

## Council Members

R. Gary Allen  
Charmaine Crabb

Travis L. Chambers  
Glenn Davis

Byron Hickey  
Bruce Huff

R. Walker Garrett  
Toyia Tucker

John Anker  
Joanne Cogle

**Clerk of Council**  
Lindsey G. McLemore



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

July 29, 2025  
9:00 AM  
Consent Agenda / Work Session

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### CONSENT AGENDA/WORK SESSION

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

**INVOCATION:** Offered by Youth Pastor Mitchell Harris, Pleasant Grove Baptist Church of Columbus, Georgia

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

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### CONSENT AGENDA

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**MINUTES:**

- [1.](#) Approval of minutes for the July 22, 2025, Council Meeting and Executive Session.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

2. RESOLUTION – A resolution excusing Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen from the July 29, 2025, Consent Agenda / Work Session.
3. RESOLUTION – A resolution excusing Councilor John Anker from the July 29, 2025, Consent Agenda / Work Session. (ADD-ON)

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## WORK SESSION AGENDA

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- I. [Youth Council Placemaking Grant Award – Sadie Krawczyk, Managing Director for GeorgiaForward, Tafari Turner, Program Manager for GeorgiaForward, and Lisa Goodwin, Deputy City Manager](#)
- II. [Public Safety Update - Stoney Mathis, Chief, Police Department](#)
- III. [Fire Station SPLOST Update, Ryan Pruett, Director, Inspection & Code](#)
- IV. [Proposed Camping on Public Property Discussion - Chief Stoney Mathis, Police Department, Chief Sal Scarpa, Fire & EMS, Pat Frey, Vice President of United Way, Terrika Barnes, Director of Community Case Management, and Drale Short, Director of Public Works](#)

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**File Attachments for Item:**

1. Approval of minutes for the July 22, 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

July 22, 2025  
5:30 PM  
Regular Meeting

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### **M A Y O R ' S   A G E N D A**

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**PRESENT:** Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III and Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen and Councilors John Anker, Travis L. Chambers, Joanne Cogle, Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis (arrived at 5:34 p.m.), Byron Hickey, Bruce Huff, and Toyia Tucker (via teleconference). Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge, City Attorney Clifton Fay, Assistant City Attorney Lucy Sheftall, Clerk of Council Lindsey G. McLemore and Deputy Clerk of Council Tameka Colbert.

**ABSENT:** N/A

**The following documents have been included as a part of the electronic Agenda Packet:** (1) CA#3: Amended Ordinance; (2) CM#4(B): Pension Plan Update; (3) CM#4(C): Presentation: Revenue Division Update; (4) CM#4(D): Business License Tax/Revenue Collection Services RFP No. 25-0015; (5) CM#4(E): American Rescue Plan Update

**The following documents were distributed around the Council table:** (1) CA#3: Amended Ordinance; (2) PA#1: Mud Buildup on Roaring Branch Creek Road; (3) PA#3: Internal Audit of Traffic Incident Management Services (T.I.M.S.) Contractors; (4) COC (ADD-ON): Board Appointments

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

**INVOCATION:** Offered by Rev. Grace Burton Edwards – St. Thomas Episcopal Church

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

## **MINUTES**

1. Approval of minutes for the July 8, 2025 Council Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

## **PROCLAMATIONS**

2. **Proclamation:** Community Healthcare Week

**Receiving:** Asante Hilts

**Councilor Bruce Huff** read the proclamation into the record proclaiming August 3-9, 2025, as *Community Healthcare Week*, recognizing Valley Healthcare System Inc. for its commitment to providing quality, accessible healthcare services, including comprehensive medical and dental care, to underserved populations.

3. **Proclamation:** Wynnton Neighborhood Network

**Receiving:** Jason Wade

**Councilor John Anker** read the proclamation into the record proclaiming Tuesday, July 22, 2025, as *Wynnton Neighborhood Network Day*, recognizing the Wynnton Neighborhood Network and its ongoing efforts to eradicate food insecurity and congratulating the organization on its milestone of 40 years of service to the community.

4. **Proclamation:** West Georgia Dixie Baseball

**Receiving:** West Georgia Dixie Baseball Team

**Mayor Pro Tem Gary Allen** read the proclamation into the record proclaiming Tuesday, July 22, 2025, as *West Georgia Dixie Baseball Day*, recognizing West Georgia Dixie Baseball Team for their undefeated performance and for being crowned 2025 DVB State Champions during the June 21–23 championship in Washington County, Georgia.

5. **Proclamation:** Columbus High School Boys Golf Team

**Receiving:** Coach Chris Parker and the Columbus High School Boys Golf Team

**Councilor Walker Garrett** read the proclamation into the record proclaiming Tuesday, July 22, 2025, as *Columbus High School Boys Golf Team Day*, recognizing Columbus High School Boys Golf

Team for winning the Georgia High School Association Class AA State Championship on May 19–20, 2024, with an impressive 16-stroke victory.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

6. **Resolution (215-25)** - A Resolution requesting a transition audit by the Internal Auditor of the Clerk of Council's Office. *(Requested by the Clerk of Council)* Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

## **CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA**

### **ORDINANCES**

1. **Ordinance (25-038) - 2nd Reading:** An Ordinance amending Chapter 14 pertaining to Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions of the Columbus Code to insert a code section 14-24 to provide for fees for lift assistance service calls made by the Columbus Department of Fire and Medical Emergency Services to licensed healthcare and affiliated facilities; to provide penalties for violations thereof; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the ten members present.
2. **Ordinance (25-039) - 2nd Reading:** An Ordinance amending the Columbus Code to add a new Article V to Chapter 11 to require safety standards pertaining to powered bicycles, powered mobility devices and storage batteries; and for other purposes. (Councilor Cogle) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the ten members present.
3. **1st Reading:** An Ordinance amending the Columbus Code to repeal and replace Section 14-13. with a new code section that prohibits camping on public property within Columbus, Georgia, and for other purposes. (Councilor Crabb)

Councilor Crabb made a motion to amend the ordinance to include additional language on page 3, Paragraph (f): "A minimum of twenty-four (24) hours shall be allotted prior to such removal and transport of such property.", seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- *Theresa El-Amin* – Concerned about the impact on unhoused individuals and stating that it would make it more difficult for them to survive in the open air.
- *Amy Borgen* – Concerned about its negative impact on the homeless population.
- *Simi Barnes* – Stated she believes it is a step toward criminalizing homelessness.
- *Charlita Nicole Grant* – Commented on resources available for the homeless population.
- *Anthony Johnson* – Concerned about the possible long-term implications.
- *Mark Lawrence* – Expressed concerns regarding homeless veterans and offered suggestions to address homelessness.
- *Michael Sherman* – Concerned about how the needs of the homeless are being addressed and urging the development of effective solutions.

Note: Following discussion, the City Attorney noted that the ordinance will be scheduled for 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading at the August 12, 2025, Council Meeting.

## **REFERRAL(S):**

### **FOR THE MAYOR:**

- Meeting request with Chief Stoney Mathis, Columbus Police Department, to further discuss the issues mentioned. The discussion is to include the criminal aspect of the ordinance and explore possible solutions. (*Councilor Crabb*)
- Ensure officers with the Columbus Police Department are equipped with the appropriate information and resources to provide to members of the homeless population they encounter, connecting those individuals to services available. (*Councilor Hickey*)
- A request was made to obtain data on the number of homeless individuals who do not wish to be housed. (*Councilor Cogle*)

## **RESOLUTIONS**

4. **Resolution (216-25)** – A Resolution amending Resolution No. 020-23 to consent to the extension by the Columbus Water Works of a \$11,230,000 Clean Water State Revolving Fund Loan from the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority up to and until February 1, 2027. (Request of Columbus Water Works) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the ten members present.
  
5. **Resolution (217-25)** – A Resolution amending Resolution No. 076-21 to consent to the extension by the Columbus Water Works of a \$13,300,000 Clean Water State Revolving Fund Loan from the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority up to and until February 1, 2027. (Request of Columbus Water Works) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the ten members present.
  
6. **Resolution (218-25)** – A Resolution amending Resolution No. 076-21 to consent to the extension by the Columbus Water Works of a \$22,439,000 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loan from the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority up to and until November 1, 2026. (Request of Columbus Water Works) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

## **PUBLIC AGENDA**

*Last Application Received: July 18, 2025, 10:22 a.m.*

1. Mr. John Michael Watford, representing Mike Watford, Re: Mud Buildup on Roaring Branch Creek Road.

**Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge** advised that the lake is not City-owned but is instead owned by Georgia Power. She stated that she would provide Georgia Power's contact information to Mr. Watford.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Mayor Henderson entertained a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation and property acquisition and disposal as requested by City Attorney Fay. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the ten members present, with the time being 7:02 p.m.



The Regular Meeting was reconvened at 8:20 p.m., at which time, Mayor Henderson announced that the Council did meet in Executive Session to discuss potential litigation and property acquisition and disposal; however, there were no votes taken.

## **PUBLIC AGENDA (continued)**

2. Mr. Ladarius Colbert & Dr. Jaketra Bryant, representing New Blaq Order LLC and Dr. Jaketra Bryant Coaching and Speaking, LLC, Re: Conditions of South Columbus.
3. Mr. Atlantic Cole, representing: Cole's Towing & Recovery, Inc., Re: Request for Reconsideration of Resolution No. 182-25.
4. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing: Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: National Night Out, Paws Humane, and Underfunded Pension Plans.
5. Ms. Audrey Holston Palmore, Re: Property Located at 2928 10<sup>th</sup> Street.
6. Mr. Mark Lawrence, Re: Next Steps
7. Dr. Johnny Flakes, III, Re: Who do you want people to believe you are? *Cancelled*

## **CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA**

### **1. FY26 Public Defender Contract**

**Resolution (219-25):** A resolution to enter into an agreement for Indigent Defense Services between Circuit Public Defender Office of the Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit and Muscogee County in the amount of \$2,761,935 from July 2025 to June 2026 and authorize payment to the Georgia Public Defender Council (GPDC) in the amount of \$2,015,565 paid in monthly installments of \$167,963.72 of which is included in the total amount. Councilor Garrett made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Davis and carried by a nine-to-one vote, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Chambers, Cogle, Crabb, Davis, Garrett, Hickey, Huff and Tucker voting in favor and Councilor Anker voting in opposition.

### **2. Amendment to Extend the Subrecipient Agreements for Occupational Training and Retention**

**Resolution (220-25):** A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, authorizing the Mayor to execute amendments to contracts/documentation to continue occupational training and retention

services for economically disadvantaged (low-income) individuals residing in Muscogee County through September 30, 2026, to address the poverty level in Muscogee County. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

### 3. PURCHASES

#### A. Election Equipment, Supplies and Services

**Resolution (221-25):** A resolution authorizing to expend the appropriated funds to Knowink, LLC (St Louis, MO), for the provision of election equipment, supplies and services for the estimated amount of \$150,000 per year. The funds expended each fiscal year is contingent upon the number of elections required to be held. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Chambers and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

#### B. Household Trash Carts and Lids for Public Works – Sourcewell Cooperative Contract Purchase

**Resolution (222-25):** A resolution authorizing the purchase of household trash carts, lids, plus shipping, from Rehrig Pacific Company (Lawrenceville, GA) in the total amount of \$132,654.00. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Sourcewell Contract #120324-REH. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Chambers and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

#### C. Household Recycling Carts for Public Works – Sourcewell Cooperative Contract Purchase

**Resolution (223-25):** A resolution authorizing the purchase of 95-gallon blue recycling carts from Rehrig Pacific Company (Lawrenceville, GA) in the amount of \$79,140.00 (1,404 units @ \$55.00 each, plus freight in the amount of \$1,920.00). The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Sourcewell Contract #120324-REH. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Chambers and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

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*Note: Councilor Garrett left the meeting at 8:57 p.m.*

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#### **4. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS**

A. FY25 Bull Creek Golf Course Budget Update – Jim Arendt, Director of Golf, Golf Authority

**Finance Director Angelica Alexander** advised that the Golf Authority is appearing before the Council pursuant to Ordinance 13-39, as they are expected to exceed their FY25 Budget. She explained that the Bull Creek Golf Course Fund operates independently with its own reserves, some of which were utilized due to unforeseen circumstances following the mid-year budget amendment. The requested budget adjustment is for \$141,200, with sufficient revenues and reserves to cover the expenditure.

**Jim Arendt, Director of Golf, Golf Authority** came forward and recognized Golf Authority Chairman William Roundtree and Golf Authority member Ken Crump and referenced the April 6th tornado that caused significant damage and an estimated \$150,000 loss in revenue. He expressed appreciation for the support received and emphasized that the requested adjustment would not impact the City's General Fund.

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the request to adjust the Bull Creek Golf Course Budget by \$141,200, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote. *(Clerk of Council McLemore confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Tucker.)*

B. Pension Fund Process Update - Angelica Alexander, Director, Finance

**Finance Director Angelica Alexander** provided an update on the pension fund process, including the market value as of the quarter ending March 2025. She explained how inflows and outflows are recorded and reconciled and noted that financial information related to the pension plan is included in the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR), available on the Finance Department's website.

She further clarified that governmental pension plans are not subject to ERISA (Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974), and that pension plan documents are publicly accessible on the Human Resources Department's website.

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

#### **FINANCE DIRECTOR:**

- A request was made for a copy of the PowerPoint presentation . *(Councilor Chambers)*

C. Revenue Department Update - Angelica Alexander, Director, Finance

**Finance Director Angelica Alexander** provided an update on the Revenue Department, including data on the number of licenses processed for 2024–2025. She also addressed problematic and pending accounts, stating that 2025 renewal processing is current.

She announced that the Civic Access Self Service (CASS) Portal is now live and available for public use and emphasized ongoing efforts to improve the system. She also presented data on occupation tax revenue from FY20 to FY25.

In addition, Director Alexander addressed ongoing staffing challenges, announcing the appointment of a new Revenue Director and pointing out her efforts to increase personnel.

**REFERRAL(S):**

**FINANCE DIRECTOR:**

- A request was made for a hard copy of the PowerPoint presentation . (*Councilor Davis*)

D. Business License Tax, Revenue Collection Services RFP Update – Pam Hodge, Deputy City Manager, Finance, Planning & Development

**Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge** provided an update on the Business License Tax and Revenue Collection Services RFP. She reported that an Evaluation Committee was formed and listed its participants. She also presented a timeline of key events, including the issuance and closing dates of the RFP, committee meetings, proposals received, and vendor interviews.

Deputy City Manager Hodge advised that all proposals were rejected, as the vendors did not meet the requirements outlined in the RFP. She outlined two options for the next steps: (1) Continue operating the Revenue Division within the Finance Department using City staff, or (2) Reissue the RFP.

Several Council Members expressed a desire to reissue the RFP with the goal of either outsourcing services provided by the Revenue Division or pursuing a hybrid approach. **Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge** responded that the administration is not opposed to outsourcing. In response to concerns about current employees, she explained that if a vendor is selected and approved by Council, affected Revenue Division employees would need to determine whether to seek other positions within the City or accept employment with the selected vendor. She noted that nine employees, including Enforcement Officers involved in business license enforcement, would be impacted.

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

- Would like an opportunity to meet the new Revenue Director (*Councilor Crabb*)
- Would like additional information regarding the RFP, specifically identifying which requirements were met by the applicants and which were not met. (*Councilor Crabb*)
- Identify the top four services currently provided and which of those services face the biggest challenges. Based on this assessment, determine whether an RFP can be issued to outsource the services most impacted by those challenges in providing services to the citizens. (*Councilor Cogle*)

## E. ARP Update Pam Hodge, Deputy City Manager, Finance, Planning &amp; Development

**Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge** provided a brief overview of the American Rescue Plan (ARP), stating that it was established in 2021 to respond to the public health emergency related to COVID-19. She outlined the funding allocated to the City of Columbus, and provided a summary of the total funds expended, funds encumbered, and the current remaining balance of \$190,608.25. She also reported that 16 applications for funding were denied for not meeting program requirements, and 2 applications were withdrawn. Additionally, 137 applicants began the application process but did not complete it; staff will follow up with these individuals in an effort to help them qualify and utilize the remaining funds. If those efforts are unsuccessful, the City will close out the grant program.

In response to a question from Councilor Hickey, **Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge** explained for the record if she was ever able to locate a video clip where former City Manager Isaiah Hugley shared with the Council that his spouse received ARP Grant funds. Deputy City Manager Hodge stated when she replied “yes”, she was referring to the City Manager’s question if she was looking for a clip and not that a clip had been located.

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

- Would like a report on how the applicants applied the funds and how it affected affordable housing in a positive way. (*Councilor Crabb*)

**CITY ATTORNEY:**

- Draft an amended resolution for City Council’s consideration that would authorize the Deputy City Manager to approve and execute ARP grant agreements. (*Councilor Hickey*)

## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

Deputy City Manager Hodge announced that the position for Director of Human Resources has been publicly advertised. She further explained that the current Director is scheduled to retire at the end of the year.

## **REFERRAL(S):**

### **DEPUTY CITY MANAGER:**

- Requesting a meeting to discuss the overgrowth of vegetation encroaching onto private property along 185 and Holly Hills area. (*Councilor Huff*)
- Would like the Traffic Engineer to look at the roundabout area at Fortson Rd. and Williams Rd. (*Councilor Davis*)
- Requesting assistance with the Crystal Valley area as it pertains to code violations. (*Councilor Tucker*)

## **BID ADVERTISEMENT**

**DATE:** July 22, 2025  
**TO:** Mayor and Councilors  
**FROM:** Finance Department  
**SUBJECT:** Advertised Bids/RFPs/RFQs

### **August 15, 2025**

#### **1. Design and Construction Services for Columbus Pickleball Facility – RFP No. 26-0006**

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

Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) is requesting proposals from qualified contractors to engage a Design-Builder to design and construct the new Columbus Pickleball Facility. The facility will be located at 1641 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and be comprised of twenty-seven (27) pickleball courts, including sixteen (16) covered courts. The facility will also include bathroom and concession facilities. Approximately one-hundred four (104) parking spaces will be constructed to support the facility within the existing rights of way of 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and 17<sup>th</sup> Street. The estimated budget for this project is \$7,000,000.

The selected Design-Builder will be responsible for all aspects of the design and construction.

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

### **ENCLOSURES - INFORMATION ONLY**

1. Memo: Board Quorum Challenges

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

### **CLERK OF COUNCIL:**

- Provide a list of the boards with quorum challenges. (*Councilor Crabb*)

2. Memo: Columbus Golf Course Authority Minutes

### **ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED**

3. Request to declare the seat of Julio Portillo (*District 8*) as vacant on the Community Development Advisory Council (CDAC). Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote. (*Clerk of Council McLemore confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Tucker.*)
4. Resignation of Adrian Wade (*District 6*) from his seat on the Community Development Advisory Council (CDAC). Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to receive the resignation, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote. (*Clerk of Council McLemore confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Tucker.*)

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

Board of Tax Assessors, #23-25

Columbus Golf Course Authority, 01.14.2025

Columbus Golf Course Authority, 02.11.2025

Columbus Golf Course Authority, 04.22.2025

Columbus Golf Course Authority, 05.28.2025

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

the vote. *(Clerk of Council McLemore confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Tucker.)*

## **BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED**

### **6. 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.

#### **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.

### **7. 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)*. Councilor Hickey nominated Gregory Blue to fill the vacant seat on the Community Development Advisory Council. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote. *(Clerk of Council McLemore confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Tucker.)*

#### **B. YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:**

A nominee for the District 5 Representative on the Youth Advisory Council *(District 5 – Crabb)*. 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.

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

**A. KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION:**

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

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

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

**C. PLANNING ADVISORY COMMISSION:**

A nominee for the seat of Ralph King (*Not Eligible to succeed*) for a term that expired on March 31, 2025, on the Planning Advisory Commission (*Council's Appointment*). Clerk of Council McLemore announced that Councilor Chambers is nominating Anthony Smith to succeed Ralph King on the Planning Advisory Commission.

A nominee for the seat of Larry Derby (*Not Eligible to succeed*) for a term that expired on March 31, 2025, on the Planning Advisory Commission (*Council's Appointment*). Clerk of Council McLemore announced that Councilor Cogle is nominating Haley Lyman to succeed Larry Derby on the Planning Advisory Commission.

**D. RETIREES' HEALTH BENEFITS COMMITTEE:**

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

## **ADD-ON: BOARD APPOINTMENTS – ACTION REQUESTED**

### **9. MAYOR’S APPOINTMENTS – ANY NOMINATIONS MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:**

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

### **10. COUNCIL’S CONFIRMATION - RECOMMENDATION FROM ORGANIZATIONS / AGENCIES:**

#### **A. UPTOWN FACADE BOARD:**

A nominee for the seat of James Lewis (*Not Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on October 31, 2024, Uptown Business Improvement Dist. Representative on the Uptown Façade Board (*Council’s Appointment*). Clerk of Council McLemore announced that the Uptown Business Improvement District is recommending Fredrick Hill to succeed James Lewis on the Uptown Façade Board. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote. (*Clerk of Council McLemore confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Tucker.*)

A nominee for the seat of Hannah Israel (*Not Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on October 31, 2024, Uptown Business Improvement Dist. Representative on the Uptown Façade Board (*Council’s Appointment*). Clerk of Council McLemore announced that the Uptown Business Improvement District is recommending Ginger Surprise to succeed Hannah Israel on the Uptown Façade Board. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent for the vote. (*Clerk of Council McLemore confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Tucker.*)

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

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

A nominee for a vacant seat (*Seat previously held by Johnny W. Byrd, II, who recently passed*) with the term expiring on March 24, 2027 on the Building Authority of Columbus (*Mayor’s Appointment*). Clerk of Council McLemore announced that Councilor Huff is nominating Anthony Johnson to fill the vacant seat on the Building Authority of Columbus.

**REFERRAL(S):**

**CITY ATTORNEY:**

- Explore options to extend board term limits. (*Councilor Tucker*)

**PUBLIC AGENDA (continued)**

5. Ms. Audrey Holston Palmore, Re: Property Located at 2928 10<sup>th</sup> Street.
4. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing: Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: National Night Out, Paws Humane, and Underfunded Pension Plans.

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Councilor Tucker to adjourn the July 22, 2025, Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting, and the time being 10:54 p.m.

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

**File Attachments for Item:**

2. A Resolution excusing Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen from the August 29, 2025, Consent Agenda / Work Session.

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

A Resolution excusing Councilors absence.

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

Pursuant to Section 3-103(6) of the Charter of Columbus, Georgia, Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen is hereby excused from attendance of the July 29, 2025, Consent Agenda / Work Session for the following reasons:

Personal Business:

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 29th 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 Hickey	voting _____
Councilor Huff	voting _____
Councilor Tucker	voting _____

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**Lindsey G. McLemore**  
Clerk of Council

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

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

**File Attachments for Item:**

3. RESOLUTION – A resolution excusing Councilor John Anker from the August 29, 2025, Consent Agenda / Work Session. (ADD-ON)

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

A Resolution excusing Councilors absence.

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THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES:

Pursuant to Section 3-103(6) of the Charter of Columbus, Georgia, Councilor John Anker is hereby excused from attendance of the July 29, 2025, Consent Agenda / Work Session for the following reasons:

Professional Business:

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 29th 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 Hickey	voting _____
Councilor Huff	voting _____
Councilor Tucker	voting _____

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**Lindsey G. McLemore**  
Clerk of Council

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

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**File Attachments for Item:**

III. Fire Station SPLOST Update, Ryan Pruett, Director, Inspection & Code



# **2021 SPLOST – Fire Station Project Update**

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# Current Fire Station Projects

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- **Fire Station #5 – 6600 Lynch Road**
  - New station adjacent to existing station
  - SPLOST Budget - \$5,000,000
  - Status – Under Construction; Estimated Completion Early 2026
- **Fire Station #8 – 5844 Whitesville Road**
  - Renovation of existing station
  - SPLOST Budget - \$3,500,000
  - Status – Concept Design Complete
  - Contract amendment for remainder of design services will be on Council Agenda on 8/12/2025

# Current Fire Station Projects

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- **Fire Station #4 – 200 N. Oakley Drive**
  - Renovation of existing station
  - SPLOST Budget - \$3,500,000
  - Status – Concept Design Complete
  - Contract amendment for remainder of design services will be on Council Agenda on 8/12/2025
- **Fire Station #6 – 1126 Brown Avenue**
  - Renovation of existing station
  - SPLOST Budget - \$3,500,000
  - Status – Waiting on other projects prior to proceeding



# Fire Station #5 Progress Photos



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# Fire Stations #4 & #8 Renovations

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- Conceptual Design for Renovations at both Stations #4 & #8 have been completed.
- Fire Station #8 renovation can start after completion of Fire Station #5. Fire Station #4 renovation can start after completion of Fire Station #8.





CONCEPT IMAGES ONLY; SUBJECT TO CHANGE





# Fire Stations #4 & #8 Renovations

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- Concept designs include all components necessary to make Stations #4 & #8 modern, long-lasting Fire Stations.
  - This includes appropriate sleeping quarters, gear storage/decontamination, fitness area, etc.
- Preliminary estimates for both renovations are currently over the \$3.5 million budget.
  - Recommendation from Columbus Fire Department is to utilize Fire Station #6 funding to supplement Stations #4 & #8 renovations.
  - Additional funding for Station #6 may be available through interest proceeds on SPLOST funds or an OLOST or General Fund Supplement in a future Fiscal Year. If additional funding is not available, a smaller renovation scope would be completed at Station #6.

# Questions?

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**File Attachments for Item:**

IV. Proposed Camping on Public Property Discussion - Chief Stoney Mathis, Police Department, Chief Sal Scarpa, Fire & EMS, Pat Frey, Vice President of United Way, Terrika Barnes, Director of Community Case Management, and Drale Short, Director of Public Works

# DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

## HOMELESS CAMP TASK FORCE

# Department of Public Works

- The size of the Homeless Camp will determine what resources are used for clean-up:

- **Medium to Large Homeless Camps** – Various Division

1 Supervisor, 1  
Correctional Officer, 8 inmates,  
Front Loader, Grab-all  
(Community Service,  
Forestry or Waste  
Collection) Flatbed Truck and  
or Dump Truck (Community  
Service, Urban  
Forestry or Paving &  
Repairs)

- **Small Homeless Camps** – Community Service, 1 Supervisor, 1 Crew

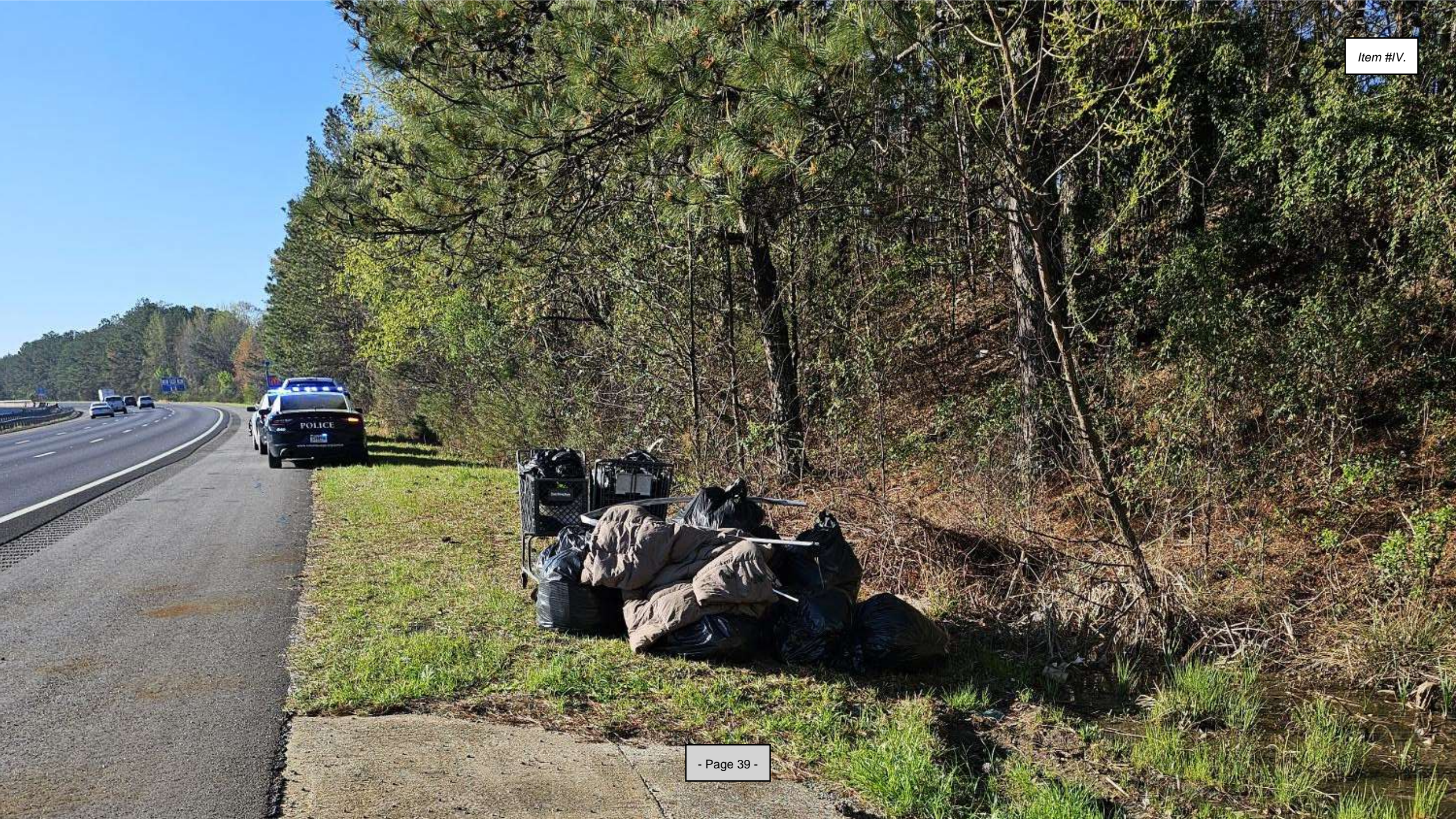
1 Probationer, Community Service  
Probationers, Flatbed Truck, Front  
Loader, if necessary

# I-185 SB under Veterans Parkway bridge homeless camp. 3/19/25

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# Manchester Expressway WB at Miller Rd exit ramp homeless camp 3/19/25

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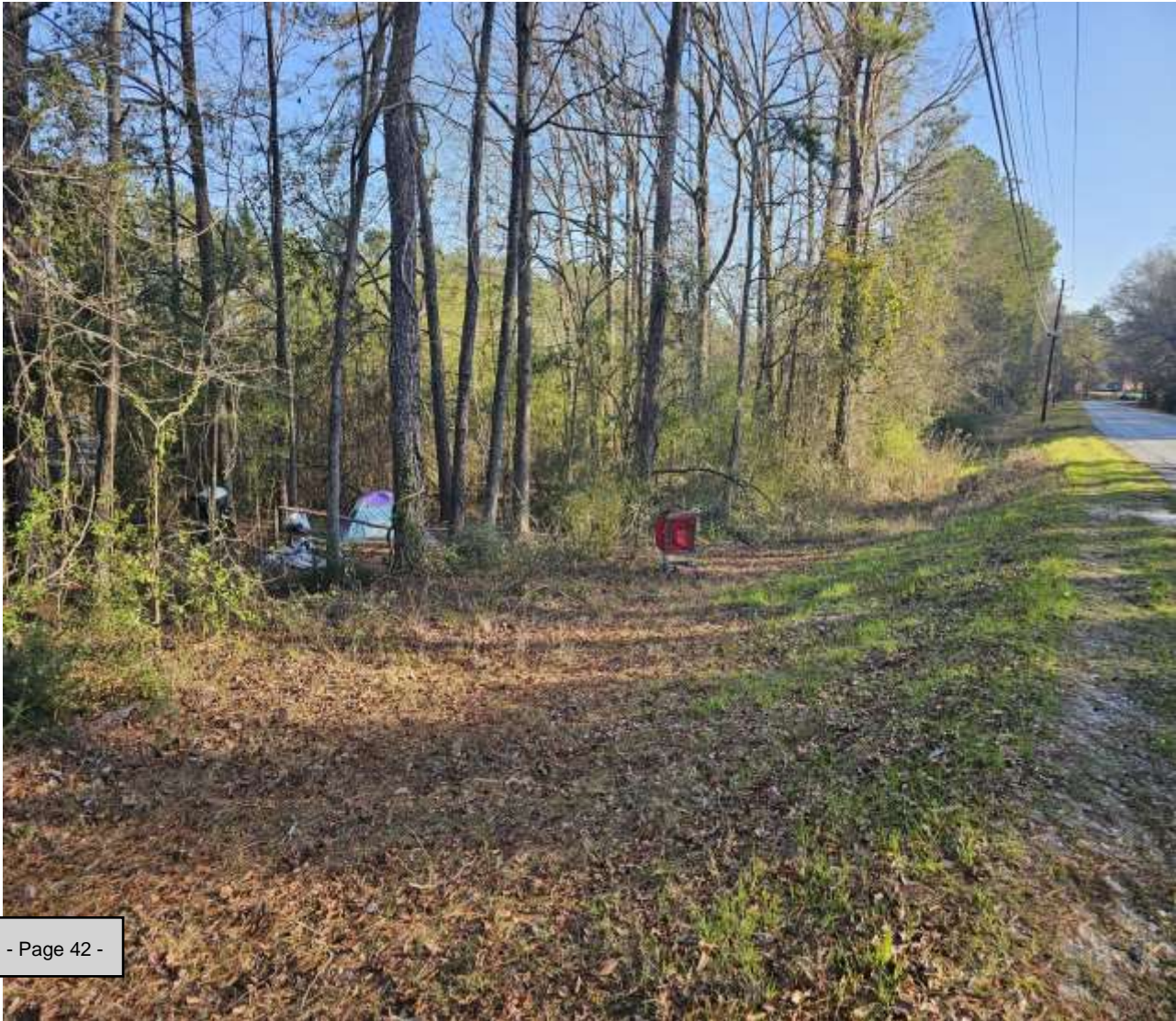








Milgen Rd at Midland Falls Apartment entrance homeless camp.  
3/14/25









Milgen Rd homeless camp.

3/12/25













# Riverwalk pole 76 homeless camp. 3/13/25

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# Riverwalk pole 78 homeless camp. 3/13/25

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# PUBLIC WORKS HOMELESS CAMP

## • CLEAN UP PROCESS

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- NOTIFICATION AND CONFIRMATION OF LOCATION
- DETERMINE IF PRIVATE PROPERTY, STATE, CITY PROPERTY, AND OCCUPANCY.
  - IF PRIVATE PROPERTY IS TURNED OVER TO SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT
  - IF STATE PROPERTY NOTIFICATION TO THE STATE IS MADE/CLEAN UP TIMELINE CAN BE UP TO ONE MONTH
- IF OCCUPIED, NOTIFY HOME FOR GOOD & COLUMBUS POLICE
- NOTIFIED FROM HOME FOR GOOD OF DEADLINE DATE OR VACANCY
- ASSESS THE SIGHT TO DETERMINE NEEDED RESOURCES FOR CLEAN UP
- COORDINATE AND SET CLEAN-UP DATE

# PUBLIC WORKS CLEAN UP LOCATIONS

- 2023 YEAR

- 29 TOTAL CAMP IDENTIFIED

- 24 CLEANED BY COMMUNITY SERVICE

- 5 CLEANED BY COORDINATION OF VARIOUS PUBLIC WORKS DIVISIONS

- 2024 YEAR

- 18 TOTAL CAMPS IDENTIFIED

- 9 CLEANED BY COMMUNITY SERVICE

- 8 CLEANED BY GDOT

- 1 CLEANED BY COORDINATION OF VARIOUS PUBLIC WORKS DIVISIONS

- 2025 YEAR

- 15 TOTAL CAMPS IDENTIFIED TO DATE

- 3 CLEANED BY COMMUNITY SERVICE

- 12 CLEANED BY COORDINATION OF VARIOUS PUBLIC WORKS DIVISIONS



## COMPARISON

- COMPARING THE AMOUNT OF WASTE COLLECTED TO WHAT A GARBAGE TRUCK CAN HOLD.
- ONE GARBAGE TRUCK CAN COLLECT 800 HOUSEHOLDS BEFORE HAVING TO DUMP.
- 12,000 COMPACTED TONS OF WASTE CAN BE HELD IN ONE GARBAGE TRUCK

# PUBLIC WORKS ESTIMATED WEIGHTS

- 2023 YEAR

- 81,000 LBS OF WASTE
- 40.5 TONS
- 3.3 GARBAGE TRUCK LOADS

- 2024 YEAR

- 11,000 LBS OF WASTE =
- 5.5 TONS
- 1 GARBAGE TRUCK LOAD

- 2025 YEAR

- 59,740 LBS OF WASTE
- 29.87 TONS
- 2.5 GARBAGE TRUCK LOADS

# PUBLIC WORKS RECOMMENDATIONS

- CONTINUE WORKING WITH PARTNERS :
  - HOME FOR GOOD
  - COLUMBUS POLICE DEPARTMENT
- ESTABLISH AN MOU WITH THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (GDOT) TO ALLOW FOR THE CCG TO CLEAN STATE PROPERTY.
  - SPECIFICALLY, UNDER AND AROUND BRIDGES

# COLUMBUS CORRECT CARE

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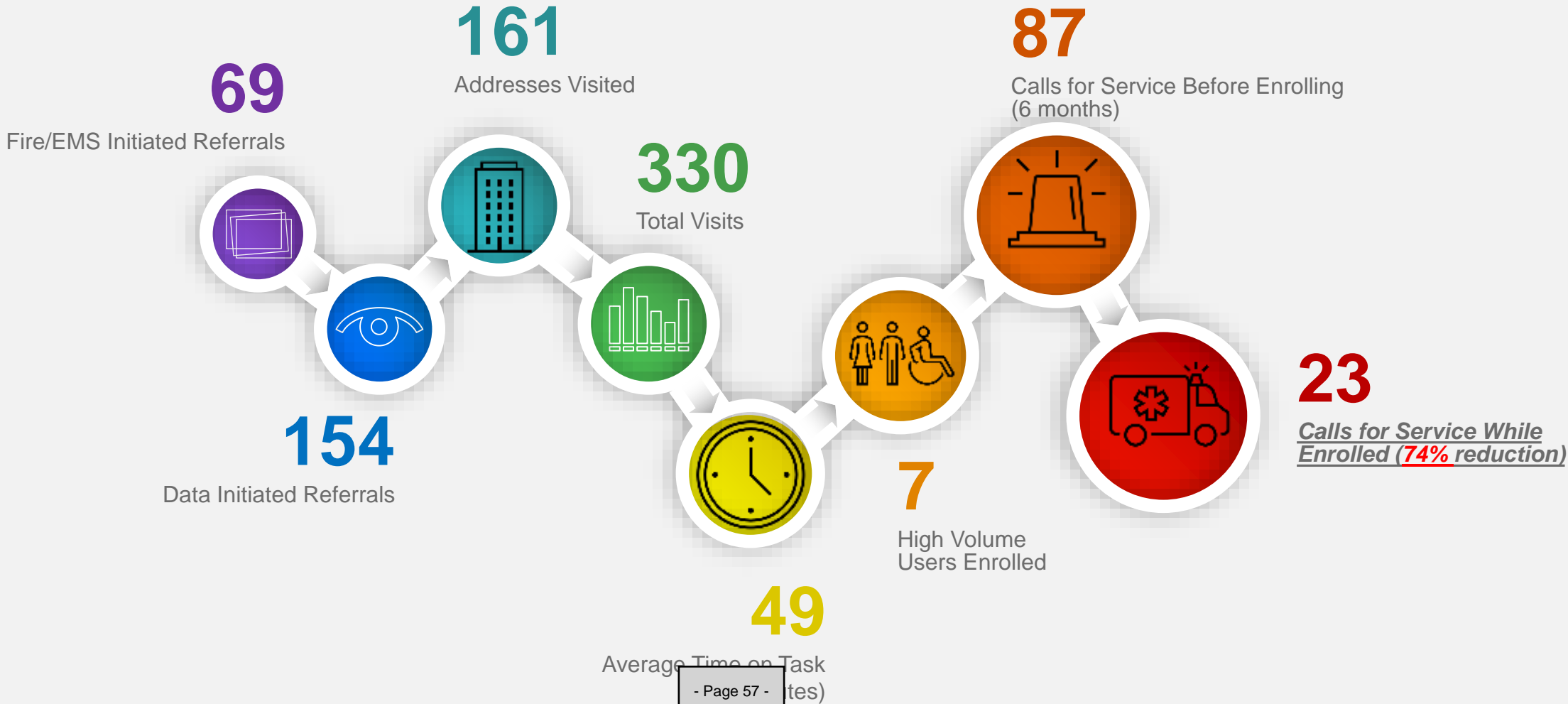
CCC represents a collaborative effort to optimize medical resources by engaging community partners and leveraging their expertise.

This initiative focuses on addressing broader healthcare needs, including mental health and social services, to create a more comprehensive approach to community wellness.



# Columbus Correct Care (Feb –June/FY25)

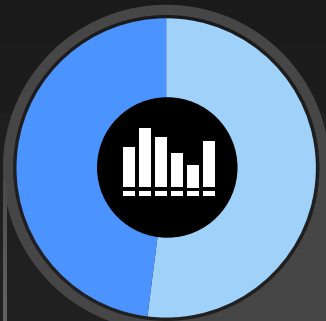
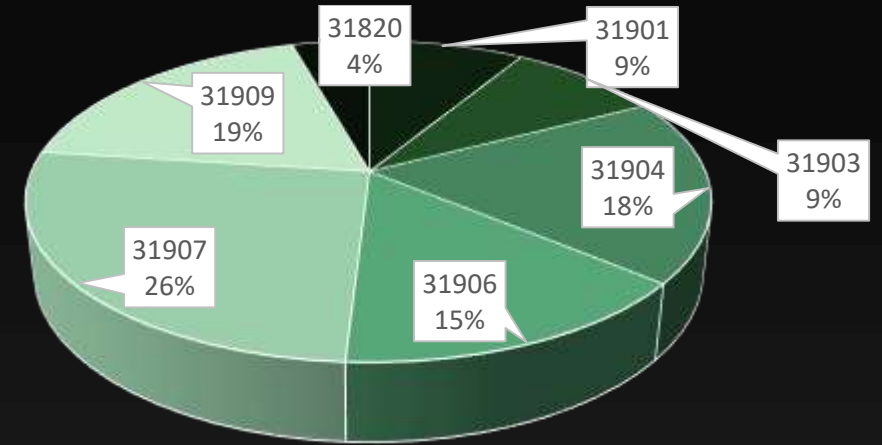
## Mobile Integrated Healthcare (MIH-1)





# ZIP CODES SERVICED

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**48%**  
MALE  
PARTICIPANTS



**52%**  
CAUCASIAN

