

Council Members

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Travis L. Chambers
Glenn Davis

Byron Hickey
Bruce Huff

R. Walker Garrett
Toyia Tucker

John Anker
Joanne Cogle

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

June 17, 2025
9:00 AM
Regular Meeting

MAYOR'S AGENDA

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Pastor Wayne Anthony, St. Peter UMC of Columbus, Georgia

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Skip Henderson

MINUTES

- [1.](#) Approval of minutes for the June 10, 2025 Council Meeting and Executive Session.

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

- [1.](#) **2nd Reading:** REZN-04-25-0678: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **1012 31st Street** (parcel # 015-008-023) from Residential Multifamily – 2 (RMF2) to Residential Multifamily – 1 (RMF1) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Garrett)

- 2. 2nd Reading:** REZN-004-25-0706: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **Schley Road and River Road** (part of parcel # 175-001-001, Lots PS20 and PS30) from Residential Estate – 10 (RE10) Zoning District to Residential Estate – 1 (RE1) Zoning District. (Planning Department and Staff recommend approval) (Councilor Davis)
- 3. 2nd Reading:** REZN-04-25-0743: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **101 23rd Street** (parcel # 007-026-0145) from Residential Multifamily – 2 (RMF2) Zoning District to Single Family Residential – 4 (SFR4) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Cogle)
- 4. 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 2025 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)
- 5. 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)

RESOLUTIONS

- 6.** A Resolution authorizing payment of attorney fees which may be incurred for legal services rendered regarding various city issues during fiscal year 2026. (Mayor Pro-Tem)
- 7.** A Resolution authorizing payment of attorney fees to the Robbins Firm (Atlanta, Ga), in reference to a sheriff's investigation. (Mayor Pro-Tem)

PUBLIC AGENDA

Last Application Received: June 13, 2025, 11:39 a.m. (Online)

1. Mr. Robert Nerkowski, Re: Electric Vehicle Infrastructure, Public Transportation and Mental Health Treatment for the Homeless.
2. Mr. Tony Gaskins, Re: City Government.
3. Mr. Timothy Veals, Re: Columbus Property Conditions.
4. Mr. Seda Eugenio, Re: Delayed Permit for Commercial Roof

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Property Sale - 1545 14th Avenue

Approval is requested to authorize the Community Reinvestment Department to sell city-owned property to adjacent landowner, Columbus House Initiative Inc., dba NeighborWorks in accordance with section 7-501 paragraph 5 of the Columbus Charter, and to authorize the Mayor or his designee to execute all contracts, agreements and understandings related to the conveyance of City properties

2. Risk Management Legal Services

Approval is requested for the legal services rendered regarding Risk Management issues Fiscal Year 2026.

3. FEMA Fire Prevention & Safety Grant

Approval is requested to authorize the Mayor or his designee to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant in the amount of \$250,000.00 or as otherwise awarded from the FEMA Fire Prevention & Safety grant program. There are no matching funds required.

4. FY25 Community Policing Development Microgrants - Officer Recruitment, Hiring, and Retention Grant Application

Approval is requested for the Mayor, or his designee to apply for, accept, and expend any awarded funds as per the grant guidelines and City regulations, if awarded, a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) for funds to attract and retain the best law enforcement candidates who represent a variety of backgrounds, knowledge, and experiences using novel or creative methods for recruitment and retention, in the amount of \$175,000, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund budget by the amount of the award.

5. FY25 Community Policing Development Microgrants – Homelessness and Squatting grant application

Approval is requested for the Mayor, or his designee to apply for, accept, and expend any awarded funds as per the grant guidelines and City regulations, if awarded, a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) for funds to assist MCSO with the implementation of innovative and collaborative programs for addressing the negative impacts of homelessness and squatting, with an emphasis on enforcement, prevention, and community collaboration, in the amount of \$175,000, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund budget by the amount of the award.

6. FY25 Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act (LEMHWA) Grant Application

Approval is requested for the Mayor, or his designee to apply for, accept, and expend any awarded funds as per the grant guidelines and City regulations, if awarded, a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) for funds to improve the delivery of and access to mental health and wellness services for MCSO sworn and civilian staff through the implementation of peer support, training, family resources, suicide prevention, and other promising practices for wellness programs, in the amount of \$200,000, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund budget by the amount of the award.

7. FY25 Safer Outcomes: Enhancing De-Escalation and Crisis Response Training for Law Enforcement – Support for Law Enforcement Agencies Grant

Approval is requested for the Mayor, or his designee to apply for, accept, and expend any awarded funds as per the grant guidelines and City regulations, if awarded, a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) that provides funding to law enforcement agencies to promote safe outcomes during police encounters with persons in crisis through relevant training, in the amount of \$500,000, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund budget by the amount of the award.

8. FY25 Community Policing Development Microgrants – Violent Crime Prevention Grant Application

Approval is requested for the Mayor, or his designee to apply for, accept, and expend any awarded funds as per the grant guidelines and City regulations, if awarded, a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) for funds to combat pressing issues such as street gang violence, gun violence, enforcement of gun laws, federal law enforcement engagement, child trafficking, and other serious criminal activities, in the amount of \$175,000, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund budget by the amount of the award.

9. Risk Management Donations for Risk and Safety Day Community Event

Approval is requested to accept financial donations from businesses and organizations to be used to offset the cost of hosting a full-day Risk and Safety Day Community Event at Lakebottom Park.

10. PURCHASES

A. Bus Refurbishment Services for METRA – Washington State Transit Bus Cooperative Contract Purchase

B. Bid Tabulation for: Hot Asphalt, Micro Surfacing & General Road Repair Services (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 25-0004

- C. Traffic Incident Management Services and Towing Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 25-0001

11. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

A. FY25 Juvenile Court Update - Judge Warner Kennon, Samantha Cannon

Juvenile Court is requesting an estimated additional \$90,000 to cover FY25 expenses.

B. FY25 Probate Court Update - Judge Marc D'Antonio

Requested amount pending from Probate Court.

CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

1. Minutes of the following boards:

Development Authority of Columbus, Georgia 04.03.25

Development Authority of Columbus, Georgia 05.01.25

ADD-ON: Resignation of Robert L. Wadkins, Jr. from his seat on the Civic Center Advisory Board to accept his appointment as the Corporate/Employment Attorney on the Columbus Sports & Entertainment Authority.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

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

A. COLUMBUS SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT AUTHORITY:

New Member
(Certified Public Accountant)

Open for Nominations
(Mayor's Appointment)

New Member
(Law Enforcement Representative)
Ex Officio/Non-Voting Member

Open for Nominations
(Mayor's Appointment)

The terms are three years, with the terms beginning July 1, 2025, and the term expiration of the first appointments being staggered pursuant to Ordinance 25-011.

Women: 1
Senatorial District 15: 1
Senatorial District 29: 3
Vacancies: 11

B. PENSION FUND, EMPLOYEES' BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Vacant

(Business Community)

Term Expires: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Mayor's Appointment)

The terms are four years. Meets monthly.

Women: 4
Senatorial District 15: 9
Senatorial District 29: 2
Vacancies: 1

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

A. CIVIC CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:

Johnson Trawick – *Not interested in serving*
Eligible to succeed

(District 8 – Garrett)

Term Expired: March 1, 2025

The terms are two years. Meets quarterly.

Women:	3
Senatorial District 15:	8
Senatorial District 29:	4
Vacancies:	0

B. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:

(District 1 – Hickey)

Vacant

Term Expires: March 27, 2026

The terms for the Mayor's Appointments are three years and Council's Appointments are two years. Meets quarterly.

Women: 4

Senatorial District 15: 9

Senatorial District 29: 2

Vacancies: 2

C. YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:

District 2 Nominee: _____

District 3 Nominee: _____

District 5 Nominee: _____

District 7 Nominee: _____

District 9 Nominee: _____

District 10 Nominee: _____

4. APPOINTMENTS – NOMINATIONS ARE CONFIRMED BY COUNCIL:

A. COLUMBUS SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT AUTHORITY:

New Member

(Fort Benning Representative)

Fort Benning Garrison Command's Nomination

(Confirmed by Council)

The terms are three years, with the terms beginning July 1, 2025, and the term expiration of the first appointments being staggered pursuant to Ordinance 25-011.

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

A. **DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:**

Vacant

Term Expired: August 15, 2023

(Council's Appointment)

The terms are four years. Ordinance No. 11-23 removes the limitation of two full consecutive terms for this authority.

Women: 0

Senatorial District 15: 3

Senatorial District 29: 3

Vacancies: 1

B. **KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION:**

Vacant

(Senatorial District 15)

Term Expires: June 30, 2027

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

The terms are three years. Meets every other month.

Women: 4

Senatorial District 15: 5

Senatorial District 29: 3

Vacancies: 2

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

Judge David Ranieri

Does not desire reappointment

Term Expires: June 30, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

The terms are three years. Meets every other month.

Women: 2

Senatorial District 15: 3

Senatorial District 29: 1

Vacancies: 0

D. RETIREES' HEALTH BENEFITS COMMITTEE:

Thomas Barron

Not Eligible

Term Expires: June 30, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

The term of the Mayor's appointee is two years. The terms of Council's appointees are four years. Meets once a month.

Women: 4

Senatorial District 15: n/a

Senatorial District 29: n/a

Vacancies: 0

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File Attachments for Item:

1. Approval of minutes for the June 10, 2025 Council Meeting and Executive Session.

COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING **MINUTES**

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

June 10, 2025
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, Travis L. Chambers, Joanne Cogle, Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis, R. Walker Garrett, Byron Hickey, Bruce Huff and Toyia Tucker. Deputy City Manager Lisa Goodwin, City Attorney Clifton Fay, Clerk of Council Lindsey G. McLemore and Deputy Clerk of Council Tameka Colbert.

ABSENT: n/a

<u>The following documents have been included as a part of the electronic Agenda Packet:</u> n/a

<u>The following documents were distributed around the Council table:</u> n/a
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CALL TO ORDER: Mayor B.H. "Skip" Henderson, III, Presiding

INVOCATION: Offered by Dr. Ralph Huling, St. James Missionary Baptist Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Skip Henderson

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the June 03, 2025, Council Meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING:

2. **TAXPAYER BILL OF RIGHTS PUBLIC HEARING:** 9:00 a.m. The budget tentatively adopted by the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, requires a millage rate higher than the rollback millage rate. Therefore, before the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, may finalize the tentative budget and set a final millage rate, Georgia Law requires that

three public hearings be held to allow the public an opportunity to express their opinions on this increase.

City Attorney Clifton Fay began the Taxpayer Bill of Rights Hearing by explaining the City Council is required to have a public hearing anytime the projected value of tax digest is expected to increase. He stated though the property values in the county are projected to increase, if a property owner has a Homestead Assessment Freeze, then their property taxes should not be affected.

Finance Director Angelica Alexander approached the rostrum to further explain the projected increase. She stated there are two types of increases that may cause some adjustment to the tax digest, inflationary increases with the reassessment of property values based on sales, and changes to the tax digest when there are new and/or improved properties coming onto the tax rolls. She went on to explain with new and improved properties coming onto the tax digest, the Tax Commissioner is required to calculate what is known as the Rollback Millage Rate, which is a millage that determines what we could assess the property values to collect the same tax revenue as the previous year with those assessed at a lower amount. She explained that the millage rates that were included in the Mayor's Recommended FY2026 Budget are the same as approved for the prior fiscal year, with Urban Service District #1 at 16.07 mills, Urban Service District #2 at 10.09 mills, and Urban Service District #4 at 9.19 mills.

In response to questions raised by councilors and citizens, **Chief Appraiser Suzanne Widenhouse** approached the rostrum and explained the most investor-owned properties are valued using a methodology that capitalizes the income stream into a value. She said when property rent is raised, the property's income increases, which leads to a higher property valuation. She also explained both her role and the methods she uses are determined by the state. She has very limited flexibility, as the state sets the valuation standards, methodologies, and required parameters for assessing properties.

Finance Director Angelica Alexander added that residential property owners who rent out property as a business are not required to pay occupational taxes.

During the discussion, **Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen** requested Chief Appraiser Suzanne Widenhouse and the Chairperson for the Board of Tax Assessors to return for Executive Session scheduled for 11:00 a.m.

Councilor Charmaine Crabb stated for the record, the Georgia Property Tax Freeze is not the cause for the increase in property taxes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- *Jason Hilton* – Concerned about the millage rate and significant increase in property taxes
- *Kathy Tanner* – Concerned about increased millage rate and increase in property taxes
- *Ricky Cummings* – Concerned about the increase in property taxes
- *Clairmont Barnes Jr.* – Spoke about affordable homeownership
- *Marvin Broadwater Sr.* – Spoke about the Taxpay Bill of Rights Public Hearings and how they are scheduled.
- *Glover Gossett* – Inquired about market data used by the Tax Assessors Office
- *Jeremy Hilton* – Raised concerns about the millage rate, increase in property taxes, capping the annual increase and income approach

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CHIEF APPRAISER:

- Provide the highest, lowest and mid-level assessed property and the criteria or methodology used to increase the assessed value. (*Request of Mayor Pro Tem Allen*)
- Explore and bring some options to help both investors and renters. (*Councilor Chambers*)

LEGISLATIVE AGENDA:

- A request was made that the subject of cap rates and income approach be added to the legislative agenda for further consideration. (*Request of Councilor Anker*)
- Look at the income and cap rate approach. (*Request of Councilor Anker*)

CITY ATTORNEY’S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

- 1. Ordinance (25-026) - 2nd Reading-** An ordinance adopting an operating and capital improvement budget for the Fiscal Year 2026 beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026, for certain funds of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, and appropriating the amounts shown in each budget; and for other purposes. (Budget Review Committee) Councilor

Tucker made a motion to allow Councilors Crabb and Hickey to recuse themselves from voting on this item, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members present. Councilor Tucker made a motion to pull Sections 7 and 19 from the ordinance to be voted on separately, seconded Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the ten members present. Councilor Tucker made a motion to adopt the operating and capital improvement ordinance for Fiscal Year 2026 omitting Sections 7 and 19, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by eight members of Council, with Councilors Crabb and Hickey being recused. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt Section 7 – Integrated Waste Management Fund Budget proposed in the amount the of \$18,637,447 and Section 19 – Community Development block Grant (CDBG) Budget proposed in the amount of \$1,812,296, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried by a six-to-vote, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Chambers, Cogle, Garrett, Huff and Tucker voting in favor, Councilors Anker and Davis voting in opposition, and Councilors Crabb and Hickey being recused.

(NOTE: An attachment was added to Ordinance No. 25-026 by the Clerk of Council to accurately reflect the separate votes taken on this item.)

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE DEPUTY CITY MANAGER:

- Provide a presentation at the next work session to give a detailed explanation of the budget process. *(Request of Councilor Anker)*
 - A request was made to include the information request by Councilor Crabb at the June 3, 2025, Council Meeting on vacant positions for a discussion at the next Work Session on the possibility of utilizing salary savings to reduce the rate for Integrated Waste. *(Request of Councilor Tucker)*
2. **Ordinance (25-027) - 2nd Reading-** An Ordinance adopting non-operating budgets for the fiscal year 2026 beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026, for certain funds of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, and appropriating the amounts shown in each budget. (Budget Review Committee) Councilor Davis made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the ten members present.
 3. **Ordinance (25-028) - 2nd Reading-** An Ordinance providing for contributions to the Columbus, Georgia General Government Employees' Pension Plan for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026. (Budget Review Committee) Councilor Tucker made a motion to

adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

4. **Ordinance (25-029) - 2nd Reading-** An Ordinance providing for the governmental contributions to the Columbus, Georgia Pension Plan for employees of the Department of Public Safety for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026. (Budget Review Committee) Councilor Tucker made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the ten members present.
5. **Ordinance (25-030) - 2nd Reading-** An Ordinance providing for Government funding of a Major Disability Income Plan for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026. (Budget Review Committee) Councilor Tucker made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the ten members present.
6. **Ordinance (25-031) - 2nd Reading-** An Ordinance providing for Government funding of a Death Benefit Escrow for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026. (Budget Review Committee) Councilor Tucker made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the ten members present.
7. **Ordinance (25-032) - 2nd Reading-** An Ordinance amending Article VII of Chapter 13 of the Columbus Code Solid Waste Collection and Disposal to update the landfill, residential and commercial waste disposal fees, to update the guidelines for an offset to the residential rate for low-income households; and for other purposes (Budget Review Committee) Councilor Tucker made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried eight to two with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Chambers, Cogle, Crabb Garrett, Hickey, Huff and Tucker voting in favor and Councilors Anker and Davis opposed.
8. **1st Reading:** REZN-04-25-0678: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at 1012 31st Street (parcel # 015-008-023) from Residential Multifamily – 2 (RMF2) to Residential Multifamily – 1 (RMF1) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Garrett)

(NOTE: The applicant was recognized as present, and the floor was declared open for public comment. No public comment and no questions from the Council.)

- 9. 1st Reading-** REZN-004-25-0706: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at Schley Road and River Road (part of parcel # 175-001-001, Lots PS20 and PS30) from Residential Estate – 10 (RE10) Zoning District to Residential Estate – 1 (RE1) Zoning District. (Planning Department and Staff recommend approval) (Councilor Davis)

(NOTE: The applicant was not present, but the floor was declared open for public comment. No public comment and no questions from the Council.)

- 10. 1st Reading:** REZN-04-25-0743: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at 101 23rd Street (parcel # 007-026-0145) from Residential Multifamily – 2 (RMF2) Zoning District to Single Family Residential – 4 (SFR4) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Cogle)

(NOTE: Ryan Clements, Aaron & Clements, Inc., was present to represent the applicant, and the floor was declared open for public comment. No public comment and no questions from the Council.)

- 11. 1st 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 2025 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)

RESOLUTIONS

- 12. Resolution (184-25)** – A resolution approving a special exception to allow an existing building located at 2510 Wynnton Road that are greater than 5,000 square feet under roof in a Neighborhood Commercial (NC) zoning district be granted a special exception to lift the 5,000 square feet use limitation. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval) (Councilor Huff) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote.

Mr. Carson Cummings approached the rostrum as the previous owner of the property located at 2510 Wynnton Road. The current owner is requesting a special exception for a proposed plasma center. He addressed community concerns by sharing information about the center's operations, including employee salaries, business hours, and services. He explained the request is necessary because the zoning regulations require a special exception for single-use buildings over 5,000 square feet.

Ms. Melissa Hugley approached the rostrum and expressed her concerns regarding community meetings and engagement regarding this property. She also asked if there were any buyers that had interest in the building.

Planning Director Will Johnson approached the rostrum and explained that this is a special exception and not a rezoning. He further explained that this is not about the use of the property. He said the plasma center is a medical lab that's already allowed in that zoning classification. The special exception is only regarding the size of the use.

13. Resolution (185-25) – A resolution amending and restating Res. No. 127-25 to provide an additional exception to its requirements for situations where a third-party broker has been awarded a contract under the management of the purchasing Division of the Finance Department and that broker in turn is authorized to procure services for the consolidated government. (Mayor Pro-Tem) Councilor Garrett made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Henderson entertained a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation and personnel as requested by City Attorney Fay. Councilor Crabb made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilors Davis and Garrett being absent for the vote, and the time being 10:57 a.m.

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 12:31 p.m., at which time, Mayor Henderson announced that the Council did meet in Executive Session to discuss potential litigation and personnel; however, there were no votes taken.

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Ms. Annette Adams, Re: Appreciation and Suggestions for CPD
2. Ms. Radiah Mallard, Re: Observations as a Transplant and Community Advocate.
3. Mr. Antonio Hardge, representing Primetime Barbershop, LLC, Re: Denial of ARP Grant Application.

Deputy City Manager Lisa Goodwin explained the Chamber of Commerce and the City had different responsibilities in the American Rescue Plan (ARP) grant approval process. While the Chamber approved the grant, the city denied it based on regulatory requirements.

Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge further explained that the business did not meet the requirements for the ARP funding because it did not have an active license before July 1, 2020. It closed on December 31, 2018, and the current license wasn't obtained until July 28, 2021.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE DEPUTY CITY MANAGER:

- A request was made for the current balance of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Fund. (*Request of Councilor Chambers*)
- A request was made to provide the information and guidelines issued by the Governor during COVID-19 related to the opening and closing of businesses. (*Request of Councilor Tucker*)

4. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, Re: City Manager Firing and Pension Plan.
5. Mr. John Michael Watford, Re: Mud Built Up on Roaring Branch Road. ***Not Present***

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE DEPUTY CITY MANAGER:

- Request for a streetsweeper to clean up the leaves on Roaring Branch Road. (*Request of Councilor Chambers*)
6. Mr. Lucas Melton, Re: Flat Rock Cleanup and City Personnel Changes.

7. Rev. Johnny Flakes, III, representing IMA, Re: The IMA's Position on the City Manager's Termination.
8. Mr. Mark Lawrence, Re: Working Things Out.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Marathon First Responder Grant

Resolution (186-25) – A resolution to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant for fire and rescue equipment to support Columbus Fire and Emergency Medical Services operations at the Marathon Petroleum facility and throughout the community in the amount of \$4,652.27, or as otherwise awarded, from the Marathon Community Investment Programs with no matching funds required. the multi-governmental fund will be amended by the amount of the award. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

2. Norfolk Southern Safety-First Grant – Fire/ EMS

Resolution (187-25) – A resolution authorizing the Mayor or his designee to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant for seed money towards the purchase of a spot robot with public safety payloads for \$15,000.00, or as otherwise awarded, from the Norfolk Southern Safety-First grant program with no matching funds required. the multi-governmental fund will be amended by the amount of the award. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

3. Columbus Police Department: K-9 Ballistic Vests Donation

Resolution (188-25) – A resolution to accept generous donation from Dr. David Horiuchi and Dr. David Taylor for two (2) new ballistic vests. These vests are intended for two of the newly acquired k-9s recently added to the department. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Chambers and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

4. **PURCHASES**

- A. Amendment 8 for Space Planning and Programming and Design Professional Services for Columbus Consolidated Government Center Project – RFQ No. 20-0001

Resolution (189-25) – A resolution authorizing Council rescind Resolution No. 070-25 for Amendment 8 with The S/L/A/M Collaborative, Inc., (Orlando, FL), which is formerly CBRE/Heery, Inc., and re-approve Amendment 8 with The S/L/A/M Collaborative in the amount of \$294,000.00 for additional design costs related to floor plan changes in Judicial Center and City Hall projects. The amount will be divided as follows: \$194,000 is allotted for Judicial Center costs and \$100,000 is allotted for City Hall costs. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

- B. Contract Extension for Concessionaire Services for Government Center Complex – RFP No. 19-0013

Resolution (190-25) – A resolution authorizing the extension of the annual contract with Chester's Barbecue (Columbus, GA) to provide Concessionaire Services for the Government Center Complex, until such time as the building closes tentatively in August 2026. A new RFP will be issued at the appropriate time. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

- C. IPlanTables Workstations for the Engineering Department

Resolution (191-25) – A resolution authorizing the purchase of five (5) IPlanTables Workstations for the Engineering Department, from IProject Solutions, LLC, (Saint Joseph, MO), in the amount of \$62,615.00. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

After Councilor Hickey expressed concerns about the maintenance of a specific apartment complex, **Inspections and Code Director Ryan Pruett** explained that under Chapter 8 of the Columbus Code of Ordinances, a full inspection is conducted when a property maintenance issue arises between a landlord and tenant. Any code violations are documented, and the landlord is notified and given a reasonable time to make corrections. If the landlord fails to comply, they can be issued a citation.

REFERRAL(S):**FOR THE DEPUTY CITY MANAGER:**

- It was requested for staff to investigate and provide an update on a developing sinkhole on the block of Wells Drive between 17th Street and Macon Road. *(Request of Councilor Huff)*
- A request was made for data on the number of complaints received regarding Patriot Place Apartments. *(Request of Councilor Tucker)*

FOR THE DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY:

- A request was made for staff to confirm whether an ordinance was created in possibly May 2023 waiving fees to exhume veterans from pauper burials at East Porterdales Cemetery. *(Request of Councilor Tucker)*

CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA**ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED****1. Minutes of the following boards:**

Board of Tax Assessors, #18-25

Columbus Board of Health, 02.26.25

Columbus Board of Health, 03.26.25

Columbus Board of Health, 04.23.25

Crime Prevention 05.14.25

Hospital Authority of Columbus, Georgia, 04.29.25

Personnel Review Board 05.21.25

Councilor Tucker made a motion to receive the minutes of various boards, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen being absent for the vote.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

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

A. COLUMBUS SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT AUTHORITY:

A nominee for a new seat as a Certified Public Accountant, on the Columbus Sports & Entertainment Authority. (*Mayor's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for a new seat as a Law Enforcement Representative, on the Columbus Sports & Entertainment Authority. (*Mayor's Appointment*). There were none.

B. PENSION FUND, EMPLOYEES' BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

A nominee for a vacant seat with a term expiring on June 30, 2025, as a representative of the Business Community on the Pension Fund, Employees' Board of Trustees (*Mayor's Appointment*). There were none.

C. YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:

A nominee for the Youth Advisory Council (*Mayor's Nominee*). Mayor Henderson nominated Katie Dodson, Columbus High School, to serve on the Youth Advisory Council. Councilor Tucker made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen being absent for the vote.

3. APPOINTMENTS – NOMINATIONS ARE CONFIRMED BY COUNCIL:

A. COLUMBUS SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT AUTHORITY:

A nominee for the new seat of the Trade Center Representative on the Columbus Sports & Entertainment Authority (*Confirmed by Council*). Councilor Cogle nominated Morgan Moore as the Columbus Convention & Trade Center Representative. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen being absent for the vote.

A nominee for the new seat of the Fort Benning Representative on the Columbus Sports & Entertainment Authority (*Fort Benning Garrison Command's Nomination – Confirmed by Council*). There were none.

4. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS – READY FOR CONFIRMATION:

A. DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: Bruce McPherson was nominated to succeed Ernest Smallman, IV. (*Councilor Cogle's nominee*) Term expires: August 15, 2025. **Note: In accordance with established term dates, Mr. McPherson will be listed as eligible for reappointment in July.* Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen being absent for the vote.

B. RETIREES' HEALTH BENEFITS COMMITTEE: Cheryl Tate was renominated to serve another term. (*Councilor Crabb's nominee*) Term expires: June 30, 2029. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen being absent for the vote.

5. 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 expiring on March 27, 2026, on the Community Development Advisory Council (*District 1 – Hickey*). There were none.

B. YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:

A nominee for the District 1 Representative on the Youth Advisory Council (*District 1 – Hickey*). Councilor Hickey nominated Meagan Hatcher, Pacelli High School. Councilor Hickey made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen being absent for the vote.

A nominee for the District 2 Representative on the Youth Advisory Council (*District 2 – Davis*). There were none.

A nominee for the District 3 Representative on the Youth Advisory Council (*District 3 – Huff*). There were none.

A nominee for the District 4 Representative on the Youth Advisory Council (*District 4 – Tucker*). Councilor Tucker nominated Javi Moore, Shaw High School. Councilor Tucker made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen being absent for the vote.

A nominee for the District 5 Representative on the Youth Advisory Council (*District 5 – Crabb*). There were none.

A nominee for the District 7 Representative on the Youth Advisory Council (*District 7 – Cogle*). 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.

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

A. COLUMBUS SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT AUTHORITY:

A nominee for a new seat as a Promotional Entity-Professional Hockey Representative, on the Columbus Sports & Entertainment Authority. (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

B. DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:

A nominee for a vacant seat for the term expiring on August 15, 2023, on the Downtown Development Authority (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

C. KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION:

A nominee for a vacant seat with the term expiring on June 30, 2027, for a Senatorial District 15 Representative on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

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

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

E. RETIREES' HEALTH BENEFITS COMMITTEE:

A nominee for the Thomas Barron (*Not Eligible to serve another term*) for a term expiring on June 30, 2025, on the Retirees' Health Benefits Committee (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

PUBLIC AGENDA (continued):

2. Ms. Radiah Mallard, Re: Observations as a Transplant and Community Advocate.

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Councilor Garrett to adjourn the June 10, 2025, Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen being for the vote, with the time being 1:46 p.m.

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

File Attachments for Item:

1. 2nd Reading: REZN-04-25-0678: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **1012 31st Street** (parcel # 015-008-023) from Residential Multifamily – 2 (RMF2) to Residential Multifamily – 1 (RMF1) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Garrett)

AN ORDINANCE**NO. _____**

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

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

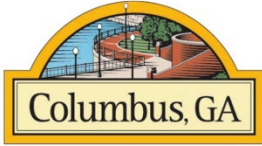
“All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Columbus, Muscogee County, Georgia, and in a survey of lands of RoseHill Company and designated in said survey Lot Number Eight (8) in Block lettered D, and more particularly described as follows: Said lot commencing at a point on the south side of Thirty-first Street One Hundred and Fifty (150) feet east of Tenth Avenue and running thence east along the south side Thirty-first Street a distance of Fifty (50) feet and squarely back south, of uniform width, One Hundred and Fifty (150) feet.”

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 10th day of June 2025; introduced a second time at a regular meeting of said Council held on the _____ day of _____, 2025 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting _____.
Councilor Anker	voting _____.
Councilor Chambers	voting _____.
Councilor Cogle	voting _____.
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Councilor Davis	voting _____.
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 Clerk of Council

B. H. “Skip” Henderson, III
 Mayor



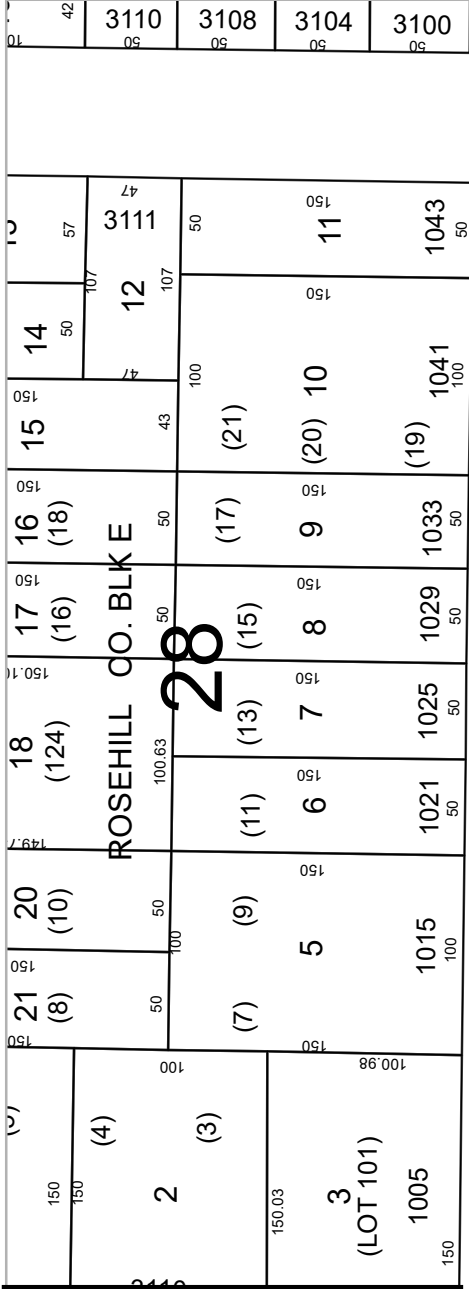
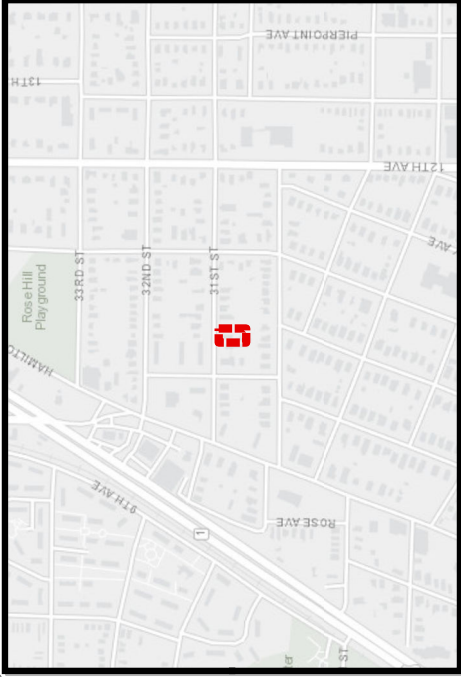
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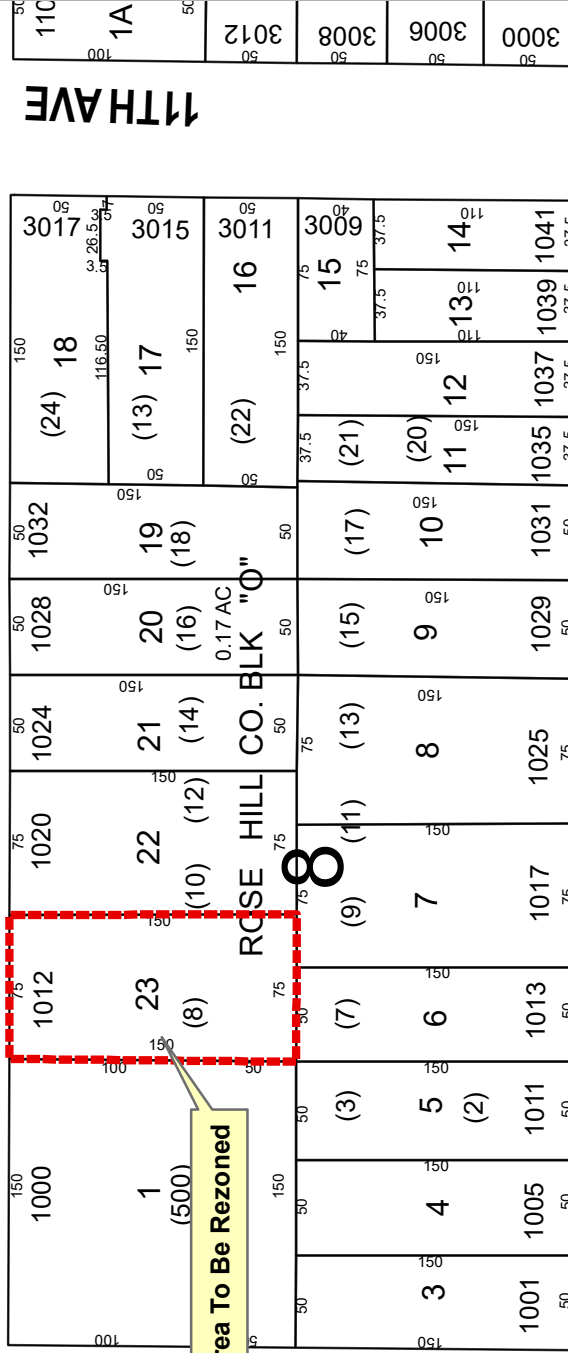
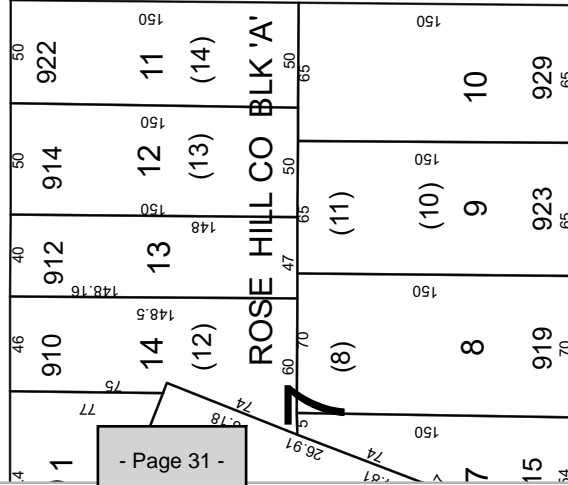
Applicant:	Plutarco Realty, LLC
Owner:	Plutarco Realty, LLC
Location:	1012 31 st Street
Parcel:	015-008-023
Acreage:	0.26 Acres
Current Zoning Classification:	Residential Multifamily – 2
Proposed Zoning Classification:	Residential Multifamily – 1
Current Use of Property:	Single Family Residential
Proposed Use of Property:	Single Family Residential
Council District:	District 8 (Garrett)
PAC Recommendation:	Approval based on the Staff Report and compatibility with existing land uses.
Planning Department Recommendation:	Approval based on compatibility with existing land uses.
Fort Benning's Recommendation:	N/A
DRI Recommendation:	N/A
General Land Use:	Consistent Planning Area D
Current Land Use Designation:	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.	
S Surrounding Zoning:	North	Residential Multifamily – 2 (RMF2)
	South	Single Family Residential – 4 (SFR4)
	East	Residential Multifamily – 2 (RMF2)
	West	Residential Multifamily – 2 (RMF2)
Reasonableness of Request:	The request is compatible with existing land uses.	
School Impact:	N/A	
Buffer Requirement:	N/A	
Attitude of Property Owners:	Forty Three (43) property owners within 300 feet of the subject properties were notified of the rezoning request. The Planning Department received no calls and/or emails regarding the rezoning.	
	Approval	0 Responses
	Opposition	0 Responses
Additional Information:	Existing Single Family residence	
Attachments:	Aerial Land Use Map Location Map Zoning Map Existing Land Use Map Future Land Use Map Flood Map	



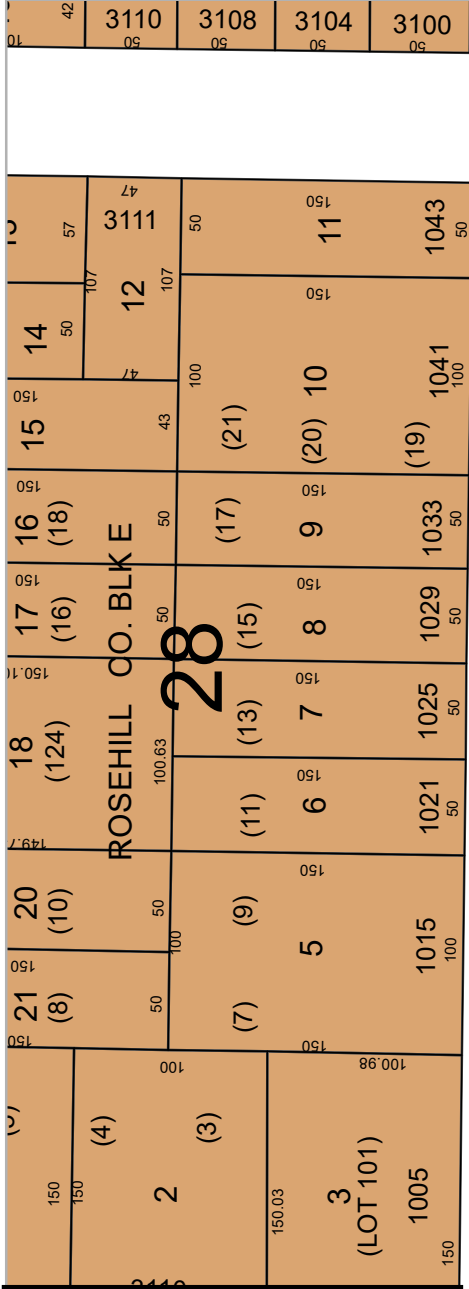
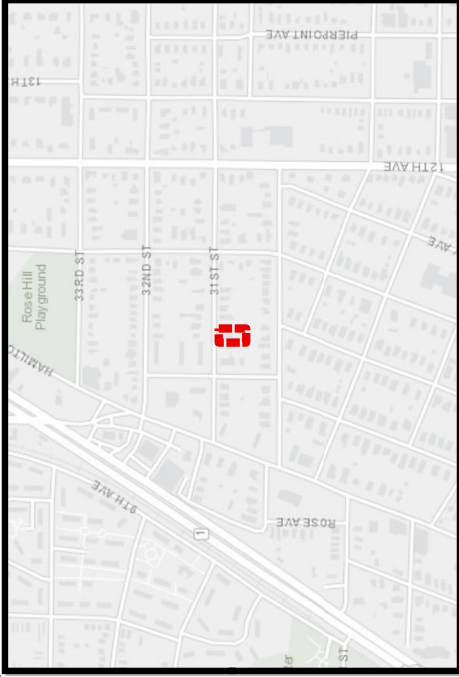
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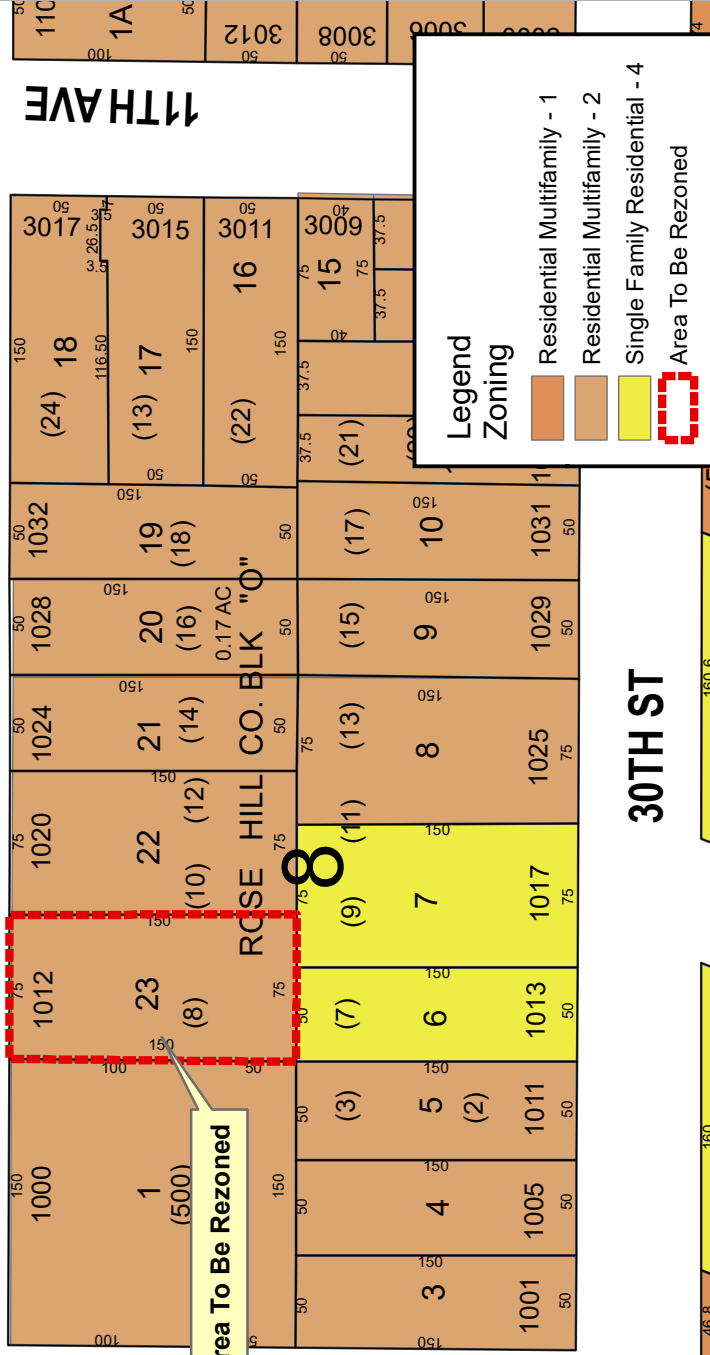
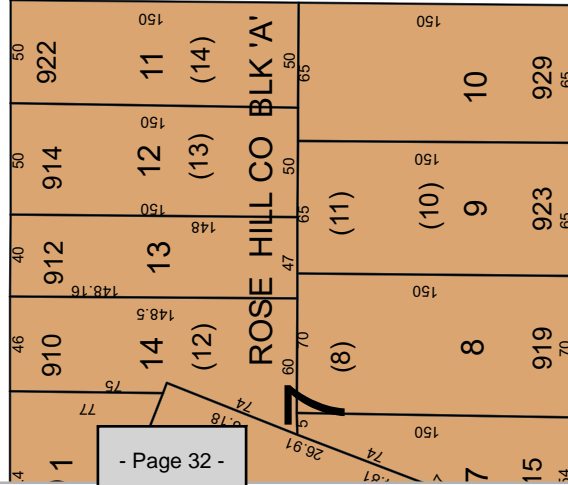
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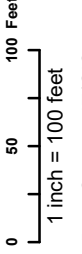
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Zoning Map for REZN 04 - 25 - 0678

Map 015 Block 008 Lot 023

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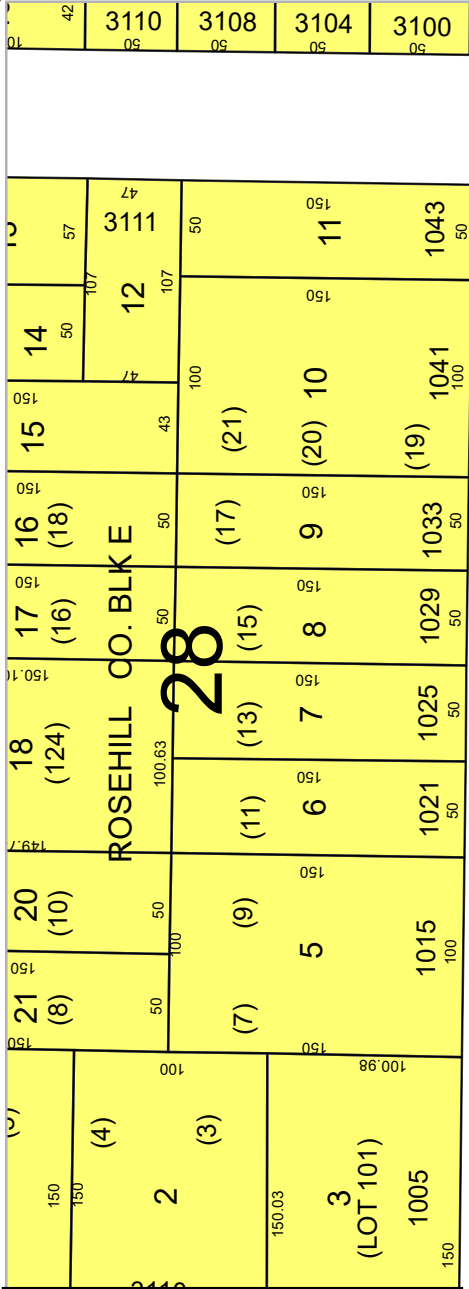
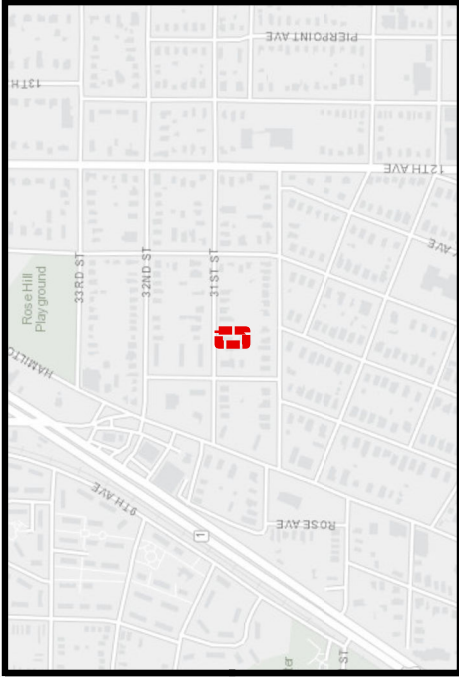
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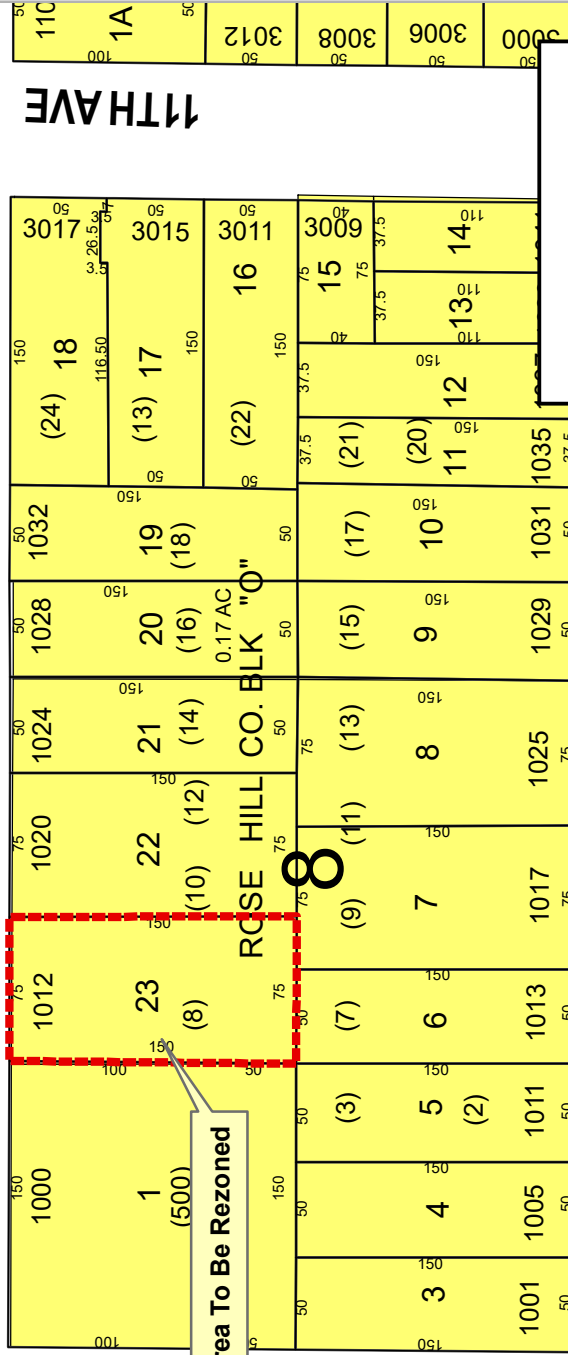
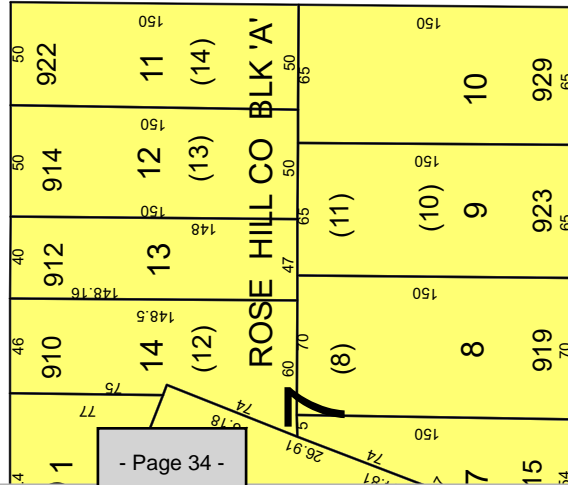


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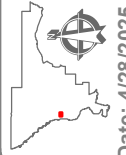
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Legend
Future Land Use Map
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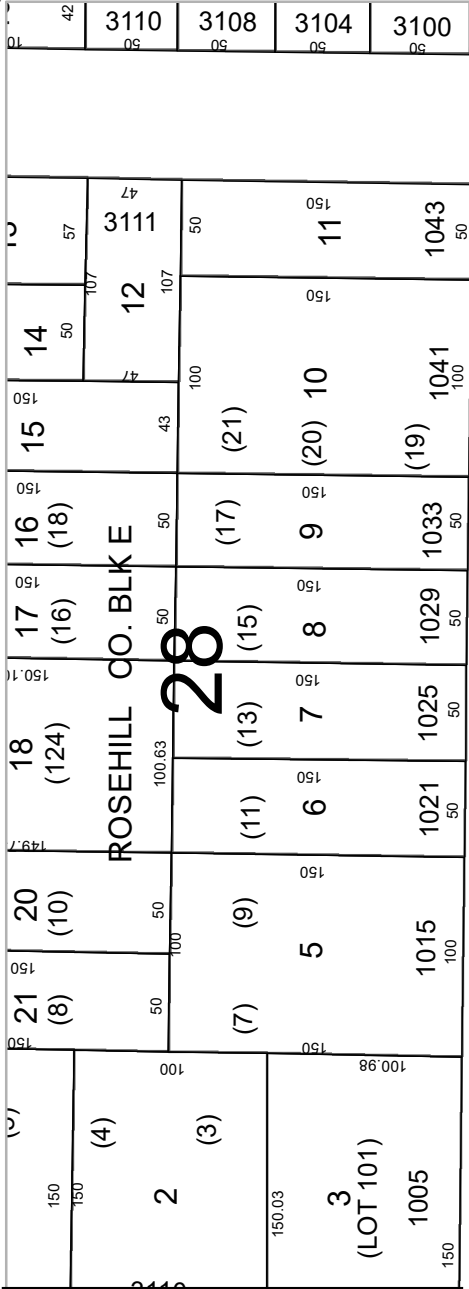
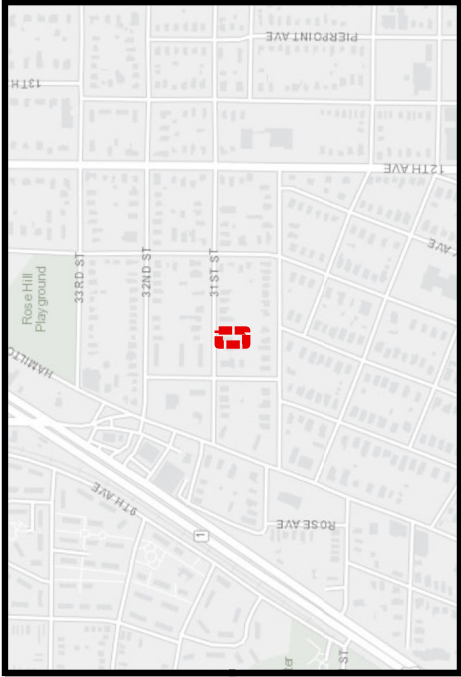
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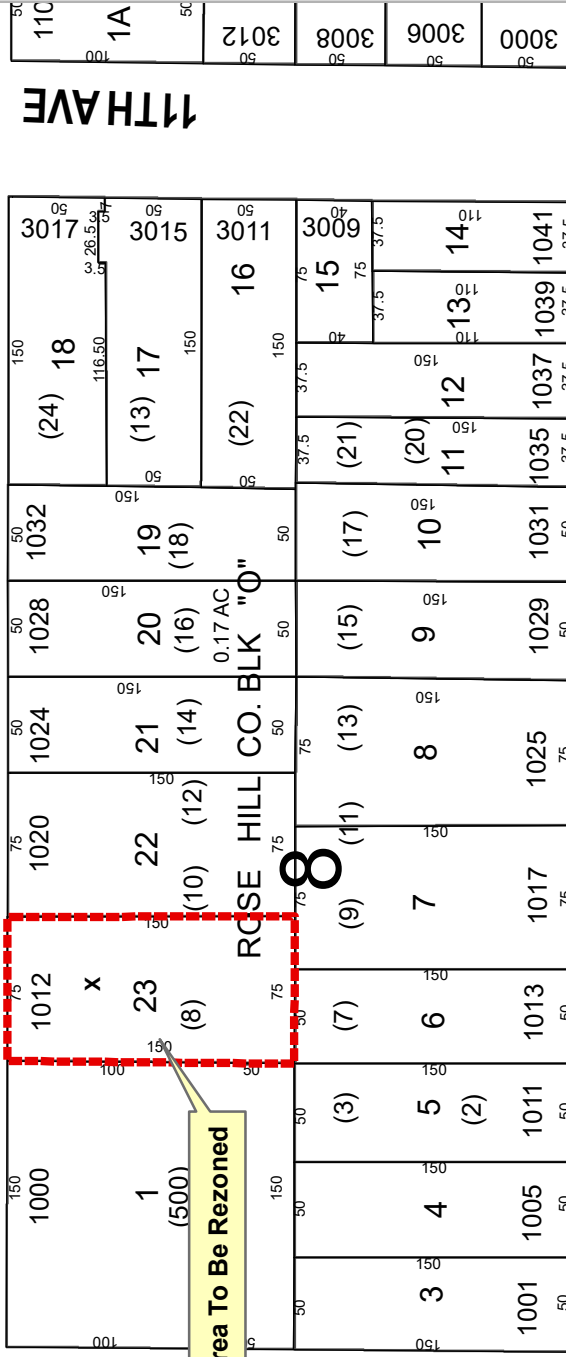


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Area To Be Rezoned

30TH ST



File Attachments for Item:

2. 2nd Reading: REZN-004-25-0706: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **Schley Road and River Road** (part of parcel # 175-001-001, Lots PS20 and PS30) from Residential Estate – 10 (RE10) Zoning District to Residential Estate – 1 (RE1) Zoning District. (Planning Department and Staff recommend approval) (Councilor Davis)

AN ORDINANCE

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

Section 1.

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Lot PS20

“All that tract or parcel of land being Part of Land Lot 209, 19th District, Columbus, Muscogee County, Georgia, being more particularly describes as follows: BEGIN at concrete monument at the northwesterly end of a mitered corner marking the intersection of the easterly line of River Road and northerly line of Schley Road; thence North 09 degrees 43 minutes 13 seconds West, along the easterly line of River Road, 80.18 feet to a concrete monument; thence continue along said street line, North 11 degrees 04 minutes 00 seconds West, 132.45 feet to an iron stake at the intersection of said street line and the northerly line of Land Lot 209; thence leaving River Road, along the northerly line of Land Lot 209, South 89 degrees 20 minutes 21 seconds East, 476.50 feet to an iron stake; thence leaving the northerly line of Land Lot 209, South 00 degrees 21 minutes 51 seconds East, 84.64 feet to an iron stake on the northerly line of Schley Road; thence southwesterly along the northerly line of Schley Road, along the arc of a counterclockwise curve (said arc having a radius of 774.82 feet and being subtended by a 367.99 foot chord bearing South 69 degrees 55 minutes 57 seconds West), 371.54 feet to a concrete monument; thence continue along said street line, North 33 degrees 44 minutes 30 seconds West, 30.33 feet to a concrete monument; thence continue along said street line, South 55 degrees 55 minutes 50 seconds West, 59.72 feet to a concrete monument at the southeasterly end of mitered corner forming the intersection of the easterly line of River Road and northerly line of Schley Road; thence along said miter, North 59 degrees 05 minutes 15 seconds West, 30.40 feet to a concrete monument and the POINT OF BEGNINING, containing 1.60 acres.”

Lot PS30

“All that tract or parcel of land being Part of Land Lot 209, 19th District, Columbus, Muscogee County, Georgia, being more particularly describes as follows: BEGIN at concrete monument marking the intersection of the easterly line of River Road and southerly line of Schley Road; thence North 61 degrees 05 minutes 46 seconds East,

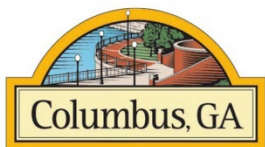
along the southerly line of Schley Road, 119.73 feet to an iron stake; thence continue along said street line, North 33 degrees 16 minutes 24 seconds West, 35.29 feet to a concrete monument; thence continue along said street line, along the arc of a clockwise curve (said arc having a radius of 734.82 feet and being subtended by a 345.45 foot chord bearing North 69 degrees 48 minutes 08 seconds East), 348.71 feet to an iron stake; thence leaving Schley Road, South 01 degree 23 minutes 24 seconds West, 481.23 feet to an iron stake; thence North 88 degrees 36 minutes 36 seconds West, 371.78 feet to an iron stake on the easterly line of River Road; thence North 03 degrees 56 minutes 41 seconds West, along the easterly line of Rive Road, 28.20 feet to a concrete monument; thence continue along said street line, along the arc of a counterclockwise curve (said arc having a radius of 3645.0 feet and being subtended by a 238.53 foot chord bearing North 05 degrees 51 minutes 59 seconds West), 238.58 feet to a concrete monument and the POINT OF BEGNINING, containing 3.62 acres.”

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 10th day of June 2025; introduced a second time at a regular meeting of said Council held on the ____ day of _____, 2025 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting _____.
Councilor Anker	voting _____.
Councilor Chambers	voting _____.
Councilor Cogle	voting _____.
Councilor Crabb	voting _____.
Councilor Davis	voting _____.
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Lindsey G. Mclemore
Clerk of Council

B. H. “Skip” Henderson, III
Mayor



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COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

REZN-04-25-0706

Applicant:	Philip T Schley
Owner:	Philip T Schley
Location:	1001 Schley Road
Parcel:	Part of 175-001-001
Acreage:	5.22 Acres
Current Zoning Classification:	Residential Estate - 10
Proposed Zoning Classification:	Residential Estate - 1
Current Use of Property:	Agriculture
Proposed Use of Property:	Single Family Residential
Council District:	District 2 (Davis)
PAC Recommendation:	Approval based on the Staff Report and compatibility with existing land uses.
Planning Department Recommendation:	Approval based on compatibility with existing land uses.
Fort Benning's Recommendation:	N/A
DRI Recommendation:	N/A
General Land Use:	Consistent Planning Area A
Current Land Use Designation:	Vacant/Undeveloped

Future Land Use Designation:	Rural Residential								
Compatible with Existing Land-Uses:	Yes								
Environmental Impacts:	The property does not lie within the floodway and floodplain area. The developer will need an approved drainage plan prior to issuance of a Site Development permit, if a permit is required.								
City Services:	Property is served by all city services.								
Traffic Engineering:	This site shall meet the Codes and regulations of the Columbus Consolidated Government for residential usage.								
Surrounding Zoning:	<table> <tr> <td>North</td><td>Harris County</td></tr> <tr> <td>South</td><td>Residential Estate – 10 (RE10)</td></tr> <tr> <td>East</td><td>Residential Estate – 10 (RE10)</td></tr> <tr> <td>West</td><td>Residential Estate – 1 (RE1)</td></tr> </table>	North	Harris County	South	Residential Estate – 10 (RE10)	East	Residential Estate – 10 (RE10)	West	Residential Estate – 1 (RE1)
North	Harris County								
South	Residential Estate – 10 (RE10)								
East	Residential Estate – 10 (RE10)								
West	Residential Estate – 1 (RE1)								
Reasonableness of Request:	The request is compatible with existing land uses.								
School Impact:	N/A								
Buffer Requirement:	N/A								
Attitude of Property Owners:	<p>One (1) 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.</p> <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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Additional Information:	Create two single family residential parcels.								
Attachments:	Aerial Land Use Map Location Map Zoning Map Existing Land Use Map Future Land Use Map Flood Map								



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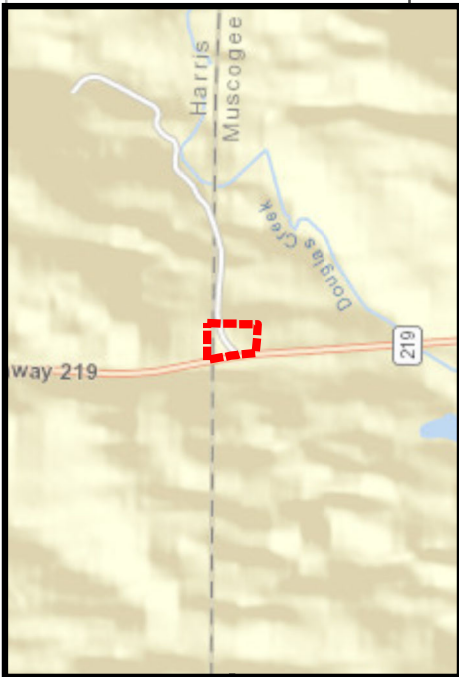
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Aerial Map for REZN 04-25-0706
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Area To Be Rezoned

Harris County
Muscogee County

SCHLEY RD

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Location Map for REZN 04-25-0706

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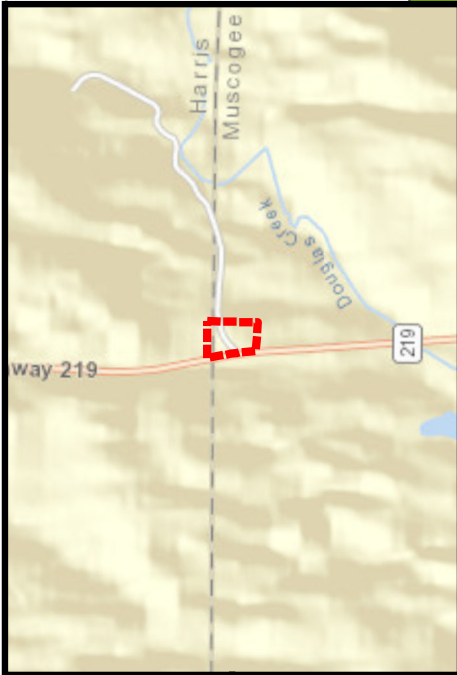
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Area To Be Rezoned

Harris County
Muscogee County

SCHLEY RD

RIVER RD

Residential Estate - 10

Area To Be Rezoned

Legend
Zoning

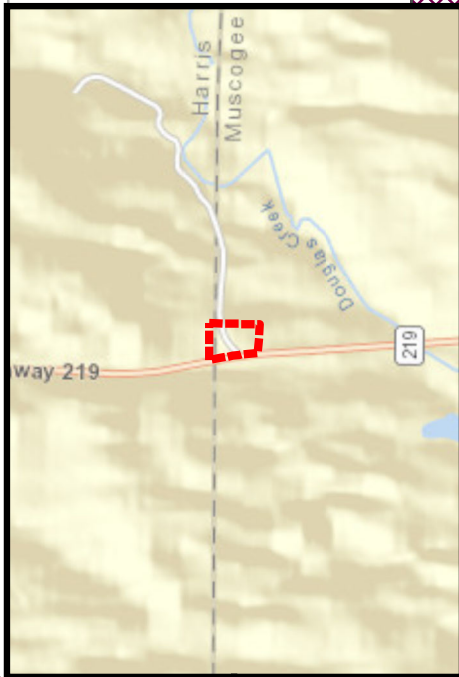


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Area To Be Rezoned

Harris County

Muscogee County

SCHLEY RD

RIVER RD

Legend Existing Land Use

-  Vacant/Undeveloped
-  Area To Be Rezoned



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Existing Land Use Map for REZN 04-25-0706

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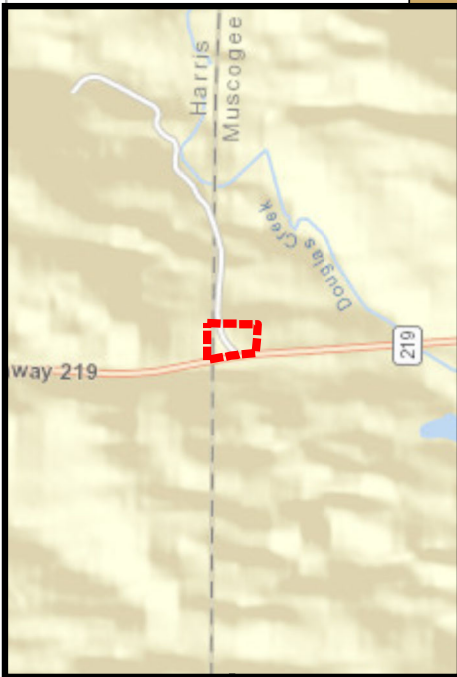
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SCHLEY RD

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Legend
Future Land Use
 Rural Residential
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Future Land Use Map for REZN 04-25-0706
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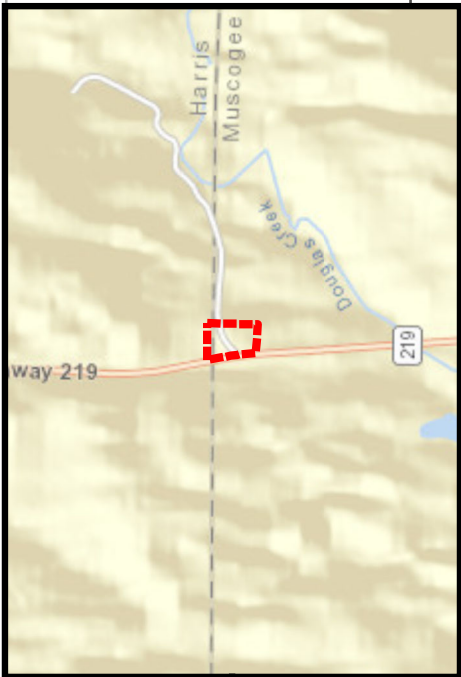
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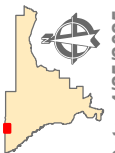
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Flood Hazard Map for REZN 04-25-0706
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LEGEND
CONCRETE MONUMENT FOUND
1/2" REBAR & CAP SET (MMA LSF 87)

HARRIS COUNTY

PHILIP T. SCHLEY

LAND LOT 184
LAND LOT 209

LOT PS20

1.60 Ac.
CURRENT ZONING - RE10
PROPOSED ZONING - RE1

MUSCOGEE COUNTY

PHILIP T. SCHLEY

ZONING - RE10

SCHLEY ROAD

RIVER ROAD

PHILIP T. SCHLEY

ZONING - RE10

PHILIP T. SCHLEY

LOT PS30

3.62 Ac.
CURRENT ZONING - RE10
PROPOSED ZONING - RE1

ZONING - RE10

PHILIP T. SCHLEY

ZONING - RE10



REZONING PLAT
PROPERTY OF
PHILIP T. SCHLEY
**PART OF LAND LOT 209,
19th DISTRICT**
COLUMBUS, MUSCOGEE COUNTY, GEORGIA
Scale 1" = 60' 1 April 2025
MOON MEES & ASSOCIATES, INC.
(GA. REG. NO. H206465)
Civil Engineers - Land Surveyors
100 Southern Way, Suite A, Columbus, Georgia 31904
(706) 327-8306



File Attachments for Item:

3. 2nd Reading: REZN-04-25-0743: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **101 23rd Street** (parcel # 007-026-0145) from Residential Multifamily – 2 (RMF2) Zoning District to Single Family Residential – 4 (SFR4) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Cogle)

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 **101 23rd Street** (parcel # 007-026-0145) from Residential Multifamily – 2 (RMF2) Zoning District to Single Family Residential – 4 (SFR4) 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 Residential Multifamily – 2 (RMF2) Zoning District to Single Family Residential – 4 (SFR4) Zoning District.

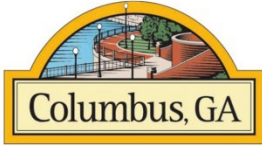
“All that tract or parcel of land lying and belong in the City of Columbus, in Muscogee County, Georgia in what is known as the Seaborn Jones Survey of the City Village, known and described therein as part of lot FORTY NINE (49), said tract of land being more particularly described as follows: COMMENCING at the Northeast corner of the intersection of 1st property described; thence measuring East along the North side of 23rd Street a distance of ONE HUNDRED (100) feet more or less, Thence measuring North between houses Nos. 107 and 109 23rd St. a distance of ONE HUNDRED TWENTY EIGHT (128) feet and SIX (6) inches more or less; thence West along said lot line a distance of ONE HUNDRED (100) feet more or less to the East said of 1st Avenue; thence South along 1st Avenue a distance of ONE HUNDRED TWENTY EIGHT (128) feet SIX (6) inches more or less to the starting point at the Northeast corner of 1st Ave. and 23rd Street. Said tract having thereon having four house Nos. 101-103-105-107 23rd Street.”

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 10th day of June 2025; introduced a second time at a regular meeting of said Council held on the ____ day of _____, 2025 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting _____.
Councilor Anker	voting _____.
Councilor Chambers	voting _____.
Councilor Cogle	voting _____.
Councilor Crabb	voting _____.
Councilor Davis	voting _____.
Councilor Garrett	voting _____.
Councilor Hickey	voting _____.
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Lindsey G. McLemore
Clerk of Council

B. H. “Skip” Henderson, III
Mayor



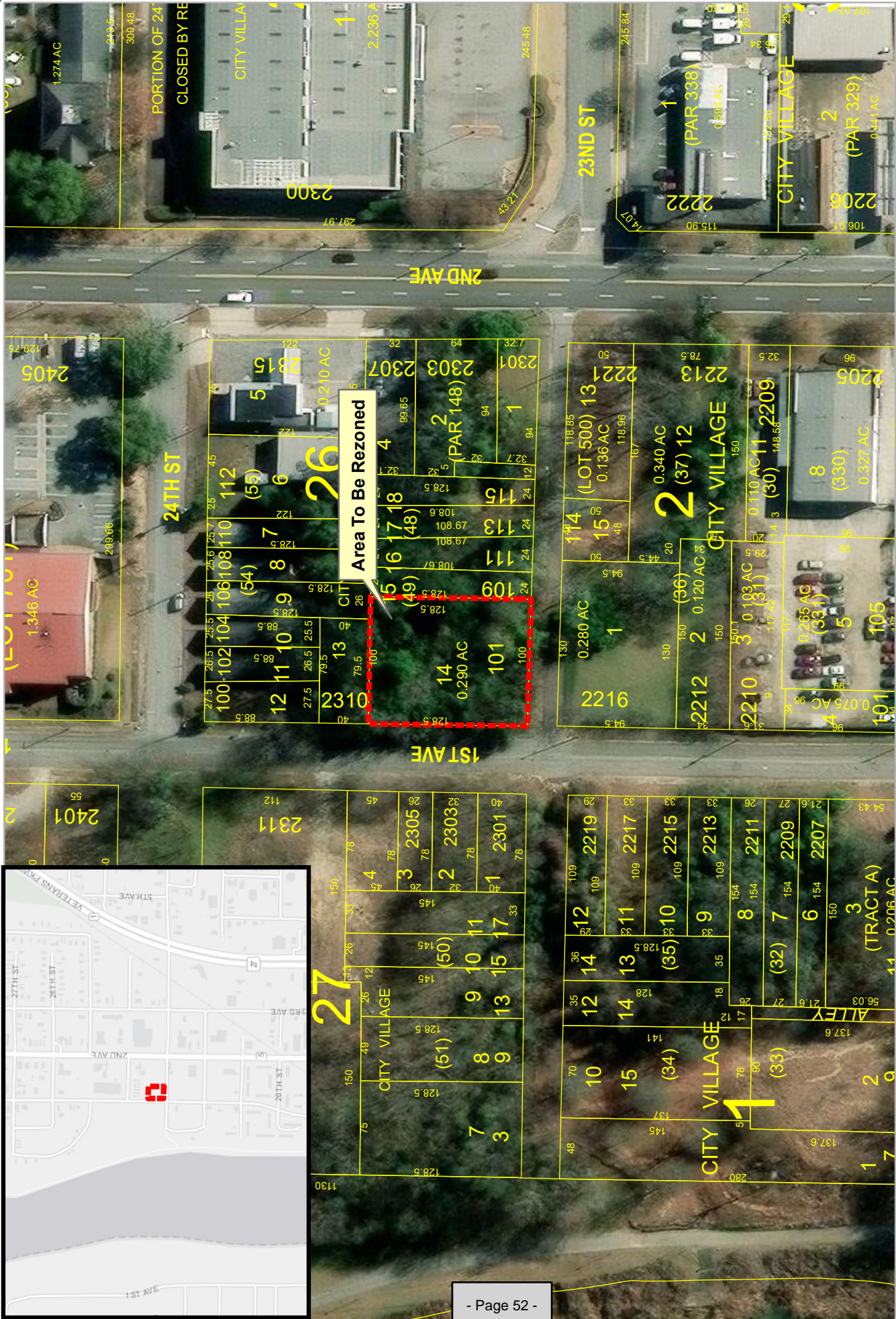
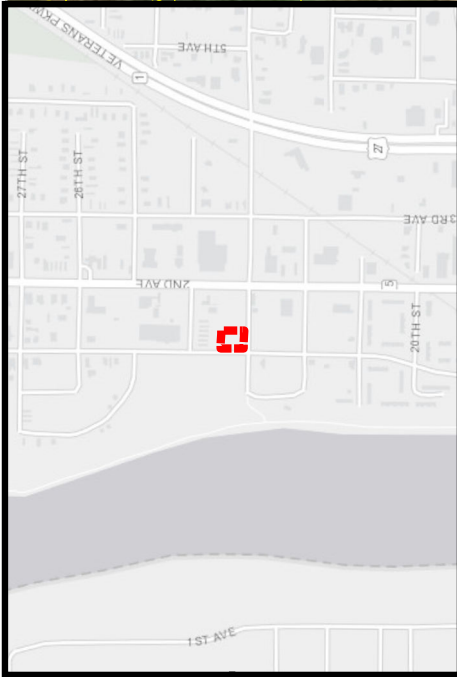
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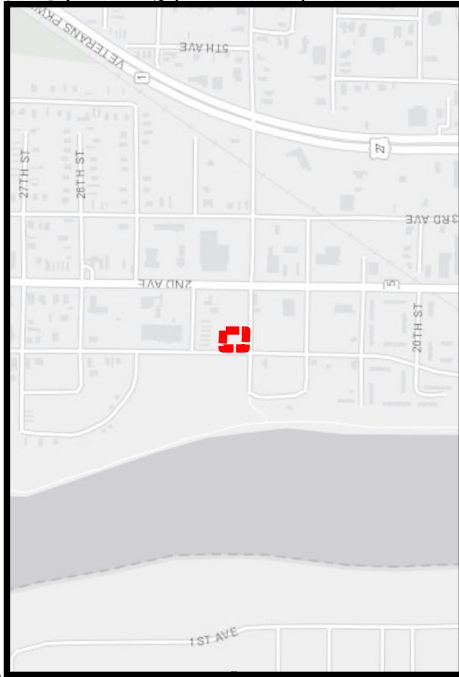
COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

REZN-04-25-0743

Applicant:	Ryan Clements
Owner:	Columbus Housing Initiative, Inc dba Neighborworks Columbus
Location:	101 23 rd Street
Parcel:	007-026-014
Acreage:	0.29 Acres
Current Zoning Classification:	Residential Multifamily – 2
Proposed Zoning Classification:	Single Family Residential -4
Current Use of Property:	Vacant/Undeveloped
Proposed Use of Property:	Single Family Residential
Council District:	District 7 (Cogle)
PAC Recommendation:	Approval based on the Staff Report and compatibility with existing land uses.
Planning Department Recommendation:	Approval based on compatibility with existing land uses.
Fort Benning's Recommendation:	N/A
DRI Recommendation:	N/A
General Land Use:	Inconsistent Planning Area F
Current Land Use Designation:	Vacant/Undeveloped

Future Land Use Designation:	Mixed Use								
Compatible with Existing Land-Uses:	Yes								
Environmental Impacts:	The property does not lie within the floodway and floodplain area. The developer will need an approved drainage plan prior to issuance of a Site Development permit, if a permit is required.								
City Services:	Property is served by all city services.								
Traffic Engineering:	This site shall meet the Codes and regulations of the Columbus Consolidated Government for residential usage.								
Surrounding Zoning:	<table> <tr> <td>North</td><td>Residential Multifamily – 2 (RMF2)</td></tr> <tr> <td>South</td><td>Residential Multifamily – 2 (RMF2)</td></tr> <tr> <td>East</td><td>Residential Multifamily – 2 (RMF2)</td></tr> <tr> <td>West</td><td>Residential Multifamily – 2 (RMF2)</td></tr> </table>	North	Residential Multifamily – 2 (RMF2)	South	Residential Multifamily – 2 (RMF2)	East	Residential Multifamily – 2 (RMF2)	West	Residential Multifamily – 2 (RMF2)
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West	Residential Multifamily – 2 (RMF2)								
Reasonableness of Request:	The request is compatible with existing land uses.								
School Impact:	N/A								
Buffer Requirement:	N/A								
Attitude of Property Owners:	<p>Seventeen (17) property owners within 300 feet of the subject properties were notified of the rezoning request. The Planning Department received no calls and/or emails regarding the rezoning.</p> <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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Additional Information:	Purpose is to build two single-family homes.								
Attachments:	Aerial Land Use Map Location Map Zoning Map Existing Land Use Map Future Land Use Map Flood Map								





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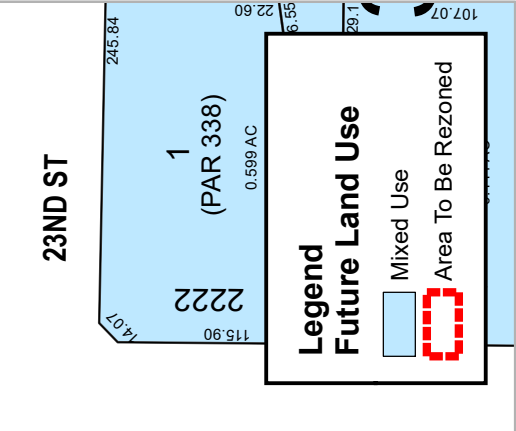
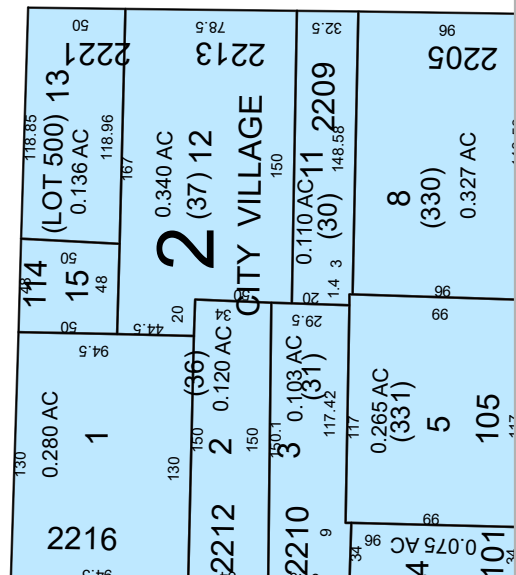
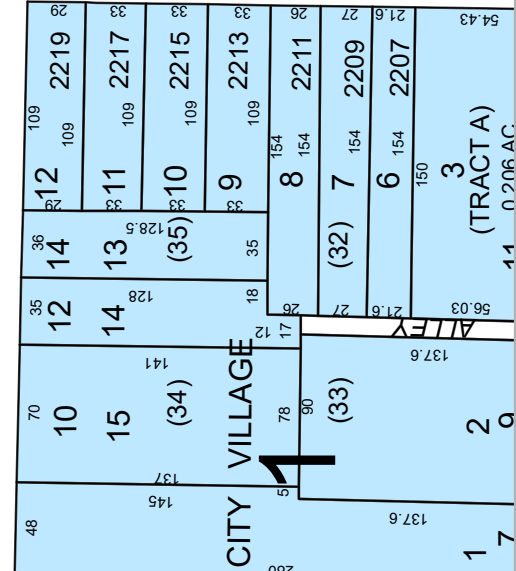
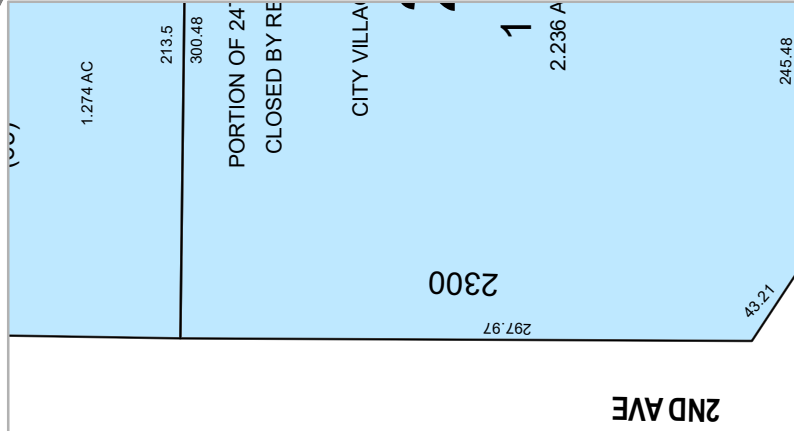
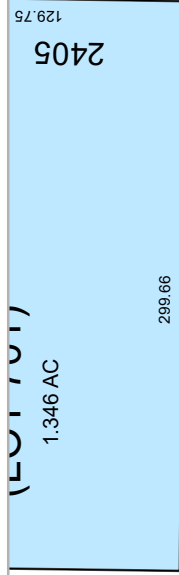
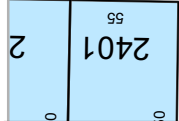
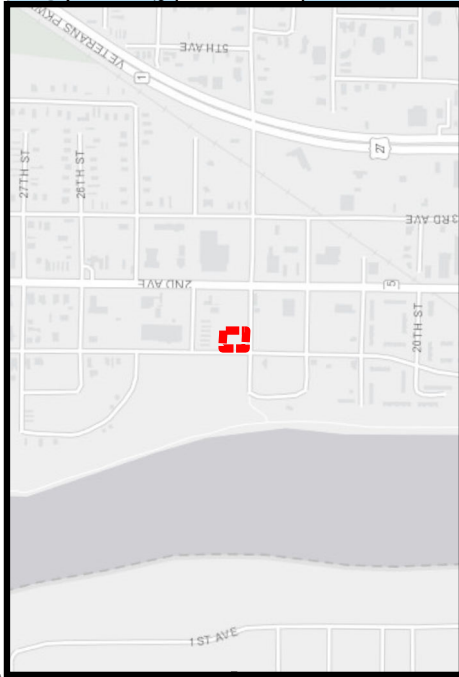
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Future Land Use Map for REZN 02-25-043
Map 007 Block 026 Lot 014
Planning Department-Planning Division
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Item #3.

File Attachments for Item:

4. 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 2025 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. _____

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THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1.

The Services Districts, heretofore established by ordinances, are hereby reaffirmed as the Services Districts for the year 2025 for the purpose of establishing rates of taxation in accordance with the requirements of the Charter of the Consolidated Government hereinafter set forth in this Ordinance.

SECTION 2.

For the purpose of defraying the necessary expenses of Columbus, Georgia for sustaining the credit thereof, for paying its bonds and coupons falling due, for supporting and maintaining government, and for other purposes, the taxes and revenues hereinafter provided are hereby levied and shall be collected for the year 2025 based upon the kind, character, type, degree and level of services provided by said government within said services districts, and as adjusted in accordance with the requirements of said Charter.

SECTION 3.

The Gross tax millage rates for Columbus Consolidated Government set forth herein are hereby levied for the Calendar Year 2025 upon all real and personal property that is not exempt from taxation under law with the exception of motor vehicles.

There shall be collected a Gross Millage Rate of 32.58 mills on each dollar of valuation for Urban Service District#1 (USD#1). Of such tax, the General and Urban Services Millage Rate shall be 8.97 mills including the Sales Tax Rollback equivalent to 17.43 mills and 0.82 mills for Transportation. Additionally, of such Gross Millage Rate, there are hereby levied 1.00 mills (out of a maximum allowed 3 mills) to provide support for the Community Healthcare Program for the underserved population and inmates; 0.50 mills for Economic Development Authority Activities; 3.44 mills for paving and macadamizing the streets and roadways; and 1.24 mills for sewers and storm water drainage resulting in a Net Maintenance and Operating

(M&O) Millage Rate for Urban Service District #1 of 15.15 mills. There is also hereby levied a Bond Millage Rate of 0.92 mills for the payment of principal and interest on the public debt of Columbus, GA providing a Total Millage Rate of 16.07 for USD#1.

Of such Gross Tax Millage Rate, there is hereby a further reduction from the millage rates set forth above for USD#1 for Urban Service District Number 2 (USD#2) resulting from a millage rollback for urban service credit (includes stormwater (sewer), paving and sales tax) being equivalent to 5.98 mills and resulting in a Net Total Millage for USD#2 of 10.09.

Of such Gross Tax Millage Rate, there is hereby a further reduction from the millage rates set forth above for USD#1 for Urban Service District Number 4 (USD#4) resulting from a millage rollback for urban service credit, (includes stormwater (sewer), paving, and sales tax) being equivalent to 6.88 mills and resulting in a Net Total Millage for USD#4 of 9.19.

The Sales Tax Rollback applied to the General and Urban Services taxes in all Urban Service Districts in this Ordinance is equivalent to the amount of \$97,603,992.28 in sales taxes in accordance with state regulation.

Service	USD#1 (Mills)
Gross General & Urban Service Millage Rate	25.58
Sales Tax Credit	-17.43
Transportation Levy	0.82
Total General & Urban Service Millage Rate	8.97
Paving	3.44
Stormwater (Sewer)	1.24
Indigent and Inmate Care	1.00
Economic Development Authority	0.50
Net M & O Millage Rate	15.15
Bond Millage Rate	0.92
Total Millage Rate	16.07
Service	USD#2 (Mills)
Total Urban Service District #1 Levy	16.07
Urban Service District Credit	-5.98
Total USD#2 Millage	10.09
Service	USD#4 (Mills)
Total Urban Service District #1 Levy	16.07
Urban Service District Credit	-6.88
Total USD#4 Millage	9.19

SECTION 4.

Net total tax millage for all real and personal property for the calendar year 2025 in USD#1 is 16.07, in USD#2 is 10.09 and in USD#4 is 9.19. These millage rates are authorized under the rollback provision contained in the Columbus Charter Section 7-101(3).

On all motor vehicles still subject to the provisions of O.C.G.A. §48-5-441, there is hereby levied and shall be collected a tax of 16.07 mills in Urban Services District #1, 10.09 mills in Urban Services District #2, and 9.19 mills in Urban Services District #4 on each dollar of valuation.

SECTION 5.

The Business Improvement District (BID) established pursuant to O.C.G.A. 36-43-1 contains three benefit zones, Urban Services District Number 5 (USD #5), Urban Services District Number 6 (USD #6) and Urban Services District Number 7 (USD #7). Each benefit zone receives different levels of supplemental services. The net total tax millage in USD #5, USD #6, and USD #7 is hereby fixed and levied equal to that of Urban Services District Number 1 (USD#1) plus the BID millage rate of 6.99 mills in USD #5, 5.76 mills in USD #6, and 4.47 mills in USD #7. Such millage shall be collected in the same manner, at the same time, and by the same officers as other taxes and assessments of the Consolidated Government and shall be maintained in a separate account for the provision of supplemental services in the Business Improvement District (BID).

SECTION 6.

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 Number 1 and the General Services District and for schools under the school millage ordinance.

SECTION 7.

Claims for exemption from taxation by Columbus, Georgia for the year 2025 on personal property shall be controlled by applicable state law.

SECTION 8.

Returns of tangible property, including description of real estate, shall be made on oath to the Tax Commissioner between the first day of January 2025 and the first day of April 2025, and in default of such return, the property shall be assessed by the Tax Assessor. Should any person, firm or corporation fail to make returns of property for taxation as required by this

ordinance, the Tax Commissioner shall use the value as shown on the prior year's return. A failure to pay the tax on said property to the same liability and sale as other like property regularly assessed or returned where the same was in Columbus, Georgia on January 1, 2025.

SECTION 9.

It shall be the duty of the Tax Commissioner to carefully 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 SHALL BE SUBJECTED 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 this 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 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, 2025.

Taxes shall become due October 1, and delinquent October 2. Taxpayers shall have the option to pay 40% on or before October 1 and 60% on or before December 1 without penalty. Upon failure to pay 40% by October 1, the total shall become delinquent. Upon payment of 40% by October 1, the remainder shall become due on December 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 22, 2025; 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 2025, and between January 1, 2025 and September 1, 2025, 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 11.

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 10th day of June, 2025; introduced a second time at a regular meeting of said Council held on the 17th day of June, 2025, and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

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

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

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

File Attachments for Item:

5. 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)

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 2025, 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 2026.

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 2025 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 2025, and the 1st day of April 2025, 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, 2025.

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, 2025.

Taxes shall become due October 1, and delinquent October 2, 2025, but the Taxpayer shall have the option to pay 40% of the total due on or before October 1 and 60% of the total due on or before December 2 without penalty. Upon failure to pay 40% by October 1, the total shall become delinquent. Upon payment of 40% by October 1, the remainder shall become due on December 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 22, 2025; 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 2025, and between January 1, 2025, and September 1, 2025, 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 17th day of June 2025; introduced a second time at a regular meeting of said Council held on the ____ day of July 2025, and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting	_____
Councilor Anker	voting	_____
Councilor Chambers	voting	_____

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

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

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

File Attachments for Item:

6. A Resolution authorizing payment of attorney fees which may be incurred for legal services rendered regarding various city issues during fiscal year 2026. (Mayor Pro-Tem)

RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF ATTORNEY FEES WHICH MAY BE INCURRED FOR LEGAL SERVICES RENDERED REGARDING VARIOUS CITY ISSUES DURING FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026.

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

That the City Attorney and Finance Director are hereby authorized to pay attorney fees to Page, Scrantom, Sprouse, Tucker & Ford; Denney, Pease, Kirk & Morgan; Hall, Booth, Smith P.C.; Robert R. Lomax for purposes of current litigation; Richard Thomas Tebeau; Poydasheff & Sowers, LLC; Troutman Pepper Locke; Bondurant Mixon & Elmore; Waldrep Mullin & Callahan; Kenneth M. Henson, Jr; Richard M. Kemmer, III; Beck, Zwald & Associates, LLC; Jarrard & Davis; Huff, Powell and Bailey; Nicolson, Ray & Turner, LLC; Laura D. Hogue; Jones, Fortuna LP; FordHarrison; King & Spalding, LLP; and Alston & Bird which may be incurred for legal services rendered regarding various issues during Fiscal Year during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026. Funds are available in the FY26 Budget: General Fund – City Attorney – Litigation: 0101-120-2100.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the 17th day of June 2025 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting	_____
Councilor Anker	voting	_____
Councilor Chambers	voting	_____
Councilor Cogle	voting	_____
Councilor Crabb	voting	_____
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Councilor Hickey	voting	_____
Councilor Tucker	voting	_____

Lindsey G. McLemore
Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson, III
Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

7. A Resolution authorizing payment of attorney fees to the Robbins Firm (Atlanta, Ga), in reference to a sheriff's investigation. (Mayor Pro-Tem)

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF ATTORNEY FEES TO THE ROBBINS FIRM (ATLANTA, GA), IN REFERENCE TO A SHERIFF'S INVESTIGATION.

WHEREAS, the firm provided legal services to the Human Resources Director regarding a Sheriff's Office investigation.

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

That the City Attorney is hereby authorized to request and the Finance Department is authorized to render payment of attorney fees to the Robbins Firm (Atlanta, GA) in the amount of \$37,705 for the provision of legal services for the Human Resources Director in connection with a recent Sheriff's Office Investigation. In addition, the Finance Department is authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$5,000 to Reather Hollowell as reimbursement for payments already paid to the Robbins Law Firm by Ms. Hollowell personally Funds are available in the FY26 Budget: General Fund – City Attorney – Litigation: 0101-120-2100.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the 17th day of June 2025 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

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

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

1. Property Sale - 1545 14th Avenue

Approval is requested to authorize the Community Reinvestment Department to sell city-owned property to adjacent landowner, Columbus House Initiative Inc., dba NeighborWorks in accordance with section 7-501 paragraph 5 of the Columbus Charter, and to authorize the Mayor or his designee to execute all contracts, agreements and understandings related to the conveyance of City properties

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

Item #1.

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Property Sale - 1545 14th Avenue
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to authorize the Community Reinvestment Department to sell city-owned property to adjacent landowner, Columbus House Initiative Inc., dba NeighborWorks in accordance with section 7-501 paragraph 5 of the Columbus Charter, and to authorize the Mayor or his designee to execute all contracts, agreements and understandings related to the conveyance of City properties
INITIATED BY:	Community Reinvestment

Recommendation: Approval is requested to authorize the Community Reinvestment Department to sell city-owned property to adjacent landowner, Columbus House Initiative Inc., dba NeighborWorks in accordance with section 7-501 paragraph 5 of the Columbus Charter, and to authorize the Mayor or his designee to execute all contracts, agreements and understandings related to the conveyance of City

Background: The City owns the property located at 1545 14th Avenue. 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. Columbus Housing Initiative dba NeighborWorks is interested in purchasing the property located at 1545 14th Avenue for the purpose of expanding their existing footprint. The property has been appraised at \$6,000, plus any additional costs to include closing, survey and appraisal fees. Certified letters were sent to adjacent property owners to determine interest in acquiring the parcel, and no responses were received within the two-week notification period. A map of the property is attached. The property located at 1545 14th Avenue is no longer needed for public use and a resolution is needed to sell to adjacent landowners 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 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 authorize the Community Reinvestment Department to sell city-owned property to adjacent landowner, Columbus House Initiative Inc., dba NeighborWorks in

027 021 018A, 1545 14TH AVE, COLUMBUS, GA



LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Item #1.

Former Roadways

Legal Description

All that tract or parcel of land being Part of Lot 15, Block "C", East Highland and adjacent roadways, lying in Land Lot 58, Coweta Reserve, Columbus, Muscogee County, Georgia, being more particularly describes as follows: Commence at an iron stake marking the intersection of the westerly line of 14th Avenue and the southerly line of 16th Street; thence westerly along the southerly line of 16th Street, 137.0 feet to a rebar & cap on the easterly line of a former roadway and the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence leaving 16th Street, South 00 degrees 38 minutes 43 seconds West, along the easterly line of a former roadway, 130.96 feet to an iron stake; thence South 89 degrees 06 minutes 06 seconds East, along the northerly line of a former roadway, 136.81 feet to a rebar & cap on the westerly line of 14th Avenue; thence South 00 degrees 33 minutes 36 seconds West, along the westerly line of 14th Avenue, 25.0 feet to a rebar & cap on the southerly line of a former roadway; thence leaving 14th Avenue, North 89 degrees 06 minutes 06 seconds West, along the southerly line of a former roadway, 137.66 feet to a rebar & cap; thence continue along said former roadway, North 89 degrees 25 minutes 27 seconds West, 144.91 feet to a rebar & cap; thence continue along the westerly line of a former roadway, North 00 degrees 33 minutes 36 seconds East, 27.51 feet to a rebar; thence continue along the northerly line of a former roadway, South 88 degrees 25 minutes 44 seconds East, 125.78 feet to a rebar & cap; thence continue along the westerly line of a former roadway, North 00 degrees 38 minutes 43 seconds East, 130.96 feet to a rebar & cap on the southerly line of 16th Street; thence South 88 degrees 24 minutes 23 seconds East, along the southerly line of 16th Street, 20.0 feet to a rebar & cap and the POINT OF BEGNINING, containing 0.23 acres.

A RESOLUTION

Item #1.

NO.

A RESOLUTION TO SELL THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1545 14TH AVENUE TO THE ADJOINING LANDOWNER, COLUMBUS HOUSING INITIATIVE, INC., DBA NEIGHBORWORKS, AS OUTLINED BY COLUMBUS CHARTER SECTION 7-501 PARAGRAPH 5, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ALL CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, AND UNDERSTANDINGS RELATED TO THE CONVEYANCE.

WHEREAS, the property located at 1545 14th 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 by 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 property located at 1545 14th Avenue has been appraised at \$6,000, and Columbus Housing Initiative, Inc. dba NeighborWorks has agreed to pay the appraised value of the property, plus appraisal fees and closing costs; and,

WHEREAS, certified letters were sent to adjacent property owners to determine interest in acquiring the parcel, and no responses were received within the two-week notification period; 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 Columbus Housing Initiative, Inc. dba NeighborWorks upon completion of the procedures required by Section 7-501 (5) of the Columbus Charter and 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 10th day of June 2025 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

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

Lindsey G. Mclemore, Clerk of Council

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

File Attachments for Item:

2. Risk Management Legal Services

Approval is requested for the legal services rendered regarding Risk Management issues Fiscal Year 2026.

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Risk Management Legal Services
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested for the legal services rendered regarding Risk Management issues Fiscal Year 2026.
INITIATED BY:	Risk Management

Recommendation: Approval is requested for the legal services rendered regarding Risk Management issues Fiscal Year 2026.

Background: Risk Management legal services are billed separately from both City Attorney's legal fees and workers' compensation TPA services.

Analysis: The law firms identified in the Resolution are among the best workers' compensation and litigation defense firms in the State of Georgia. These firms have agreed to provide services to CCG at the same rate currently in effect.

Financial Considerations: None.

Legal Considerations: The City Attorney's office has approved the language of this Resolution.

Recommendation/Action: Approve the Resolution for payment of Risk Management legal expenses that may be incurred in Fiscal Year 2026.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF ATTORNEY FEES WHICH MAY BE INCURRED FOR LEGAL SERVICES RENDERED REGARDING RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES DURING FISCAL YEAR 2026.

WHEREAS, Risk Management utilizes the services of attorneys specializing in Workers' Compensation and liability issues.

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

That the Risk Manager and Finance Director are hereby authorized to pay attorney fees to Moore Ingram Johnson & Steele, and/or Levy, Sibley, Foreman & Speir, and/or Page, Scrantom, Sprouse, Tucker & Ford, and/or Handelman, Nestale & Goff, and/or Hall Booth Smith which may be incurred for legal services rendered regarding Risk Management issues during Fiscal Year 2025. Funds are available in the FY25 Budget: Risk Management Workers' Compensation Contractual Services: 0860-220-3820-3024-6319 and Risk Management Unfunded Claims Legal Services: 0860-220-3830-3484-6312.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held on the ____ day of _____ 2025 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

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

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

3. FEMA Fire Prevention & Safety Grant

Approval is requested to authorize the Mayor or his designee to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant in the amount of \$250,000.00 or as otherwise awarded from the FEMA Fire Prevention & Safety grant program. There are no matching funds required.

**Columbus Consolidated Government Council
Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	FEMA Fire Prevention & Safety Grant
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to authorize the Mayor or his designee to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant in the amount of \$250,000.00 or as otherwise awarded from the FEMA Fire Prevention & Safety grant program. There are no matching funds required.
INITIATED BY:	Fire/EMS

Recommendation: Approval is requested to authorize the Mayor or his designee to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant in the amount of \$250,000.00 or as otherwise awarded from the FEMA Fire Prevention & Safety grant program. There are no matching funds required.

Background: The Columbus Fire & EMS Department is seeking to apply for a FEMA Fire Prevention & Safety (FP&S) grant to conduct a comprehensive wildfire community risk analysis and to develop a Wildfire Community Protection Plan (CWPP). While the Chattahoochee Valley region has historically faced limited wildfire activity, changing climate patterns, expanding urban-wildland interface zones, and increasing frequency of severe weather events are elevating our community's vulnerability to wildland fires. This project will enable us to assess current wildfire risks, identify at-risk populations and critical infrastructure, and engage community stakeholders in the development of actionable strategies to enhance preparedness, mitigation, and public education. The CWPP will serve as a blueprint for targeted investments, operational readiness, and collaborative partnerships designed to protect lives, property, and natural resources in the years ahead.

Analysis: In Muscogee County, there are over 1,300 structures in the wildland urban interface, with over 47,000 structures in the ember zone, and nearly three thousand structures in the ignition zone. However, there are currently no local plans or resources identified to mitigate a wildfire risk.

Financial Considerations: The grant is for money towards a comprehensive risk analysis of the wildfire threat and the development of a Community Wildfire Protection Plan with no matching funds required

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

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to authorize the Mayor or his designee to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant in the amount of \$250,000.00 or as otherwise awarded from the FEMA Fire Prevention & Safety grant program. There are no matching funds required.

Item #3.

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

**A RESOLUTION
NO.**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT IF AWARDED A GRANT FOR A COMPREHENSIVE RISK ANALYSIS OF THE WILDFIRE THREAT IN MUSCOGEE COUNTY AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF A COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLAN FOR \$250,000.00, OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED, FROM THE FEMA FIRE PROTECTION & SAFETY GRANT PROGRAM 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 (CFEMS) is requesting funds for a wildfire community risk analysis for Muscogee County for a total of \$250,000.00; and,

WHEREAS, the risk analysis will aid in the development of a Muscogee County Wildfire Protection Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the Community Wildfire Protection Plan will provide the basis for community education and the development of wildfire mitigation strategies; and,

WHEREAS, this grant proposal will require no matching funds.

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

- 1) That the Mayor or his designee is hereby authorized to approve the FEMA Fire Protection & Safety grant program application for a community risk analysis and development of a Muscogee County Community Wildfire Protection Plan for Columbus Fire and Emergency Medical Services for \$250,000.00 or as otherwise awarded 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 ____ 2025 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

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

File Attachments for Item:

4. FY25 Community Policing Development Microgrants - Officer Recruitment, Hiring, and Retention Grant Application

Approval is requested for the Mayor, or his designee to apply for, accept, and expend any awarded funds as per the grant guidelines and City regulations, if awarded, a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) for funds to attract and retain the best law enforcement candidates who represent a variety of backgrounds, knowledge, and experiences using novel or creative methods for recruitment and retention, in the amount of \$175,000, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund budget by the amount of the award.

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

Item #4.

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	FY25 Community Policing Development Microgrants - Officer Recruitment, Hiring, and Retention Grant Application
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested for the Mayor, or his designee to apply for, accept, and expend any awarded funds as per the grant guidelines and City regulations, if awarded, a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) for funds to attract and retain the best law enforcement candidates who represent a variety of backgrounds, knowledge, and experiences using novel or creative methods for recruitment and retention, in the amount of \$175,000, 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 his designee to apply for, accept, and expend any awarded funds as per the grant guidelines and City regulations, if awarded, a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) for funds to attract and retain the best law enforcement candidates who represent a variety of backgrounds, knowledge, and experiences using novel or creative methods for recruitment and retention, in the amount of \$175,000, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund budget by the amount of the award.

Background: U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) funds will be used to attract and retain the best law enforcement candidates who represent a variety of backgrounds, knowledge, and experiences using novel or creative methods for recruitment and retention.

Analysis: These funds are available through the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)

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 U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) for funds to attract and retain the best law enforcement candidates who represent a variety of backgrounds, knowledge, and experiences using novel or creative methods for recruitment and retention, in the amount of \$175,000, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund budget by the amount of the award.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND EXPEND ANY AWARDED FUNDS AS PER THE GRANT GUIDELINES AND CITY REGULATIONS, IF AWARDED, A GRANT OF \$175,000.00, OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED, FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES, FY25 COMMUNITY POLICING DEVELOPMENT MICROGRANTS - OFFICER RECRUITMENT, HIRING AND RETENTION GRANT APPLICATION, WITH NO LOCAL MATCH REQUIREMENT, AND TO AMEND THE MULTI-GOVERNMENTAL FUND BY THE AMOUNT AWARDED. FUNDS WILL BE UTILIZED TO ATTRACT AND RETAIN THE BEST LAW ENFORCEMENT CANDIDATES WHO REPRESENT A VARIETY OF BACKGROUNDS, KNOWLEDGE, AND EXPERIENCES USING NOVEL OR CREATIVE METHODS FOR RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION.

WHEREAS, the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office has been authorized by the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services. to apply for \$175,000.00 of grant monies; and,

WHEREAS, funding is from the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services - FY25 Community Policing Development Microgrants - Officer Recruitment, Hiring and Retention grant application; and,

WHEREAS, funds will be utilized to attract and retain the best law enforcement candidates who represent a variety of backgrounds, knowledge, and experiences using novel or creative methods for recruitment and retention; and,

WHEREAS, funds will be utilized to support background and recruitment travel, marketing, technology, software, etc.; and,

WHEREAS, funds will aid with developing novel or creative methods for recruitment and retention in law enforcement that includes quantitative measures of success; and,

WHEREAS, funds will aid with reaching new talent pools or engaging with candidates who may not have previously considered working in law enforcement; 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 his designee is authorized to apply for, accept, and expend any awarded funds as per the grant guidelines and City regulations, if awarded, FY25 Community Policing Development Microgrants - Officer Recruitment, Hiring and Retention grant, from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) in the amount of \$175,000, 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 on the ____ day of _____ 2025 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Item #4.

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:

5.

FY25 Community Policing Development Microgrants – Homelessness and Squatting grant application

Approval is requested for the Mayor, or his designee to apply for, accept, and expend any awarded funds as per the grant guidelines and City regulations, if awarded, a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) for funds to assist MCSO with the implementation of innovative and collaborative programs for addressing the negative impacts of homelessness and squatting, with an emphasis on enforcement, prevention, and community collaboration, in the amount of \$175,000, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund budget by the amount of the award.

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

Item #5.

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	FY25 Community Policing Development Microgrants – Homelessness and Squatting grant application
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested for the Mayor, or his designee to apply for, accept, and expend any awarded funds as per the grant guidelines and City regulations, if awarded, a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) for funds to assist MCSO with the implementation of innovative and collaborative programs for addressing the negative impacts of homelessness and squatting, with an emphasis on enforcement, prevention, and community collaboration, in the amount of \$175,000, 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 his designee to apply for, accept, and expend any awarded funds as per the grant guidelines and City regulations, if awarded, a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) for funds to assist MCSO with the implementation of innovative and collaborative programs for addressing the negative impacts of homelessness and squatting, with an emphasis on enforcement, prevention, and community collaboration, in the amount of \$175,000, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund budget by the amount of the award.

Background: U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) funds will be used to assist MCSO with the implementation of innovative and collaborative programs for addressing the negative impacts of homelessness and squatting, with an emphasis on enforcement, prevention, and community collaboration.

Analysis: These funds are available through the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)

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 U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) for funds to assist MCSO with the implementation of innovative and collaborative programs for addressing the negative impacts of homelessness and squatting, with an emphasis on enforcement, prevention, and community collaboration, in the amount of \$175,000, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund budget by the amount of the award.

Item #5.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND EXPEND ANY AWARDED FUNDS AS PER THE GRANT GUIDELINES AND CITY REGULATIONS, IF AWARDED, A GRANT OF \$175,000.00, OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED, FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES, FY25 COMMUNITY POLICING DEVELOPMENT MICROGRANTS – HOMELESSNESS AND SQUATTING GRANT APPLICATION, WITH NO LOCAL MATCH REQUIREMENT, AND TO AMEND THE MULTI-GOVERNMENTAL FUND BY THE AMOUNT AWARDED. FUNDS WILL BE UTILIZED TO ASSIST MCSO WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF INNOVATIVE AND COLLABORATIVE PROGRAMS FOR ADDRESSING THE NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF HOMELESSNESS AND SQUATTING, WITH AN EMPHASIS ON ENFORCEMENT, PREVENTION, AND COMMUNITY COLLABORATION.

WHEREAS, the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office has been authorized by the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services. to apply for \$175,000.00 of grant monies; and,

WHEREAS, funding is from the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services - FY25 Community Policing Development Microgrants – Homelessness and Squatting grant application; and,

WHEREAS, funds are utilized to assist MCSO with the implementation of innovative and collaborative programs for addressing the negative impacts of homelessness and squatting, with an emphasis on enforcement, prevention, and community collaboration; and,

WHEREAS, funds will support projects that create or expand collaborative efforts between law enforcement and social service providers to respond to homelessness, including street outreach and connecting individuals with housing resources; and,

WHEREAS, funds will support initiatives that provide law enforcement officers with training on best practices for addressing homelessness and squatting, focusing on alternatives to arrests and criminalization; and,

WHEREAS, funds will support projects that work collaboratively with property owners, local governments, and community partners to prevent the illegal occupation of vacant properties while offering supportive services to individuals experiencing homelessness; 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 his designee is authorized to apply for, accept, and expend any awarded funds as per the grant guidelines and City regulations, if awarded, FY25 Community Policing Development Microgrants – Homeless and Squatting grant application, from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) in the amount of \$175,000, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund budget by the amount

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held on the ____ day of ____ 2025 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

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

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

6. FY25 Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act (LEMHWA) Grant Application

Approval is requested for the Mayor, or his designee to apply for, accept, and expend any awarded funds as per the grant guidelines and City regulations, if awarded, a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) for funds to improve the delivery of and access to mental health and wellness services for MCSO sworn and civilian staff through the implementation of peer support, training, family resources, suicide prevention, and other promising practices for wellness programs, in the amount of \$200,000, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund budget by the amount of the award.

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

Item #6.

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	FY25 Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act (LEMHWA) Grant Application
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested for the Mayor, or his designee to apply for, accept, and expend any awarded funds as per the grant guidelines and City regulations, if awarded, a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) for funds to improve the delivery of and access to mental health and wellness services for MCSO sworn and civilian staff through the implementation of peer support, training, family resources, suicide prevention, and other promising practices for wellness programs, in the amount of \$200,000, 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 his designee to apply for, accept, and expend any awarded funds as per the grant guidelines and City regulations, if awarded, a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) for funds to improve the delivery of and access to mental health and wellness services for MCSO sworn and civilian staff through the implementation of peer support, training, family resources, suicide prevention, and other promising practices for wellness programs, in the amount of \$200,000, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund budget by the amount of the award.

Background: LEMHWA funds will be used to improve the delivery of and access to mental health and wellness services for MCSO sworn and civilian staff through the implementation of peer support, training, family resources, suicide prevention, and other promising practices for wellness programs.

Analysis: These funds are available through the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)

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 his designee to apply for, accept, and expend any awarded funds as per the grant guidelines and City regulations, if awarded, a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) for funds to improve the delivery of and access to mental health and wellness services for MCSO sworn and civilian staff through the implementation of peer support, training,

family resources, suicide prevention, and other promising practices for wellness programs, in the amount of \$200,000, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund budget by the amount of the award.

Item #6.

A RESOLUTION

Item #6.

NO.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND EXPEND ANY AWARDED FUNDS AS PER THE GRANT GUIDELINES AND CITY REGULATIONS, IF AWARDED, A GRANT OF \$200,000.00, OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED, FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES, FY25 LAW ENFORCEMENT MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS ACT (LEMHWA) IMPLEMENTATION PROJECTS, WITH NO LOCAL MATCH REQUIREMENT, AND TO AMEND THE MULTI-GOVERNMENTAL FUND BY THE AMOUNT AWARDED. FUNDS WILL AID IN IMPROVING THE DELIVERY OF AND ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS SERVICES FOR MCSO SWORN AND CIVILIAN STAFF THROUGH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PEER SUPPORT, TRAINING, FAMILY RESOURCES, SUICIDE PREVENTION, AND OTHER PROMISING PRACTICES FOR WELLNESS PROGRAMS.

WHEREAS, the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office has been authorized by the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services. to apply for \$200,000.00 of grant monies; and,

WHEREAS, funding is from the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services - FY25 Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act (LEMHWA) Implementation Projects; and,

WHEREAS, LEMHWA funds are used to improve the delivery of and access to mental health and wellness services for law enforcement officers through the implementation of peer support, training, family resources, suicide prevention, and other promising practices for wellness programs; and,

WHEREAS, funds will increase MCSO's capacity to provide mental health and wellness training and resources for employees and their families; and,

WHEREAS, funds will increase MCSO's capacity to implement peer support networks for crisis and non-crisis circumstances; and,

WHEREAS, funds will increase MCSO's capacity to address and reduce the stigma associated with officer mental health and wellness by supporting the implementation of mental health education and development of resources; 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 his designee is authorized to apply for, accept, and expend any awarded funds as per the grant guidelines and City regulations, if awarded, a LEMHWA grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) in the amount of \$200,000, 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 on the ____ day of _____ 2025 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

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

Lindsey G. Mclemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

7. FY25 Safer Outcomes: Enhancing De-Escalation and Crisis Response Training for Law Enforcement – Support for Law Enforcement Agencies Grant

Approval is requested for the Mayor, or his designee to apply for, accept, and expend any awarded funds as per the grant guidelines and City regulations, if awarded, a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) that provides funding to law enforcement agencies to promote safe outcomes during police encounters with persons in crisis through relevant training, in the amount of \$500,000, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund budget by the amount of the award.

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

Item #7.

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	FY25 Safer Outcomes: Enhancing De-Escalation and Crisis Response Training for Law Enforcement – Support for Law Enforcement Agencies Grant
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested for the Mayor, or his designee to apply for, accept, and expend any awarded funds as per the grant guidelines and City regulations, if awarded, a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) that provides funding to law enforcement agencies to promote safe outcomes during police encounters with persons in crisis through relevant training, in the amount of \$500,000, 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 his designee to apply for, accept, and expend any awarded funds as per the grant guidelines and City regulations, if awarded, a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) that provides funding to law enforcement agencies to promote safe outcomes during police encounters with persons in crisis through relevant training, in the amount of \$500,000, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund budget by the amount of the award.

Background: U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) funds will be used to provide funding to law enforcement agencies to promote safe outcomes during police encounters with persons in crisis through relevant training.

Analysis: These funds are available through the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)

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 his designee to apply for, accept, and expend any awarded funds as per the grant guidelines and City regulations, if awarded, a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) that provides funding to law enforcement agencies to promote safe outcomes during police encounters with persons in crisis through relevant training, in the amount of \$500,000, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund budget by the amount of the award.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND EXPEND ANY AWARDED FUNDS AS PER THE GRANT GUIDELINES AND CITY REGULATIONS, IF AWARDED, A GRANT OF \$500,000.00, OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED, FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES, FY25 SAFER OUTCOMES: ENHANCING DE-ESCALATION AND CRISIS RESPONSE TRAINING FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT – SUPPORT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES GRANT, WITH NO LOCAL MATCH REQUIREMENT, AND TO AMEND THE MULTI-GOVERNMENTAL FUND BY THE AMOUNT AWARDED. FUNDS WILL BE UTILIZED TO PROMOTE SAFE OUTCOMES DURING POLICE ENCOUNTERS WITH PERSONS IN CRISIS THROUGH RELEVANT TRAINING.

WHEREAS, the Muscogee County Sheriff’s Office has been authorized by the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services. to apply for \$500,000.00 of grant monies; and,

WHEREAS, funding is from the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services - FY25 Safer Outcomes: Enhancing De-Escalation and Crisis Response Training For Law Enforcement – Support for Law Enforcement Agencies Grant application; and,

WHEREAS, funds will be utilized to promote safe outcomes during police encounters with persons in crisis through relevant training; and,

WHEREAS, funding will provide state, local, territorial, and tribal law enforcement agencies with the resources they need to secure, deliver, and assess quality de-escalation and crisis response training; and,

WHEREAS, for purposes of this funding opportunity, the term “de-escalation” means taking action or communicating verbally or non-verbally during a potential force encounter in an attempt to stabilize the situation and reduce the immediacy of the threat so that more time, options, and resources can be called upon to resolve the situation without the use of force or with a reduction in the force necessary.; 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 his designee is authorized to apply for, accept, and expend any awarded funds as per the grant guidelines and City regulations, if awarded, FY25 Safer Outcomes: Enhancing De-Escalation And Crisis Response Training For Law Enforcement – Support For Law Enforcement Agencies Grant application, from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) in the amount of \$500,000, 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 on the ____ day of _____ 2025 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

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

 Lindsey G. Mclemore, Clerk of Council

 B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

8. FY25 Community Policing Development Microgrants – Violent Crime Prevention Grant Application

Approval is requested for the Mayor, or his designee to apply for, accept, and expend any awarded funds as per the grant guidelines and City regulations, if awarded, a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) for funds to combat pressing issues such as street gang violence, gun violence, enforcement of gun laws, federal law enforcement engagement, child trafficking, and other serious criminal activities, in the amount of \$175,000, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund budget by the amount of the award.

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

Item #8.

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	FY25 Community Policing Development Microgrants – Violent Crime Prevention Grant Application
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested for the Mayor, or his designee to apply for, accept, and expend any awarded funds as per the grant guidelines and City regulations, if awarded, a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) for funds to combat pressing issues such as street gang violence, gun violence, enforcement of gun laws, federal law enforcement engagement, child trafficking, and other serious criminal activities, in the amount of \$175,000, 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 his designee to apply for, accept, and expend any awarded funds as per the grant guidelines and City regulations, if awarded, a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) for funds to combat pressing issues such as street gang violence, gun violence, enforcement of gun laws, federal law enforcement engagement, child trafficking, and other serious criminal activities, in the amount of \$175,000, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund budget by the amount of the award.

Background: U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) funds will be used to combat pressing issues such as street gang violence, gun violence, enforcement of gun laws, federal law enforcement engagement, child trafficking, and other serious criminal activities.

Analysis: These funds are available through the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)

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 his designee to apply for, accept, and expend any awarded funds as per the grant guidelines and City regulations, if awarded, a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) for funds to combat pressing issues such as street gang violence, gun violence, enforcement of gun laws, federal law enforcement engagement, child trafficking, and other serious criminal activities, in the amount of \$175,000, 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 #8.

NO.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND EXPEND ANY AWARDED FUNDS AS PER THE GRANT GUIDELINES AND CITY REGULATIONS, IF AWARDED, A GRANT OF \$175,000.00, OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED, FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES, FY25 COMMUNITY POLICING DEVELOPMENT MICROGRANTS - VIOLENT CRIME PREVENTION GRANT APPLICATION, WITH NO LOCAL MATCH REQUIREMENT, AND TO AMEND THE MULTI-GOVERNMENTAL FUND BY THE AMOUNT AWARDED. FUNDS WILL BE UTILIZED TO COMBAT PRESSING ISSUES SUCH AS STREET GANG VIOLENCE, GUN VIOLENCE, ENFORCEMENT OF GUN LAWS, FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ENGAGEMENT, CHILD TRAFFICKING, AND OTHER SERIOUS CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES.

WHEREAS, the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office has been authorized by the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services to apply for \$175,000.00 of grant monies; and,

WHEREAS, funding is from the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services - FY25 Community Policing Development Microgrants - Violent Crime Prevention grant application; and,

WHEREAS, funds are utilized to combat pressing issues such as street gang violence, gun violence, enforcement of gun laws, federal law enforcement engagement, child trafficking, and other serious criminal activities; and,

WHEREAS, funds will support crime-fighting efforts through the utilization of technology, software, supplies, training, etc.; and,

WHEREAS, funds will support the demonstration of innovative, data-driven approaches and a commitment to community-based solutions to improve public safety and reduce violent crime rates; and,

WHEREAS, funds will aid with the implementation of demonstration or pilot projects with creative methods for combatting violent crime that include quantitative measures of success; 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 his designee is authorized to apply for, accept, and expend any awarded funds as per the grant guidelines and City regulations, if awarded, FY25 Community Policing Development Microgrants - Violent Crime Prevention grant application, from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) in the amount of \$175,000, 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 on the ____ day of _____ 2025 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

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

 Lindsey G. Mclemore, Clerk of Council

 B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

9. Risk Management Donations for Risk and Safety Day Community Event

Approval is requested to accept financial donations from businesses and organizations to be used to offset the cost of hosting a full-day Risk and Safety Day Community Event at Lakebottom Park.

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Risk Management Donations for Risk and Safety Day Community Event
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to accept financial donations from businesses and organizations to be used to offset the cost of hosting a full-day Risk and Safety Day Community Event at Lakebottom Park.
INITIATED BY:	Risk Management

Recommendation: Approval is requested to accept financial donations from businesses and organizations to be used to offset the cost of hosting a full-day Risk and Safety Day Community Event at Lakebottom Park.

Background: The Risk Management Division was awarded a grant to hire one intern who will plan, promote, and network with various departments to develop a "Risk and Safety Day" community event. This event will be free to the citizens of Columbus to promote safety within our community. Each department will focus on a specific topic of safety including water safety, fire safety, pedestrian crossings, bus safety, etc. Receiving donations will aid in this event being a success for the entire community.

Analysis: The Columbus Consolidated Government is requesting approval to accept financial donations for this one-day event.

Financial Considerations: This will be at no cost to the City as they are private donations from various organizations.

Projected Annual Fiscal Impact Statement: None is expected.

Legal Considerations: Council must approve the acceptance of financial donations for this event.

Recommendation: Approval is requested to accept financial donations from businesses and organizations to be used to offset the cost of hosting a full-day Risk and Safety Day Community Event at Lakebottom Park.

A RESOLUTION

Item #9.

NO.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL DONATIONS FROM EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS AND BUSINESSES TO OFFSET THE COSTS OF HOSTING A FREE RISK AND SAFETY COMMUNITY EVENT.

WHEREAS, the Risk Management Division of the Human Resources Department of the Columbus Consolidated Government is requesting approval to receive financial donations from businesses and organizations to offset the costs of presenting a Risk and Safety Day Community Event.

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

We hereby authorize the Mayor, Risk Manager, Finance Director, and their representative to accept financial donations from businesses and organizations for the purpose of offsetting the costs of presenting a Risk and Safety Day Community Event.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the ____ day of _____ 2025 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ____ members of said Council.

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

Lindsey G. Mclemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

A. Bus Refurbishment Services for METRA – Washington State Transit Bus Cooperative Contract Purchase

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Bus Refurbishment Services for METRA – Washington State Transit Bus Cooperative Contract Purchase
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve bus refurbishment services for METRA from Complete Coach Works (Riverside, CA) in the total amount of \$1,231,530.00 (3 buses at \$410,510.00 each). The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via the Washington State Transit Bus Cooperative Contract #06719-05. Additionally, approval is requested to execute the Cooperative Purchasing Agreement required by the Washington State Department of Enterprise Services.

METRA will utilize the refurbishment services to convert three (3) transit hybrid buses to diesel. The three buses have been inoperable for a considerable amount of time and are difficult to repair. Refurbishing the buses will add more years of service to the buses and will be easily repaired and maintained.

The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Competitive Solicitation No. 06719-05, initiated by the Washington State Department of Enterprise Services, whereby Complete Coach Works was the successful vendor contracted to provide Transit Buses Refurbishment Services. The contract, which commenced April 1, 2021, is good through March 31, 2026. The contract available under Washington State Department of Enterprise Services has been awarded by virtue of a public competitive procurement process compliant with State and Federal statutes. Washington State Department of Enterprise Services offers cooperative procurement solutions to government entities. Participation is open to federal, state/province, and municipal governmental entities. The RFP process utilized by Washington State Department of Enterprise Services meets the requirements of the City's Procurement Ordinance; additionally, the City's Procurement Ordinance, Article 9-101, authorizes the use of cooperative purchasing.

Funds are available in the FY25 Budget: Transportation Fund – Transportation – T-SPLOST Capital – Capital Expenditure/over \$5,000; 0751 – 610 – 2500 – MTSP – 7761.

A RESOLUTION**NO. _____**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUS REFURBISHMENT SERVICES FOR METRA FROM COMPLETE COACH WORKS (RIVERSIDE, CA) IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$1,231,530.00 (3 BUSES AT \$410,510.00 EACH). THE PURCHASE WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY COOPERATIVE PURCHASE VIA THE WASHINGTON STATE TRANSIT BUS COOPERATIVE CONTRACT #06719-05. ADDITIONALLY, APPROVAL IS REQUESTED TO EXECUTE THE COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT REQUIRED BY THE WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENTERPRISE SERVICES.

WHEREAS, METRA will utilize the refurbishment services to convert three (3) transit hybrid buses to diesel. The three buses have been inoperable for a considerable amount of time and are difficult to repair. Refurbishing the buses will add more years of service to the buses and will be easily repaired and maintained; and,

WHEREAS, the purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Competitive Solicitation No. 06719-05, initiated by the Washington State Department of Enterprise Services, whereby Complete Coach Works was the successful vendor contracted to provide Transit Buses Refurbishment Services. The contract, which commenced April 1, 2021, is good through March 31, 2026. The contract available under Washington State Department of Enterprise Services has been awarded by virtue of a public competitive procurement process compliant with State and Federal statutes. Washington State Department of Enterprise Services offers cooperative procurement solutions to government entities. Participation is open to federal, state/province, and municipal governmental entities. The RFP process utilized by Washington State Department of Enterprise Services meets the requirements of the City's Procurement Ordinance; additionally, the City's Procurement Ordinance, Article 9-101, authorizes the use of cooperative purchasing.

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

That the Mayor and/or his designee are hereby authorized to procure bus refurbishment services for METRA from Complete Coach Works (Riverside, CA) in the total amount of \$1,231,530.00 (3 buses at \$410,510.00 each). The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via the Washington State Transit Bus Cooperative Contract #06719-05. Additionally, approval is requested to execute the Cooperative Purchasing Agreement required by the Washington State Department of Enterprise Services. Funds are available in the FY25 Budget: Transportation Fund – Transportation – T-SPLOST Capital – Capital Expenditure/over \$5,000; 0751 – 610 – 2500 – MTSP – 7761.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the ____ day of _____, 2025 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting _____
Councilor Anker voting _____

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

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

B. Bid Tabulation for: Hot Asphalt, Micro Surfacing & General Road Repair Services (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 25-0004

Columbus Consolidated Government Council Meeting Agenda Item

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Hot Asphalt, Micro Surfacing & General Road Repair Services (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 25-0004
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council authorize the execution of an annual contract with The Scruggs Company dba Robinson Paving Company (Columbus, GA), Primary Contractor, and Allen Asphalt Services, Inc., (Smiths, Station, AL), Secondary Contractor, to provide hot asphalt and general road repair services, on an “as needed” basis. Public Works and the Engineering Department expended approximately \$2,759,532.00, per year, during the last 5-year contract for street repairs.

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

The Scruggs Company dba Robinson Paving Company shall be the Primary Contractor. If the Primary Contractor is unable to provide the required services, then the City will contact the Secondary Contractor, Allen Asphalt Services, Inc, to render the needed services.

Bid specifications were posted on the web page of the Purchasing Division, Ledger Enquirer, DemandStar, and the Georgia Procurement Registry. Two (2) bids were received on May 14, 2025. The bidders were The Scruggs Company dba Robinson Paving Company (Columbus, GA) and Allen Asphalt Services, Inc., (Smiths, Station, AL).

See Attached Bid Tabulation Sheet (**Item B.2**)

Funds are budgeted each fiscal year for this ongoing expense in the following:

Paving Fund – Public Works – Repairs and Maintenance – Street Repairs & Maintenance – Road Maintenance Materials; 0203-260-3110-REPR-6726

T-SPLOST Discretionary Capital Projects Fund – Capital Projects – T-SPLOST – Road Improvements – Resurfacing; 0510-660-7000-TSPL-7643-65003

Special Projects - Capital Projects Funds – Capital Projects – Paving Fund Supported Capital Projects – Road Improvements – Resurfacing/Rehabilitation Program; 0508-660-3000-CPPF-7643-21023

LOST Infrastructure – Public Works – Infrastructure LOST – Road Improvements – LOST/Resurface/Rehabilitation; 0109-250-9901-LOST-7643-92001

A RESOLUTION**NO. _____**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN ANNUAL CONTRACT WITH THE SCRUGGS COMPANY dba ROBINSON PAVING COMPANY (COLUMBUS, GA) PRIMARY CONTRACTOR AND ALLEN ASPHALT SERVICES, INC (SMITHS STATION, AL) SECONDARY CONTRACTOR, TO PROVIDE HOT ASPHALT, MICROSURFACING & GENERAL ROAD REPAIR SERVICES ON AN “AS NEEDED” BASIS. PUBLIC WORKS AND THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT EXPENDED APPROXIMATELY \$2,759,532.00, PER YEAR, DURING THE LAST 5-YEAR CONTRACT FOR STREET REPAIRS.

WHEREAS, the hot asphalt & general road repair services will be utilized by Public Works and Engineering Department for street repairs; and,

WHEREAS, The Scruggs Company dba Robinson Paving Company shall be the Primary Contractor. If the Primary Contractor is unable to provide the required services, then the City will contact the Secondary Contractor, Allen Asphalt Services, Inc, to render the needed services; and,

WHEREAS, the contract term will be for three years, with the option to renew for two 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 Mayor and/or his designee is hereby authorized to execute the annual contract for the provision of hot asphalt, micro surfacing and general road repair services on an “as needed” basis from The Scruggs Company dba Robinson Paving Company (Columbus, GA) and Allen Asphalt Services, Inc (Smiths Station, AL). Public Works and the Engineering Department expended approximately \$2,759,532.00, per year, during the last 5-year contract for street repairs. Funds are budgeted each fiscal year for this ongoing expense in the following:

Paving Fund – Public Works – Repairs and Maintenance – Street Repairs & Maintenance – Road Maintenance Materials; 0203-260-3110-REPR-6726

T-SPLOST Discretionary Capital Projects Fund – Capital Projects – T-SPLOST – Road Improvements – Resurfacing; 0510-660-7000-TSPL-7643-65003

Special Projects - Capital Projects Funds – Capital Projects – Paving Fund Supported Capital Projects – Road Improvements – Resurfacing/Rehabilitation Program; 0508-660-3000-CPPF-7643-21023

LOST Infrastructure – Public Works – Infrastructure LOST – Road Improvements – LOST/Resurface/Rehabilitation; 0109-250-9901-LOST-7643-92001

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the _____ day
of _____, 2025 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of
_____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting _____
Councilor Anker	voting _____
Councilor Chambers	voting _____
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Councilor Crabb	voting _____
Councilor Davis	voting _____
Councilor Garrett	voting _____
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Councilor Tucker	voting _____

Lindsey G. McLemore, Deputy Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

Item #B.

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Bid Tabulation for: Hot Asphalt, Micro Surfacing & General Road Repair Services (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 25-0004
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

			Allen Asphalt Services, Inc. (Smiths Station, AL)	The Scruggs Company dba Robinson Paving (Columbus, GA)
DESCRIPTION		MEASUREMENT	UNIT COST	UNIT COST
1.	5 TO 10 TONS (in place)	(TN)	\$650.00	\$257.50
2.	10 to 100 tons (in place)	(TN)	\$245.00	\$206.00
3.	100 to 500 tons (in place)	(TN)	\$195.00	\$162.74
4.	500 to 1000 tons (in place)	(TN)	\$168.00	\$121.54
5.	1000 to 5000 ton (in place)	(TN)	\$143.00	\$114.33
6.	Hot Asphalt, FOB Plant, Specified Mix	(TN)	\$116.25	\$88.58
7.	Hot Asphalt, MC70 Mix	(GAL)	\$15.65	\$10.30
8.	Asphalt Patching	(TN)	\$475.00	\$206.00
9.	Concrete Patching (Per Square Yard of 5" Thickness)	(SQYD)	\$125.00	87.55
10.	Mill Asphalt Paving, Variable Depth, up to 4,000 SQYD	(SQYD)	\$16.00	\$7.21
11.	Mill Asphalt Paving, Variable Depth, more than 4,000 SQYD	(SQYD)	\$14.35	\$5.93
12.	Adjust Manhole to Grade	(EA)	\$755.00	\$669.50
13.	Adjust Valve Box to Grade	(EA)	\$485.00	\$437.75
14.	Tack Coat	(GAL)	\$6.75	\$5.15
15.	Petro-Mat	(SQYD)	\$9.35	\$8.24

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16.	Seal Coating	(SQYD)	\$4.75	\$3.77	
17.	Pavement Reinforcing Fabric Strips, Type 2	(LNFT)	\$18.35	\$16.48	
18.	9.5 mm Type 2 Hot Asphalt	(TN)	\$152.00	\$124.63	
19.	Tack	(GAL)	\$6.75	\$5.15	
20.	Temporary Striping	(LF)	\$1.50	\$1.29	
21.	Cold Patch	(TN)	\$164.00	\$154.50	
22.	OGI 0 to 100 (in place)	(TN)	\$198.00	\$157.59	
23.	OGI 100 to 500 tons (in place)	(TN)	\$193.00	\$157.59	
24.	OGI 500 to 1000 tons (in place)	(TN)	\$162.00	\$109.18	
25.	OGI 1000+ tons (in place)	(TN)	\$148.00	\$105.06	
26.	GAB for Shoulder Stabilization	(TN)	\$78.00	\$39.14	
27.	Mill Asphalt Paving, Variable Depth, Up to 4,000 SQYD	(SQYD)	\$16.00	\$7.21	
28.	Mill Asphalt Paving, Variable Depth, more than 4,000 SQYD	(SQYD)	\$14.35	\$5.93	
29.	Adjust Manhole to Grade	(EA)	\$755.00	\$669.50	
30.	Adjust Valve Box to Grade	(EA)	\$485.00	\$437.75	
31.	Single Micro Surface 18-25 lbs., up to 50,000 SQYD	(SQYD)	\$25.00	\$11.50	
32.	Single Micro Surface 18-25 lbs., more than 50,000 SQYD	(SQYD)	\$22.00	\$10.35	
33.	Single Micro Surface 10-18 lbs., (Leveling)	(SQYD)	\$16.00	\$8.05	
34.	Asphalt Patching	(TN)	\$475.00	\$206.00	
35.	Temporary Centerline (Solid)	(MILE)	\$1,800.00	\$1,725.00	
36.	Temporary Centerline (Broken)	(MILE)	\$900.00	\$862.50	

File Attachments for Item:

C. Traffic Incident Management Services and Towing Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 25-0001

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Traffic Incident Management Services and Towing Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 25-0001
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council amend Resolution No. 182-25 to authorize the award for Traffic Incident Management Services and Towing Services (Annual Contract) to Griffin and Griffin Towing, Inc. (Columbus, GA) and Cole Towing & Recovery, Inc. (Columbus, GA). The vendors will provide Traffic Incident Management Services (TIMS), which are overseen by Public Safety Departments, and Towing Services for City-owned vehicles and equipment, on an “as needed” rotation basis which aligns with the intended award specified in the RFP. Negotiation is required to ensure pricing to citizens and the City are the same from both vendors per the RFP specifications.

Resolution No. 182-25 is required to be amended because the Evaluation Committee recommended the award to one vendor. However, the award recommendation was not in compliance with the award intent specified in the RFP.

The vendors will provide the following services:

Option 1 (Traffic Incident Management Services)

Vehicular towing and transporting services
Winching/recovering services (such as extracting/up righting vehicles)
Road services (such as tire changes, battery starting etc.)
Vehicular storage services

Option 2 (Towing Services for City vehicles)

Vehicular towing and transporting services
Winching/recovering services (such as extracting/up-righting vehicles)
Road services (such as tire changes, battery starting, etc.)

Such services are awarded in accordance with the stipulations set forth in Paragraph III of the General Specifications of the RFP.

III. AWARD

A. Option 1: It is the intention of the City to contract with multiple qualified offerors to provide TIMS services on a daily rotation basis “as needed”.

B. Option 2: The City reserves the right to award contracts to multiple qualified offerors to provide towing services on a weekly rotation basis for Metra Transit System and on a monthly rotation basis for the Public Works Department “as needed”.

C. Option 1 and Option 2 will be awarded to the vendors receiving the highest evaluation scores for the respective options.

D. In the event of a multiple vendor rotation, it is necessary to ensure citizens are paying the same price for Option 1, and the City is paying the same price for Option 2. Consequently, to participate in a vendor rotation, vendors shall agree to match the best responsive price submitted.

The contract term shall be for five years. The initial fee schedule shall remain fixed for the first two (2) years. Once each calendar year, beginning with the third year and each year thereafter, the Contractors may call for a meeting of the various Public Safety agencies, Purchasing Division representatives, Public Works representative, METRA Transit System representative and the City Manager's Officer (or his designee) to consider fee changes. With approval of a majority of the meeting representatives, the Contractors may increase or decrease fees in accordance with any changes in the Consumer Price Index during the preceding year.

Annual Contract History:

The previous five-year contract was awarded on July 23, 2019 (Resolution No. 207-19) to Griffin and Griffin Towing, Inc. The contract initiated on September 4, 2019, and ran through September 3, 2024. The vendor agreed to extend through September 3, 2025 while the next RFP was advertised and evaluated.

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 July 19, 2024. This RFP has been advertised, opened and evaluated. Two (2) proposals were received by the due date of August 16, 2024, from the following vendors:

Griffin and Griffin Towing, Inc. (Columbus, GA)
Cole Towing and Recovery, Inc. (Columbus, GA)

Evaluation Committee:

The proposals were reviewed by the Evaluation Committee, which consisted of one voting member from Public Works, one voting member from METRA, one voting member from Columbus Fire & EMS, one voting member from Columbus Police Department and one voting member from the Sheriff's Office.

Serving as alternate voters were one representative from Public Works and one representative from METRA.

Serving as non-voting advisors were one representative from METRA and three representatives from Public Works.

Award Recommendation:

- **Griffin and Griffing Towing, Inc.**
 - Griffin and Griffin has an abundance of experience, a lot of business and adequate employees.
 - The vendor has a solid work history with the City of Columbus. Their staff has many years of combined experience.

- Griffin and Griffin has extensive work history with similar-style government agencies. Their list of clients have been in place for many years, which speaks to their dependability.
- Griffin and Griffin has adequate personnel, equipment and services provided 24-hours a day and 365 days a year.
- **Qualifications/Experience:**
 - Griffin & Griffin Towing, Inc., serves government, commercial, non-profit and private clients with an aggregate of over 200 years of combined experience.
 - The organization's drivers are accustomed to serving an average of 1,000 or more customers monthly.
 - Griffin & Griffin offers eight class A trucks, six class C trucks, one class B truck, one landoll, one traffic control/barricade truck, pneumatic system, motorcycle towing equipment, lockout, jumpstart and tire change equipment.
 - They have a dynamic team of 34, with sufficient office, driver and yard personnel to serve customers 24-hours a day/365 days a year.
- Below are the last three clients for which the contractor has performed similar services, at the time the contractor submitted a proposal:
 - Georgia State Patrol 2013 – Present
7800 Scenic Heights, Manchester, GA 31816
Towing, traffic incident management and roadside assistance.
 - Enterprise Rental Car 2014 – Present
3450 Macon Road, Columbus, GA 31907
Towing, traffic incident management and roadside assistance.
 - Murray Diesel Service 2013 – Present
1435 Jacqueline Drive, Columbus, GA 31909
Towing and roadside assistance.
- **Cole Towing & Recovery, Inc.**
 - Cole Towing & Recovery Service is a local company with eight years of experience.
 - The staff from Cole Towing & Recovery have an extensive work history and the management team all have a strong work history and resumes.
 - The vendor has a history with many similar clients to CCG and has been serving them for several years.
 - The vendor provided documentation that is detailed and cohesive in reporting to both the agency, and the individual, as needed.
- **Qualifications/Experience:**

- Cole Towing & Recovery is a locally owned s-corporation that has been providing professional and safe roadside and “TIMS” services for over 8 years.
- The organization is made up of 30 employees from the Bi-City area.
- Cole Towing and Recovery has a highly-certified and qualified staff that is committed to giving a high level of attention to any incident that may arise.
- Their operators and key personnel are “TRIPS” and “TIMS” nationally certified, and the organization requires monthly hands-on training with licensed instructors.
- Below are the last three clients for which the contractor has performed similar services, at the time the contractor submitted a proposal:
 - Fort Moore Federal TIM Contract 2023 – Present
6800 Marchant Ave Building 111, Fort Moore, GA 31905
Towing of all class vehicles, including all government-owned vehicles and private, off-road recoveries, responding in 20-25 minutes and reporting response times. Upright vehicle, road service and customer service.
 - Muscogee County School District Bus Shop 2020 – Present
5908 Whitesville Road, Columbus, GA 31904
Towing all light, medium, heavy-duty and equipment for MCSD. Clean up waste from vehicle accident. Accident scene towing. Towing of electric vehicles. Traffic incident management.
 - UPS 2019 – Present
1343 Belfast Ave, Columbus, GA 31904
Towing of tractor trailers, box trucks, traffic incident management, recoveries, winch outs and lifts.

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 due to the possibility of negotiated components of the proposal. In the event City Council does not approve the recommended offeror, 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.

Towing charges for vehicles of citizens will be billed to the owner of the vehicles. Funding to cover towing services for City vehicles is budgeted each fiscal year for this on-going expense: Various Departments – Auto Parts and Supplies; 6721; General Fund - Police - Motor Transport – Motor Transport - Other Purchased Services, 0101-400-3230-MOTR-6699; Transportation Fund - Transportation FTA – METRA FTA (UMTA) – Vehicle Operation & Maintenance, 0751-610-2400-MFTA-6516.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COUNCIL TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 182-25 TO AUTHORIZE THE AWARD FOR TRAFFIC INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SERVICES AND TOWING SERVICES (ANNUAL CONTRACT) TO GRIFFIN AND GRIFFIN TOWING, INC. (COLUMBUS, GA) AND COLE TOWING & RECOVERY, INC. (COLUMBUS, GA). THE VENDORS WILL PROVIDE TRAFFIC INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SERVICES (TIMS), WHICH ARE OVERSEEN BY PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENTS, AND TOWING SERVICES FOR CITY-OWNED VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT, ON AN “AS NEEDED” ROTATION BASIS WHICH ALIGNS WITH THE INTENDED AWARD SPECIFIED IN THE RFP. NEGOTIATION IS REQUIRED TO ENSURE PRICING TO CITIZENS AND THE CITY ARE THE SAME FROM BOTH VENDORS PER THE RFP SPECIFICATIONS.

WHEREAS, an RFP was administered (RFP No. 25-0001) and two (2) proposals were received; and,

WHEREAS, the proposals submitted by Griffin and Griffin Towing, Inc. and Cole Towing & Recovery, Inc., met all proposal requirements and were deemed responsive to the RFP; and,

WHEREAS, the term of this contract shall be for five (5) years. The initial fee schedule shall remain fixed for the first two (2) years. Once each calendar year, beginning with the third year and each year thereafter, the Contractors may call for a meeting of the various Public Safety agencies, Purchasing Division representatives, Public Works representative, METRA Transit System representative and the City Manager’s Officer (or his designee) to consider fee changes. With approval of a majority of the meeting representatives, the Contractors may increase or decrease fees in accordance with any changes in the Consumer Price Index during the preceding year.

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

I.

That Resolution No. 182-25 is hereby amended to make the award as set forth in this Resolution; and,

II.

That the Mayor and/or his designee is hereby authorized to negotiate an annual contract award with Griffin and Griffin Towing, Inc. (Columbus, GA) and Cole Towing & Recovery, Inc. (Columbus, GA). The vendors will provide Traffic Incident Management Services (TIMS), which are overseen by Public Safety Departments, and Towing Services for City-owned vehicles and equipment, on an “as needed” rotation basis which aligns with the intended award specified in the RFP. Negotiation is required to ensure pricing to citizens and the City are the same from both vendors per the RFP specifications. Towing charges for vehicles of citizens will be billed to the owner of the vehicles. Funding to cover towing services for City vehicles is budgeted each fiscal year for this on-going expense: Various Departments – Auto Parts and Supplies; 6721;

General Fund - Police - Motor Transport – Motor Transport - Other Purchased Services, 0101-400-3230-MOTR-6699; Transportation Fund - Transportation FTA – METRA FTA (UMTA) – Vehicle Operation & Maintenance, 0751-610-2400-MFTA-6516.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the _____ day of _____, 2025 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

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

Lindsey G. Mclemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. “Skip” Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

1. Minutes of the following boards:

Development Authority of Columbus, Georgia 04.03.25

Development Authority of Columbus, Georgia 05.01.25

MEETING MINUTES FOR THE
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS GEORGIA
April 3, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT: Selvin Hollingsworth, Laura Gower, Audrey Tillman, Will White, Charles Ray Sheffield

MEMBER(S) NOT PRESENT: Geniece Granville, Doug Jenkins

ALSO PRESENT: Joe Sanders, Rob McKenna, Pam Hodge, Conner Miller, Eric McDonald w/Ga Power, Joshua Beard w/Mayors office, Destinee Williams and Tracey Hadley/River Valley Regional Commission, Pace Halter/WC Bradley, Christy Bozeman/Regional PM, Ashley Woitera/Visit Columbus, Robert Watkins/Ga Power, Tom Horn/CWW

The meeting was called to order by Selvin Hollingsworth at 8:30am

I. WELCOME

- a. March 6, 2025, Minutes - **Having been distributed prior to the meeting and upon motion made by Will White and seconded by Audrey Tillman, the Authority unanimously approved the minutes for March 6, 2025 meeting attached as "Exhibit A."**

II. FINANCES

- a. March 2025 Financial Update – Joe Sanders reviewed the P&L and balance sheet.
Upon motion made by Charles Ray Sheffield and seconded by, Audrey Tillman the Authority unanimously approved the March 2025 Financial Reports attached as "Exhibit B."

III. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT

- a. Economic Development Updates by Conner Miller:
 1. The Amazon announcement is scheduled this week with operations scheduled to start this month
 2. There are 23 Leads - 25 Projects - 2 visit and 4 Proposals
 3. Parcel 11, 64 acres at Technology Park has been completed and ready to go
 - i. Parcel 11 timeline:
 - a. Started the process with permit in Oct 2024
 - b. Grading and clearing started in Nov/Dec 2024
 - c. Mar 2025, clearing completed, the grass is in place and site is ready
 4. Parcel 16, 79 acres
 - i. Applied for the Rural Site Development Grant
 - a. Grant approval is scheduled for June 2025
 5. Parcel 22, 35-46 acres
 - i. Development proposal from Barge has been submitted
 - ii. Pre-work and clearing should take 3 to 4 months

Upon motion made by Will White and seconded by, Laura Gower the Authority unanimously approved the pre-work/clearing for Parcel 22

IV. CITY REPORT

- a. City updates by Pam Hodge:
 1. Update presented to City Council for the RFP to be released on the South Commons proposed development next to the baseball field
 2. Working on the Trade Center parking garage
 - i. The purpose is to increase parking at the Trade Center to prevent parking in the historic district

3. The Trade Center Authority has developed a master plan to include a hotel with a parking garage connecting to the Trade Center

V. Legal Items:

a. Legal update by Rob McKenna:

1. Inducement Resolution and Project Agreement for Omega Plastics

Upon motion made by Audrey Tillman and seconded by, Will White the Authority unanimously approved the Inducement Resolution and Project Agreement for Omega Plastics

VI. Government Affairs:

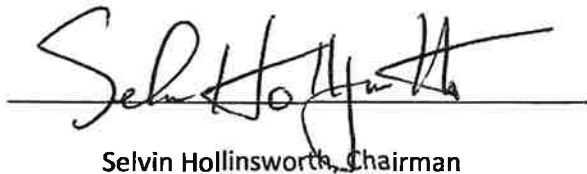
VII. Upcoming Events

VIII. NEW BUSINESS – Nothing to report

IX. OLD BUSINESS – Nothing to report

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Executive session requested after the DA meeting - **Upon motion made by Audrey Tillman and seconded by Will White, the Authority unanimously approved to move into the Executive Session for Project discussion**

XI. MEETING ADJOURNED

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Selvin Hollinsworth, Chairman

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Geniece Granville", written over a horizontal line.

Geniece Granville, Secretary

MEETING MINUTES FOR THE
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS GEORGIA
May 1, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT: Selvin Hollingsworth, Laura Gower, Geniece Granville, Audrey Tillman, Doug Jenkins, Charles Ray Sheffield

MEMBER(S) NOT PRESENT: Will White

ALSO PRESENT: Joe Sanders, Rob McKenna, Pam Hodge, Conner Miller, Eric McDonald w/Ga Power, Jim Livingston/River Valley Regional Commission, Christy Bozeman/Regional PM, Ashley Woitera/Visit Columbus, Rebecca White/Community Affairs, Andy Hilmes/UWCV-C4C, Ben Moser/C4C, Bill Dudley/Government Affairs

The meeting was called to order by Selvin Hollingsworth at 8:30am

I. WELCOME

- a. April 3, 2025, Minutes - **Having been distributed prior to the meeting and upon motion made by Charles Ray Sheffield and seconded by Laura Gower, the Authority unanimously approved the minutes for April 3, 2025 meeting attached as "Exhibit A."**

II. FINANCES

- a. April 2025 Financial Update – Joe Sanders reviewed the P&L and balance sheet.
 1. The Audit will start late June/early July 2025
 2. The Budget will start in a couple of months

Upon motion made by Audrey Tillman and seconded by, Doug Jenkins the Authority unanimously approved the April 2025 Financial Reports attached as "Exhibit B."

III. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT

- a. Economic Development Updates by Conner Miller:
 1. The Economic Development Snapshot shows, 25 Leads - 21 Projects - 2 visits and 5 Proposals
 2. Parcel 22, 35-46 acres
 - i. A potential client has now expressed interest in the entire 46 acres on Parcel 22
 3. Unfortunately, we had to pull the Rural Site Development Grant, because it was for Parcel 16, however Parcel 16 is being worked by the city. We can reapply in the Fall of 2025.

IV. C4C Updates

- a. Ben Moser provided an update
 1. We are in a favorable territory with the current administration the congressional leadership about the state of the Semi-Conducts in the U.S.:
 - i. We are part of the NAPMP with GA Tech and trying to create one of three hubs around the Country for packaging
 - ii. Part of the SMART USA - the Digital Twin Center in Durham, NC

V. CITY REPORT

- a. City updates by Pam Hodge:
 1. The city has presented an FY26 Budget to the City Council
 2. The budget review sessions will start next Tuesday, May 6th
 3. There was an additional 500k included in the budget, SPLOST funding for Development Authority that also include remaining commitments for C4C and Columbus 2025 that goes through the Economic Development funds
 4. Working on the Trade Center

VI. Legal Items:

a. Legal update by Rob McKenna:

1. Bond Resolution for Omega Plastics has been delayed until June 2025

2. Approval of Refinance for Riverstone Commercial Properties

Upon motion made by Laura Gower and seconded by, Charles Ray Sheffield the Authority unanimously approved the Refinance for Riverstone Commercial Properties.

3. Termination of Tremco

Upon motion made by Geniece Granville and seconded by, Laura Gower the Authority unanimously approved the Termination of Tremco.

VII. Government Affairs:VIII. Upcoming Events

IX. NEW BUSINESS – Nothing to report

X. OLD BUSINESS – Nothing to report

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Executive session requested after the DA meeting - **Upon motion made by Charles Ray Sheffield and seconded by Audrey Tillman, the Authority unanimously approved to move into the Executive Session to discuss staffing and one project.**


Selvin Hollinsworth, Chairman
Geniece Granville, Secretary

File Attachments for Item:

2. ADD-ON: Resignation of Robert L. Wadkins, Jr. from his seat on the Civic Center Advisory Board to accept his appointment as the Corporate/Employment Attorney on the Columbus Sports & Entertainment Authority.

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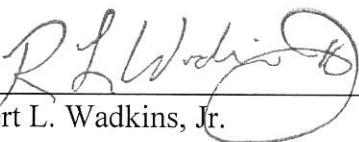
June 16, 2025

Dear Mayor Henderson,

Please accept this letter as my formal resignation from the Civic Center Advisory Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to continue serving Columbus in a different capacity.

Sincerely,


Robert L. Wadkins, Jr.
Attorney

File Attachments for Item:

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

COLUMBUS SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT AUTHORITY:

New Member

(Certified Public Accountant)

Open for Nominations

(Mayor's Appointment)

New Member

(Law Enforcement Representative)

Open for Nominations

(Mayor's Appointment)

Ex Officio/Non-Voting Member

The terms are three years, with the terms beginning July 1, 2025, and the term expiration of the first appointments being staggered pursuant to Ordinance 25-011.

PENSION FUND, EMPLOYEES' BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Vacant

(Business Community)

Term Expires: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations

(Mayor's Appointment)

The terms are four years. Meets monthly.

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

CIVIC CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:

Johnson Trawick – *Not interested in serving* (District 8 – Garrett)

Eligible to succeed

Term Expired: March 1, 2025

The terms are two years. Meets quarterly.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:

(District 1 – Hickey)

Vacant

Term Expires: March 27, 2026

The terms for the Mayor's Appointments are three years and Council's Appointments are two years. Meets quarterly.

YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:

District 2 Nominee: _____

District 3 Nominee: _____

District 5 Nominee: _____

District 7 Nominee: _____

District 9 Nominee: _____

District 10 Nominee: _____

APPOINTMENTS – NOMINATIONS ARE CONFIRMED BY COUNCIL:

COLUMBUS SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT AUTHORITY:

New Member

(Fort Benning Representative)

Fort Benning Garrison Command's Nomination

(Confirmed by Council)

The terms are three years, with the terms beginning July 1, 2025, and the term expiration of the first appointments being staggered pursuant to Ordinance 25-011.

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

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:

(Council's Appointment)

Vacant

Term Expired: August 15, 2023

The terms are four years. Ordinance No. 11-23 removes the limitation of two full consecutive terms for this authority.

KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION:

Vacant

(Senatorial District 15)

Term Expires: June 30, 2027

Open for Nominations

(Council's Appointment)

The terms are three years. Meets every other month.

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

Judge David Ranieri

Does not desire reappointment

Term Expires: June 30, 2025

Open for Nominations

(Council's Appointment)

The terms are three years. Meets every other month.

RETIREES' HEALTH BENEFITS COMMITTEE:

Thomas Barron

Open for Nominations

Not Eligible

(Council's Appointment)

Term Expires: June 30, 2025

The term of the Mayor's appointee is two years. The terms of Council's appointees are four years. Meets once a month.

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

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

A. COLUMBUS SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT AUTHORITY:

New Member

(Certified Public Accountant)

Open for Nominations
(Mayor’s Appointment)

New Member

(Law Enforcement Representative)

Ex Officio/Non-Voting Member

Open for Nominations
(Mayor’s Appointment)

The terms are three years, with the terms beginning July 1, 2025, and the term expiration of the first appointments being staggered pursuant to Ordinance 25-011.

Women: 1

Senatorial District 15: 1

Senatorial District 29: 3

Vacancies: 11

B. PENSION FUND, EMPLOYEES’ BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Vacant

(Business Community)

Term Expires: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Mayor’s Appointment)

The terms are four years. Meets monthly.

Women: 4

Senatorial District 15: 9

Senatorial District 29: 2

Vacancies: 1

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

A. CIVIC CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:

Johnson Trawick – *Not* interested in serving
Eligible to succeed

(District 8 – Garrett)

Term Expired: March 1, 2025

The terms are two years. Meets quarterly.

Women:	3
Senatorial District 15:	8
Senatorial District 29:	4
Vacancies:	0

B. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:

(District 1 – Hickey)

Vacant

Term Expires: March 27, 2026

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Women: 4

Senatorial District 15: 9

Senatorial District 29: 2

Vacancies: 2

C. YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:

District 2 Nominee: _____

District 3 Nominee: _____

District 5 Nominee: _____

District 7 Nominee: _____

District 9 Nominee: _____

District 10 Nominee: _____

4. APPOINTMENTS – NOMINATIONS ARE CONFIRMED BY COUNCIL:

A. COLUMBUS SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT AUTHORITY:

New Member

(Fort Benning Representative)

Fort Benning Garrison Command's Nomination

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

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Vacant

Term Expired: August 15, 2023

(Council's Appointment)

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Women: 0

Senatorial District 15: 3

Senatorial District 29: 3

Vacancies: 1

B. KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION:

Vacant

(Senatorial District 15)

Term Expires: June 30, 2027

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

The terms are three years. Meets every other month.

Women: 4

Senatorial District 15: 5

Senatorial District 29: 3

Vacancies: 2

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

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Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Women: 2

Senatorial District 15: 3

Senatorial District 29: 1

Vacancies: 0

D. RETIREES' HEALTH BENEFITS COMMITTEE:

Thomas Barron

Not Eligible

Term Expires: June 30, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

The term of the Mayor's appointee is two years. The terms of Council's appointees are four years. Meets once a month.

Women: 4

Senatorial District 15: n/a

Senatorial District 29: n/a

Vacancies: 0