\$ 1,097,773.00	FY24					
Cherokee Retaining Wall	Stormwater Fund	Stormwater	\$ 1,910,823.83	\$ 769,118.83	FY24					
Civic Center Improvements	SPLOST	Other	\$ 5,000,000.00	\$ 3,436,449.77	FY23	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
College Drive Channel	SPLOST	Stormwater	\$ 1,300,000.00	\$ 683,458.31	FY25	Complete	N/A	N/A	Complete	Complete
Conisburg Way Storm Drain	SPLOST	Stormwater	\$ 700,000.00	\$ -	FY26					
Cooper Creek Park	SPLOST	Parks & Rec	\$ 4,000,000.00	\$ 668,090.00	FY25					
Cooper Creek Pickleball	SPLOST & General Fund	Parks & Rec	\$ 3,050,000.00	\$ -	FY19	In Process				
EA Sports Gaming	General Fund	Parks & Rec	\$ 150,000.00	\$ -	FY24					
Economic Development (MTP Site Prep)	SPLOST	Other	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ 1,313,422.74	FY23	In Process				
Edgewood Drainage	SPLOST	Stormwater	\$ 1,300,000.00	\$ -	FY26					
Fire Station #4 Upgrades	SPLOST	Public Safety	\$ 3,500,000.00	\$ 389,775.00	FY25	In Process	N/A	N/A	Estimated Start Summer 2026	
Fire Station #6 Upgrades	SPLOST	Public Safety	\$ 300,000.00	\$ -	FY26					
Fire Station #8 Upgrades	SPLOST	Public Safety	\$ 3,500,000.00	\$ 387,675.00	FY24	In Process	N/A	N/A	Estimated Start Summer 2026	
Flat Rock Park	SPLOST	Parks & Rec	\$ 4,000,000.00	\$ -	FY25	Complete				
Forrest Road Widening	TSPLOST (TIA 2)	Transportation	\$ 15,400,000.00	\$ 875,950.00	FY25	In Process				
Fortson/Williams Roundabout	OLOST Infrastructure, Paving Fund, GDOT LMIG	Transportation	\$ 5,706,323.82	\$ 5,603,514.40	FY24	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete (punch list)	Complete
Gateway Signage	OLOST Infrastructure	Transportation	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ -	FY24					
Hawaii Way and Maui Ct Storm Drain	SPLOST	Stormwater	\$ 200,000.00	\$ -	FY26					
Historic Broadway Combined Mapping	SPLOST	Transportation	\$ 200,000.00	\$ -	FY26					
Historic Broadway Storm Drain	SPLOST	Stormwater	\$ 1,200,000.00	\$ -	FY26					
Infantry Road	TSPLOST (Discretionary), GDOT M230	Transportation	\$ 3,629,097.80	\$ 3,625,935.57	FY17	Complete	Complete	Complete	In Process	Spring 2027
Jail Facility Improvements	General Fund	Public Safety	\$ 6,000,000.00	\$ 2,904,756.77	FY25	In Process	N/A	N/A	In Process	Ongoing
Jail Site Master Plan	General Fund	Public Safety	\$ 3,051,700.00	\$ 3,029,700.00	FY24	In Process				
Judicial Center	Bonds 2022, Bonds 2025, & General Fund	Other	\$ 218,601,827.39	\$ 213,873,410.47	FY22	Complete	Complete	Complete	In Process	Winter 2026
Lake Oliver Trail Connection	TSPLOST (Discretionary)	Transportation	\$ 283,000.00	\$ -	FY22	In Process			Estimated Start Fall 2026	

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						Design	ROW	Utilities	Construction	
Lakebottom Park	SPLOST	Parks & Rec	\$ 2,400,000.00	\$ -	FY26					
Lakebottom Trail Connection	SPLOST,TSPLOST (Discretionary)	Transportation	\$ 2,750,000.00	\$ 152,500.00	FY22	In Process				
Liberty Theater Block Enhancement (7th & 8th Ave)	TSPLOST (TIA 2)	Transportation	\$ 4,000,000.00	\$ 287,944.00	FY24	In Process			Estimated Start Summer 2026	
Liberty Theatre Improvements	99SPLOST & General Fund	Other	\$ 1,506,909.32	\$ 1,299,779.79	FY23	Complete	N/A	N/A	In Process	Ongoing
Military Drive	GDOT	Transportation	\$ 520,000.00	\$ 509,205.56	FY21	In Process				
MCP Animal Care Program	General Fund	Public Safety	\$ 300,000.00	\$ -	FY25					
Morris Road	TSPLOST (TIA 2)	Transportation	\$ 12,000,000.00	\$ 1,265,000.00	FY26	In Process				
Morris Road Bridge	TSPLOST (Discretionary), GDOT LRA	Transportation	\$ 4,518,247.00	\$ 4,518,247.00	FY26	In Process				Spring 2027
Norstar/Kennedy Roundabout	OLOST Infrastructure & TSPLOST (Discretionary)	Transportation	\$ 1,682,500.00	\$ 183,250.00	FY26	Complete	In Process	In Process	Estimated Start Summer 2026	Fall 2026
Oxbow Creek Bridge	SPLOST	Other	\$ 750,000.00	\$ 215,576.00	FY23	Complete	N/A	N/A		Complete
Oxbow Creek Clubhouse	SPLOST	Other	\$ 1,400,000.00	\$ 536,489.10	FY23	Complete	N/A	N/A	In Process	Summer 2026
Parks & Rec Facility Improvements	General Fund	Parks & Rec	\$ 3,650,000.00	\$ 1,168,772.68	FY24					
Playground Renovations (Heath, Psalmond, DC, Shirley)	General Fund	Parks & Rec	\$ 800,000.00	\$ -	FY26	Complete				
Public Safety Building	SPLOST	Public Safety	\$ 4,500,000.00	\$ 247,500.00	FY24	In Process	N/A	N/A	Estimated Start Summer 2026	
Riverwalk Repaving	TSPLOST (TIA 2)	Transportation	\$ 12,500,000.00	\$ -	FY23	In Process			Estimated Start Fall 2026	
South Lumpkin Road Improvements	TSPLOST (TIA 2)	Transportation	\$ 10,100,000.00	\$ 941,800.00	FY24	In Process			Estimated Start Summer 2028	
Spiderweb	TSPLOST (TIA 1), TSPLOST Discretionary, GDOT LMIG, GDOT LRA	Transportation	\$ 75,895,392.93	\$ 75,229,743.18	FY15	Complete	Complete	Complete	In Process	Spring 2027
Splash Pad Britt David	SPLOST	Parks & Rec	\$ 700,000.00	\$ 700,000.00	FY26	Complete	N/A	N/A	Estimated Start Spring 2026	Summer 2026
Splash Pad Comer	SPLOST	Parks & Rec	\$ 700,000.00	\$ -	FY26	In Process	N/A	N/A	Estimated Start Summer 2026	
Steam Mill Road Improvements	TSPLOST (TIA 2)	Transportation	\$ 22,500,000.00	\$ 2,416,253.27	FY23	Complete	In Process		Estimated Start Summer 2027	
Theo McGee Park	SPLOST	Parks & Rec	\$ 1,300,000.00	\$ -	FY26					
Trade Center Parking Garage	Bonds 2003 B & SPLOST	Other	\$ 10,248,862.27	\$ 20,090.50	FY03					
Uptown Pickleball	General Fund & 2nd Ave/City Village TAD	Parks & Rec	\$ 6,651,527.00	\$ 447,716.00	FY24	In Process	N/A	N/A	Estimate Start Summer 2026	Summer 2027
Whitesville Road Improvements	TSPLOST (TIA 2)	Transportation	\$ 12,800,000.00	\$ 1,117,000.00	FY24	In Process			Estimated Start Fall 2027	
Woodruff Farm Soccer Complex	SPLOST	Parks & Rec	\$ 2,700,000.00	\$ -	FY26					
Wynfield Loop Storm Drain	SPLOST	Stormwater	\$ 1,600,000.00	\$ -	FY26	Complete	N/A	N/A	Estimated Start Fall 2026	

GDOT Administered Projects - July 14, 2026

Project Name	Funding Source	Type	Budget	Committed to Date	Budget Start Date	PHASE				Estimated Construction Completion Date
						Design	ROW	Utilities	Construction	
Buena Vista Road DDI	TSPLOST (TIA 1)	Transportation	\$ 52,730,628.00	\$ 46,935,843.00	FY20	Complete	Complete	Complete	In Process	Winter 2026
Cusseta Road Interchange	TSPLOST (TIA 1)	Transportation	\$ 71,971,219.00	\$ 61,109,455.00	FY20	Complete	Complete	Complete	In Process	Spring 2027
US 27 Widening	TSPLOST (TIA 1)	Transportation	\$ 72,356,173.00	\$ 50,002,048.00	FY23	Complete	Complete	Complete	In Process	Summer 2027
2nd Avenue Improvements (Band 2)	TSPLOST (TIA 2)	Transportation	\$ 18,200,000.00	\$ 751,707.00	FY25	In Process			Estimated Start Summer 2027	
Andrews Road Improvements (Band 1)	TSPLOST (TIA 2)	Transportation	\$ 6,800,000.00	\$ 1,346,036.00	FY25	In Process			Estimated Start Fall 2027	
Brennan Road Improvements (Band 1)	TSPLOST (TIA 2)	Transportation	\$ 9,200,000.00	\$ 1,154,935.00	FY25	In Process			Estimated Start Fall 2027	
Buena Vista Road Improvements (Band 1)	TSPLOST (TIA 2)	Transportation	\$ 10,700,000.00	\$ 710,601.00	FY25	In Process			Estimated Start Summer 2028	
Bull Creek Trail Connector (Band 3)	TSPLOST (TIA 2)	Transportation	\$ 8,400,000.00	\$ -	FY27					
County Line Rd interchange (Band 3)	TSPLOST (TIA 2)	Transportation	\$ 36,650,000.00	\$ 474,749.00	FY26	In Process			Estimated Start Summer 2030	
Cusseta Road Improvements (Band 3)	TSPLOST (TIA 2)	Transportation	\$ 17,600,000.00	\$ 268,920.00	FY28				Estimated Start Summer 2031	
Double Churches Rd Improvements (Band 3)	TSPLOST (TIA 2)	Transportation	\$ 12,200,000.00	\$ -	FY28					
Schomburg/Blackmon Interchanges (Band 2)	TSPLOST (TIA 2)	Transportation	\$ 11,300,000.00	\$ 228,805.00	FY26	In Process			Estimated Start Fall 2028	
University Avenue Improvements (Band 2)	TSPLOST (TIA 2)	Transportation	\$ 6,000,000.00	\$ 189,624.00	FY26	In Process			Estimated Start Winter 2028	
Williams Road Improvements (Band 3)	TSPLOST (TIA 2)	Transportation	\$ 18,700,000.00	\$ 166,377.00	FY27				Estimated Start Winter 2029	

GDOT Funded Projects - July 14, 2026

Project Name	Funding Source	Type	Budget	Committed to Date	Budget Start Date	PHASE				Estimated Construction Completion Date
						Design	ROW	Utilities	Construction	
Beaver Run/Macon Road Roundabout	GDOT	Transportation	\$ 5,800,000.00		FY28					
Bradley Park DDI	GDOT	Transportation	\$ 21,563,338.00		FY23	Complete	Complete	Complete	In Process	Winter 2026
Miller/Manchester Bridges	GDOT	Transportation	\$ 21,183,444.50		FY23	Complete	Complete	Complete	In Process	Winter 2027
Oglethorpe Bridge Replacement	GDOT	Transportation	\$ 34,000,000.00		FY22					

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Funding Sources

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- Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST) 2012
 - Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST) 2022
 - TSPLOST Discretionary Funds
 - Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) 2021
 - Other Local Option Sales Tax (OLOST) Infrastructure Fund
 - Stormwater Fund
 - Paving Fund
 - Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) Grants and Programs
 - Private Donations and Public-Private Partnerships (Friends of the Dragonfly Trail, Columbus Regional Tennis Association (CORTA), Columbus, GA Pickleball Association and others)
 - Columbus Building Authority Bonds

Projects Under Construction (continued)

Flood Abatement Project 19th Street System

- Installation of a new box culvert and flood basin to contain the CSS and reduce flooding issues. The project will run on the West side of Veterans Parkway from Apex Road to the flood basin located near 29th Street. Earthwork and culvert installation is ongoing. Installation is currently taking place on the North side of 35th Street.
- Budget: \$14,904,274.32
 - Funded by Stormwater, SPLOST and Bonds
- Start Date: January 14, 2025
- Scheduled Completion: Winter 2026
- Percent Complete: 72%



Projects Under Construction (continued)

I-185 / Buena Vista Road Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI)

- GDOT Managed, 86% Complete
- Funding Source: FY12 TSPLOST

- Current Budget: \$52,730,628
- Estimated Completion: Winter 2026



Projects Under Construction (continued)

I-185 / Cusseta Road Interchange

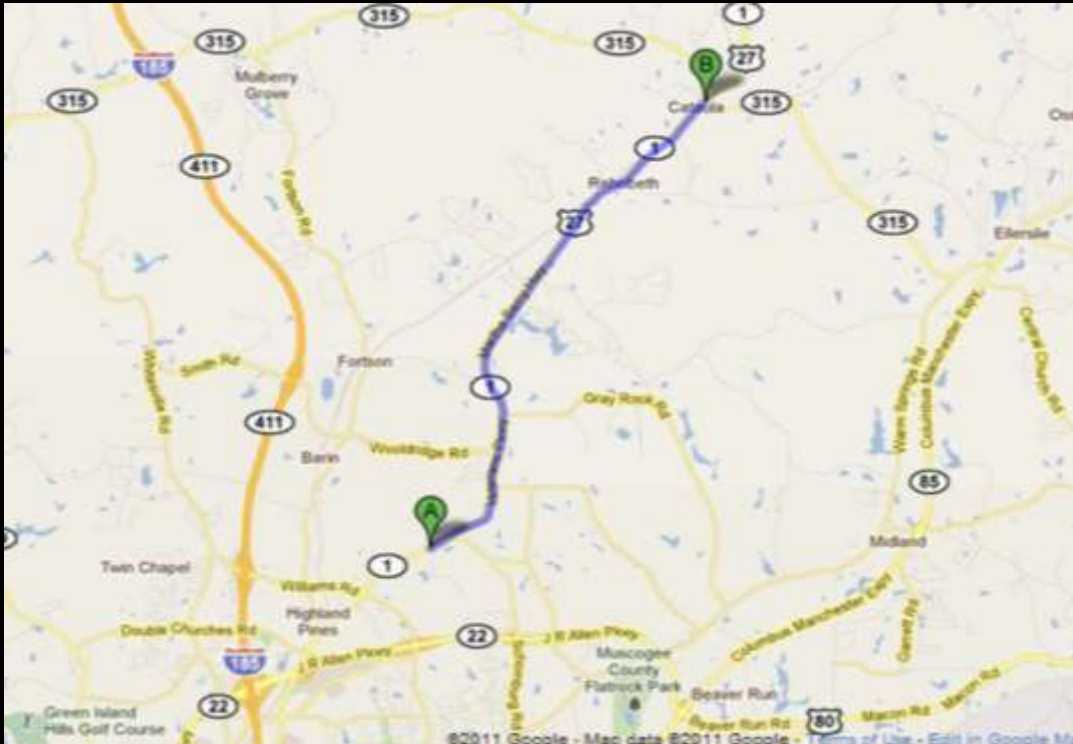
- GDOT Managed, 86% Complete
- Funding Source: FY12 TSPLOST
- Current Budget: \$71,971,219
- Estimated Completion: April 2027



Projects Under Construction (continued)

SR 1 / US 27 Widening

- GDOT Managed, 59% Complete
- Funding Source: FY12 TSPLOST
- Current Budget: \$72,356,173
- Estimated Completion: June 2027



Projects Under Construction (continued)

Spiderweb Phase II (PI 0011436)

- Constructing Bridge over NS RR, replacing bridges over Bull Creek and Lindsey Creek (Morris Road), and constructing roundabouts at Ilges/Ace Way and Morris/Ace Way
- Budget: \$45.8M
- Project Started: April 8, 2025
- 53% Complete
- Anticipated Completion Date: April 2027
- 24-month intersection closure
- Funding Source: FY12 TSPLOST, LMIG, LRA, GDOT, TSPLOST Discretionary



Projects Under Construction (continued)

8th Street Improvements

- Installing new ramps to meet ADA requirements, replacing damaged sidewalks, and installing traffic calming measures. These measures consist of raised table-top crosswalks at 1st Avenue and 3rd Avenue and a mini roundabout at 2nd Avenue. New paving and striping will be completed in existing asphalt areas between Front Avenue and Veterans Parkway
- Project Started: January 26, 2026
- Anticipated Completion Date: August 2026
- Funding Source: 2022 TSPLOST Discretionary
- 75% Complete



Projects Under Construction (continued)

Infantry Road and Follow-Me Trail (RFB 24-0040) PI 0015285 – Local Let

- New road from S. Lumpkin to Fort Benning Road and new trail along Fort Benning Road.
- Start Date: March 2, 2026
- Anticipated Completion:
March 2, 2027
- Low Bid: \$2,439,946.30
- Percent Complete: 31%



Projects Under Construction (continued)

Dragonfly Trails Midtown Connector Phase I

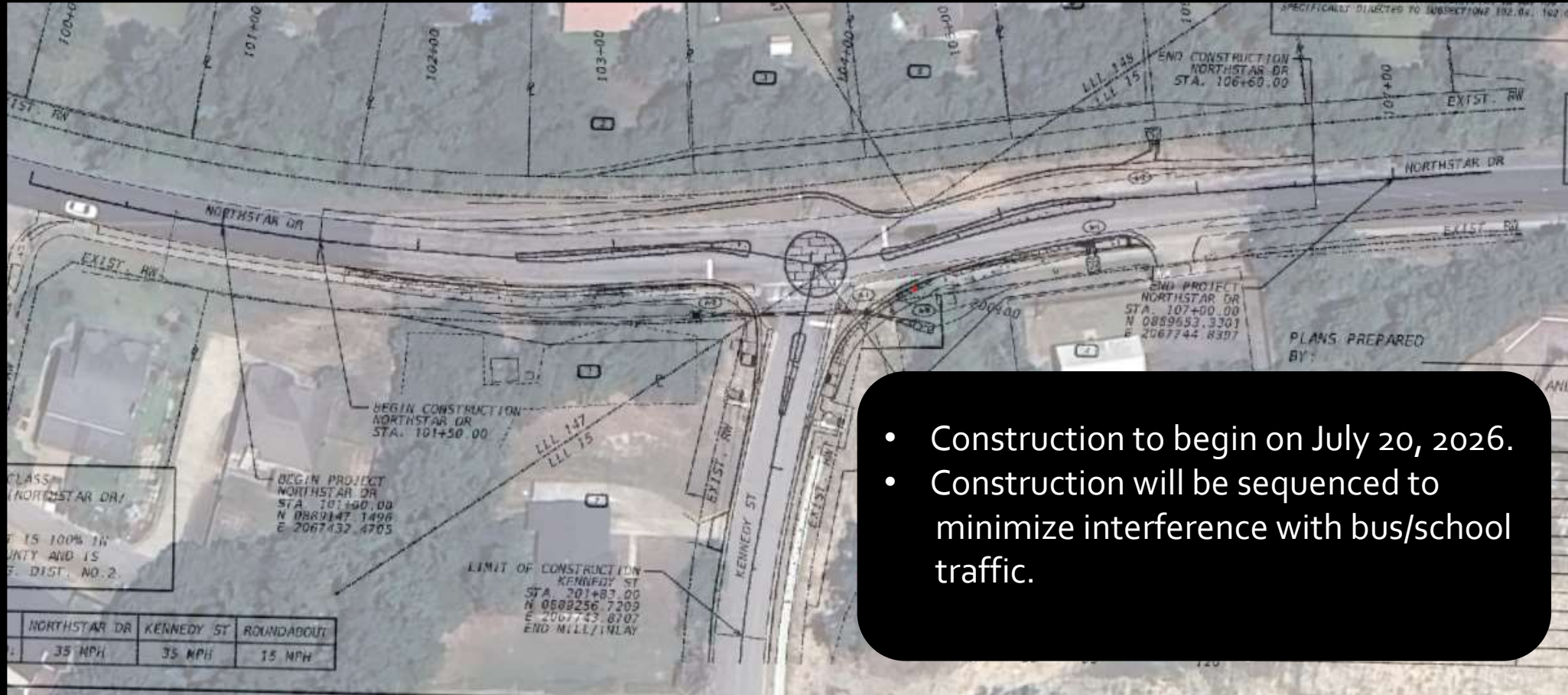
- Approximately 4,650 LF of new 10-foot wide multi-use trail
- Project Start Date: May 11, 2026
- Project Completion Date: May 11, 2027
- Project Budget: \$1,495,236.19

The new trail connects to the existing trail at the intersection of Warren Williams Road and Wynnton Road. It follows Bradley Drive and Warren Williams Road to Dinglewood Park And continues to the intersection of 18th Avenue and 13th Street.



Upcoming Projects (continued)

Northstar Drive @ Kennedy Street Roundabout

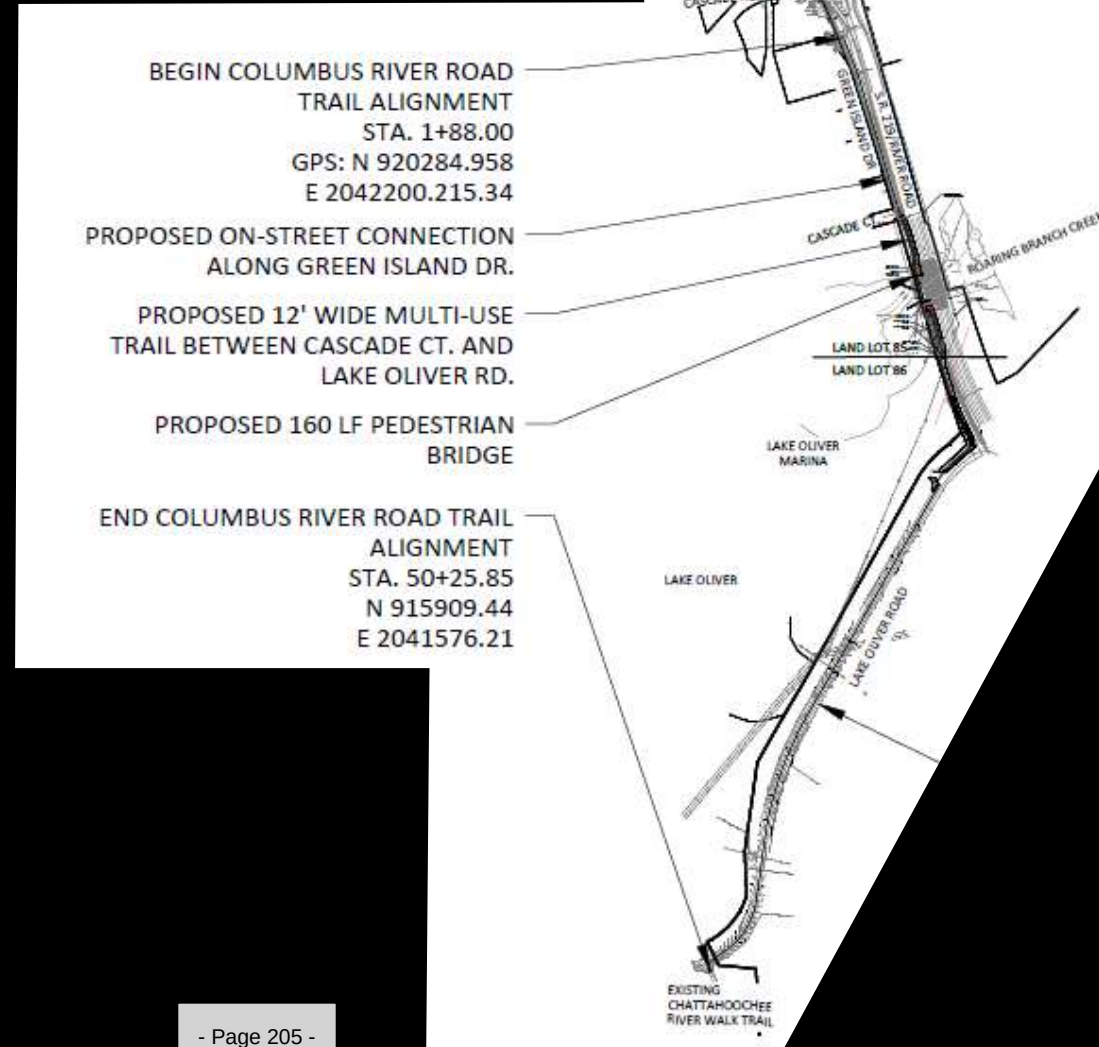


- Construction to begin on July 20, 2026.
- Construction will be sequenced to minimize interference with bus/school traffic.

Upcoming Projects (continued)

Dragonfly Trails River Road/Lake Oliver Segment

- Approximately 1300 LF of new multi-use trail
- Approximately 3,700 LF of on-street shared-use trail
- 160 LF Pedestrian Bridge
- Estimated Letting: Fall 2026



Recently Completed

College Drive Drainage Rehabilitation

- Enlarging existing detention pond and installing new outlet structure. In addition to increasing the pond's storage capacity, the outfall flow will be reduced to decrease the stress on the downstream system.
- Project Started: January 7, 2026
- Anticipated Completion Date: March 27, 2026
- Funding Source: Stormwater/Drainage
- 99% Complete



Recently Completed

Oxbow Creek Bridge Replacement

New cart bridge at Oxbow Creek Golf Course



Recently Completed (continued)

2nd Avenue @ 14th Street – Signal Upgrades



Recently Completed (continued)

Brown Avenue @ Martin Luther King Junior Boulevard– Signal Upgrades



Awaiting Award

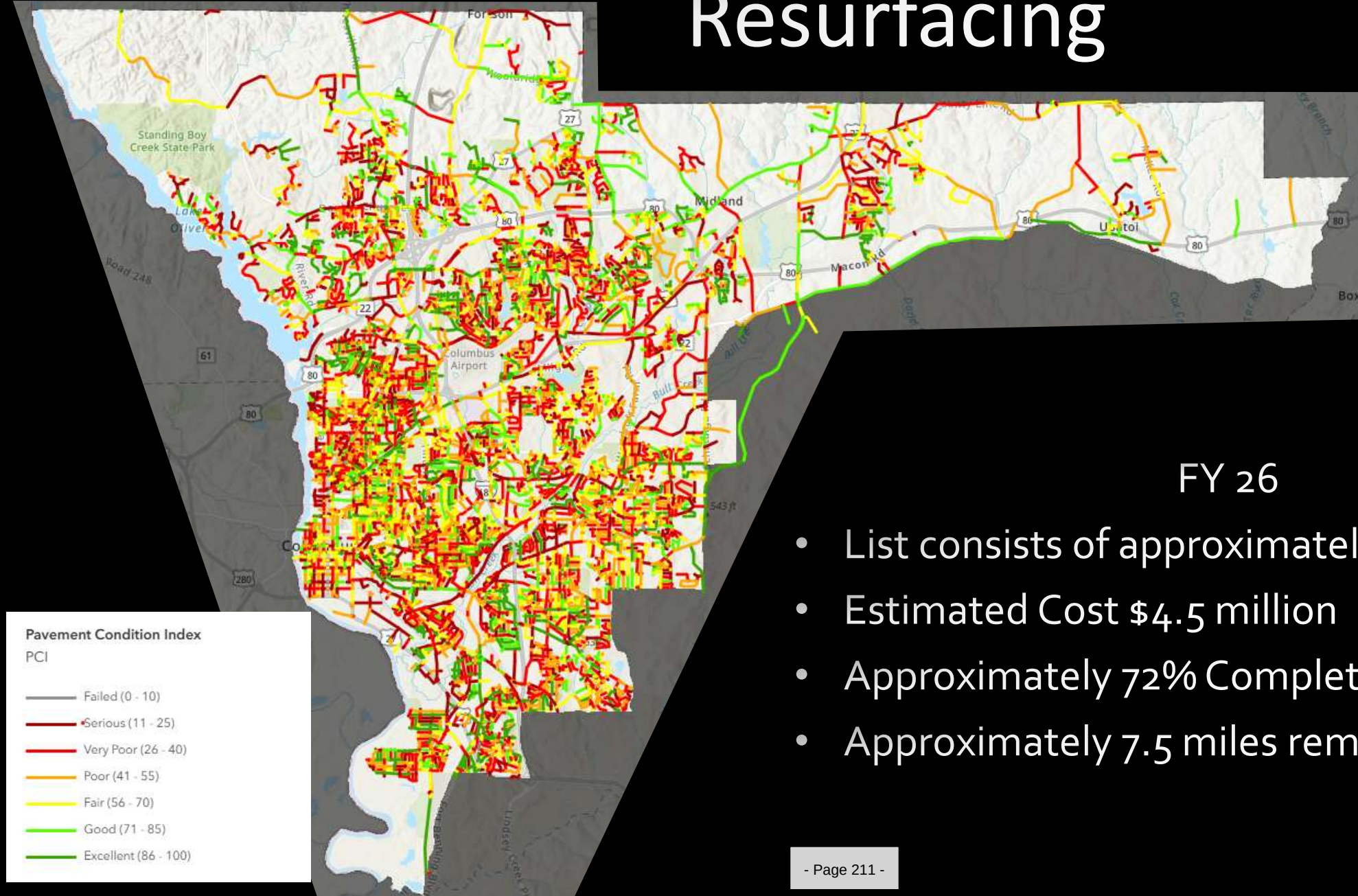
8 Streets Resurfacing (PI 0017691)

Approximately 10.9 Miles

- 54th Street – River Road to Veterans Parkway
- Billings Road – Warm Springs Road to Gateway Road
- Torch Hill Road – South Lumpkin Road to Fort Benning Road
- North Lumpkin Road – Cusseta to Victory Drive
- Andrews Road – Cusseta Road to Buena Vista Road
- Morris Road – Buena Vista Road to Forrest Road
- Double Churches Road – River Road to I-185 Overpass
- 30th Street – Victory Drive to Cusseta Road

- Bids Received - January 21, 2026
- Low Bid - \$3,105,063.57
- Anticipated Start – Fall 2026

Resurfacing



FY 26

- List consists of approximately 26.5 Miles
- Estimated Cost \$4.5 million
- Approximately 72% Complete
- Approximately 7.5 miles remaining

TIA Band 1 Projects (continued)

Whitesville Road

- Road widening will start on the north side of the bridge over SR 22/US 80/J R Allen Parkway and will end at the intersection of Williams Road. The design will go from 2 lanes to 3 lanes) with intersection improvements or roundabouts with a sidewalk and multiuse trail.
- Estimated Letting: Fall 2027
- Budget: \$12.8 Million

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TIA Band 1 Projects (continued)

South Lumpkin Road Streetscapes – PI 0019528

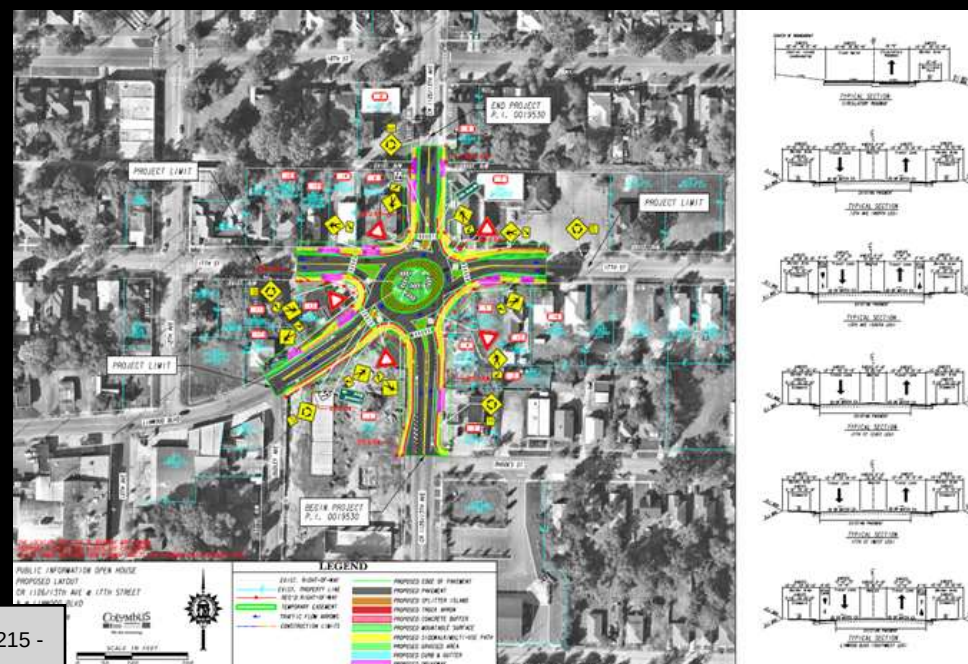
Project begins at the existing roundabout on South Lumpkin Road and ends at the intersection of Victory Drive.

- Est. Letting: 2028
- 3-Lane option selected by City Council
- Funding Source: FY22 TSPLOST
- Budget: \$10.1 million



13th Avenue, 17th St. and Linwood Blvd. Roundabout

- New Roundabout @ 13th, 17th and Linwood.
- Critical Path: ROW Acquisition
- Budget: \$6.65 million
- Funding Source: FY22 TSPLOST



TIA Band 1 Projects (continued)

- **Andrews Road Improvements** - (Buena Vista Road to Cusseta Road) - GDOT Administered – Under Design
 - Budget: \$6.8M
- **Brennan Road Improvements** - (St. Mary's Road to Cusseta Road) - GDOT Administered – ROW acquisition underway
 - Budget: \$9.2M
- **University Avenue Road Diet**- (Gentian Boulevard to Macon Road) – GDOT Administered – Concept Report approved
 - Budget: \$6M
- **Manchester Expressway @ Central Church Road Intersection Improvements** – GDOT Administered – Complete
 - Budget: \$800,000

TIA Band 1 Projects (continued)

- **Columbus Riverwalk Repaving and Maintenance** – (CCG Scoping Project) – CCG
Administered – Engineering Department working on bid package
 - Budget: \$12.5M
- **Buena Vista Road Corridor Improvements** – (Spiderweb to Wynnton Road) – GDOT
Administered – Letting: June 2028
 - Budget: \$10.7M
- **Liberty Theater Block Enhancement** – (Streetscape improvements along 7th and 8th Avenue) - Design in progress
 - Budget: \$4M

TIA Band 2 Projects

- **Morris Road Improvements** - (Buena Vista Road to Forrest Road) - CCG Administered – PIOH in August/September
 - Budget: \$12M
- **Forrest Road Widening** - (Macon Road to Railroad) – CCG Administered - PIOH in August/September
 - Budget: \$15.4M
- **JR Allen (US 80) @ Schomburg and Blackmon Rd. Intersections** - GDOT Administered – Consultant Selected – PIOH on 9/17/26
 - Budget: \$11.3M
- **Second Avenue Improvements** - (Talbotton Road to Manchester Expressway) - GDOT Administered – Under Design – Letting June 2027
 - Budget: \$18.2M

TIA Band 3 Projects

- Manchester Expressway - (County Line Road/Mahaffey Road Interchange) – GDOT Administered
 - Budget: \$36.65 M
- Williams Road Widening - (Veterans Road to I-185) - GDOT Administered
 - Budget: \$18.7M
- Cusseta Road Widening - (10th Avenue to Roundabout) - GDOT Administered
 - Budget: \$17.6M
- Double Churches Rd. Improvements - (Veterans Parkway to River Road) - CCG Administered
 - Budget: \$12.2M
- Bull Creek Dragonfly Trail Connector – CWW working on sewer and trail rights
 - Budget: \$8.4M

Facility Project Update

City Council – 07/14/2026



Concept Only; Subject to Change

John D. Allen Judicial Center Update

- Construction is on schedule for substantial completion in September 2026.
- Furniture installation is ongoing
- Final testing and training for new systems ongoing
- Hardscape installation ongoing; Landscaping to start in August 2026 with trees to be planted in September 2026

John D. Allen Judicial Center Progress Photos



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Oxbow Creek Clubhouse Renovation

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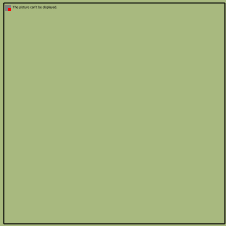


Oxbow Creek Clubhouse Renovation

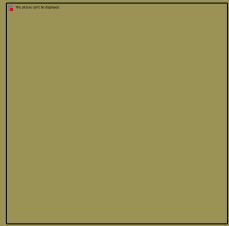


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Other Projects



Comer Gym Splash Pad – Construction Starting July 2026



Bull Creek Clubhouse – Space Programming has started; Update to Council and Golf Authority to be provided later this year.

Other Projects



Uptown Pickleball – Design Process ongoing;
Construction scheduled to start in August 2026.



Public Safety Building – Initial Construction
activities to start no later than August 2026.



Fire Stations #4 & #8 – Construction contract amendments to be
brought to Council for approval on 07/28/2026.

QUESTIONS

File Attachments for Item:

D. Pension Plan Design Options - Pam Hodge, Deputy City Manager of Finance, Planning & Development

PENSION PLAN DESIGN OPTIONS

July 14, 2026

PENSION PLAN DESIGN REVIEW

- Contracted with AON in November 2025
 - Plan Review and Benchmarking
 - Employee Perception
 - Assumption Review and Plan Design

PENSION PLAN REVIEW AND BENCHMARKING

- Peer Groups Reviewed
 - Athens-Clarke County
 - Auburn
 - Augusta-Richmond County
 - Savannah
 - Cobb County
 - Dekalb County
 - Gwinnett County
 - Macon-Bibb County
 - Phenix City

PENSION PLAN REVIEW AND BENCHMARKING

- Employees hired before July 1, 2012 have a comparable to slightly better benefit at Normal Retirement compared to local peers
- Employees hired after July 1, 2012 have a comparable to slightly worse benefit at Normal Retirement compared to local peers
- Contributions to the plan are the highest of the peers for General Government (2nd highest for Public Safety) while the multiplier is also one of the highest among peers

EMPLOYEE PERCEPTION – SURVEY

- Employees feel that pay is the most important part of compensation followed by pension
- Increasing the benefit multiplier and lowering the employee contributions were the highest ranked option for plan changes
- Employees generally do not feel that the current benefits will attract and recruit the best employees for new openings

EMPLOYEE PERCEPTION –FOCUS GROUPS

- Participants see the pension as a valuable benefit but have concerns about fairness
- The required 8% contribution for employees hired after July 1, 2012 is viewed as high and a barrier
- A strong desire for expanded education on how the pension works, the Pension Gold system and options at retirement

PLAN DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

- Increase the multiplier
- Lower employee contributions
- Unreduced benefits at certain service levels
- Lower Normal Retirement Age
- Lower vesting from 10 years to 5 years
- Interest on employee contributions
- Defined contribution plan
- DROP

PLAN DESIGN CHANGE RECOMMENDATIONS – COST ESTIMATES PROVIDED BY ACTUARY

Item #D.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	Current Plan	Revise Amortization of the Unfunded Liability by 5 years
Change vesting to 5 years	-\$88,330	-\$2,314,359
Add a 1% Multiplier for each year of service up to between 30 and 40 years	\$1,321,142	-\$1,334,981
Reduce to 6% Employee contribution for employees hired after July 1, 2012	\$1,183,134	-\$1,007,651

PLAN DESIGN CHANGE RECOMMENDATIONS – COST ESTIMATES PROVIDED BY ACTUARY

Item #D.

PUBLIC SAFETY	Current Plan	Revise Amortization of the Unfunded Liability by 5 years
Change vesting to 5 years	-\$115,818	-\$2,906,299
Add a 1% Multiplier for each year of service up to between 30 and 40 years	\$1,444,923	-\$1,791,432
Reduce to 6% Employee contribution for employees hired after July 1, 2012	\$1,171,893	-\$1,617,105

PLAN DESIGN CHANGE RECOMMENDATIONS

- Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP)
 - Remove the 3 year DROP Suspension for new DROP participants (No Cost to the Pension Plan)

PENSION BOARD ACTION

- On May 13, 2026, the Pension Board received a presentation from its actuary, Chuck Carr on the financial impact to the Pension Plan for the recommended plan revisions.
- The results of the study confirmed that extending the amortization period from 5 years to 10 years would absorb the cost of the recommended plan design changes without increasing the Annual Required Contributions **AS LONG AS ALL OTHER ASSUMPTIONS ARE MET.**
- At the June 17, 2026 Pension Board meeting, the Board passed a motion which approved changing the amortization schedule from 5 years to 10 years.

NEXT STEPS

EFFECTIVE DATE JANUARY 1, 2027

- City Council action by ordinance is required to amend Pension Plan Documents
- Update Pension Plan Administration Software
- Notify all employees of the Pension Plan Changes

File Attachments for Item:

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DATE: July 14, 2026
TO: Mayor and Councilors
FROM: Finance Department
SUBJECT: Advertised Bids/RFPs/RFQs

Item #

July 15, 2026

1. Elevator Maintenance & Repairs Services (Annual Contract) - RFB No. 26-0001

Scope of RFB

Provide maintenance services for sixty-seven (67) passenger, freight, and inmate elevators located at various City locations. The services will be performed on a regular and systematic schedule.

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

July 22, 2026

1. Portable Toilet Rental & Service (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 26-0036

Scope of RFB

The Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia (the City) is seeking vendors to provide portable toilets, hand washing stations and grey water collection containers at various City location sites.

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

July 24, 2026

1. On-Call Roofing Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 26-0027

Scope of RFP

It is the intent of the Columbus Consolidated Government (City) to establish an annual contract with a Primary and a Secondary contractor to provide all labor, equipment and materials to provide on-call roofing services.

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

2. Consultant Services for Edgewood Road Corridor Study – P.I. #20289 – RFP No. 26-0034

Scope of RFP

Requesting proposals for a Consultant Team to perform a study to develop actionable recommendations to improve traffic flow, enhance safety, and expand active transportation options along Edgewood Road. All Proposers must be prequalified by the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT). The work shall be performed in accordance with GDOT Plan Development Process (PDP), Plan Presentation Guide (PPG), Design Policies and Manuals, and current software version approved by the Project Manager.

3. Consultant Services for Master Study for Trails/Sidewalks Throughout the City of Columbus - P.I. #0020290 – RFP No. 26-0005

Scope of RFP

Requesting proposals for a Consultant Team to perform a study that will assess the current state of trails and sidewalks throughout the city to identify areas for improvement, ways to enhance connectivity and add additional trails/sidewalks, and evaluate the safety of existing facilities. All Proposers must be prequalified by the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT). The work shall be performed in accordance with GDOT Plan Development Process (PDP), Plan Presentation Guide (PPG), Design Policies and Manuals, and current software version approved by the Project Manager.

Item #

August 21, 2026

1. Environmental Consulting Services for Multipurpose Brownfield (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 27-0001

Scope of RFP

The Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia (the City) is seeking a qualified environmental consultant to provide assistance with its United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) Multipurpose Brownfield Grant. The environmental consultant will assist with the implementation of environmental assessment, site cleanup, remedial planning, and other components of the grant for which funding is secured.

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

2. Community Engagement Services For Multipurpose Brownfield Grant (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 27-0002

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) is seeking a qualified vendor to provide community engagement services for the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) Multipurpose Brownfield Grant. The community engagement vendor will coordinate and execute a public engagement strategy for the Multipurpose Grant.

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

File Attachments for Item:

1. Upcoming Board Appointments: Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board



Clerk of Council's Office

Columbus Consolidated Government

BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & AUTHORITIES

Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board

Purpose and Functions

- Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board
- Established to provide advice and programming support for the operation of the Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center
- The Center is a consolidated government property managed by the Columbus Civic Center Director and staff
- Mission is to promote, preserve, enhance, and celebrate African American heritage, artistic expression, and culture
- Programming includes live entertainment, education, acting, directing, playwriting, community programming, and creative partnerships
- Serves in an advisory capacity to the Civic Center Director on policies, operations, and program advancement

Legal Authority / References

- [ARTICLE XXII. - LIBERTY THEATRE AND CULTURAL ARTS CENTER ADVISORY BOARD](#)

Membership

- 11 voting members
 - 1 – Licensed CPA
- Deputy City Manager of Operations serves as a non-voting, ex-officio member

Appointments & Terms

- Appointed by Council, with two members being nominated/recommended by the Director of the Civic Center
- Term length: 4 years
- Term limits: 3

NOTE: In accordance with Ordinance 24-057, members may serve on more than one Council-appointed board, including members appointed prior to September 1, 2023

Name	Term	End Date	Appointing Authority	Position	Senatorial District	Eligibility
George C. McDowell	Partial	08/14/2026	Council		SD-29	YES
Zach Lee	Partial	08/14/2026	Council		SD-15	YES
Fernando C. Verdree	1	08/14/2026	Council	Certified Public Accountant (CPA)	SD-15	YES
VACANT	n/a	08/14/2027	Civic Center Director		n/a	
Shikha Shah	1	08/14/2027	Council		SD-29	
Kuwonna M. Ingram	1	08/14/2027	Council		SD-15	
Evelyn "Mimi" Woodson	1	08/14/2027	Council		SD-15	
Arsburn "Oz" Roberts	1	08/14/2027	Civic Center Director		SD-29	
Monika D. Brown	1	08/14/2029	Council		SD-15	
Cleteus D. Richardson	2	08/14/2029	Council		SD-29	
Arreasha "Z" Lawrence Bryant	2	08/14/2029	Council		SD-29	
Lisa Goodwin, Deputy City Manager	n/a	n/a	n/a	Deputy City Manager of Operations, Ex-Officio Member	n/a	



Expiring Term



Vacant Seat

File Attachments for Item:

2. Upcoming Board Appointments: 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

*Member roster on next page.

Name	Term	End Date	Appointing Authority	Position	Senatorial District	Eligibility
Rick Stallings	1	08/31/2026	Council		SD-29	YES
Gloria Thomas	2	08/31/2026	Council		SD-15	NO
Michael Ernst	1	03/31/2027	Council		SD-15	
Brad P Baker	2	03/31/2027	Council		SD-15	
Lakshmi Karthik	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	
John P Steed	2	03/31/2029	Council		SD-29	



Expiring Term



Vacant Seat

File Attachments for Item:

3. Request for Declaration of Vacancy: Memo from the Clerk of Council requesting that the seat of Taylor Martin, representing Senatorial District 29 (SD-29) on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (KCBC), be declared vacant.

COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT

Georgia's First Consolidated Government

Post Office Box 1340
Columbus, Georgia 31902-340

Memorandum

To: City Council
From: Lindsey McLemore, Clerk of Council
Date: 07/14/2026
Re: Request to Declare Seat Vacant

COMMENTS: Notification has been received that **Taylor Martin** is unable to continue serving on the **Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (KCBC)** as the representative for **Senatorial District 29 (SD-29)**. Accordingly, Council is requested to declare the seat vacant so the appointment process may begin to fill the unexpired term in accordance with the applicable appointment procedures.

Attachment(s): n/a

File Attachments for Item:

4. Request for Declaration of Vacancy: Memo from the Clerk of Council requesting the seats for representatives of Council Districts 2, 3, and 4 be declared vacant.

COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT

Georgia's First Consolidated Government

Post Office Box 1340
Columbus, Georgia 31902-340

Memorandum

To: City Council
From: Lindsey McLemore, Clerk of Council
Date: 07/14/2026
Re: Request to Declare Seat(s) Vacant

COMMENTS: Notification has been received from the Columbus Police Department that the seats for representatives of **Council Districts 2, 3, and 4** are currently vacant on the **Public Safety Advisory Commission**. Accordingly, Council is requested to officially declare these seats vacant so the appointment process may begin to fill these terms in accordance with the applicable appointment procedures.

Attachment(s): n/a

File Attachments for Item:

5. Resignation: Memo from the Clerk of Council regarding the resignation of Tommy Nobles from his seat on the Columbus Golf Authority.

COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT

Georgia's First Consolidated Government

Post Office Box 1340
Columbus, Georgia 31902-340

Memorandum

To: City Council
From: Lindsey McLemore, Clerk of Council
Date: 07/14/2026
Re: Resignation of Tommy Nobles

COMMENTS: Notification has been received from **Tommy Nobles**, resigning from his seat on the **Columbus Golf Authority**.

Attachment(s): n/a

File Attachments for Item:

6. Resignation: Correspondence from Kristasia Heath, resigning from her seat as one of the representatives of Senatorial District 29 on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (KCBC).

Dear Lisa Thomas-Cutts,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to formally resign from my position as a KCBC board member, effective immediately.

This decision is due to recent restrictions from my current employer that prevent my involvement in external organizational activities, such as board service. Although my term was scheduled to end in May, I believe it is best for both the organization and me to step down now.

It has been a privilege to serve on the board and support the mission of promoting recycling and environmental responsibility within the community. I am genuinely thankful for the chance to work alongside a dedicated group of individuals.

I continue to support the organization's mission and wish continued success in all future initiatives. Please let me know if there is anything I can do to help ensure a smooth transition.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve.

Sincerely,
Kristasia Heath

File Attachments for Item:

7. Resolution: A Resolution excusing Councilor Joanne Cogle from the July 14, 2026, Council Meeting.

RESOLUTION**NO. ____**

A Resolution excusing Councilors absence.

THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES:

Pursuant to Section 3-103(6) of the Charter of Columbus, Georgia, Councilor Joanne Cogle is hereby excused from attendance of the July 14, 2026, Council Meeting for the following reasons:

Personal Business:

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 14th day of July 2026 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting _____
Councilor Barnes	voting _____
Councilor Chambers	voting _____
Councilor Cogle	voting _____
Councilor Cook	voting _____
Councilor Crabb	voting _____
Councilor Davis	voting _____
Councilor Garrett	voting _____
Councilor Huff	voting _____
Councilor Tucker	voting _____

Lindsey G. McLemore
 Clerk of Council

B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III
 Mayor

Form revised 11-1-79, Approved by Council 11-6-79

File Attachments for Item:

8. Minutes of the following boards:

Board of Election and Registration 04-02-26 & 05-07-26

Board of Tax Assessors #22-26, 23-26 & 24-26

Board of Zoning Appeals 05-06-26

Columbus Convention and Visitor Board 03-18-26

Columbus Golf Authority 04-21-26 & 05-19-26

Columbus Ironworks Convention & Trade Center Authority 01-22-26 & 02-27-26

Crime Prevention Board 01-20-26 & 05-20-26

Development Authority of Columbus 05-14-26

Employee Benefits Committee 04-22-26

Hospital Authority of Columbus 05-26-26

Land Bank Authority 03-11-26

Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board 01-08-26

New Horizons Behavioral Health Board 05-11-26

Personnel Review Board 02-17-26, 03-18-26, 04-15-26, 05-20-26 & 06-17-26

Planning Advisory Commission 04-15-26 & 05-06-26

Retirees' Health Benefits Committee 09-18-25 & 11-17-25

Retirees' Health Benefits Committee 05-20-26

The Medical Center Hospital Authority 01-28-26



Board of Elections and Registrations

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Uhland "U.D." Roberts, Chair
Linda Parker, Vice-Chair
Edwin Roldan
Diane Scrimshire
Annette Williams

Muscogee County Board of Elections and Registration April 2, 2026 Minutes

The monthly meeting for the Muscogee County Board of Elections and Registration was held Thursday; April 12th Chairperson Uhland Roberts called the meeting to order at 2:00p.m. UD Roberts, Linda Parker, Diane Scrimshire, Annette Williams, and Edwin Roldan were present for the meeting.

Board Comments: N/A

Agenda Request: N/A

Approval of Minutes:

- Linda Parker seconded Annette Williams's motion to approve board meeting minutes for the month of March.

New Business:

- **Voter Registration Report-** Diane Scrimshire seconded Edwin Roldan motion to approve 12 obituary deaths for the month of March.
- **General Primary/ Nonpartisan Election Status-** Elections office will notify candidates to view their ballots by providing lists of combos associated with precinct locations.
 - Early voting will begin on April 27th – May 15th 7am to 7pm.
 - 3 Locations for early voting:
 - City Service Center- 3111 Citizens Way
 - Northside Rec Center- 2010 American Way
 - Shirely Winston Rec Center- 5025 Steam Mill Rd
 - Absentee by mail will begin on April 20th.
 - Logic and Accuracy of the voting equipment will begin on April 6, 2026.
 - Council Districts and School Board Districts were the same after reapportionment and redistricting in 2001. Since the school district services, the portion of Ft. Benning in Muscogee County, the representative lines for school board districts are different because of the additional population. The city does not provide city services, so the same population is not included in council districts.



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Diane Scrimshire
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Old Business:

- **Early Voting Locations-** No new early voting locations will be added for the May 19th election. Board will review other locations after the election. Grant funding received in 2020 provided opportunities for adding additional early voting locations. Three advance voting locations utilizing city owned facilities will be used for the May 19th primary. Columbus Tech will be replaced with Northside Rec center.

Public Comments Regarding Agenda Items:

- Dr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr.
- Dr. Natalie Nicole
- Stephen Harper
- Mr. Weeks
- Mr. Turner

Correspondence: N/A

No further business Chair, Uhland Roberts, adjourned the meeting at 2:26 p.m.
Respectfully Submitted,

Uhland Roberts
Chairperson

ADVANCE VOTING
PRIMARY/NONPARTISAN ELECTION
ACTUAL VOTING DATE IS MAY 19, 2026

Monday April 27th ~ Friday May 15th
7:00am ~ 7:00pm

City Services Center
Community Room
3111 Citizens Way
Columbus, GA 31906

Northside Rec Center
2010 American Way
Columbus, GA 31909

Shirley Winston Rec Center
5025 Steam Mill Rd
Columbus, GA 31907

Ballot Collection Drop Box Location

During the hours of Advance Voting Only
Drop Box closes 7:00pm May 15th.

City Services Center
3111 Citizens Way
Columbus, GA 31906

Voter Registration Deadline April 20, 2026



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Muscogee County Board of Elections and Registration May 7, 2026 Minutes

The monthly meeting for the Muscogee County Board of Elections and Registration was held Thursday; May 7th Chairperson Uhland Roberts called the meeting to order at 2:00p.m. UD Roberts, Linda Parker, Diane Scrimshire, Annette Williams, and Edwin Roldan were present for the meeting.

Board Comments: N/A

Agenda Request:

Dr. Natalie Nicole - Update clarification

Approval of Minutes:

- Linda Parker seconded Annette Williams's motion to excuse board meeting minutes for the month of April.

New Business:

- **Voter Registration Report-** Voter Registration Report will be provided after election day.
- **General Primary/ Nonpartisan Election Information- Hand out**

Linda Parker asks Director Nancy Boren for the past weekend turnout numbers for each early voting location. The following numbers were presented:

Saturday – 338

Sunday - 249

Turnout by location:

Saturday: CSC- 200 Shirley Winston- 82 Northside Rec- 56

Sunday: CSC- 174 Shirley Winston- 39 Northside Rec- 36

Six variable message signs will be placed at the precinct locations that have moved after the last statewide general election or primary.

Early count will begin at 1pm on May 14th. Certification of the primary and election will be May 26th at 1pm. The earliest date for the Audit is May 29th at 1pm.

Old Business: None to report currently.



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Public Comments Regarding Agenda Items:

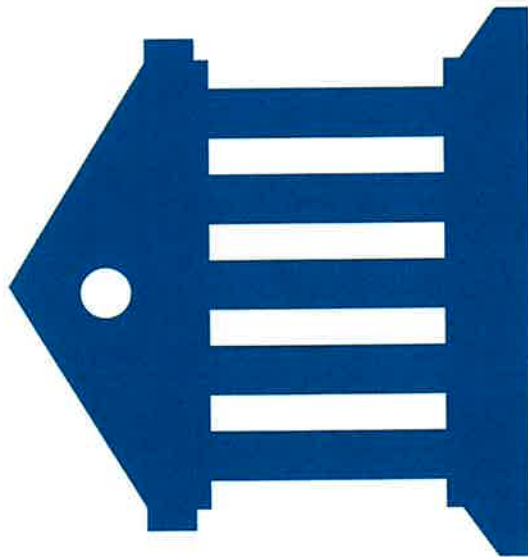
Dr. Marvin Broadwater Sr.

Correspondence: N/A

No further business Chair, Uhland Roberts, adjourned the meeting at 2:24 p.m.
Respectfully Submitted,

Uhland Roberts
Chairperson

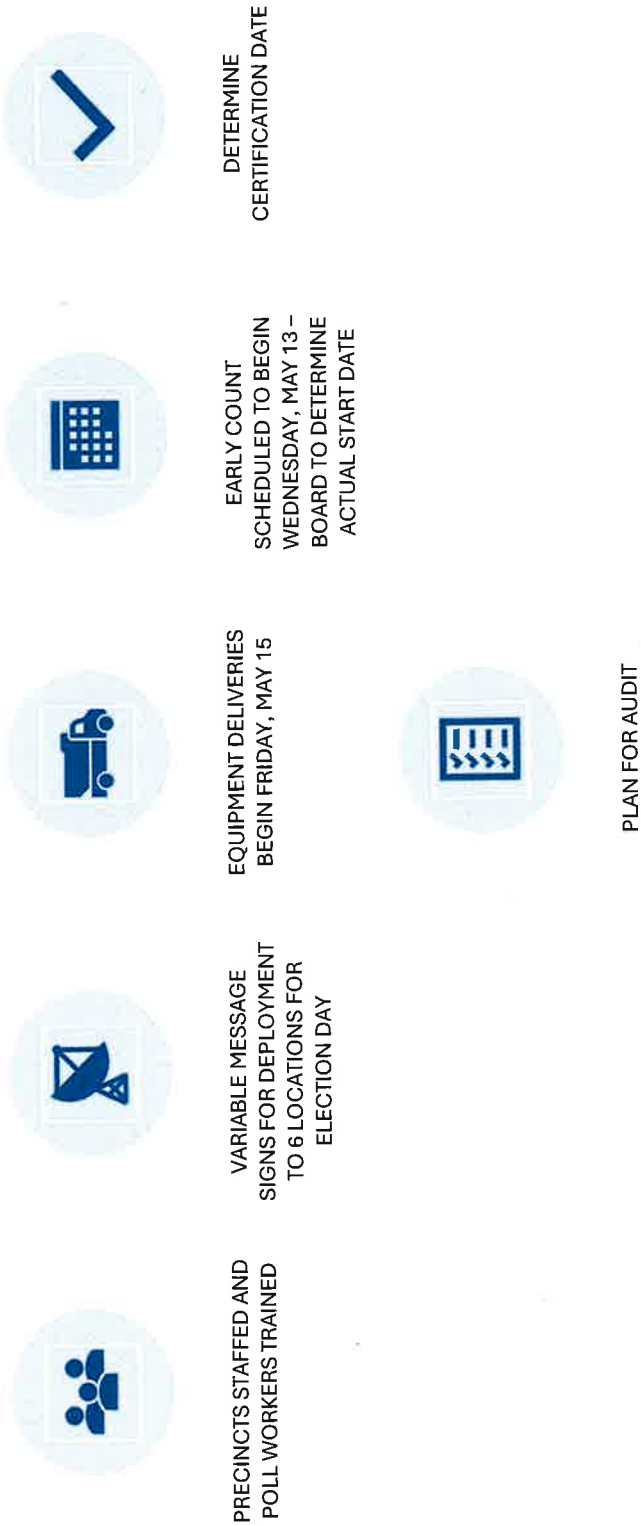
May 19, 2026 Status Report
General Primary/Nonpartisan
Election



Absentee and Advance Voting (Current as of 8:30am 5/7/2026)

	8866 Early Voters – 6756 Democrat ballots, 1795 Republican ballots, 315 Nonpartisan		1398 Absentee-Mail (ABM) Issued		620 ABM Returned and Accepted – 415 Democrat ballots, 193 Republican, 12 Nonpartisan
	Muscogee Turnout – 9486 or 7.4%		Statewide Turnout – 4.8%		Variable Message Signs at locations near early voting locations

Election Day/Post Election Information



Action Items



DETERMINE DATE TO BEGIN EARLY
PROCESSING OF ABSENTEE BY
MAIL BALLOTS: EARLIEST IS MAY 13



SET DATE FOR CERTIFICATION:
MAY 22 OR MAY 26



SET DATE FOR AUDIT: EARLIEST IS
MAY 29. MUST BE COMPLETED BY
5PM JUNE 2

Deadlines



ABSENTEE-BY-MAIL REQUEST
PERIOD ENDS FRIDAY, MAY 8

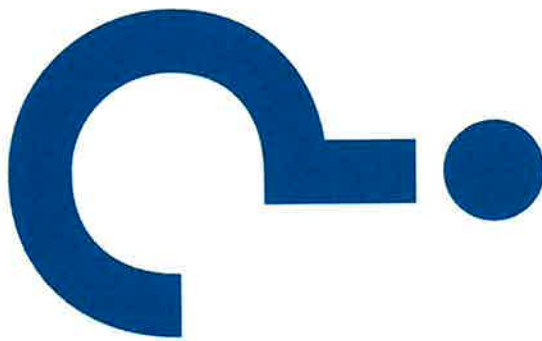


ABSENTEE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS MUST
BE RECEIVED IN ELECTIONS OFFICE
BY 7PM MAY 19



EARLY VOTING ENDS FRIDAY, MAY
15, AT 7PM

Questions?





Columbus, Georgia, Board of Tax Assessors

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MINUTES #22-26

Chairman Jayne Govar calls the Columbus, Georgia Board of Assessors' meeting to order on Wednesday, June 3rd, 2026 at 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT ARE:

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

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

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

MISCELLANEOUS:

- At the taxpayer bill of rights hearing, a notice to change annual assessment notices flyer was distributed. Third and final hearing will be held Tuesday, June 9th @ 9 a.m.
- At this point, still uncertain of a date that assessments will be mailed to taxpayers. Waiting on a response from Tyler Technologies.
- Assessor Jones motions to excuse the absence of Assessor Jefcoat on the 29th of July and the absence of Assessor Hood and Chairman Govar on July 15th. Vice Chairman Lanitra Sandifer Hicks seconds and the motion carries.

At 9: 02, Deputy Chief Appraiser Glen Thomason presents for Personal Property Division to the Board:

- No Change Audit Results - placed into record.
- Late Returns - Signed & Approved.
- Amended Freeport - Signed & Approved.
- Motor Vehicle Appeal - Signed & Approved.

At 9:06, Deputy Chief Appraiser Glen Thomason presents to the Board:

- Non-Disclosure Request - Signed by Chairman Govar.

At 9:07, Administrative Manager Mary Hale presents to the Board:

- Homesteads - #083 010 064 - Signed & Approved.

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

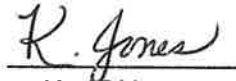
At 9:53, Chairman Jayne Govar adjourns the meeting without any objections.

Suzanne Widenhouse
Chief Appraiser/Secretary

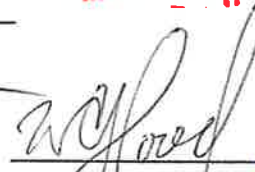
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D. JEFCOAT
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MINUTES #23-26

Chairman Jayne Govar calls the Columbus, Georgia Board of Assessors' meeting to order on Wednesday, June 10th, 2026 at 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT ARE:

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

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

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

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Development Authority staff enters the board meeting @ 9:07 to present 2 projects.
1st - Project Ciel - Assessor Jefcoat motions to authorize Development Authority to negotiate outside standard parameters. Assessor Jones seconds and the motion carries.
Assessor Jones motions to enter into Executive Session @ 9:36. Assessor Jefcoat seconds and the motion carries. Vice Chairman Lanitra Sandifer Hicks motions to end Executive Session @ 9:44. Assessor Jefcoat seconds and the motion carries.
2nd - Project Cavalier - Vice Chairman Lanitra Sandifer Hicks motions to approve Development Authority to move forward with negotiating abatements for this project. Assessor Hood seconds and the motion carries.
- Development Authority exits the meeting @ 10:15 a.m.
- Assessor Jones motions to add Executive Session to the agenda. Assessor Hood seconds and the motion carries.

At 10:20, Personal Property Manager Stacy Pollard presents to the Board:

- No Change Audit Results - placed into record.
- Motor Vehicle Appeal - Signed & Approved.

At 10:24, Real Property Manager Jeff Milam presents to the Board:

- Hearing Officer - Signed & Approved.
- Homestead Removal - #098 013 010 - Signed & Approved.
- Correction - #073 028 003 - Assessor Jefcoat recused himself. Assessor Hood motions to accept values as presented. Assessor Jones seconds and the motion carries.

At 10:41, Chief Appraiser Suzanne Widenhouse presents to the Board:

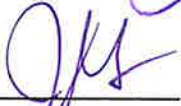
- Notices Update - Discussion only.

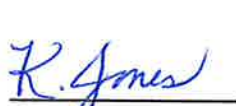
Vice Chairman Lanitra Sandifer Hicks motions to adjourn the meeting. Assessor Jones seconds and the motion carries. At 10:51, Chairman Jayne Govar adjourns the meeting without any objections.

Suzanne Widenhouse
Chief Appraiser/Secretary

APPROVED: _____

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Chief Appraiser
Suzanne Widenhouse

MINUTES #24-26

Chairman Jayne Govar calls the Columbus, Georgia Board of Assessors' meeting to order on Wednesday, June 17th, 2026 at 9:00 A.M.

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 Jones motions to accept the agenda with noted changes. Assessor Jefcoat seconds and the motion carries.

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

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Chief Appraiser Widenhouse reminds the Board that she will be on vacation next week and so will not attend the meeting. Also reminds the Board that this Friday, the 19th is the Juneteenth holiday for the city.

At 9:03, Personal Property Manager Stacy Pollard presents to the Board:

- No Change Audit Results - placed into record.
- A4 Change - Signed & Approved.
- Audit Results - Signed & Approved.

At 9:07, Administrative Manager Mary Hale presents to the Board:

- Homestead Removals - #101 005 009 & 132 004 001 - Signed & Approved.
- Homesteads - #067 031 007 & 015 021 001 - Signed & Approved.
- H5's - 078 014 017; 092 031 008; 071 027 052 - Signed & Approved.

At 9:16, Real Property Manager Jeff Milam presents to the Board:

- Settlement Conference - #112 004 010 - Signed by Chairman Govar.

At 9:24, Chief Appraiser Suzanne Widenhouse presents to the Board:

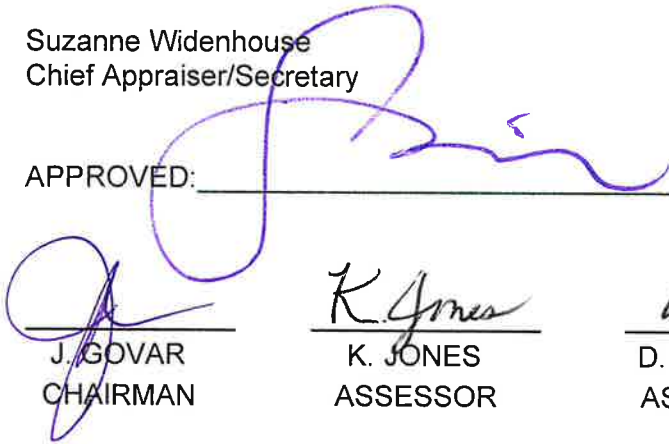
- Development Authority Update - Discussion only.
- Non-Disclosure Request - signed by Chairman Govar.
- Update on Notices of Assessments - discussion only.
- Dept of Revenue 3 yr Digest Review - revised field inspection form will be brought back for approval. All checkpoints were rated highly satisfactory and in compliance.

Assessor Jones motions to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chairman Lanitra Sandifer Hicks seconds and the motion carries. At 9:45, Chairman Jayne Govar adjourns the meeting without any objections.

Suzanne Widenhouse
Chief Appraiser/Secretary

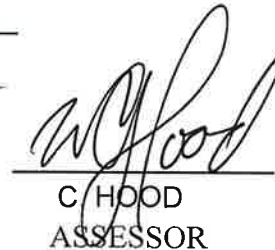
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CHAIRMAN


K. JONES
ASSESSOR


D. JERCOAT
ASSESSOR


C. HOOD
ASSESSOR


L. SANDIFER HICKS
VICE CHAIRMAN

Call To Order: Shaun Roberts calls the Board of Zoning Appeals to order on Wednesday, May 6th, 2026, at 2:00 P.M.

PRESENT ARE:

Shaun Roberts
Angela Strange
Phillip Smith
Kathleen Mullins
Alissa Neal

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Kathleen Mullins motions to approve the minutes. Alissa Neal seconds. All vote to approve. Motion carries.

BZA-02-26-000318

3618 Irwin Way.

- Robert Kirby present to request a variance to construct an accessory structure in the side yard. Kirby explains the purchase of adjacent property, demo of building, and combining of lots. Mullins speaks concern for the size of the structure. Angela Strange motions to approve. Neal seconds. Strange speaks on how owner has put it a lot of money and work already. Strange and Neal vote for. Mullins votes against. Vote is two to one, motion carries.

BZA-04-26-000746

5807 Linley Dr.

- Ralph Leary of Leary and Brown present to request a variance to construct an accessory structure in the side yard. Neal questions if more of these requests will be coming from Leary and Brown due to previous request and construction in the subdivision. Mullins motions to approve. Strange seconds. All vote to approve.

BZA May 2026
May 6th, 2026

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Discussion on future meeting dates and who will be present when for the summer months occurs.

Roberts adjourns meeting at 2:20 P.M.



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
Wednesday, March 18, 2026

Commissioners Present: Pace Halter, Chair; Sherricka Day, Vice Chair; Dan Gilbert, Secretary/Treasurer; Pete Jones, Alex Naik, Miller Robinson, Michelle Spivey, Hudson Terrell, and Mayor Skip Henderson

Commissioner Absent: Amy Bryan

Staff Present: Ashley Woitena and Kim Gonzalez

Special Invitees Present: Craig Howard; Columbus Sports Council and Steve Morse; Uptown Columbus, Inc.

Call to OrderPace Halter

- The meeting was convened by Pace Halter at 8:32 am.

Secretary Treasurer Report.....Dan Gilbert

- Dan Gilbert presented the consent agenda that included minutes for the February 2026 meeting and financials for February 2026. He asked if there were any questions or discussions. There being none; a motion was made by Michelle Spivey to approve the minutes and financials, seconded by Sherricka Day. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

Chair Report.....Pace Halter

- Mr. Halter welcomed Hudson Terrell as a new Board Member.

President's Report.....Ashley Woitena

- Ashley Woitena gave a Legislative update which included the Gold Dome Drop-In, Tourism Day at the Capitol, Crossover Day update, and wins for Columbus.
- She then gave an update on the FY 26-FY 28 Strategic Plan. The new Mission and Vision Statements were unveiled, along with an overview of the three pillars, and examples of the strategic initiatives, key tactics, and the next steps for creating additional tactics and KPIs.
- Ashley presented examples of budget and expenditure for similar sized DMOs and how they compare to VisitColumbusGA's budget and expenses.
- Miss Woitena announced that Nation Travel and Tourism week is May 3-9. The Board will receive invitations to the events that will be held during this timeframe.

- Upcoming collaborative efforts were discussed, including the Chamber of Commerce’s tour of the National Soccer Training Facility and local watch parties for FIFA.
- Ashley recognized two local hotels for their recent accomplishments. She also acknowledged Hudson Terrell for being selected as a 2026 Georgia Grown Chef, highlighting the significance of this statewide honor. In addition, Ashley congratulated the VisitColumbusGA Sales Team for securing the GSAE Board Retreat, which will be held in Columbus, Georgia, in August of this year.

Executive Session.....Pace Halter

- The Board then went into Executive Session for the purpose of a personnel matter. Mr. Halter excused non-voting attendees for the purpose of the meeting.

Adjournment.....Pace Halter

- With no further business, Mr. Halter adjourned the meeting at 9:26 am.

COLUMBUS GOLF AUTHORITY MINUTES

APRIL 21, 2026

Chairman William Roundtree called the meeting to order.

The chairman entertained a motion by Ken Crumpler, seconded by Kenneth Davis, to move into an executive session to consider a legal matter. The motion passed unanimously and the executive session was convened.

(EXECUTIVE SESSION IS CONCLUDED)

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Upon return to public session, Stephanie Leohr made a motion, seconded by Ken Crumpler, to order a 5-year ban from all Columbus' public golf courses for golfer Todd Robinson, following repeated complaints of sexual harassment incidents affecting employees and a patron. The motion included recognition of the right to appeal that action. The vote was unanimous to approve the motion.

Odanov Martin, a grant writer, was introduced to the Authority by Director of Golf Jim Arendt. Martin outlined his experience in applying for grant funds for national and international entities and how such a strategy of grant applications could lead to funds supporting public golf in Columbus.

Martin proposed a 90-day program for the public golf courses in which he would seek at least 8-10 opportunities for grant funds available in such areas as water, habitat, tornado recovery and

infrastructure improvements. He noted it sometimes takes 6-9 months from submission to award for grant applications.

His proposal includes a fee of \$3,000 a month from April-July with no long-term commitment.

After a brief discussion, no action was taken at this meeting and future consideration set for the next Authority meeting.

Chairman Roundtree entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2026, Authority meeting. Tommy Nobles noted a typographical error on the second page of those minutes that stated Oxbow Creeks reserve fund on March 13 was "\$7878,296.48" when the actual fund was \$78,296.48. Upon a motion by Nobles, seconded by Gerald Miley, to amend the minutes to rectify the error and approve as amended, the revised minutes were adopted unanimously.

Superintendent Steve Brown reported that Bull Creek's greens had been aerified twice and would be each month through August and possibly September, using a less-intrusive method not requiring the usual large-hole punching during summer months. The system assures a quick recovery for the greens.

Fairways all have been fertilized, he said, but the biggest maintenance problem continues to be a labor shortage. One prison guard has resigned and not yet been replaced, leaving the course short one eight-man crew of inmate workers. Advertising for a replacement guard has begun, he said

Further exacerbating the labor problem is the constant need for training new inmates as many routinely move out of the prison labor system, Brown said.

The superintendent noted he will be retiring on Aug. 31 and advertising for a new assistant superintended will need to begin.

Golf Director Arendt reported that his proposed plan for the period following Brown's retirement calls for Assistant Superintendent Charles Lewis to move to the superintendent post and a new assistant to be hired, with a requirement including a license to apply herbicides and chemicals. The proposal also proposes employing Brown on a part-time basis as a licensed chemical/herbicide sprayer.

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Brown said a United States Golf Association agronomist is visiting next Monday and his work will include examining the green problems affecting Oxbow Creek. He also noted that Oxbow will need experienced help, including someone licensed to spray herbicides and apply necessary chemicals. There is now no one on staff there with such a permit.

Arendt reported that Bull Creek revenues for the year to date exceed \$1.78 million. With April-June annually the busiest and most lucrative period financially – last year accounting for about \$900,000 In revenue – “We’re looking really good on revenue,” he said.

Cash reserves as of April 17 were \$384,163.66 at Bull Creek, and \$85,258.17 at Oxbow Creek, Arendt reported.

The director updated his report of the previous month concerning proposals for early renewal of Bull Creek's golf cart fleet. Yamaha and E-Z Go made proposals for renewing the 104-cart lease now in effect and for trading in the 50 carts separately owned by Bull Creek. Club Car made no proposal and Yamaha offered a \$3000 trade-in value for the course-owned carts, plus a lower price on all 104 carts. Kenneth Davis made a motion, seconded by Ken Crumpler, to accept the proposal from Yamaha.

The plan is part of a "bridge" to a future when electric carts are expected to be acquired upon completion of the new Bull Creek Clubhouse that will be built with funds from the current Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax. No firm date has been set for start on that construction, or for an expected completion date.

Director Arendt reported that he met with the city's internal auditor on April 17 and an audit is being launched with an expected 3-4-month duration before completion. The audit is part of a normal audit process for city agencies and departments.

PGA HOPE participants will be honored at the Columbus Clingstones' game on Saturday, June 25, Arendt said. He also said the PGA Blind Open golf outing at Green Island Country Club was a great success last week, with sight-impaired golfers assisted in playing by sighted PGA Hope veteran golfers.

The Columbus Junior Golf Association's spring season is ending, with championship matches upcoming. Arendt said Assistant Professional Adam Cooper deserves accolades for his guidance and leadership for that program, helping to make it a great success.

The Larry Gaither Tournament, formerly known as the Hardaway Invitational, was also a great success and has "put Bull Creek Golf Course on the map in Georgia" among high school golf programs, Arendt said. It will grow to at least 50 teams next year, making it the largest in that event's history.

The director said he has had a preliminary budget meeting scheduled to address concerns about revising budget projections.

Arendt also said he is continuing to pursue a weather warning system for the golf courses through a city grant process.

Tommy Nobles reported that the new Oxbow bridge is in place, with abutments and approaches to be completed, hopefully by next Monday. The cost is expected not to exceed the \$219,000 original estimate.

The Oxbow clubhouse renovation contract has been signed and sent to the city, and engineers have been to Bull Creek to examine the area where a bridge will be placed over the creek at West Course hole number 5, replacing a culvert that continues to erode and present yet another washout danger. All the projects are funded through the \$5 million SPLOST voters approved more than 10 years ago, Nobles said.

Chairman Roundtree then said he would entertain a motion to go into a second executive session, this one concerning a personnel issue. Ken Crumpler made a motion, seconded by Stephanie Leohr, to move into executive session. The motion was approved unanimously.

(EXECUTIVE SESSION CONVENED)

The executive session having concluded and public session reconvened, Kenneth Davis made a motion, seconded by Alonzo Jones, to authorize paying up to \$60,000 a year for a qualified Assistant Superintendent to lead Oxbow Creek. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion to adjourn, made by Ken Crumpler and seconded by Alonzo Jones, was passed unanimously.

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

COLUMBUS GOLF AUTHORITY MINUTES

MAY 19, 2026

Chairman William Roundtree called the meeting to order.

The chairman entertained a motion by Alonzo James, seconded by Kenneth Davis, to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2026, Authority meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Steve Brown reported that Bull Creek's greens have been aerified using small tines, which have shown good results with prompt playability and will be continued monthly. They also have been top-dressed and rolled. The purchase of the small-tine aerifier last year has proven to be a good purchase and a benefit to players and revenue by reducing the negative impact the large-aerification process entailed each summer. Oxbow Creek will begin the process next month.

Tees also have been treated with growth retardant and herbicide application, and will be fertilized before June. Fairways will follow, with some patches of other grasses appearing in fairways to be addressed.

Labor force problems have been lessened with the return of the inmate guard who recently left. He is back at work starting today, returning with him the capability of bringing three full inmate crews to work at Bull Creek.

The USGA agronomist visited April 27 and it was determined that the Oxbow Creek greens should make a full recovery from recent problems, but the chipping and practice putting greens will have to be replanted. Grasses for that will be available by contracting with the Pike Creek Nursery in the month of June, Brown said.

A pump on order for Oxbow Creek's irrigation system still has not arrived, the superintendent reported. He also said he needs to delay opening of Oxbow until at least 11 a.m. on Mondays to give more time to get the necessary work done. Current opening is 8 a.m. It was noted this could be accomplished simply by signage and communication with the golfing customers.

Brown said irrigation is a vital ingredient for proper growth and maintenance of golf courses, and Bull Creek's system needs to replace a number of controllers on its aging system. Assistant Superintendent Charles Lewis said a single controller card can cost \$1,000 and the cost for the number needed is expected to total up to \$210,000.

Golf Director Arendt reported that revenues continue to be doing well, with Bull Creek recording more than \$2.2 million received through April, compared to a fiscal year budget of \$2.4 million, leaving just over \$201,000 remaining to be collected to meet that budget projection. The month of May already has generated \$180,000 in revenue.

"I would expect we should be about \$400,000 over our budget revenue by year's end," Arendt said.

Oxbow Creek's revenue also has been doing well, despite its recent problem with grasses, he said. Through April, Oxbow has generated more than \$585,000, and received more than \$35,000 thus far in May.

As of May 15, Bull Creek's cash reserves totaled \$519,846, and Oxbow's reserves were \$132,941.

The golf director outlined a series of immediate needs and requested that cash reserve funds be approved to address those needs. After his report, Alonzo Jones made a motion, seconded by Ken Crumpler, to

authorize spending from the cash reserves: \$10,000 at Bull Creek for storage containers; up to \$4,500 at Bull Creek for new chairs for the grill; \$3,750 for a new freezer at Bull Creek to replace the 32-year-old unit; up to \$11,000 at Bull Creek to purchase from E-Z-Go a demonstration electric utility vehicle; and up to \$24,000 for replanting of the putting and chipping greens at Oxbow Creek. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Director Arendt also reported that the Hughston Clinic, which was responsible for erection of the Hughston Pavilion at Bull Creek decades ago, has renewed its sponsorship of that facility for five years, with the second payment toward it's \$6,000 commitment to be received soon.

Arendt also noted that the City of Columbus has proposed to include a 2 percent cost-of-living increase for its employees in the 2026-27 Fiscal Year budget to take effect July 1. He recommended that the Authority, as it has in recent years, approve for its employees the same size of cost-of-living pay increase that the city implements.

Ken Crumpler made a motion, seconded by Jim Houston, to authorize a cost-of-living increase for employees that will match the amount approved in the new budget for city employees, but limited to no more than 2 percent. The motion passed unanimously.

The golf director reported that Columbus Council approved the proposed trade of the 50 golf carts owned by the Authority. The vehicles will be traded with Yamaha as part of a fleet lease negotiated to provide at least 150 gas carts for use until the new Bull Creek clubhouse is constructed and an electric cart fleet is required. Alonzo Jones made a motion, seconded by Gerald Miley, to proceed with the

trade-in option for the new lease arrangement. The motion was passed unanimously.

Director Arendt also recommended a separate lease of seven electric maintenance vehicles at up to \$310 per month, or \$2,170. Kenneth Davis made a motion, seconded by Alonzo Jones, to authorize the transaction.

A proposal by the director to lease a beverage cart for \$504 a month was discussed. It was suggested that purchase of the cart might be more reasonable financially. Arendt said he will pursue that suggestion and return with a recommendation at the next Authority meeting.

The director also noted that budget sessions with city officials resulted in \$158,000 previously requested for the golf courses, but trimmed in negotiation sessions, restored to the proposed spending plan.

Arendt said three nominations for new Columbus Golf Authority members have been made by councilors and will be followed by council votes to fill the seats of three current members who leave their posts on June 30.

The director reported he dispatched a letter notifying the golfer who last month was banned from playing Columbus' public golf courses for five years, but the letter was returned after the recipient refused delivery by the United States Postal Service.

An audit of the golf course books by the city has begun. The process will likely take several weeks to complete and is a normal part of the process of monitoring municipal operations, Arendt said.

The director said he has received only positive feedback from the recent reduction of fees at Oxbow Creek to \$18 for nine holes and \$25 for 18 holes. The reduced rate was put in place to reflect the poor grass conditions of the greens in recent months. He also noted that the new bridge at Oxbow Creek has been installed and is operational.

Arendt said he has no recommendation for further action on a proposed use of a grant writer who appeared before the Authority last month to offer a plan for employment to seek funds for public golf operations.

Tommy Nobles said Oxbow Creek's temporary office trailer should be in place by June 1, allowing the estimated 14-week project to renovate the Oxbow Clubhouse to begin. He also reported that three companies have journeyed to Bull Creek Golf Course to examine the proposed site of a bridge over the creek at West Course hole number 5. Bids on the project are expected to go out this week, he said.

Chairman Roundtree produced for each Authority member a proposed Code of Respect and Conduct Policy. No action was taken and the proposed policy will be forwarded to the City Attorney's office for review.

The chairman also asked Golf Director Jim Arendt to reflect on what he expects and would like to see in his relationship with members of the Authority to which he reports.

Arendt said he has enjoyed a sense of support during the seven years he has been Director of Golf. He said the progress that has been made reflects a lot of work and a lot of effort and support by the Authority. The one word that would define his expectations, he said, is "Respect. If I am not doing the job, let me know."

He said communication up and down is necessary and that mutual respect is the key to good communication and progress.

A motion to adjourn, made by Ken Crumpler and seconded by Kenneth Davis, was passed unanimously.

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



**COLUMBUS GEORGIA
CONVENTION & TRADE CENTER**

**COLUMBUS IRON WORKS CONVENTION AND
TRADE CENTER AUTHORITY**

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING
JANUARY 22, 2026
12:00 PM**

The monthly meeting of the Columbus Iron Works Convention and Trade Center Authority was held Thursday, January 22, 2026, at 12:00 Noon in the Boardroom of the facility.

Authority Members Present: Chairman Jonathan Payne, Vice Chairman Jessica Gray, John Stacy and Jay Pitts

Authority Members Absent: Brittany Perkins

Administrative Members Present: Executive Director Hayley Tillery, Assistant Director Morgan Moore, Finance Manager R. Nichole Lewis, and Secretary Chasity Deppe

CALL TO ORDER

At 12:01 PM, Chairman Jonathan Payne called the meeting to order and welcomed members and staff.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. REGULAR MEETING – NOVEMBER 20, 2025

Chairman Jonathan Payne asked the members if they had received and read the minutes from the previous regular meeting dated November 20, 2025. With no additions or corrections to be made, Chairman Jonathan Payne made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. John Stacy second the motion, which was carried out unopposed by all members present.

FINANCIAL REPORT – NICHOLE LEWIS

- A. NOVEMBER 2025** – See attached report.
- B. DECEMBER 2025** – See attached report.

Chairman Jonathan Payne made a motion to approve the November and December 2025 Financial Reports as prepared and presented by Finance Manager R. Nichole Lewis. Vice Chairman Jessica Gray second the motion that was carried unopposed by all members present.

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AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION ORGANIZATION

CATERING UPDATES / OAK VIEW HOSPITALITY GROUP - HAYLEY TILLERY

- A. **NOVEMBER 2025** The client survey score for catering based on 2 surveys was 100.
- B. **DECEMBER 2025** There were no client surveys received for the month of December.

Executive Director Hayley Tillery reported to the Authority members that the menu price comparison they received in their packet was based on 2025 menu pricing. Hayley added that although it had been discussed to go live with new the menus and pricing in April, however now a modified "cost of goods" increase was being considered to be in effective April through June. New 2026 menus and pricing will then launch July 1st. Hayley stated this would help alleviate potential confusion caused by having two menu update within a year, if Oak View Group did not retain the food and beverage contract..

SALES REPORT – HAYLEY TILLERY / MORGAN MOORE

- A. **NOVEMBER 2025** – See attached report.
- B. **DECEMBER 2025** – See attached report.

Executive Director Hayley Tillery briefly went over the sales reports for the months of November and December 2025. Hayley stated for the month of November there were 27 call-in clients, 13 walk-in clients, 49 planning kit requests and 16 requests for proposals with 23 contracts issued. Adding there were 35 events with 81 event days during the month with nearly 21K attendees. During the month of December, there were 29 call-in clients, 11 walk-in clients, 43 planning kit requests and 11 requests for proposals with 18 contracts issued. Adding there were 33 events with 51 event days during the month with over 25K attendees.

Hayley shared the November client survey report, which contained only two surveys for the month with an overall score of 99.7. **See attached report.** Hayley added there were no surveys received for the month of December. Hayley also shared several Google Reviews that were received for the two months, adding all reviews held a 4- or 5-star rating. Hayley reported that with a combined 352 new followers for November and December the facility met its social media goal of 23K followers and a new goal of 25K was set.

Hayley then highlighted a few events that took place during the month of November to include Christmas Made in the South Arts and Craft Show, AGC Skills Challenge, Fountain City Classic, Columbus Police Department Promotion Ceremony, CTI Fall Conference, Columbus Fire Graduation and Church of the Highlands Freedom Conference. Hayley also highlighted several events that took place during the month of December to include Breakfast with Santa, CCG Holiday Social, Group 1 Automotive Christmas Party, Columbus Fire Promotion Ceremony, AFLAC Holiday Party, Church of the Highlands Giving Hope Event, Columbus High Magnet Holiday Social, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. Scholarship Gala, Jack and Jill Beautillion Banquet and Church of the Highlands Christmas Services. Hayley reported the city-wide impact amount received from Visit Columbus for the month of November was \$1,394,732 and \$11,070 for the month of December. Chairman Jonathan Payne questioned the city-wide impact amount reported for December. Hayley stated she had already sent an email to Visit Columbus President Ashley Woitena questioning the amount reported.

Conference / Convention Event Leads Report - **See attached report**, prepared, by Assistant Director Morgan Moore.

FACILITY UPDATE – HAYLEY TILLERY

- A. PARKING GARAGE UPDATE** Executive Director Hayley Tillery reported that the Pezold Company was again interested in potentially building a hotel near the facility and the project was currently being paused for further discussion in that regard. Hayley stated that she would keep the members abreast of any developments.
- B. HVAC ARP PROJECT UPDATE** Executive Director Hayley Tillery reported that work on the replacement of the large chiller that had been approved via electronic vote following the last meeting should begin in early May. Adding that if the timeline changed, she would let them know.
- C. CARPET RENOVATION PROJECT UPDATE** Executive Director Hayley Tillery reported that the carpet installation for the main lobby was due to be completed January 26-29, 2026, with the area near the parking garage to be completed February 2-3, 2026. Hayley stated she needed to get with the catering GM to schedule a time to complete the catering offices.

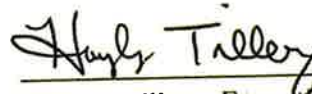
Executive Director Hayley Tillery also shared with the members her Overview of Recent Events, to include current and completed facility projects and employee updates. **Please see the attached report.**

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items of business to discuss, Chairman Jonathan Payne adjourned the meeting at 1:15 PM. The next regular meeting, which is held on the fourth Thursday of each month, will be held Thursday, February 26, 2026.



Jonathan Payne, Chairman
Columbus Iron Works Convention and
Trade Center Authority



Hayley Tillery, Executive Director
Columbus Georgia Convention and
Trade Center



COLUMBUS GEORGIA CONVENTION AND TRADE CENTER FY 26-NOVEMBER 2025 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Item #8.

R. Nichole Lewis

REPORT 1 – REVENUE SUMMARY

- November 2025, there were 81 event days, 35 events, and 20,920 attendees.
- Church of the Highlands was charged a total of \$100,264 for November 2025.
- Top Events

November 2025		November 2024 (last Year)	
Event	Event	Event	Total Revenue
Career & Technical Instruction Fall Conference 2025	\$83,955	Georgia Recreation and Parks Association State Conference	\$65,669
Christmas Made in the South	\$55,725	Career & Technical Instruction Fall Conference 2024	\$65,334
COTH Sunday Service	\$50,067	Jiya Sweet 16	\$59,913

- F&B Revenue was \$178,751; Operations Revenue was \$208,090; Total Revenue was \$386,841.
- November 2024, there were 88 event days, 35 events, with 22,368 attendees and Total Revenue of \$489,555.

The City's finance team has caught up with all their work, and we have posted updated amounts in November, even if they were for previous months. This includes:

- Additional revenue of \$1,681 for the Alcohol tax from September.
- Additional revenue of \$28,521 for Investment Interest from July to October.
- Additional expenses of \$2,203 in Risk Management/Workers Comp from August and September.

An additional \$30,203 of revenue was added during November, and \$2,203 of expenses were removed. A total of \$28,000 was added to Trade Center's Net Profit.

REPORT 2 – NOVEMBER 2025 PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT

➤ REVENUES

○ Operating Revenue

- There was no catering commission for November.
- Space Rental was \$168,354.
- The equipment rental revenue was \$15,746.
- Total Operating Revenue of \$208,090.

○ Tax/Other Source Revenue

- Total Tax/Other Source Revenue is \$222,733, \$192,530 for November, \$28,000 for previous months.

○ Total Revenue of \$430,823 for November 2025.

➤ EXPENSES

○ Labor Cost

- Three payroll periods in the month, a total of \$179,576.

- Operating Expenses
 - Contractual Services were \$18,591. This includes the cost for professional window cleaning, compactor repaired, sprinkler and fire pump inspection, and additional lawn services for the month.
 - Utilities were \$40,385 for the month.
 - Total Operating Expenses were \$70,484.
- Other Expenses
 - The total other expenses were \$9,603, this includes the one-time additional fees for Risk Management.
 - Total Expenses were \$259,663.
- NET PROFIT
 - Net Profit for November 2025 was \$171,160.

REPORT 3 – NOVEMBER YEAR TO DATE 2025 PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT

- REVENUES
 - Operating Revenue
 - Space Rental was \$758,032.
 - The equipment rental was \$76,705.
 - Total Operating Revenue of \$910,875.
 - Tax/Other Source Revenue
 - Total Tax/Other Source Revenue is \$815,417.
 - Total Revenue of \$1,726,292 for November 2025.
- EXPENSES
 - Labor Cost
 - Total labor expenses were \$699,585.
 - Operating Expenses
 - Contractual services were \$73,039.
 - Repairs and Maintenance to the Building is \$21,887.
 - Utilities were \$290,306.
 - Total Operating Expenses were \$432,010.
 - Other Expenses
 - The total other expenses were \$103,563.
 - Reserve Funds Expenses
 - Total Reserve Fund Expenses is \$79,297.
 - Total Expenses were \$1,314,455.
- NET PROFIT
 - Net Profit excluding Reserve projects for November 2025 was \$491,134.

REPORT 4 – FY 2025 YTD FIVE YEAR COMPARISON

- Revenue
 - Space Rental is 11% higher than the 5-year average.
 - Other TC Operating Revenue is 22% higher.
 - Total Revenue YTD is 7% higher than the average.
- Expenses
 - Labor Costs are 16% higher than the 5-year average.
 - Utilities are 10% higher than the average.
 - Total expenses are 8% higher with the added expenses of the Reserves Projects.
- Net Profit
 - Net Profit, excluding the Reserves Projects, 12% higher than the average.



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COLUMBUS GEORGIA CONVENTION AND TRADE CENTER FY 26-DECEMBER 2025 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

R. Nichole Lewis

REPORT 1 – REVENUE SUMMARY

- December 2025, there were 51 event days, 33 events, and 25,856 attendees.
- Church of the Highlands was charged a total of \$110,458 for December 2025.
- Top Events

December 2025		December 2024 (Last Year)	
Event	Event	Event	Total Revenue
AFLAC Christmas Party	\$215,298	AFLAC Christmas Party	\$177,944
COTH Christmas Rooms Reserved	\$59,552	Georgia Transit Association 2024 Annual Conference	\$55,155
Columbus High School Holiday Social	\$55,784	COTH Christmas Rooms Reserved	\$53,673

- F&B Revenue was \$450,832; Operations Revenue was \$182,748; Total Revenue was \$633,580.
- December 2024, there were 80 event days, 40 events, with 22,356 attendees and Total Revenue of \$670,928.

REPORT 2 – DECEMBER 2025 PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT

- REVENUES
 - Operating Revenue
 - Space Rental was \$153,515.
 - The equipment rental revenue was \$11,385.
 - Total Operating Revenue of \$182,748.
 - Tax/Other Source Revenue
 - Total Tax/Other Source Revenue is \$142,548.
 - Total Revenue of \$325,296 for December 2025.
- EXPENSES
 - Labor Cost
 - Three payroll periods in the month, a total of \$139,365.
 - Operating Expenses
 - Contractual Services were \$12,840.
 - Repairs and Maintenance to the Building was \$9,832. We started purchasing HVAC filters for the building in December.
 - Utilities were \$39,710 for the month. There is an accrual for our natural gas invoice due to it not being created as of 1/16.
 - Total Operating Expenses were \$67,777.
 - Other Expenses
 - The total other expenses were \$30,593. The quarterly cost allocation was made in December.
 - Total Expenses were \$237,735
- NET PROFIT
 - Net Profit for December 2025 was \$87,560.

REPORT 3 – DECEMBER YEAR TO DATE 2025 PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT**➤ REVENUES**

- Operating Revenue
 - Space Rental was \$911,547.
 - The equipment rental was \$88,090.
 - Total Operating Revenue of \$1,093,623.
- Tax/Other Source Revenue
 - Total Tax/Other Source Revenue is \$957,964.
- Total Revenue of \$2,051,588 for December 2025.

➤ EXPENSES

- Labor Cost
 - Total labor expenses were \$838,950.
- Operating Expenses
 - Contractual services were \$85,879.
 - Repairs and Maintenance to the Building is \$31,719.
 - Utilities were \$330,016.
 - Total Operating Expenses were \$499,787.
- Other Expenses
 - The total other expenses were \$143,759.
- Reserve Funds Expenses
 - Total Reserve Fund Expenses is \$79,297.
- Total Expenses were \$1,561,793.

➤ NET PROFIT

- Net Profit excluding Reserve projects for December 2025 was \$569,091.
 - Previously wrote the Net Profit WITH the reserve's projects

REPORT 4 – FY 2025 YTD FIVE YEAR COMPARISON**➤ Revenue**

- Space Rental is 16% higher than the 5-year average.
- Other Operating Revenue is 20% higher.
- Total Revenue YTD is 8% higher than the average.

➤ Expenses

- Labor Costs are 14% higher than the 5-year average.
- Utilities are 13% higher than the average.
- Total expenses are 13% higher with the added expenses of the Reserves Projects.

➤ Net Profit

- Net Profit, excluding the Reserves Projects, is 7% lower than the average.

Profit and Loss Statement
Columbus Georgia Convention and Trade Center
Report #3: Year To Date

FY'25

UPDATED 01/16/26 June 2025 YTD

	Annual Budget	Monthly Budget	Actual	Same Period Last Year	Current Period % of Revenue	% Difference Monthly Budget	% Change from Prior Year
Operating Revenue (OR)							
Parking Garage	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$11,054	\$19,497	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%
Ticket Sales	\$13,000	\$13,000	\$19,496	\$21,520	0.6%	33.3%	-10.4%
Client Electrical Usage Fees	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$102,427	\$94,458	3.2%	104.9%	7.8%
Convention Services	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$24,862	\$18,632	0.8%	-50.3%	25.1%
Catering Commission	\$850,000	\$850,000	\$770,800	\$843,831	24.3%	-9.3%	-9.5%
Sale of Merchandise	\$850	\$850	\$3,101	\$300	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%
Miscellaneous	\$6,300	\$6,300	\$19,767	\$19,660	0.6%	213.8%	0.5%
Equipment Rental	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$241,194	\$214,603	7.6%	60.8%	11.0%
Space Rental	\$1,398,093	\$1,398,093	\$1,972,981	\$1,817,027	62.3%	41.1%	7.9%
Operating Revenue [OR]	\$2,528,243	\$2,528,243	\$3,165,681	\$3,049,529	100.0%	25.2%	3.7%
Tax/Other Source Revenue [TR]							
Beer Tax	\$650,000	\$650,000	\$583,279	\$603,024	33.1%	-10.3%	-3.4%
Investment Interest	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$294,510	\$243,788	16.7%	489.0%	17.2%
Hotel Motel Tax	\$837,500	\$837,500	\$882,042	\$917,751	50.1%	5.3%	-4.0%
Tax/Other Source Revenue [TR]	\$1,537,500	\$1,537,500	\$1,759,831	\$1,764,563	100.0%	14.6%	-0.3%
TOTAL REVENUE	\$4,065,743	\$4,065,743	\$4,925,512	\$4,814,092		21.1%	2.3%
Labor Cost (L)							
Salaries	\$757,517	\$757,517	\$668,070	\$673,766	37.8%	-11.8%	-0.9%
Wages	\$902,949	\$902,949	\$646,879	\$716,907	36.6%	-28.4%	-10.8%
Benefits	\$480,209	\$480,209	\$448,817	\$408,867	25.4%	-6.5%	8.9%
Outside Personnel Hire	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$3,261	\$1,908	0.2%	-34.8%	0.0%
Total Labor Cost [L]	\$2,145,675	\$2,145,675	\$1,767,028	\$1,801,447	100.0%	-17.6%	-1.9%
Operating Expenses [O]							
Promotion & Advertising	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$14,455	\$14,811	1.5%	-27.7%	-2.5%
Donations*	\$0	\$0	\$12,277	\$10,558	0.0%	0.0%	0%
Contractual Services	\$194,102	\$194,102	\$167,494	\$156,332	17.6%	-13.7%	6.7%
Repairs & Maint to Equipment	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$14,783	(\$6,362)	1.6%	-63.0%	143%
Repairs & Maint to Building	\$175,000	\$175,000	\$49,525	\$152,430	5.2%	-71.7%	-207.8%
Special Events/Employee Gifts	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$2,116	\$2,073	0.2%	-57.7%	2%
Vehicle Expenses	\$8,600	\$8,600	\$8,127	\$3,342	0.9%	-5.5%	58.9%
Travel/Education/Training	\$10,200	\$10,200	\$293	\$3,242	0.0%	-97.1%	-1006%
Administrative Services	\$21,850	\$21,850	\$10,222	\$10,513	1.1%	-53.2%	-2.8%
Software	\$27,250	\$27,250	\$32,293	\$25,381	3.4%	18.5%	21%
Catering Services	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$0	\$2,960	0.0%	-100.0%	0.0%
Convention Services	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$6,583	\$6,989	0.7%	-78.1%	0%
Utilities - Gas	\$66,000	\$66,000	\$45,059	\$49,355	4.7%	-31.7%	-9.5%
Utilities - Water	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$51,884	\$51,977	5.5%	-5.7%	-0.2%
Utilities - Electricity	\$450,000	\$450,000	\$484,479	\$444,339	50.9%	7.7%	8.3%
Operations Expense	\$93,900	\$93,900	\$51,795	\$40,436	5.4%	-44.8%	21.9%
Total Operating Expenses [O]	\$1,216,902	\$1,216,902	\$951,386	\$968,375	100.0%	-21.8%	-1.8%
Other Expenses (E)							
Cost Allocation	\$117,783	\$117,783	\$117,783	\$136,646	23.2%	0.0%	0%
Risk Management (W/C & Auto Ins)	\$9,572	\$9,572	\$9,572	\$64,924	1.9%	0.0%	-85.3%
Bonded Debt, Principal & Interest	\$293,574	\$293,574	\$293,547	\$292,234	57.8%	0.0%	0.4%
Capital Outlay	\$246,751	\$246,751	\$87,096	\$88,508	17.1%	-64.7%	0.0%
Total Other Expenses (E)	\$667,680	\$667,680	\$507,999	\$582,313	100.0%	-23.9%	-14.6%
Reserve Funds Expenses (RE)							
Fiber Internet	\$225,497	\$225,497	\$200,000	\$0	27.2%	-12.7%	
Carpet Install	\$554,376	\$554,376	\$493,519	\$0	67.1%	-12.3%	
Parking Garage Expenses	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$42,515	\$0	5.8%	0.0%	
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%	0.0%	
Total Reserve Fund Expenses (RE)	\$879,873	\$879,873	\$736,034	\$0	100.0%	-16.3%	
Total Expenses (T=L+O+E+RE)	\$4,910,131	\$4,910,131	\$3,962,446	\$3,392,135		-18.3%	15.4%
Operating Profit [OP = OR - L - O]	(\$834,334)	(\$834,334)	\$447,267	\$279,707		153.6%	-37.5%
Net Profit Excluding Reserve Projects	\$35,485	\$35,485	\$1,699,100	\$1,461,857		4688.2%	14.0%
Net Profit [P= OR + TR - L - O - E - RE]	(\$844,388)	(\$844,388)	\$963,066	\$1,461,957		-214.1%	-51.8%

Catering Comp Set

As of December 2025

Item	Trade Center	Columbus			Birmingham			Mobile Conv Center
		Bibb Mill	Country Club	Auburn Marriott	Cobb Galleria	Jefferson Westin		
Afternoon Break	\$12.00-\$16.00	\$15.95-\$19.95		\$11.00-\$17.00	\$11.00	\$19.00-\$25.00		\$19.00-\$40.00
Coffee Break	\$13.00	\$14.00		\$21.00-\$29.00		\$75.00		\$5.00 per person
Continental	\$16.00		\$17.95	\$19/\$23	\$12.95	\$28.00		\$20.00
Dinner Plated Avg	\$37.00-\$48.00	\$55.00	\$28/\$40/\$51	\$46.00-\$85.00	\$33.30	\$60/\$82		\$43/\$78
Breakfast Plated Avg	\$23.00	\$19.95-\$26.95	\$30.00		\$15.20	\$36/\$37/\$40		\$24/\$28
Lunch Plated Avg	\$30.00-\$38.00	\$19.95-\$30.95	\$49.00	\$40.00-\$56.00	\$32.93	\$43/\$53		\$34/\$68
Coffee Per Gal	\$40.00	\$35.00		\$89.00	\$35.00	\$75.00		\$60.00
Bottled Water	\$3.50	\$5.00	\$3.50	\$6.00	\$2.95	\$7.00		\$5.00
Bottled Soda	\$3.75	\$5.00	\$3.00	\$6.00	\$2.95	\$7.00		\$5.00
Mixed Drink	\$12.00-\$14.00	\$12.00	\$10.00-\$14.00	\$12.00-\$15.00	\$7.00	\$11.00		\$14.00-\$16.00
Domestic Beer	\$7.00	\$7.00	\$5.00	\$8.00	\$4.50	\$9.00		\$9.00
Import Beer	\$8.00	\$8.00	\$6.00	\$9.00	\$5.50	\$11.00		\$10.00
Line	\$8.00	\$8.00	\$12.00-\$16.00	\$11.00	\$5.50	\$12.00		\$12.00-\$16.00



**COLUMBUS GEORGIA
CONVENTION & TRADE CENTER**

Important Dates Regarding RFP and Catering Contract

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>
Monday, January 19, 2026	RFPs issued and advertised
Monday, February 16, 2026	Pre-Proposal Conference / Site Visit will be held at the Columbus GA Convention and Trade Center on Monday, February 16th at 1:30PM. Tours of the kitchen will take place. RSVPs are required Tillery.Hayley@columbusga.org
Monday, March 2, 2026	RFPs due by 4:00PM EST
Thursday, March 26, 2026	The Trade Center will approve and notify short-listed Companies
Thursday, April 23, 2026	Short-listed F&B Companies make presentations to Authority
Thursday, April 30, 2026	The Trade Center will make selection and begin negotiation of contracts
Thursday, May 28, 2026	Authority signed contract at regularly scheduled meeting
Wednesday, July 1, 2026	F&B Company commences operation



CLIENT SURVEY SCORES AND CUSTOMER COMMENTS

NOVEMBER 2025

2 SURVEY

	EC	PLANNING	EVENT DAY	F&B	POST EVENT	OVERALL	NUMBER OF ATTENDEES	COMMENTS: Verbal, Survey, or Email
November 12, 2025								
BER NETWORK OWNERS LIANCE	PH	100	100	100	97.5	99.4		The team was excellent. Always responsive and helpful to make our event a success. The team was easy to work with. Jennifer Lyles provided exceptional service.
November 20, 2025								
GEORGIA CTI FALL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE	MM	100	100	100	100	100		The Trade Center always serves with excellence. Morgan's communication and attention to detail ensure that nothing is overlooked. Every staff member we encounter at the Trade Center is professional and consistently exceeds our expectations. The South Hall is a loud room, so when a program is taking place, the cleanup crew should be aware of the echo they may create while cleaning and communicating with staff. Morgan Moore, Hayley Tillery, Bernice (do not know last name but supplied the drinks), literally every staff member we encountered was exceptional, there was never a bad experience.
OVERALL AVERAGE SCORE								
CLIENT COMMENTS - VERBAL OR EMAIL								
ROTARY CLUB OF COLUMBUS	BK							Hayley, I have to tell you, everything was on-point today. Many compliments on the food from a number of people. Compliments on the décor, the IT support, everything everywhere was positive and it certainly is a great way to end the year. We're grateful for you and your team. Thank you for giving us such a great experience today. -Alan Harkness



NOVEMBER 2025 SALES RECAP

MONTHLY REVENUE

Trade Center Revenue **\$208,090**

Total Revenue **\$386,841**

CITY WIDE IMPACT

(Sent from the Columbus Visitor's Bureau)

\$1,394,732

MONTHLY SALES

Does not include Catering Sales

CONFERENCES

	Event Days	Sales
2025	6	\$31,149
2024	13	\$53,385

CONSUMER/ TRADE SHOWS

	Event Days	Sales
2025	12	\$59,371
2024	10	\$57,493

MEETINGS

	Event Days	Sales
2025	14	\$10,448
2024	11	\$4,860

RELIGIOUS

	Event Days	Sales
2025	40	\$87,892
2024	33	\$63,678

SOCIAL

	Event Days	Sales
2025	5	\$6,988
2024	19	\$46,869

SPORTS/ ENTERTAINMENT

	Event Days	Sales
2025	3	\$5,905
2024	2	\$3,926

WEDDINGS

	Event Days	Sales
2025	1	\$3,470
2024	0	\$0



FY26 20,920

vs

FY25 23,368

FY26 November attendee count is down by 2,448 people compared to FY25.

SALES INQUIRIES

INQUIRIES **105**

CALL-INS **27**

WALK-INS **13**

PKR'S **49**

RFP'S **16**

CONTRACTS SENT

23

OVERALL SURVEY SCORE

99.7%

Based on 2 surveys



DECEMBER 2025 SALES RECAP

MONTHLY REVENUE

CITY WIDE IMPACT

(Sent from the Columbus Visitor's Bureau)

Trade Center Revenue **\$182,748**

Total Revenue **\$633,580**

\$11,070

MONTHLY SALES

Does not include Catering Sales

CONFERENCES

	Event Days	Sales
2025	0	\$0
2024	4	\$14,744

CONSUMER/ TRADE SHOWS

	Event Days	Sales
2025	1	\$4,456
2024	0	\$0

MEETINGS

	Event Days	Sales
2025	5	\$90
2024	7	\$2,453

RELIGIOUS

	Event Days	Sales
2025	17	\$108,242
2024	38	\$107,640

SOCIAL

	Event Days	Sales
2025	27	\$65,429
2024	30	\$70,050

SPORTS/ ENTERTAINMENT

	Event Days	Sales
2025	0	\$0
2024	0	\$0

WEDDINGS

	Event Days	Sales
2025	1	\$2,956
2024	1	\$2,035



FY26 25,856

vs

FY25 20,022

FY26 December attendee count is up by 3,500 people compared to FY25.

SALES INQUIRIES

INQUIRIES **94**

CALL-INS **29**

WALK-INS **11**

PKR'S **43**

RFP'S **11**

CONTRACTS SENT

18

OVERALL SURVEY SCORE

No surveys
recorded

Conference/Convention Event Leads

Event Leads	FY26	FY27	FY28+
# of Events	4	13	4
Total Attendees	1,420	14,955	2,675
Total Rental Revenue	\$65,600	\$218,515	\$164,300

Leads Converted to Business			
Event Month	Calendar Year	Fiscal Year	Attendees
January	2026	FY26	200
January	2026	FY26	2000
February	2026	FY26	
Fiscal Year 2026 (July 2025-June 2026)			
Event Month	Calendar Year	Fiscal Year	Attendees
April	2026	FY26	500
April	2026	FY26	220
April	2026	FY26	200
May	2026	FY26	500
Fiscal Year 2027 (July 2026-June 2027)			
Event Month	Calendar Year	Fiscal Year	Attendees
August	2026	FY27	500
August	2026	FY27	300
September	2026	FY27	500
October	2026	FY27	125
October	2026	FY27	200
October	2026	FY27	4000
October	2026	FY27	1500
November	2026	FY27	6000
February	2027	FY27	800
February	2027	FY27	130
March	2027	FY27	200
March	2027	FY27	300
April	2027	FY27	400
June	2027	FY27	

Event Name	Rental Revenue	Attendees
GASROE Executive Seminar	\$6,700	200
ADM Creative Client Meeting	\$21,000	2000
LIV Young Adults "His & Hers" Conference	\$1,522	
Fiscal Year 2026 (July 2025-June 2026)		
Event Name	Rental Revenue	Attendees
Cyber Inspire: Empower Girls	\$10,000	500
National Lay of the Land State Conference	\$2,600	220
Georgia Chapter of Government Management Information Sciences (GA GMIS) Spring Conference 2026	\$25,000	200
JROTC Drone Championship Event 2026	\$28,000	500
Fiscal Year 2027 (July 2026-June 2027)		
Event Name	Rental Revenue	Attendees
NSDAR Fall Forum	\$22,000	500
Georgia Fire Service Conference	\$20,000	300
Muscogee County Young Democrats State Convention	\$15,100	500
2026 TIME Task Force Conference	\$11,900	125
AFLAC Triple Crown	\$9,600	200
GARBA Festival	\$8,000	4000
SkillsUSA Georgia Fall Leadership Conference	\$29,415	1500
Animeverse	\$16,500	6000
Georgia Regional Convention	\$34,500	800
Georgia Association of Floodplain Management Conference	\$7,500	130
2027 Georgia Emergency Communications Conference	\$12,000	200
GEDA SPRING WORKSHOP 2027	\$13,600	300
2027 GASN Annual Statewide Conference	\$18,400	400

Fiscal Year 2028+ (July 2027+)					
Event Month	Calendar Year	Fiscal Year	Attendees	Rental Revenue	Event Name
September	2027	FY28+	500	\$22,000	2027 Annual Statewide Family Violence Conference
September	2027	FY28+	150	\$13,900	Georgia Geospatial Association 2027 Conference
October	2027	FY28+	350	\$18,000	Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Georgia State Meeting 2027
October	2027	FY28+	425	\$35,000	National Onsite Wastewater 2027 Conference
September	2028	FY28+	600	\$39,000	Women In Fire International Conference
September	2028	FY28+	150	\$5,800	Georgia Records Association Conference 2028
June	2028	FY28+	200	\$17,000	Eastern Star Convention
November	2028	FY28+	300	\$13,600	GPRA 2028 State Conference



COLUMBUS GEORGIA CONVENTION & TRADE CENTER

Overview of Recent Events

Date: January 22, 2026

Current Projects

- HVAC renovation
- Carpet renovation
- Master Plan / Renovation Project Schedule
- Replacement Chairs
- FY27 Budget
- Catering RFP

Completed Projects/Updates

Facilities and Operations:

- Continue working on replacing lighting to LED
- Organizing inventory and workspaces
- Built shelving for the Trade Center Christmas closet
- General cosmetic repairs to the building that include ceiling replacement from previous leaks
- General repairs in house for catering kitchen/dish room needs

Employee Updates

Active Job Postings - TOTAL: (4) Positions Open

Operations:

- One (1) Event Attendant Crew Leader – Advertised
- Three (3) part-time Events Attendant – Advertised

Facilities:

- One (1) part-time – Advertised

Authority Meeting Agenda

- February 26th – Covering January



**COLUMBUS GEORGIA
CONVENTION & TRADE CENTER**

**COLUMBUS IRON WORKS CONVENTION AND
TRADE CENTER AUTHORITY**

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING
FEBRUARY 27, 2026
12:00 PM**

The monthly meeting of the Columbus Iron Works Convention and Trade Center Authority was held Friday, February 27, 2026, at 12:00 Noon in the Boardroom of the facility.

Authority Members Present: Chairman Jonathan Payne, Vice, John Stacy and Brittany Perkins

Authority Members Absent: Chairman Jessica Gray and Jay Pitts

Administrative Members Present: Executive Director Hayley Tillery, Assistant Director Morgan Moore, Finance Manager R. Nichole Lewis, and Secretary Chasity Deppe

CALL TO ORDER

At 12:09 PM, Chairman Jonathan Payne called the meeting to order and welcomed members and staff.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. REGULAR MEETING – JANUARY 22, 2026

Chairman Jonathan Payne asked the members if they had received and read the minutes from the previous regular meeting dated January 22, 2026. With no additions or corrections to be made, John Stacy made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Chairman Jonathan Payne second the motion, which was carried out unopposed by all members present.

FINANCIAL REPORT – NICHOLE LEWIS

A. JANUARY 2026 – See attached report.

Chairman Jonathan Payne made a motion to approve the January 2026 Financial Report as prepared and presented by Finance Manager R. Nichole Lewis. John Stacy second the motion that was carried unopposed by all members present.

Also included with the financial report was a copy of the facility's current reserve fund balance and bonded debt schedule. There was some discussion where Executive Director Hayley Tillery shared with the members several capital projects to be completed using the reserve funding to include the purchase of new chairs, replacement of airwalls, resurfacing of exhibit floors, and wallpaper replacement.

Executive Director Hayley Tillery reported the Trade Center FY27 Budget will be presented to the City's Budget Review Committee on March 17, 2026.

CATERING UPDATES / OAK VIEW HOSPITALITY GROUP - HAYLEY TILLERY

A. JANUARY 2026 The client survey score for catering based on 2 surveys was 100.

Executive Director Hayley Tillery reported that within the week following the last Authority Meeting, Oakview Catering General Manager Andrew Brailsford had resigned. Hayley stated that he did not work a two-week notice, with his last day in the office being Friday, January 30, 2026, less than a week prior to the facility's largest yearly event, the Georgia Thespian Conference. Hayley added that Catering Operations Manager Paula Molton had been named interim general manager. Hayley commended Paula's leadership over the past month, especially during the execution of the largest Georgia Thespian Conference to date.

B. CATERING RFP Executive Director Hayley Tillery reported that three vendors attended the site visit for the catering RFP, and a total of three RFPs were received. Hayley stated the committee would evaluate the vendors RFPs and present a short list at the next meeting.

SALES REPORT – HAYLEY TILLERY / MORGAN MOORE

A. JANUARY 2026 – See attached report.

Executive Director Hayley Tillery briefly went over the sales reports for the month of January 2026. Hayley stated for the month of January there were 32 call-in clients, 20 walk-in clients, 90 planning kit requests and 16 requests for proposals with 16 contracts issued. Adding there were 38 events with 59 event days during the month with 16K attendees.

Hayley shared the January client survey report, which contained only two surveys for the month with an overall score of 98.7. **See attached report.** Hayley also shared several Google Reviews that were received.

Hayley then highlighted a few events that took place during the month of January to include the Alpha Phi Alpha MLK Unity Breakfast, ABKC Bully Show, FIS Global Live Broadcast, Fountain City Mardi Gras Ball and Parlay, Gulfsouth Outdoor Living - Hot Tub Expo, and Gun Shows of the South. Hayley reported the city-wide impact amount received from Visit Columbus for the month of January as \$284,665.

Conference / Convention Event Leads Report - **See attached report**, prepared, by Assistant Director Morgan Moore.

FACILITY UPDATE – HAYLEY TILLERY

- A. PARKING GARAGE UPDATE** Executive Director Hayley Tillery reported that Mayor Skip Henderson had requested a meeting the following week to discuss the parking garage project and, because of their interest, he wanted to then schedule a meeting with the Pezold Company. Hayley stated she would continue to keep the members abreast of any developments.
- B. HVAC ARP PROJECT UPDATE** Executive Director Hayley Tillery reported that although work on the replacement of the large chiller was to begin in early May, the facility was now experiencing issues with the smaller unit that was to sustain the building during the rebuild. Hayley stated that after considering several scenarios the most logical and cost effective would be to rent a chiller unit to be installed while the large unit was being rebuilt at a cost of \$19,400 for the first 28 days of rental. Hayley stated the project should be completed within a month, however added there would be an additional \$5K a week charge if it went over the month.

After a brief discussion, Chairman Jonathan Payne made a motion to approve the spending of \$19,400 to rent a chiller unit to be used during the rebuild of the large HVAC unit. Brittany Perkins second the motion that was approved by all members present.

- C. CARPET RENOVATION PROJECT UPDATE** Executive Director Hayley Tillery reported that the carpet renovation project was due to be complete April 17, 2026.

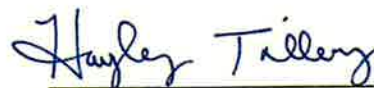
Executive Director Hayley Tillery also shared with the members her Overview of Recent Events, to include current and completed facility projects and employee updates. **Please see the attached report.**

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items of business to discuss, Chairman Jonathan Payne adjourned the meeting at 12:48 PM. The next regular meeting, which is held on the fourth Thursday of each month, will be held Thursday, March 26, 2026.



Jonathan Payne, Chairman
Columbus Iron Works Convention and
Trade Center Authority



Hayley Tillery, Executive Director
Columbus Georgia Convention and
Trade Center



COLUMBUS GEORGIA CONVENTION AND TRADE CENTER FY 26-JANUARY 2026 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Item #8.

R. Nichole Lewis

REPORT 1 – REVENUE SUMMARY

- January 2026, there were 59 event days, 38 events, and 16,276 attendees.
- Church of the Highlands was charged a total of \$124,940 for January 2026.
- Top Events

January 2026		January 2025 (Last Year)	
Event	Event	Event	Total Revenue
ADM Creative Client Meeting	\$113,057	COTH Sunday Service	\$42,913
COTH 21 Days of Prayer	\$44,178	Georgia Science Teachers Association Conference	\$42,422
COTH Sunday Service	\$41,982	COTH 21 Days of Prayer	\$36,368

- F&B Revenue was \$206,325; Operations Revenue was \$198,303; Total Revenue was \$404,628.
- January 2025, there were 61 event days, 29 events, with 12,668 attendees and Total Revenue of \$313,012.

REPORT 2 – JANUARY 2026 PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT

- REVENUES
 - Operating Revenue
 - Space Rental was \$164,515.
 - Ticket sales for the PMB Bridal show was \$968.
 - The equipment rental revenue was \$14,447.
 - Total Operating Revenue of \$198,303.
 - Tax/Other Source Revenue
 - Total Tax/Other Source Revenue is \$116,247.
 - Total Revenue of \$314,550 for January 2026
- EXPENSES
 - Labor Cost
 - Total labor expenses were \$132,358.
 - Operating Expenses
 - Contractual Services were \$14,212. The biannual elevator preventive maintenance invoice is included.
 - Repairs and Maintenance to the Building was \$2,421.
 - Utilities were \$38,869 for the month.
 - Operating Expenses were \$4,877.
 - Total Operating Expenses were \$69,288.
 - Other Expenses
 - The total other expenses were \$273,216. The yearly bond payment and biannual interest payment were made in January.
 - Total Expenses were \$474,862
- NET PROFIT
 - Net Profit for January 2026 was \$105,504 without the bond payment, **-\$160,321** with the bond payment.

REPORT 3 – JANUARY '26 YEAR TO DATE PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT**➤ REVENUES**

- Operating Revenue
 - Space Rental was \$1,077,012.
 - The equipment rental was \$102,537.
 - Total Operating Revenue of \$1,292,877.
- Tax/Other Source Revenue
 - Total Tax/Other Source Revenue is \$1,074,212.
- Total Revenue of \$2,367,089 for January 2026.

➤ EXPENSES

- Labor Cost
 - Total labor expenses were \$971,307.
- Operating Expenses
 - Contractual services were \$100,091.
 - Repairs and Maintenance to the Building is \$34,140.
 - Utilities were \$368,884.
 - Total Operating Expenses were \$569,075
- Other Expenses
 - The total other expenses were \$416,976.
- Reserve Funds Expenses
 - Total Reserve Fund Expenses are \$79,297.
- Total Expenses were \$2,036,656.

➤ NET PROFIT

- Net Profit excluding Reserve Projects for January 2026 was \$409,730.
- Net Profit excluding Bond Payment and Reserve Projects for January 2026 was \$704,406.

REPORT 4 – FY 2026 YTD FIVE YEAR COMPARISON**➤ Revenue**

- Space Rental is 16% higher than the 5-year average.
- Other Operating Revenue is 10% lower.
- Total Revenue YTD is 6% higher than the average.

➤ Expenses

- Labor Costs are 22% higher than the 5-year average.
- Utilities are 19% higher than the average.
- Total expenses are 12% higher with the added expenses of the Reserves Projects.

➤ Net Profit

- Net Profit, excluding the Reserves Projects, is 4% lower than the average.

Current Reserve Fund Balance

Current as of :

Assets	5/21/2025	10/28/2025	12/31/2025	1/31/2025	
BSA/Obj/Rev					
B-1000- Operating Cash	\$ 866,742.02	\$ 1,185,878.60	\$ 1,699,109.57	\$ 1,364,558.94	Changes almost daily
B-1001- Payroll Cash	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Zeros out at the end of each month
B-1073- Petty Cash - Trade Center	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	Never Changes
B-1120- Investments	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
B-1133- Investments - Trade Center	\$ 8,080,877.44	\$ 8,156,000.32	\$ 7,929,231.04	\$ 8,139,613.18	
B-1204- Acct Rec - Revenue Receivables	\$ 206,588.61	\$ 93,587.43	\$ 147,381.28	\$ 149,166.87	Changes almost daily
Total	\$ 9,156,208.07	\$ 9,437,466.35	\$ 9,777,721.89	\$ 9,655,338.99	
Liabilities					
B-2011- Federal Withholding Tax	\$ 3.00	\$ 3,290.90	\$ -	\$ -	Zeros out at the end of each month
B-2012- State Withholding Tax	\$ 1.33	\$ 1,598.65	\$ -	\$ -	Zeros out at the end of each month
B-2013- FICA Withholding	\$ 4.06	\$ 7,727.86	\$ -	\$ -	Zeros out at the end of each month
B-2014- Credit Union Payable	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	Zeros out at the end of each month
B-2024- Garnishments Payable	\$ 239.00	\$ 479.00	\$ 479.00	\$ 479.00	Changes monthly
B-2066- Sales Tax Payable	\$ 1,673.21	\$ 1,250.34	\$ (964.92)	\$ (1,136.63)	Changes monthly
B-2069 - Employee Cont Health Ins Pay	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Zeros out at the end of each month
B-2070 - Employee Cont Life Ins Pay	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Zeros out at the end of each month
B-2073 - Telemedicine	\$ 24.96	\$ 57.24	\$ -	\$ (39.60)	Changes monthly
B-2075- Universal Life	\$ 21.68	\$ 32.52	\$ -	\$ (21.68)	Changes monthly
B-3101 - Fnd Bal Assigned For Encumbrance	\$ 335,534.05	\$ 7,057.37	\$ 7,057.37		Changes monthly
Total	\$ 337,551.29	\$ 21,593.88	\$ 6,621.45	\$ (668.91)	
Current Reserve Fund Balance	\$ 8,818,656.78	\$ 9,415,872.47	\$ 9,771,100.44	\$ 9,656,007.90	

Schedule of Bonded Debt

2012A Trade Center Lease Revenue Refund

Date of Issue

7/1/2013

Purchase Amount:

Date of Maturity

1/1/2033

\$ 5,865,603.93

Payment Date	Principal Payment	Interest Rate	Interest Payment
1/1/2013	\$0.00	0.000%	\$0.00
7/1/2013	\$0.00	2.000%	\$91,582.74
1/1/2014	\$128,985.48	2.000%	\$87,011.76
7/1/2014	\$0.00	2.000%	\$85,721.90
1/1/2015	\$156,521.70	2.000%	\$65,721.90
7/1/2015	\$0.00	3.000%	\$64,156.69
1/1/2016	\$160,144.89	3.000%	\$64,156.69
7/1/2016	\$0.00	4.000%	\$61,754.51
1/1/2017	\$164,492.71	4.000%	\$61,754.51
7/1/2017	\$0.00	4.000%	\$58,464.66
1/1/2018	\$170,289.81	4.000%	\$58,464.66
7/1/2018	\$0.00	4.000%	\$55,058.86
1/1/2019	\$177,536.19	4.000%	\$55,058.86
7/1/2019	\$0.00	4.000%	\$51,508.14
1/1/2020	\$186,231.84	4.000%	\$51,508.14
7/1/2020	\$0.00	4.000%	\$47,783.50
1/1/2021	\$194,202.85	4.000%	\$47,783.50
7/1/2021	\$0.00	4.000%	\$43,899.45
1/1/2022	\$202,898.50	4.000%	\$43,899.45
7/1/2022	\$0.00	4.000%	\$39,841.48
1/1/2023	\$211,594.15	4.000%	\$39,841.48
7/1/2023	\$0.00	3.000%	\$35,609.59
1/1/2024	\$221,014.44	3.000%	\$35,609.59
7/1/2024	\$0.00	3.000%	\$32,294.38
1/1/2025	\$228,985.45	3.000%	\$32,294.38
7/1/2025	\$0.00	3.000%	\$28,859.59
1/1/2026	\$236,956.46	3.000%	\$28,859.59
7/1/2026	\$0.00	2.500%	\$25,305.25
1/1/2027	\$245,652.11	2.500%	\$25,305.25
7/1/2027	\$0.00	2.500%	\$22,234.60
1/1/2028	\$252,173.85	2.500%	\$22,234.60
7/1/2028	\$0.00	2.500%	\$19,082.42
1/1/2029	\$260,869.50	2.500%	\$19,082.42
7/1/2029	\$0.00	2.750%	\$15,821.55
1/1/2030	\$268,115.88	2.750%	\$15,821.55
7/1/2030	\$0.00	2.750%	\$12,134.96
1/1/2031	\$276,811.52	2.750%	\$12,134.96
7/1/2031	\$0.00	2.750%	\$8,328.80
1/1/2032	\$284,782.54	2.750%	\$8,328.80
7/1/2032	\$0.00	3.000%	\$4,413.04
1/1/2033	\$294,202.82	3.000%	\$4,413.04
Total	\$4,322,462.69		\$1,563,141.24
Paid to Date	\$2,439,854.47		\$1,348,500.00
Left to Pay	\$1,882,608.22		\$214,641.24
Total Left to Pay			\$2,097,249.46



CLIENT SURVEY SCORES AND CUSTOMER COMMENTS

JANUARY 2026

2 SURVEYS

	EC	PLANNING	EVENT DAY	F&B	POST EVENT	OVERALL	NUMBER OF ATTENDEES	COMMENTS: Verbal, Survey, or Email
January 17, 2026								
GEORGIA GRAND COUNCIL	HS/ MR	100	96	NA	100	98	400	Absolutely wonderful. Easy to work with and very professional. Stay the same.
January 29, 2026								
GA TRANSMISSION CORPORATION BISCUITS & BUSINESS SAFETY PROGRAM	MR	100	100	100	97.5	99.4		Haley Slaughter was our first contact with the CCTC in March 2025 and she deserves a lot of credit for securing the deal with us. Later Haley handed us off to Makynleigh Roberson in the 4th quarter of the year, Makynleigh went out of her way to make sure we felt welcomed and adjusted the room arrangements and everything to ensure we had the set-up we wanted. They both did an outstanding job!! The team did a good job with set-up. My only thing was some of the chairs could use a little cleaning. Jennifer Lyles and her team did an excellent job with the breakfast. She communicated with us throughout and made sure that our expectations were met. Your staff did an outstanding job! Continue to provide the consistent results that you provided us. We are already discussing how we may come back for our next event. We would like to recognize Makynleigh Roberson for exceptional service.
OVERALL AVERAGE SCORE		100	98	100	98.8	98.7		
CLIENT COMMENTS - VERBAL OR EMAIL								
GTC BISCUITS & BUSINESS SAFETY PROGRAM	MR							On behalf of Georgia Transmission Corporation, it was truly a pleasure collaborating with you and everyone at the Columbus Convention & Trade Center. I want to express my shared respect and appreciation for all the effort you and your team put into making our event such a success. From our initial on-site meetings in March 2025 with Haley and the Visit Columbus ambassadors (Lacy & Gracie), to the countless back-and-forth emails about room layouts and specific details, your team went above and beyond to ensure everything was flawless and that we felt genuinely welcomed. Jennifer Lyles and her crew also did an excellent job with the food and coffee, which was greatly appreciated! We're already considering a return to Columbus for next year's event, and a big part of that decision is thanks to the exceptional service and high-quality experience you and your team provided. Thank you again for your dedication and for making this such a positive experience!

Conference/Convention Event Leads

Event Leads	FY26	FY27	FY28+
# of Events	5	15	4
Total Attendees	2,400	10,585	2,600
Total Rental Revenue	\$82,000	\$228,200	\$154,900

Leads Converted to Business					
Event Month	Calendar Year	Fiscal Year	Attendees	Rental Revenue	Event Name
April	2026	FY26	220	\$2,600	National Lay of the Land State Conference
October	2027	FY28+	425	\$35,000	National Onsite Wastewater 2027 Conference
Fiscal Year 2026 (July 2025-June 2026)					
Event Month	Calendar Year	Fiscal Year	Attendees	Rental Revenue	Event Name
April	2026	FY26	500	\$10,000	Cyber Inspire: Empower Girls
April	2026	FY26	600	\$13,000	GA 2026 Spring Medicaid Fair
April	2026	FY26	200	\$25,000	Georgia Chapter of Government Management Information Sciences (GA GMIS) Spring Conference 2026
May	2026	FY26	600	\$6,000	Boot Scoot and Bourbon
May	2026	FY26	500	\$28,000	JROTC Drone Championship Event 2026
Fiscal Year 2027 (July 2026-June 2027)					
Event Month	Calendar Year	Fiscal Year	Attendees	Rental Revenue	Event Name
August	2026	FY27	500	\$22,000	NSDAR Fall Forum
September	2026	FY27	250	\$25,000	Georgia Council for Human Resources (GCHR) 2026 Annual Conference
September	2026	FY27	500	\$19,000	STEM Georgia Conference
September	2026	FY27	500	\$15,100	Muscogee County Young Democrats State Convention
October	2026	FY27	300	\$8,000	GA Association of Community Service Boards Conference
October	2026	FY27	250	\$7,600	BNI Regional Conference
October	2026	FY27	130	\$8,000	Georgia Occupational Therapy Association Conference
October	2026	FY27	125	\$11,900	2026 TIME Task Force Conference
October	2026	FY27	200	\$9,600	AFLAC Triple Crown
October	2026	FY27	800	\$34,000	Georgia Regional Convention of Narcotics Anonymous
February	2027	FY27	6000	\$16,500	Animeverse
February	2027	FY27	130	\$7,500	Georgia Association of Floodplain Management Conference
March	2027	FY27	200	\$12,000	2027 Georgia Emergency Communications Conference

April	2027	FY27	300	\$13,600	GEDA SPRING WORKSHOP 2027
June	2027	FY27	400	\$18,400	2027 GASN Annual Statewide Conference
Fiscal Year 2028+ (July 2027+)					
Event Month	Calendar Year	Fiscal Year	Attendees	Rental Revenue	Event Name
September	2027	FY28+	500	\$22,000	2027 Annual Statewide Family Violence Conference
September	2027	FY28+	150	\$13,900	Georgia Geospatial Association 2027 Conference
October	2027	FY28+	250	\$12,000	GA AFL CIO Conference
October	2027	FY28+	350	\$18,000	Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Georgia State Meeting 2027
September	2028	FY28+	600	\$39,000	Women In Fire International Conference
September	2028	FY28+	150	\$5,800	Georgia Records Association Conference 2028
June	2028	FY28+	200	\$17,000	Eastern Star Convention
July	2028	FY28+	100	\$13,600	2028 Delta Omicron International Music Fraternity Triennial Conference
November	2028	FY28+	300	\$13,600	GRPA 2028 State Conference



JANUARY 2026 SALES RECAP

MONTHLY REVENUE

Trade Center Revenue **\$198,303**

Total Revenue **\$404,628**

CITY WIDE IMPACT

(Sent from the Columbus Visitor's Bureau)

\$284,665

MONTHLY SALES

Does not include Catering Sales

CONFERENCES

	Event Days	Sales
2026	3	\$7,731
2025	3	\$28,962

CONSUMER/ TRADE SHOWS

	Event Days	Sales
2026	2	\$6,558
2025	4	\$3,741

MEETINGS

	Event Days	Sales
2026	13	\$42,263
2025	14	\$4,797

RELIGIOUS

	Event Days	Sales
2026	25	\$108,729
2025	24	\$192,115

SOCIAL

	Event Days	Sales
2026	16	\$31,412
2025	13	\$31,098

SPORTS/ ENTERTAINMENT

	Event Days	Sales
2026	0	\$0
2025	3	\$5,367

WEDDINGS

	Event Days	Sales
2026	0	\$0
2025	0	\$0



FY26 16,276

vs

FY25 12,668

FY26 January attendee count is up by 3,608 people compared to FY25.

SALES INQUIRIES

INQUIRIES **174**

CALL-INS **32**

WALK-INS **20**

PKR'S **90**

RFP'S **16**

CONTRACTS SENT
16

OVERALL SURVEY SCORE

98.7%

Based on 2 surveys for





**COLUMBUS GEORGIA
CONVENTION & TRADE CENTER**
Overview of Recent Events
February 27, 2026

Current Projects

- HVAC renovation
- Carpet renovation
- Master Plan / Renovation Project Schedule
- Replacement Chairs
- FY27 Budget
- Catering RFP

Completed Projects/Updates

Facilities and Operations:

- Continue working on replacing lighting to LED
- Replaced faulty boiler in the chiller room – Full replacement would cost upwards of \$1000; we were able to use a different motor we had in inventory to get the unit back up and running correctly. Previous cost of motor was only \$230.00
- Repaired various rooftop leaks throughout the facility – Areas such as Sycamore hallway were able to be fully repaired in house for a few hundred dollars.
- Repaired damaged plumbing lines in dish pit kitchen causing blockage and backups, all in house with minimal cost under \$100.00
- Repair of all wooden beams in South Hall – This includes spraying the correct Bore-Care chemical to all areas of the beams using lifts. This process costs us around \$2,500 in house and is expected to eliminate all current & future infestations of powder post beetles as the product soaks into the wood permanently. Doing this project now ensures the historic beams in South Hall will be maintained for many years to come. Outsourcing this project would most likely have gone the route of fumigating the room, which would have cost in the range of \$30,000 along with having certain areas of the building closed for a duration.

Upcoming Projects:

- Facility wallpaper & paint – Planning stages of updating and replacement of wallpaper in various areas of the facility, initial priority is facility restrooms, as well as assessing and painting areas of the facility that need repair.
- In the planning stages of draining, resealing, and repainting the fountain.
- Repair of concrete foundation in the front canopy area to ensure all areas of the facility are safe for guests.
- Installing new ceiling tiles throughout the facility where they are damaged.

Employee Updates

Active Job Postings - TOTAL: (6) Positions Open

Operations:

- One (1) Event Attendant Crew Leader – Advertised – Actively interviewing
- One (1) Full-time Events Attendant – In process of hiring candidate
- Three (3) Part-time Events Attendant – Advertised – Actively interviewing
- One (1) Full-time Custodian – In process of hiring candidate

Authority Meeting Agenda

- March 26th – Covering February (Approval of Short List Companies for Catering RFP Process)

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AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION ORGANIZATION

Columbus GA Consolidated Government
Crime Prevention Board Minutes of Meeting

January 20, 2026

Board Members Present: Seth Brown, Natre'L Payne, Danny Arencibia, Erika Cottingham, Ralph King, Rocky Marsh, Dr. Forte, Angela Florence

Board Members Absent: Rick Kelly

Call to Order: Danny and Seth opens the meeting with remarks

Updates: Seth starts with updates regarding the office

Natre'L still works with the Office of Crime Prevention but has taken a full time job as Mayor Henderson's executive assistant

Danny asked that updates be regularly shared with the group

Dr. Rocky Marsh proposed a name change for the Office of Crime Prevention

Applications: Applications will be open on Feb. 1 and will close on April 1.

63 total applications received last year

Adjournment: Seth will send out an email for the next meeting

Minutes recorded by Natre'L Payne

Columbus GA Consolidated Government
Crime Prevention Board Minutes of Meeting

May 20, 2026

Board Members Present: Seth Brown, Danny Arencibia, Erika Cottingham, Ralph King, Rocky Marsh, Dr. Michael Forte, Sgt. Angela Florence

Board Members Absent: Rick Kelly

Call to Order: Danny and Seth opens the meeting with remarks

Updates: Seth starts with updates regarding the office

Natre'L is no longer working with us. Her position with Mayor Henderson's Office has taken precedent. Per recommendations from the auditor, we have placed an admin position in our budget.

This year the Office had 54 applications received and the Board has received the first 20.

The OCP is undergoing another audit as is all of public safety. This audit is being performed by an outside agency.

The Director sent out the rubric for review on April 29th and the Board approved on 5-20-26

Carlos Coleman with Emmanuel Prep presented to the Board and passed out demographic information.

Adjournment: Seth will send out an email for the next meeting

Minutes recorded by Seth Brown

Development Authority of Columbus, GA
118 W. 11th Street, Suite 102
Columbus, GA 31901
May 14, 2026 – 8:30 AM

Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT: Selvin Hollingsworth Charles Ray Sheffield
 Laura Gower
 Doug Jenkins

OTHERS PRESENT:

Austin Gibson (Page, Scrantom, Sprouse, Tucker & Ford, PC), Missy Kendrick (DACGA), Michelle Phillips (DACGA), Andy Hilmes (DACGA), Bill Dudley (Dudley Strategies), Martha Ann Todd (Columbus Technical College)

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

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

Minutes

Mr. Hollingsworth presented the minutes from the meeting on April 09, 2026. Mr. Charles Ray Sheffield made a motion to accept the meeting minutes. Ms. Laura Gower seconded the motion. Mr. Hollingsworth, Mr. Sheffield, Mr. Doug Jenkins and Ms. Gower all voted in favor.

Finance Report

May 2026 – Ms. Missy Kendrick presented the financial report for April 2026 with a stable Balance Sheet and Net Income of (\$44,499). Ms. Gower made a motion to approve the financial report, and Mr. Sheffield seconded the motion. Mr. Hollingsworth, Mr. Sheffield, Mr. Jenkins and Ms. Gower all voted in favor.

Economic Development Report

Project Golden – South Commons Planning

Ms. Kendrick shared with the board that the Development Authority has engaged Nelson to develop the Master Plan for the project. Ms. Kendrick noted that in the City Council meeting on May 12, 2026, \$250,000 was approved for the master plan and environmental work that is still needed on the site. Ms. Kendrick stated that the Market Study has been completed and shared that Nelson will utilize the findings to

help guide development of the Master Plan. Nelson plans to involve the community and should have the Master Plan ready for review in six months.

Project Ruby Update

Ms. Kendrick reported that the first reading of the Technology Overlay District will be June 2, 2026 with the second reading on June 16, 2026.

Project Ciel Update

Ms. Kendrick informed the board that JS Link America has moved to site #17. The company hasn't signed state documents, and she expects them to sign those any day now.

Prospect Activity

Ms. Kendrick reported that project activity was stronger than last month with 16 new projects.

Funding Requests – New Process

Ms. Michelle Phillips shared that the Development Authority created a new process for those seeking funding. This new process will allow time for the staff and board to review the request. Ms. Gower made a motion to adopt the new process. Mr. Sheffield seconded the motion. Mr. Hollingsworth, Mr. Sheffield, Mr. Jenkins and Ms. Gower all voted in favor.

Grant Update

Ms. Phillips shared with the board that the Rural Site Development Grant application for \$2M towards clearing and grading sites #12, #13, and #19 has been completed. She noted that the state visited the site on May 12, 2026, and asked questions concerning the grant. The grant recipients will be notified in July or August.

Ms. Phillips stated that the grant application for Project Yeti, (Bio Touch), has been completed and is currently awaiting award notification from the state.

Ms. Phillips noted that she is working on an EDA Grant for \$250,000 for Master Planning of South Commons that should be completed by May 22, 2026.

Ms. Phillips shared that she is working on an EPA Revolving Loan Fund for \$1M. She noted that the Notice of Funding hasn't been posted yet.

Workforce Development

A&P (Airframe & Power Plant Maintainer) Update

Mr. Hilmes noted Columbus Technical College was informed earlier this week that Governor Kemp did not approve the Georgia legislature's request for \$2.2 million in the state's FY27 budget to fund construction design work for an aviation maintenance training facility at Columbus Airport. Ms. Martha Ann Todd, President of Columbus Technical College, is confident an updated request has a strong chance of being included in the FY28 budget. The setback will NOT impact CTC's ability to open Phase I of the program at an existing CTC facility during calendar year 2027.

Ms. Kendrick asked the board to approve a donation to Columbus Technical College for engineering and design for phase two of the A&P program. Mr. Sheffield made a motion to approve the donation. Ms. Gower seconded the motion. Mr. Hollingsworth, Mr. Sheffield, Mr. Jenkins and Ms. Gower all voted in favor.

EVTOL Update

Mr. Hilmes informed the board that the Development Authority will present to the Columbus City Council on June 9, 2026, requesting support for allocating \$2.2 million in TIA discretionary funds for construction of a vertiport and aircraft charging station in 2027. The EVTOL working group recently met with Georgia Power, and the project has qualified for the company's Make Ready Program and potential commercial charging station rebates, helping reduce construction costs.

Brigade Combat Team Relocation

Mr. Andy Hilmes shared that a potential opportunity related to Fort Benning following the May 1, 2026 announcement that the U.S. Department of War plans to withdraw 5,000 soldiers from Germany within the next six to 12 months. While a relocation destination has not been announced, Fort Benning is viewed as a strong candidate should the unit be repositioned within the continental United States due to its existing infrastructure and recent deployment facility improvements. Mr. Hilmes will work with local leaders to encourage congressional support for Fort Benning as a primary consideration for the unit's relocation.

City Update

Ms. Pam Hodge informed the board of the balance of SPLOST dollars for economic development and discussed the airport budget.

Executive Session

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

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

Ms. Gower made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Sheffield seconded the motion. Mr. Hollingsworth, Mr. Sheffield, Mr. Jenkins and Ms. Gower all voted in favor.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Missy Kendrick
President/CEO

Employee Benefits Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: April 22, 2026

Time: 10 AM – 11 AM

Location: City Hall & Microsoft Teams

Members Present: Holli Browder, Tommy Beauchamp, Audria McGruder, Jules Hazen

Virtual Attendees: Rachel Blanks, Angelica Alexander, and Pam Hodge

Consultants: Jessica Walker (CareATC) & Jennifer Oliver (NFP)

Key Topics:

Approval of Minutes: Meeting minutes from October 2025 and February 2025 were approved.

Health & Wellness Center Update:

- CareATC encourages employees to complete the Patient Experience survey after every visit. This assists CareATC employees in patient experience training.
- Health Coach Recruitment: Virtual health coaching services are still being offered, while on the search for an on-site health coach. Compliance reporting requirements have been met and submitted to NFP.
- PHA appointments will be available from June 2, 2026, through September 11, 2026. Participation is by appointment only, offered on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.
- Employees have access to Recuro, CareATC's 24/7 virtual care platform. Virtual visits being at no cost.

Benefits Update (NFP):

- NFP, Human Resources, and Finance are working together to evaluate the FY27 benefits budget. Current projections indicate a potential 2.52% increase in employee contributions.
- NFP is conducting a review of the current wellness incentive structure.
- Future Cost Management Strategies: NFP continues to monitor emerging healthcare trends, including gene therapy and other high-cost treatment options. NFP confirmed that any approved changes would become effective January 1, 2027.

Pension Update:

- DCM Hodge provided an update on pension-related discussions and employee survey feedback.
- The actuary is evaluating the cost of the following proposed changes:

Reduce vesting requirements from 10 years to 5 years.

Add a 1% pension accrual after 30 years of service, increasing the maximum pension benefit from 60% to 70% at 40 years.

Reduce employee contribution rates for post-2012 hires from 8% to 6%.

Provide an unreduced retirement benefit for General Government employees at age 62 with 30 years of service.

Remove the three-year DROP extension and return the DROP program to its original three-year structure.

- Public Safety retirement eligibility would remain unchanged at age 55 with 25 years of service.

Budget Impact:

- Any pension-related changes would not affect FY2027.
- Potential impacts would begin in FY2028 if approved.
- Final decisions will be made after actuarial analysis and Pension Board review.

Open Forum:

- The Committee addressed the vacant Vice Chair position, where Tommy Beauchamp was nominated and approved as Vice Chair of the Employee Benefits Committee.

Submitted by:

Destiny D. Chisolm

HR Administrative Assistant

BOARD MINUTES
OF THE
HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA
May 26, 2026

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of the Hospital Authority of Columbus, Georgia (HAC) was held at 11:00 AM on Monday, May 26, 2026. The meeting was held in the conference room at Orchard View on Whitesville Road in Columbus, Georgia. A notice was emailed to each member of the Board more than 48 hours prior to the meeting. A copy of the notice was posted more than 24 hours before the meeting on the door of the building in which the meeting was held.

Present at the meeting were Chairman Chuck Hecht, Vice Chairwoman Sarah Banks-Lang, and members Dr. John Kingsbury, Warner Kennon, Jr., Bob Jones, Dr. Sharen Kelly, Dr. Linn Storey, Tony Floyd, and Wayne Joiner.

Britt Hayes, CEO, Rick Alibozek, CFO, and Jack P. Schley, Secretary/Attorney, were present at the meeting. Kathy Watford was present as a guest.

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

The meeting was called to order by Chuck and Tony opened the meeting with a prayer.

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

It was determined that a quorum was present.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Minutes for the April 28, 2026, Board meeting were reviewed. Wayne moved to approve the Minutes as presented and Dr. Kingsbury seconded the motion. The April 2026 Minutes were unanimously approved.

BOARD BUSINESS

Jack requested nominations to fill Sarah's seat upon expiration of her term, and indicated he would send the link for the Clerk of Council's application to everyone by email.

CFO'S REPORT

Rick presented the Statistical and Financial Reports:

Statistical Report: Attached to these Minutes is the FY 2026 YTD Statistical Report.

Financial Report: Attached to these Minutes is the Hospital Authority of Columbus Consolidated Income Statement and Summary Report through April 30, 2026.

Rick reported that the first quarter UPL payment has been received, and announced no updates regarding the lost check for the ERC refund from the IRS. Rick expects a flat insurance renewal which he described as a "success story" in this market.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Britt Hayes introduced Kathy Watford to the Board, and Kathy described her job as HAC's clinical liaison. She distributed her business card to the Board and indicated she is the point-of-contact for any potential new residents looking for placement at a HAC facility. The Board thanked Kathy for her time and services to HAC.

Britt gave the President's report:

National Nurses/Skilled Nursing Weeks: Britt described May as "fun month" has National Nurses Week and National Skilled Nursing Week both fall during the first and second weeks of May. Britt indicated HAC will acknowledge the designations with staff appreciation events. Britt thinks more signs of appreciation improves staff retention and events like National Nurses Week provide useful opportunities to show appreciation to the staff.

Muscogee Manor Private Room Model: Britt reported that Muscogee Manor has 196 beds across 126 rooms. The current census at Muscogee Manor is 84. In an effort to increase census with a goal 100-105, Britt announced that a wing is being re-opened and the rooms—many intended for two beds—will be offered as private, single bed rooms at the same rate as shared rooms. The rooms are currently being cleaned and painted.

Longevity Final Review with Humana: Britt indicated negotiations are on-going with Humana to finalize a short-term rate so HAC may begin accepting Humana residents.

New Initiatives: Britt announced that wound care through Curitec with a rotating physician began on May 8, and an implementation meeting for monitoring of vital signs through Tapestry was held on May 15. In an effort to save on pharmacy costs in the HAC healthcare plan for staff, a new initiative is underway with Miller County, Georgia. According to Britt there are savings opportunities by sourcing medications through rural hospitals. Wayne commented on his familiarity with a similar initiative that worked well for another institution. Britt shared that InColr is preparing a new ad proposal for HAC to follow-up on the success for HAC's Superbowl commercial.

Accolades: Britt announced Muscogee Manor has been awarded to the Georgia Antibiotic Stewardship Honor Roll by the Department of Public Health.

Chuck asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. Dr. Kingsbury made the motion and Tony seconded the motion. The Board then went into Executive Session. Upon returning from Executive Session, and there was no further business to address.

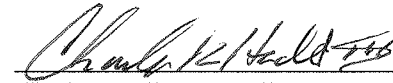
NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 30, 2026 at 11:00 AM at Orchard View.

Dr. Kingsbury moved to adjourn the meeting and Tony seconded the motion. Upon a unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned.



JACK P. SCHLEY
Secretary/Attorney



CHARLES K. HECHT, III
Chairman

**HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS
CONSOLIDATED SUMMARY REPORT
MONTH ENDED APRIL 30, 2026**

	Orchard View	Home Office	Ridgecrest	Muscogee Manor	Total Nursing Home	Cobis PCH	Muscogee Home Health	River Mill	Consolidated
BALANCE SHEET									
Cash	\$ 5,038,693	\$ -	\$ 6,309,452	\$ 4,427,288	\$ 15,775,433	\$ 60,127	\$ 558,231	\$ 3,809,715	\$ 20,203,506
Other Current Assets	5,973,731	-	2,351,681	4,533,318	12,858,730	7,594	5,643	-	12,871,967
Intercompany Balances	15,881,509	-	(978,807)	(5,271,522)	9,631,180	(6,389,957)	(2,318,704)	(922,519)	-
Noncurrent Assets	30,205,022	-	30,012,127	6,686,565	66,903,714	143,306	83,642	-	67,130,662
Total Assets	\$ 57,098,955	\$ -	\$ 37,694,453	\$ 10,375,649	\$ 105,169,057	\$ (6,178,930)	\$ (1,671,188)	\$ 2,887,196	\$ 100,206,135
Current Liabilities	\$ 2,312,769	\$ -	\$ 1,022,551	\$ 1,322,549	\$ 4,657,869	\$ -	\$ 81	\$ -	\$ 4,657,950
Non-current Liabilities (excluding bonds)	8,721,523	-	3,123,591	4,956,117	16,801,231	360,100	450,668	-	17,611,999
Bonds Payable	17,501,691	-	27,382,014	-	44,883,705	-	-	-	44,883,705
Total Liabilities	28,535,983	-	31,528,156	6,278,666	66,342,805	360,100	450,749	-	67,153,654
Fund Balance	28,562,972	-	5,166,297	4,096,983	38,826,252	(6,539,030)	(2,121,937)	2,887,196	33,052,481
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$ 57,098,955	\$ -	\$ 37,694,453	\$ 10,375,649	\$ 105,169,057	\$ (6,178,930)	\$ (1,671,188)	\$ 2,887,196	\$ 100,206,135
INCOME STATEMENT									
Revenue	\$ 1,707,566	\$ 110,166	\$ 590,414	\$ 971,637	\$ 3,379,783	\$ 2,007	\$ 13,061	\$ 6,324	\$ 3,401,175
Operating Expenses	1,542,873	153,590	585,544	1,034,810	3,317,817	719	367	-	3,318,903
Net Profit (Loss) before Noncash expense	164,693	(43,424)	3,870	(63,173)	61,966	1,288	12,694	6,324	82,272
Provision for Bad debts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest expense	(29,522)	-	(74,757)	-	(104,279)	-	-	-	(104,279)
Depreciation and Amortization	(83,762)	-	(92,042)	(8,886)	(184,690)	(275)	-	-	(184,965)
Current Month Income (loss)	\$ 51,409	\$ (43,424)	\$ (167,929)	\$ (72,059)	\$ (227,003)	\$ 1,013	\$ 12,694	\$ 6,324	\$ (206,972)
YTD Income (loss)	\$ 1,114,476	\$ (455,067)	\$ (965,864)	\$ (83,495)	\$ (389,950)	\$ 10,422	\$ 121,012	\$ 70,239	\$ (188,277)
YTD Net Income (loss)	51,409	(43,424)	(167,929)	(72,059)	(227,003)	1,013	12,694	6,324	(206,972)
Add: Depreciation	83,762	-	92,042	8,886	184,690	275	-	-	184,965
Add: Interest Expense	29,522	-	74,757	-	104,279	-	-	-	104,279
Less: Monthly bond payment	(185,815)	-	(66,581)	-	(252,396)	-	-	-	(252,396)
Less: Property & Equipment Additions	(8,533)	-	-	-	(8,533)	-	-	-	(8,533)
Net Cash Flow	(29,655)	(43,424)	(62,711)	(63,173)	(198,963)	1,288	12,694	6,324	(178,657)

**HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS
YTD CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT
THROUGH APRIL 30, 2026**

INCOME STATEMENT

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HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF COLUMBIUS
FY 2026 YTD Statistical Report

	June	May	Apr	Mar	Feb	Jan	Dec	Nov	Oct	Sept	August	July	Average	Prior Year
Orchard View														
% Occupancy	73.07%	74.87%	76.79%	76.87%	76.00%	72.32%	73.70%	68.58%	67.10%	65.10%	61.24%	61.24%	70.96%	62.87%
Medicaid%	75.98%	76.28%	74.77%	76.00%	76.00%	80.78%	76.91%	78.43%	74.99%	72.89%	75.22%	75.22%	76.23%	75.46%
Medicare%	6.91%	6.14%	8.81%	6.88%	6.45%	6.88%	6.45%	3.69%	4.84%	6.39%	7.64%	7.64%	6.14%	7.06%
Private %	9.40%	9.22%	8.51%	8.92%	9.41%	9.41%	8.73%	8.16%	7.90%	7.80%	8.72%	8.72%	8.68%	9.06%
Hospice %	3.38%	4.20%	6.30%	5.96%	2.90%	2.90%	3.78%	4.99%	4.10%	3.87%	3.08%	3.08%	4.26%	3.86%
ADV %	4.33%	4.16%	1.60%	2.25%	3.23%	3.23%	4.13%	4.73%	8.17%	9.05%	5.34%	5.34%	4.70%	4.56%
Daily Medicare and ADV Census	16.43	15.42	16.00	14.03	10.00	10.00	15.60	11.54	17.47	20.09	15.90	15.90	15.25	14.72
Employment (Full Time Equivalents)	199.46	202.73	198.19	207.10	211.22	192.93	199.11	192.93	196.02	192.17	186.04	186.04	198.50	179.57
Ridgcrest														
% Occupancy	60.52%	61.56%	59.48%	62.37%	59.68%	59.68%	58.89%	59.33%	57.02%	57.22%	57.49%	57.49%	59.36%	46.00%
Medicaid%	70.82%	69.37%	67.19%	65.64%	60.88%	61.12%	61.12%	63.50%	60.96%	57.18%	52.57%	52.57%	62.97%	58.73%
Medicare%	5.18%	7.05%	8.01%	12.25%	11.45%	11.45%	7.95%	2.46%	7.17%	9.19%	10.82%	10.82%	8.15%	8.33%
Private %	18.69%	16.47%	16.80%	14.41%	21.30%	21.30%	22.91%	23.75%	21.92%	20.54%	20.57%	20.57%	19.74%	21.91%
Hospice %	3.93%	4.12%	2.00%	3.69%	3.99%	3.99%	4.58%	4.92%	7.17%	8.32%	9.69%	9.69%	5.24%	6.30%
ADV %	1.38%	2.99%	6.00%	4.00%	2.38%	2.38%	3.44%	5.37%	2.78%	4.77%	6.35%	6.35%	3.95%	4.73%
Daily Medicare and ADV Census	3.33	5.20	7.00	8.52	6.94	6.94	5.63	3.91	4.76	6.71	8.29	8.29	6.03	5.09
Employment (Full Time Equivalents)	61.87	60.92	60.89	66.47	68.67	68.67	61.95	60.58	62.62	59.58	56.51	56.51	62.01	45.53
Muscogee Manor														
% Occupancy	43.21%	43.68%	43.75%	43.83%	44.37%	44.37%	46.17%	45.05%	45.63%	45.16%	46.08%	46.08%	44.69%	49.12%
Medicaid%	93.07%	93.37%	92.00%	90.50%	87.95%	87.95%	86.74%	89.62%	90.35%	91.62%	91.93%	91.93%	90.72%	90.32%
Medicare%	1.42%	0.79%	0.37%	1.20%	1.48%	1.48%	1.10%	2.08%	1.45%	1.09%	0.14%	0.14%	1.11%	1.56%
Private %	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.11%	1.67%
Hospice %	5.51%	5.31%	6.96%	8.30%	10.57%	10.57%	12.16%	8.29%	8.20%	7.29%	6.82%	6.82%	7.94%	6.29%
ADV %	0.00%	0.53%	0.67%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.12%	0.15%
Daily Medicare and ADV Census	1.20	1.13	0.89	1.03	1.29	1.29	1.00	1.84	1.30	0.97	0.13	0.13	1.08	1.66
Employment (Full Time Equivalents)	132.09	132.17	135.31	146.65	150.07	150.07	140.17	138.55	138.36	136.71	148.26	148.26	139.83	139.74

HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS
13 MONTH MOVING STATISTICAL REPORT

	Apr-26	Mar-26	Feb-26	Jan-26	Dec-25	Nov-25	Oct-25	Sep-25	Aug-25	Jul-25	Jun-25	May-25	Apr-25	13 Mth Average	Prior Year Avg
Orchard View															
% Occupancy	73.07%	74.07%	76.75%	76.87%	77.32%	73.70%	68.58%	67.10%	65.10%	61.24%	58.05%	56.77%	58.87%	67.95%	62.87%
Medicaid%	75.98%	76.38%	74.77%	76.00%	80.39%	76.91%	78.43%	74.93%	72.89%	75.22%	76.63%	76.85%	76.57%	76.34%	75.46%
Medicare%	6.91%	6.14%	8.81%	6.88%	9.48%	6.45%	3.65%	4.84%	6.39%	7.64%	6.35%	6.05%	7.45%	6.25%	7.06%
Private %	9.40%	9.23%	8.51%	8.92%	8.37%	8.73%	8.16%	7.90%	7.80%	8.72%	9.82%	9.12%	8.18%	8.76%	9.06%
Hospice %	3.38%	4.20%	6.30%	5.96%	2.90%	3.78%	4.59%	4.10%	3.87%	3.08%	4.68%	4.20%	5.80%	4.40%	3.86%
ADV %	4.33%	4.16%	4.16%	2.25%	3.25%	4.13%	4.73%	8.17%	9.05%	5.34%	2.53%	3.78%	1.90%	4.25%	4.36%
Daily Medicare and ADV Census	16.43	15.42	16.00	14.03	10.00	15.60	11.54	17.47	20.09	15.90	10.30	11.16	11.00	14.23	14.72
Employment (Full Time Equivalents)	199.46	201.73	198.19	207.10	211.72	199.11	192.83	196.02	192.17	186.04	180.06	179.36	172.00	191.56	179.57
Ridgescott															
% Occupancy	60.52%	61.86%	59.48%	62.37%	59.68%	58.89%	59.33%	57.02%	57.22%	57.49%	50.89%	50.69%	49.29%	57.26%	46.02%
Medicaid%	70.82%	69.37%	67.19%	65.64%	60.88%	61.12%	63.50%	60.96%	57.18%	52.57%	60.11%	59.92%	58.13%	64.11%	58.73%
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LAND BANK AUTHORITY

MINUTES

Time: Wednesday, March 11, 2026, 12PM - 1PM

Place: City Hall, 1111 1st Avenue Uptown Conference Room

Call to Order: Sherrie Aaron, 12:07pm

Board Members Present: Reynolds Bickerstaff, Sherrie Aaron, Tomeika Farley, Steve Anthony, Deidre Tilley

Board Members Absent: Carson Cummings

Community Reinvestment Staff: Robert Scott and Kim Mitchell

Guests: 0

1. Approve Minutes from February 11, 2026 meeting

Motion to approve the minutes from February 11, 2026

1st: Reynolds Bickerstaff

2nd: Steve Anthony

2. Board Leadership Election

Mr. Bickerstaff asks if the current leadership is interested in continuing in their role. Ms. Aaron states she is open to staying in her role as Chair, noting that there has been little board activity during her tenure. Mr. Anthony states that he does not mind remaining in his Vice Chair position.

Motion for the Land Bank Authority board officers to remains the same as the prior year

1st: Reynolds Bickerstaff

2nd: Tomeika Farley

3. 2026 Meeting Schedule

Director Scott states that a quarterly meeting schedule is fine for the board. He adds that the staff will market the 10 properties currently available to the Land Bank and are awaiting green tags. Director Scott stated that he has sent 30-day notices to the property owners and will follow the marketing practices of the past, including Facebook. He discussed the types of liens attached to the various properties. He added that he hopes to have another 10 properties by June ready to be marketed.

Mr. Bickerstaff asks if the Tax Commissioner has the legal authority to change the process at any time. Director Scott states that he is unsure. Mr. Bickerstaff states that he inferred that the Tax Commissioner and LBA have an “unofficial understanding” about the process for obtaining and marketing properties.

Mr. Bickerstaff asks if the Inspections and Codes department could review the 10 properties to determine what can be built on the lots, which would help with marketing. Ms. Farley suggests that the board could talk to BZA leadership for more information on variances and other items. Director Scott states that the board should look at the pattern book homes for pre-approved plans for a lot.

Mr. Bickerstaff asks if Inspections and Codes Director Ryan Pruett can attend a Land Bank meeting to find out LBA can support him (i.e., an Inspections and Codes work session). Mr. Bickerstaff gives an example of discussing the constraints when building an ADU on a property. Ms. Farley adds that if the plans are already approved by engineering/planning, BZA had no issues and typically approved. Director Scott states that he has messaged the Planning and Inspections & Codes directors to request a meeting about these ideas.

Mr. Anthony adds that most LBA lots are 25' but require a 8' setback, which negatively affects buildability. Mr. Bickerstaff shares that these size lots put you in the modular housing category, e.g., smaller homes, not necessarily tiny. A person can buy a modular home and just put it on a foundation. Ms. Williams states that some people are converting sheds into housing. Mr. Bickerstaff suggests figuring out how to put smaller homes on these lots, specifically homes with foundations. He mentions NeighborWorks which spends \$130/sq ft.

Director Scott suggests that the board work with partners like NeighborWorks and Habitat. For example, Habitat for Humanity has properties that are suitable for this idea. Director Scott adds that there is a house bill addressing these types of modifications. He suggests holding a meeting with Planning and Inspections and Codes so that staff can provide feedback to the board by the June meeting. He offers to invite the board to meeting in the Community Reinvestment conference room.

Mr. Anthony asks if projects like this are already in the works. Director Scott says yes and asks if the tax commissioner should be invited into the conversation. Board members decline, stating it will be too much. However, Director Scott states that he thinks DCM Hodge will be on board. Mr. Bickerstaff states that if the process is easy, he believes the Board will have people lining up to participate.

Ms. Aaron asks about moving to a quarterly meeting schedule, e.g., June 10, Sept 9, Dec 9.

Motion to approve quarterly schedule

1st: Tomeika Farley

2nd: Reynolds Bickerstaff

Mr. Anthony asks if the board will continue meeting at City Hall. Director Scott shares that United Way has offered their meeting room space, so the board will hold its next meeting there.

Mr. Bickerstaff asks if there are requirements for board members rolling off of the board. Ms. Tilley shares that she was recommended by her councilor. Mr. Anthony states that the board is seeking members with different specialties, noting that the board has had 1-2 attorneys in the past. Ms. Tilley shares that the June meeting will be her last official meeting, as she will not be available for September meeting.

Director Scott shares about upcoming National Community Development Week events and the children's book "We're Better Together." Assistant Director Mitchell announces that the Real Estate position will be open again. Ms. Aaron asks about the turnover in the position and inquires if it is related to the pay. Director Scott states that the city rewards time in role.

Call to Adjourn, 12:49pm



**The Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center
Advisory Board Minutes
January 8, 2026**

*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,

Board Members Absent: Delois “Dee” Marsh, Terrance Flowers, Dr. Shikha Shah, Cletus Richardson

Present: Civic Center Staff: Kanise Wiggins, Jennifer Babin, Troy Vanerson, Josaland Hardwick

Absent: Civic Center Staff: Janine Abano, Caryn Hammond

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by Chair Mimi Woodson. An invocation delivered by Vice Chair Oz Roberts.

2. Resignation

The Board formally acknowledged receipt of the resignation letter submitted by Delois “Dee” Carr Marsh.

3. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from November 13, 2025, were presented for review.

4. Liberty Theatre Building Update

Troy Vanerson provided an update on the Liberty Theatre building. Interior molding work remains ongoing. Discussion was held regarding the installation of HVAC units on the roof. It was noted that relocation of the HVAC system is not feasible due to reconstruction requirements and historic preservation constraints, which would necessitate review and approval by the Historic Board.

Chair Woodson requested the following:

- A visual presentation reflecting after progress of the building; and

- A scheduled walkthrough of the facility to review potential updates and improvements

A question was raised regarding the status of mold remediation. Staff will confirm and report back to the Board.

Item #8.

5. LTCAC Advisory Board Matters

Discussion was held regarding the Advisory Board's monthly meeting schedule and a pending meeting with Deputy City Managers Pam Hodge and Lisa Goodwin.

Key discussion points included:

- The process for the revitalization and reintroduction of the Liberty Theatre to the broader community.
- Continued service and eligibility requirements for Advisory Board Members.
- Funding strategies, including potential support from foundations, private-sector partners, and increased City funding; and
- Governance considerations related to City authority

The following clarifications were provided:

- Appointees to the Board must be residents of Muscogee County
- Non-Muscogee County residents may serve on committees but may not serve as committee chairs or present to the Board or City Council.
- Columbus Consolidated Government employees may serve only in seats specifically designated for City employees.
- Board members may be reappointed for additional terms by a Council member or designated organization in accordance with ordinance.

6. Committees and Subcommittees

Board members were directed to review committee descriptions and indicate interest in service. Chair Woodson requested that recommendations for committee chairs be compiled for submission to City Council.

The following committee assignments were noted:

- Marketing/Public Relations: Jennifer Babin
- Sales: Kanise Wiggins
- Sponsorships & Partnerships: Arreasha "Z" Lawrence
- Programming/Production: Ku'Wonna Ingram & Josaland Hardwick
- Finance: Fernando Verdree
- Technology: Jennifer Babin
- Building & Architecture: Mimi Woodson & Troy Vanerson

Committees will provide bi-monthly reports to the Board, including brief updates and supporting documentation. Committee reports are scheduled for presentation at the next meeting on March 12, 2026.

7. Budget and Funding Discussion

The Board discussed currently City-provided resources, noting that they are limited in scope. Additional needs were identified, including training, - Page 351 - and long-term operational support. The Board also discussed the development of a budget for submission to Deputy City Manager

Lisa Goodwin. As part of this discussion, the Board recommended requesting the allocation of \$10,000 in funding to support an update to the strategic plan. The proposed update would incorporate the latest advancements in artificial intelligence and technology to better serve the community, enhance programming, and position the organization as a modern hub within the city.

Item #8.

8. Programming and Community Engagement

Potential programming and community engagement initiatives discussed included Movies on the Lawn, jazz performances, a 5K Run/Walk, talent showcases, partnerships with the local school system, and MaFest. In support of these initiatives, Kanise is currently preparing a detailed budget to justify and outline the need for an additional \$10,000 in funding. The proposed budget will identify the anticipated costs associated with event planning, production, and vendor participation. Increased financial support will enable the organization to deliver impactful events, expand its reach through enhanced vendor engagement, and further promote the mission and cultural significance of the Liberty Theatre within the community.

9. Additional Business

- a. The Board agreed that the bylaws should be reviewed annually.
- b. Community feedback received through social media platforms should be monitored and considered appropriate.
- c. Board membership reinstatement or appointment requires City Council action. Interested individuals may apply through the City's website, submit a professional biography for consideration, and contact a City Council member to seek appointment.

10. Adjournment

The next meeting is scheduled for the second Thursday, March 12, 2026, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the Columbus Civic Center.

Upon motion by Oz Roberts, seconded by Fernando Verdree, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Janine Abano

Janine Abano, Board Secretary



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**NEW HORIZONS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
2100 Comer Avenue – New Horizons Training Room
Columbus, GA 31906**

Date of Meeting: May 11, 2026

Members Present: Damon Hoyte, Nancy Schroeder, Arcola Scott, Terry Edwards, Karen Bussey, Ed Harbison, Sandra Gill, Laverne Chaffin, and Linda McElroy

Members Excused: April Hughes

Staff Present: Andrea Winston, Denise Wade McLeod, Kenyetta Plummer, Mary Hannify, Susan Gallagher, LaKaren Rickman, Sherry Raya, Molly Jones, and Lisa Dionne

CALL TO ORDER: Board Chair Damon Hoyte called the meeting to order at 3:34 p.m. A quorum was established at that time.

RECOGNITION OF GUEST(S) ATTENDING TODAY'S MEETING: Nick Garcia, Attorney, and Valona Baldwin, DBHDD Regional Services Administrator.

*** SECRETARY'S MINUTES (Approval of March 9, 2026, minutes):** M/S/P Arcola Scott/ Terry Edwards to approve the March 9, 2026, Board minutes, Board approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: It was announced that Nancy Schroeder and Sandra Gill's Board terms will conclude on June 30, 2026, and they will not be returning as members of the Board. Both have served faithfully for many years and their dedication to New Horizons is valued beyond measure.

Andrea announced the DBHDD Region 6 offices have of relocated into the same building as New Horizons at 2100 Comer Avenue.

The Board was also informed that the recent CARF survey was completed successfully. Andrea expressed confidence that the agency will receive a three-year CARF accreditation in the coming weeks.

The Mental Health Mindful Walk will be held today at Lakebottom Park beginning at 5:30.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S ROSTER/VACANCIES: With the departures of Sandra Gill and Nancy Schroeder from the Board, members were encouraged to recommend community leaders with lived experience to fill the upcoming vacancies. At present, there is a vacancy in Talbot County. Following the departures of Mrs. Gill and Mrs. Schroeder, there will be two vacancies in Muscogee County.

FINANCIAL REVIEW: For the period ending February 28, 2026, revenues continued the downward trend experienced in January as the organization works through Revenue Cycle Management (RCM) issues related to PPS/CCBHC implementation. Medicaid fee revenue is currently at \$1,952,679 year-to-date (YTD), with part of the variance attributable to the \$328,576 six-month budget deficit reported in December. The February revenue target was 67% of budget; however, actual February revenue reached 59% of budgeted revenue, with Medicaid revenue reflecting a 43% unfavorable variance YTD.

February expenses were slightly below the YTD budget target, ending at 64% overall compared to the 67% benchmark. Despite controlled expenses, revenues continue to fall short of budget projections, resulting in a reduction in net position as operating cash reserves are being used to offset the revenue deficit. Average daily expenses YTD are \$65,690, and days cash on hand as of February 28, 2026, totaled 181.39 days.

Revenue Cycle Management challenges continued into March due to a combination of billing issues, lower-than-expected numbers of individuals receiving services, and the agency not meeting its Unique Daily Visit targets. March represents 90 days into PPS rate billing and approximately 75% of the fiscal year. At this time, the agency has achieved only 64% of overall budgeted revenue YTD. Medicaid fees and contract revenue are both approximately 50% of budgeted revenue, while DD Work Activity revenue is 34% of budgeted revenue YTD. Contract and Contract GIA monthly revenues are expected to decrease; however, a corresponding increase is anticipated through PPS billing rates.

Cash reserves continue to be utilized to support the transition to the CCBHC model. Overall expenses are currently at 72% of the YTD budget. A review of expenditure indicates that some budget categories are tracking near the 75% benchmark, while others are either above or below projected levels. Personnel costs remain within expected ranges; however, Legal Fees and Court Services, Travel and Training, and Equipment expenses are significantly over budget. The organization's current net position is \$11,280,626.

The 2026 Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Program competition opened April 13, and all applications were submitted May 8. New Horizons applied for the ESG Hotel/Motel, ESG Homeless Prevention, and ESG Rapid Rehousing for the grant year beginning October 1, 2026, ending September 30, 2027. Applications for Permanent Supportive Housing and Supportive Services are opening soon. Award amounts will be announced at the end of the competition.

VISION OF STRATEGIC GOVERNANCE -BANKING: Susan's presentation explained how New Horizons maintains strong internal controls over accounting practices, aligned with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) standards established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). Internal controls and procedures are reviewed annually through the external audit to ensure compliance and completeness. Cash management controls include segregation of duties, monthly reconciliations, restricted access, and required documentation to safeguard assets and prevent fraud. The Board regularly reviews the Statement of Net Position, which includes key assets: cash, restricted cash, and investments. A table of all of the bank accounts used and what they are used for was presented and explained.

CERTIFIED COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CENTER UPDATE: Denise provided an update on the CCBHC transition, including Unique Daily Visit numbers from January through April, strategies to improve service utilization, and ongoing progress and challenges related to implementation.

It was noted that the agency is currently not meeting monthly service targets. Strategies identified to improve performance include increasing access to services, expanding the number of individuals served, and increasing utilization of underused services such as individual counseling/therapy, group counseling, and peer support services.

Challenges related to CCBHC billing and credentialing processes were also discussed. Despite these challenges, the agency continues to make progress in the transition process.

ZERO SUICIDE INITIATIVE: Lakaren Rickman gave a presentation explaining the who, what, when, where and why's of the Zero Suicide Initiative. It is described as an aspirational challenge and practical framework for system-wide transformation toward safer suicide care, and a lifesaving mindset that the only acceptable number of losses, due to errors in quality of care, is zero. Data was presented indicating Region 6 continues to have the highest number of suicides in the state of Georgia since 2022.

DBHDD LEGISLATION UPDATES: Andrea provided an update regarding recent legislative changes impacting the Board's structure and responsibilities. She explained that changes in legislation will result in modifications to the composition and function of the Board. Currently, the Board maintains approval authority; however, under the new legislation, approval processes will transition to DBHDD. As a result, the Board's role will shift from a governance function to a more strategic/advisory capacity.

The Board was informed of the appointments of Jade Benefield and Dana Glass as Executive CEO and COO of DBHDD. Additional information was also provided regarding the Commissioner's decision to designate CEOs as employees of DBHDD.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES: M/S/P Terry Edwards/Arcola Scott/ Board Approved Executive Session Minutes from March 9, 2026.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 4:53 p.m. M/S/P, Terry Edwards/Arcola Scott to go into Executive Session to discuss network interruption and CEO meeting with the Commissioner, Board approved.

At 5:15, M/S/P Arcola Scott/Terry Edwards exit Executive Session and return to regular meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Valona Baldwin announced the temporary relocation of the DBHDD Region 6 offices into the building at 2100 Comer Ave. This relocation is expected to be temporary for approximately two to three years while Region 6's permanent location at West Central undergoes renovations.

She also reported there will be a Regional Provider meeting for IDD providers on Wednesday, June 3, 2026, at the Upson County Senior Center.

DBHDD has taken over Crisis Intervention Training (CIT). A 40-hour, week-long training is scheduled in August in Columbus. Clinicians, Certified Peer Specialists, and other subject matter experts are needed to facilitate sessions. Facilitator orientation and site visits at New Horizons are also being planned.

Mr. Hoyte extended condolences to Susan Gallagher and Arcola Scott on the recent passing of their mothers.

ADJOURNMENT: At 5:21pm M/S/P Arcola Scott/Terry Edwards to adjourn the meeting, Board approved



Damon Hoyte
Chairperson

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To: Clerk of Council's Office

From: Destiny D. Chisolm, HR Administrative Assistant

CC: Ola Terrell

CC: Sheila Risper

Please be advised that the

o Retiree Health Benefits Committee

that was scheduled for February (Month) 17 (Day) 18 (Time) has been cancelled.

Reason for meeting cancellation: No leadership representation from HR (No Director)

Details on meeting minutes reviewed during the previous meeting will be submitted once confirmed.

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To: Clerk of Council's Office

From: Destiny D. Chisolm, HR Administrative Assistant

CC: Ola Terrell

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Planning Advisory Commission

April 15, 2026

MINUTES

A meeting of the Planning Advisory Commission was held Wednesday, April 15, 2026, in the Council Chambers at Citizen Service Center.

Commissioners Present:

Chairperson: Brad Baker
 Vice Chairperson: Michael Ernst
 Commissioners: Gloria Thomas, Lakshmi Karthik, Anthony Smith, Haley Lyman
Absent: Zarome Lackey, Rick Stallings, Patrick Steed
Staff Members: John Renfroe, Assistant Director

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: March 4 and 18, 2026

ZONING CASES:

1. **REZN-03-26-0356:** A request to rezone 0.15 acres of land located at 3980 Veterans Parkway. Current zoning is Neighborhood Commercial (NC). Proposed zoning is General Commercial (GC). The proposed use is Tattoo Studio. TomCat Holdings, LLC is the applicant. This property is located in Council District 8.

Morgan Shepard read the staff report.

Applicant:	TomCat Holdings, LLC
Owner:	TomCat Holdings, LLC
Location:	3980 Veterans Parkway
Parcel:	031-044-006
Acreage:	0.15 Acres
Current Zoning Classification:	Neighborhood Commercial
Proposed Zoning Classification:	General Commercial

Current Use of Property:	Vacant building								
Proposed Use of Property:	Tattoo Studio								
General Land Use:	Consistent Planning Area F								
Current Land Use Designation:	Single Family Residential								
Future Land Use Designation:	General Commercial								
Compatible with Existing Land-Uses:	Yes								
Environmental Impacts:	The property does not lie within the floodway and floodplain area. The developer will need an approved drainage plan prior to issuance of a Site Development permit, if a permit is required.								
City Services:	Property is served by all city services.								
Traffic Engineering:	This site shall meet the Codes and regulations of the Columbus Consolidated Government for commercial usage.								
School Impact:	N/A								
Buffer Requirement:	N/A								
Fort Moore's Recommendation:	N/A								
DRI Recommendation:	N/A								
Surrounding Zoning:	<table> <tr> <td>North</td><td>Neighborhood Commercial</td></tr> <tr> <td>South</td><td>Neighborhood Commercial</td></tr> <tr> <td>East</td><td>Neighborhood Commercial</td></tr> <tr> <td>West</td><td>Neighborhood Commercial</td></tr> </table>	North	Neighborhood Commercial	South	Neighborhood Commercial	East	Neighborhood Commercial	West	Neighborhood Commercial
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Attitude of Property Owners:	50 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. <table> <tr> <td>Approval</td><td>0 Responses</td></tr> <tr> <td>Opposition</td><td>0 Responses</td></tr> </table>	Approval	0 Responses	Opposition	0 Responses				
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Opposition	0 Responses								
Additional Information:	Existing building								

Applicant Presentation: Michelle Williams and Adam Bington appeared on behalf of Tomcat Holdings, the property owner. The applicants stated that they purchased the property with the specific intent of operating a tattoo studio. Their current shop is located on Moon Road. They noted a combined history of multiple tattoo shop operations in Columbus with no issues. Proposed hours of operation are Tuesday through Saturday, noon to 6:00 p.m.

Public Comment: None

Motion: Commissioner Ernst made a motion to Approve. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thomas. Approved with a 6-0 vote.

2. **REZN-03-26-0416:** A request to rezone 0.85 acres of land located at 5385 Veterans Parkway. Current zoning is Neighborhood Commercial (NC). Proposed zoning is General Commercial (GC). The proposed use is Convenience Store with Gas Sales. Highland Asset Veterans Parkway LLC is the applicant. This property is located in Council District 8.

Applicant Presentation: Edward French, owner and developer, stated that the project was designed in coordination with local engineer Anthony Slaughter and city engineering staff. Access driveway and roadway improvements at 54th Street and Veterans Parkway have received approval from both the City of Columbus and the Georgia Department of Transportation. Mr. French confirmed that the existing structure (a formerly vacant Regions Bank branch) would be demolished and the site would be developed from the ground up. The facility would have a total of 10 fuel pumps (5 pump stations), satisfying the ordinance requirement of more than 6 pumps. When asked about hours of operation, Mr. French stated that he could not speak definitively on behalf of the operator but indicated it could potentially be open 24 hours or possibly 11:00 p.m. to early morning.

Public Comment: No members of the public came forward to speak for or against the request.

Commission Discussion: Commissioner inquired whether any exceptions to the size requirement had previously been granted for gas stations of less than one acre since the 2024 ordinance was adopted. Staff confirmed this is the first such case. The rezoning vote was taken separately prior to the companion Special Exception case.

Motion: Commissioner Lackey made a motion to Approve. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thomas. Approved with a 6-0 vote.

3. **EXCP-03-26-0417:** A request to allow a Convenience Store with Gas Sales between 0.5 acres and 1.0 acres. Proposed zoning is General Commercial (GC). Highland Asset Veterans Parkway LLC is the applicant. This property is located in Council District 8.

Morgan Shepard read the staff report.

Highland Asset Veterans Parkway LLC has submitted an application for the Special Exception

Use cited above. The property is located in a General Commercial (GC) *proposed* zoning district. The site for the proposed Convenience Store with Gas Sales located at 5385 Veterans Parkway. The purpose of the Special Exception Use is to allow for the operation of a Convenience Store with Gas Sales with a lot size between 0.5 and 1.0 acre:

(1) Access: Is or will the type of street providing access to the use be adequate to serve the proposed special exception use?

Veterans Parkway is an arterial road, it will provide adequate free flow movement. Access has been reviewed by the Engineering Department.

(2) Traffic and Pedestrian Safety : Is or will access into and out of the property be adequate to provide for traffic and pedestrian safety, the anticipated volume of the traffic flow, and access by emergency vehicles?

Access into and out of the property in question will provide for adequate traffic and pedestrian safety and emergency access.

(3) Adequacy of Public Facilities: Are or will public facilities such as school, water, or sewer utilities and police and fire protection be adequate to serve the special exception use?

Services such as water, utilities, police, and fire protection are adequate.

(4) Protection from Adverse Affects: Are or will refuse, service, parking and loading areas on the property be located or screened to protect other properties in the area from such adverse effects as noise, light, glare or odor?

The property is surrounded by commercial use.

(5) Hours of Operation: Will the hours and manner of operation of the special exception use have no adverse effects on other properties in the area?

The hours of operation for this use will be consistent with the neighboring properties in the area.

(6) Compatibility: Will the height, size, or location of the buildings or other structures on the property be compatible with the height, size, character, or location of buildings or other structures on neighboring properties?

Yes, the proposed building is one story.

Council District: District 8

27 property owners within 300 feet of the property have been notified by mail of the proposed Special Exception Use. The Planning Department received no calls and/or emails regarding the rezoning.

Applicant Statement: Edward French reiterated the site plan details provided during the rezoning case (RZN-03-26-0416), including the right-in/right-out driveway design, city engineering coordination, and confirmation that the project includes five pump stations (10

total pumps), satisfying the ordinance's pump-count requirement.

Public Comment: No members of the public came forward to speak for or against the request.

Motion: Commissioner Lyman made a motion to Approve. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thomas. Approved with a 6-0 vote.

- 4. REZN-03-26-0663:** A request to amend the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO), Sections 13.1.1, 4.2.18, 2.5.24, 3.2.6, 3.2.63, 10.11.8. CCG is the applicant.

Morgan Shepard read the staff report.

Commission Discussion: Commissioners inquired about the fireworks sales amendment: specifically, whether a developer or applicant proposing a project where seasonal fireworks sales might occur in the future would need to disclose that at the time of rezoning or permitting. Staff indicated that fireworks sales are typically not known at the time of project approval (e.g., a retailer may add a seasonal booth), and that the temporary sales process is handled separately through the Inspections and Codes Department. No other substantive questions were raised.

Public Comment: No members of the public came forward to speak for or against the request.

Motion: Commissioner Steed made a motion to Approve. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lackey. Approved with a 6-0 vote.

NEW BUSINESS: N/A

OLD BUSINESS: N/A

ADJOURNMENT: 9:22 A.M.

RECORDING: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uly9D3dnhts>

Brad Baker, Chairperson

Morgan Shepard, Principal Planner



Planning Advisory Commission

May 6, 2026

MINUTES

A meeting of the Planning Advisory Commission was held Wednesday, May 6, 2026, in the Council Chambers at Citizen Service Center.

Commissioners Present:

Chairperson: Brad Baker
 Vice Chairperson: Michael Ernst
 Commissioners: Lakshmi Karthik, Anthony Smith, Haley Lyman, Rick Stallings
Absent: Zarome Lackey, Patrick Steed, Gloria Thomas
Staff Members: John Renfroe, Assistant Director
 Will Johnson, Director

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: April 15, 2026

ZONING CASES:

- 1. REZN-03-26-2458:** A request to rezone 0.53 acres of land located at 2458 and 2464 Martha's Loop. Current zoning is Residential Multifamily - 2. Proposed zoning is Single Family Residential 4. The proposed use is Single Family Lots. Divine Investment LLC is the applicant. This property is located in Council District 1.

Morgan Shepard read the staff report.

Applicant:	Divine Investment LLC
Owner:	Divine Investment LLC
Location:	2458 & 2464 Martha's Loop
Parcel:	085-054-017A/026
Acreage:	0.30/0.23 Acres
Current Zoning Classification:	Residential Multifamily - 2

Proposed Zoning Classification:	Single Family Residential - 4								
Current Use of Property:	Single Family Residential								
Proposed Use of Property:	Single Family Residential								
General Land Use:	Consistent Planning Area E								
Current Land Use Designation:	Vacant								
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.								
School Impact:	N/A								
Buffer Requirement:	N/A								
Fort Moore's Recommendation:	N/A								
DRI Recommendation:	N/A								
Surrounding Zoning:	<table> <tr> <td>North</td><td>Single Family Residential 2</td></tr> <tr> <td>South</td><td>Single Family Residential 2</td></tr> <tr> <td>East</td><td>Single Family Residential 2</td></tr> <tr> <td>West</td><td>Residential Office</td></tr> </table>	North	Single Family Residential 2	South	Single Family Residential 2	East	Single Family Residential 2	West	Residential Office
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West	Residential Office								
Attitude of Property Owners:	Fifteen (15) 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: Replat to create three single family lots

Applicant Presentation: Jermaine Morgan, 2464 Marthas Loop, explained his request.

Public Comment:

- **Val McGowan, 6059 Walters Loop**, after clarification stated he was in support of the request.

Motion: Commissioner Stallings made a motion to Approve. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith. Approved with a 5-0 vote.

2. **REZN-04-26-0737:** A request to rezone 0.20 acres of land located at 715 and 723 Apex Road. Current zoning is General Commercial. Proposed zoning is Residential Multifamily 1. The proposed use is Single Family residence. Neighborworks Columbus is the applicant. This property is located in Council District 8.

Morgan Shepard read the staff report.

Applicant:	Columbus Housing Initiative, Inc dba NeighborWorks Columbus
Owner:	Columbus Housing Initiative, Inc dba NeighborWorks Columbus
Location:	715 & 723 Apex Road
Parcel:	0014-005-004/011
Acreage:	0.11/0.09 Acres
Current Zoning Classification:	General Commercial
Proposed Zoning Classification:	Residential Multifamily – 1
Proposed Conditions:	1. Allow a minimum lot size of 3,500 square feet
Current Use of Property:	Vacant
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.								
School Impact:	N/A								
Buffer Requirement:	The site shall include a Category A buffer along all property lines bordered by the LMI zoning district. The 3 options under Category A are: 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.								
Fort Moore's Recommendation:	N/A								
DRI Recommendation:	N/A								
Surrounding Zoning:	<table> <tr> <td>North</td><td>Residential Multifamily – 1 (RMF1)</td></tr> <tr> <td>South</td><td>PMUD</td></tr> <tr> <td>East</td><td>General Commercial (GC)</td></tr> <tr> <td>West</td><td>General Commercial (GC)</td></tr> </table>	North	Residential Multifamily – 1 (RMF1)	South	PMUD	East	General Commercial (GC)	West	General Commercial (GC)
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South	PMUD								
East	General Commercial (GC)								
West	General Commercial (GC)								
Attitude of Property Owners:	Forty Eight 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: Create single Family residence

Applicant Presentation: Karen Wilson, 345 6th Street, explained the request and described the house that would be built. She stated the home would be priced around \$140,000.

Public Comment:

- **Val McGowan, 6059 Walters Loop,** after clarification of the lot size and surrounding area, stated he was in support of the request.

Motion: Commissioner Lyman made a motion to Approve with the condition. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ernst. Approved with a 5-0 vote.

3. REZN-04-26-0738: A request to rezone 0.17 acres of land located at 5227 13th Avenue. Current zoning is General Commercial. Proposed zoning is Residential Multifamily 1. The proposed use is Single Family residence. Neighborworks Columbus is the applicant. This property is located in Council District 8.

Morgan Shepard read the staff report.

Applicant:	Columbus Housing Initiative, Inc dba NeighborWorks Columbus
Owner:	Columbus Housing Initiative, Inc dba NeighborWorks Columbus
Location:	5227 13th Avenue
Parcel:	033-011-008
Acreage:	0.17 Acres
Current Zoning Classification:	General Commercial
Proposed Zoning Classification:	Residential Multifamily – 1
Current Use of Property:	Vacant
Proposed Use of Property:	Single Family Residential
General Land Use:	Consistent Planning Area F
Current Land Use Designation:	Vacant

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.								
School Impact:	N/A								
Buffer Requirement:	The site shall include a Category A buffer along all property lines bordered by the LMI zoning district. The 3 options under Category A are: 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.								
Surrounding Zoning:	<table> <tr> <td>North</td><td>Light Manufacturing/ Industrial (LMI)</td></tr> <tr> <td>South</td><td>General Commercial</td></tr> <tr> <td>East</td><td>General Commercial</td></tr> <tr> <td>West</td><td>General Commercial</td></tr> </table>	North	Light Manufacturing/ Industrial (LMI)	South	General Commercial	East	General Commercial	West	General Commercial
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Attitude of Property Owners:	Twenty Five 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. <table> <tr> <td>Approval</td><td>0 Responses</td></tr> <tr> <td>Opposition</td><td>0 Responses</td></tr> </table>	Approval	0 Responses	Opposition	0 Responses				
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Opposition	0 Responses								
Additional Information:	Develop single family residence								

Applicant Presentation: Karen Wilson, 345 6th Street, explained the request and described the house that would be built. She stated the home would be priced around \$140,000.

Public Comment: None

Motion: Commissioner Ernst made a motion to Approve. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stallings. Approved with a 5-0 vote.

4. REZN-04-26-0739: A request to rezone 1.29 acres of land located at 6909 Buena Vista Road Current zoning is Single Family Residential 2. Proposed zoning is General Commercial. The proposed use is Convenience Store with Gas Sales. Frank Walden is the applicant. This property is located in Council District 4.

Morgan Shepard read the staff report.

Applicant:	Frank Walden
Owner:	Kulwaut Singh
Location:	6909 Buena Vista Road
Parcel:	115-008-029
Acreage:	1.29 Acres
Current Zoning Classification:	Single Family Residential -2
Proposed Zoning Classification:	General Commercial
Current Use of Property:	Vacant/Undeveloped
Proposed Use of Property:	Convenience Store with Gas Sales
General Land Use:	Inconsistent Planning Area E
Current Land Use Designation:	Vacant/Undeveloped
Future Land Use Designation:	Public/Institutional
Compatible with Existing Land-Uses:	No
Environmental Impacts:	The property does not lie within the floodway and floodplain area. The developer will need an approved drainage plan prior to issuance of a Site

		Development permit, if a permit is required.
City Services:		Property is served by all city services.
Traffic Engineering:		This site shall meet the Codes and regulations of the Columbus Consolidated Government for commercial usage.
School Impact:		N/A
Buffer Requirement:		The site shall include a Category C buffer along all property lines bordered by the SFR2 zoning district. The 3 options under Category C are: 1) 20 feet with a certain amount of canopy trees, under story trees, and shrubs / ornamental grasses per 100 linear feet. 2) 10 feet with a certain amount of shrubs / ornamental grasses per 100 linear feet and a wood fence or masonry wall. 3) 30 feet undisturbed natural buffer.
Surrounding Zoning:	North South East West	Single Family Residential 2 General Commercial/ Single Family Residential 2 General Commercial Single Family Residential 2
Attitude of Property Owners:		Fourteen 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:		Replat for a Convenience store with gas sales
Applicant Presentation: Frank Walden, 5093 Grand Jury Ct, explained his intent to rezone 1.29 acres and combine it with the adjacent lot, 1.74 acres to develop as a convenience store with gas sales. There is an attached 1,000 square foot tenant space.		
Public Comment:		
	• Val McGowan, 6059 Walters Loop, stated he is opposed to the proposed rezoning. His concerns include traffic, alcohol, number of convenience stores and the changes this would bring to the area.	

- **Tony Webb, 6047 Walters Loop**, the neighbors are opposed to this. Want to keep the property as single family residential. Concerns include; traffic, access, buffers, safety, home value and elderly residents.

Commissioner Discussion: Hours, distance between convenience stores, buffers and clarification of the proposal.

Motion: Commissioner Karthik made a motion to Approve. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lyman. Approved with a 5-0 vote.

5. REZN-04-26-0956: A request to amend the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO), to add the Mill Redevelopment Zoning District.

Applicant Presentation: Will Johnson summarized the proposal.

Commissioner Discussion: How the boundaries were selected, prohibited businesses, nonconforming uses, height and design review.

Public Comment:

- **Jennifer Collins, 1 Poplar Street**, President of the Bibb Village Neighborhood Association. In favor of the proposal. Concerns over the maximum height of 150 feet. Request design review be required for new construction as well as adaptive reuse.

Motion: Commissioner Ernst made a motion to Approve. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stallings. Approved with a 5-0 vote.

NEW BUSINESS: Letters mailed to the Commissioners were given to them.

OLD BUSINESS: N/A

ADJOURNMENT: 9:45 A.M.

RECORDING: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ORbv8_4LmBA



Brad Baker, Chairperson



Morgan Shepard, Principal Planner

Columbus Consolidated Government

Retiree Health Benefits Committee

Meeting Minutes

September 18, 2025

Members Present: Christi Johnson, Larry Campbell, Cheryl Tate, Thomas Barron

Members Absent: JD Hawk, Renee McAneny, Shirley Gaultney,

Staff Present: Reather Hollowell, Sheila Risper, Keisha Johnson, Destiny Chisolm

Consultant: Todd Hooper, Jennifer Oliver

Key Topics:

- **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of May and August of 2025 will be set aside for approval until the February 2026 meeting.
- **Medicare Advantage Plan Renewal:** NFP provided an update on the United Healthcare (UHC) Medicare Advantage renewal and presented alternative plan options.
- **Current UHC Plan Offered:** \$110 per member/ month. Proposed renewal would be a 63% increase.
- **Alternative Plan Options: Silver Plan:** Moderate plan design changes with a premium of \$170/month. **Bronze Plan:** Greater design changes, premium of \$132.61/month.
- **Discussion Highlights:** Members questioned out-of-pocket maximum. Concerns were raised about potential future increases if no plan design changes are made. The city contribution remains 25% toward retiree premiums.
- **Alternative Proposal – Anthem:** This plan mirrors the current UHC plan with slight improvements (hearing aid benefit \$1,000 every 3 years). Committee acknowledged Anthem's competitive offer but noted the risks of changing providers and potential service disruption for retirees.
- **Committee Deliberation:** Approve the UHC Bronze Plan renewal effective January 1, 2026.
- November 2025 meeting canceled. Committee members opted for a luncheon instead.

Respectfully submitted,

Destiny Chisolm

HR Administrative Assistant

Columbus Consolidated Government

Human Resources Department

BOARD NOTICE

To: Clerk of Council's Office

From: Destiny D. Chisolm, HR Administrative Assistant

CC: Ola Terrell

CC: Sheila Risper

Please be advised that the

o Retiree Health Benefits Committee

that was scheduled for November (Month) 17 (Day) 18 (Time) has been cancelled.

Reason for meeting cancellation: No business requiring discussion or action.

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Retiree Health Benefits Committee

Meeting Minutes

May 20, 2026

Members Present: Christi Johnson, Larry Campbell, Cheryl Tate, Thomas Barron

Members Absent: JD Hawk, Renee McAneny, Shirley Gaultney,

Staff Present: Ola Terrell, Sheila Risper, Cynthia Holliman, Destiny Chisolm

Consultant: Todd Hooper, Jennifer Oliver, Delandra Haywood

Key Topics:

- **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of May and August of 2025 will be set aside for approval until the next meeting. Because a quorum was not present, the committee was unable to approve the outstanding minutes. Approval will be deferred until the August 2026 meeting.
- **NFP Benefits Update:** A renewal planning meeting between Human Resources, NFP, and UnitedHealthcare is scheduled for July 21, 2026.
- Recommendations for the 2027 plan year are expected to be presented during the committee's August meeting.
- NFP Representative advised that UnitedHealthcare anticipates a premium increase for the upcoming plan year; however, the increase is expected to be significantly lower than the increase proposed during the previous renewal cycle. Final renewal information will be available following the July meeting.
- **Medicare Advantage Plan Discussion:** Committee members reviewed the purpose and responsibilities of the Retiree Health Benefits Committee.
- Previous plan design changes were implemented to help manage rising healthcare costs while maintaining coverage. Employees hired before July 1, 2001, may qualify for a City contribution toward retiree premiums, while employees hired after that date are responsible for the full premium cost.
- **August Meeting Planning:** Presentation of renewal recommendations for the 2027 plan year.
- Staff agreed to extend an invitation to UnitedHealthcare following the July renewal meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Destiny Chisolm, HR Administrative Assistant

**THE MEDICAL CENTER HOSPITAL AUTHORITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES**

January 28, 2026

The quarterly meeting of The Medical Center Hospital Authority Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, January 28, 2026, at 5:07 pm in person at Piedmont Columbus Regional Corporate Building, 707 Center Street, 4th Floor Boardroom.

Members Present: Susan McWhirter, MD, Chair, Alpna Arora, Vice Chair, Brenda DeRamus, Max Brabson, Jr., John Bucholtz, MD., Mike Burns, , Allen McMullen, and Woodrow McWilliams, MD.

Member Excused: John Hargrove

Others Present: Scott Hill, Allen Holladay, Laura Drew, Andrew Rothschild, and Bill Tustin

I. Call to Order / Determination of Quorum

Dr. McWhirter determined there was a quorum and called the meeting to order at 5:04 pm.

II. Approval of Minutes

On motion by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Arora, the minutes of the October 22, 2025, meeting were unanimously approved as submitted.

III. Review of Operations and approval of Financial Statements Period Ending June 30, 2023

A. The Medical Center Hospital Authority

Total income year-to-date December 31, 2025 was \$79,961 versus the prior year of \$189,978. Total expenses were \$123,237 versus the prior year of \$116,562. Net income was -\$43,276 versus the prior year of \$73,416.

Total Current Assets of \$2.7M versus the prior year of \$2.7M. Noncurrent Assets of \$5.3M versus prior year of \$5.5M. Total Assets of \$8.075M versus prior year of \$8.058M. Total Current Liabilities of -\$8,608 versus prior year of -\$6,423. Total Liabilities and Net Assets of \$8.075M versus prior year of \$8.058M

B. Spring Harbor

Operating income for September 30, 2025 was \$199K on a budget of \$204K and YTD of \$1.8M on a budget of \$1.2M and PY of \$1.3M. Total occupancy was 86.4% versus the target of 90.5%. Independent living current occupancy was 181 versus the budget of 187. Healthcare occupancy was 74.5% versus the budget of 80.6%. December revenue of \$1.6M which is \$122K under budget. December operating expenses of \$1.4M were \$177K under budget. YTD expenses of \$8.5M were \$675K under budget.

C. Piedmont Columbus Regional

The month ending December 31, 2025 earnings after regional allocations of \$49.3M on a budget of \$44.3M. Year-to-date earnings after regional allocations were \$86.1M on a budget of \$86.9M.

On motion by Mr. Brabson, seconded by Mr. McMullen, the board adopted the financial report presented by Mr. Holladay and discussed.

IV. Piedmont Commitment Update

Mr. Holladay presented the Annual Piedmont Commitment Update to the Board and provided an overview of the same.

V. Administrative Update

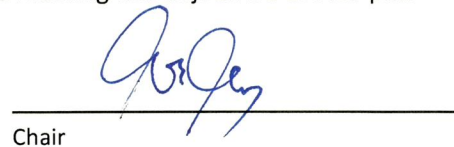
Mr. Hill provided the following update:

- Construction Update:
 - o The Elastomeric Coating on Midtown is being changed (updated) to match the colors of The Children's Hospital.
 - o ICU project is coming to an end with a projected completion date at the end of April. The ICU will be named after Wanda and Shelby Amos.
- The CON Letter filed with the State was denied. Will be filing an appeal after the State provides an outline.
- Both hospitals currently have a Leapfrog score of A++.

VI. Close of Meeting

On motion by Mr. Burns, seconded by Dr. Bucholtz, the meeting was adjourned at 5:35 pm.


Assistant Secretary


Chair

File Attachments for Item:

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

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

9. MAYOR’S APPOINTMENTS – ANY NOMINATIONS MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:

A. AUDIT COMMITTEE:

Vacant

Finance/Accounting or Governmental Rep.

Term Expires: June 30, 2027

Open for Nominations
(*Mayor’s Appointment*)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms: 2 Year Term Limit: 3

Meetings: Meets as needed.

Women: 1 Senatorial District
15:

Vacancies: 1 Senatorial District
29:

B. COLUMBUS SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT AUTHORITY:

Vacant

Certified Public Accountant (CPA)

Term Expires: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations
(*Mayor’s Appointment*)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms: 3 Year Term Limit: 2

Meetings: Monthly

Women: 2 Senatorial District 4
15:

Vacancies: 1 Senatorial District 5
29:

C. PENSION FUND, EMPLOYEES’ BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Vacant

Open for Nominations
(*Mayor’s Appointment*)

(Business Community)

Term Expires: June 30, 2026

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms: 4 Year Term Limit: n/a

Meetings: Monthly – 1st WednesdayWomen: 4 Senatorial District 9
15:Vacancies: 1 Senatorial District 2
29:**D. YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:**

Mayor's Nominee: _____

Mayor Henderson is nominating Lucy Wylie, St. Luke School.*10. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS – LISTED FOR CONFIRMATION:**

- A. BOARD OF FAMILY & CHILDREN SERVICES:** Darlene Small was renominated to serve another term. (*Councilor Crabb's nominee*) Term expires: June 30, 2031

11. NOMINATIONS – CONFIRMED BY COUNCIL:**A. HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD (BHAR):**_____
Vacant**Uptown Business Association**

Term Expires: January 31, 2029

Open for Nominations
(*Confirmed by Council*)Membership and Meeting Information

Terms: 3 Year Term Limit: 2

Meetings: Monthly – 2nd MondayWomen: 4 Senatorial District 6
15:Vacancies: 2 Senatorial District 2
29:**B. LIBERTY THEATRE & CULTURAL ARTS CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:**_____
Open for Nominations

Vacant (Civic Center Director's Recommendation/ Confirmed by Council)

Term Expires: August 14, 2027

***Civic Center Interim Director Kanise Wiggins has recommended Robbie Branscomb**

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	4 Year	Term Limit:	3
Meetings:	Bimonthly – 2nd Thursday (January, March, May, July, September & November)		
Women:	5	Senatorial District	5
		15:	
Vacancies:	1	Senatorial District	4
		29:	

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

A. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:

Vacant
 Term Expired: March 27, 2026

Open for Nominations
(District 1 – Barnes)

Vacant
 Term Expired: March 27, 2026
***Councilor Crabb is nominating Connie Smith.**

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:	3	Senatorial District	7
		15:	
Vacancies:	2	Senatorial District	4
		29:	

B. PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION:

Open for Nominations

Vacant

(District 5 – Crabb)

Term Expired: October 31, 2028

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	3 Year	Term Limit:	2
Meetings:	Monthly – 3 rd Thursday		
Women:	0	Senatorial District	5
		15:	
Vacancies:	4	Senatorial District	2
		29:	

C. YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:

District 4 Nominee: _____ District 9 Nominee: _____

District 10 Nominee: _____

13. 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	3
		15:	

Vacancies: 3 Senatorial District 4
29:

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 0
15:

Vacancies: 1 Senatorial District 5
29:

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 1
15:

Vacancies: 1 Senatorial District 3
29:

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

Sandra Gill

Does not desire reappointment

Term Expired: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

Nancy Schroeder

Does not desire reappointment

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

Term Expires: June 30, 2026

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 3
15:

Vacancies: 0 Senatorial District 1
29:

E. 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 2
15:

Vacancies: 4

Senatorial District 4
29:

**F. REGION SIX REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR DEPARTMENT OF
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH & DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES:**

Dr. Janet C. Bussey

Does not desire reappointment

Term Expires: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms: 3 Year Term Limit: 2

Meetings: Bimonthly – 2nd Wednesday (Odd months)

Women: 4 Senatorial District 3
15:

Vacancies: 0 Senatorial District 1
29:

G. TREE BOARD:

Vacant

(At-Large)

Term expires: December 31, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Vacant

(At-Large)

Term expires: December 31, 2028

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Vacant

(At-Large)

Term expires: December 31, 2028

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Vacant

(Residential Development)

Term expires: December 31, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Vacant

(Commercial or Industrial Development)

Term expires: December 31, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Vacant

(Public Utility Representative)

Term expires: July 1, 2028

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	3 Year	Term Limit:	2
Meetings:	Meets as needed.		
Women:	4	Senatorial District	4
		15:	
Vacancies:	6	Senatorial District	1
		29:	