

## Council Members

R. Gary Allen  
Charmaine Crabb

District 1 Seat (Vacant)  
Glenn Davis

Tyson Begly  
Bruce Huff

R. Walker Garrett  
Toyia Tucker

Judy W. Thomas  
Joanne Cogle

**Clerk of Council**  
Sandra T. Davis



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

June 11, 2024  
9:00 AM  
Regular Meeting

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## MAYOR'S AGENDA

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

**INVOCATION:** Offered by Reverend Marcus Gibson, Greater Shady Grove Missionary Baptist Church of Columbus, Georgia

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

### **MINUTES**

1. Approval of minutes for the June 4, 2024 Council Meeting and Executive Session.

### **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'S AGENDA**

## **ORDINANCES**

- 1.** **2nd Reading-** An ordinance to revise and clarify certain provisions of the Columbus Code which provide for the foreclosure of liens on property for which funds are due and owing to the consolidated government; and for other purposes. (continued on 2nd Reading due to inconclusive vote) (Councilor Begly)
- 2.** **2nd Reading-** An ordinance adopting an operating and capital improvement budget for the Fiscal Year 2025 beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, 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)
- 3.** **2nd Reading-** An ordinance adopting non-operating budgets for the fiscal year 2024 beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, for certain funds of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, and appropriating the amounts shown in each budget. (Budget Review Committee)
- 4.** **2nd Reading-** An ordinance providing for contributions to the Columbus, Georgia General Government Employees' Pension Plan for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025. (Budget Review Committee)
- 5.** **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, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025. (Budget Review Committee)
- 6.** **2nd Reading-** An ordinance providing for Government funding of a Major Disability Income Plan for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025. (Budget Review Committee)
- 7.** **2nd Reading-** An ordinance providing for Government funding of a Death Benefit Escrow for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025. (Budget Review Committee)
- 8.** **2nd Reading-** An ordinance amending Article VII of Chapter 13 of the Columbus Code Solid Waste Collection and Disposal by updating certain fees and the guidelines for an offset to the residential rate for low-income households; and for other purposes. (Budget Review Committee)
- 9.** **2nd Reading-** An ordinance adopting new permit fees for Building Code inspections in Section 8-14.4 of the Columbus Code; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem)
- 10.** **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 2024 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)

## **PUBLIC AGENDA**

1. Ms. Simi Barnes, Re: A message from her late father, Jerry “Pops” Barnes and (2) The appointment of the District 1 Councilor.
2. Mr. Clairmont Barnes, Jr., representing the Barnes Family, Re: A message from his late father, Jerry “Pops” Barnes and (2) The appointment of the District 1 Councilor.
3. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Construction on 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue.
4. Mr. Adrian Chester, IMA (Inter Denominational Ministerial Alliance), Re: Lack of representation for City Council District 1.
5. Mr. Mark Lawrence, IMA (Inter Denominational Ministerial Alliance), Re: Questions about the recent external audit.

## **CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA**

### **1. TSPLOST Projects, Band 2**

Approval is requested to proceed with executing and funding the preconstruction requirements for Band 2 Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST) Projects that will be handled locally to include right of way acquisition, permanent and temporary construction easements, utility relocation, environmental mitigation and other necessary agreements to prepare projects for construction.

### **2. GDOT/Norfolk Southern Agreement for 9<sup>th</sup> Street Crossing Improvements**

Approval is requested to enter into an agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and Norfolk Southern Railroad to upgrade the crossing at 9<sup>th</sup> Street and Veterans Parkway.

### **3. Gateway Foundation Agreement**

Approval is requested to enter into an agreement with Gateway Foundation to obtain the proper permits from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and have the letters changed accordingly to Fort Moore prior to July 10 on the Gateway Structure at the I-185/Fort Moore interchange.

**4. Lease of Equipment for City Golf Courses**

Approval is requested to approve the lease of 41 golf cars for use at Oxbow Creek Golf Course and 6 golf cars for use at Godwin Creek Golf Course. The golf cars will replace the existing fleet that are at the end of their lease term. This is a budgeted expense.

**5. Georgia Fund I Investment Pool Signatory Update**

Approval is requested to update the signatories for the City at the “Georgia Fund I” Investment Pool which is operated by the state Office of Treasury and Fiscal Services.

**6. Columbus Civic Center: Donation Acceptance**

Approval is requested to accept financial donations in support of our Juneteenth event celebration.

**7. PURCHASES**

- A.** Used Oil & Antifreeze Recycling Services (Re-Bid) (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 24-0031
- B.** Amendment 18 for Construction Manager as General Contractor Services for Columbus Government Center Complex – RFQ No. 20-0002
- C.** Grapple Truck Repair for Public Works
- D.** Tables for Outdoor Pools for Parks and Recreation – OMNIA Partners Cooperative Contract Purchase

**PURCHASES INFORMATION ONLY:**

- 1.** Information Only: Exigent “Off the Lot” Vehicle Purchases – Resolution No. 106-24

**1. ONE (1) 2024 FORD EXPLORER FOR PUBLIC WORKS**

On May 31, 2024, a purchase order was executed for one (1) 2024 Ford Explorer XLT 4DR 4x2 for the Public Works Department due to exigent circumstances, as approved by Council per Resolution No. 106-24.

The vehicle will be purchased from Rivertown Ford (Columbus, GA) at a unit price of \$43,890.00. The vehicle will be used by Administrative Staff in the performance of Infrastructure duties. This is a new vehicle.

Funds are budgeted in the FY24 Budget: General Fund – Public Works – Public Works – Light Trucks; 0101-260-1000-PSDR-7722.



## **2. ONE (1) 2024 CHEVROLET TAHOE FOR MUSCOGEE COUNTY PRISON**

On May 31, 2024, a purchase order was executed for one (1) 2024 Chevrolet Tahoe for the Muscogee County Prison due to exigent circumstances, as approved by Council per Resolution No. 106-24.

The vehicle will be purchased from Sons Chevrolet (Columbus, GA) at a unit price of \$75,928.00. The vehicle will be used by the Muscogee County Prison for transportation to and from training, off-site training commonly hosted out-of-town. This is a replacement vehicle.

Funds are budgeted in the FY24 Budget: LOST-Public Safety – Muscogee County Prison – Public Safety-LOST - Automobiles; 0102-420-9900-LOST-7721.

## **3. ONE (1) 2024 FORD 350 15-PASSENGER TRANSIT VAN**

On May 31, 2024, a purchase order was executed for one (1) 2024 Ford 350 15-Passenger Transit Van for the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office due to exigent circumstances, as approved by Council per Resolution No. 106-24.

The vehicle will be purchased from Brannen Motors (Unadilla, GA) at a unit price of \$58,000.00. The vehicle will be used by the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office to transport inmates.

Funds are budgeted in the FY24 Budget: 2021 Sales Tax Project Fund – 2021 SPLOST – 21 SPLOST Public Safety – Light Trucks; 0567-696-3111-STIF-7722.

## **4. TWO (2) 2024 FORD 350 15-PASSENGER TRANSIT VANS**

On May 31, 2024, a purchase order was executed for two (2) 2024 Ford 350 15-Passenger Transit Vans for the Parks and Recreation Department due to exigent circumstances, as approved by Council per Resolution No. 106-24.

The vehicles will be purchased from Brannen Motors (Unadilla, GA) at a unit price of \$58,000.00 each and a total cost of \$116,000.00. The vehicles will be used by Parks and Recreation staff to transport program participants.

Funds are budgeted in the FY24 Budget: 2021 Sales Tax Project Fund – 2021 SPLOST – 21 SPLOST Public Safety – Light Trucks; 0567-696-3111-STIF-7722.

**8. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS**

A. Police Department Briefing - Stoney Mathis, Chief, Columbus Police Department

**REFERRALS:**

**CLERK OF COUNCIL’S AGENDA**

**ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED**

- 1. RESOLUTION – A resolution excusing Councilor Toyia Tucker from the June 11, 2024 Council Meeting.
- 2. Honorary Designation Application submitted by Dr. Frank Brown to rename the Double Churches Pool in honor of Miss Joni Ressemeyer. *(The Council may vote to forward the application to the Board of Honor.)*

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

Board of Tax Assessors, #17-24  
 Budget Review Committee, May 14, 2024  
 Development Authority of Columbus, April 4, 2024

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED**

4. **COUNCIL’S DISTRICT SEAT APPOINTMENT- ANY NOMINATIONS MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:**

**A. YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:**

District 2 Nominee: _____	District 5 Nominee: _____
District 4 Nominee: _____	District 8 Nominee: _____

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

**A. COLUMBUS AQUATICS COMMISSION:**

**Timothy Crabb**

*Does not desire reappointment*

Term Expires: June 30, 2024

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

**Richard Leary**

*Cols. Hurricane Rep.*

*Does not desire reappointment*

Term Expires: June 30, 2024

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

**Janet Bussey**

*Not Eligible to succeed*

Term Expires: June 30, 2024

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

**Bruce Samuels**

*Not Eligible to succeed*

Term Expired: June 30, 2022

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

*These are two-year terms. Board meets quarterly.*

**Women: 1**

**Senatorial District 15: 5**

**Senatorial District 29: 2**

**B. KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION:**

**David Houser**

*Eligible to succeed*

**(SD-15 Representative)**

Term Expires: June 30, 2024

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

**Pamela Green Thomas**- Interested in serving

*Eligible to succeed*

**(At-Large Member)**

Term Expires: June 30, 2024

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

**Eddie Florence**

*(Resigned)*

**(SD-15 Representative)**

Term Expires: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations

**(Council's Appointment)**

**Councilor Crabb is nominating Pamela Green Thomas to serve another term; however, she would serve in the seat of Eddie Florence as the SD-15 Representative.**

**Councilor Crabb is nominating Leasa Hastings for the At-Large Representative seat of Pamela Green Thomas.**

*These are three-year terms. Meets every even month.*

**Women: 6**

**Senatorial District 15: 6**

**Senatorial District 29: 3**

**C. REGION 6 REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES:**

**Christopher Posey**

*Does not desire reappointment*

Term Expires: June 30, 2024

Open for Nominations

**(Council's Appointment)**

*These are three-year terms. Meets every other month beginning in January.*

**Women: 3**

**Senatorial District 15: 2**

**Senatorial District 29: 2**

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**File Attachments for Item:**

1. Approval of minutes for the June 4, 2024 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 4, 2024  
5:30 PM  
Regular Meeting

**MAYOR’S A G E N D A**

**PRESENT:** Mayor B. H. “Skip” Henderson, III and Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen (*Councilor District 1 Seat – Vacant*) and Councilors Tyson Begly, Joanne Cogle, Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis (arrived at 6:28 p.m.), R. Walker Garrett, Bruce Huff, Judy W. Thomas and Toyia Tucker. City Manager Isaiah Hugley, City Attorney Clifton Fay, Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis, and Deputy Clerk of Council Lindsey G. McLemore.

**The following documents have been included as a part of the electronic Agenda Packet:** (1) Muscogee County Jail Presentation

**The following documents were distributed around the Council table:** (1) Licensing Process Information; (2) Documents from PAWS Humane Society

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

**INVOCATION:** Offered by Pastor Bruce Conage, Rosehill Memorial Baptist Church of Columbus, Georgia

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

**MINUTES**

1. Approval of minutes for the May 28, 2024 Council Meeting and Executive Session. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote.

**OATH OF OFFICE:**

2. Oath of Office administered to the newly appointed Columbus Councilor District 1- Byron Hickey by Chief Superior Court Judge Arthur L. Smith, III.

**Mayor B. H. “Skip” Henderson** stated he was just informed that the swearing in for Byron Hickey has been postponed. He explained though he took his oath with Probate Judge Marc D’Antonio yesterday, a Superior Court Judge still has an oath to administer to him.

**PROCLAMATION:**

4. **Proclamation:** Brookstone High School Baseball State Championship

**Receiving:** Greg Mathis, Head Coach

**Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen** read the proclamation into the record proclaiming June 4, 2024, as *Brookstone Cougars State Championship Day*, recognizing the Brookstone High School Baseball Team for winning the Georgia Independent Athletic Association AAAA Region 5 Championship.

5. **Proclamation:** NeighborWorks Columbus Week

**Receiving:** Cathy Williams, Executive Director of NeighborWorks

**Councilor Tyson Begly** read the proclamation into the record proclaiming June 1-8, 2024, as *NeighborWorks Columbus Week*, recognizing NeighborWorks Columbus for 25 years of assisting families in securing safe, fit and affordable housing in Columbus, Georgia.

6. **Proclamation:** Caribbean American Heritage Month

**Receiving:** Aysia Berry

**Councilor Bruce Huff** read the proclamation into the record proclaiming June 2024 as *Caribbean American Heritage Month*, recognizing citizens of Caribbean descent for playing a vital role in shaping our neighborhoods, businesses, and arts in the community.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

3. **TAXPAYER BILL OF RIGHTS PUBLIC HEARING:** 6:00 p.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 explained the millage rates that were included in the Mayor’s Recommended FY2025 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. 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 stated Urban Service District #2 was advertised with a rollback millage rate increase of 4.52%.

**City Manager Isaiah Hugley** clarified that there has not been an increase in any of the Urban Service Districts for ten years, to which Finance Director Alexander confirmed this to be true.

**PRESENTATION:**

7. An extension to qualify for alcohol sales on Sundays. (Presented by Ms. LeAnne Browning, representing Fetch, Inc.) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve a 90-day extension to allow Fetch, Inc. to qualify for Sunday alcohol sales, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote.

**Ms. LeAnne Browning** approached the rostrum to request a 90-day extension to allow the Fetch Dog Park to qualify for alcohol sales on Sundays.

**CITY ATTORNEY’S AGENDA**

**ORDINANCES**

1. **2nd Reading-** An ordinance to revise and clarify certain provisions of the Columbus Code which provide for the foreclosure of liens on property for which funds are due and owing to the consolidated government; and for other purposes. (continued on 2nd Reading due to inconclusive vote) (Councilor Begly) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Garrett and open for discussion. Councilor Cogle made a motion to amend the ordinance to only address commercial properties and not residential, seconded by Councilor Garrett and resulted in an inconclusive four-to-four vote, with Councilors Cogle, Crabb, Garrett and Tucker voting in favor, and Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Begly, Huff and Thomas voting in opposition, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote. The original motion to adopt the ordinance was called forward and resulted in an inconclusive four-to-four vote, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Begly, Garrett and Thomas voting in favor, and Councilors Cogle, Crabb, Huff and Tucker voting in opposition, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote.

2. **1st Reading and Public Hearing-** An ordinance adopting an operating and capital improvement budget for the Fiscal Year 2025 beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, 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 Judy W. Thomas** stated she believes this proposed budget is one that the Council can be proud of as they addressed items that were necessary to help General Government Employees by increasing staff for various departments, and they looked at the Public Safety Departments to better compensate current employees and will attract new employees.

**City Manager Isaiah Hugley** stated he agrees with Councilor Thomas, but he is concerned about the proposed budget of \$366,319,362.00 with \$220,849,985.00 for General Fund, and of that \$11.27 million comes from General Fund Reserves to balance the budget, and \$9.3 million of that is for ongoing day-to-day operations. He went on to state though they anticipate an increase in revenue, the \$9.3 million of day-to-day operation costs is something that will have to be funded year after year, suggesting everyone should be mindful of this. He stated this leaves 56.60 days for General Fund, 41.21 days for OLOST, with a total of 97.81 days in the Reserve Fund.

**Finance Director Anglica Alexander** approached the rostrum to speak on the budget and agreed with the concerns expressed by the City Manager regarding the Reserve Fund Days. She went on to explain a handout that was provided showing a snapshot of the licensing processes and current improvements. She explained the processes have improved but worries without the appropriate staffing that the improvements will decline and requested Council to reconsider the additional positions and career ladder adjustments that were requested by the Finance Department.



*NOTE: Councilor Davis arrived at 6:28 p.m.*

In response to comments from **Councilor Judy W. Thomas** on the appropriateness of the Finance Director's comments, **Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson** stated he authorized Director Alexander to speak because he does not believe it to be out of order. He explained he wants to make sure the Council understands the impact the removal of these additional positions will have on the Finance Department and since they were removed at the tail end of the last budget meeting, he wanted to allow the Finance Director the opportunity to speak.

**REFERRAL(S):**

**FOR THE CITY MANAGER:**

- Bring back an update on the American Rescue Plan, to include funding that is still on the table and if this money will be reallocated to other projects by the end of June or beginning of July. (*Request of Councilor Tucker*)

3. **1st Reading-** An ordinance adopting non-operating budgets for the fiscal year 2024 beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, for certain funds of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, and appropriating the amounts shown in each budget. (Budget Review Committee)
4. **1st Reading-** An ordinance providing for contributions to the Columbus, Georgia General Government Employees' Pension Plan for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025. (Budget Review Committee)
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8. **1st Reading-** An ordinance amending Article VII of Chapter 13 of the Columbus Code Solid Waste Collection and Disposal by updating certain fees and the guidelines for an offset to the residential rate for low-income households; and for other purposes. (Budget Review Committee)
9. **1st Reading-** An ordinance renewing Business Improvement Districts in Columbus, Georgia through December 31, 2034; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem)

**Uptown Columbus CEO Ed Wolverton** approached the rostrum to speak on the proposal to renew the Business Improvement District for another ten-year term. He explained the State of Georgia has two requirements that the entity can meet for reauthorization, and they are presenting 75% of the properties in support of the renewal.

**10. 1st Reading-** An ordinance adopting new permit fees for Building Code inspections in Section 8-14.4 of the Columbus Code; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem)

**Inspections & Code Director Ryan Pruett** approached the rostrum to briefly speak on the proposed ordinance and the presentation that was provided at the May 28, 2024, meeting. He stated after that meeting, he met with the Homebuilders Association to explain the new fee structure and a letter of support was received as a follow-up.

At the conclusion of the City Attorney’s Agenda, City Attorney Fay requested an executive session to discuss a matter of personnel.

**PUBLIC AGENDA**

- 1. Ms. Julee Fryer, representing the Animal Control Advisory Board, Re: The Animal Control Advisory Board supports the Columbus Animal Care and Control staffing model for the FY25 Budget.

**REFERRAL(S):**

**FOR THE CITY MANAGER:**

- Let’s have the Director, Animal Control Division Manager and board members meet and come up with steps to work on Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) to come up with solutions to address some of the concerns. *(Request of Councilor Tucker)*

- 2. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Reparations in 2028. *Not present at this point in the meeting.*
- 3. Miss Courtney Pierce, representing PAWS Humane Society, Re: Reconsideration of appropriate staffing levels at Animal Care and Control.

**CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA**

**1. Golden Park Cell Tower 5-Year Lease Extension**

**Resolution (192-24):** A resolution authorizing the execution of a lease amendment and renewal through May 31, 2029, with SBA Towers VI, LLC for the purpose of leasing space at Golden Park to operate and maintain an existing telecommunication tower. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the nine members present.

**2. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS**

B. MCP FY24 Budget Update – Herbert Walker, Warden, Muscogee County Prison

**Finance Director Angelica Alexander** approached the rostrum to explain the Muscogee County Prison is appearing before Council pursuant to Ordinance 13-39, requesting an additional appropriation for their budget for Fiscal Year 2024. She stated the request is for additional funding in

the amount of \$200,000 to cover an increase in inmate food cost, overages for outside inmate medical care, and operating costs.

Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the request from the Muscogee County Prison for an additional \$200,000 for their FY2024 Budget, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen being absent for the vote.

A. Jail Update - Drale Short, Director, Public Works

**Public Works Director Drale Short** approached the rostrum to provide a presentation on the recommendations to preserve the Muscogee County Jail for the safety of the employees and inmates while moving forward with a plan for the future. She stated CGL Companies has provided an estimated annual cost of \$1,500,000 for preventative maintenance for Recorder’s Court, Muscogee County Jail, and the Muscogee County Prison, but does not include equipment and material cost. She went on to share the estimated repair costs submitted by Gilbane with a low estimate of \$22,204,315 and a high of \$37,319,490.

**City Manager Isaiah Hugley** shared information on the funds spent on the Government Center for the health and safety of employees and citizens, and stated this is a similar scenario currently faced with the Muscogee County Jail. He asked for Council to consider allocating funds out of the Reserve Funds to make repairs to the current Muscogee County Jail until a new jail can be constructed.

**Muscogee County Sheriff Greg Countryman** came forward to respond to questions and to express his concern regarding the condition of the jail. He explained he would like to see a new jail, but the maintenance issues presented are necessary for the health and safety of the deputies and the population housed in the jail. He stated there definitely needs to be a full-time maintenance person in the jail, with the plumbing and HVAC system being the biggest issues.

**Inspections & Code Director Ryan Pruett** came forward to answer questions from the members of Council. He shared information on roof replacement/repairs and other various projects.

**REFERRAL(S):**

**FOR THE CITY MANAGER:**

- Wants the hourly rate paid to Benjamin Franklin Plumbing for services provided. *(Request of Councilor Tucker)*
- Wants to see a full budget for this project from the Sheriff’s Department and Public Works, and information on where the funding will come from. *(Request of Councilor Thomas)*
- Cost breakdown of \$1.5 million preventative maintenance. *(Request of Councilor Tucker)*

**BID ADVERTISEMENT**

**DATE:** June 04, 2024

**June 7, 2024**

**1. Interactive Floor/Play System (Re-Bid) – PQ No. 24-0005**

**Scope of Quote**

The Columbus Consolidated Government (“the City”) is seeking quotes from qualified vendors to provide two (2) immersive, educational and recreational projection systems, to be used by the Department of Parks and Recreation.

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

### **ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED**

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

Budget Review Committee, May 7, 2024

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to receive the minutes of the one committee meeting listed, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present.

### **BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED**

#### 2. **MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:**

##### **A. PENSION FUND, EMPLOYEES' BOARD OF TRUSTEES:**

A nominee for the seat of Crystal Shahid (*Does not desire reappointment*) for a term expiring on June 30, 2024, as a Business Community Representative on the Pension Fund, Employees' Board of Trustees (*Mayor's Appointment*). There were none.

#### 3. **COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS- READY FOR CONFIRMATION:**

**A. COLUMBUS AQUATICS COMMISSION:** Ms. Jensen Melton was nominated to serve another term of office. (*Councilor Huff's nominee*) Term expires: June 30, 2026. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present.

**B. COLUMBUS GOLF COURSE AUTHORITY:** Mr. Richard Mahone was nominated to serve another term of office. (*Councilor Huff's nominee*) Term expires: June 30, 2028. Councilor Huff made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present.

**C. COLUMBUS GOLF COURSE AUTHORITY:** Mr. James Houston, Jr. was nominated to serve another term of office. (*Councilor Huff's nominee*) Term expires: June 30, 2028. Councilor Huff made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present.

**D. KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION:** Ms. Kara Brakefield was nominated to succeed Ms. Tracy Walton-King. (*Councilor Tucker's nominee*) Term expires: June 30, 2027. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present.

**E. KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION:** Ms. Skyler Dexter was nominated to fill the vacant SD-29 seat. (*Councilor Tucker's nominee*) Term expires: June 30, 2026. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present.

#### 4. **COUNCIL'S DISTRICT SEAT APPOINTMENT- ANY NOMINATIONS MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:**

**A. YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:**

A nominee for a seat on the Youth Advisory Council as the District 2 Representative for the 2024-2025 School Year (*Council District 2- Davis*). There were none.

A nominee for a seat on the Youth Advisory Council as the District 4 Representative for the 2024-2025 School Year (*Council District 4- Tucker*). There were none.

A nominee for a seat on the Youth Advisory Council as the District 5 Representative for the 2024-2025 School Year (*Council District 5- Crabb*). There were none.

A nominee for a seat on the Youth Advisory Council as the District 8 Representative for the 2024-2025 School Year (*Council District 8- Garrett*). There were none.

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

**A. COLUMBUS AQUATICS COMMISSION:**

A nominee for the seat of Timothy Crabb (*Does not desire reappointment*) for a term expiring on June 30, 2024, on the Columbus Aquatics Commission (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Richard Leary (*Eligible to succeed- Does not desire reappointment*) for a term expiring on June 30, 2024, as the Columbus Hurricanes Representative on the Columbus Aquatics Commission (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Janet Bussey (*Not Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on June 30, 2024, on the Columbus Aquatics Commission (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Bruce Samuels (*Not Eligible to succeed*) for a term that expired on June 30, 2022, on the Columbus Aquatics Commission (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

**AUDIT COMMITTEE:**

**Councilor Joanne Cogle** stated Councilor Begly's time on Council is coming to an end, so they will need to replace him on the Audit Committee and nominated Councilor Glenn Davis to succeed Councilor Begly.

Councilor Cogle then made a motion to appoint Councilor Davis to succeed Councilor Begly on the Audit Committee, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present.

**PUBLIC AGENDA (continued):**

- 2. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Reparations in 2028.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Mayor Henderson entertained a motion to go into executive session to discuss a matter of personnel as requested by City Attorney Fay earlier in the meeting. Councilor Tucker made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Garrett and Huff being absent for the vote, and the time being 8:29 p.m.

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*NOTE: Councilor Tucker left the meeting during the Executive Session at 8:54 p.m.*

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The Regular Meeting reconvened at 9:10 p.m., at which time, Mayor Henderson announced that the Council did meet in executive session to discuss a matter of personnel; however, there were no votes taken.

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Allen to adjourn the June 4, 2024, Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote, and the time being 9:11 p.m.

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

**File Attachments for Item:**

**1. 2nd Reading-** An ordinance to revise and clarify certain provisions of the Columbus Code which provide for the foreclosure of liens on property for which funds are due and owing to the consolidated government; and for other purposes. (continued on 2nd Reading due to inconclusive vote)(Councilor Begly)

Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_

An ordinance to revise and clarify certain provisions of the Columbus Code which provide for the foreclosure of liens on property for which funds are due and owing to the consolidated government; and for other purposes.

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

SECTION 1.

Section 8-85 of the Columbus Code is here by amended by striking the current code section in its entirety and adopting a new Columbus Code Section 8-85 to read as follows:

**“Sec. 8-85. Demolition costs to become lien against property.**

The amount of the cost of boarding up, demolition or removal of a building and cleaning the lot as approved by City Council shall be a lien against the real property upon which the building or structure is or was situated. Said lien shall be placed upon a special lien book designated "Demolition Lien Book," which shall be maintained by the clerk of superior court of Muscogee County. The director of finance of Columbus, Georgia, shall enforce the collection of any amount due on such lien in the following manner:

- (1) The owner or parties in interest shall pay the full amount due on such lien to the director of finance of Columbus, Georgia within 30 days of perfection of such lien, and if such lien is not paid in full within 30 days of the perfection of such lien, the owner or parties in interest shall pay 25 percent of the total lien amount plus seven percent interest within 60 days of the perfection of such lien to the Director of Finance of Columbus, Georgia, with the remaining balance due on such lien to be paid in three equal annual installments with interest at the rate of seven percent per annum, each of which shall become due and payable on the anniversary date of the initial payment made as hereinabove prescribed;
- (2) Should the property upon which such lien is perfected be sold, transferred or conveyed by the owner and/or parties in interest at any time, then the entire balance due on such lien shall be due and payable to the director of finance of Columbus, Georgia; and,
- (3) Should any amount due remain unpaid within 30 days after the due date for the first or any subsequent annual installment prescribed in subsection (1) above, then the finance director of the consolidated government shall issue a writ of execution against the real property upon which the building or structure is or was situated, and upon the owner thereof, whereupon such real property shall be levied on as governed by general law. The finance director may transmit notice of the execution to the Tax Commissioner with the request that the property be sold at tax sale pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 41-2-90(b)(2)
- (4) The city manager is authorized to waive such liens, or any portion thereof, for property identified to be transferred to the Land Bank Authority, pursuant to O.C.G.A. Title 48, Chapter 4, for the sole purpose of disposing of the property to an organization contemplated under O.C.G.A. § 48-4-64. Prior to the transfer to the Land Bank Authority, the city's real estate office shall actively market the property for sale for a minimum of 12 months from the date of waiver of the lien. The city manager is also authorized to waive such liens, or any portion thereof, for property in the ownership of an organization contemplated under O.C.G.A. § 48-4-64.



- (5) In addition to the authority granted in subsection (4), the city manager is authorized to waive any demolition lien, or any portion thereof, when the demolition lien does not exceed \$25,000.00. If the demolition lien exceeds \$25,000.00, any waiver of such lien, or any portion thereof, must be approved by resolution of the Columbus Council.”

## SECTION 2.

Section 8-86 of the Columbus Code is here by amended by striking the current code section in its entirety and adopting a new Columbus Code Section 8-85 to read as follows:

### **“Sec. 8-86. Service of complaints, notices, orders.**

Complaints, notices or orders issued pursuant to this division shall be served either personally or by registered or certified mail. If the whereabouts of any person who is an owner and/or party in interest is unknown and the whereabouts can not be ascertained by the building official exercising reasonable diligence, and the building official shall make an affidavit to that effect, then the serving of the complaint and notice or order upon such party may be made by publishing the same once a week for two successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation published in Columbus, Georgia. A copy of such notice served by publication shall be posted in a conspicuous place on the premises effected by the notice. Additional forms of service determined to be effective may also be used at the discretion of the building official.”

## SECTION 3.

Section 13-115 of the Columbus Code is here by amended by striking the current code section in its entirety and adopting a new Columbus Code Section 13-115 to read as follows:

### **“Sec. 13-115. - Same—Notice to property occupants and owners; assessment of costs; execution and sale.**

Where the owner or occupant of land violates the provisions hereof relating to removal of weeds and the owner or occupant, and such owner or occupant or his agent or representative cannot be served with notice or summons so as to subject him to punishment by the recorder, the director of inspections and code enforcement or one of his assistants shall notify such owner by certified mail, directing the weeds or grass on his lot be cut and removed, so as to comply with [Section 13-113](#) of this Code. The certified mail notice shall allow ten days from the date of receipt or a second attempt to deliver such notice to correct the violation. After this notice and during a period of 36 months, no further written notice or warning period shall be required. If the owner fails to comply with the provisions herein, the director of inspections and code enforcement shall have the weeds and grass cut and removed, assessing a fee plus a service charge (as recommended annually by the directors of public works and finance and approved by the city manager) for the work and charging the amount to the owner, and such amount shall constitute a lien against the lot, as of the date of such work, and if such amount be not paid within 30 days after the doing of the work, the finance director of the consolidated government shall issue execution against the particular real estate for which the service was rendered, and

against the owner thereof, whereupon such real estate shall be levied on, advertised and sold under such execution as governed by general law. The finance director may transmit notice of the execution to the Tax Commissioner with the request that the property be sold at tax sale pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 41-2-90(b)(2).”

#### SECTION 4.

Section 13-115 of the Columbus Code is here by amended by striking the current code section in its entirety and adopting a new Columbus Code Section 13-115 to read as follows:

**“Sec. 13-117. Complaint, hearing, order to abate.**

- (a) Any person complaining of any nuisance shall complain to the recorder in writing, setting forth particularly the location and nature of the same, and how he may be affected thereby, whereupon it shall be the duty of the recorder to cause the parties creating or permitting such nuisance to be summoned to appear before the recorder's court as in other cases. After hearing the testimony in the case, the recorder may, in his discretion, order the party creating or permitting such nuisance to abate the nuisance in such manner and within such time as the recorder may prescribe.
- (b) When a nuisance as defined in article III of this chapter cannot be abated in a timely manner by other means, enforcement officials shall complain to the recorder in writing setting forth particularly the location and nature of the same, how it creates an unsafe condition, a public health hazard or a general nuisance to the persons residing in the vicinity, and detailing the actions taken that have failed to abate the nuisance. After hearing the testimony in the case, the recorder may, in his or her discretion, order the nuisance to be abated by the appropriate officials. The director of inspections and code enforcement shall have the nuisance abated, assessing a fee plus a service charge (as recommended annually by the directors of public works and finance and approved by the city manager) for the work and charging the amount to the owner or occupant of the property, and such amount shall constitute a lien against the real estate for which the service was rendered, and against the owner thereof, as of the date of such work, and if such amount is not paid within 30 days after the completion of the work, the finance director of the consolidated government shall issue execution against the particular real estate for which the service was rendered, and against the owner thereof, whereupon such real estate shall be levied on, advertised and sold under such execution as governed by general law, The finance director may transmit notice of the execution to the Tax Commissioner with the request that the property be sold at tax sale pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 41-2-90(b)(2).”

#### SECTION 5.

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

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held on the 13th day of February 2024; continued on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading February 27, 2024 and May 14<sup>th</sup> 2024, introduced a second time at a regular meeting held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting _____.
Seat Vacant	voting _____.
Councilor Begly	voting _____.
Councilor Cogle	voting _____.
Councilor Crabb	voting _____.
Councilor Davis	voting _____.
Councilor Garrett	voting _____.
Councilor Huff	voting _____.
Councilor Thomas	voting _____.
Councilor Tucker	voting _____.

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. "Skip" Henderson, III Mayor

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**File Attachments for Item:**

**2. 2nd Reading-** An ordinance adopting an operating and capital improvement budget for the Fiscal Year 2025 beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, 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)

**ORDINANCE**  
**NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN OPERATING AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2025, FOR CERTAIN FUNDS OF THE CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, AND APPROPRIATING THE AMOUNTS SHOWN IN EACH BUDGET; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1.

The annual Operating and Capital Improvement Budget for FY25 proposed in the total amount of \$366,319,162 is approved and adopted in accordance with the Columbus Charter, Section 7-402 and outlined in Sections 2 through 15 of this ordinance.

SECTION 2.

The General Fund Budget proposed in the amount of \$202,849,985 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, for general fund purposes.

SECTION 3.

The Local Option Sales Tax Fund Budget proposed in the amount of \$47,300,000 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia for public safety and infrastructure purposes.

SECTION 4.

The Stormwater (Sewer) Fund Budget proposed in the amount of \$6,602,311 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, for stormwater fund services.

SECTION 5.

The Paving Fund Budget proposed in the amount of \$18,415,329 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, for street and roadway improvement purposes.

SECTION 6.

The Community Care Fund Budget proposed in the amount of \$11,957,488 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, for the annual appropriation to be disbursed to various providers for indigent and inmate medical care.



## SECTION 7.

The Integrated Waste Management Fund Budget proposed in the amount of \$15,307,047 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to provide solid waste management services.

## SECTION 8.

The Emergency Telephone Fund Budget proposed in the amount of \$4,714,478 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to provide for the operation of the E911 Center.

## SECTION 9.

The Civic Center Fund Budget proposed in the amount of \$6,412,136 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to provide for the operation of the Civic Center.

## SECTION 10.

The Debt Service Fund Budget proposed in the amount of \$16,154,724 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, for Debt Service purposes.

## SECTION 11.

The Transportation Fund Budget proposed in the amount of \$25,297,579 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, for the provision of public transportation.

## SECTION 12.

The Bull Creek Budget proposed in the amount of \$2,207,179 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to provide for the operation of Bull Creek Golf Course.

## SECTION 13.

The Oxbow Creek Budget proposed in the amount of \$654,842 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to provide for the operation of Oxbow Creek Golf Course.

## SECTION 14.

The Columbus Iron Works Convention and Trade Center Budget proposed in the amount of \$4,065,743 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, for the operation of the Columbus Iron Works Convention and Trade Center.

#### SECTION 15.

The Economic Development Authority Budget proposed in the amount of \$4,380,321 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, for the provision of Economic Development activities.

#### SECTION 16.

The Health and Life Insurance Budget proposed in the amount of \$25,347,660 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to provide for the administration of health and life insurance.

#### SECTION 17.

The Risk Management Budget proposed in the amount of \$7,204,360 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to provide for the operation of risk management activities.

#### SECTION 18.

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), formerly the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA), Budget proposed in the amount of \$3,143,712 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to provide for the administration of Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) activities.

#### SECTION 19.

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Budget proposed in the amount of \$1,666,654 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to provide for the administration of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) activities.

#### SECTION 20.

Within the overall budget limitations, authority is hereby delegated to the City Manager, or the Finance Director when acting on the authority delegated by the City Manager, to effect such transfers of appropriation within a department and revenue anticipation within a fund as may be deemed necessary to the effective performance and delivery of services approved herein. Under no circumstances, however, may the total budget of any department or fund, except WIOA and CDBG, contained in this Ordinance be increased or decreased without Council approval. Authority is extended to the City Manager, or the Finance Director on the authority

delegated by the City Manager, to conduct any carryovers necessary for the continued operation of WIO CDBG.

SECTION 21.

The Cost Allocation Plan for FY25, which has been filed with the Clerk of Council, is hereby approved for use during the 2025 fiscal year in a total amount of \$3,399,768.

<b>Fund Being Charged</b>	<b>FY25 Charges</b>
LOST Fund (Public Safety)	\$471,730
LOST Fund (Infrastructure)	12,734
Stormwater (Sewer) Fund	260,088
Paving Fund	813,072
Integrated Waste Management	913,635
Emergency Telephone	156,587
Civic Center Fund	206,448
WIOA Fund	117,536
Transportation Fund	278,325
Trade Center Fund	117,783
Bull Creek Golf Course	37,468
Oxbow Creek Golf Course	14,362
<b>Total Charges</b>	<b>\$3,399,768</b>

SECTION 22.

The City Manager or the Finance Director on the authority delegated by the City Manager is authorized to make adjustments of cost allocation charges as may be deemed appropriate.

SECTION 23.

The period of emergency or war continued in Resolution No. 392-03 is hereby extended from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

SECTION 24.

The following position changes are hereby adopted as part of the FY25 Budget and are as follows:

## NEW/RESTORED POSITIONS:

General Fund – Information Technology	(1) Field Technician
General Fund – Information Technology	(1) Junior Network Engineer (G124) (effective January 1, 2025)
General Fund – Information Technology	(1) Application Developer (G124) (effective January 1, 2025)
General Fund – Information Technology	(1) GIS Coordinator (G126) (effective January 1, 2025)
General Fund – Information Technology	(1) Radio System Supervisor G122
General Fund – Human Resources	(1) Human Resources Research Specialist (G122)
General Fund – Human Resources	(1) Training Coordinator (G118)
General Fund – Public Works	(3) Animal Control Officer (G116)
General Fund – Public Works	(1) Cruelty Investigator (G117)
General Fund – Public Works	(1) Maintenance Worker I – Animal Control (G114)
General Fund – Public Works	(1) Veterinarian (G130) Salary of \$125,000
General Fund – Public Works	(1) Maintenance Worker I – Cemeteries (G114)
General Fund – Public Works	(2) Plumber I (G119)
General Fund – Public Works	(2) HVAC Technician I (G119)
General Fund – Public Works	(3) Fleet Maintenance Technician II (G118)
General Fund – Public Works	(2) Electrician I (G119)
General Fund – Public Works	(1) Carpenter I (G119)
General Fund – Parks & Recreation	(4) Park Maintenance Worker I (G114)
General Fund – Parks & Recreation	(2) Recreation Program Specialist (G117)
General Fund – Parks & Recreation	(2) Athletic Program Specialist (G117)
General Fund – Parks & Recreation	(1) Marina Technician (G111)
General Fund – Parks & Recreation	(2) Park Maintenance Worker I (G114)

General Fund – Police	(1) Mental Health Co-Responder (G124)
General Fund – Police	(1) Firearms Examiner (G127)
General Fund – Police	(1) Crime Scene Investigator (G119)
General Fund – Fire/EMS	(21) Firefighter/EMT (F1)
General Fund – MCP	(1) Sergeant (C4)
General Fund – MCP	(1) Lieutenant (C5)
General Fund – MCP	(1) Captain (C6)
General Fund – MCP	(1) Accounting Technician (G115)
General Fund – Homeland Security	(1) Emergency Management Specialist (G118)
General Fund – Municipal Court Judge	(1) Deputy Clerk II (G115)
General Fund – Municipal Court Judge	(1) Support Clerk – Municipal Court (G111)
General Fund – District Attorney	(1) Legal Administrative Clerk (G115)
General Fund – District Attorney	(1) Victim Advocate (G117)
General Fund – Clerk of Superior Court	(2) Senior Deputy Clerk (G117)
General Fund – Clerk of Superior Court	(3) Deputy Clerk II (G115)
General Fund – Sheriff	(1) Major (PS7)
General Fund – Coroner	(1) Forensic Transport Driver (G116)
OLOST Fund – Juvenile Court	(1) Deputy Clerk II (G115)
OLOST Fund – Municipal Court Clerk	(2) Deputy Clerk II (G115)
Integrated Waste Fund – Parks & Recreation	(2) Motor Equipment Operator III (G121)
E-911 Fund – Police	(1) E-911 Director (G130)
HOME Fund – Community Reinvestment	(1) Administrative Coordinator (G118)
Transportation Fund – METRA	(4) Bus Operator (No CDL) (G116)
Transportation Fund – METRA	(1) Transit Supervisor (G123)

## RECLASSIFIED POSITIONS:

General Fund – Mayor	(3) Forensic Auditor (G126-1) to (3) Forensic Auditor (G126-7)
General Fund – City Manager	(1) PT Support Clerk – Mail Room (G111) to (1) FT Support Clerk – Mail Room (G111)
General Fund – City Manager	(1) Print Shop Technician (G115) to (1) Administrative Assistant – Communications (G115) (Title Change Only)
General Fund – City Manager	(1) CSC Technician I G113 to (1) Senior CSC Administrative Technician G115
General Fund – City Manager	(1) CSC Technician I (G113) to (1) Senior CSC Technician Trainer (G115)
General Fund – City Manager	(3) CSC Technician I (G113) to (3) CSC Technician II (G114)
General Fund – Information Technology	(1) PT Administrative Assistant (G115) to (1) FT Administrative Assistant (G115)
General Fund – Human Resources	(1) Training and Development Coordinator (G123) to (1) Training and Development Manager (G124)
General Fund – Inspections & Codes	(1) Building Inspector II (G121) to (1) Senior Building Inspector (G122)
General Fund – Inspections & Codes	(1) Chief Inspector (G127) to (1) Chief Inspector (G128)
General Fund – Inspections & Codes	(1) Code Enforcement Manager I (G126) to (1) Code Enforcement Manager II (G127)
General Fund – Public Works	(1) Facilities Maintenance Supervisor (G122) to (1) Finance Manager (G122) (Title Change Only)
General Fund – Tax Assessor	(2) Appraisal Technician (G113) to (2) Appraisal Technician (G115)
General Fund – Tax Assessor	(2) Senior Appraisal Technician (G114) to (2) Senior Appraisal Technician (G116)

General Fund – Elections	(1) Elections Operations Manager (G122-2) to (1) Elections Operations Manager (G122-21)
General Fund – Elections	(1) Election Technician I (G117-13) to (1) Election Technician II (G117-26)
General Fund – Elections	(1) Election Technician I (G115-4) to (1) Election Technician I (G115-20)
General Fund – Fire/EMS	(1) Payroll Technician – Fire (G115) to (1) Community Risk Reduction Educator (G117)
General Fund – Superior Court Clerk	(4) Deputy Clerk I (G113) to (4) Deputy Clerk II (G115)
General Fund – Municipal Court Clerk	(1) Assistant Chief Deputy Clerk (G122-4) to (1) Assistant Chief Deputy Clerk (G122-9)
General Fund – Municipal Court Clerk	(1) Senior Deputy Clerk (G117-4) to (1) Senior Deputy Clerk (G117-7)
General Fund – Municipal Court Clerk	(1) Deputy Clerk II (G115-4) to (1) Deputy Clerk II (G115-7)
General Fund – Municipal Court Clerk	(1) Deputy Clerk II (G115-1) to (1) Deputy Clerk II (G115-4)
General Fund – Probate Court	(1) Senior Deputy Clerk (G117) to (1) Law Clerk/Fiduciary Compliance Officer (G123-21)
General Fund – Sheriff	(1) Administrative Coordinator (G117-13) to (1) Executive Assistant (G124-15)
General Fund – Sheriff	(1) Deputy Sheriff (PS1) to (1) Sheriff Captain (PS6)
General Fund – Sheriff	(8) Deputy Sheriff (PS1) to (8) Correctional Officer (C1)
General Fund – Sheriff	(24) Correctional Officer (C1) to (24) Senior Correctional Officer (C2)
General Fund – Recorder’s Court	(1) Chief Clerk – Recorder’s Court (G126-14) to (1) Chief Clerk – Recorder’s Court (G126-21)

Paving Fund – Public Works

(1) Urban Forestry & Beautification Supervisor (G124) to (1) Public Works Crew Supervisor (G124) (Title Change Only)

Multi-Govt Fund – Transportation Planning

(1) ROW Coordinator (G124) to (1) Transportation Planner (G121)

DELETED POSITIONS:

General Fund – Elections

(1) Election Technician I (G115)

General Fund – Sheriff

(3) Deputy Sheriff (PS1)

TRANSFERS:

To: General Fund – Fire/EMS  
(Transfer Addition)

(1) EMS Billing Program Coordinator (G120)

From: General Fund – Finance  
(Transfer Deletion)

(1) Collections Supervisor (G120)

SECTION 25.

The Columbus Consolidated Government Pay Plan for Salary and Wages is hereby adopted as part of the FY25 Budget and is incorporated herein by Attachment A. Effective July 1, 2024, a two (2) step (which is equivalent to 2%) Cost of Living Adjustment for all classified full-time positions is hereby adopted. Effective July 1, 2024, retirees will receive a 1% Cost of Living Adjustment.

Effective July 1, 2024, the annual base salary for one of the Part Time Juvenile Court Judges of the Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit will be set as part of the FY25 Budget as follows:

Judge Andrew Dodgen (4 workdays per week) \$104,000

Effective July 1, 2024, the annual base salary for the Chief Recorder’s Court Judge and Recorder’s Court Pro-Tem Judges will be set as part of the FY25 Budget as follows:

Chief Recorder’s Court Judge - \$130,000

Recorder’s Court Pro-Tem Judge - \$120,000

Effective July 1, 2024, the annual supplement provided to the Judicial Assistants of the Superior Court Judges of the Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit is hereby increased from \$10,000 to \$11,000 to be distributed in equal payments over 12 monthly pay periods.

Effective July 1, 2024, the salary for the Fire/EMS Chief shall be increased to \$170,980.68 to include existing education and OLOST supplements to be distributed in equal payments over 26 bi-weekly pay periods.



Effective July 1, 2024, the annual supplement for the Board of Tax Assessors shall be increased \$6,300 to be distributed in 12 equal monthly payments.

SECTION 26.

Other 2009 Local Option Sales Tax Pay Supplement of \$3,121 for all sworn personnel in all Public Safety departments, Public Works, Parks & Recreation, and METRA departments effective July 1, 2009, distributed in equal payments over 26 bi-weekly pay periods, will remain in effect for FY2025. This supplement excludes elected officials.

SECTION 27.

The Columbus Police Department’s Additional Other Local Option Sales Tax Supplement adopted by Columbus Ordinance 21-032 shall be continued for FY2025 for the Columbus Police Department. All sworn personnel within the Police Department will receive an additional \$2,000 annual Other Local Option Sales Tax Fund pay supplement distributed in equal payments over 26 bi-weekly pay periods.

SECTION 28.

Twenty-Four (24) Police Officer positions shall remain unfunded, until expressly approved by Council, in order to fund the implementation and continued costs associated with public safety pay adjustments and longevity increases prior to the adoption of Pay Plan Ordinance No. 22-045 which was subsequently amended by Ordinance No. 23-001.

Twenty-Eight (28) Police Officer positions shall remain unfunded, until expressly approved by Council, in order to fund the implementation and continued costs associated with public safety pay plan “above and beyond” pay adjustments and longevity increases post adoption of Pay Plan Ordinance No. 22-045 which was subsequently amended by Ordinance No. 23-001.

Eight (8) Deputy Sheriff positions shall remain unfunded, until expressly approved by Council, in order to fund the implementation and continued costs associated with public safety pay plan “above and beyond” pay adjustments and longevity increases post adoption of Pay Plan Ordinance No. 22-045 which was subsequently amended by Ordinance No. 23-001.

SECTION 29.

Section 25 of Ordinance No. 19-027 provided a 2.5% pay increase to 54 Sheriff Office positions which included 34 Sergeants, 4 Captains, and 16 Lieutenants. Two (2) Correctional Officer positions shall remain unfunded, until expressly approved by Council, in order to fund the continued cost of the increased pay adjustments for the aforementioned positions.

SECTION 30.

The Pay Plan adopted by Columbus Ordinance No. 06-40 first amended by Ordinance No. 06-87 then subsequently amended by Ordinance No. 07-21, Ordinance No. 07-30, and Ordinance No. 17-24 defined a paramedic certification pay supplement for EMS-Lieutenant, Firefighter-Medic, and Paramedic classifications while assigned and actively working as providers of emergency medical services, as verified by the Chief of the Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services. Said annual supplement of \$6,000 shall be continued in FY2025 for all authorized personnel.

## SECTION 31.

Columbus Ordinance No. 17-24, Section 25 authorized the Fire and EMS Department to reclassify and restrict Thirty-Six (36) Fire Medic (PS14) positions to Fire Medic (PS15) positions. Notwithstanding Section 25 of Ordinance No. 17-24, the authorization contained in Ordinance No. 19-044 thereby amended Ordinance No. 17-24 by removing the restriction of 36 positions and provided for the Fire and EMS Department to administratively restrict the number of Fire Medic (PS15) positions to 50. Said administrative reclassifications shall be continued in FY2025 for all authorized personnel.

## SECTION 32.

The Fire/EMS Department's Specialty Certification Pay Plan adopted by Columbus Ordinance No. 21-032 shall be continued in FY2025 for the Fire/EMS Department.

## SECTION 33.

Columbus Ordinance No 24-008 authorized a \$5,000.00 pay adjustment for existing full-time Sworn Officers and Emergency 911 Technicians in the Columbus Police Department. Sworn Officers hired in the Columbus Police Department before and/or after said effective date in Ordinance 24-008 are not eligible for the \$5,000.00 pay adjustment until obtaining 24 months of employment and at the conclusion of any sign-on bonus payouts. Emergency 911 Technicians hired after said effective date in Ordinance 24-008 will be placed on the General Government pay scale in a grade and step that most closely coincides with the expected pay adjustment not to exceed \$5,000.00 above the minimum starting salary. Forty-Four (44) Police Officer positions shall remain unfunded, until expressly approved by Council, in order to fund the implementation and continued costs associated with the \$5,000.00 pay adjustments for the full-time Sworn Officers and Emergency 911 Technicians employed in the Columbus Police Department. Said pay adjustments as referenced above shall be continued in FY2025 for all authorized personnel.

## SECTION 34.

Beginning with the onset of the first complete FLSA pay cycle after July 1, 2024, a \$5,000.00 pay adjustment for existing full-time Sworn Officers in the Sheriff's Office is hereby authorized. Public Safety Officers hired in the Sheriff's Office before and/or after the first cycle effective date are not eligible for the \$5,000.00 pay adjustment until obtaining 24 months of employment and at the conclusion of any sign-on bonus payouts.

## SECTION 35.

Beginning with the onset of the first complete FLSA pay cycle after July 1, 2024, a \$2,500.00 pay adjustment for existing full-time Sworn Officers in the Fire/EMS Department is hereby authorized. Public Safety Officers hired in the Fire/EMS Department before and/or after the first cycle effective date are not eligible for the \$2,500.00 pay adjustment until obtaining 24 months of employment and at the conclusion of any sign-on bonus payouts.

## SECTION 36.

Beginning with the onset of the first complete FLSA pay cycle after July 1, 2024, a \$2,500.00 pay adjustment for existing full-time Sworn Officers at the Muscogee County Prison is hereby authorized. Public Safety Officers hired at the Muscogee County Prison before and/or after the first cycle effective date are not

eligible for the \$2,500.00 pay adjustment until obtaining 24 months of employment and at the conclusion of any sign-on bonus payouts.

SECTION 37.

All positions that are un-funded as of or before FY2020 are hereby deleted as part of the FY2025 budget. All positions that remain un-funded for five (5) consecutive fiscal years will be deleted after the fifth year unless a funding source is expressly identified. Effective July 1, 2024, the following un-funded position(s) will be removed as authorized positions from the following departments/offices:

Fund	Position Title	Position Number
GENERAL FUND Parks & Recreation	(1) Gatekeeper - PT	POS# 27021000405

SECTION 38.

**Health Plan Premiums – Effective January 1, 2025**

Silver Plan (Active Employees)	2025 Bi-Weekly Wellness	2025 Bi-Weekly Non-Wellness	Gold Plan (Active Employees)	2025 Bi-Weekly Wellness	2025 Bi-Weekly Non-Wellness
Single	\$73.03	\$89.40	Single	\$104.65	\$128.11
Employee + Spouse	\$137.29	\$168.07	Employee + Spouse	\$196.74	\$240.84
Employee + Child(ren)	\$127.82	\$156.46	Employee + Child(ren)	\$183.16	\$224.20
Family	\$202.31	\$247.66	Family	\$289.90	\$354.86

Silver Plan (Pre-65 Retirees)	2025 Monthly Cost Wellness	Gold Plan (Pre-65 Retirees)	2025 Monthly Cost Wellness
Single	\$263.72	Single	\$332.23
Retiree + Spouse	\$872.11	Retiree + Spouse	\$1,019.66
Retiree + Child(ren)	\$782.43	Retiree + Child(ren)	\$918.30
Family	\$1,487.63	Family	\$1,715.07

For the plan year beginning January 1, 2025, any “working spouse” shall remain eligible for coverage in the Columbus Consolidated Government (CCG) **Employee/Retiree Self-Funded Medical Benefit Plan** conditioned upon payment of a monthly surcharge of \$356.98. “Working spouse” shall mean spouses of employees and non-Medicare retirees who have access to health care coverage provided by their employer. For the plan year beginning January 1, 2025, a tobacco surcharge shall remain in effect for all employees and Pre-65 retirees who are tobacco users at the rate of \$75 per month or \$34.62 bi-weekly. For the plan year

beginning January 1, 2025, the Pre-65 retiree healthcare cost sharing strategy shall remain in effect as (CCG) and 50% (Retiree) for Pre-65 retirees with 0% CCG contribution for dependent coverage. For the plan year beginning January 1, 2025, the active employee healthcare cost sharing strategy shall remain in effect as 73% (CCG) and 27% (Employee) for active employees and dependents.

SECTION 39.

All requests for funding from the Columbus Consolidated Government for new facilities and systems will be supported by a tentative operating and business plan for such facility or system which shall be presented to, reviewed by and approved by Columbus Council before such project is approved for funding in this budget.

SECTION 40.

All requests for funding by agencies, boards, authorities, departments, or elected offices receiving grants or operating appropriations from the Columbus Consolidated Government must be made to Columbus Council during the annual budget process unless such request is pursuant to Ordinance No. 13-39. Nothing herein shall prevent the Mayor, City Manager or Finance Director from recommending mid-year budget amendments to the Council. In emergency situations, the Mayor, City Manager or Finance Director may also recommend to Council additional funding outside the budget process for various departments, agencies, boards, authorities or other entities associated with the city.

SECTION 41.

Salary savings is the amount of salary expense saved when a position is vacant or filled at a lower salary level than the budgeted level. All salary savings achieved in FY2025 by any Department or Elected Office, of the Columbus, Georgia Consolidated Government or any Board, Commission and/or Authority created by the Columbus Council shall only be used to replenish fund balance reserves. Use of salary savings is hereby restricted for any other purpose unless expressly approved by Council.

SECTION 42.

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

SECTION 43.

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

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024; introduced a second time at a regular meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting \_\_\_\_\_ .
- Councilor Begly voting \_\_\_\_\_ .
- Councilor Cogle voting \_\_\_\_\_ .
- Councilor Crabb voting \_\_\_\_\_ .
- Councilor Davis voting \_\_\_\_\_ .

Councilor Garrett voting \_\_\_\_\_.

Councilor Hickey voting \_\_\_\_\_.

Councilor Huff voting \_\_\_\_\_.

Councilor Thomas voting \_\_\_\_\_.

Councilor Tucker voting \_\_\_\_\_.

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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

**ATTACHMENT “A”**

**COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT  
PAY PLAN**

**FOR FY2025**









Item #2.

Step 24	Step 25	Step 26	Step 27	Step 28	Step 29	Step 30	Step 31	Step 32	Step 33	Step 34	Step 35	Step 36	Step 37	Step 38	Step 39	Step 40	Step 41	Step 42	Step 43	Step 44	Step 45	Grade
\$ 56,572.34	\$ 57,138.06	\$ 57,709.44	\$ 58,286.53	\$ 58,869.40	\$ 59,458.09	\$ 60,052.67	\$ 60,653.20	\$ 61,259.73	\$ 61,872.33	\$ 62,491.05	\$ 63,115.96	\$ 63,747.12	\$ 64,384.60	\$ 65,028.44	\$ 65,678.73	\$ 66,335.51	\$ 66,998.87	\$ 67,668.86	\$ 68,345.55	\$ 69,029.00	\$ 69,719.29	PD0
\$ 62,858.15	\$ 63,486.73	\$ 64,121.60	\$ 64,762.82	\$ 65,410.44	\$ 66,064.55	\$ 66,725.19	\$ 67,392.45	\$ 68,066.37	\$ 68,747.03	\$ 69,434.50	\$ 70,128.85	\$ 70,830.14	\$ 71,538.44	\$ 72,253.82	\$ 72,976.36	\$ 73,706.13	\$ 74,443.19	\$ 75,187.62	\$ 75,939.49	\$ 76,698.89	\$ 77,465.88	PD1
\$ 69,143.97	\$ 69,835.41	\$ 70,533.76	\$ 71,239.10	\$ 71,951.49	\$ 72,671.00	\$ 73,397.71	\$ 74,131.69	\$ 74,873.01	\$ 75,621.74	\$ 76,377.95	\$ 77,141.73	\$ 77,913.15	\$ 78,692.28	\$ 79,479.21	\$ 80,274.00	\$ 81,076.74	\$ 81,887.51	\$ 82,706.38	\$ 83,533.44	\$ 84,368.78	\$ 85,212.47	PD2
\$ 78,572.69	\$ 79,358.42	\$ 80,152.00	\$ 80,953.52	\$ 81,763.05	\$ 82,580.69	\$ 83,406.49	\$ 84,240.56	\$ 85,082.96	\$ 85,932.79	\$ 86,793.13	\$ 87,661.06	\$ 88,537.67	\$ 89,423.05	\$ 90,317.28	\$ 91,220.45	\$ 92,132.66	\$ 93,053.98	\$ 93,984.52	\$ 94,924.37	\$ 95,873.61	\$ 96,832.35	PD3
\$ 81,715.60	\$ 82,532.75	\$ 83,359.08	\$ 84,191.66	\$ 85,033.58	\$ 85,883.91	\$ 86,742.75	\$ 87,610.18	\$ 88,486.28	\$ 89,371.14	\$ 90,264.86	\$ 91,167.50	\$ 92,079.18	\$ 92,999.97	\$ 93,929.97	\$ 94,869.27	\$ 95,817.96	\$ 96,776.14	\$ 97,743.90	\$ 98,721.34	\$ 99,708.56	\$ 100,705.64	PD4
\$ 88,001.41	\$ 88,881.43	\$ 89,770.24	\$ 90,667.94	\$ 91,574.62	\$ 92,490.37	\$ 93,415.27	\$ 94,349.42	\$ 95,292.92	\$ 96,245.85	\$ 97,208.31	\$ 98,180.39	\$ 99,162.19	\$ 100,153.81	\$ 101,155.35	\$ 102,166.91	\$ 103,188.58	\$ 104,220.46	\$ 105,262.67	\$ 106,315.29	\$ 107,378.45	\$ 108,452.23	PD5
\$ 94,287.23	\$ 95,230.10	\$ 96,182.40	\$ 97,144.22	\$ 98,115.67	\$ 99,096.82	\$ 100,087.79	\$ 101,088.67	\$ 102,099.56	\$ 103,120.55	\$ 104,151.76	\$ 105,193.27	\$ 106,245.21	\$ 107,307.66	\$ 108,380.74	\$ 109,464.54	\$ 110,559.19	\$ 111,664.78	\$ 112,781.43	\$ 113,909.24	\$ 115,048.33	\$ 116,198.82	PD6
\$ 106,858.86	\$ 107,927.45	\$ 109,006.72	\$ 110,096.79	\$ 111,197.75	\$ 112,309.73	\$ 113,432.83	\$ 114,567.16	\$ 115,712.83	\$ 116,869.96	\$ 118,038.66	\$ 119,219.04	\$ 120,411.23	\$ 121,615.35	\$ 122,831.50	\$ 124,059.82	\$ 125,300.41	\$ 126,553.42	\$ 127,818.95	\$ 129,097.14	\$ 130,388.11	\$ 131,691.90	PD7
\$ 125,716.30	\$ 126,973.46	\$ 128,243.20	\$ 129,525.63	\$ 130,820.89	\$ 132,129.10	\$ 133,450.39	\$ 134,784.89	\$ 136,132.74	\$ 137,494.07	\$ 138,869.01	\$ 140,257.70	\$ 141,660.28	\$ 143,078.88	\$ 144,507.65	\$ 145,952.72	\$ 147,412.25	\$ 148,886.37	\$ 150,375.24	\$ 151,878.99	\$ 153,397.78	\$ 154,931.76	PD8
\$ 157,145.28	\$ 158,716.83	\$ 160,304.00	\$ 161,907.04	\$ 163,526.11	\$ 165,161.37	\$ 166,812.98	\$ 168,481.11	\$ 170,165.93	\$ 171,867.58	\$ 173,586.26	\$ 175,322.12	\$ 177,075.34	\$ 178,846.10	\$ 180,634.56	\$ 182,440.90	\$ 184,265.31	\$ 186,107.97	\$ 187,969.05	\$ 189,848.74	\$ 191,747.22	\$ 193,666.70	PD9
\$ 166,572.34	\$ 171,38.06	\$ 177,09.44	\$ 182,86.53	\$ 188,69.40	\$ 194,58.09	\$ 200,52.67	\$ 206,53.20	\$ 212,59.73	\$ 218,72.33	\$ 224,91.05	\$ 231,15.96	\$ 237,47.12	\$ 243,84.60	\$ 250,28.44	\$ 256,78.73	\$ 263,35.51	\$ 269,98.87	\$ 276,68.86	\$ 283,45.55	\$ 290,29.00	\$ 297,19.29	PD10

**File Attachments for Item:**

**3. 2nd Reading-** An Ordinance adopting non-operating budgets for the fiscal year 2024 beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, for certain funds of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, and appropriating the amounts shown in each budget. (Budget Review Committee)

## AN ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING NON-OPERATING BUDGETS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2025, FOR CERTAIN FUNDS OF THE CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, AND APPROPRIATING THE AMOUNTS SHOWN IN EACH BUDGET.

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

#### SECTION 1.

The non-operating budgets for FY25 are proposed in the amount set forth in each section and as outlined in the following sections of the ordinance.

#### SECTION 2.

The Urban Development Action Grant Fund proposed in the amount of \$15,000 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, for activities under the grant program.

#### SECTION 3.

The HOME Program Fund proposed in the amount of \$1,230,820 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, for purposes related to the Home Investment Partnership Program.

#### SECTION 4.

The Multi-Governmental Fund Budget proposed in the amount of \$8,332,487 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to fund programs from various state and federal agencies.

#### SECTION 5.

The American Rescue Plan Fiscal Recovery Fund Budget proposed in the amount of \$29,407,196 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to account for monies received from the

Federal and State government.

SECTION 6.

The Hotel/Motel Tax Fund proposed in the amount of \$6,700,000 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to provide funding for CCVB and programs and activities identified in the Master Tourism Plan.

SECTION 7.

The Police Forfeiture Fund proposed in the amount of \$100,000 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, for monies received from federal and state forfeitures.

SECTION 8.

The County Drug Abuse Treatment Fund proposed in the amount of \$170,000 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, for the provision of drug abuse treatment and education programs related to controlled substances and marijuana.

SECTION 9.

The VICE/Special Operations Forfeiture Fund proposed in the amount of \$300,000 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to provide law enforcement activities.

SECTION 10.

The Penalty and Assessment Fund proposed in the amount of \$1,800,000 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, for the operation and staffing of correctional, detention and jail facilities.

SECTION 11.

The Sheriff Forfeiture Fund proposed in the amount of \$100,000 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, for monies received from federal and state forfeitures.

## SECTION 12.

The Benning Technology Park Tax Allocation District Fund proposed in the amount of \$70,000 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to account for tax allocation increments received from the levy and collection of real and personal property taxes within the boundaries of the Benning Technology Park Tax Allocation District whose designated boundaries includes 51 tax parcels and 299 acres located within the confines of the Southeast Columbus Redevelopment Area.

## SECTION 13.

The 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue/Liberty District Tax Allocation District Fund proposed in the amount of \$1,600,000 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to account for tax allocation increments received from the levy and collection of real and personal property taxes within the boundaries of the 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue/Liberty District Tax Allocation District whose designated boundaries includes 599 tax parcels and 296 acres located within the boundaries of the River District Redevelopment Area.

## SECTION 14.

The Uptown District Tax Allocation District Fund proposed in the amount of \$2,500,000 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to account for tax allocation increments received from the levy and collection of real and personal property taxes within the boundaries of the Uptown Tax Allocation District whose designated boundaries includes 389 tax parcels and 194 acres located within the boundaries of the River District Redevelopment Area.

## SECTION 15.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue/City Village Tax Allocation District Fund proposed in the amount of \$1,100,000 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to account for tax allocation increments received from the levy and collection of real and personal property taxes within the boundaries of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue/City Village Tax Allocation District whose designated boundaries includes 990 tax parcels and 371 acres located within the boundaries of the River District Redevelopment Area.

## SECTION 16.

The MidTown West Tax Allocation District Fund proposed in the amount of \$1,800,000

for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to account for tax allocation increments received from the levy and collection of real and personal property taxes within the boundaries of the MidTown West Tax Allocation District whose designated boundaries includes 942 tax parcels and 325.1 acres located within the boundaries of the MidTown Redevelopment Area.

#### SECTION 17.

The MidTown East Tax Allocation District Fund proposed in the amount of \$170,000 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to account for tax allocation increments received from the levy and collection of real and personal property taxes within the boundaries of the MidTown East Tax Allocation District whose designated boundaries includes 61 tax parcels and 92.9 acres located within the boundaries of the MidTown Redevelopment Area.

#### SECTION 18.

The Midland Commons Tax Allocation District Fund proposed in the amount of \$295,000 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to account for tax allocation increments received from the levy and collection of real and personal property taxes whose designated boundaries includes five (5) tax parcels and approximately 289 acres located within the boundaries of the Midland Commons Redevelopment Area.

#### SECTION 19.

The South Columbus River District Tax Allocation District Fund proposed in the amount of \$435,000 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to account for tax allocation increments received from the levy and collection of real and personal property taxes whose designated boundaries includes six (6) tax parcels and approximately 212 acres located within the boundaries of the South Columbus River District Redevelopment Area.

#### SECTION 20.

The Law Library Fund proposed in the amount of \$300,000 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to account for certain fees received from the various courts of the Government. The resources are restricted by state law for support of the Law Library.

## SECTION 21.

The Local Government's Share of Opioid Settlement Payments Fund proposed in the amount of \$1,100,000 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to account for programs, services, and equipment used towards the prevention and treatment of opioid addiction and related disorders; providing resources to law enforcement agencies to address the opioid crisis; increasing the number of professionals who provide treatment for opioid addiction; educating medical professionals regarding the safe and effective prescribing of, and then tapering off of, opioids; and treatment and prevention of opioid use disorder in incarcerated populations.

## SECTION 22.

The 2021 Sales Tax Proceeds Fund proposed in the amount of \$47,000,000 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to account for the monies received from the 2021 special purpose local option sales tax.

## SECTION 23.

The Special (Capital) Projects Fund proposed in the amount of \$25,315,801 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to fund activities supported by the General, Stormwater (Sewer), Paving funds.

## SECTION 24.

The Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST) Fund proposed in the amount of \$102,250,000 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to fund activities supported by the TSPLOST project and discretionary funds.

## SECTION 25.

The 1999 Sales Tax Proceeds Account Project Fund proposed in the amount of \$4,601,557 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to account for projects supported by the 1999 sales tax.



## SECTION 26.

The Columbus Building Authority Revenue Bonds, 2003A Series Fund proposed in the amount of \$501,060 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, such as storm water enhancements.

## SECTION 27.

The Columbus Building Authority Revenue Bonds, 2003B Series Fund proposed in the amount of \$4,829,506 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to account for the projects of the 2003 taxable lease revenue bonds for the construction of a parking garage.

## SECTION 28.

The Columbus Building Authority Lease Revenue Bonds, 2018 Series Fund proposed in the amount of \$130,000 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to account for projects of the 2018 lease revenue bond for construction and equipping of life safety improvements at the Government Center, renovation of the South Commons Softball Park, and to conduct a needs assessment study for a new Judicial and Government Center.

## SECTION 29.

The Columbus Building Authority Lease Revenue Bonds, 2022A Series Fund proposed in the amount of \$3,288,740 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to account for projects of the 2022A lease revenue bond for the acquisition of approximately 3.5932 acres of land in downtown Columbus, together with buildings, a parking deck and related facilities thereon lactated, and the renovation and improvement of such buildings, structures, and related facilities for use by Columbus in the performance of its governmental, administrative, and proprietary functions.

## SECTION 30.

The Columbus Building Authority Lease Revenue Bonds, 2022B Series Fund proposed in the amount of \$105,457 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to account for projects of the 2022B lease revenue bond for the acquisition of approximately 3.5932 acres of land in downtown Columbus, together with buildings, a parking deck and related facilities thereon

lactated, and the renovation and improvement of such buildings, structures, and related facilities for use by Columbus in the performance of its governmental, administrative, and proprietary functions.

#### SECTION 31.

The 2021 Sales Tax Proceeds Project Fund proposed in the amount of \$46,692,791 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to fund projects supported by the 2021 Sales Tax Proceeds Account including Road projects and acquisition, construction and equipping of various Capital projects.

#### SECTION 32.

The G.O. Sales Tax Bonds, Series 2022 Fund proposed in the amount of \$152,376,973 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to account for proceeds from the 2022 G.O. sales tax bonds for acquiring, constructing, and equipping of new judicial facilities.

#### SECTION 33.

The Family and Youth Coalition Fund proposed in the amount of \$52,500 for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, covering the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to account for monies received from the state of Georgia for Family, Youth and Coalition services.

#### SECTION 34.

Within the overall budget limitations, authority is hereby delegated to the City Manager, or the Finance Director when acting on the authority delegated by the City Manager, to affect such intra-fund transfers of appropriation and revenue anticipation as may be deemed necessary to the effective performance and delivery of services approved herein. The funds contained in this Ordinance may be increased or decreased without immediate Council approval but will be submitted to Council in periodic adjustments. Authority is extended to the City Manager, or the Finance Director on the authority delegated by the City Manager to affect any carryovers necessary for the continued operation of any of the non-operating funds.

#### SECTION 35.

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

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024; introduced a second time at a regular meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting \_\_\_\_\_.
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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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

**File Attachments for Item:**

**4. 2nd Reading-** An Ordinance providing for contributions to the Columbus, Georgia General Government Employees' Pension Plan for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025. (Budget Review Committee)

AN ORDINANCE

NO \_\_\_\_\_

An Ordinance providing for contributions to the Columbus, Georgia General Government Employees' Pension Plan for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025:

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WHEREAS, Ordinances heretofore adopted by the Council of Columbus, Georgia provided for Governmental Contributions to the Employees' Retirement Plan; and

WHEREAS, Actuarial Consultants have evaluated the Plan and thus determined that the amount of \$6,170,460 is required to fund the Plan in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. The annual amount to be prorated among the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, the Columbus Board of Water Commissioners, the Hospital Authority of Columbus, and the Columbus Airport Commission based on actual earnings of the active participants in the Plan for the previous fiscal year is as follows: Consolidated Government, 66.24% or \$4,149,017; Columbus Board of Water Commissioners, 21.50% or \$1,326,649; Hospital Authority of Columbus, 9.75% or \$601,620 and Columbus Airport Commission, 1.51% or \$93,174.

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

That the following named agencies shall make the following monthly contributions for fiscal year 2025 to the Finance Director of the Consolidated Government as their prorated share of the contributions, payable the first of each month:

Consolidated Government	\$ 345,751.42
Columbus Board of Water Commissioners	\$ 110,554.08
Hospital Authority of Columbus	\$ 50,135.00
Columbus Airport Commission	\$ 7,764.50

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Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the 4<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024; introduced a second time at a regular meeting of said Council held on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024, an adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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

Agenda Item #

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting**

June 4, 2024

Agenda Report #

TO: Mayor and Council

SUBJECT: **Pension Plan Funding Ordinances**

INITIATED: Human Resources Department

**Recommendation:** Approve pension ordinances that provide governmental contributions to the Columbus, Georgia Employees' Pension Plans for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024.

**Background:** Annual contributions are required to fund the following Pension Plans based on the July 1, 2023 Actuarial Valuation prepared by Southern Actuarial Services and approved by the Board of Trustees of the Pension Fund:

1. Columbus, Georgia Employees' Pension Plan for General Government Employees
2. Columbus, Georgia Employees' Pension Plan for Employees of the Department of Public Safety
3. Columbus, Georgia Employees Major Disability Income Plan
4. Columbus, Georgia Employees Death Benefit Escrow Plan

**Analysis:** There is a budgetary and financial impact.

**Legal:** The City Attorney has reviewed a copy of the "Pension Plan Funding Ordinances" and approved them as to form.

**Financial Considerations:** Funding of the minimum required contributions beginning July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

**Recommendation/Actions:** Finance and Human Resources recommend the approval of the above ordinances.

**File Attachments for Item:**

**5. 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, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025. (Budget Review Committee)

AN ORDINANCE

NO \_\_\_\_\_

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, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025:

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WHEREAS, Ordinances heretofore adopted by the Council of Columbus, Georgia provided for governmental contributions to the Public Safety Employees' Pension Plan for the benefit of eligible employees; and

WHEREAS, the Actuarial Consultants have evaluated the Public Safety Employees' Pension Plan and thus determined that the funding required for fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 is \$12,330,900. The annual amount to be prorated among the CCG Public Safety Employees is 99.49% or \$12,268,012 and Columbus Airport Commission Public Safety Employees is 0.51% or \$62,888.

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

That the following named agencies shall make the following monthly contributions for fiscal year 2025 to the Finance Director of the Consolidated Government as their prorated share of the contributions, payable the first of each month:

Consolidated Government	\$1,022,334.33
Columbus Airport Commission	\$ 5,240.67

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Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the 4<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024; introduced a second time at a regular meeting of said Council held on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024, and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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



**File Attachments for Item:**

**6. 2nd Reading-** An Ordinance providing for Government funding of a Major Disability Income Plan for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025.(Budget Review Committee)

AN ORDINANCE

NO \_\_\_\_\_

An Ordinance providing for Government funding of a Major Disability Income Plan for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025:

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WHEREAS, Ordinances heretofore adopted by the Council of Columbus, Georgia established a Major Disability Income Plan for employees; and

WHEREAS, Actuarial Consultants have evaluated the Major Disability Income Plan and thus determined that the amount of \$266,346 is required to fund the Plan for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. The annual amount to be prorated among the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, the Columbus Board of Water Commissioners, the Hospital Authority of Columbus, and the Columbus Airport Commission based on actual earnings of the active participants in the Plan for the previous fiscal year is as follows: Consolidated Government 82.23% or \$219,016; Columbus Board of Water Commissioners, 11.50% or \$30,630; Hospital Authority of Columbus, 5.22% or \$13,903, and the Columbus Airport Commission, 1.05 % or \$2,797.

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

That the following named agencies shall make the following contributions for fiscal year 2025 to the Finance Director of the Consolidated Government as their prorated share of the cost of the Major Disability Income Plan by July 15<sup>th</sup>:

Consolidated Government	\$ 219,016
Columbus Board of Water Commissioners	\$ 30,630
Hospital Authority of Columbus	\$ 13,903
Columbus Airport Commission	\$ 2,797

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Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the 4<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024; introduced a second time at a regular meeting of said Council held on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024, an adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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

**File Attachments for Item:**

**7. 2nd Reading-** An Ordinance providing for Government funding of a Death Benefit Escrow for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025. (Budget Review Committee)

AN ORDINANCE

NO \_\_\_\_\_

An Ordinance providing for Government funding of a Death Benefit Escrow for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025:

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WHEREAS, Ordinances heretofore adopted by the Council of Columbus, Georgia provided a Death Benefit Escrow Fund for employees; and

WHEREAS, Actuarial Consultants have evaluated the Death Benefit Escrow Plan and thus determined that the amount of \$253,202 is required to fund the Plan for fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. The annual amount to be prorated among the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, the Columbus Board of Water Commissioners, the Hospital Authority of Columbus, and the Columbus Airport Commission based on actual earnings of active participants in the Plan for the previous fiscal year is as follows: Consolidated Government, 82.23% or \$208,208; Columbus Board of Water Commissioners, 11.50% or \$29,118; Hospital Authority of Columbus, 5.22% or \$13,217, and the Columbus Airport Commission, 1.05% or \$2,659.

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

That the following named agencies shall make the following contributions for fiscal year 2025 to the Finance Director of the Consolidated Government as their prorated share of the cost of the Death Benefit Escrow Fund by July 15<sup>th</sup>:

Consolidated Government	\$ 208,208
Columbus Board of Water Commissioners	\$ 29,118
Hospital Authority of Columbus	\$ 13,217
Columbus Airport Commission	\$ 2,659

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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

**File Attachments for Item:**

**8. 2nd Reading-** An Ordinance amending Article VII of Chapter 13 of the Columbus Code Solid Waste Collection and Disposal by updating certain fees and the guidelines for an offset to the residential rate for low-income households; and for other purposes. (Budget Review Committee)

AN ORDINANCE  
No. \_\_\_\_\_

An Ordinance amending Article VII of Chapter 13 of the Columbus Code Solid Waste Collection and Disposal by changing the monthly residential garbage fee and updating the guidelines for an offset to the residential rate for low-income households; and for other purposes.

THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1.

Section 13-169.1 (a) of the Columbus Code of Ordinances is hereby deleted in its entirety and a new Section 13-169.1 (a) is inserted to read as follows:

“(a) A charge for the services of collection and disposal of garbage, trash, and other solid waste including yard waste, in Columbus, Georgia for any residential property shall be as follows:

(1) A rate of \$21.00 per month for a full cost collection service at the curb or on city right-of-way.

(2) An offset of 25% per month, rounded to the nearest dime, for a low-income household collection service at the curb or on the city right-of-way.

A low income household is one which receives food stamps, aid to families with dependent children or has a total yearly income below the poverty income line guidelines for family units in the United States set by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, or its successor, said guidelines now being set forth presently in the Federal Register, Vol. 89, No. 11, January 17, 2024 (Document no. 2024-00796), pp. 2961-2963 as follows:

SIZE OF FAMILY UNIT	POVERTY
1	\$ 15,060
2	\$ 20,440
3	\$ 25,820
4	\$ 31,200
5	\$ 36,580
6	\$ 41,960

7	\$ 47,340
8	\$ 52,720
For each additional person, add	\$ 5,380

“Such guidelines will be adjusted annually according to the Federal Register.”

SECTION 2.

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

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the 4<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024; introduced a second time at a regular meeting of said Council held on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024, an adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

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**Sec. 13-169.1. Same—Residential.**

(a) A charge for the services of collection and disposal of garbage, trash, and other solid waste including yard waste, in Columbus, Georgia for any residential property shall be as follows:

- (1) A rate of ~~\$18.00~~ \$21.00 per month for a full cost collection service at the curb or on city right-of-way.
- (2) An offset of 25 percent per month, rounded to the nearest dime, for a low-income household collection service at the curb or on the city right-of-way.

A low income household is one which receives food stamps, aid to families with dependent children or has a total yearly income below the poverty income line guidelines for family units in the United States set by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, or its successor, said guidelines now being set forth presently in the Federal Register, Vol. 8889, No. 1211, January 1917, 2023-2024 (Document no. 2023-008852024-00796), pp. 3424-34252961-2963 as follows:

Size of family unit	Poverty
1	<del>\$14,580</del> <u>\$15,060</u>
2	<del>\$19,720</del> <u>\$20,440</u>
3	<del>\$24,860</del> <u>\$25,820</u>
4	<del>\$30,000</del> <u>\$ 31,200</u>
5	<del>\$35,140</del> <u>\$36,580</u>
6	<del>\$40,280</del> <u>\$41,960</u>
7	<del>\$45,420</del> <u>\$47,340</u>
8	<del>\$50,560</del> <u>\$52,720</u>
For each additional person, add	<del>\$5,140</del> <u>\$5,380</u>

"Such guidelines will be adjusted annually according to the Federal Register."



**File Attachments for Item:**

**9. 2nd Reading-** An Ordinance adopting new permit fees for Building Code inspections in Section 8-14.4 of the Columbus Code; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem)

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**Sec. 8-14.4. Permits.****(a) Permit application.**

- (1) *Required.* Any owner or authorized agent who intends to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish or change the occupancy of a building or structure, or to erect, install, enlarge, alter, repair, remove, convert or replace any electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing system, the installation of which is regulated by this code, or to cause any such work to be done, shall first make application to the building official and obtain the required permit.
- (2) *Work exempt from permit.* Permits shall not be required for the following. Exemption from permit requirements of this code shall not be deemed to grant authorization for any work to be done in any manner in violation of the provisions of this code or any other laws or ordinances of this jurisdiction.
  - a. Building:
    1. Painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, counter tops and similar finish work.
    2. Temporary motion picture, television, and theatre stage sets and scenery.
    3. Prefabricated swimming pools that are less than 24 inches (610 mm) deep.
    4. Swings and other playground equipment.
    5. Window awnings supported by an exterior wall which do not project more than 54 inches (1372 mm) from the exterior wall and do not require additional support.
  - b. Electrical:
    1. Listed cord and plug connected temporary decorative lighting. Temporary electric power and lighting installations shall be permitted for a period not to exceed 90 days.
    2. Reinstallation of attachment plug receptacles but not the outlets therefor.
    3. Replacement of branch circuit overcurrent devices of the required capacity in the same location.
    4. Electrical wiring, devices, appliances, apparatus or equipment operating at less than 25 volts and not capable of supplying more than 50 watts of energy.
    5. Minor repair work, including the replacement of lamps or the connection of approved portable electrical equipment to approved permanently installed receptacles.
  - c. Gas:
    1. Portable heating, cooking or clothes drying appliances.
    2. Replacement of any minor part that does not alter approval of equipment or make such equipment unsafe.
    3. Portable fuel cell appliances that are not connected to a fixed piping system and are not interconnected to a power grid.
  - d. Mechanical:
    1. Portable heating appliances.
    2. Portable ventilation appliances.
    3. Portable cooling units.

4. Replacement of any minor part that does not alter approval of equipment or make such equipment unsafe.
  5. Portable evaporative coolers.
  6. Self-contained refrigeration systems containing 10 pounds (4.54 kg) or less of refrigerant or that are actuated by motors of 1 horsepower (746 W) or less.
  7. Portable fuel cell appliances that are not connected to a fixed piping system and are not interconnected to a power grid.
- e. Plumbing:
1. The stopping of leaks in drains, water, soil, waste or vent pipe; provided, however, that if any concealed trap, drainpipe, water, soil, waste or vent pipe becomes defective and it becomes necessary to remove and replace the same with new material, such work shall be considered as new work and a permit shall be obtained and inspection made as provided in this code.
  2. The clearing of stoppages or the repairing of leaks in pipes, valves or fixtures, and the removal and reinstallation of water closets, provided such repairs do not involve or require the replacement or rearrangement of valves, pipes or fixtures.
- f. Repairs:
1. Ordinary minor repairs may be made without a permit, provided that such repairs shall not violate any of the provisions of the technical codes. Such minor repairs shall not include the cutting away of any wall, partition or portion thereof, the removal or cutting of any structural beam or loadbearing support, or the removal or change of any required means of egress, or rearrangement of parts of a structure affecting the egress requirements; nor shall ordinary repairs include addition to, alteration of, replacement or relocation of any water supply, sewer, drainage, drain leader, gas, soil, waste, vent or similar piping, electric wiring or mechanical or other work affecting public health or general safety. The building official or his designee shall be available to determine whether a proposed repair is exempt.
  2. Emergency repairs. Where equipment replacements and repairs that otherwise require a permit, must be performed in an emergency situation, the permit application shall be submitted within the next working business day to the building official.
- (3) *Temporary structures.* The erection of temporary structures such as construction sheds, seats, canopies, tents and fences used in construction work or for temporary purposes such as reviewing stands shall not require a permit as long as such structures shall be completely removed in a timely fashion.
- (4) *Work authorized.* A building permit shall carry with it the right to construct or install the work, provided the same are shown on the drawings and set forth in the specifications filed with the application for the permit. Where these are not shown on the drawings and covered by the specifications submitted with the application, separate permits shall be required.
- (5) *Information required.* Each application for a permit, with the required fee, shall be filed with the building official on a form furnished for that purpose and shall contain a general description of the proposed work and its location. The application shall be signed by the owner or his authorized agent. The building permit application shall indicate the proposed occupancy of all parts of the building and of that portion of the site or lot, of any, not covered by the building or structure, and shall contain such other information as may be required by the building official.

(b) *Drawings and specifications.*

- (1) *Requirements.* When required by the building official, two or more copies of specifications, and of drawings drawn to scale with sufficient clarity and detail to indicate the nature and character of the work, shall accompany the application for the permit. Such drawings and specifications shall contain information, in the form of notes or otherwise, as to the quality of materials, where quality is essential to conformity with the technical codes. Such information shall be specific, and the technical codes shall not be cited as a whole or in part, nor shall the term "legal" or its equivalent be used as a substitute for specific information. All information, drawings, specifications, and accompanying data shall bear the name and signature of the person responsible for the design.
- (2) *Additional data.* The building official may require details, computations, stress diagrams, and other data necessary to describe the construction or installation and the basis of calculations. All drawings, specifications, and accompanying data, required by the building official to be prepared by an architect or engineer, shall be affixed with their official seal.
- (3) *Design professional.* The design professional shall be an architect or engineer, legally registered under the laws of this state regulating the practice of architecture or engineering, and shall affix his official seal to said drawings, specifications, and accompanying data, for the following:
  - a. All group A, E, and I occupancies.
  - b. Buildings and structures three stories or more high.
  - c. Buildings and structures 5,000 square feet (465 m) or more in area.

For all other buildings and structures, the submittal shall bear the certification of the applicant that some specific state law exception permits its preparation by a person not so registered.

- (4) *Structural and fire resistance integrity.* Plans for all buildings shall indicate how required structural and fire resistance integrity will be maintained where a penetration of a required fire resistant wall, floor or partition will be made for electrical, gas, mechanical, plumbing and communication conduits, pipes and systems and also indicate in sufficient detail how the fire integrity will be maintained where required fire resistant floors intersect the exterior walls.
- (5) *Site drawings.* Drawings shall show the location of the proposed building or structure and of every existing building or structure on the site or lot. The building official may require a boundary line survey prepared by a qualified surveyor.
- (6) *Hazardous occupancies.* The building official may require the following:
  - a. *General site plan.* A general site plan drawn at a legible scale which shall include, but not be limited to, the location of all buildings, exterior storage facilities, permanent access ways, evacuation routes, parking lots, internal roads, chemical loading areas, equipment cleaning areas, storm and sanitary sewer accesses, emergency equipment, and adjacent property uses. The exterior storage areas shall be identified with the hazard classes and the maximum quantities per hazard class of hazardous materials stored.
  - b. *Building floor plan.* A building floor plan drawn to a legible scale which shall include, but not be limited to, all hazardous materials storage facilities within the building and shall indicate rooms, doorways, corridors, exits, fire rated assemblies, with their hourly rating, location of liquid tight rooms, and evacuation routes. Each hazardous materials storage facility shall be identified on the plan with the hazard classes and quantity range per hazard class of the hazardous materials stored.

(c) *Examination of documents.*

- (1) *Plan review.* The building official shall examine, or cause to be examined, each application for a permit and the accompanying documents, consisting of drawings, specifications, computations and additional data, and shall ascertain by such examinations whether the construction indicated and described is in accordance with the requirements of the technical codes and all other pertinent laws or ordinances.
  - (2) *Affidavits.* The building official may accept a sworn affidavit from a registered architect or engineer stating that the plans submitted conform to the technical codes. For buildings and structures, the affidavit shall state that the plans conform to the laws as to egress, type of construction and general arrangement and, if accompanied by drawings, show the structural design and that the plans and design conform to the requirements of the technical codes as to strength, stresses, strains, loads and stability. The building official may, without any examination or inspection, accept such affidavit, provided the architect or engineer who made such affidavit agrees to submit to the building official copies of inspection reports as inspections are performed and upon completion of the structure, electrical, gas, mechanical, or plumbing systems a certification that the structure, electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing system has been erected in accordance with the requirements of the technical codes. Where the building official relies upon such affidavit, the architect or engineer shall assume full responsibility for the compliance with all provisions of the technical codes and other pertinent laws or ordinances.
- (d) *Issuing permits.*
- (1) *Action on permits.* The building official shall act upon an application for a permit without unreasonable or unnecessary delay. If the building official is satisfied that the work described in an application for a permit and the contract documents filed therewith conform to the requirements of the technical codes and other pertinent laws and ordinances, he shall issue a permit to the applicant.
  - (2) *Refusal to issue permit.* If the application for a permit and the accompanying contract documents describing the work do not conform to the requirements of the technical codes or other pertinent laws or ordinances, the building official shall not issue a permit, but shall return the contract documents to the applicant with his refusal to issue such permit. Such refusal shall, when requested, be in writing and shall contain the reason for refusal.
  - (3) *Special foundation permit.* When application for permit to erect or enlarge a building has been filed and pending issuance of such permit, the building official may, at his discretion, issue a foundation only permit. The applicant may proceed at his own risk and without assurance that a permit for the remainder of the work will be granted or that corrections will not be required in order to meet provisions of the technical codes.
  - (4) *Public right-of-way.* A permit shall not be given by the building official for the construction of any building, or for the alteration of any building where said building is to be changed and such change will affect the exterior walls, bays, balconies, or other appendages or projections fronting on any street, alley or public lane, or for the placing on any lot or premises of any building or structure removed from another lot or premises of any building or structure removed from another lot or premises, unless the applicant has made application at the office of the director of the Department of Engineering identifying the public street on which he proposes to build, erect or locate said building; and it shall be the duty of the building official to see that the street lines are not encroached upon except as provided for in this code.
- (e) *Contractor's responsibilities.* It shall be the duty of every contractor who shall make contracts for the installation or repairs of building, structure, electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing systems, for which a permit is required, to comply with state or local rules and regulations concerning licensing which the applicable governing authority may have adopted.
- (1) *Electrician's license.*

- a. No person, firm or corporation shall engage in the electrical construction, installation or repair business, within the corporate limits of the City of Columbus, without obtaining a business license as required by the ordinances of the City of Columbus.
  - b. No person shall engage in the business of electrical contractor unless such person holds a valid license issued by the State Construction Industry Board, Division of Electrical Contractors. No partnership or corporation shall have the right to engage in the business of electrical contractor unless there is regularly connected with such partnership or corporation a person or persons actually engaged in the performance of such business on a fulltime basis who have valid licenses issued by the State Construction Industry Board, Division of Electrical Contractors.
  - c. Any person, partnership or corporation making application for a license to engage in the business of electrical contracting in Columbus, Georgia, shall furnish the Revenue Collections Division of Columbus, Georgia, a copy of the license issued by the division of electrical contractors.
  - d. No person shall engage in alarm system, general system, or telecommunication system, low-voltage contracting unless such person has a valid license issued by the state construction industry licensing board, division of low-voltage contracting. No partnership or corporation shall have the right to engage in the business of low-voltage contracting unless there is regularly connected with such partnership or corporation a person or persons, actually engaged in the performance of such business on a fulltime basis and supervising the low-voltage systems installation, repair, alteration, and service work of all employees of such partnership or corporation, who have valid licenses issued by the state construction industry licensing board, division of low-voltage contracting.
  - e. Any person, partnership or corporation, making application for a license to engage in the business of low-voltage contracting in the city shall furnish the revenue collections division of the city a copy of the license issued by the division of low-voltage contracting of the state construction industry licensing board.
- (2) *Plumber license.* No person shall engage in the business of plumbing contractor unless such person holds a valid license for master plumber issued by the state construction industry board, division of master plumbers and journeyman plumbers. No partnership or corporation shall have the right to engage in the business of plumbing unless there is regularly connected with such partnership or corporation a person or persons actually engaged in the performance of such business on a full-time basis who hold a valid license for master plumber issued by the state construction industry board, division of master plumbers and journeyman plumbers. Any person, partnership or corporation making application for a license to engage in the business of plumbing in Columbus, Georgia, shall furnish the revenue collections division of Columbus, Georgia, a copy of the license issued by the division of master plumbers and journeyman plumbers.
- (3) *Mechanical license.* No person shall engage in the business of conditioned air contractor unless such person holds a valid license for conditioned air contractor issued by the state construction industry board, division of conditioned air contractors. No partnership or corporation shall have the right to engage in the business of conditioned air contractor unless there is regularly connected with such partnership or corporation a person or persons actually engaged in the performance of such business on a full-time basis who hold a valid license for conditioned air contractor issued by the state construction industry board, division of conditioned air contractors.. Any person, partnership or corporation making application for a license to engage in the business of conditioned air contractor in Columbus, Georgia, shall furnish the revenue collections division of Columbus, Georgia, a copy of the license issued by the division of conditioned air contractors.
- (f) *Conditions of the permit.*

- (1) *Permit intent.* A permit issued shall be construed to be a license to proceed with the work and not as authority to violate, cancel, alter, or set aside any of the provisions of the building official from thereafter requiring a correction of errors in plans, construction, or violations of this code. Every permit issued shall become invalid if the work authorized by such permit is not commenced within six months after its issuance, or if the work authorized by such permit is commenced within six months after its issuance, but then is suspended or abandoned for a period of six months after the time the work is commenced. One or more extensions of time, for periods not more than 90 days each, may be allowed for the permit. The extension shall be requested in writing and justifiable cause demonstrated. Extensions shall be in writing by the building official.
  - (2) *Permit issued on basis of an affidavit.* Whenever a permit is issued in reliance upon an affidavit or whenever the work to be covered by a permit involves installation under conditions which, in the opinion of the building official, are hazardous or complex, the building official shall require that the architect or engineer who signed the affidavit or prepared the drawings or computations shall supervise such work. In addition, they shall be responsible for conformity with the permit, provide copies of inspection reports as inspections are performed, and upon completion make and file with the building official written affidavit that the work has been done in conformity with the reviewed plans and with the structural provisions of the technical codes. In the event such architect or engineer is not available, the owner shall employ in his stead a competent person or agency whose qualifications are reviewed by the building official.
  - (3) *Plans.* When the building official issues a permit, he shall endorse, in writing or by stamp, both sets of plans "Reviewed for Code Compliance." One set of drawings so reviewed shall be retained by the building official and the other set shall be returned to the applicant. The permit drawings shall be kept at the site of work and shall be open to inspection by the building official or his authorized representative.
- (g) *Fees.*
- (1) *Prescribed fees.* A permit shall not be issued until the fees prescribed herein have been paid. Nor shall an amendment to a permit be released until the additional fee, if any, due to an increase in the estimated cost of the building, structure, electrical, plumbing, mechanical or gas systems, has been paid.
  - (2) *Work commencing before permit issuance.* Any person who commences any work on a building, structure, electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing system before obtaining the necessary permits shall be subject to a penalty of 100 percent of the usual permit fee in addition to the required permit fees.
  - (3) *Accounting.* The building official shall keep a permanent and accurate accounting of all permit fees and other monies collected, the names of all persons upon whose account the same was paid, along with the date and amount thereof.
  - (4) *Fee schedule.*
    - a. *Building.* For all buildings, structures, or alterations requiring a building permit, a fee shall be paid as required at the time such permit is issued, in accordance with the following schedule:
      1. ~~The construction valuation of one or two family residential structures shall be calculated, per every square foot of floor area, based on a value equal to 57 percent of the current International Code Council building valuation data.~~ **The permit fee for new construction and substantial renovation of one- or two-family residential structures shall be \$0.35 per square feet of the structure. All areas under a roof shall be included in the total square feet of the structure. The minimum fee shall be \$250.00.**
      2. ~~The construction valuation of all other structures shall be calculated based on the current "Square Foot Construction Costs" per the International Code Council Valuation Data.~~ **The**

permit fee for new construction and substantial renovation of commercial structures shall be calculated per square foot and type of occupancy below:

- Assembly and Educational Occupancies = \$0.65/square foot
- Business and Mercantile Occupancies = \$0.50/square foot
- Residential Occupancy = \$0.55/square foot
- All other occupancies = \$0.40/square foot

All areas under a roof shall be included in the total square feet of the structure. The minimum fee shall be \$250.00.

3. For renovation projects under \$25,000.00 ~~Where the construction valuation does not exceed \$26,000.00 the permit fee shall be \$75.00~~ \$100.00.
  4. For renovation projects over \$25,000.00, up to and including \$50,000 ~~For construction valuations over \$26,000.00, up to and including \$30,000.00, the permit fee shall be \$75.00 for the first \$26,000.00, plus, for each additional thousand dollars, or fraction thereof, add \$2.50.~~ \$150.00
  5. For renovation projects over \$50,000.00, up to and including \$75,000 ~~For construction valuations over \$30,000, the permit fee shall be \$85.00 for the first \$30,000 plus, for each additional thousand dollars, or fraction thereof, add \$4.00.~~ **Renovation projects over \$75,000.00 shall be deemed substantial renovation projects and fees will be calculated per paragraphs 1 and 2 above.**
  6. A plan review fee, for commercial construction shall be one-fourth the permit fee to be submitted with permit application, \$75.00 minimum. Plan review fee is a separate fee from the permit fee and shall not be deducted from the permit fee.
  7. For the moving of any building or structure, other than a portable building, the fee shall be ~~\$75.00~~ \$150.00.
  8. For the moving of any portable building the fee shall be ~~\$50.00~~ \$150.00.
  9. For the demolition of any residential building or structure, the fee shall be ~~\$50.00~~ \$75.00
  10. For the issuance of any certificate of occupancy, the fee shall be ~~\$40.00~~ \$60.00.
  11. Where any work or installation has been disapproved, the fee for a reinspection shall be as follows:
    - i. For first occurrence there will be no charge.
    - ii. For subsequent occurrences the fee shall be ~~\$50.00~~ \$75.00.
  12. Where any building permit has been expired less than 24 months, the reactivation fee shall be \$75.00
  13. Where inspections are required after hours for approved shut downs, or other emergency needs, the fee shall be ~~\$50.00~~ \$75.00, for the first hour, plus ~~\$30.00~~ \$50.00 for each additional hour thereafter.
- b. *Gas.* For all gas systems requiring a permit, a fee shall be paid as required at the time such permit is issued, in accordance with the following schedule:



1. For the installation, repair, alteration or addition of gas piping, appliances or appurtenances, the fee shall be ~~\$50.00~~ \$75.00 per meter.
  2. Where any work or installation has been disapproved, the fee for a reinspection shall be as follows:
    - i. For first occurrence there will be no charge.
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  3. Where inspections are required after hours for approved shut downs, or other emergency needs, the fee shall be ~~\$50.00~~ \$75.00, for the first hour, plus ~~\$30.00~~ \$50.00 for each additional hour thereafter.
- c. *Electrical.* For all electrical systems requiring a permit, a fee shall be paid as required at the time such permit is issued, in accordance with the following schedule:
1. For the installation, repair, alteration or addition of electrical work the fee shall be ~~\$50.00~~ \$75.00 per meter.
  2. For temporary electrical service, the fee shall be ~~\$50.00~~ \$75.00 per meter.
  3. For construction power permits the fee shall be ~~\$50.00~~ \$75.00 per meter.
  4. Where any work or installation has been disapproved, the fee for a re-inspection shall be as follows:
    - i. For first occurrence there will be no charge.
    - ii. For subsequent occurrences the fee shall be ~~\$50.00~~ \$75.00.
  5. Where inspections are required after hours for approved shut downs, or other emergency needs, the fee shall be ~~\$50.00~~ \$75.00, for the first hour, plus ~~\$30.00~~ \$50.00 for each additional hour thereafter.
  6. Construction power approval shall be issued for a period of no more than 180 days. If necessary for temporary work to remain for more than 180 days, request for such extension of temporary approval shall be made in writing by the person, firm or corporation holding the permit.
- d. *Plumbing.* For all plumbing work requiring a permit a fee shall be paid as required at the time such permit is issued, in accordance with the following schedule:
1. For the installation, repair, alteration or addition to any plumbing system, fixture, or appliance the fee shall be ~~\$50.00~~ \$75.00 per meter.
  2. Where any work or installation has been disapproved, the fee for a re-inspection shall be as follows:
    - i. For first occurrence there will be no charge.
    - ii. For subsequent occurrences the fee shall be ~~\$50.00~~ \$75.00.
  3. Where inspections are required after hours for approved shut downs, or other emergency needs, the fee shall be ~~\$50.00~~ \$75.00, for the first hour, plus ~~\$30.00~~ \$50.00 for each additional hour thereafter.
- e. *Mechanical.* For all heating and air conditioning work requiring a permit, a fee shall be paid as required at the time such permit is issued, in accordance with the following schedule:

1. For the installation, repair, alteration or addition of heating, ventilating, duct, air conditioning and refrigeration systems, the fee shall be ~~\$50.00~~ **\$75.00**.
  2. Where any work or installation has been disapproved, the fee for a re-inspection shall be as follows:
    - i. For first occurrence there will be no charge.
    - ii. For subsequent occurrences the fee shall be ~~\$50.00~~ **\$75.00**.
  3. Where inspections are required after hours for approved shut downs, or other emergency needs, the fee shall be ~~\$\$50.00~~ **\$75.00**, for the first hour, plus ~~\$30.00~~ **\$50.00** for each additional hour thereafter
- f. *Building permit valuations.* If **for substantial renovation projects**, in the opinion of the building official, the valuation of building, alteration, structure, electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing systems appears to be underestimated on the application, permit shall be denied, unless the applicant can show detailed estimates to meet the approval of the building official. Permit valuations shall include total cost, such as electrical, gas, mechanical, plumbing equipment and other systems, including materials and labor.

(Ord. No. 17-19, § 2, 5-9-17; Ord. No. 18-24, § 1, 6-12-18, eff. 7-1-18)

Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_

An Ordinance adopting new permit fees for Building Code inspections in Section 8-14.4 of the Columbus Code; and for other purposes.

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

SECTION 1.

Chapter 8 of the Columbus Code is here by amended by striking paragraph (g) of Section 8-14.4 and replacing it with a new paragraph (g) to read as follows:

“(g) *Fees.*

- (1) *Prescribed fees.* A permit shall not be issued until the fees prescribed herein have been paid. Nor shall an amendment to a permit be released until the additional fee, if any, due to an increase in the estimated cost of the building, structure, electrical, plumbing, mechanical or gas systems, has been paid.
- (2) *Work commencing before permit issuance.* Any person who commences any work on a building, structure, electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing system before obtaining the necessary permits shall be subject to a penalty of 100 percent of the usual permit fee in addition to the required permit fees.
- (3) *Accounting.* The building official shall keep a permanent and accurate accounting of all permit fees and other monies collected, the names of all persons upon whose account the same was paid, along with the date and amount thereof.
- (4) *Fee schedule.*
  - a. *Building.* For all buildings, structures, or alterations requiring a building permit, a fee shall be paid as required at the time such permit is issued, in accordance with the following schedule:
    1. The permit fee for new construction and substantial renovation of one- or two-family residential structures shall be \$0.35 per square feet of the structure. All areas under a roof shall be included in the total square feet of the structure. The minimum fee shall be \$250.00.
    2. The permit fee for new construction and substantial renovation of commercial structures shall be calculated per square foot and type of occupancy below:
      - Assembly and Educational Occupancies = \$0.65/square foot
      - Business and Mercantile Occupancies = \$0.50/square foot
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All areas under a roof shall be included in the total square feet of the structure. The minimum fee shall be \$250.00.
    3. For renovation projects under \$25,000. the permit fee shall be \$100.00.

4. For renovation projects over \$25,000.00, up to and including \$50,000, the permit fee shall be \$150.00.
  5. For renovation projects over \$50,000.00, up to and including \$75,000, the permit fee shall be \$250.00. Renovation projects over \$75,000.00 shall be deemed substantial renovation projects and fees will be calculated per paragraphs 1 and 2 above.
  6. A plan review fee, for commercial construction shall be one-fourth the permit fee to be submitted with permit application, \$75.00 minimum. Plan review fee is a separate fee from the permit fee and shall not be deducted from the permit fee.
  7. For the moving of any building or structure, other than a portable building, the fee shall be \$150.00.
  8. For the moving of any portable building the fee shall be \$150.00.
  9. For the demolition of any residential building or structure, the fee shall be \$75.00.
  10. For the issuance of any certificate of occupancy, the fee shall be \$60.00.
  11. Where any work or installation has been disapproved, the fee for a reinspection shall be as follows:
    - i. For first occurrence there will be no charge.
    - ii. For subsequent occurrences the fee shall be \$75.00.
  12. Where any building permit has been expired less than 24 months, the reactivation fee shall be \$75.00
  13. Where inspections are required after hours for approved shut downs, or other emergency needs, the fee shall be \$75.00, for the first hour, plus \$50.00 for each additional hour thereafter.
- b. *Gas.* For all gas systems requiring a permit, a fee shall be paid as required at the time such permit is issued, in accordance with the following schedule:
1. For the installation, repair, alteration or addition of gas piping, appliances or appurtenances, the fee shall be \$75.00 per meter.
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  2. For temporary electrical service, the fee shall be \$75.00 per meter.
  3. For construction power permits the fee shall be \$75.00 per meter.
  4. Where any work or installation has been disapproved, the fee for a re-inspection shall be as follows:

- i. For first occurrence there will be no charge.
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- 5. Where inspections are required after hours for approved shutdowns, or other emergency needs, the fee shall be \$75.00, for the first hour, plus \$50.00 for each additional hour thereafter.
- 6. Construction power approval shall be issued for a period of no more than 180 days. If necessary for temporary work to remain for more than 180 days, request for such extension of temporary approval shall be made in writing by the person, firm or corporation holding the permit.
- d. *Plumbing.* For all plumbing work requiring a permit a fee shall be paid as required at the time such permit is issued, in accordance with the following schedule:
  - 1. For the installation, repair, alteration or addition to any plumbing system, fixture, or appliance the fee shall be \$75.00 per meter.
  - 2. Where any work or installation has been disapproved, the fee for a re-inspection shall be as follows:
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- f. *Building permit valuations.* If for substantial renovation projects, in the opinion of the building official, the valuation of building, alteration, structure, electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing systems appears to be underestimated on the application, permit shall be denied, unless the applicant can show detailed estimates to meet the approval of the building official. Permit valuations shall include total cost, such as electrical, gas, mechanical, plumbing equipment and other systems, including materials and labor."

## SECTION 2.

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

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held on the 14th day of May, 2024; introduced a second time at a regular meeting held on the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen        voting \_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Begly        voting \_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Cogle        voting \_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Crabb        voting \_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Davis        voting \_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Garrett       voting \_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Hickey        voting \_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Huff         voting \_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Thomas       voting \_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Tucker       voting \_\_\_\_.

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. “Skip” Henderson, III Mayor

**File Attachments for Item:**

**10. 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 2024 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 2024 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 2024 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 2024 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 32.92 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 7.97 mills including the Sales Tax Rollback equivalent to 17.68 mills and 0.82 mills for Transportation. Additionally, of such Gross Millage Rate, there are hereby levied 2.09 mills (out of a maximum allowed 3 mills) to provide support for indigent and inmate medical healthcare costs; 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 15.24 mills. There is also hereby levied a Bond Millage Rate of 0.83 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 \$95,910,131.86 in sales taxes in accordance with state regulation.

Service	USD#1 (Mills)
Gross General & Urban Service Millage Rate	24.83
Sales Tax Credit	-17.68
Transportation Levy	0.82
<b>Total General &amp; Urban Service Millage Rate</b>	<b>7.97</b>
Paving	3.44
Stormwater (Sewer)	1.24
Indigent and Inmate Care	2.09
Economic Development Authority	0.50
<b>Net M &amp; O Millage Rate</b>	<b>15.24</b>
Bond Millage Rate	0.83
<b>Total Millage Rate</b>	<b>16.07</b>
Service	USD#2 (Mills)
Total Urban Service District #1 Levy	16.07
Urban Service District Credit	-5.98
<b>Total USD#2 Millage</b>	<b>10.09</b>
Service	USD#4 (Mills)
Total Urban Service District #1 Levy	16.07
Urban Service District Credit	-6.88
<b>Total USD#4 Millage</b>	<b>9.19</b>

**SECTION 4.**

Net total tax millage for all real and personal property for the calendar year 2024 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 2024 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 2024 and the first day of April 2024, 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, 2024.

## **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 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 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, 2024.

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 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 2 and delinquent if not paid before December 3. 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 20, 2024; 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 2024, and between January 1, 2024 and September 1, 2024, 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 instanter, 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 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024; introduced a second time at a regular meeting of said Council held on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024, and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting \_\_\_\_\_ .
- Councilor Begly voting \_\_\_\_\_ .
- Councilor Cogle voting \_\_\_\_\_ .
- Councilor Crabb voting \_\_\_\_\_ .
- Councilor Davis voting \_\_\_\_\_ .
- Councilor Garrett voting \_\_\_\_\_ .
- Councilor Hickey voting \_\_\_\_\_ .
- Councilor Huff voting \_\_\_\_\_ .
- Councilor Thomas voting \_\_\_\_\_ .
- Councilor Tucker voting \_\_\_\_\_ .

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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

**File Attachments for Item:**

**1. TSPLOST Projects, Band 2**

Approval is requested to proceed with executing and funding the preconstruction requirements for Band 2 Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST) Projects that will be handled locally to include right of way acquisition, permanent and temporary construction easements, utility relocation, environmental mitigation and other necessary agreements to prepare projects for construction.

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<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	<b>TSPLOST Projects, Band 2</b>
<b>AGENDA SUMMARY:</b>	Approval is requested to proceed with executing and funding the preconstruction requirements for Band 2 Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST) Projects that will be handled locally to include right of way acquisition, permanent and temporary construction easements, utility relocation, environmental mitigation and other necessary agreements to prepare projects for construction.
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	<b>Planning Department</b>

**Recommendation:** Approval is requested to proceed with executing and funding the preconstruction requirements for Band 2 Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST) Projects that will be handled locally to include right of way acquisition, permanent and temporary construction easements, utility relocation, environmental mitigation and other necessary agreements to prepare projects for construction.

**Background:** In May 2022, voters in the River Valley District, of which Columbus is a part, approved a regional transportation special purpose local option sales tax (TSPLOST). This is also known as the Transportation Investment Act of 2010. This legislation authorized the funding of designated transportation projects as determined by a regional roundtable committee of local elected officials from the region and approved by the citizens. The collection of TSPLOST began January 1, 2023. The following list of Band 2 TSPLOST projects have been identified, budget estimates provided, managed by the city, and funded through 2022 TSPLOST:

Morris Road Improvements - \$12,000,000

Forrest Road Widening - \$15,400,000

The remaining Band 2 projects will be managed by the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and the Columbus Airport Authority. The GDOT projects include 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Improvements and Streetscapes and the JR Allen @ Blackmon and Schomburg Roads Intersection Improvements. The Columbus Airport Authority project includes passenger terminal improvements and runway resurfacing.

**Analysis:** The completion of the pre-construction activities for road improvements, safety, and alternative transportation projects is required prior to the project being authorized for competitive bids.

**Financial Considerations:** Funding for said projects will be funded with the 2022 TSPLOST.

**Legal Considerations:** The City Attorney approves this resolution.

**Recommendation/Action:** Approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to proceed with executing and funding the pre-construction requirements for Band 2 Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST) Projects that will be handled locally to include right of way acquisition, permanent and temporary construction easements, utility relocation, environmental mitigation and other necessary agreements to prepare projects for construction.

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**A RESOLUTION**

No. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PROCEED WITH EXECUTING AND FUNDING THE PRE-CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENT, SAFETY, AND ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS FUNDED THROUGH THE TRANSPORTATION SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX (TSPLOST) FUNDS, TO INCLUDE RIGHT OF WAY ACQUISITION, PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENTS, UTILITY RELOCATION, ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION AND OTHER NECESSARY AGREEMENTS TO PREPARE THE PROJECTS FOR CONSTRUCTION.**

**WHEREAS**, the completion of pre-construction activities for road improvement projects is required prior to the project being authorized for competitive bid; and,

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**WHEREAS**, these activities include but not limited to right of way acquisition, permanent and temporary construction easements, utility relocation, and environmental mitigation; and

**WHEREAS**, the following list of road improvement, safety and alternative transportation projects have been identified, budget estimates provided, and funded through TSPLOST, Band 2,

- Morris Road Improvements- \$12,000,000
- Forrest Road Widening - \$15,400,000

**WHEREAS**, funding for pre-construction and construction services for the above projects is available through the TSPLOST.

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

The City Manager is hereby authorized to proceed with the executing and funding the pre-construction requirements for the road improvement, safety and alternative transportation projects funded through TSPLOST as identified above to include right of way acquisition, permanent and temporary construction easements, utility relocation, environmental mitigation and other necessary agreements to prepare the projects for construction.

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Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024, and adopted at the said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Begly voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Cogle voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Crabb voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Davis voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Garrett voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- District 1 voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Huff voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Thomas voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Tucker voting \_\_\_\_\_.



**File Attachments for Item:**

**2. GDOT/Norfolk Southern Agreement for 9<sup>th</sup> Street Crossing Improvements**

Approval is requested to enter into an agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and Norfolk Southern Railroad to upgrade the crossing at 9<sup>th</sup> Street and Veterans Parkway.

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Item #2.

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	<b>GDOT/Norfolk Southern Agreement for 9<sup>th</sup> Street Crossing Improvements</b>
<b>AGENDA SUMMARY:</b>	Approval is requested to enter into an agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and Norfolk Southern Railroad to upgrade the crossing at 9 <sup>th</sup> Street and Veterans Parkway.
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	<b>Engineering Department</b>

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**Recommendation:** Approval is requested to enter into an agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and Norfolk Southern Railroad to upgrade the crossing at 9<sup>th</sup> Street and Veterans Parkway.

**Background:** The Council authorized an Agreement in June 2005 by Resolution 313-05 to upgrade several railroad crossings in the City. This Resolution included the 9<sup>th</sup> Street/Veterans Parkway Crossing.

**Analysis:** The concrete panels installed under the original agreement exceeded their useful life and were removed from the crossing. The Railroad no longer uses concrete panels. The current recommendation is to use rubber panels with an expected lifespan greater than 15 years. The rubber panels should absorb more of the shock from the heavier trucks hitting the crossing.

**Financial Considerations:** Norfolk Southern, GDOT, and the city will share the cost of the repairs and upgrades. It is currently estimated to be approximately \$80,000 each.

**Legal Considerations:** The City Attorney will review the Agreement prior to signatures.

**Recommendation/Action:** Approval is requested to enter into an agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and Norfolk Southern Railroad to upgrade the crossing at 9<sup>th</sup> Street and Veterans Parkway.

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILROAD AND GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO REPAIR AND UPGRADE THE CROSSING AT 9<sup>TH</sup> STREET AND VETERANS' PARKWAY.**

**WHEREAS**, Norfolk Southern is planning to perform maintenance on the rail line along 9<sup>th</sup> Street; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of Columbus desires to upgrade the crossing at Veterans Parkway; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Georgia Department of Transportation and Norfolk Southern Railroad desire the City participate in the cost to upgrade the crossing to rubber panels.

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

To authorize the City Manager to enter into an Agreement with the Norfolk Southern Railroad and Georgia Department of Transportation to repair and upgrade the crossing at 9<sup>th</sup> Street and Veterans Parkway.

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Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024, and adopted at the said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Begly voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Cogle voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Crabb voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Davis voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Garrett voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- District 1 voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Huff voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Thomas voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Tucker voting \_\_\_\_\_.

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

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<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors	Item #2.
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Gateway Foundation Agreement</b>	
<b>AGENDA SUMMARY:</b>	Approval is requested to enter into an agreement with Gateway Foundation to obtain the proper permits from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and have the letters changed accordingly to Fort Moore prior to July 10 on the Gateway Structure at the I-185/Fort Moore interchange.	
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	<b>Department of Engineering</b>	

**Recommendation:** Approval is requested to enter into an agreement with Gateway Foundation to obtain the proper permits from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and have the letters changed accordingly to Fort Moore prior to July 10, on the Gateway Structure at the I-185/Fort Moore interchange.

**Background:** Resolution 298-10 authorized the construction of the bridge structure façade and landscape enhancements at the interchange which is the entrance to Fort Moore formerly known as Fort Benning Military Installation.

**Analysis:** Gateway Foundation partnered with the City on the original project. Permits will need to be obtained from GDOT in order to work over the highway to change the letters.

**Financial Considerations:** Gateway Foundation is paying for the installation of the letters.

**Legal Considerations:** The City will have to execute the necessary permits from GDOT.

**Recommendation/Action:** Approval is requested to enter into an agreement with Gateway Foundation to obtain the proper permits from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and have the letters changed accordingly to Fort Moore prior to July 10, on the Gateway Structure at the I-185/Fort Moore interchange.

## A RESOLUTION

NO.

### A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH GATEWAY FOUNDATION FOR CHANGING OF THE LETTERS DISPLAYED ON THE GATEWAY STRUCTURE AT THE FORT MOORE INTERCHANGE.

**WHEREAS,** Resolution No 298-10 authorized the construction of a bridge structure façade and landscape enhancement project at I-185 and the entrance to the Fort Benning Military Base; and,

**WHEREAS**, the structure is over the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) right of way and requires a permit to work on the structure over the highway; and,

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**WHEREAS**, the name of the military installation formerly known as Fort Benning was changed to Fort Moore in May 2023 and,

**WHEREAS**, Columbus Consolidated Government and Fort Moore Military Base desire to have the Fort Benning letters changed to the new name of Fort Moore prior to July 10<sup>th</sup>.

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

That the City Manager is authorized to enter into an agreement with Gateway Foundation to obtain the proper permits from the Georgia Department of Transportation and have the letters changed accordingly prior to July 10th.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2024 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Begly voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Cogle voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Crabb voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Davis voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Garrett voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- District 1 voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Huff voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Thomas voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Tucker voting \_\_\_\_\_.

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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

**File Attachments for Item:**

**3. Gateway Foundation Agreement**

Approval is requested to enter into an agreement with Gateway Foundation to obtain the proper permits from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and have the letters changed accordingly to Fort Moore prior to July 10 on the Gateway Structure at the I-185/Fort Moore interchange.

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Item #3.

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Gateway Foundation Agreement</b>
<b>AGENDA SUMMARY:</b>	Approval is requested to enter into an agreement with Gateway Foundation to obtain the proper permits from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and have the letters changed accordingly to Fort Moore prior to July 10 on the Gateway Structure at the I-185/Fort Moore interchange.
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	<b>Department of Engineering</b>

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**Recommendation:** Approval is requested to enter into an agreement with Gateway Foundation to obtain the proper permits from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and have the letters changed accordingly to Fort Moore prior to July 10, on the Gateway Structure at the I-185/Fort Moore interchange.

**Background:** Resolution 298-10 authorized the construction of the bridge structure façade and landscape enhancements at the interchange which is the entrance to Fort Moore formerly known as Fort Benning Military Installation.

**Analysis:** Gateway Foundation partnered with the City on the original project. Permits will need to be obtained from GDOT in order to work over the highway to change the letters.

**Financial Considerations:** Gateway Foundation is paying for the installation of the letters.

**Legal Considerations:** The City will have to execute the necessary permits from GDOT.

**Recommendation/Action:** Approval is requested to enter into an agreement with Gateway Foundation to obtain the proper permits from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and have the letters changed accordingly to Fort Moore prior to July 10, on the Gateway Structure at the I-185/Fort Moore interchange.

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Item #3.

NO.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH GATEWAY FOUNDATION FOR CHANGING OF THE LETTERS DISPLAYED ON THE GATEWAY STRUCTURE AT THE FORT MOORE INTERCHANGE.**

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No 298-10 authorized the construction of a bridge structure façade and landscape enhancement project at I-185 and the entrance to the Fort Benning Military Base; and,

**WHEREAS**, the structure is over the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) right of way and requires a permit to work on the structure over the highway; and,

**WHEREAS**, the name of the military installation formerly known as Fort Benning was changed to Fort Moore in May 2023 and,

**WHEREAS**, Columbus Consolidated Government and Fort Moore Military Base desire to have the Fort Benning letters changed to the new name of Fort Moore prior to July 10<sup>th</sup>.

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

That the City Manager is authorized to enter into an agreement with Gateway Foundation to obtain the proper permits from the Georgia Department of Transportation and have the letters changed accordingly prior to July 10th.

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Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024, and adopted at the said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Begly voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Cogle voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Crabb voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Davis voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Garrett voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- District 1 voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Huff voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Thomas voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Tucker voting \_\_\_\_\_.

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor



C.M. 08-24-10 (TJH)

298-10

A RESOLUTION

NO. 298-10

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH ARCHER WESTERN CONTRACTORS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,885,825.65 FOR A RIGHT-OF-WAY BRIDGE FAÇADE AND LANDSCAPE ENHANCEMENT PROJECT ON I-185 AT I-185 FORT BENNING GATEWAY.

WHEREAS, the work primarily involves clearing, grubbing, planting various landscaping items, installation of irrigation, as well as, fountain plaza and construction of monument and bridge façade.

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

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute a construction contract with Archer Western Contractors in the amount of \$5,885,825.65 for a right-of-way bridge façade and landscape enhancement project at the I-185 Fort Benning Gateway. Funds are budgeted in the FY11 Budget: Special Projects/Capital Projects Fund – Capital Projects – Paving Fund Supported - General Construction - I-185 Ft Benning Gateway Project; 0508 - 660 –3000 - CPPF 7661- 21052 - 20100.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the 24th day of August, 2010 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of nine members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting YES
- Councilor Anthony voting YES
- Councilor Baker voting YES
- Councilor Barnes voting YES
- Councilor Davis voting YES
- Councilor Henderson voting YES
- Councilor Hunter voting YES
- Councilor McDaniel voting ABSENT
- Councilor Turner Pugh voting YES
- Councilor Woodson voting YES

Tiny B. Washington, Clerk of Council

Jim Wetherington, Mayor

**File Attachments for Item:**

**4. Lease of Equipment for City Golf Courses**

Approval is requested to approve the lease of 41 golf cars for use at Oxbow Creek Golf Course and 6 golf cars for use at Godwin Creek Golf Course. The golf cars will replace the existing fleet that are at the end of their lease term. This is a budgeted expense.

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<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Lease of Equipment for City Golf Courses</b>
<b>AGENDA SUMMARY:</b>	Approval is requested to approve the lease of 41 golf cars for use at Oxbow Creek Golf Course and 6 golf cars for use at Godwin Creek Golf Course. The golf cars will replace the existing fleet that are at the end of their lease term. This is a budgeted expense.
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	<b>Golf Authority</b>

**Recommendation:** Approval is requested to approve the lease of 41 golf cars for use at Oxbow Creek Golf Course and 6 golf cars for use at Godwin Creek Golf Course. The golf cars will replace the existing fleet that are at the end of their lease term. This is a budgeted expense.

**Background:** There is a need at the Oxbow Creek Golf Course and Godwin Creek Golf Course for the equipment listed below to serve golfers.

**Oxbow Creek:**

Lease-41 Yamaha golf cars  
Equipment schedule #217492

- 1. Monthly payment of \$3,503.86/48 months-total payments-\$168,185.28

**Godwin Creek:**

Lease-6 Yamaha golf cars  
Equipment schedule #219401

- 1. Monthly payment of \$512.76/48 months-total payments-\$24,612.48

**Analysis:** For Oxbow Creek and Godwin Creek Golf Course, the lease agreements will be for 48 months payments totaling \$168,185.28 and \$24,612.48 respectively.

**Financial Considerations:** At the end of the term of each lease the equipment will be returned to Yamaha Golf Car Company.

**Legal Considerations:** The lease agreement and any other documentation will be reviewed by the City Attorney’s Office.

**Recommendations/Actions:** Approval is requested to approve the lease of 41 golf cars for use at Oxbow Creek Golf Course and 6 golf cars for use at Godwin Creek Golf Course. The golf cars will replace the existing fleet that are at the end of their lease term. This is a budgeted expense.

**A RESOLUTION**

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

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TWO LEASE AGREEMENTS AND TWO LEASE/ PURCHASE AGREEMENTS WITH YAMAHA MOTOR FINANCE CORPORATION OVER A 48 MONTH LEASE PERIOD IN A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$168,185.28 AND \$24,612.48 RESPECTIVELY, TO OBTAIN EQUIPMENT TO BE UTILIZED AT OXBOW CREEK AND GODWIN CREEK GOLF COURSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the golf cars are needed to serve golfers at Oxbow Creek Golf Course and Godwin Creek Golf Course.

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

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into two lease agreements on behalf of the Columbus Golf Authority to acquire golf car equipment from Yamaha Golf Car Company with the terms set forth on Exhibit A. The cost of the leases for the equipment to be utilized at Oxbow Creek Golf Course will total \$168,185.28 and \$24,612.48, respectively, over a period of 48 months. Funds are available in the FY24 Budget as follows: Bull Creek Golf Course Fund – Godwin Creek – Equipment Rental/Lease; 0755-630-2300-6543. Oxbow Creek Golf Course Fund – Oxbow Creek – Maintenance - Equipment Rental/Lease; 0756-640-2200-6543. The City Manager, the Golf Director and their designees shall be authorized to execute the necessary documentation for this transaction.

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Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Begly voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Cogle voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Crabb voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Davis voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Garrett voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- District 1 voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Huff voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Thomas voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Tucker voting \_\_\_\_\_.

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

**EXHIBIT A**

**Oxbow Creek:**

Lease-41 Yamaha golf cars  
Equipment schedule #217492

1. Monthly payment of \$3,503.86/48 months-total payments-\$168,185.28

**Godwin Creek:**

Lease-6 Yamaha golf cars  
Equipment schedule #219401

2. Monthly payment of \$512.76/48 months-total payments-\$24,612.48

**File Attachments for Item:**

**5. Georgia Fund I Investment Pool Signatory Update**

Approval is requested to update the signatories for the City at the “Georgia Fund I” Investment Pool which is operated by the state Office of Treasury and Fiscal Services.

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Item #5.

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Georgia Fund I Investment Pool Signatory Update</b>
<b>AGENDA SUMMARY:</b>	Approval is requested to update the signatories for the City at the “Georgia Fund I” Investment Pool which is operated by the state Office of Treasury and Fiscal Services.
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	<b>Finance Department</b>

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**Recommendation:** Approval is requested to update the signatories for the City at the “Georgia Fund I” Investment Pool which is operated by the state Office of Treasury and Fiscal Services.

**Background:** O.C.G.A. §36-83-1, et. Seq. authorizes local governments to invest funds at Georgia Fund I which is operated by the state Office of Treasury and Fiscal Services. The Office of Treasury and Fiscal Services requires adoption of a new resolution by Council any time there are banking changes, changes in the individuals who are authorized to deposit or withdraw funds from the pool, or there is a need to provide new information. This requested resolution is to change the individuals who are authorized to deposit or withdraw funds from the pool due to retirement of an employee.

**Analysis:** The investment pool is operated as a money market account, which invests only in securities authorized by state law.

**Financial Considerations:** Continued use of the pool is expected to provide a favorable investment return with minimal risk while assuring sufficient liquidity for the City.

**Legal Considerations:** The Office of Treasury and Fiscal Services requires adoption of a new resolution by Council any time there are banking changes or changes in the individuals who are authorized to deposit or withdraw funds from the pool.

**Recommendation/Action:** Approve a resolution updating the signatories for the City at the local government investment pool known as “Georgia Fund I” which is operated by the State Office of Treasury and Fiscal Services.



**A RESOLUTION**

Item #5.

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

**A RESOLUTION UPDATING THE SIGNATORIES FOR THE COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT AT THE GEORGIA FUND I INVESTMENT POOL WHICH IS OPERATED BY THE STATE OF GEORGIA OFFICE OF TREASURY AND FISCAL SERVICES.**

**WHEREAS**, O.C.G.A. §36-83-1, et. Seq. authorizes the investment of funds by local governments in a local government investment pool operated by the state; and,

**WHEREAS**, the local government investment pool operates as a money market account, which invests only in securities authorized by state law and serves as a cash management tool for the Columbus Consolidated Government investment portfolio; and,

**WHEREAS**, due to the retirement of an employee the Columbus Consolidated Government needs to update the individuals authorized to deposit and withdraw funds from the pool.

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

The Mayor and/or his designee is authorized to execute a resolution to update the signatories at the Georgia Fund I Investment Pool.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024, and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Begly voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Cogle voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Crabb voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Davis voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Garrett voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- District 1 voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Huff voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Thomas voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Tucker voting \_\_\_\_\_.

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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

**File Attachments for Item:**

**6. Columbus Civic Center: Donation Acceptance**

Approval is requested to accept financial donations in support of our Juneteenth event celebration.

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

Item #6.

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Columbus Civic Center: Donation Acceptance</b>
<b>AGENDA SUMMARY:</b>	Approval is requested to accept financial donations in support of our Juneteenth event celebration.
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	<b>Columbus Civic Center</b>

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**Recommendation:** Approval is requested to accept financial donations in support of our Juneteenth event celebration.

**Background:** This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Juneteenth Celebration that the City of Columbus will observe. June 19<sup>th</sup> is the Juneteenth holiday and observance and the Nation’s newest national holiday, consecrated in June of 2021 by President Biden.

**Analysis:** The Columbus Civic Center will deposit these funds in accordance with policy and maintain records and receipts accordingly.

**Financial Considerations:** The donated funds are for the Juneteenth Celebration and will be placed within the Department’s designated Donation fund. Any funds collected and not needed for the 2024 celebration may be segregated and used for the 2025 celebration.

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

**Recommendation/Action:** Approval is requested to accept financial donations given in support of the Juneteenth event celebration.

**A RESOLUTION**

**NO.**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF DONATED FUNDS FOR THE JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION.**

Item #6.

**WHEREAS**, the Columbus Civic Center is requesting the acceptance of donated funds for use in conjunction with the Juneteenth Celebration; and,

**WHEREAS**, this is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Juneteenth Celebration that the City of Columbus will observe. June 19<sup>th</sup> is the Juneteenth holiday and observance and the Nation’s newest national holiday, consecrated in June of 2021 by President Biden, and,

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

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to accept donated funds for the 2024 Juneteenth Celebration. Any funds collected and not needed for the 2024 celebration may be segregated and used for the 2025 celebration.

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Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2024 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ten members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Begley voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Cogle voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Crabb voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Davis voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Garrett voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- District 1 voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Huff voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Thomas voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Tucker voting \_\_\_\_\_.

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. “Skip” Henderson III, Mayor

**File Attachments for Item:**

A. Used Oil & Antifreeze Recycling Services (Re-Bid) (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 24-0031

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	Used Oil & Antifreeze Recycling Services (Re-Bid) (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 24-0031
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the annual contract with Transformational Living Coaching and Consulting Services, LLC (Atlanta, GA) for the removal and recycling of used oil at the rate of \$0.73 per gallon, and the removal and recycling of used antifreeze at the rate of \$0.50 per gallon. The Contractor will pay the gallon rate to the City, and this revenue will be deposited into the Government Wide Revenue Account. Public Works collects approximately 500 gallons to be recycled bi-weekly. METRA collects approximately 250-300 gallons to be recycled every sixty (60) days.

The used oil and antifreeze will be removed from the following locations: Fleet Maintenance, 1011 Cusseta Road, Heavy Equipment Shop, 3950 Schatulga Road and Metra Transit, 814 Linwood Blvd.

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

Bid specifications were posted on the web pages of the Purchasing Division, DemandStar and Georgia Procurement Registry. Three (3) bids were received on April 17, 2024. This bid has been advertised, opened, and reviewed. The bidders were:

VENDORS	Transformational Living Coaching and Consulting Services, LLC (Atlanta, GA)		Safety-Kleen Systems, Inc. (Norwell, MA)		Universal Environmental Services (Peachtree City, GA) <sup>1</sup>	
	USED OIL	ANTIFREEZE	USED OIL	ANTIFREEZE	USED OIL	ANTIFREEZE
<b>VENDOR WILL PAY (PER GALLON)</b>	\$0.73	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.00	\$0.20	\$0.00
<b>SERVICE INTERVAL</b>	2 x day as needed	2 x day as needed	As needed	As needed	As needed	As needed
<i>Vendor's response time after notification of accidental overflow</i>	2 hours max		Within 24 hours		24 hours	

<sup>1</sup> Universal Environmental Services (Peachtree City, GA) submitted 'incomplete' forms for both the E-Verify and Conflict of Interest Affidavit; and therefore, automatically deemed non-responsive and cannot be considered for award. The vendor has been notified.

Revenue will be deposited into the Government Wide Revenue Account – Recycling Fees;  
0101-099-1999-REVN-4558.

**A RESOLUTION**

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

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ANNUAL CONTRACT WITH TRANSFORMATIONAL LIVING COACHING AND CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC (ATLANTA, GA) FOR THE REMOVAL AND RECYCLING OF USED OIL AT THE RATE OF \$0.73 PER GALLON, AND THE REMOVAL AND RECYCLING OF USED ANTIFREEZE AT THE RATE OF \$0.50 PER GALLON. THE CONTRACTOR WILL PAY THE per GALLON RATE TO THE CITY, AND THIS REVENUE WILL BE DEPOSITED INTO THE GOVERNMENT WIDE REVENUE ACCOUNT. PUBLIC WORKS COLLECTS APPROXIMATELY 500 GALLONS TO BE RECYCLED BI-WEEKLY. METRA COLLECTS APPROXIMATELY 250-300 GALLONS TO BE RECYCLED EVERY SIXTY (60) DAYS.**

**WHEREAS**, the used oil and antifreeze will be removed from the following locations: Fleet Maintenance, 1011 Cusseta Road, Heavy Equipment Shop, 3950 Schatulga Road and Metra Transit, 814 Linwood Blvd; and,

**WHEREAS**, the contract term shall be for three years, with the option to renew for two additional twelve-month periods, contingent upon the mutual agreement of the City and Contractor.

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

That the City Manager and/or his designee is hereby authorized to approve the annual contract with Transformational Living Coaching and Consulting Services, LLC (Atlanta, GA) for the removal and recycling of used oil at the rate of \$0.73 per gallon, and the removal and recycling of used antifreeze, at the rate of \$0.50 per gallon. The Contractor will pay the per gallon rate to the City, and this revenue will be deposited into the Government Wide Revenue Account. Revenue will be deposited as follows: Government Wide Revenue Account – Recycling Fees; 0101-099-1999-REVN-4558.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting \_\_\_\_\_
- Council District 1 Seat voting \_\_\_\_\_
- Councilor Begly voting \_\_\_\_\_
- Councilor Cogle voting \_\_\_\_\_
- Councilor Crabb voting \_\_\_\_\_
- Councilor Davis voting \_\_\_\_\_
- Councilor Garrett voting \_\_\_\_\_
- Councilor Huff voting \_\_\_\_\_



Councilor Thomas voting \_\_\_\_\_  
Councilor Tucker voting \_\_\_\_\_

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

**File Attachments for Item:**

B. Amendment 18 for Construction Manager as General Contractor Services for Columbus Government Center Complex – RFQ No. 20-0002

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	Amendment 18 for Construction Manager as General Contractor Services for Columbus Government Center Complex – RFQ No. 20-0002
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	Finance Department

It is requested that Council authorize the execution of Amendment 18 in the amount of \$227,489.00 with Gilbane Building Company (Atlanta, GA), in association with Freeman & Associates, Inc., for construction manager as general contractor services for the Government Center Complex.

Per Resolution No. 030-20, dated February 11, 2020, Council authorized the execution of a contract with Gilbane Building Company (Atlanta, GA), in association with Freeman & Associates, Inc., for construction manager as general contractor services for the new Government Center Complex. Council further authorized the negotiation of costs for the remaining phases of the project.

On February 1, 2024, portions of City Hall were damaged from flooding caused during the repair of a plumbing fixture. Amendment 18 is for the complete restoration of City Hall to its pre-flood condition. The scope of work includes carpet replacement, drywall repairs, and painting. The cost of the repairs has been reviewed and approved by the City's insurance company. Funding will be provided by insurance proceeds.

<b>Document</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Original Contract	Construction manager as general contractor (CM/GC) for preconstruction services for the Government Center Complex, which included technical review, cost verification, cost evaluation, value engineering, schedule development, and schedule evaluation, in addition to management of the construction.	325,000.00
Amendment 1	Construction manager as general contractor (CM/GC) for preconstruction services for the new courthouse	978,000.00
Amendment 2	Early equipment package for the former Synovus Bank main office building and parking structure located on Broadway, which will serve as the new Government Center.	4,211,609.63

Amendment 3	Guaranteed Maximum Price Amendment for the former Synovus Bank main office building and parking structure located on Broadway, which will serve as the new City Hall	19,288,390.37
Amendment 4	Preconstruction services for the former TSYS Building located at 1000 5 <sup>th</sup> Avenue, which will serve as the Sheriff's Administration offices and Jail Support	58,500.00
Amendment 5	Material and Labor for the construction of full-size mock-ups of the future Judicial Center courtrooms.	77,000.00
Amendment 6	Early Equipment Package for the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office Administration Building and generator and parking garage security cameras for City Hall	703,302.00
Amendment 7	Procurement and installation of back-up generator for the City Hall project.	1,427,272.00
Amendment 8	Procurement and installation of security cameras for the parking garage at City Hall	261,279.00
Amendment 9	Initial Demolition and Furniture Relocation at the new Sheriff's Administration Building	\$195,051.00
Amendment 10	Government Center Tower Modifications for Juvenile Court	\$1,374,613.00
Amendment 11	Moving Expenses	\$500,000.00
Amendment 12	Guaranteed Maximum Price Amendment for the Sheriff's Office Administration Building located at 1000 5 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	\$12,871,481.00
Amendment 13	Construction of Courtroom at the new Sheriff's Office Administration Building	\$1,687,315.00
Amendment 14	Additional needs identified by the Sheriff for the Sheriff's Office Administration Building	\$1,835,294.00
Amendment 15	Early Demolition and Sitework for Judicial Center	\$5,916,826.00
Amendment 16	Emergency Management and Homeland Security Offices and CPD Uptown Precinct	\$1,100,000.00
Amendment 17	Judicial Center Core and Shell	\$142,363,044.00
<b>Amendment 18</b>	<b>City Hall Flood Damage Repairs</b>	<b>\$227,489.00</b>
New Contract Amount		\$195,401,466.00

Funding is available for Amendment 18, as follows: Special Projects Capital Project Fund – Capital Projects – General Fund Supported Capital Project – General Construction – City Hall Flooding Repairs; 0508-660-1000-CPGF-7661-22974-20240.

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

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AMENDMENT 18 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$227,489.00 WITH GILBANE BUILDING COMPANY (ATLANTA, GA), IN ASSOCIATION WITH FREEMAN & ASSOCIATES, INC., FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AS GENERAL CONTRACTOR SERVICES FOR THE GOVERNMENT CENTER COMPLEX.**

**WHEREAS**, per Resolution No. 030-20, dated February 11, 2020, Council authorized the execution of a contract with Gilbane Building Company (Atlanta, GA), in association with Freeman & Associates, Inc., for construction manager as general contractor services for the new Government Center Complex. Council further authorized the negotiation of costs for the remaining phases of the project.; and,

**WHEREAS**, On February 1, 2024, portions of City Hall were damaged from flooding caused during the repair of a plumbing fixture. Amendment 18 is for the complete restoration of City Hall to its preflood condition. The scope of work includes carpet replacement, drywall repairs, and painting. The cost of the repairs has been reviewed and approved by the City’s insurance company. Funding will be provided by insurance proceeds.

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

That the City Manager and/or his designee is hereby authorized execute Amendment 18 in the amount of \$227,489.00 with Gilbane Building Company (Atlanta, GA), in association with Freeman & Associates, Inc., for construction manager as general contractor services for the Government Center Complex. Funding is available for Amendment 18, as follows: Special Projects Capital Project Fund – Capital Projects – General Fund Supported Capital Project – General Construction – City Hall Flooding Repairs; 0508-660-1000-CPGF-7661-22974-20240.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting \_\_\_\_\_
- Council District 1 Seat voting \_\_\_\_\_
- Councilor Begly voting \_\_\_\_\_
- Councilor Cogle voting \_\_\_\_\_
- Councilor Crabb voting \_\_\_\_\_
- Councilor Davis voting \_\_\_\_\_
- Councilor Garrett voting \_\_\_\_\_
- Councilor Huff voting \_\_\_\_\_
- Councilor Thomas voting \_\_\_\_\_
- Councilor Tucker voting \_\_\_\_\_

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. “Skip” Henderson III, Mayor

**File Attachments for Item:**

C. Grapple Truck Repair for Public Works

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	Grapple Truck Repair for Public Works
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	Finance Department

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It is requested that Council approve payment to Cummins Sales and Service (Albany, GA), in the amount of \$33,220.44, for the repair of a 2014 Freightliner Grapple truck, Vehicle #19008.

During routine use, the equipment experienced sudden engine failure. The required repairs were beyond the capabilities of Fleet Maintenance’s Heavy Truck shop personnel. Due to the importance of the equipment in the day-to-day sanitation operations, the equipment was sent to Cummins Sales and Services for diagnosis and evaluation. Cummins diagnosed the equipment and determined that critical engine components needed to be replaced. In order to expedite the repair, the Fleet Maintenance Division recommended Cummins Sales and Services complete the needed repairs.

The grapple tuck has a Cummins Engine. Therefore, the vendor is deemed the only known source per the Procurement Ordinance, Article 3-114.

Funds are available in the FY23 Budget: Integrated Waste Management Fund – Public Works – Solid Waste Collection – Auto Parts and Supplies; 0207 – 260 – 3560 – GARB – 6721.

**A RESOLUTION**

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

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO CUMMINS SALES AND SERVICE (ALBANY, GA), IN THE AMOUNT OF \$33,220.44, FOR THE REPAIR OF A 2014 FREIGHTLINER GRAPPLE TRUCK, VEHICLE #19008.**

**WHEREAS**, during routine use, the equipment experienced sudden engine failure. The required repairs were beyond the capabilities of Fleet Maintenance’s Heavy Truck shop personnel. Due to the importance of the equipment in the day-to-day sanitation operations, the equipment was sent to Cummins Sales and Services for diagnosis and evaluation. Cummins diagnosed the equipment and determined that critical engine components needed to be replaced. In order to expedite the repair, the Fleet Maintenance Division recommended Cummins Sales and Services complete the needed repairs; and,

**WHEREAS**, the grapple truck has a Cummins Engine. Therefore, the vendor is deemed the only known source per the Procurement Ordinance, Article 3-114.

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

That the City Manager and/or his designee is hereby authorized to render payment to Cummins Sales and Service (Albany, GA), in the amount of \$33,220.44, for the repair of a 2014 Freightliner Grapple truck, Vehicle #19008. Funds are available in the FY24 Budget: Integrated Waste Management Fund – Public Works – Solid Waste Collection – Auto Parts and Supplies; 0207 – 260 – 3560 – GARB – 6721.

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Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting \_\_\_\_\_
- Council District 1 Seat voting \_\_\_\_\_
- Councilor Begly voting \_\_\_\_\_
- Councilor Cogle voting \_\_\_\_\_
- Councilor Crabb voting \_\_\_\_\_
- Councilor Davis voting \_\_\_\_\_
- Councilor Garrett voting \_\_\_\_\_
- Councilor Huff voting \_\_\_\_\_
- Councilor Thomas voting \_\_\_\_\_
- Councilor Tucker voting \_\_\_\_\_

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. “Skip” Henderson III, Mayor



**File Attachments for Item:**

D. Tables for Outdoor Pools for Parks and Recreation – OMNIA Partners Cooperative Contract Purchase

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	Tables for Outdoor Pools for Parks and Recreation – OMNIA Partners Cooperative Contract Purchase
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the purchase of tables for outdoor pools from BCI Burke Company/Playsouth LLC (Atlanta, GA) in the total amount of \$56,383.50. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase, via Omnia Partners contract #R220201.

The tables will be used by visitors at the newly reconstructed outdoor pools, namely: Shirley Winston, Britt David and Psalmond Road. The purchase includes nine (9) regular tables and one (1) ADA table at each pool location. This equates to a total of 27 regular tables and 3 ADA tables.

The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Request for Proposal (RFP) #22-02 initiated by Omnia Partners (formerly known as National IPA), whereby BCI Burke Company was one of the successful vendors contracted to provide Playground Systems, Installation, Service and Related Items. Playsouth, LLC is the authorized representative/reseller in Georgia for BCI Burke. The contract, which commenced May 1, 2022, is good through April 30, 2025, with Option to renew for two (2) additional one-year periods through April 30, 2027. The contract available under Omnia Partners has been awarded by virtue of a public competitive procurement process compliant with State and Federal statutes. OMNIA Partners, Public Sector is the premier purchasing organization for state and local government, K-12 education, colleges and universities. All contracts available have been competitively solicited and publicly awarded by a government entity serving as the lead agency while utilizing industry best practices and processes. With the most experienced team in cooperative procurement and supply chain management, OMNIA Partners, Public Sector has the expertise to help public organizations achieve their strategic goals. The RFP process utilized by Omnia Partners meets the requirements of the City’s Procurement Ordinance; additionally, The City’s Procurement Ordinance, Article 9-101, authorizes the use of cooperative purchasing.

Funds are budgeted in the FY24 Budget: General Fund – Parks and Recreation – Park Services – Operating Materials; 0101 – 270 – 2100 – PSRV – 6728.

**A RESOLUTION**

NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF TABLES FOR OUTDOOR POOLS FROM BCI BURKE COMPANY/PLAYSOUTH LLC (ATLANTA, GA) IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$56,383.50. THE PURCHASE WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY COOPERATIVE PURCHASE, VIA OMNIA PARTNERS CONTRACT #R220201.**

**WHEREAS**, the tables will be used by visitors at the newly reconstructed outdoor pools, namely: Shirley Winston, Britt David and Psalmound Road. The purchase includes nine (9) regular tables and one (1) ADA table at each pool location. This equates to a total of 27 regular tables and 3 ADA tables; and,

**WHEREAS**, the purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Request for Proposal (RFP) #22-02 initiated by Omnia Partners (formerly known as National IPA), whereby BCI Burke Company was one of the successful vendors contracted to provide Playground Systems, Installation, Service and Related Items. Playsouth, LLC is the authorized representative/reseller in Georgia for BCI Burke. The contract, which commenced May 1, 2022, is good through April 30, 2025, with Option to renew for two (2) additional one-year periods through April 30, 2027. The contract available under Omnia Partners has been awarded by virtue of a public competitive procurement process compliant with State and Federal statutes. OMNIA Partners, Public Sector is the premier purchasing organization for state and local government, K-12 education, colleges and universities. All contracts available have been competitively solicited and publicly awarded by a government entity serving as the lead agency while utilizing industry best practices and processes. With the most experienced team in cooperative procurement and supply chain management, OMNIA Partners, Public Sector has the expertise to help public organizations achieve their strategic goals. The RFP process utilized by Omnia Partners 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 City Manager and/or his designee is hereby authorized to purchase tables for outdoor pools from BCI Burke Company/Playsouth LLC (Atlanta, GA) in the total amount of \$56,383.50. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase, via Omnia Partners contract #R220201. Funds are budgeted in the FY24 Budget: General Fund – Parks and Recreation – Park Services – Operating Materials; 0101 – 270 – 2100 – PSRV – 6728.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting \_\_\_\_\_  
Council District 1 Seat voting \_\_\_\_\_

Councilor Begly voting \_\_\_\_\_  
Councilor Cogle voting \_\_\_\_\_  
Councilor Crabb voting \_\_\_\_\_  
Councilor Davis voting \_\_\_\_\_  
Councilor Garrett voting \_\_\_\_\_  
Councilor Huff voting \_\_\_\_\_  
Councilor Thomas voting \_\_\_\_\_  
Councilor Tucker voting \_\_\_\_\_

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor



PO Box 492467  
 Atlanta, GA 30349  
 (770) 719-9005

Date: 6.05.2024  
 Quote #: CLMBS6.24.01  
 Rep: Tom Bengtson  
 Direct: (770) 823-8487

Item #D.

**QUOTATION**

	Bill to:	Ship to:
Name	Columbus Parks and Recreation	Columbus Parks and Recreation
Address	1400 Cusseta Rd.	1400 Cusseta Rd.
City, State Zip	Columbus, GA 31901	Columbus, GA 31901
Contact/Phone	Holli Browder (706)681-6227	
Email	<a href="mailto:HBrowder@columbusga.org">HBrowder@columbusga.org</a>	County: Muscogee

Qty	Model Number	Description	Unit Price	TOTAL AMOUNT
27	580-1393	Square Pedestal Table	\$ 2,003.00	\$ 54,081.00
3	580-1394	ADA Square Pedestal Table (3 Seats)	\$ 1,678.00	\$ 5,034.00
<b>Less Omnia Discount</b>				<b>\$ (5,911.50)</b>
<p><b>Omnia Member # 5266031</b>  <b>Burke Contract # R220201</b></p> <p>Payment Terms: Net 30 from time of delivery of Burke equipment.</p> <p><b>Note to Customer</b> Does not include assemble or installation.            Delivery site must be able to accommodate freight deliveries.            Use of a forklift and/or skid steer with forks able to lift up to 2,000 lbs            will be required to off load the delivery and must be supplied by customer.</p> <p><b>NOTES:</b></p> <p>*This quote is valid for 30 days only. Please allow 16-20 weeks lead time for production, transit and installation (if selected).            **Please return this signed quote along with the official Purchase Order to initiate the order. The balance is due in full within 30 days after delivery.            *Care will be taken, but PlaySouth is not responsible for landscaping and grass that is accidentally damaged during delivery.</p>				

SubTotal	\$ 53,203.50
Freight	\$ 3,180.00

**COLORS:**  
 INFO NEEDED  
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Sales Tax Rate	
Installation Svcs.	
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 56,383.50</b>

Authorized signature & date:

**A official purchase order of the Grand Total amount is required before an order can be placed.**  
**Your signature, date and color selections must be completed above for order acceptance.**  
**Full payment is due within 30 days after completion. Standard rock clause will apply to installation services.**

**Thank you for considering PlaySouth Playground Creators!!**

**File Attachments for Item:**

1. Information Only: Exigent “Off the Lot” Vehicle Purchases – Resolution No. 106-24

**ONE (1) 2024 FORD EXPLORER FOR PUBLIC WORKS**

On May 31, 2024, a purchase order was executed for one (1) 2024 Ford Explorer XLT 4DR 4x2 for the Public Works Department due to exigent circumstances, as approved by Council per Resolution No. 106-24.

The vehicle will be purchased from Rivertown Ford (Columbus, GA) at a unit price of \$43,890.00. The vehicle will be used by Administrative Staff in the performance of Infrastructure duties. This is a new vehicle.

Funds are budgeted in the FY24 Budget: General Fund – Public Works – Public Works – Light Trucks; 0101-260-1000-PSDR-7722.

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**TWO (2) 2024 FORD 350 15-PASSENGER TRANSIT VANS**

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**Columbus Consolidated Government**  
**Information Only: Exigent “Off the Lot” Vehicle Purchases – Resolution No. 106-24**

**1. ONE (1) 2024 FORD EXPLORER FOR PUBLIC WORKS**

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**File Attachments for Item:**

A. Police Department Briefing - Stoney Mathis, Chief, Columbus Police Department

# Columbus Police Department Bureau of Administrative Services

# Bureau of Administrative Services

## Areas of Discussion

- **Overview of the Bureau of Administrative Services**
- **Recruiting Results for 2022 and 2023**
- **Recruiting Results Between January 1, 2024 – June 10, 2024**
- **The Hiring of Civilian/General Government Employees**
- **The Future of Law Enforcement Training in the Columbus Police Department**
- **The Use of Intelligence-Led Policing to Reduce Crime**
- **The Community Relations Unit**
- **A New Initiative – The Community Policing Unit**

# Overview of the Bureau of Administrative Services

- **The Bureau of Administrative Services consists of the following six (6) sub-units (38 bureau members):**
- **Personnel Unit**
- **Background and Recruiting Unit**
- **Training Unit**
- **Community Relations Unit**
- **Community Policing Unit**
- **Crime Analysis Unit**

# Bureau of Administrative Services

## Recruiting Results for 2022, 2023 and 2024

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# Bureau of Administrative Services Recruiting Results for 2022 and 2023

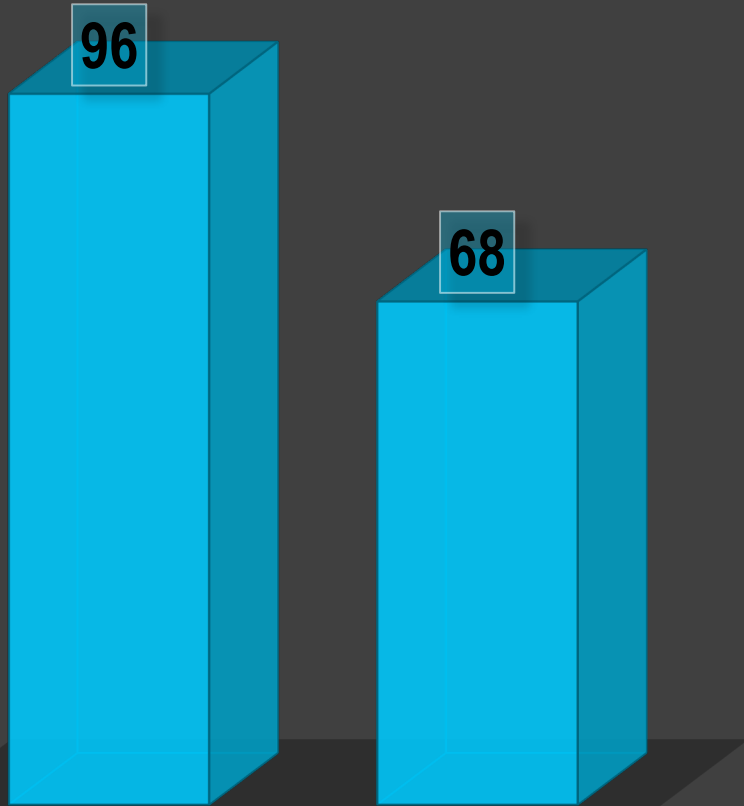


# Bureau of Administrative Services

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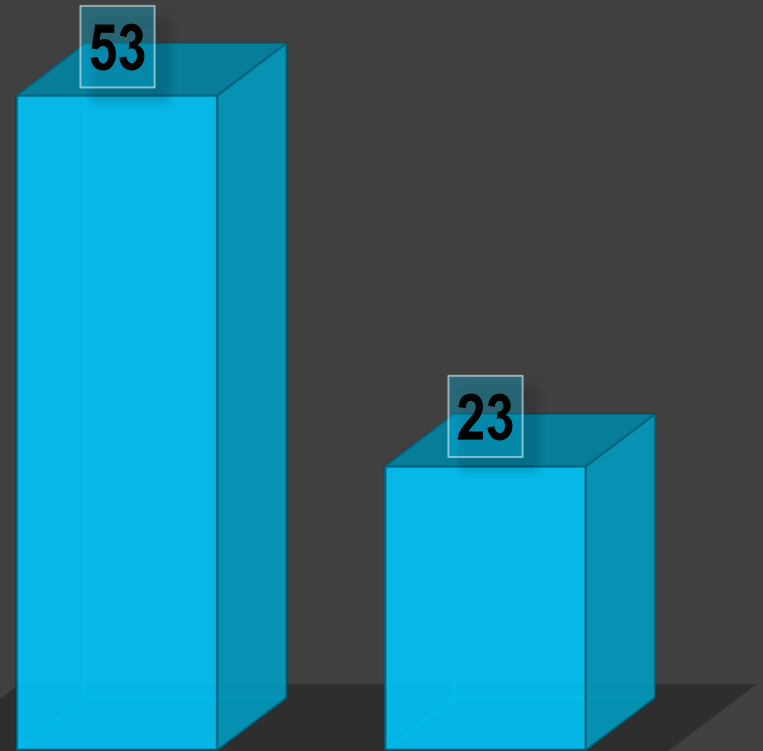
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Officers Hired  
in 2023

Officers Left in  
2023



Officers Hired  
in 2024

Officers Left in  
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# Bureau of Administrative Services

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## Recruiting Results for 2024

June 10, 2024

	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	1st Qtr	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	2nd Qtr	Total for 2024
<b>Sworn</b>									
<b>Hired</b>	12	18	10	40	7	4	2	13	53
<b>Resigned - Sworn</b>	3	2	0	5	3	0	1	4	9
<b>Resigned - Pre-Academy/Academy</b>	5	2	1	8	2	2	0	4	12
<b>Terminated/Laid Off</b>	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
<b>Deceased</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Retired</b>	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1

# Bureau of Administrative Services

## Recruiting Results for 2022-2024

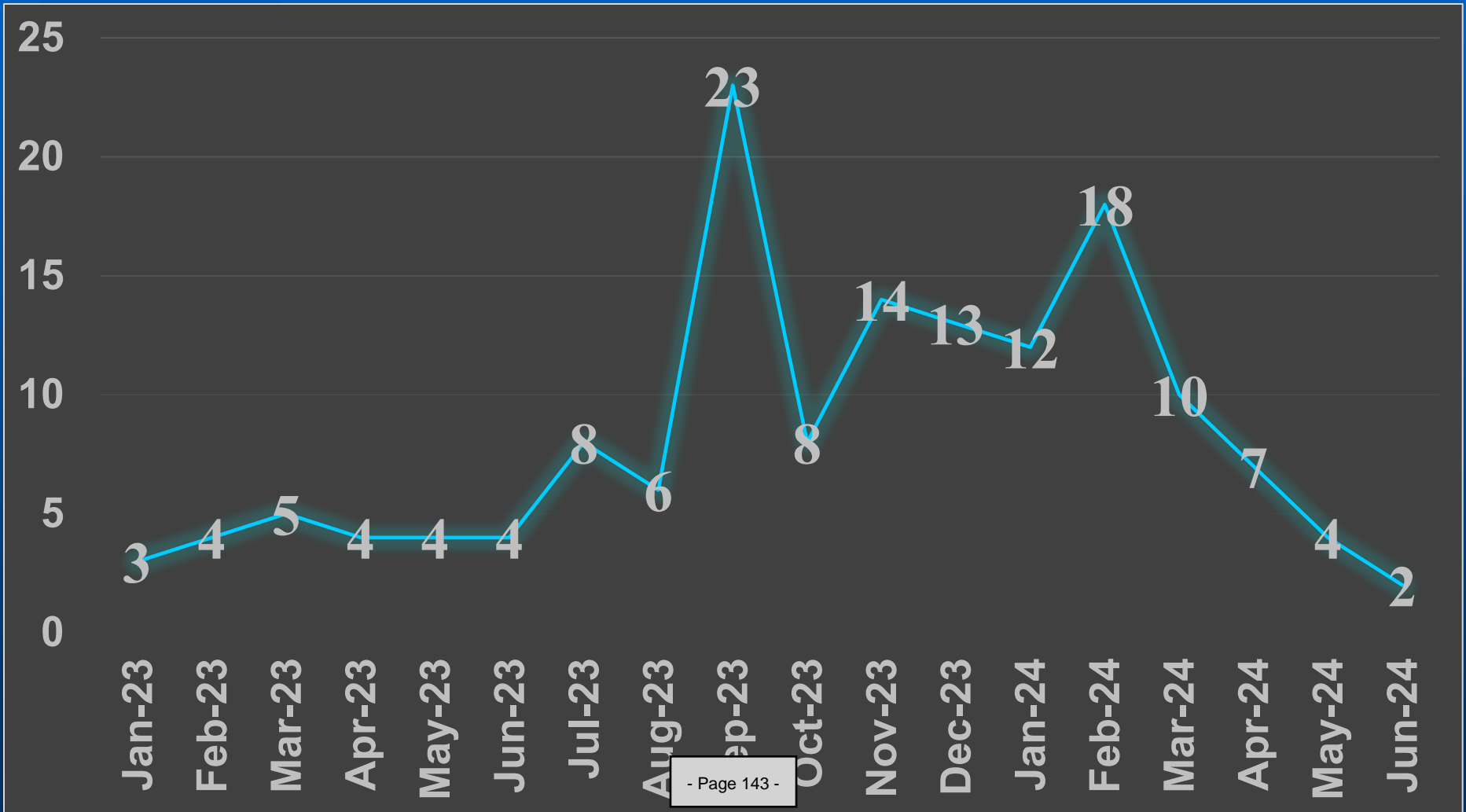
- 2022 – Net Loss -24
- 2023 – Net Gain +28
- 2024 – Net Gain +30 (as of June 10<sup>th</sup>)

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## Recruiting Results for 2023 and 2024

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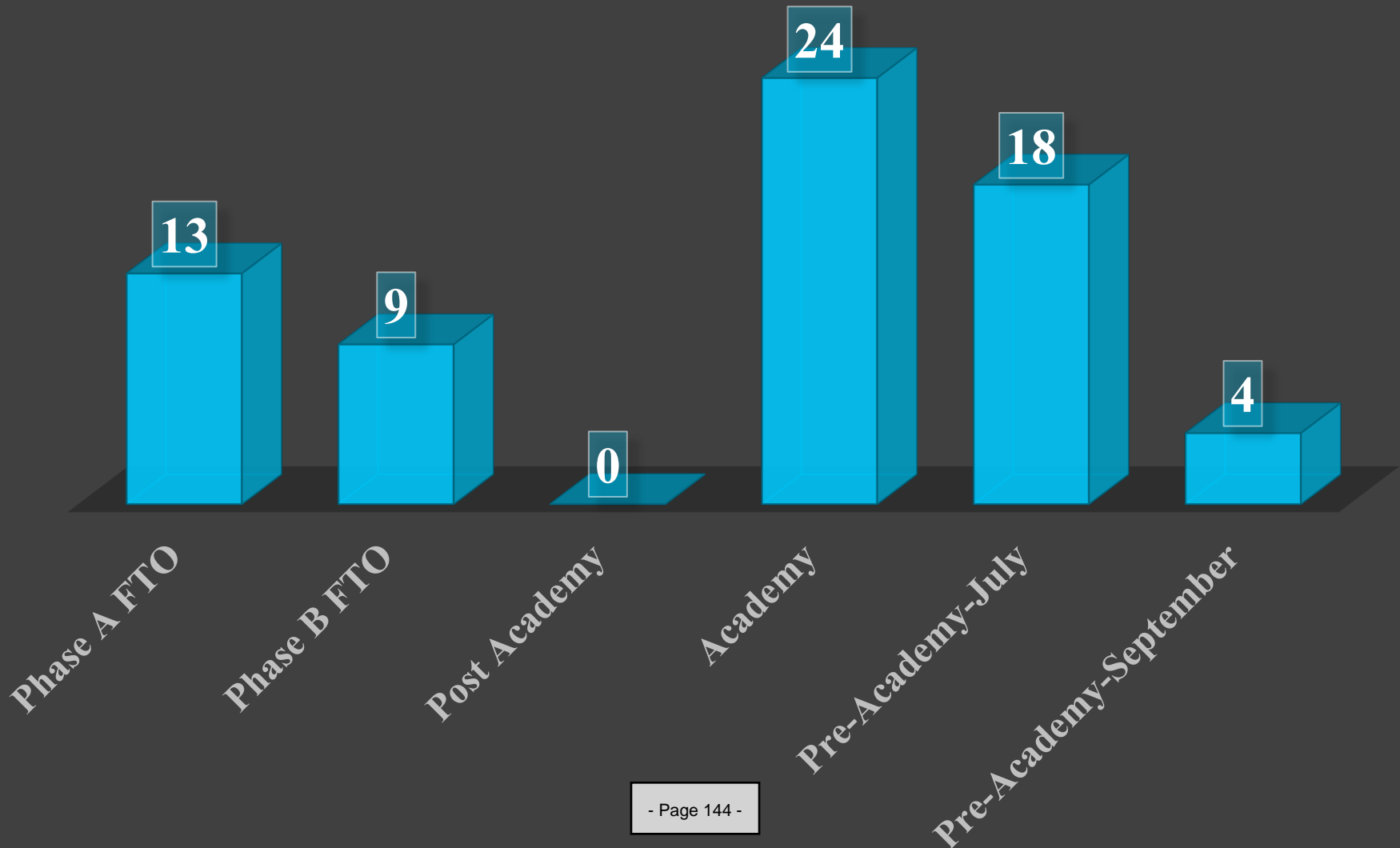


# Bureau of Administrative Services

## Training Classification for New Recruits

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# Bureau of Administrative Services

## Recruiting Targeted Market

- former Columbus Police Officers
- Georgia POST Certified Officers
- approved POST Certified Officers from other states
- Columbus State University and other colleges and universities (students)
- Fort Moore (Career Skills Program)

# Bureau of Administrative Services

## Means of Recruiting

- advanced recruiting software
- social media sites, such as Facebook and LinkedIn, etc.
- official Columbus Police Department's site
- word-of-mouth by officers
- billboards and recruiting pamphlets

# Bureau of Administrative Services

## Means of Recruiting

- military personnel (CSP)
- job fairs
- citizens
- City Councilor

# Bureau of Administrative Services

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## Recruiting Allotted Positions v. Staffed Positions

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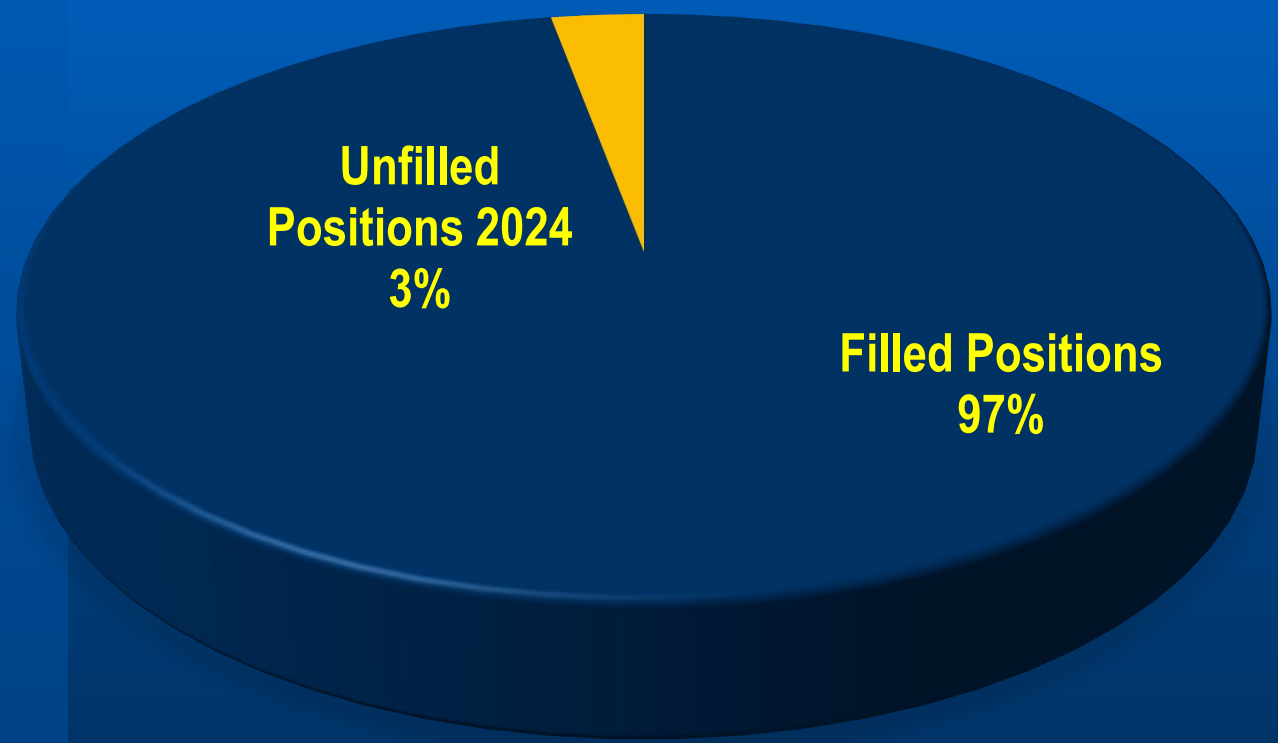


# Bureau of Administrative Services

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## Current Staffing

### June 10, 2024



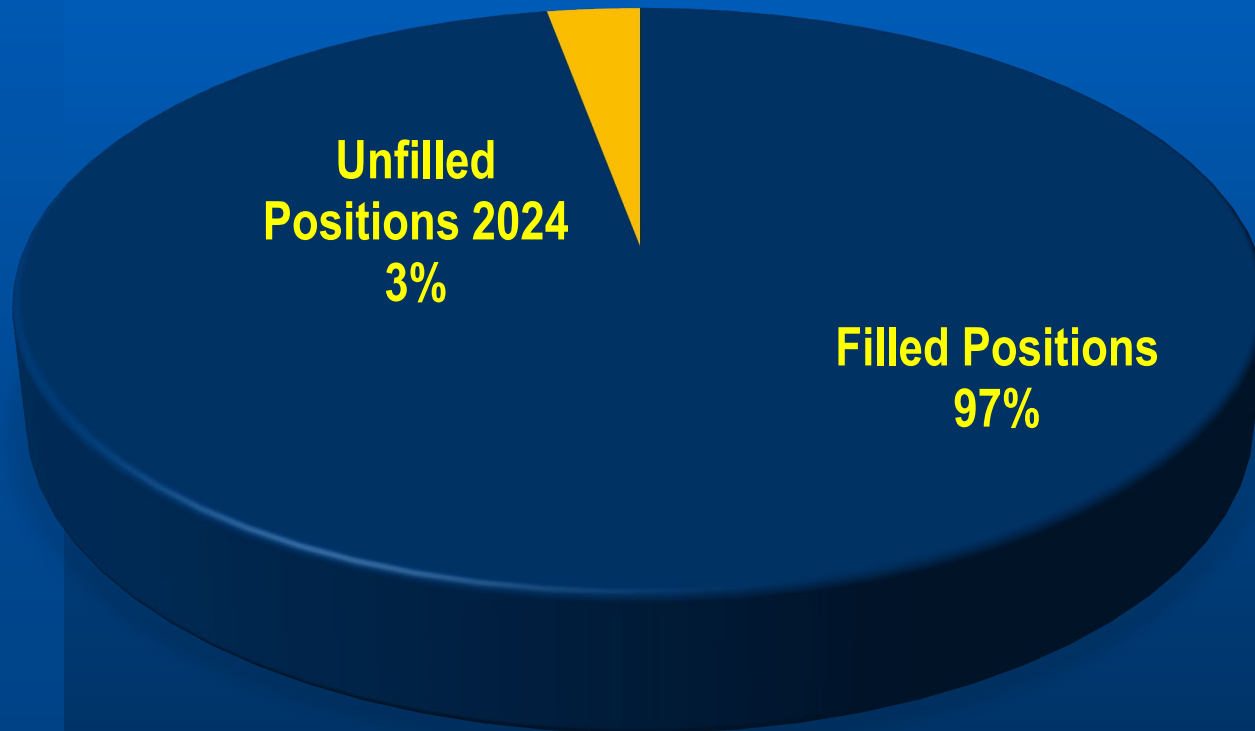
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## Current Staffing June 10, 2024

high morale

The Chief's "Open Door" policy



soliciting officers input and suggestions

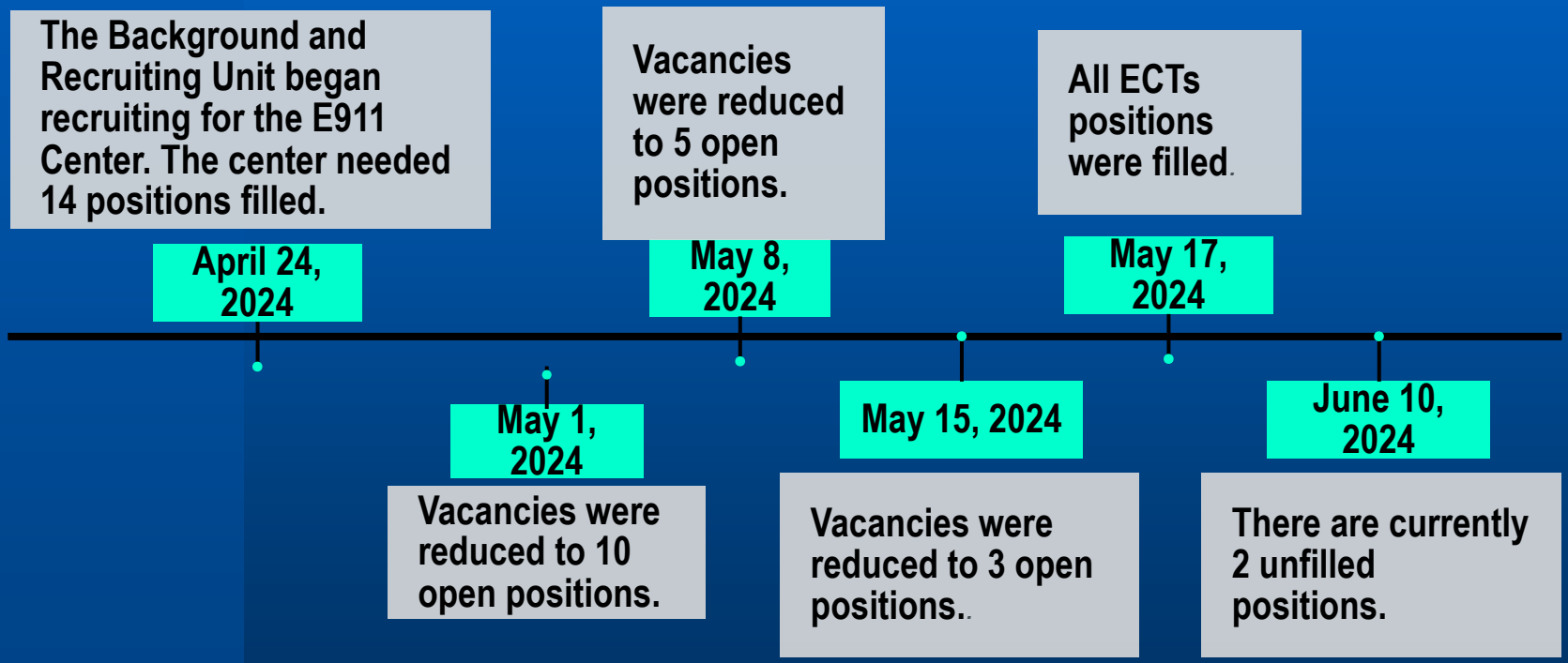
hearing the concerns of all employees

# Bureau of Administrative Services

## Mission – Reduce the E911 Center Vacancies

- On Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, the Chief of Police tasked the Background and Recruiting Unit to increase the staffing in the E911 Center.

# Timeline – Reduce the E911 Center Vacancies

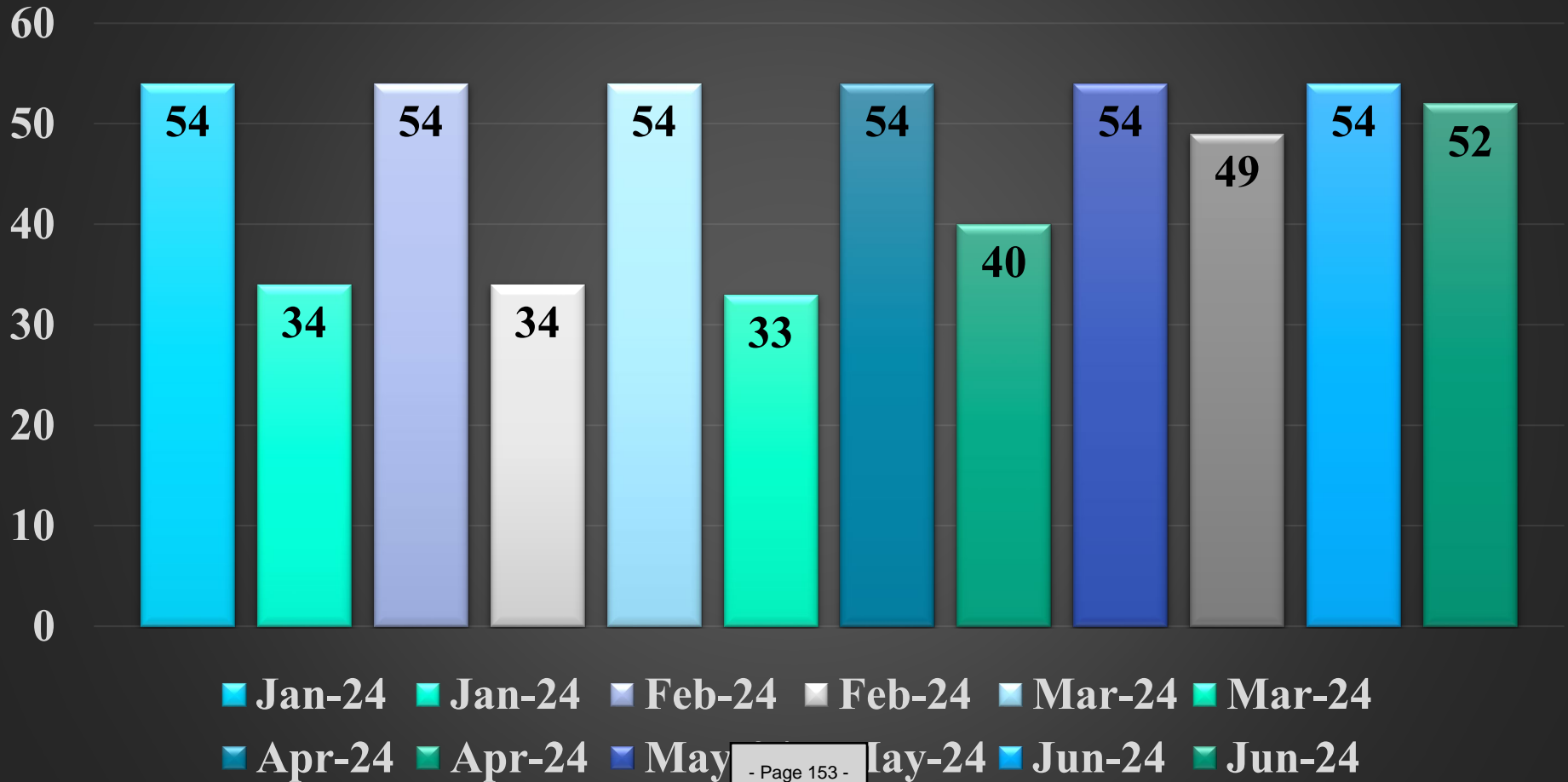


# Bureau of Administrative Services

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## Endurance Recruiting for 911 Dispatchers (ECTs) Past Six Months

### Emergency Communication Technicians



# Bureau of Administrative Services

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## Mission – Assume Responsibility for All Recruiting

- **On Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup> , the Chief of Police tasked the Background and Recruiting Unit to recruit for all vacant positions in the Columbus Police Department.**

# Bureau of Administrative Services

## The Future of Law Enforcement Training in the Columbus Police Department

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- **Virtual Academy Training:**
- **8,328 In-Service training hours**
- **In class In-Service training hours have been reduced to 2,778**





# Bureau of Administrative Services

## The Future of Law Enforcement Training in the Columbus Police Department

- **Virtual Academy Training:**
- **5,552 manhours available for patrolling, investigating or other law enforcement functions.**



## The Future of Law Enforcement Training in the Columbus Police Department

- **Scenario Training:**
- **more hands-on scenario-base training**
- **tabletop exercises involving first-line supervisors and mid-level managers**
- **joint training with Fort Moore's military police**

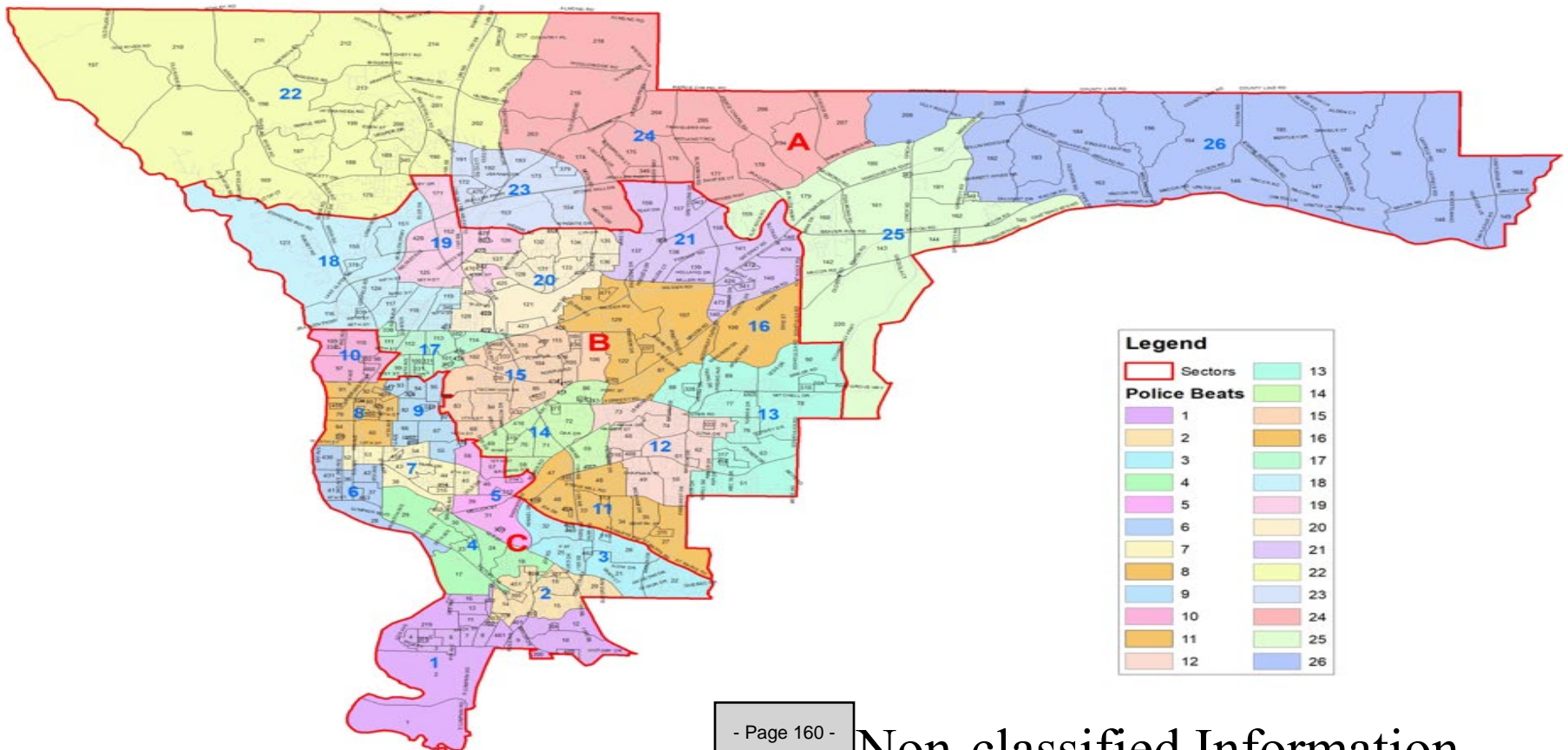
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## The Use of Intelligence-Led Policing to Reduce Crime

# Bureau of Administrative Services

## The Use of Intelligence-Led Policing to Reduce Crime

Police Beats



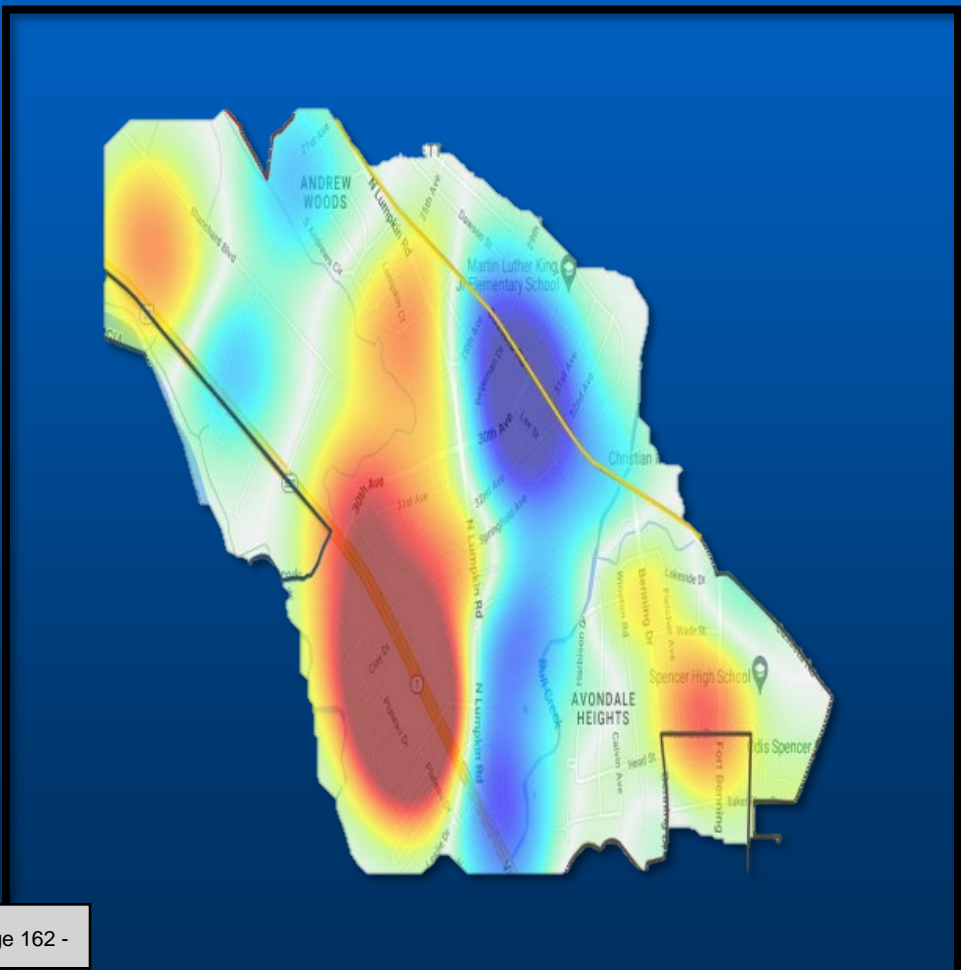
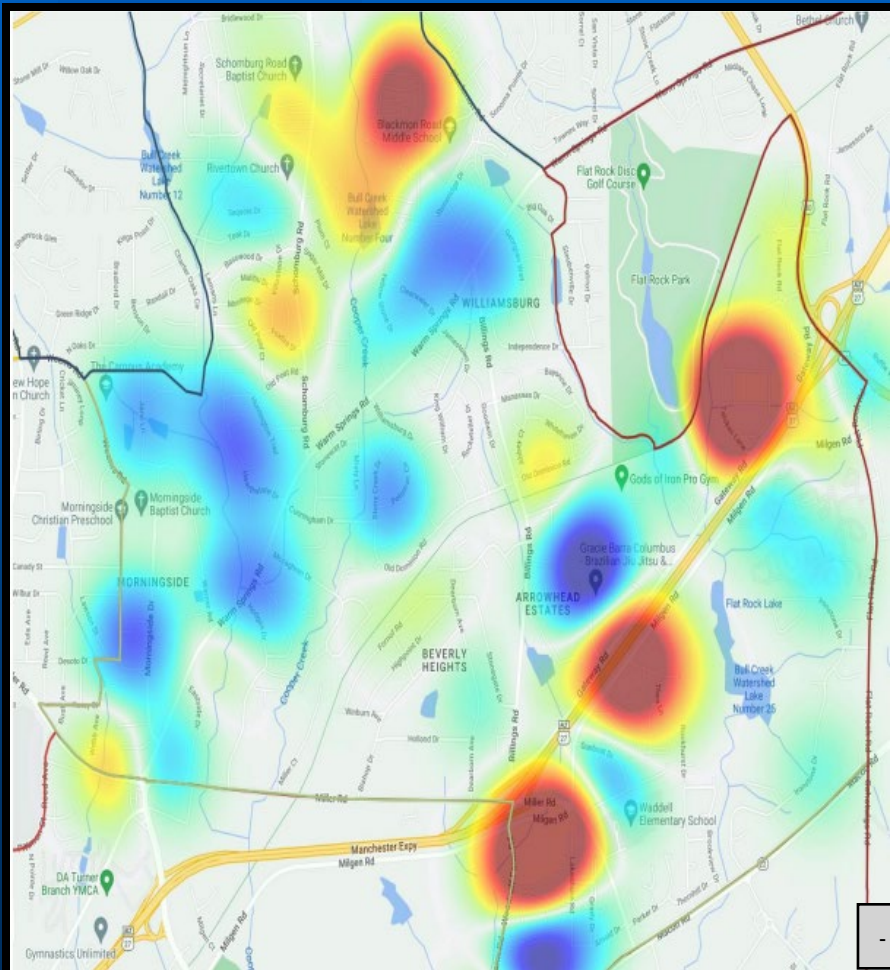
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## The Use of Intelligence-Led Policing to Reduce Crime

- **Strategies to Reduce Crime :**
- **use predictive analysis to identify trending crimes**
- **deploy more police officers to identified “hotspots”**
- **use information received from citizens to correlate identified “hotspots”**

# Bureau of Administrative Services

## The Use of Intelligence-Led Policing to Reduce Crime





# Bureau of Administrative Services

## The Use of Intelligence-Led Policing to Reduce Crime

- **Strategies to Reduce Crime :**
- **expand the department's neighborhood watch program**
- **continue investigating citizens' complaints and concerns**

# Bureau of Administrative Services

## The Use of Intelligence-Led Policing to Reduce Crime

Part-One Crime	2022					Part-One Crime	2023				
	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Yr Total		1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Yr Total
Murder	10	8	10	8	36	Murder	16	4	16	9	45
Rape	13	10	8	13	44	Rape	5	10	16	9	40
Robbery	84	61	64	57	266	Robbery	86	53	54	61	254
Aggravated Assault	210	153	141	142	646	Aggravated Assault	143	150	156	118	567
Burglary	136	141	194	231	702	Burglary	192	242	250	154	838
Larceny	954	1137	1218	1225	4539	Larceny	1109	1058	1236	868	4271
Theft by Taking MV	191	173	192	181	737	Theft by Taking MV	163	145	196	187	691
<b>Part-One Total</b>	<b>1,598</b>	<b>1,683</b>	<b>1827</b>	<b>1857</b>	<b>6970</b>	<b>Part-One Total</b>	<b>1,714</b>	<b>1,662</b>	<b>1924</b>	<b>1406</b>	<b>6706</b>



# Bureau of Administrative Services

## The Use of Intelligence-Led Policing to Reduce Crime

Part One Crime	2023 Part One Crimes by Sector			
	Sector A	Sector B	Sector C	Year Total
Murder	1	2	15	18
Rape	2	2	8	12
Robbery	4	56	63	123
Aggravated Assault	9	111	142	262
Burglary	12	161	191	364
Larceny	338	1393	836	2567
Theft by Taking (MV)	31	147	99	277
<b>Part One Total</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>1872</b>	<b>1354</b>	<b>3623</b>

Part One Crime	2024 Part One Crimes by Sector			
	Sector A	Sector B	Sector C	Year Total
Murder	1	6	9	16
Rape	0	6	5	11
Robbery	2	30	42	74
Aggravated Assault	12	93	141	246
Burglary	17	121	165	303
Larceny	325	1119	771	2215
Theft by Taking (MV)	25	141	85	251
<b>Part One Total</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>1516</b>	<b>1218</b>	<b>3116</b>

# Bureau of Administrative Services

## Community Relations Unit

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## Community Relations Unit

- **Engaging the Community:**
- **D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) in elementary schools**
- **Neighborhood Watch Programs in 65 communities**
- **National Night Out**
- **Special Olympics events**



# Bureau of Administrative Services

## Community Relations Unit

- **Engaging the Community:**
- **Partners in Education (Forrest Road Elementary, Double Churches Elementary, and Eddy Middle School)**
- **Citizens Law Enforcement Academy (C.L.E.A.)**
- **Pastor's Academy**
- **Seniors and Law Enforcement Together (S.A.L.T.)**
- **Project Lifesaver (Alzheimer and Autism clients)**

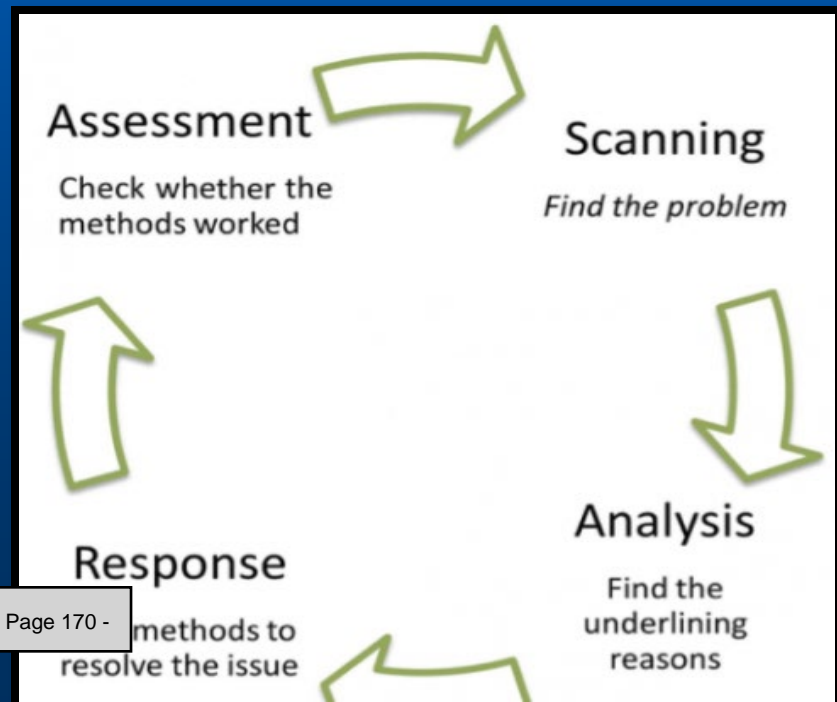


# Bureau of Administrative Services Community Policing Unit

# Bureau of Administrative Services

## Community Policing Unit

- Reducing crime and improving the quality of life for the citizens of Columbus, Georgia:
- S.A.R.A. Model – Scanning, Analysis, Response, and Assessment



# Bureau of Administrative Services Community Policing Unit

- Reducing crime and improving the quality of life for the citizens of Columbus, Georgia:
- Broken Windows Theory





# Bureau of Administrative Services

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# Bureau of Administrative Services

## Community Policing Unit

- Reducing crime and improving the quality of life for the citizens of Columbus, Georgia:
- Engaging our young people to build trust



# Columbus Police Department Bureau of Administrative Services

- Questions

Chief

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Debra

Kennedy

# Topics to be discussed:

- 1-UNSHELTERED AND SHELTERED HOMELESS
- 2-NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY:  
SCHOOL OF POLICE STAFF AND COMMAND  
(SPSC)
- 3-IMPLEMENTATION OF A POLICE  
FOUNDATION

# Unsheltered and Sheltered Homeless

- An unsheltered homeless person resides in:
  - In a place not meant for human habitation, such as cars, parks, sidewalks, abandoned buildings (on the street).
- A sheltered homeless person resides in:
  - In an emergency shelter.
  - In transitional housing or supportive housing for homeless persons who originally came from the streets or emergency shelters. (US Department of Housing and Urban Development)

# Columbus Process on Handling Complaints

- Process for handling unsheltered and sheltered homeless complaints
- Team approach:
- Home for Good: Pat Frey
- Inspections and Codes: Ryan Pruett
- Public Works: Drale Short
- Columbus Police Department: Debra

## Uptown Liaison:

- Average of Two/Three times weekly liaison meets with Home for Good
- Average of Two times a month Complaint Detail meets with Home for Good

# Count Comparison for Home for Good

## 2023

TOTAL HOMELESS: 274

CHILDREN: 36

SHELTERED: 205

MALE=98 FEMALE=107

UNSHELTERED: 69

MALE=54 FEMALE=15

## 2024

• TOTAL HOMELESS: 272

• CHILDREN: 54

• SHELTERED: 220

• MALE=106  
FEMALE=114

• UNSHELTERED: 52

• MALE=44 FEMALE=8

# Northwestern University: School of Police Staff and Command



There are three top executive leadership courses in the US:

1-FBI-National Academy

2-Southern Police Institute-University of Kentucky

3-Norwestern University-School of Police Staff and Command



School of Police Staff and Command

Intensive 10-week program

Prepares experienced Law Enforcement Professionals for success



# Implementation of a Police Foundation

- During the SPSC Course I did my staff study on the Implementation of a Police Foundation.
- I am in the beginning stages of working on a Police Foundation that supports the Columbus Police Department
- The Police Foundation would focus on supporting the Columbus Police Department in various ways, but my push would be narrowing that focus to crime prevention and crime reduction strategies.

**File Attachments for Item:**

1. RESOLUTION – A resolution excusing Councilor Toyia Tucker from the June 11, 2024 Council Meeting.

**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 Toyia Tucker is hereby excused from attendance of the June 11, 2024 Council Meeting for the following reasons:

City Business:

\_\_\_\_\_

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 11th day of June 2024 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting \_\_\_\_\_
- Councilor District 1 voting \_VACANT\_
- Councilor Begly voting \_\_\_\_\_
- Councilor Cogle voting \_\_\_\_\_
- Councilor Crabb voting \_\_\_\_\_
- Councilor Davis voting \_\_\_\_\_
- Councilor Garrett voting \_\_\_\_\_
- Councilor Huff voting \_\_\_\_\_
- Councilor Thomas voting \_\_\_\_\_
- Councilor Tucker voting \_\_\_\_\_

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**Sandra T. Davis**  
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:**

2. Honorary Designation Application submitted by Dr. Frank Brown to rename the Double Churches Pool in honor of Miss Joni Ressimyer. *(The Council may vote to forward the application to the Board of Honor.)*

City of Columbus, GA  
Honorary Designation Application

(Please Print or Type)

APPLICANT NAME: Dr. Frank Brown

PHONE NUMBER: 706-566-0702

ADDRESS: 2560 Old River Road, Fortson GA 31808

NAME OF HONOREE: "Miss Joni" Ressmeyer Swimming Pool  
(AS IT WOULD APPEAR ON SIGN OR FACILITY)

LIVING OR DECEASED  
(CIRCLE ONE)

REQUESTED LOCATION: Double Churches Pool

TYPE OF TRIBUTE OR REMEMBRANCE: In memory of

CRITERIA FOR DESIGNATION

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA, WHICH ARE USED IN THE EVALUATION FOR EACH REQUEST FOR AN HONORARY DESIGNATION. USE ADDITIONAL PAPER IF REQUIRED. IN ADDITION, HONOREE MUST BE OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER.

**HISTORICAL AND/OR CULTURAL INFLUENCE OF THE HONOREE ON THE CITY:**

There is no greater cultural influence one person can have on a community than to focus on the lives of the children who live there. To live in a community in the south in a town like Columbus surrounded by lakes, rivers and pools the safety of these children who will be in and around the water must be a priority. However, to have one woman make it her single life goal to teach almost 3 generations of children in the Chattahoochee Valley to swim is unprecedented. Many of believe as individuals we can have little impact on our community. Joni Ressmeyer was not one of those. She believed if she could teach one child to survive falling into a pool or body of water then the years of teaching children how to swim was worth it. Generations of children have become adults and never learned how to swim, creating a fear that was simply unacceptable to Joni Ressmeyer.

**PROVIDE PROOF OF SIGNIFICANT LINEAGE OR FAMILY TIES TO THE CITY:**

Joni and her husband Dr. Bob Ressmeyer moved to Columbus Georgia 63 years ago. They had two sons, Scott and Mark Ressmeyer who grew up in the public school system. Scott Ressmeyer, better known for being a co-owner of Country's Barbecue has had a significant impact on the community through his involvement with the Midnight Express and the Miracle Ride. Prior to his death, Mark was known to many as mentor to many young baseball players. The legacy this family has made in service to their community is long. Both Scott and Mark were witness to their mother's impact on teaching children to swim. Many citizens of Columbus will remember Joni as a fabulous cook, supporter of the Miss Georgia organization and Life College in Atlanta but mostly for her hands on impact on children and even adults in the community through her swimming lessons.

**ESTABLISH CLEAR GEOGRAPHICAL RELATIONSHIP TO THE AREA OR PLACE OF INTEREST OF THE HONOREE:**

**\_\_It is all about the pool, the body of water that offered itself a safe place to teach young and old to swim with confidence or at least enough to get to the edge and call for help. There is no better place than Double Churches Pool to hold her name. A name that many who swim there will recognize. Joni and Bob lived in Columbus and later in Fortson where her swimming lessons continued. Her dedication to Columbus was important. It was where she felt she could make the greatest impact, right her community.**

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**CLEARLY DEFINED COMMUNITY OR PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION MADE BY THE HONOREE:**

\_\_Joni taught infants, toddlers, school age and adults to swim. She could tread water for hours teaching one group to swim across her pool with a few timid ones clinging to her back where she put them to feel safe yet still be in the water. The little ones, as young as 6 months she taught to float up; with their head above water and get to the side of the pool calling for help if necessary. She taught toddlers to come up to the surface, kick to the side and climb out. She taught infants with wet and heavy diapers to get to the surface and cry out. She taught young swimmers and teens to get into the water in jeans, be able to pull them off and use as a flotation device to keep their heads above water. She taught good swimmers how to calmly swim out of a rip tide without panicking. She taught Elana Amos to swim when she was building her first pool and terrified of the water.

Her students remember jumping off the rock at her Fortson home, a big step in overcoming their fear. They remember being given the opportunity to dive for coins they could keep if they got them but most of all they remember the best ending to a week of swimming lessons a Friday ice-cream treat before they went home each of them giving her a hug, telling her “I love you Miss Joni” and I’ll see you next week.

Joni had a crying room. But it was for the parents not the children. She knew her kids were safe with her, but the parents were a little harder to convince. It didn’t take them long before they realized that the best thing for a child frightened of the water was to learn how to conquer that fear and learn to feel confident in the water and therefore enjoy a summer in Columbus as her water babies. She taught tens of thousands of children to swim in over 50 years of lessons. How would there be a better legacy for her than to name a community pool in her memory?

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**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:**     June 5, 2024    

*Send this completed application to the Deputy Clerk of Council at [mclmore.lindsey@columbusga.org](mailto:mclmore.lindsey@columbusga.org)*

*For questions, please contact the Clerk of Council’s office at (706) 653-4013.*

**DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE:**

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**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY**

Date application was received by the Clerk of Council: June 6, 2024

Date application was submitted to the appropriate City Department to verify any conflicts for the placement of the tribute or remembrance and the requested honorary designation: June 6, 2024

Date response received from the City Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Any conflicts identified: YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

If so, give explanation and contact requestor: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Total cost associated with request: \_\_\_\_\_

Date listed on Clerk of Council's agenda for the consideration of Council: \_\_\_\_\_

Date reviewed by the Board of Honor: \_\_\_\_\_

Official action taken: \_\_\_\_\_

Upon approval from the Board of Honor, date resolution or ordinance listed for adoption by Council:

\_\_\_\_\_

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_

Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**File Attachments for Item:**

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

Board of Tax Assessors, #17-24

Budget Review Committee, May 14, 2024

Development Authority of Columbus, April 4, 2024





# Columbus, Georgia, Board of Tax Assessors

GEORGIA'S FIRST CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT

Item #3.

City Services Center  
3111 Citizens Way  
Columbus, GA 31906

Mailing Address:  
PO Box 1340  
Columbus, GA 31902

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## Board Members

Jayne Govar  
Chairman

Lanitra Sandifer Hicks  
Assessor

Kathy J. Jones  
Assessor

Todd A. Hammonds  
Assessor

Trey Carmack  
Vice Chairman

Chief Appraiser  
Suzanne Widenhouse

## MINUTES #17-24

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Jayne Govar calls the Columbus, Georgia Board of Assessors' meeting to order on Monday, May 13, 2024 at 9:00 A.M.

### PRESENT ARE:

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Vice Chairman Trey Carmack motions to accept agenda with noted changes. Assessor Jones seconds and the motion carries.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Vice Chairman Trey Carmack motions to accept minutes as presented. Assessor Jones seconds and the motion carries.

### MISCELLANEOUS:

- Reminder from Chief Appraiser Widenhouse that there will be no meeting the next 2 Mondays, due to CAVEAT Conference and the upcoming holiday.
- Assessor Sandifer Hicks motions to excuse Assessor Hammonds for today's meeting. Assessor Jones seconds and the motion carries.

At 9:06, Appraisal Tech Mary Hale presents for Administrative Division to the Board:

- Homestead - Signed & Approved.

At 9:12, Taxpayer Howard (formerly Eldridge) enters meeting to request Homestead being reinstated now after her mother's death due to it being removed because of improper filing by the mother before her death. Due to GA law, the board is limited as to what they can do regarding the tax bill and the back taxes owed, but they do inform her that she can apply for Homestead in 2025. She left the meeting at 9:28 to go downstairs to Tax Commissioners office to file for Homestead.

"An Equal Opportunity / Affirmative Action Organization"

MEMBERS: Georgia Association of Assessors, National Association of Assessing Officials

At 9:30, Personal Property Manager Stacy Pollard presents to the Board:

- Freeport - Signed & Approved.
- Motor Vehicle Appeal - Signed & Approved.
- Revision for PP Digest - Signed & Approved.

At 9:39, Chief Appraiser Suzanne Widenhouse presents for Residential Division to the Board:

- BOE Results - placed into record.
- Residential Division Change w/ no prior year – Signed & Approved.
- Residential Division Returns Filed - Signed & Approved.
- Residential Division Value Changes for 2024 digest – Signed & Approved

At 9:50, Chief Appraiser Suzanne Widenhouse presents to the Board:

- Final Residential Sales Ratio – Signed & Approved.
- Overall Sales Ratio – placed into record.
- Discussion regarding the current project of IT dept to update the city pages on CCG website.
- Discussion of mailing date of May 21<sup>st</sup> for assessment notices and July 5 will be the appeal deadline.

At 9:57, Commercial Property Manager Jeff Milam presents to the Board:

- Correction to Commercial Digest #014 036 010, 011 & 012 – Signed & Approved.
- BOE Results – Signed & Approved.
- Non-Tax Request – needs permission to have James Robinson remove tax bill #030 007 002 & 003 – Signed & Approved.
- Historic Application - #002 012 004 - Signed & Approved. #004 016 007 Remove freeze until Part B is completed.

At 10:41, Chairman Jayne Govar adjourns the meeting without any objections.

Suzanne Widenhouse  
Chief Appraiser/Secretary

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

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Absent  
J. GOVAR  
CHAIRMAN

L. SANDIFER HICKS  
ASSESSOR

K. JONES  
ASSESSOR

Absent  
T.A. HAMMONDS  
ASSESSOR

T. CARMACK  
VICE CHAIRMAN

~~ MINUTES ~~

**BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE**



Councilor Judy W. Thomas- Chairperson  
Councilor Tyson Begly- Vice Chairperson

Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen

Councilors: Councilor District 1 Seat (Vacant), Joanne Cogle,  
Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis, R. Walker Garrett,  
Bruce Huff and Toyia Tucker

May 14, 2024 / 12:00 PM / Call to Order at 2:19 PM  
Council Chambers  
C. E. “Red” McDaniel City Services Center - Second Floor  
3111 Citizens Way, Columbus, Georgia 31906

I. CALL TO ORDER - Chairperson Judy W. Thomas

**PRESENT:** Chairperson Judy W. Thomas and Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen and Councilors Joanne Cogle, Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis, R. Walker Garrett, and Toyia Tucker. Mayor B. H. “Skip” Henderson, III, City Manager Isaiah Hugley, Deputy City Managers Lisa Goodwin and Pamela Hodge, City Attorney Clifton Fay, Assistant City Attorney Lucy Sheftall, Finance Director Angelica Alexander, Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis and Deputy Clerk Pro Tem Tameka Colbert.

**ABSENT:** Councilors Tyson Begly and Bruce Huff.

**A G E N D A**

**PRESENTATIONS:**

1. Response to Referrals from 05-07-24 Budget Review Session
2. Parks and Recreation – Holli Browder, Parks & Recreation Director
3. Public Works – Drale Short, Public Works Director

**OPENING COMMENTS:**

Chairperson Thomas made opening remarks regarding the budget process. After concluding her opening remarks, Chairperson Thomas requested that the following item be removed from the add/delete list. (*Item #1 Tax Assessors Office - Adjust (2) Appraisal Technicians from G113 to G115 and (2) Sr. Appraisal Technicians from G114 to G116*).

She also announced that the next Budget Review Committee Meeting would be held at the Muscogee County School District's Public Education Center located at 2960 Macon Rd. Columbus, GA.

**PRESENTATIONS:****BUDGET REVIEW ITEM #1**

Finance Director Angelica Alexander provided a document entitled *Columbus Consolidated FY25 Recommended Budget City Council Review Responses to Questions and Requests*. \*A copy is on file in the Clerk of Council's Office.

She briefly went through and explained each item listed on the document.

**BUDGET REVIEW ITEM (ADD-ON)****JUVENILE COURT**

ADD LIST: Request to increase the number of days that the Juvenile Court Judges perform their duties from three (3) days to four (4) days ending on December 31, 2024, and beginning January 1, 2025, increase to five (5) days in the amount of \$27,104. (Councilor Thomas placed on the Add List.)

**BUDGET REVIEW ITEM #2**

2. Parks and Recreation – Holli Browder, Parks & Recreation Director

**PARKS & RECREATION:**

Parks & Recreation Director Holli Browder provided an overview of the power point presentation entitled *Columbus Parks & Recreation Budget Presentation May 14, 2024*. \*A copy is on file in the Clerk of Council's Office.

**Request(s)**

- Request for capital outlay equipment
- Request for operational adjustments
- Request for capital improvement
- Request for additional personnel

ADD LIST: Request to increase the base salary of the full-time Veterinarian to \$125,000 with benefits in the amount of \$150,375) (Councilor Davis placed on the Add List.)

ADD LIST: Request to add \$275,000 for the Fee Based Program /Spay / Neuter Service (Councilor Davis presented on behalf of Councilor Garrett to place on the Add List.)

ADD LIST: Request to add \$107,715 to increase Veterinary Services for Medication, Microchipping, Medical Supplies, etc. (Councilor Davis placed on the Add List.)

ADD LIST: Request to add three (3) full time Fleet Maintenance Technicians in the amount of \$156,408 (Councilor Davis placed on the Add List.)

**REFERRAL(S):**

- A request was made to put a meeting together to discuss the pickleball matter. (*Councilor Cogle*)
- A request was made to check to see if the inmate correctional vans could be funded through OLOST (Other Local Option Sale Tax). (*Councilor Crabb*)
- A request was made to look at raising the fees of the Tennis Association in order to fund LED lighting at the Cooper Creek Tennis Center. (*Councilor Davis*)
- A request was made for a list of the top five most important items that were not included in the budget. (*Councilor Crabb*)

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NOTE: *Councilor Cogle left the meeting at approximately 3:00 p.m.*

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**BUDGET REVIEW ITEM #3**

3. Public Works – Drale Short, Public Works Director

## **PUBLIC WORKS:**

Public Works Director Drale Short provided an overview of the power point presentation entitled *Department of Public Works FY' 2025 Budget summary/Concerns*. \*A copy is on file in the Clerk of Council's Office.

### **Request(s)**

- One (1) Finance Manager G122 - \$60,871
- Delete one (1) Electrician position at G119
- Reduce overtime budget for Animal Control by \$6,919
- Five (5) Fleet Maintenance Technician II G118 - 249,431
- Seven (7) Full-time Animal Control Officers G116 - \$519,730
- One (1) Part-time Animal Control Officer G116 - \$27,363
- Two (2) Maintenance Workers G114 - \$92,146
- One (1) Assistant Division Manager G127 - \$78,644
- Increase in Veterinary Services - \$107,715
- Increase in Special Event Supplies - \$4,685
- Fee Based Program Spay/Neuter - \$275,000
- Service Contracts - \$345,941
- Increase in Operating Material - \$62,000
- One (1) Mobile Spay/Neuter Clinic - \$375,000
- One (1) 7 yd Dump Truck – 152,250
- One (1) Vac Con - \$50,000
- One (1) Trailer - \$38,000
- One (1) Heavy Equipment Operator G122 - \$61,021
- Two (2) Equipment Operator III G121 - \$116,889
- Two (2) Equipment Operator II G120 - \$111,980
- Two (2) Maintenance Worker I G114 - \$92,146
- Two (2) Public Work Crew Leader/Heavy Equipment G122 - \$122,043
- Seven (7) Maintenance Worker I G11 - \$322,511
- One (1) Waste Equipment Operator G121 - \$58,444
- Delete one (1) Urban Forestry/Beautification Supervisor G124 - \$67,138
- One (1) Heavy- Duty Low Profile Trailer - \$22,000
- 18yd Tandem Dump Trucks w/Swing Gate - \$357,000
- Two (2) 60 in John Deere Zero Turn Mowers - \$20,000
- Three (3) Closed Cab Tractor w/Bush Hog - \$150,000
- One (1) Public Service Crew Leader G122 - \$61,021
- Five (5) Waste Collection Workers G114 - \$230,365
- Six (6) Maintenance Workers I G114 - \$276,438
- One (1) Heavy Equipment Operator G122 - \$61,021
- One (1) Correctional Detail Officer C1- \$59,983

- Fourteen (14) CDL Drivers G121 - \$818,218
- Increase in Waste Collection Operating - \$511,487
- Increase in Yard Waste Collection Operating: \$436,671
- Three (3) Trash Compactors - \$120,000
- Two (2) 11 Yd Mini Rear Loaders - \$705,405
- One (1) Mid-Size SUV – 2WD Explorer
- Two (2) Roll-Off Trucks - \$425,028
- Ten (10) 30 Yd Containers - \$70,500
- Two (2) Front Load Refuse Trucks - \$750,000
- One (1) 22' Box Truck/Liftgate - \$186,000
- One (1) HG6800TX Grinder - \$1,200,000
- One (1) Water Truck - \$135,000
- One (1) D2 Dozier - \$185,000
- One (1) Large Compactor - \$41,000,000
- One (1) CAT730 Haul Truck - \$575,000
- Two (2) 40 yd Trucks @ \$365,000.00 - \$730,000.
- Three (3) 27 Yd Trucks @ 274,000.00 - \$822,000

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*NOTE: Mayor Henderson left the meeting at 3:19 p.m. and Councilor Garrett left the committee meeting at approximately 3:41 p.m.*

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ADD LIST: Request for Full-time Veterinarian in the amount of \$150,375. (Councilor Davis placed on the Add List.)

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### **BUDGET REVIEW ITEM (ADD-ON)**

#### **FIRE & EMS DEPARTMENT:**

ADD LIST: Request to increase the salary of the Fire & EMS Chief for a total cost of \$19,977. (Councilor Thomas placed on the Add List.)

With there being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Thomas declared the adjournment of the May 14, 2024, Budget Review Committee Meeting, with the time being 4:20 p.m.

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Tameka Colbert  
Deputy Clerk Pro Tem



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS GEORGIA  
April 4, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT: Heath Schondelmayer, Selvin Hollingsworth, Charles Ray Sheffield, Geniece Granville, Dallis Copeland

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Laura Gower, Travis Chambers

ALSO PRESENT: Jerald Mitchell, Joe Sanders, Pam Hodge, Rob McKenna, Tracey Herring, Conner Miller, Helen Williams, Jennifer Bickerstaff w/C4C, Joshua Beard w/Mayor's office

The meeting was called to order by Heath Schondelmayer at 8:30 AM.

I. WELCOME

- a. March 7, 2024, Minutes - **Having been distributed during to the meeting and upon motion made by Selvin Hollingsworth and seconded by Dallis Copeland the Authority unanimously approved the minutes of the March 7, 2024, meeting attached as "Exhibit A."**

II. FINANCES

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

III. LEGAL ISSUES

- a. Rob McKenna provided the following items:
  - i. Extension of the Option Period and Lease Renewal for Waggoner Trucking
    1. Need a price approval for the next 5 years - The board requested a list of improvements/investments made by Waggoner – The board would also like the Fair Market Value for the property. **Upon motion made by Selvin Hollingsworth and seconded by Charles Ray Sheffield, the Authority unanimously approved to grant a 60-day extension.**

IV. Columbus 2025 Update by Tabetha Getz

- a. Tabetha Getz thanked the Development Authority Board Members for their contributions to the Columbus 2025 initiative.
  - i. She provided an overview of Columbus 2025 stating it is a collaborative community and economic development strategic framework that focuses the community's efforts on jobs, talent, and place for more competitive and prosperous region by 2025.
  - ii. The framework constructs a new level of collaboration for how we will increase prosperity, reduce poverty, and enhance quality of life for decades to come.

- b. Tabettha introduced Bill McMann from Start-Up Columbus
  - i. Bill explained the role of Start-Up Columbus
    - 1. Promoting E-Business (Entrepreneurship)
    - 2. Providing the following services:
      - a. Programming
      - b. Physical Office Space
      - c. Mentorship
      - d. Consulting
      - e. Networking events
      - f. Access to Capital
    - 3. Start-Up Columbus has supported over 300 businesses with 397 jobs created
    - 4. Dollars invested into businesses are around 320k
    - 5. Start-Up Columbus host an Annual Entrepreneur Event in November
      - a. 40k is given away during this event (2 x 15k and 2 x 5k checks)
    - 6. Digital markets platform, connect with other entrepreneur organizations and through partnerships
    - 7. Angel Fund Network is in place to:
      - a. Bring together Bankers, Lenders and the Entrepreneurs
      - b. Provide access to capital

#### V. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT

- a. Jerald Mitchell provided an update on the 2024 Project Pipeline
  - i. Barge 11 – 64 acres at Technology Park update – Barge will begin to move trees and dirt
  - ii. Redevelopment of Golden Park is on track
  - iii. Robotics, submitted congressional request to support Ft. Moore 10x program
- b. Tracey Herring presented an update on Small Business
  - i. Received positive feedback on the March 19<sup>th</sup> Small Business Bootcamp
  - ii. Announced the 2024 quarterly Roundtable w/Mayor “Skip” Henderson calendar scheduled meetings to be held in the Chamber Boardroom
  - iii. The Small Business Week is scheduled in May (April 28<sup>th</sup> – May 4<sup>th</sup>)
  - iv. Small Business 2024 Summer Series
- c. Bill Dudley provided updates:
  - i. House Bill 1440 Richard Smith Chips Act
  - ii. Special Election for Richard Smith’s position is Tues. April 9th
  - iii. License Reciprocity for Military spouse (recognize the education and experience that a licensee has obtained in another state)
  - iv. Funding for CSU and Columbus Tech
  - v. Income Tax Reduction 5.4%
  - vi. Corporate Income Tax for the State
  - vii. The Chips Legislation was based off the Texas Law

VI. CITY REPORT

- a. Pam provided updates on the following items:
  - i. Golden Park – Bond passed the closing is Tuesday, April 9, 2024, received a good taxable rate @ 5% - 6 bidders are interested in purchasing the Bond
  - ii. Demo permits issued – you will start to see work in progress on April 10th
  - iii. The Judicial Center groundbreaking ceremony is today, April 4<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00pm
  - iv. Business License, temporary staff has been added to help with the increased license request (last year 2202 licenses were issued, currently 3294 licenses have been submitted), the additional staff has changed the processing time. The goal is to have all of the submitted license mailed out by June 1st
  - v. We are working to have an online license process in place by 2025
  - vi. Testing the online permitting:
    - 1. Building permits
    - 2. Trade permits
    - 3. Electrical/Plumbing permits
    - 4. Inspections
    - 5. Builders and Contractors will be able to go online to review all of their permits
  - vii. Getting ready for the Mayor Summer Youth Program (ages 16 to 24), looking to increase the participates from 82 to 125, working with the Urban League

VII. Upcoming Events

- a. State of Fort Moore – April 26th
- b. Partnership Golf Tournament – May 3
- c. Inter-City Leadership Conference
  - i. Date: Sep 25 – 27, 2024
  - ii. Location: W Hotel Downtown Atlanta, Ga
  - iii. Brian provided a handout with the logistics
- d. Dean Ketter event tonight, Korean–US Economic Relations and the Impacts on GA

VIII. NEW BUSINESS – Geniece made to plea to encourage everyone to get out to vote

IX. OLD BUSINESS – Nothing to report

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. Jerald presented Heath with a Crystal Gavel as he rolls off as Chairman
- b. Voting for new officers is scheduled Tuesday, Apr 4<sup>th</sup>: Chair, Selvin Hollingsworth; Vice Chair, Charles Ray Sheffield; Secretary, Geniece Granville - **Upon motion made by Selvin Hollingsworth and seconded by, Heath Schondelmayer the Authority unanimously approved the new officers.**

XI. MEETING ADJOURNED

- i. There being no further business of the Authority was declared adjourned by the Chairman at 9:25 am.



Selvin Hollinsworth, Chairman



Charles Ray Sheffield, Vice Chair



**File Attachments for Item:**

**COUNCIL'S DISTRICT SEAT APPOINTMENT- ANY NOMINATIONS MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:**

**YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:**

District 2 Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

District 5 Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

District 4 Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

District 8 Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**COLUMBUS AQUATICS COMMISSION:**

**Timothy Crabb**

*Does not desire reappointment*

Term Expires: June 30, 2024

**Open for Nominations**

**(Council's Appointment)**

**Richard Leary**

*Cols. Hurricane Rep.*

*Does not desire reappointment*

Term Expires: June 30, 2024

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**(Council's Appointment)**

**Janet Bussey**

*Not Eligible to succeed*

Term Expires: June 30, 2024

**Open for Nominations**

**(Council's Appointment)**

**Bruce Samuels**

**Open for Nominations**

*Not Eligible to succeed*

**(Council's Appointment)**

Term Expired: June 30, 2022

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**Women: 1**

**Senatorial District 15: 5**

**Senatorial District 29: 2**

**KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION:**

**David Houser**

**Open for Nominations**

*Eligible to*

*succeed*

**(Council's Appointment)**

*(SD-15 Representative)*

Term Expires: June 30, 2024

**Pamela Green Thomas**- Interested in serving

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*(At-Large Member)*

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**Eddie Florence**

**Open for Nominations**

*(Resigned)*

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**REGION 6 REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES:**

**Christopher Posey**  
*desire reappointment*

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

*Does not*

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

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