

Council Members

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Charmaine Crabb

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Simi Barnes
Bruce Huff

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

September 08, 2026
9:00 AM
Regular Meeting

MAYOR'S A G E N D A

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Chaplain Matthew Miller, Fort Benning

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Miles Branscomb, Midland Academy

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the August 25, 2026, Council Meeting and Executive Session.

PROCLAMATIONS

2. Proclamation: Direct Support Professionals Week

Receiving: Mary Star Hannify, Clinical Director of New Horizons

3. Proclamation: National Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month

Receiving: Lois Williams & Jadya Bryan, Association of Sickle Cell, Lower Chattahoochee Region

4. Proclamation: National Diaper Need Awareness Week

Receiving: Junior League of Columbus

5. **Proclamation:** Public Safety Week

Receiving: Wayne Anthony, House of Heroes

6. **Proclamation:** National Preparedness Month

Receiving: Chance Corbett, Director of Emergency Management & Homeland Security

PRESENTATIONS

7. Housing Solutions Group Report – Pat Frey, Vice President of Home for Good

8. Special Presentation – Georgia Municipal Association

CITY ATTORNEY’S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

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4. **1st Reading:** REZN 07-26-1357: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **3604 Arkansas Drive** (parcel # 068-023-001) from Single Family Residential – 2 (SFR2) Zoning District to Residential Multifamily – 2 (RMF2) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.)(Councilor Crabb)

5. **1st Reading:** REZN 07-26-1395: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district

located at **1119 Neill Drive** (parcel # 031-045-007) from Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District to Residential Multifamily – 1 (RMF1) Zoning District with Conditions. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Garrett)

6. 1st Reading: REZN-08-26-1510: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **4803 Ingram Ave** (parcel # 032-016-017) from General Commercial (GC) Zoning District to Single Family Residential – 4 (SFR4) Zoning District.(Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Garrett)

7. 1st Reading: REZN-08-26-1543 An ordinance amending various sections of the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.)(Mayor Pro-Tem.)

8. 1st Reading: An ordinance providing for the demolition of various structures located at:

- 1) 345 Liberty Avenue (Jessica Torres, Owner)
- 2) 61 Patton Drive (Jonathan Roy Dillon, Owner)
- 3) 3032 Drake Street (Dewey Tew, Owner)
- 4) 2711 Peabody Avenue (Ernestine Byrd Deadwyler, Owner)
- 5) 515 6th Street (Dedivine F & G LLC, Owner)
- 6) 2502 4th Avenue (Tommy Jones Jr., Owner)
- 7) 1124 43rd Street (Brian Cotugno, Owner)
- 8) 2220 6th Street (Charlie F & Mable Bass, Owner)
- 9) 1821 St. Elmo (Amy M. Ourso & Bickerstaff II, Owner)

and for demolition services for the Inspections and Code Department in accordance with the attached Tabulation of Bid sheet. (Mayor Pro-Tem)

9. 1st Reading: An Ordinance amending Chapter 2 of the Columbus Code to increase the number of members of the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission; and for other purposes. (Councilor Chambers)

10. 1st Reading: An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 26-021, the budget for the fiscal year 2027, beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027, to reclassify positions in Juvenile Court; and for other purposes. (Councilor Garrett)

RESOLUTIONS

11. A Resolution authorizing the execution of Federal Aviation Administration Grant No. 3-13-0035-064-2026 Master Plan Update Phase III. (Request of Columbus Airport Commission.)

12. A Resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia approving the Third Amended and Restated Articles of organization for Valley Partnership - Joint Development Authority (Councilor Garrett)

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Ms. Kim Decker, Re: Transparency and Full Disclosure of “Secret Talks”. (*Rescheduled from 08-25-2026*)
2. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Bad Behavior of Council Members.
3. Mr. Gregory Foster, Re: Stop Blaming Government for Your Failings.
4. Ms. Loretta Wright, Re: Environmental Pollution.
5. Mrs. Robina Adams, Re: Cat Colony at Georgetown.
6. Ms. Laura Bencosme, Re: Relocation of Cat Colony at Georgetown.
7. Mrs. Digna Peterson, Re: Community Concerns – Cats.
8. Ms. Allie Johnson, Re: Open Meeting Requirements and City Council Involvement in Animal Issues.
9. Ms. Meg Givans, Re: Cat Colony at Georgetown.
10. Ms. Becky Carter, representing Animal SOS, Re: Community Cat Program.
11. Ms. Renee Matthews, Re: Community Cat Caregiver Appreciation.
12. Mrs. Jordan Frost, Re: The Proposed Removal of the Georgetown Community Cat Colony.
13. Ms. Deborah Coleman, representing Georgetown Subdivision, Re: Cat Colony Problem and Signed Petition.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. **Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Columbus, the Juvenile Court of Muscogee County, and the Georgia Office of the Child Advocate**

Approval is requested to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the Columbus Consolidated Government (“CCG”), the Juvenile Court of Muscogee County, and the Georgia

Office of the Child Advocate (“OCA”) for participation in its Quality Legal Representation IV-E Program to allow the City to receive reimbursement for a percentage of fees paid by the Juvenile Court to attorneys for parents and children in dependency cases.

2. 2026 Georgia Trauma Commission EMT Grant

Approval is requested to accept a grant in the amount of \$12,000.00 or as otherwise awarded, from the Georgia Trauma Commission, with an amendment made to the Multi-Government Fund by the like amount, with no matching funds required. The state is providing for new Rescue equipment and training.

3. Firehouse Subs Grant

Approval is requested to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant in the amount of \$18,400.00, or as otherwise awarded, from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation for the acquisition of twenty stationary bikes, and to amend the multigovernmental fund by said amount. No matching funds are required.

4. Dero Fixit Stations Donation

Approval is requested to accept the donation of four Dero Fixit Stations for bicycle repairs on the Dragonfly Trail provided jointly by River Valley Regional Commission, Bicycle Columbus and Dragonfly Trails, Inc.

5. PURCHASES

- A. Elevator Maintenance & Repair Services (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 26-0001
- B. Five (5) Cab Tractors with Two (2) Flexwing Cutters for Public Works- Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase
- C. Purchase of CXT Prefabricated Bathrooms for Parks and Recreation Locations – Sourcewell Cooperative Contract Purchase
- D. Foundation Pads for Three (3) CXT Prefabricated Bathrooms for Parks and Recreation Locations
- E. Project Management Services for Columbus Parks and Recreation SPLOST Park Renovation Projects
- F. Repair of Grapple Truck for Public Works
- G. Election Equipment, Supplies and Services
- H. Comer Recreation Center Splashpad
- I. Automatic External Defibrillators (AED) and Accessories for Risk Management (Annual Contracts) – BuyBoard Cooperative Purchase

6. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Revenue Update - Angelica Alexander, Finance Director

BID ADVERTISEMENT

DATE: September 8, 2026
TO: Mayor and Councilors
FROM: Finance Department
SUBJECT: Advertised Bids/RFPs/RFQs

September 9, 2026

1 Used & Confiscated Firearms for Credit or Swap – RFB No. 27-0004

Scope of Bid

The Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) Police Department is offering used and confiscated firearms for sale to a licensed firearms dealer who can issue a credit to purchase or swap for Heckler & Koch MR556 A4 SBR 11” Part No. 81001048 rifles with accessories.

September 23, 2026

1 Dragonfly Trail – River Road Segment (S.R. 219) – RFP No. 27-0006

Scope of Bid

This project consists of constructing a new trail beginning near Cascade Road in Columbus, Georgia. The trail will run south along River Road (SR 219) and continue west to the existing riverwalk at Lake Oliver Road. The project length is approximately 5,026 lf and includes a 10' wide concrete trail, pedestrian bridge, landscape improvements, stormwater improvements, and trail amenities. Additional work associated with the project includes minor demolition and clearing, erosion control, grading, and signage. Portions of the project are located on state right-of-way. A GDOT encroachment permit has been obtained by the City of Columbus. A dbf goal of 10% has been established for this project.

2 Portable Toilet Rental and Service (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 26-0036

Scope of RFP

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

September 30, 2026

1 On-Call Plumbing Installation and Maintenance Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 27-0003

Scope of RFP

It is the intent of the Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) to establish an annual contract with a Primary and a Secondary contract to provide all labor, equipment and materials for on-call plumbing installation and maintenance services during normal business hours and after hours on an “as needed basis”, on all buildings and structures for Columbus Consolidated Government.

2 On-Call Painting, Pressure Washing and Waterproofing Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 27-0004

Scope of RFP

It is the intent of the Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) to establish an annual contract with a qualified Primary and Secondary contractor to provide all labor, equipment and materials for the provision of on-call Painting, Pressure Washing, and Waterproofing Services for buildings and structures for Columbus Consolidated Government. on an as-needed basis.

3 On-Call Electrical Installation and Maintenance Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 27-0009

Scope of RFP

It is the intent of the Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) to establish an annual contract with a Primary and a Secondary contractor to provide all labor, equipment and materials for the provision of on-call Electrical installation and maintenance services during normal business hours and after hours on an “as needed basis”, on all buildings and structures for Columbus Consolidated Government.

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

4 On-Call Irrigation Installation and Maintenance Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 27-00010

Scope of RFP

It is the intent of the Columbus Consolidated Government (City) to establish an annual contract with a Primary and a Secondary contractor to provide all labor, equipment and materials to install/troubleshoot irrigation systems for on-call installation and maintenance services during normal business hours and after hours on an “as needed basis”, throughout the City.

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

October 7, 2026

1 Tennis Court Resurfacing at Lakebottom Park and Double Churches Park – RFB No. 27-0011

Scope of Bid

Provide all labor, equipment, and materials to resurface the tennis courts at Lakebottom Park and Double Churches Park.

October 14, 2026

1 Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) System – RFP No. 27-0008

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) is seeking proposals from qualified vendors to provide a fully integrated Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system and related implementation services. The proposed system shall modernize financial, human resource, and administrative operations through a secure, scalable, and integrated solution.

CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - INFORMATION ONLY

- 1. Upcoming Board Appointments:** Board of Honor
- 2. Upcoming Board Appointments:** Columbus Ironworks Convention & Trade Center (*Attachment Pending*)
- 3. Upcoming Board Appointments:** Housing Authority of Columbus
- 4. Upcoming Board Appointments:** Land Bank Authority (*Attachment Pending*)
- 5. Upcoming Board Appointments:** Public Safety Advisory Commission (*Attachment Pending*)
- 6. Upcoming Board Appointments:** Uptown Façade Board (*Attachment Pending*)

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

- 7. Inter-City Leadership Conference – Transportation Expenses:** Memo from the Clerk of Council requesting authorization for the Columbus Consolidated Government to cover transportation/airfare expenses, at an estimated total cost of \$2,600, for Councilors Simi

Barnes, Travis Chambers, and Cathy Cook, and Councilor-Elect Sherrie Arron to attend the 2026 Inter-City Leadership Conference in Spartanburg, South Carolina, September 29 – October 2, 2026.

8. Request for Declaration of Vacancy: Memo from the Clerk of Council requesting that Council declare the seats held by Zerome Lakey and Patrick Steed on the Planning Advisory Commission (PAC) as vacant due to unexcused absences.
9. Resignation: Email correspondence from Irene Pate, resigning from her seat on the Recreation Advisory Board.

10. Minutes of the following boards

Board of Tax Assessors #31-26 & 32-26

Crime Prevention Board 08-05-26

Downtown Development Authority 06-11-25

Employee Benefits Committee 02-25-26, 04-07-25 & 04-22-26

Hospital Authority of Columbus 06-30-26 & 07-28-26

Retiree Health Benefits Committee 05-20-26

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

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

A. AUDIT COMMITTEE:

Vacant

Finance/Accounting or Governmental Rep.

Term Expires: June 30, 2027

Open for Nominations
(Mayor's Appointment)

Membership and Meeting Information

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

B. COLUMBUS SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT AUTHORITY:

Vacant

Certified Public Accountant (CPA)

Term Expires: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations
(*Mayor's Appointment*)

Membership and Meeting Information

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

C. PENSION FUND, EMPLOYEES' BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Vacant

(Business Community)

Term Expires: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations
(*Mayor's Appointment*)

Membership and Meeting Information

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

12. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS – LISTED FOR CONFIRMATION:

- A. TREE BOARD:** Dawson Buchanan was nominated to fill a vacant seat for an at-large representative. (*Councilor Cogle's nominee*) Term expires: December 31, 2026

13. NOMINATIONS – CONFIRMED BY COUNCIL:

A. HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD (BHAR):

Vacant

Uptown Business Association

Term Expires: January 31, 2029

Open for Nominations
(*Confirmed by Council*)

Membership and Meeting Information

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

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

A. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:

Vacant

Term Expired: March 27, 2026

Open for Nominations
(District 1 – Barnes)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	3 Year (Mayor Appts); 2 Year (Council Appts)	Term Limit: 2
Meetings:	Quarterly – 2nd Thursday (March, June, September & December)	
Women:	3	Senatorial District 15: 7
Vacancies:	2	Senatorial District 29: 4

B. PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION:

Vacant

Term Expired: October 31, 2026

Open for Nominations
(District 2 – Davis)

Vacant

Term Expired: October 31, 2028

Open for Nominations
(District 3 – Huff)

Vacant

Term Expired: October 31, 2026

Open for Nominations
(District 4 – Tucker)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	3 Year	Term Limit: 2
Meetings:	Monthly – 3 rd Thursday	
Women:	1	Senatorial District 15: 5

Vacancies: 3

Senatorial District 29: 2

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

A. BOARD OF HEALTH:

Yasmine Cathright

Not Eligible

Term Expires: December 31, 2025

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms: 5 Year Term Limit: 2

Meetings: Monthly – 4th Wednesday

Women: 4 Senatorial District 15: 0

Vacancies: 1 Senatorial District 29: 5

B. BUILDING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:

Vacant

Term Expires: March 24, 2027

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms: 2 Year Term Limit: n/a

Meetings: As needed.

Women: 1 Senatorial District 15: 1

Vacancies: 1 Senatorial District 29: 3

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

Sandra Gill

Does not desire reappointment

Term Expired: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

Nancy Schroeder

Does not desire reappointment

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

Term Expires: June 30, 2026

Judge David Ranieri

Does not desire reappointment

Term Expired: June 30, 2025

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	3 Year	Term Limit: n/a
Meetings:	Monthly – 2nd Monday	
Women:	2	Senatorial District 15: 3
Vacancies:	0	Senatorial District 29: 1

D. PERSONNEL REVIEW BOARD:

Vacant

(Alternate Member 1)

Term expires: December 31, 2027

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

Vacant

(Alternate Member 2)

Term expires: December 31, 2027

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

Vacant

(Alternate Member 3)

Term expires: December 31, 2027

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

Delano Leftwich

Not Eligible

(Alternate Member 4)

Term expired: December 31, 2025

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

Membership and Meeting Information

Terms:	3 Year	Term Limit: 2
Meetings:	Monthly – 3rd Wednesday	
Women:	4	Senatorial District 15: 2
Vacancies:	4	Senatorial District 29: 4

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

Dr. Janet C. Bussey

Does not desire reappointment

Term Expires: June 30, 2026

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

Membership and Meeting Information

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

F. TREE BOARD:

Vacant

(At-Large)

Term expires: December 31, 2028

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

Vacant

(At-Large)

Term expires: December 31, 2028

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

Vacant

(Residential Development)

Term expires: December 31, 2026

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

Vacant

(Commercial or Industrial Development)

Term expires: December 31, 2026

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

Vacant

(Public Utility Representative)

Term expires: July 1, 2028

Open for Nominations
(*Council's Appointment*)

Membership and Meeting Information

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

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File Attachments for Item:

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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

August 25, 2026
5:30 PM
Regular Meeting

M A Y O R ’ S A G E N D A

PRESENT: Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen and Councilors Simi Barnes, Travis L. Chambers, Joanne Cogle, Cathy Cook, Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis, Bruce Huff (arrived at 5:40 p.m.) and Toyia Tucker. City Manager Tyson Begly, City Attorney Clifton Fay, Assistant City Attorney Lucy Sheftall, Clerk of Council Lindsey G. McLemore, and Deputy Clerk of Council Tameka Colbert.

ABSENT: Councilor R. Walker Garrett was absent.

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

<u>The following documents were distributed around the Council table:</u> (1) CA#1: Photos of existing businesses on Buena Vista Rd.; (2) CA#1: Information Regarding the Impact of Liquor Stores on Students; (3) CA#1: Map Identifying Liquor-Licensed Businesses, Distances, and Areas of Blight (4) PA#1: Photos of Georgetown Subdivision Cat Colony Issues; (5) PA#5: Code Enforcement is About Community Dignity; (6) PA#10: Natural Gas Pipeline Usage in Rural Areas of Columbus
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CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen, III, Presiding

INVOCATION: Offered by Pastor Carlos Coleman, New Birth Outreach

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by The Youth Advisory Council

PRESENTATIONS

4. Youth Advisory Council – Presented by Lisa Goodwin, Deputy City Manager

Utkarsh Anand, Youth Advisory Council President, welcomed members to the 2026–2027 session and highlighted the Council’s role in providing youth with opportunities for civic engagement, community involvement, and leadership. He encouraged members to share their ideas and actively

participate in addressing community issues and recognized YAC Advisor Ashley Hamilton for her continued guidance and support.

Senior Director of Student Services Michael Forte congratulated the newly sworn-in members and expressed enthusiasm for the 2026–2027 session. He recognized the students’ commitment and engagement, thanked parents for their continued support.

Dr. Tavari Turner, Georgia Municipal Association Representative, recognized Ashrit Gangineni and Elijah Crawford for representing Columbus on the Georgia Municipal Association’s Statewide Youth Advisory Council.

(NOTE: This item was called up as the next order of business as listed on the Mayor’s Agenda Item #4)

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the August 11, 2026, Council Meeting and Executive Session. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor Cook and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Huff being absent for the vote and Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

PROCLAMATIONS:

2. **Proclamation:** Steve Brown Day

Receiving: Steve Brown

Councilor Charmaine Crabb read the proclamation into the record proclaiming Tuesday, August 25, 2026, as *Steve Brown Day*, in recognition of Mr. Brown’s 44 years of service as Superintendent of Bull Creek Golf Course, his dedicated oversight of City golf facilities, leadership and service to the golfing community, and positive impact on participants in the prison work program.

3. **Proclamation:** International Overdose Awareness Day

Receiving: River City Recovery

Councilor Travis L. Chambers read the proclamation into the record proclaiming Monday, August 31, 2026, as *International Overdose Awareness Day*, in remembrance of those who have lost their lives to overdose and in recognition of individuals, families, first responders, healthcare professionals, recovery providers, and community organizations working to prevent overdoses, support recovery, and increase access to treatment and care.

PRESENTATIONS (continued)

5. Oakland Park Community Emergency Response Team, Chance Corbett, Director of Emergency Management & Homeland Security

Chance Corbett, Director of Emergency Management & Homeland Security announced the reintroduction of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program, which provides residents with emergency preparedness and disaster response training. He recognized Oakland Park as the first neighborhood to complete the renewed 16-hour program.

Quincy Prior, Deputy Emergency Management Director, recognized the Oakland Park residents who successfully completed the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training and presented certificates of completion.

Pat Frey, CERT Participant, reflected on the training experience, stating that participants learned how to respond effectively during emergencies while also identifying the needs and vulnerabilities within their neighborhood.

Patrick Prescott, Oakland Park Association Vice President, expressed the community's commitment to improving the Oakland Park neighborhood. He stated that the CERT training has strengthened and revitalized residents' efforts to build a safer and better community.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – DISTRICT 9 TOWN HALL MEETING

Councilor Cathy Cook announced that her first town hall meeting would be held Tuesday, September 1, 2026, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., and expressed interest in partnering with Emergency Management to expand CERT training opportunities to homeowners' associations throughout the city.

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 - Kenya Miley
 - Val McGowan
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PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Theresa El-Amin

Finance Director Angelica Alexander clarified that the City's pension plan remains well funded, reporting that the Public Safety Pension Plan is 101.47% funded and the General Government Pension Plan is 109.45% funded for FY27. She stated that both plans have improved significantly since FY13.

Councilor Davis made a motion to amend the ordinance , to require the employee pension contribution adjustment from 8% to 6% to be effective January 1, 2027, seconded by Councilor Cogle.

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

- Review the City's age and service requirements for possible early retirement options for eligible employees. (*Councilor Tucker*)
- Review the feasibility and timeframe for moving toward a standardized employee pension contribution percentage and report the findings back to Council. (*Councilor Cook*)

Councilor Glenn Davis stated for the record that his primary objective was to reduce employee pension contributions to provide employees with additional take-home pay. He expressed reservations regarding other proposed pension changes but indicated his willingness to support them if desired by employees, while maintaining that additional outside review was unnecessary because the relevant

information had already been provided. He stated that while several pension plan changes had been recommended, his primary focus remained on reducing the employee contribution rate and expediting implementation of that change by January 1, 2027.

Councilor Tucker made a substitute motion to amend the ordinance to provide that the employee pension contribution rate be reduced from 8% to 6% effective January 31, 2027, or sooner, seconded by Councilor Davis.

City Attorney Clifton Fay explained the motion would amend the language of Sections 3 and 7 of the ordinance to state that the employee pension contribution rate for both the General Government and Public Safety Pension Plans would decrease from 8% to 6% effective January 1, 2027, or on an earlier date approved by the City Manager.

The motion carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Cogle and Huff being absent for the vote and Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- A request was made for proposed amendments to the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) regarding tiny homes and Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) to be forwarded to the Planning Advisory Commission (PAC) for consideration. (*Councilor Tucker*)

Councilor Glenn Davis stated for the record, funds already contributed to the pension plan could not be retroactively withdrawn and returned to employees. He requested clarification to ensure the record accurately reflected that understanding.

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Mr. Carlton Brantley, representing Georgetown Subdivision, Re: Cat Colony Issue.
2. Dr. Natalie Nicole, representing Role Model Academy, Re: Community Concerns & Elected Accountability.
3. Mr. Lakeithon Coleman, Re: Request for a Public Park on 1st Avenue.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- A request was made for staff review the ownership, current condition, and future use of the former 23rd Street Park property, including its potential for redevelopment as a public park or playground. (*Councilor Cogle*)
- 4. Ms. Kim Decker, Re: Transparency and Full Disclosure of “Secret Talks”.
- 5. Mr. Val McGowan, Re: Zoning and Code Enforcement.

REFERRAL(S):FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Review and consider amendments to the City’s cat colony ordinance to provide a process for neighborhoods or subdivisions to petition against having a cat colony within their community.. (*Councilor Tucker*)
- Schedule a meeting regarding the Georgetown cat colony concerns with the Georgetown community, PAWS Humane Society, Animal Care and Control/Animal Services, appropriate City staff, and other relevant parties. (*Councilor Tucker*)

FOR THE CITY ATTORNEY:

- Review and clarify whether Code Enforcement/Code Inspection has authority to issue citations or otherwise take action regarding cat colony violations and report the findings back to Council. (*Councilor Tucker*)
- 6. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Free-Speech Rights and Violations of the Open Records and Open Meetings Acts.
- 7. Mrs. Darlene Laird, Re: Response to Allegations Regarding Data Center Opposition.
- 8. Ms. Nargarina Burkley, Re: East Columbus – Forrest Road and Floyd Road Blight. ***Not Present***
- 9. Mr. Gannon Harris, Re: Community Support. ***Not Present***
- 10. Mr. Mick Etchison, Re: Natural Gas Pipeline Usage in Rural Areas of Columbus.
- 11. Mr. Corie Wilson, Re: Loitering Ordinance.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Acquisition of Property

Resolution (223-26): - A resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a Real Estate Agreement for approximately 42.54 acres located at Cusseta Road and 10th Ave. per attached exhibit 1 between Columbus, Georgia (“CCG”), Summerstone, LLC (“SS”), and Columbus Futbol Club, Inc. (“CFC”) to provide property for city purposes and execute all closing documents. Councilor Davis made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

2. Columbus Airport Commission Funding Support

Resolution (224-26): - A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, to authorize the City Manager to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Columbus Airport Commission and the Development Authority for \$260,000 out of the Economic Development Fund and rescind Resolution No. 192.26. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

3. Amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement Between Columbus Consolidated Government and the Georgia State Historic Preservation Officer Regarding the Demolition of 2610 16th Avenue, Columbus, Muscogee County, Georgia

Resolution (225-26): - A resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), to extend the mitigation timeline for the demolition of 2610 16th Avenue, which contributes to the National Register of Historic Places - eligible expansion of the NHRP-listed Weracoba - St. Elmo Historic District. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

4. Acceptance of a Sidewalk and Maintenance Easement Deed for Additional Right-of-Way Adjacent to Airport Thruway and Manchester Expressway

Resolution (226-26): - A resolution authorizing the acceptance of an easement deed to part of Land Lot 55, 8th District, 3,484.8 sq feet development for the purpose of incorporating the sidewalk into the street right-of-way, on behalf of Columbus, Georgia. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

5. FY27 Inmate Capacity Agreement

Resolution (227-26): - A resolution authorizing a maximum of five hundred and twenty-eight (528) state inmates to be housed at the Muscogee County Prison. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

6. DOJ FY 2026 Bridging Immigration-Related Deficits Experienced Nationwide (“BIDEN”) Program

Resolution (228-26): - A resolution authorizing the Mayor to apply for, accept, and expend any awarded funds as per the grant guidelines and city regulations, if awarded, a grant in the amount of \$7,000,000, or as otherwise awarded, DOJ FY2026 Bridging Immigration-Related Deficits Experienced Nationwide (“BIDEN”) Program, and to amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount awarded. Funds will be utilized to increase MCSO’S operational capabilities by providing equipment and technology that directly supports efforts to identify, locate, apprehend, investigate, detain, and transport criminal illegal aliens, drug trafficking suspects, and human trafficking perpetrators. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

7. PURCHASES

A. Liberty Theater Electrical Work and Temporary Lighting

Resolution (229-26): - A resolution authorizing the Liberty Theater electrical work and temporary lighting services from River City Contracting, Inc. (Fortson, GA) in the amount of \$79,450.00 and Change Order 1 in the amount of \$5,895.00, for a total amount of \$85,345.12. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

B. 7 Yard Dump Truck for Public Works – Georgia Statewide Cooperative Contract Purchase

Resolution (230-26): - A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) 7 Yard Dump Truck from Rush Truck Center Atlanta, (Atlanta, GA) at a total cost of \$142,861.00. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-SPD-SPD-0000155-0001. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

C. One (1) F-450 Flatbed Dump Truck for Public Works - Georgia Statewide Cooperative Contract Purchase

Resolution (231-26): - A resolution authorizing the purchase of One (1) 2027 F-450 Flatbed Dump Truck for Public Works Department from Wade Ford (Smyrna, GA) in the amount of \$85,622.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Georgia State Contract #99999-SPD-SPD0000155-0006. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

- D. One (1) Water Truck 4,000 Gallon for Public Works – Omnia Partners Cooperative Contract Purchase

Resolution (232-26): - A resolution authorizing the purchase of One (1) 4,000 Gallon Water Truck for Pine Grove Landfill from Yancey Brothers (Austell, GA) in the amount of \$193,745.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Omnia Partners Contract #212816-01. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

- E. One (1) New Way Viper 11 Yard Rear Loader Refuse Body for Public Works – Sourcewell Cooperative Contract Purchase

Resolution (233-26): - A resolution authorizing the purchase of One (1) New Way Viper 11 Yard Rear Loader Refuse Truck for Public Works Department from Sansom (Stonecrest, GA) in the amount of \$222,373.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Sourcewell Contract #110223-NWY. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

- F. One (1) D3 Bulldozer for Public Works – Sourcewell Cooperative Contract Purchase

Resolution (234-26): - A resolution authorizing the purchase of One (1) 2026 D3 Bulldozer for Public Works Department from Yancey Brothers (Fortson, GA) in the amount of \$199,393.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Sourcewell Contract #011723-CAT. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

- G. Contract Extension for Portable Toilet Rental and Service (Annual Contract) - RFB No. 20-0054

Resolution (235-26): - A resolution authorizing the extension of the annual contract for Portable Toilet Rental and Service (Annual Contract) with Lane Services LLC D/B/A Lane Environmental & Best Portables (Phenix City, AL) through December 31, 2026, on an “as needed” basis. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

- H. Contract Extension for Leather Items (Annual Contract) - RFB No. 20-0013

Resolution (236-26): - A resolution authorizing the extension of the annual contract with Galls, LLC (Lexington, KY) and Strack, Inc. (formerly Black Gear Industries) (Yorktown, VA), through December 31, 2026, for the purchase of Leather Items on an “as needed” basis. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

- I. Fifteen (15) Z930 Zero Turn Mowers for Public Works – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (237-26): - A resolution approving the purchase of fifteen (15) Z930 Zero Turn Mower for Public Works from Deere and Company. (Cary, NC) at a unit price of \$12,174.48 and a total cost of \$182,618.20. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Georgia State Contract #99999-001-SPD0000177-0026. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

- J. Three (3) Ford Explorers for State Court Solicitor – Georgia Statewide Cooperative Contract Purchase

Resolution (238-26): - A resolution approving the purchase of three (3) 2027 Ford Explorers for the State Court Solicitor from Wade Ford (Smyrna, GA) at a unit price of \$41,785.00, and total cost of \$125,355.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Georgia State #99999-001-SPD0000218-0001. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

- K. One (1) Mini Excavator for Public Works – Sourcewell Cooperative Contract Purchase

Resolution (239-26): - A resolution approving the purchase of one (1) Mini Excavator for the Public Works Department from Yancey Brothers (Forston, GA) in the amount of \$52,152.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Sourcewell Contract #011723-CAT. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

- L. One (1) Inmate Detail Van for Public Works – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (240-26): - A resolution approving the purchase of one (1) 2027 inmate detail van, upfitted with metal insert and cameras, for the Public Works Department, from Wade Ford (Smyrna, GA) in the amount of \$112,662.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Georgia State #99999-001-SPD0000218-0001. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

M. Amendment 22 for Construction Manager as General Contractor Services for Columbus Government Center Complex – RFQ No. 20-0002

Resolution (241-26): - A resolution authorizing the execution of Amendment 22 in the amount of \$869,127.00 with Gilbane Building Company (Atlanta, GA), in association with Freeman & Associates, Inc., for construction manager as general contractor services for the Government Center Complex. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

N. Custom Mobile Drone Command and Control Van for Fire & EMS

Resolution (242-26): - A resolution authorizing the purchase of a custom designed drone command van for the Fire & EMS Department from Airworx Unmanned Solutions (Greenville, SC) in the amount of \$149,000.00. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

O. (1) Purchase - Thirty-Eight (38) 2027 Ford Interceptors for the Police Department; (2) GMA Lease for Thirty-Eight (38) 2027 Ford Interceptors for the Police Department

Resolution (243-26): - A resolution authorizing the purchase of thirty-eight (38) 2027 Ford Interceptors from Allan Vigil Ford Lincoln (Morrow, GA) at a unit price of \$47,980.00 and a total cost of \$1,823,240.00. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-SPD-SPD0000218-0002. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

Resolution (244-26): - A resolution to authorize and direct the City Manager to execute one or more lease supplements for a lease or leases under the GMA Direct Leasing Program; to designate such leases as qualified tax-exempt obligations; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

P. (1) Purchase - Thirty-Eight (38) Vehicle Buildout Packages for the Police Department; (2) GMA Lease for Thirty-Eight (38) Vehicle Buildout Packages for the Police Department

Resolution (245-26): - A resolution authorizing the purchase of thirty-eight (38) 2027 Ford Interceptors from Allan Vigil Ford Lincoln (Morrow, GA) at a unit price of \$47,980.00 and a total cost of \$1,823,240.00. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-SPD-SPD0000218-0002. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

Resolution (246-26): - A resolution to authorize and direct the City Manager to execute one or more lease supplements for a lease or leases under the GMA Direct Leasing Program; to designate such leases as qualified tax-exempt obligations; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

- Q. (1) Purchase - Vehicle Graphics for Thirty-Eight (38) Patrol Vehicles for the Police Department; (2) GMA Lease for Vehicle Graphics for Thirty-Eight (38) Patrol Vehicles for the Police Department

Resolution (247-26): - A resolution authorizing the purchase of vehicle graphics for thirty-eight (38) patrol vehicles, for the Police Department, from D & S Sign Company (Columbus, GA) in the amount of \$12,920.00. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

Resolution (248-26): - A resolution to authorize and direct the City Manager to execute one or more lease supplements for a lease or leases under the GMA Direct Leasing Program; to designate such leases as qualified tax-exempt obligations; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

- R. (1) Purchase - Thirty-Eight (38) Hand-Held Electronic Citation/Summons Printers for the Police Department; (2) GMA Lease for Thirty-Eight (38) Hand-Held Electronic Citation/Summons Printers for the Police Department

Resolution (249-26): - A resolution authorizing the purchase of thirty-eight (38) hand-held electronic citations/summons printers, for the Police Department, from Tyler Technologies (Plano, TX) in the amount of \$27,588.00. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

Resolution (250-26): - A resolution to authorize and direct the City Manager to execute one or more lease supplements for a lease or leases under the GMA Direct Leasing Program; to designate such leases as qualified tax-exempt obligations; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

ADD-ON RESOLUTION

Resolution (251-26): - A resolution authorizing the Mayor, City Manager, or designee to apply for the FY2026 Model Cities Initiative (MCI) grant from the Department of Justice in the amount of \$115,298,250.00, or as otherwise awarded, which will be used to leverage federal resources to build capacity, strengthen accountability, hire and protect law enforcement officers, support American

victims, and deliver measurable reductions in violent crime that can serve as a model of innovation for replication nationwide. Council approval is required before acceptance of any awarded funds. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

BID ADVERTISEMENTS

DATE: August 25, 2026
TO: Mayor and Councilors
FROM: Finance Department
SUBJECT: Advertised Bids/RFPs/RFQs

September 2, 2026

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

Scope of RFP

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

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

2 Plumbing & Irrigation Supplies (Annual Contract) – RFB 27-0007

Scope of Bid

Columbus Consolidated Government to establish an annual contract with qualified vendors to provide plumbing & irrigation supplies on an “as needed basis”

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

September 9, 2026

1 Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) System – RFP No. 27-0008

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) is seeking proposals from qualified vendors to provide a fully integrated Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system and related implementation services. The proposed system shall modernize financial, human resource, and administrative operations through a secure, scalable, and integrated solution.

2 Used & Confiscated Firearms for Credit or Swap – RFB No. 27-0004Scope of Bid

The Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) Police Department is offering used and confiscated firearms for sale to a licensed firearms dealer who can issue a credit to purchase or swap for Heckler & Koch MR556 A4 SBR 11” Part No. 81001048 rifles with accessories.

September 23, 2026**1 Dragonfly Trail – River Road Segment (S.R. 219) – RFP No. 27-0006**Scope of Bid

This project consists of constructing a new trail beginning near Cascade Road in Columbus, Georgia. The trail will run south along River Road (SR 219) and continue west to the existing riverwalk at Lake Oliver Road. The project length is approximately 5,026 lf and includes a 10' wide concrete trail, pedestrian bridge, landscape improvements, stormwater improvements, and trail amenities. Additional work associated with the project includes minor demolition and clearing, erosion control, grading, and signage. Portions of the project are located on state right-of-way. A GDOT encroachment permit has been obtained by the City of Columbus. A dbf goal of 10% has been established for this project.

September 30, 2026**1 On-Call Plumbing Installation and Maintenance Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 27-0003**Scope of RFP

It is the intent of the Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) to establish an annual contract with a Primary and a Secondary contract to provide all labor, equipment and materials for on-call plumbing installation and maintenance services during normal business hours and after hours on an “as needed basis”, on all buildings and structures for Columbus Consolidated Government.

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

2 On-Call Painting, Pressure Washing and Waterproofing Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 27-0004

Scope of RFP

It is the intent of the Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) to establish an annual contract with a qualified Primary and Secondary contractor to provide all labor, equipment and materials for the provision of on-call Painting, Pressure Washing, and Waterproofing Services for buildings and structures for Columbus Consolidated Government. on an as-needed basis.

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

3 On-Call Electrical Installation and Maintenance Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 27-0009

Scope of RFP

It is the intent of the Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) to establish an annual contract with a Primary and a Secondary contractor to provide all labor, equipment and materials for the provision of on-call Electrical installation and maintenance services during normal business hours and after hours on an “as needed basis”, on all buildings and structures for Columbus Consolidated Government.

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

4 On-Call Irrigation Installation and Maintenance Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 27-00010

Scope of RFP

It is the intent of the Columbus Consolidated Government (City) to establish an annual contract with a Primary and a Secondary contractor to provide all labor, equipment and materials to install/troubleshoot irrigation systems for on-call installation and maintenance services during normal business hours and after hours on an “as needed basis”, throughout the City.

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

CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - INFORMATION ONLY

1. **Meeting Schedule:** Council Meeting Schedule for the remainder of 2026.

ADD-ON RESOLUTION

Resolution (252-26): - A Resolution rescinding Resolution No. 219-26 and changing the regularly scheduled Council meetings for the month of November 2026. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Cook and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

2. **Resignation:** Correspondence from Anna-Claire Daniels, resigning from her seat on the Animal Control Advisory Board. Councilor Crabb made a motion to receive the resignation, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.
3. **Resolution (253-26):** - A Resolution excusing Councilor R. Walker Garrett from the August 25, 2026, Regular Council Meeting. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.
4. **Minutes of the following board:**

Board of Children & Family Services 07-22-26

Board of Elections and Registration 06-22-26

Board of Tax Assessors #29-26 & 30-26

Board of Water Commissioners 07-20-26

Columbus Sports & Entertainment Authority 07-13-26 & 08-10-26

Development Authority of Columbus 07-09-26

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

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

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

A. AUDIT COMMITTEE:

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

B. COLUMBUS SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT AUTHORITY:

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

C. PENSION FUND, EMPLOYEES' BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

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

6. NOMINATIONS – CONFIRMED BY COUNCIL:

A. HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD (BHAR):

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

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

A. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:

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

B. PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION:

A nominee for the vacant seat of District 2 Representative for a term that expires on October 31, 2026, on the Public Safety Advisory Commission (*District 2 – Davis*). There were none.

A nominee for the vacant seat of District 3 Representative for a term that expires on October 31, 2028, on the Public Safety Advisory Commission (*District 3 – Huff*). There were none.

A nominee for the vacant seat of District 4 Representative for a term that expires on October 31, 2026, on the Public Safety Advisory Commission (*District 4 – Tucker*). There were none.

A nominee for the vacant seat of District 5 Representative for a term that expires on October 31, 2026, on the Public Safety Advisory Commission (*District 5 – Crabb*). Clerk of Council McLemore announced that Councilor Crabb nominated David “Scott” Thomann to fill the District 5 vacant seat on the Public Safety Advisory Council. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

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

A. BOARD OF HEALTH:

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

B. BUILDING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:

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

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

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

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

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

D. PERSONNEL REVIEW BOARD:

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

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

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

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

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

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

F. TREE BOARD:

A nominee for a vacant seat (*At-Large*) for a term that expires on December 31, 2026, on the Tree Board (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Cogle nominated Dawson Buchanan to fill the At-Large vacant seat on the Tree Board.

A nominee for a vacant seat (*At-Large*) for a term that expires on December 31, 2028, on the Tree Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for a vacant seat (*At-Large*) for a term that expires on December 31, 2028, on the Tree Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for a vacant seat (*Residential Development*) for a term that expires on December 31, 2026, on the Tree Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for a vacant seat (*Commercial or Industrial Development*) for a term that expires on December 31, 2026, on the Tree Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for a vacant seat (*Public Utility Representative*) for a term that expires on July 1, 2028, on the Tree Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

PUBLIC AGENDA (continued)

1. Mr. Carlton Brantley, representing Georgetown Subdivision, Re: Cat Colony Issue.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Pro Tem Allen entertained a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Litigation as requested by City Attorney Fay. Councilor Cogle made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Councilor Crabb carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Davis and Huff being absent for the vote and Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting, and the time being 9:07 p.m.

The Regular Meeting was reconvened at 9:52 p.m., at which time, Mayor Henderson announced that the Council did meet in Executive Session to discuss litigation, potential litigation, and personnel; however, there were no votes taken.

ADD-ON RESOLUTION

Resolution (254-26): - A resolution authorizing the City Manager, City Attorney, Risk Manager, Finance Director, and their representatives to make a payment of \$65,000 to settle all damage claims of Eddie Hamilton. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting.

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Skip Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Councilor Tucker to adjourn the August 25, 2026, Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Councilor Cook and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Garrett being absent from the meeting and the time being 9:53 p.m.

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

File Attachments for Item:

7. Housing Solutions Group Report – Pat Frey, Vice President of Home for Good

COLUMBUS AHEAD · TALENT & HOUSING

Missing Middle Housing:

Closing Columbus's Housing Mobility Gap

*Recommendations & Action Items to Catalyze Workforce Housing
and Downtown Growth*

Presented to the Columbus City Council

A Columbus Ahead Initiative · In partnership with United Way of the Chattahoochee Valley / Home for Good

The Housing Mobility Gap

“The system is able to stabilize individuals, but it is unable to transition them forward.”

The housing mobility gap is the lack of housing options that let individuals and families move between levels of stability as income and circumstances change. In Columbus, this gap is driven largely by the absence of workforce (“missing middle”) housing, limited transitional options, and system fragmentation.



Individuals exiting homelessness have no viable next step



Workforce households remain in units meant for lower-income residents



Service providers can't move people through programs



Hospitals & jails become default stabilization points

The Economic Case for Housing Mobility

3,033+

additional housing units needed in
Muscogee County by 2035

1,044

families on the Housing Choice Voucher
waiting list today

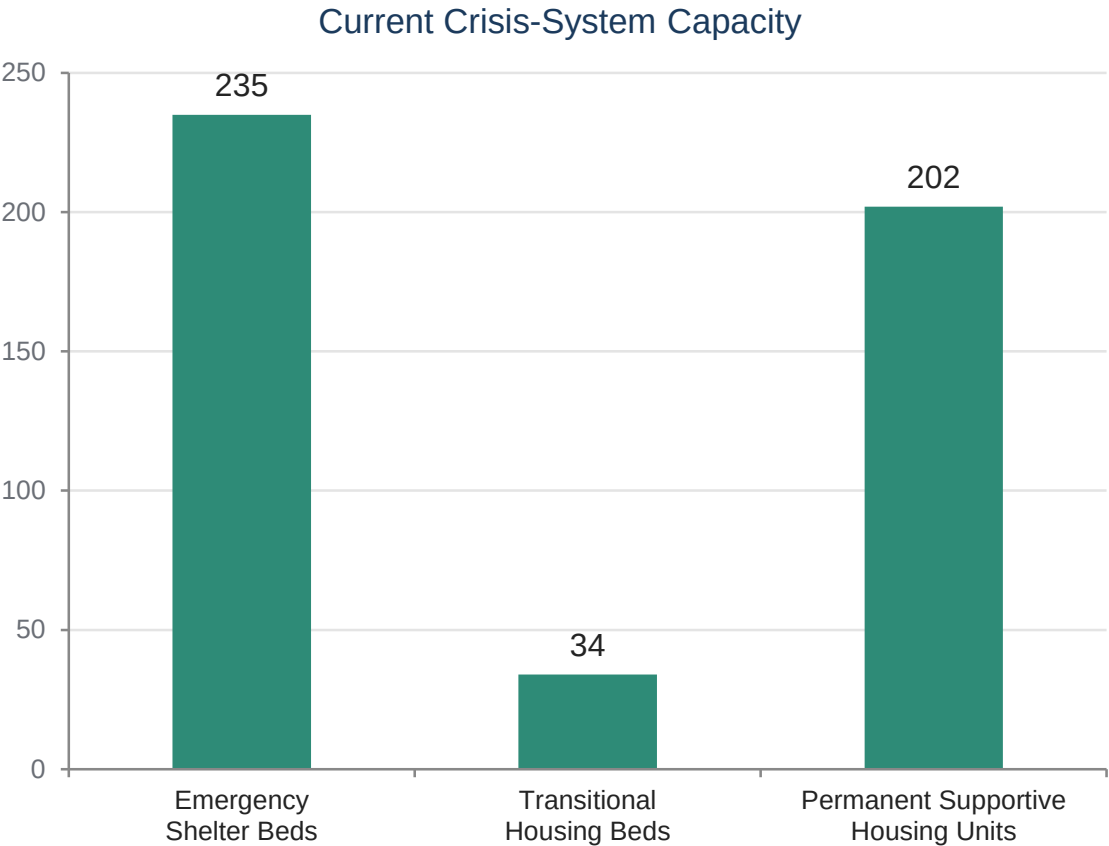
~27,000

individuals on housing waiting lists
communitywide

Rising costs are outpacing wages, leaving workforce households cost-burdened and unable to move up — which limits labor mobility for downtown employers and constrains the talent pipeline Columbus Ahead is working to grow.

Source: Columbus Regional Housing Study (2025); Housing Authority of Columbus, GA

A System Built for Crisis, Not Capacity



Meanwhile, community-wide housing demand:

2,286

affordable units managed by the Housing Authority of Columbus, GA

1,044

families on the Housing Choice Voucher waitlist

~27,000

individuals on housing waiting lists communitywide

The visible, unsheltered homeless population is only a small share of overall housing need. The deeper shortage is workforce and middle-income housing.

Every Missing Middle Home Moves the Whole System

Modeling assumes each new workforce housing unit creates one “move-up” opportunity elsewhere in the housing continuum.

250

HOMES ADDED

Up to 250 affordable units potentially freed

Modest improvement in affordable housing turnover

500

HOMES ADDED

Up to 500 affordable units potentially freed

Meaningful increase in housing movement

1,000

HOMES ADDED

Up to 1,000 affordable units potentially freed

Major system-level impact on waitlists and exits

Estimated Annual Property Tax Revenue



Strategic Implication

Missing middle housing does more than add units — it creates movement within the existing housing system.

Tax revenue is not the primary goal. It is the return generated when Columbus restores housing mobility and lets the system function as intended.

Why Missing Middle Housing Isn't Getting Built



Zoning Restrictions

Current codes limit duplexes, triplexes & small multifamily housing types



Community Opposition

Neighborhood resistance can delay or prevent needed development



Feasibility Constraints

Rising construction costs make these unit types harder to pencil



Regulatory Complexity

Permitting timelines and process add cost and risk for builders

RECOMMENDATION 1

Set Up a Redevelopment Entity & Housing Trust Fund



A nonprofit-led redevelopment entity paired with a Community Housing Trust Fund can acquire, hold, and redevelop underutilized property with more flexibility than a government-only model.

HOW

Two complementary entities: a redevelopment entity to acquire and market underutilized property, and a Trust Fund to sustain long-term investment in workforce and affordable housing.

LEADING ENTITIES

- Nonprofit-Led Redevelopment Entity & Housing Trust Fund
- Columbus Consolidated Government (planning & development)
- Private developers, neighborhood & philanthropic partners

FIRST ACTION STEP

Convene neighborhood leaders, nonprofit housing organizations, local government, and philanthropic partners to define governance and launch a pilot redevelopment or infill project.

MEASURABLE OUTCOMES

Year 1: Coalition convened; priority redevelopment areas mapped; 1 pilot launched
Year 3: Zoning/policy updates adopted; pre-approved plan program live
Year 5: Sustained increase in housing supply across income levels

RECOMMENDATION 2

Increase Attainable Housing Supply



Align zoning, permitting, and incentives so infill and small multifamily development pencil out — without requiring case-by-case rezoning.

HOW

Expand supply through policy alignment, development incentives, and public-private partnerships — prioritizing missing middle housing, infill redevelopment, and context-appropriate density.

LEADING ENTITIES

- Nonprofit-Led Redevelopment Entity & Housing Trust Fund Model
- Private developers, property owners & the local real estate community

FIRST ACTION STEP

Convene CCG, developers, and planning officials to review zoning barriers, identify infill sites, and evaluate pre-approved plans, reduced fees, and streamlined permitting — modeled on Purpose Built Communities and Bibb City redevelopment.

MEASURABLE OUTCOMES

Year 1: Priority infill areas identified; zoning barriers assessed **Year 3:** Increased private investment in housing production **Year 5:** More duplexes, triplexes & townhomes available communitywide

RECOMMENDATION 3

Turn Blight Removal Into a Workforce Pipeline



Students rehab vacant properties while earning skilled-trades credentials — addressing blight and building the construction workforce at the same time.

HOW

Launch a student-led redevelopment pipeline: Jordan Vocational High School students train alongside Columbus Technical College's carpentry, electrical & plumbing programs, rehabbing vacant properties for real-world experience. Pair this with a Truth Spring–style place-based pilot integrating housing redevelopment with workforce training and supportive services.

LEADING ENTITIES

- Columbus Technical College & Jordan Vocational High School
- City of Columbus, Land Bank Authority, local developers/contractors
- Truth Spring (supporting entity)

FIRST ACTION STEP

Formalize a partnership to identify pilot properties, align curriculum pathways, and phase in student-led rehabilitation projects.

MEASURABLE OUTCOMES

Year 1: Aligned trades pathway launched; pilot properties secured
Year 3: Fewer vacant/blighted properties; more students in trades
Year 5: Sustainable redevelopment workforce pipeline established

Greenville, South Carolina



1,700+ housing units supported by the Greenville Housing Fund since 2018

10,000+ housing units targeted communitywide through public, private & philanthropic collaboration

50+ cross-sector partners aligned around shared planning & funding

Why it's the right model for Columbus

The Greenville Housing Fund and Greenville Together initiative directly link housing production to workforce and economic development — using workforce housing investment, infill redevelopment, adaptive reuse, and coordinated funding to expand attainable housing.

This is the same model Columbus Ahead is pursuing: aligning government, nonprofits, healthcare systems, philanthropy, and private developers around a shared housing and economic development strategy.

What Success Looks Like

YEAR 1

Convene & Launch

- Cross-sector redevelopment coalition formed
- Priority infill areas mapped; zoning barriers reviewed
- At least one pilot redevelopment project launched

YEAR 3

Build Momentum

- Zoning/policy updates adopted for increased density
- Pre-approved housing plans & streamlined permitting live
- Rising private investment in workforce housing

YEAR 5

System-Level Change

- Sustained growth in housing supply across income levels
- Reduced barriers for households moving between housing types
- Scalable redevelopment model driving downtown revitalization

Our Ask of the Council



Support convening

the cross-sector redevelopment coalition and the Nonprofit-Led Redevelopment Entity / Housing Trust Fund planning process



Direct a zoning & policy review

to identify barriers to missing middle housing and evaluate incentive and pre-approval options



Champion the workforce pipeline

connecting Jordan Vocational, Columbus Technical College, and redevelopment partners

HOME FOR GOOD · CONTINUUM OF CARE

The Homeless Services Ecosystem:

Strengthening Columbus's Path from Crisis to Stability

Recommendations & Action Items for a Coordinated, Housing-Centered System

Presented to the Columbus City Council

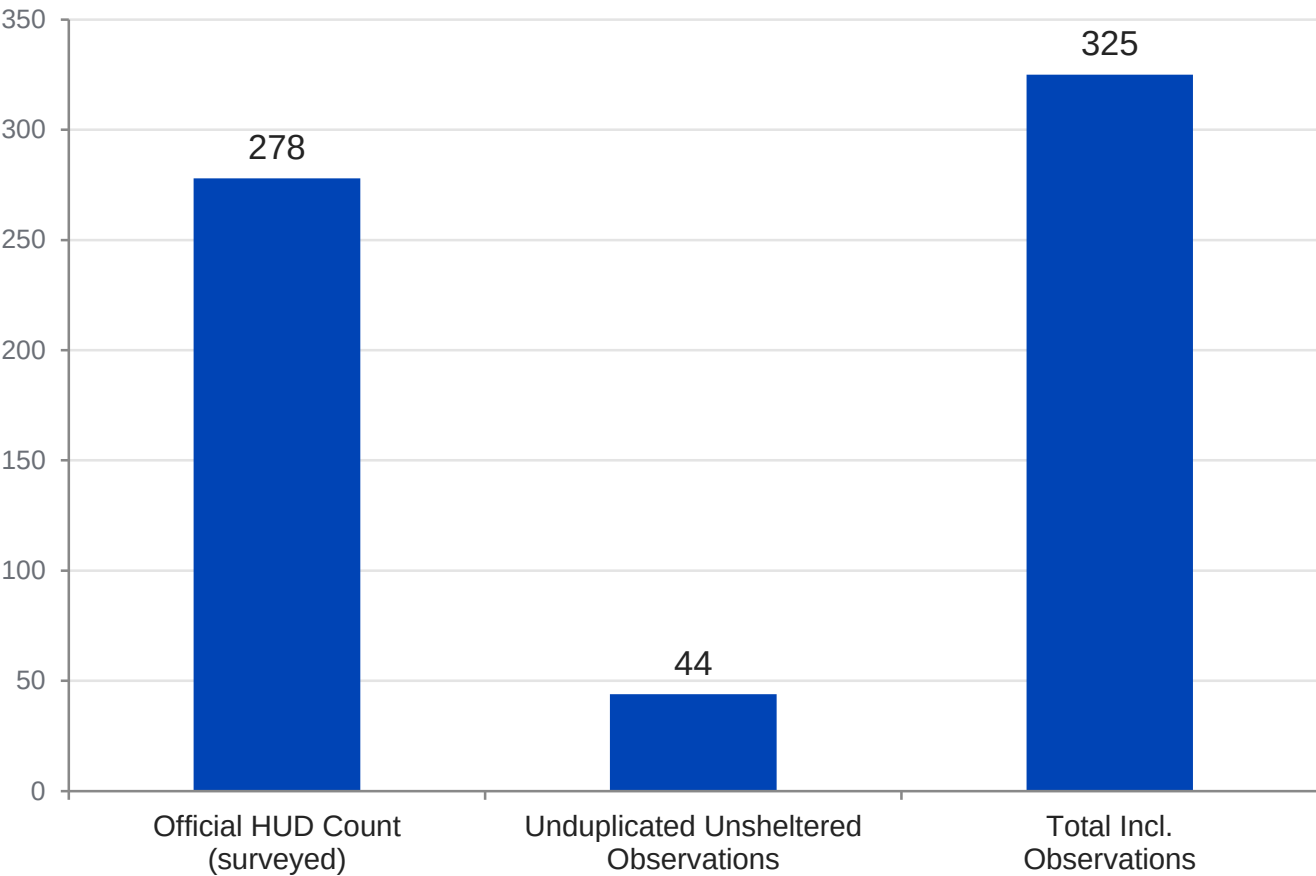
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A Coordinated Continuum of Care

Homelessness response in Columbus spans emergency shelter, transitional housing, permanent supportive housing, and a wide network of service and government partners — coordinated through Home for Good, the community's Continuum of Care.



2026 Point-in-Time Count



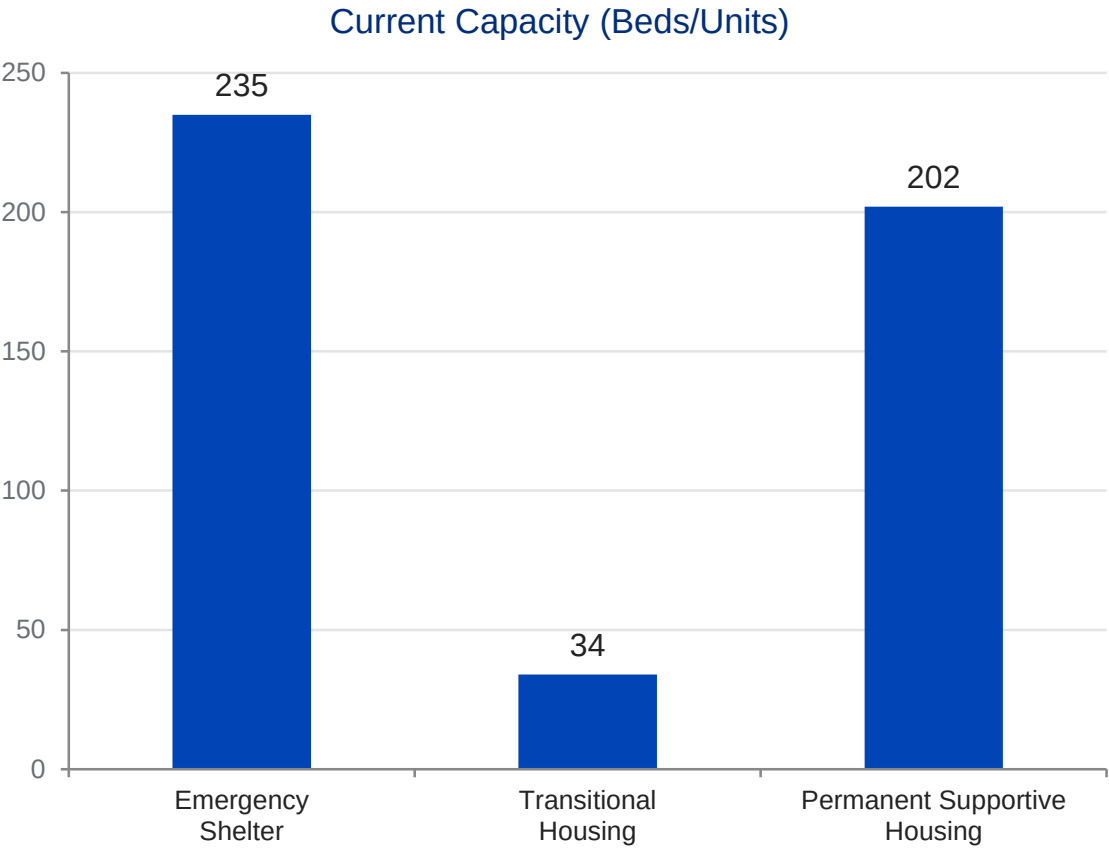
33%

increase in unsheltered observations from 2025

Conducted January 26–30, 2026 with 50+ volunteers. Extreme cold during the count — and broader shifts in how comfortable individuals feel engaging with outreach teams — may both be contributing factors to this year's increase.

Per HUD reporting standards, only completed surveys count toward the official federal total — observations are tracked separately.

System Capacity vs. Community Need



Against that capacity, community demand:

1,044

families on the Housing Choice Voucher waitlist

~27,000

individuals on housing waiting lists communitywide

2,286

affordable units managed by the Housing Authority — already at capacity

Without transitional and permanent housing to move into, shelter stays lengthen, turnover slows — straining the entire continuum.

The Housing Mobility Gap

“The system is able to stabilize individuals, but it is unable to transition them forward.”

Emergency shelters are built for short-term stabilization — but without enough transitional and permanent housing to move into, individuals can't exit the system. The result:



Longer shelter stays and limited bed turnover



Hospitals, jails & EMS become default stabilization points



Individuals exiting homelessness have no viable next step



Workforce housing shortage blocks the whole continuum

What Crisis Response Costs the Community

Without earlier intervention, housing instability shows up as recurring cost in other public systems:



\$885.64

average cost per EMS response call, regardless of transport



\$25K–\$50K

estimated annual public-safety cost for 1,000–2,000 homelessness-related calls



\$144,359.32

in savings generated by Columbus Correct Care's Care 1 Mobile Integrated Healthcare unit — by reducing reliance on emergency services

Emergency Department Utilization Citywide

Local hospital data adds further context on the cost of uncompensated emergency care in the community:



\$6.58M

in self-pay emergency department charges at Midtown Emergency Department, Jan–May 2026



\$15.8M

annualized estimate of self-pay emergency care based on that same five-month period



These visits can't be attributed solely to homelessness, but they demonstrate the significant financial burden uncompensated emergency care places on the healthcare system. Stable housing and earlier intervention help reduce avoidable emergency department utilization.

RECOMMENDATION 1

Expand Columbus Correct Care



Strengthen early intervention by coordinating healthcare, public safety, and community organizations around high utilizers of emergency services.

HOW

Increase mobile response capacity, strengthen case management and follow-up, and improve data sharing across systems to ensure continuity of care for individuals cycling through crisis response.

LEADING ENTITIES

- Columbus Correct Care
- Local hospitals, behavioral health providers, law enforcement, EMS

FIRST ACTION STEP

Convene Correct Care, hospitals, behavioral health providers, law enforcement, and EMS to identify high utilizers and build shared case-management and referral protocols.

MEASURABLE OUTCOMES

Year 1: Shared case-management & referral processes established **Year 3:** Fewer repeat ER visits, jail bookings & shelter cycling **Year 5:** Lower overall public cost of crisis response systemwide

RECOMMENDATION 2

Second Chance Landlord Network



Partner with landlords willing to lease to individuals with eviction or justice-system history, backed by risk mitigation funds and tenant education.

HOW

Build a network of landlords supported by damage mitigation funds and case management, paired with a tenant education program on financial literacy, lease compliance, and conflict resolution.

LEADING ENTITIES

- SW GA Housing Opportunities, Valley Rescue Mission, House of TIME, SafeHouse Ministries, United Housing Connections / CoC partners
- Columbus Consolidated Government (Mayor's Commission on Reentry)
- Job Training Division, Goodwill Industries

FIRST ACTION STEP

Convene housing providers, CCG, workforce partners, landlords, and CoC partners to define landlord incentives and launch tenant education curriculum.

MEASURABLE OUTCOMES

Year 1: Network framework & tenant curriculum established
Year 3: More landlords participating; more successful placements
Year 5: Reduced eviction & return-to-homelessness rates

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RECOMMENDATION 3

One Front Door: GeorgiaUnify & 211



A centralized, coordinated entry system — paired with the Community Health Platform — turns fragmented intake into one accessible front door for services.

HOW

Grow adoption of GeorgiaUnify and 211 as the community's centralized coordinated-entry and navigation platform, and strengthen the Community Health Platform for shared data, predictive analytics, and system-level planning.

LEADING ENTITIES

- United Way of the Chattahoochee Valley (211)
- Georgia Health Information Network
- Local government, CoC partners, healthcare & workforce agencies

FIRST ACTION STEP

Onboard key partners into coordinated entry, establish participation agreements and referral workflows, and train organizations on shared reporting tools.

MEASURABLE OUTCOMES

Year 1: Key partners onboarded; shared referral workflows established
Year 3: Less duplicated intake; more coordinated service access
Year 5: Fully integrated regional navigation & referral system

RECOMMENDATION 4

Align Workforce Services with Housing Stability



Workforce programs succeed when paired with the housing and wraparound stability individuals need to show up and stay employed.

HOW

Align WIOA services with housing and social service providers, integrating transportation, childcare, and behavioral health support into workforce programming through co-enrollment strategies.

LEADING ENTITIES

- Local Workforce Development Board & WIOA administrative entity
- Job Training Division Columbus, GA; housing & behavioral health partners

FIRST ACTION STEP

Convene the Workforce Board, Job Training Division, housing providers, and community organizations to build a shared co-enrollment and case-management process.

MEASURABLE OUTCOMES

Year 1: Formal partnerships & co-enrollment process established **Year 3:** Higher job placement & retention among participants **Year 5:** Sustainable cross-sector workforce stability model

Housing as the Starting Line, Not the Finish Line

TODAY

Individuals must navigate multiple services before accessing stable housing — prolonging instability and increasing reliance on crisis-response systems.



HOUSING-CENTERED MODEL

Housing comes first — so workforce development, behavioral health, and case management can actually work. Without stable housing, other systems stay reactive instead of preventative.



Communities that adopt housing-centered approaches consistently show reduced service utilization and increased housing retention.

Comparable Communities



Chattanooga, TN

Achieved functional zero for veteran homelessness and built a real-time, by-name data system — integrating housing placement, coordinated entry, and cross-sector collaboration.

Closely aligns with Columbus's GeorgiaUnify, coordinated entry, and data-collaboration goals.



San Antonio, TX

Haven for Hope's “Transformational Campus” integrates shelter, behavioral healthcare, workforce development, and housing navigation in one coordinated system.

Demonstrates how large-scale public-private collaboration sustains long-term stabilization efforts.

What Success Looks Like

YEAR 1

Coordinate & Connect

- Shared case-management & referral protocols established
- Key partners onboarded into coordinated entry
- Workforce co-enrollment process launched

YEAR 3

Reduce & Redirect

- Fewer repeat ER visits, jail bookings & shelter cycling
- More landlords in the Second Chance Network
- Higher job placement & retention

YEAR 5

System-Level Stability

- Lower overall cost of crisis response systemwide
- Fully integrated regional navigation & referral system
- Sustainable, housing-centered continuum of care

Our Ask of the Council



Support the expansion of Columbus Correct Care

and coordinated crisis response infrastructure across systems



Champion the Second Chance Landlord Network

to expand attainable placement options for hard-to-house individuals



Back continued investment in coordinated data

through GeorgiaUnify, 211, and the Community Health Platform

File Attachments for Item:

1. 2nd Reading: REZN-04-26-0739: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **6909 Buena Vista Road** (parcel # 115-008-029) from Single Family Residential – 2 (SFR2) Zoning District to General Commercial (GC) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.)(Delayed 30 days on 1st Reading from 6-9-26, delayed again for 30 days on 1st Reading 7-14-26, 1st Reading held 8-25-26.)(Councilor Tucker)

AN ORDINANCE**NO. _____**

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

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

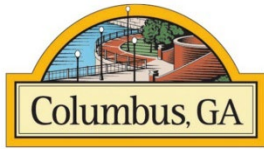
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Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 2nd day of June 2026; introduced again on 1st Reading on the 14th day of July 2026, heard on 2nd Reading at a regular meeting of said Council held on the 8th day of September 2026, and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ____ members of said Council.

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

Lindsey G Mclemore
 Clerk of Council

B. H. “Skip” Henderson, III
 Mayor



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COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

REZN-04-26-0739

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

Future Land Use Designation:	Public/Institutional								
Compatible with Existing Land-Uses:	No								
Environmental Impacts:	The property does not lie within the floodway and floodplain area. The developer will need an approved drainage plan prior to issuance of a Site Development permit, if a permit is required.								
City Services:	Property is served by public water only.								
Traffic Engineering:	This site shall meet the Codes and regulations of the Columbus Consolidated Government for commercial usage.								
Surrounding Zoning:	<table> <tr> <td>North</td><td>Single Family Residential 2</td></tr> <tr> <td>South</td><td>General Commercial/ Single Family Residential 2</td></tr> <tr> <td>East</td><td>General Commercial</td></tr> <tr> <td>West</td><td>Single Family Residential 2</td></tr> </table>	North	Single Family Residential 2	South	General Commercial/ Single Family Residential 2	East	General Commercial	West	Single Family Residential 2
North	Single Family Residential 2								
South	General Commercial/ Single Family Residential 2								
East	General Commercial								
West	Single Family Residential 2								
Reasonableness of Request:	The request is incompatible with existing land uses.								
School Impact:	N/A								
Buffer Requirement:	The site shall include a Category C buffer along all property lines bordered by the SFR2 zoning district. The 3 options under Category C are: 1) 5 feet with a certain amount of canopy trees, under story trees, and shrubs / ornamental grasses per 100 linear feet. 2) 10 feet with a certain amount of shrubs / ornamental grasses per 100 linear feet and a wood fence or masonry wall. 3) 20 feet undisturbed natural buffer.								
Attitude of Property Owners:	Fourteen property owners within 300 feet of the subject properties were notified of the rezoning request. The Planning Department received no calls and/or emails regarding the rezoning.								
Approval	0 Responses								
Opposition	3 Responses								
Additional Information:	Purpose is to replat the 1.29 ac with adjacent GC								

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

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

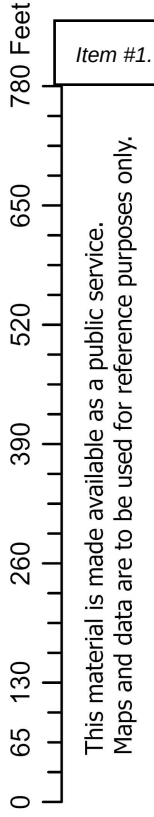
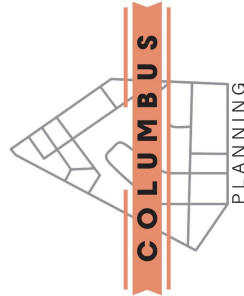
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2. Check Cashing Office.
3. Convenience Store, With Gas Sales
4. Dry Cleaning and Laundry, General.
5. Dry Cleaning and Laundry Station.
6. Hotel, Motel or Inn.
7. Laundry, Coin Operated.
8. Personal Services.
9. Restaurant, General.
10. Restaurant,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

Attachments:

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

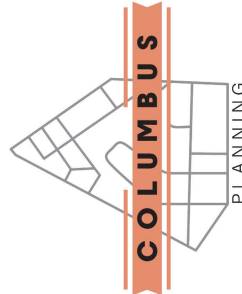
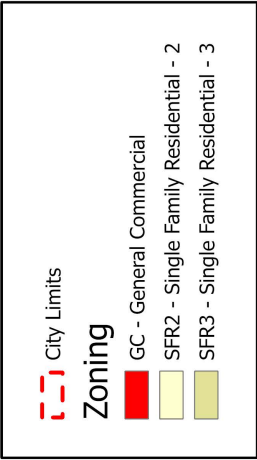


REZN 04-26-0739 Aerial Map CCG Planning Department



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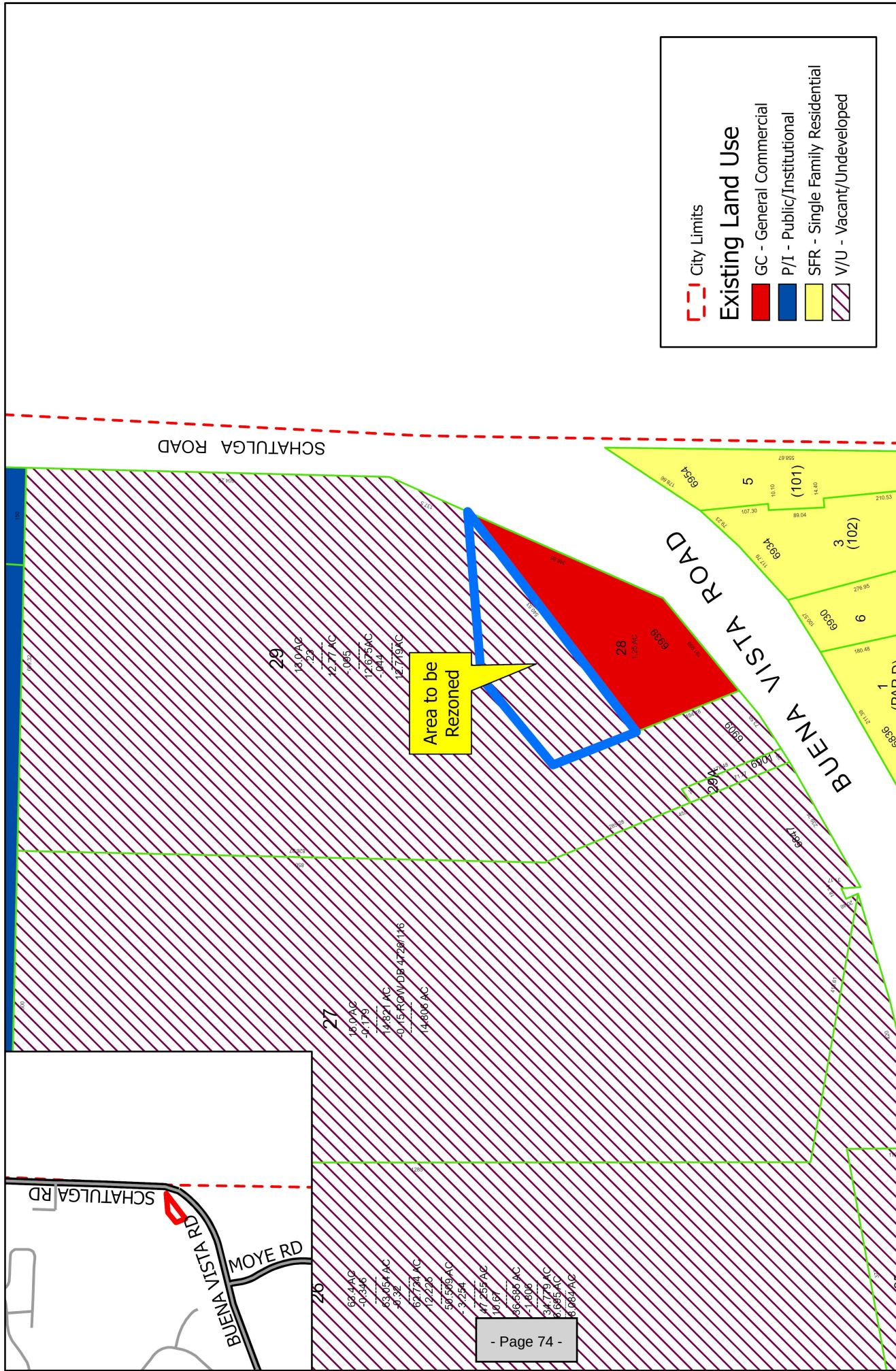


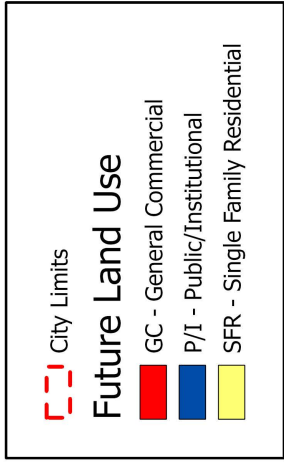
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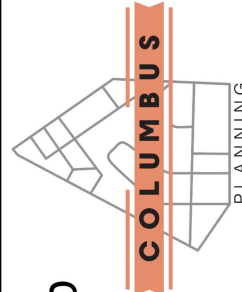
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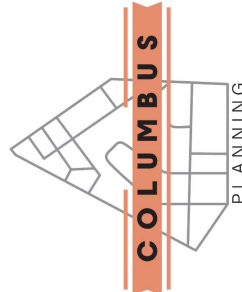
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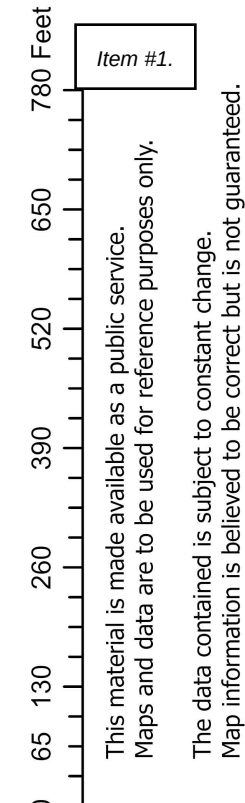
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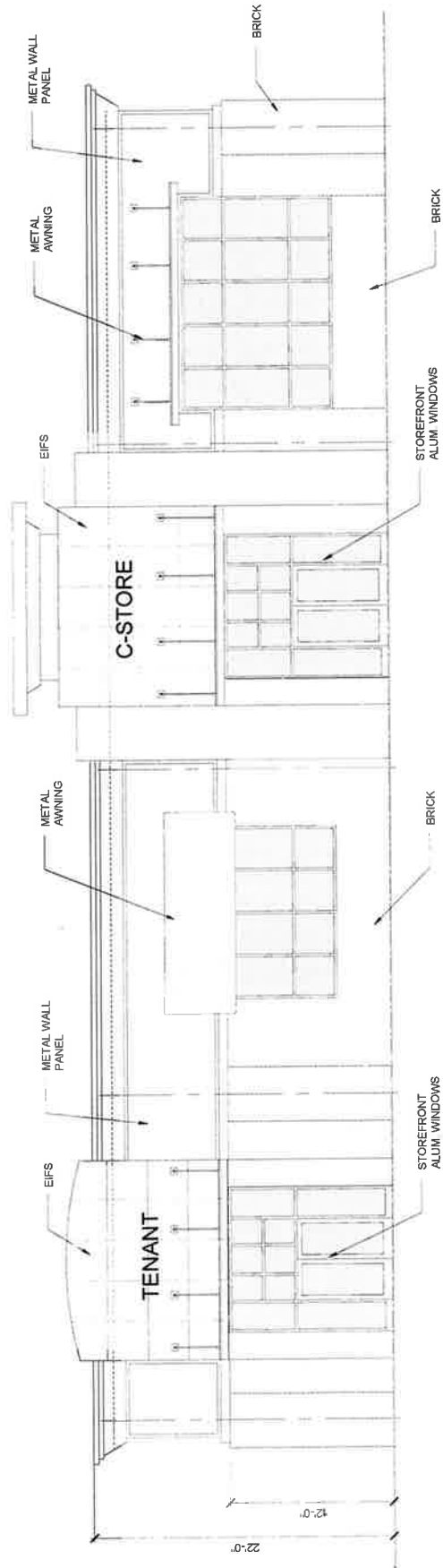


REZN 04-26-0739 : Flood Hazard Map CCG Planning Department



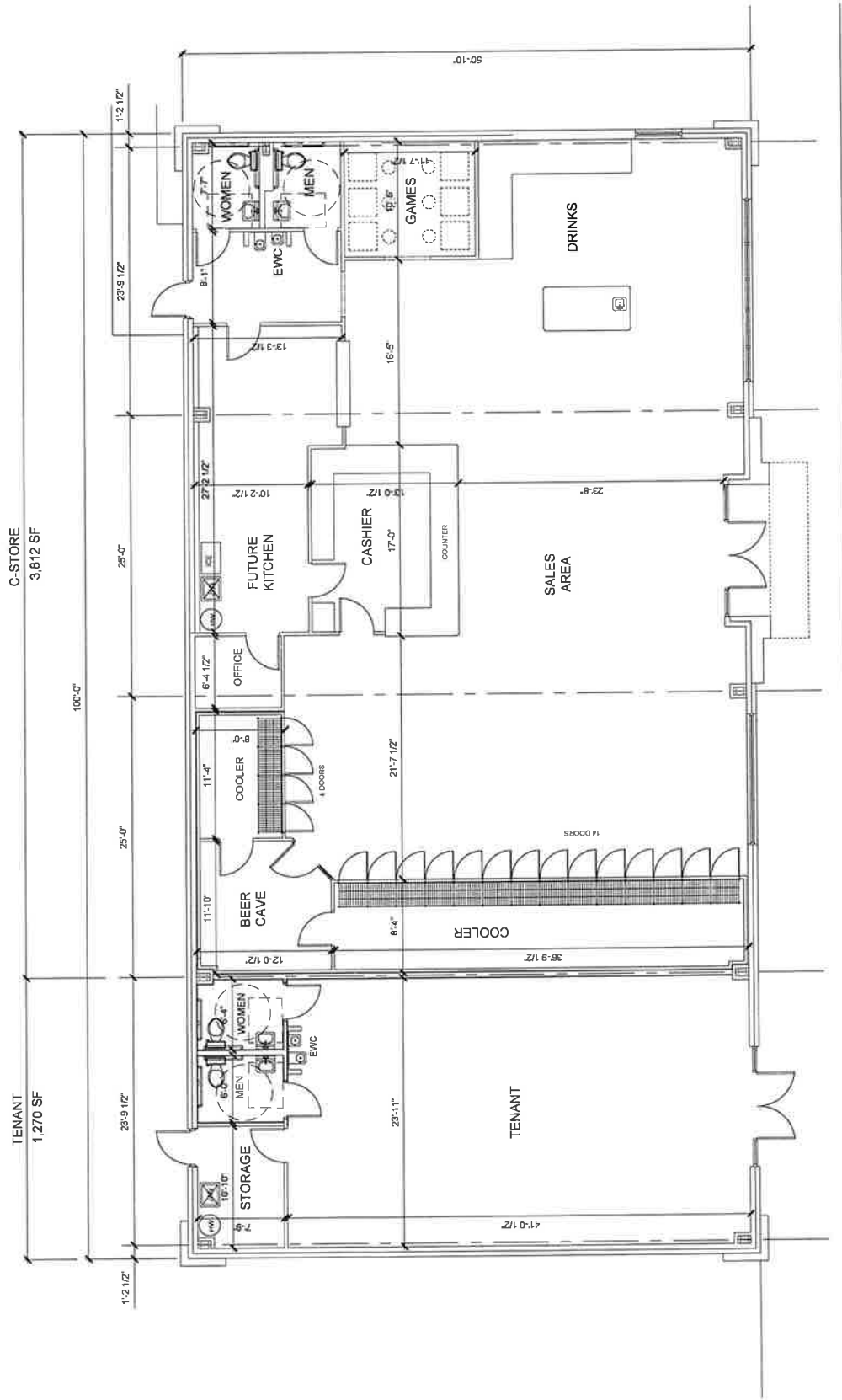
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PRELIMINARY
6369 BUENA VISTA ROAD
RAY UNDERWOOD, ARCHITECT
JANUARY 20, 2025

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



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

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

AN ORDINANCE
NO. 11-68

C.A. 11-22-11(7)
As Amended
Consent Agenda 11-29-11(3)
11-68
Item #1.

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

THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY ORDAINS:

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

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

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

1. Smoke and noise disclosure statements shall be included in all real estate documents.
2. The Property shall be restricted to the following uses:
 1. Auto/Truck Wash and Detail Facility.
 2. Check Cashing Office.
 3. Convenience Store, With Gas Sales.
 4. Dry Cleaning and Laundry, General.
 5. Dry Cleaning and Laundry Station.
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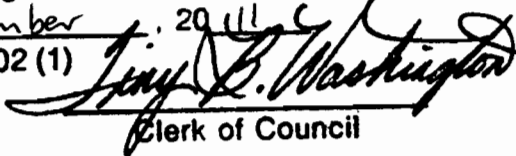
Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 22nd day of November, 2011; introduced a second time at a regular meeting of said Council held on the 27th day of November, 2011 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ten members of said Council.

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


 TINY B. WASHINGTON, CLERK


 TERESA PIKE TOMLINSON, MAYOR

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


 Clerk of Council

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

Sec: 3-202 (2)


 Clerk of Council

File Attachments for Item:

2. 2nd Reading: An Ordinance approving a policy concerning Domain/Website purchasing and use as Addendum 7 to the Acceptable and Supportable use of Technology Policy Number 210-1000-004. (Mayor Pro-Tem)

AN ORDINANCE

NO. _____

An Ordinance approving a policy concerning Domain/Website purchasing and use as Addendum 7 to the Acceptable and Supportable use of Technology Policy Number 210-1000-004.

THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1.

The policy *Domain/Website Purchasing* hereto as Exhibit A is hereby adopted and will be executed by the City Manager as Addendum 7 to the Acceptable and Supportable Use of Technology Policy Number 210-1000-004.

SECTION 2.

This revised policy will become effective upon signature by the City Manager.

SECTION 3.

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held on the 25th day of August 2026, introduced a second time at a regular meeting held on the 8th day of September 2026, and adopted at said meeting by affirmative vote of ____ members of said Council.

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

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

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

Addendum to Acceptable and Supportable Use of Technology

POLICY NUMBER: 210-1000-004

ADDENDUM NUMBER: 7

ADDENDUM TITLE: Domain/Website Purchasing Policy

EFFECTIVE DATE:

REVISION DATE:

APPROVED BY:

Ordinance No. _____

Dated the ____ day of _____ 2026

STATEMENT OF ADDENDUM

The purpose of this policy is to prohibit departments, offices, and other entities of the Columbus Consolidated Government (CCG) from independently purchasing, registering, hosting, or otherwise acquiring internet domain names and websites.

This policy establishes centralized security governance and oversight of all CCG domains and websites. It provides an exception-based process under which the IT Director or their designee may grant explicit prior approval following a security and risk review. In the absence of such approval, the acquisition of any domain name or website is not permitted.

SCOPE

This policy applies to:

- All departments, offices, boards, authorities, and agencies of the CCG to include any state or local governmental entity which is provided by CCG with email accounts, or computer equipment, or non-public system access (“a Governmental Affiliate”)
- All employees, contractors, consultants, volunteers, and third parties acting on behalf of CCG or its Governmental Affiliates.
- All domain names, subdomains, websites, web applications, and externally hosted web services representing or affiliated with CCG, regardless of funding source

Policy Statement

- The acquisition, registration, renewal, transfer, hosting, or operation of any internet domain name or website on behalf of the Columbus Consolidated Government is prohibited due to cybersecurity, operational, and reputational risk
- Such activity may occur only with explicit prior approval from the IT Director or their designee, following a security and risk review. No Department, office, or entity has implied or automatic authority to acquire or operate domains or websites
- If approval is granted, the requesting department, office, or entity shall be responsible for providing funding for all required security components, including but not limited to SSL/TLS certificates, necessary for the secure operation of the approved domain or website
- Any domain name or website acquired, renewed, hosted, or operated without the required approval shall be considered unauthorized and may be subject to immediate corrective action

Approval Requirements

Departments must obtain approval before:

- Registering or purchasing a new domain name
- Creating or purchasing a website or externally hosted web service
- Renewing an existing domain or website not currently under CCGIT management
- Transferring ownership of an existing domain or website
- Engaging third-party vendors for website development

Approval must be granted by the IT Director or their designee

Approval Criteria

Requests will be evaluated based on, at a minimum:

- Business justification and public purpose
- Alignment with government branding and naming standards
- Cybersecurity and risk considerations
- Data privacy and compliance requirements
- Hosting, maintenance, and lifecycle management plan
- Cost and funding source

Prohibited Activities

The following activities are prohibited:

- Purchasing or registering domains using personal accounts, email addresses, or payment methods.
- Allowing vendors to register on behalf of the Columbus Consolidated Government without IT oversight
- Hosting official CCG content on unapproved platforms.
- Creating websites that represent CCG without approval
- Using unofficial domains for official communication or services

Existing Domains and Websites

- All existing domain names, websites, and externally hosted web services representing or affiliated with the Columbus Consolidated Government are subject to this policy
- Any existing domain or website not currently managed by CCGIT must be reviewed and approved by the IT Director or their designee
- Renewal of any existing domain or website shall not occur without prior approval and must follow the approval process outlined in Section 4.1. Domains or websites renewed or operated without approval are considered unauthorized and may be subject to corrective action by CCGIT

Website Naming Convention

The standard and required naming convention for departmental and service websites shall be path-based under the primary domain.

- <https://columbusga.gov/<department-name-or-approved-abbreviation>

This policy is intended to supplement and operate in conjunction with the Columbus Consolidated Government Acceptable and Supportable Use of Technology Policy (Policy No. 210-1000-004).

File Attachments for Item:

3. 2nd Reading: An ordinance (i) amending the Columbus, Georgia Pension Plan for General Government Employees and the Columbus, Georgia Pension Plan for Employees of the Department of Public Safety to reduce the vesting schedule for active participants, add benefit accruals for up to 40 Years of Service, and reduce mandatory contributions for employees hired after July 1, 2012, and (ii) amending the Columbus, Georgia Employees' Deferred Retirement Option Plan to remove the three-year suspension period for new participants. (As amended on 1st Reading)(Councilor Davis)

AN ORDINANCE

NO. 26-____

An ordinance (i) amending the Columbus, Georgia Pension Plan for General Government Employees and the Columbus, Georgia Pension Plan for Employees of the Department of Public Safety to reduce the vesting schedule for active participants, add benefit accruals for up to 40 Years of Service, and reduce mandatory contributions for employees hired after July 1, 2012, and (ii) amending the Columbus, Georgia Employees' Deferred Retirement Option Plan to remove the three-year suspension period for new participants.

THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1.

Section 2.01 of the Columbus, Georgia Pension Plan for General Government Employees is hereby stricken and replaced by a new Section 2.01 to read as follows:

“2.01 Accrued Pension:

- (a) For any Member who retired or retires prior to January 1, 2027, the amount that would be payable at Normal Retirement Date equal to the result obtained by multiplying two percent (2%) of a Member's Average Monthly Earnings by the Member's number of years of Credited Service as of the given date, subject to a maximum of thirty (30) years.
- (b) For any Member who is an active Member on or after January 1, 2027, the amount that would be payable at Normal Retirement Date shall equal the sum of (i) two percent (2%) of a Member's Average Monthly Earnings multiplied by the Member's number of years of Credited Service as of the given date, subject to a maximum of thirty (30) years, plus (ii) one percent (1%) of a Member's Average Monthly Earnings multiplied by the Member's number of years of Credited Service in excess of thirty (30) years, subject to a maximum of ten (10) additional years of Credited Service. For the avoidance of doubt, this section 2.01(b) does not apply to a Member who is a participant in the DROP on January 1, 2027, and no service in the DROP shall be counted as Credited Service under this Plan.”

SECTION 2.

Section 2.34 of the Columbus, Georgia Pension Plan for General Government Employees is hereby stricken and replaced by a new Section 2.34 to read as follows:

“2.34 Normal Retirement Date: The first day of the calendar month coinciding with or next following the later of:

- (a) the date a Member attains age sixty-five (65), or

- (b)(i) the fifth (5th) anniversary of the first day of the month coinciding with or following the date he becomes a Full-Time Employee (for employees with an Employment Date or Adjusted Employment Date before July 1, 2012),
- (b)(ii) the tenth (10th) anniversary of the first day of the month coinciding with or following the date he became a Full-Time Employee (for employees with an Employment Date or Adjusted Employment Date of July 1, 2012, or after, unless (b)(iii) applies), or
- (b)(iii) the fifth (5th) anniversary of the first day of the month coinciding with or following the date he becomes a Full-Time Employee (for employees who are active Members on or after January 1, 2027, regardless of Employment Date or Adjusted Employment Date)."

SECTION 3.

Section 3.04 of the Columbus, Georgia Pension Plan for General Government Employees is hereby stricken and replaced by a new Section 3.04 to read as follows:

“3.04 Member Contributions: Effective as set forth below, the following contributions rates will apply to all Plan members:

- (a) All Plan members who were Eligible Employees, or who have an Adjusted Employment Date, prior to July 1, 2012, shall contribute 2% of Earnings effective July 1, 2012; effective July 1, 2013, the required contribution will increase to 4% of Earnings.
- (b) All Plan members who are employed on or after July 1, 2012, shall contribute 6% of Earnings effective July 1, 2012, or upon the date he or she first becomes an Eligible Employee. Effective July 1, 2013, the contribution rate for all plan members employed on or after July 1, 2012, will increase to 8% of Earnings and, effective January 1, 2027, or such earlier date as approved by the City Manager, will decrease to 6% of Earnings.

For any Prior Plan Member or Current Plan Member, the Member Contributions made to the Fund shall remain as assets of the Fund until the occurrence of an event which provides for the distribution of such Member Contributions in accordance with the provisions of the Plan.

Upon receipt by the board of trustees of satisfactory proof of the death or termination of employment, prior to the completion of (i) five (5) years of service (for members employed by the government prior to July 1, 2012, or having an Adjusted Employment Date prior to July 1, 2012), (ii) ten (10) years of service (for members employed by the government on or after July 1, 2012), or (iii) five (5) years of service (for active Members on or after January 1, 2027, regardless of Employment Date or Adjusted Employment Date), and which death or termination of employment occurs prior to the eligibility for or commencement of pension payments, the total member contributions shall be paid from the fund to the

deceased member's beneficiary or to the Member in the event of voluntary or involuntary termination of employment. No interest payment shall be made on any member contribution except to those Prior Plan employees who qualify for a lump sum payment with interest as a result of contributions made prior to July 1, 1985.

As permitted under Section 414(h) of the Code, the Government shall "pick-up" such Member Contributions. This "employer pick-up" contribution shall be designated as a Member Contribution and the Member Contribution shall be paid by the Government to the Plan as a "salary reduction" type contribution. This "pick-up" contribution shall not have any cash or deferred election right."

SECTION 4.

Section 4.05 of the Columbus, Georgia Pension Plan for General Government Employees is hereby stricken and replaced by a new Section 4.05 to read as follows:

"4.05 Deferred Vested Pension:

A Member shall be eligible for a Deferred Vested Pension if his employment is terminated before death or Retirement after he has completed (i) five (5) or more years of Vesting Service (if he was employed by the Government prior to July 1, 2012, or has an Adjusted Employment Date prior to July 1, 2012), (ii) ten (10) years of Vesting Service (if he was employed by the Government on or after July 1, 2012), or (iii) five (5) years of service (for active Members on or after January 1, 2027, regardless of Employment Date or Adjusted Employment Date). The monthly amount of a Deferred Vested Pension payable on a Life Income With 120 Months Certain basis, commencing as of the participant's Normal Retirement Date, shall be equal to his Accrued Pension at termination of employment. Payment of a Deferred Vested Pension shall commence as of the Member's Normal Retirement Date. However, a Member who has completed fifteen (15) or more years of Vesting Service may request the Board to authorize the commencement of his Deferred Vested Pension as of the first day of the month next following his attainment of age fifty-five (55) or as of the first day of any subsequent month which precedes his Normal Retirement Date. In such event, his Pension shall commence as of the date requested, but the amount shall be reduced in the manner provided in Section 4.03.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Prior Plan Member, who made employee contributions prior to July 1, 1985, may elect to receive a refund in a single lump sum equal to his Contribution Account as of his termination of employment. Such election and the resulting refund shall be made as soon as practicable following such Member's termination of employment. The Deferred Vested Pension for such a Member who so receives a refund of his Contribution Account shall be based solely on his Accrued Pension From Government Contributions."

SECTION 5.

Section 2.01 of the Columbus, Georgia Pension Plan for Employees of the Department of Public Safety is hereby stricken and replaced by a new Section 2.01 to read as follows:

“2.01 Accrued Pension:

- (a) For any Member who retired or retires prior to January 1, 2027, the amount that would be payable at Normal Retirement Date equal to the result obtained by multiplying two percent (2%) of a Member's Average Monthly Earnings by the Member's number of years of Credited Service as of the given date, subject to a maximum of thirty (30) years.
- (b) For any Member who is an active Member on or after January 1, 2027, the amount that would be payable at Normal Retirement Date shall equal the sum of (i) two percent (2%) of a Member's Average Monthly Earnings multiplied by the Member's number of years of Credited Service as of the given date, subject to a maximum of thirty (30) years, plus (ii) one percent (1%) of a Member's Average Monthly Earnings multiplied by the Member's number of years of Credited Service in excess of thirty (30) years, subject to a maximum of ten (10) additional years of Credited Service. For the avoidance of doubt, this section 2.01(b) does not apply to a Member who is a participant in the DROP on January 1, 2027, and no service in the DROP shall be counted as Credited Service under this Plan.”

SECTION 6.

Section 2.34 of the Columbus, Georgia Pension Plan for Employees of the Department of Public Safety is hereby stricken and replaced by a new Section 2.34 to read as follows:

“2.34 Normal Retirement Date: The first day of the calendar month coinciding with or next following the later of:

- (a) the date a Member attains age sixty-five (65), or
- (b)(i) the fifth (5th) anniversary of the first day of the month coinciding with or following the date he becomes a Full-Time Employee (for employees with an Employment Date or Adjusted Employment Date before July 1, 2012), or
- (b)(ii) the tenth (10th) anniversary of the first day of the month coinciding with or following the date he became a Full-Time Employee (for employees with an Employment Date or Adjusted Employment Date of July 1, 2012, or after, unless (b)(iii) applies), or
- (b)(iii) the fifth (5th) anniversary of the first day of the month coinciding with or following the date he becomes a Full-Time Employee (for employees who are active Members on or after January 1, 2027, regardless of Employment Date or Adjusted Employment Date).”

SECTION 7.

Section 3.04 of the Columbus, Georgia Pension Plan for Employees of the Department of Public Safety is hereby stricken and replaced by a new Section 3.04 to read as follows:

“3.04 Member Contributions: Effective as set forth below, the following contribution rates will apply to all plan members:

- (a) All Plan members who were Eligible Employees, or who have an Adjusted Employment Date, prior to July 1, 2012, shall contribute 2% of Earnings effective July 1, 2012; effective July 1, 2013, the required contribution will increase to 4% of Earnings.
- (b) All Plan members who are employed on or after July 1, 2012, shall contribute 6% of Earnings effective July 1, 2012, or upon the date he or she first becomes an Eligible Employee. Effective July 1, 2013, the contribution rate for all plan members employed on or after July 1, 2012, will increase to 8% of Earnings and, effective January 1, 2027, or such earlier date as approved by the City Manager, will decrease to 6% of Earnings.

For a Prior Plan Member, or current plan member, the Member Contributions made to the Fund shall remain as assets of the Fund until the occurrence of an event which provides for the distribution of such Member Contributions in accordance with the provisions of the Plan.

Upon receipt by the board of trustees of satisfactory proof of the death or termination of employment, prior to the completion of (i) five years of service (for members employed by the government, prior to July 1, 2012, or having an Adjusted Employment Date prior to July 1, 2012), (ii) ten (10) years of service (for members employed by the government on or after July 1, 2012), or (iii) five (5) years of service (for active Members on or after January 1, 2027, regardless of Employment Date or Adjusted Employment Date), and which death or termination of employment occurs prior to the eligibility for or commencement of pension payments, the total member contributions shall be paid from the fund to the deceased member's beneficiary or to the Member in the event of voluntary or involuntary termination of employment. No interest payment shall be made on any member contribution except to those Prior Plan employees to who qualify for a lump sum payment with interest as a result of contributions made prior to July 1, 1986.

As permitted under Section 414(h) of the Code, the Government shall “pick-up” such Member Contributions. This “employer pick-up” contribution shall be designated as a Member Contribution and the Member Contribution shall be paid by the Government to the Plan as a “salary reduction” type contribution. This “pick-up” contribution shall not have any cash or deferred election right.”

SECTION 8.

Section 4.05 of the Columbus, Georgia Pension Plan for Employees of the Department of Public Safety is hereby stricken and replaced by a new Section 4.05 to read as follows:

“4.05 Deferred Vested Pension:

A Member shall be eligible for a Deferred Vested Pension if his employment is terminated before death or Retirement after he has completed (i) five (5) or more years of Vesting Service (if he was employed by the Government prior to July 1, 2012, or has an Adjusted Employment Date prior to July 1, 2012), (ii) ten (10) or more years of Vesting Service (if he was employed by the Government on or after July 1, 2012), or (iii) five (5) years of service (for active Members on or after January 1, 2027, regardless of Employment Date or Adjusted Employment Date). The monthly amount of a Deferred Vested Pension payable on a Life Income With 120 Months Certain basis, commencing as of the participant's Normal Retirement Date, shall be equal to his Accrued Pension at termination of employment.

Payment of a Deferred Vested Pension shall commence as of the Member's Normal Retirement Date. However, a Member who has completed twenty (20) or more years of Vesting Service may request the Board to authorize the commencement of his Deferred Vested Pension as of the first day of the month next following his attainment of age fifty (50) or as of the first day of any subsequent month which precedes his Normal Retirement Date. In such event, his Pension shall commence as of the date requested, but the amount shall be determined in the manner provided in the last paragraph of Section 4.03.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Prior Plan Member, who made employee contributions prior to June 30, 1986, may elect to receive a refund in a single lump sum equal to his Contribution Account as of his termination of employment. Such election and the resulting refund shall be made as soon as practicable following such Member's termination of employment. The Deferred Vested Pension for such a Member who so receives a refund of his Contribution Account shall be based solely on his Accrued Pension From Government Contributions.”

SECTION 9.

Section 2.5 of the Columbus, Georgia Employees' Deferred Retirement Option Plan is hereby stricken and replaced by a new Section 2.5 to read as follows:

“2.5 Permissible Temporary Suspension of DROP Participation:

- (a) At least 60 days prior to the end of the period of participation selected in accordance with 2.2(b) above, a Participant may elect to suspend DROP participation. The suspension period shall not exceed three years. At any time during the suspension period, the Participant may elect to reenter the DROP for the remaining period of participation. However, only one such suspension shall be permitted during DROP participation. Notwithstanding the foregoing, an

Eligible Employee who becomes a Participant on or after January 1, 2027 shall not be eligible to elect to suspend DROP participation.

- (b) Upon a Participant's suspension of participation in the DROP, amounts shall cease to be transferred from the Retirement Plan to his DROP Account under Section 3.2 and any amounts in his DROP Account shall continue to be credited with earnings as described in Section 3.3 until paid to him in accordance with the provisions of Article IV, unless forfeited pursuant to Section 4.2 below."

SECTION 10.

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 ____ day of ____ 2026; introduced a second time at a regular meeting of said Council held on the ____ day of ____ 2026 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ____ members of said Council.

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AN ORDINANCE

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SECTION 3.

Section 3.04 of the Columbus, Georgia Pension Plan for General Government Employees is hereby stricken and replaced by a new Section 3.04 to read as follows:

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For any Prior Plan Member or Current Plan Member, the Member Contributions made to the Fund shall remain as assets of the Fund until the occurrence of an event which provides for the distribution of such Member Contributions in accordance with the provisions of the Plan.

Upon receipt by the board of trustees of satisfactory proof of the death or termination of employment, prior to the completion of (i) five (5) years of service (for members employed by the government prior to July 1, 2012, or having an Adjusted Employment Date prior to July 1, 2012), (ii) ten (10) years of service (for members employed by the government on or after July 1, 2012), or (iii) five (5) years of service (for active Members on or after January 1, 2027, regardless of Employment Date or Adjusted Employment Date), and which death or termination of employment occurs prior to the eligibility for or commencement of pension payments, the total member contributions shall be paid from the fund to the deceased member's beneficiary or to the Member in the event of voluntary or

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For a Prior Plan Member, or current plan member, the Member Contributions made to the Fund shall remain as assets of the Fund until the occurrence of an event which provides for the distribution of such Member Contributions in accordance with the provisions of the Plan.

Upon receipt by the board of trustees of satisfactory proof of the death or termination of employment, prior to the completion of (i) five years of service (for members employed by the government, prior to July 1, 2012, or having an Adjusted Employment Date prior to July 1, 2012), (ii) ten (10) years of service (for members employed by the government on or after July 1, 2012), or (iii) five (5) years of service (for active Members on or after January 1, 2027, regardless of Employment Date or Adjusted Employment Date), and which death or termination of employment occurs prior to the eligibility for or commencement of pension payments, the total member contributions shall be paid from the fund to the deceased member's beneficiary or to the Member in the event of voluntary or involuntary termination of employment. No interest payment shall be made on any member contribution except to those Prior Plan employees to who qualify for a lump sum payment with interest as a result of contributions made prior to July 1, 1986.

As permitted under Section 414(h) of the Code, the Government shall “pick-up” such Member Contributions. This “employer pick-up” contribution shall be designated as a Member Contribution and the Member Contribution shall be paid by the Government to the Plan as a “salary reduction” type contribution. This “pick-up” contribution shall not have any cash or deferred election right.”

SECTION 8.

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- (a) At least 60 days prior to the end of the period of participation selected in accordance with 2.2(b) above, a Participant may elect to suspend DROP participation. The suspension period shall not exceed three years. At any time during the suspension period, the Participant may elect to reenter the DROP for the remaining period of participation. However, only one such suspension shall be permitted during DROP participation. Notwithstanding the foregoing, an Eligible Employee who becomes a Participant on or after January 1, 2027 shall not be eligible to elect to suspend DROP participation.
- (b) Upon a Participant's suspension of participation in the DROP, amounts shall cease to be transferred from the Retirement Plan to his DROP Account under Section 3.2 and any amounts in his DROP Account shall continue to be credited

with earnings as described in Section 3.3 until paid to him in accordance with the provisions of Article IV, unless forfeited pursuant to Section 4.2 below.”

SECTION 10.

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 ____ day of ____ 2026; introduced a second time at a regular meeting of said Council held on the ____ day of ____ 2026 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ____ members of said Council.

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Councilor Cook	voting _____
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Lindsey G Mclemore
Clerk of Council

B. H. “Skip” Henderson, III
Mayor

AN ORDINANCE

NO. 26-__

An ordinance (i) amending the Columbus, Georgia Pension Plan for General Government Employees and the Columbus, Georgia Pension Plan for Employees of the Department of Public Safety to reduce the vesting schedule for active participants, add benefit accruals for up to 40 Years of Service, and reduce mandatory contributions for employees hired after July 1, 2012, and (ii) amending the Columbus, Georgia Employees' Deferred Retirement Option Plan to remove the three-year suspension period for new participants.

THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1.

Section 2.01 of the Columbus, Georgia Pension Plan for General Government Employees is hereby stricken and replaced by a new Section 2.01 to read as follows:

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(a) For any Member ~~as of any date~~ who retired or retires prior to January 1, 2027, the amount that would be payable at Normal Retirement Date equals ~~to~~ the result obtained by multiplying two percent (2%) of a Member's Average Monthly Earnings by the Member's number of years of Credited Service as of the given date, subject to a maximum of thirty (30) years.”

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Effective ~~July 1, 2012~~as set forth below, the following contributions rates will apply to all Plan members:

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As permitted under Section 414(h) of the Code, the Government shall "pick-up" such Member Contributions. This "employer pick-up" contribution shall be designated as a Member Contribution and the Member Contribution shall be paid by the Government to the Plan as a "salary reduction" type contribution. This "pick-up" contribution shall not have any cash or deferred election right."

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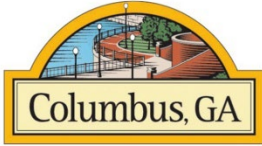
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File Attachments for Item:

4. 1st Reading: REZN 07-26-1357: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **3604 Arkansas Drive** (parcel # 068-023-001) from Single Family Residential – 2 (SFR2) Zoning District to Residential Multifamily – 2 (RMF2) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.)(Councilor Crabb)



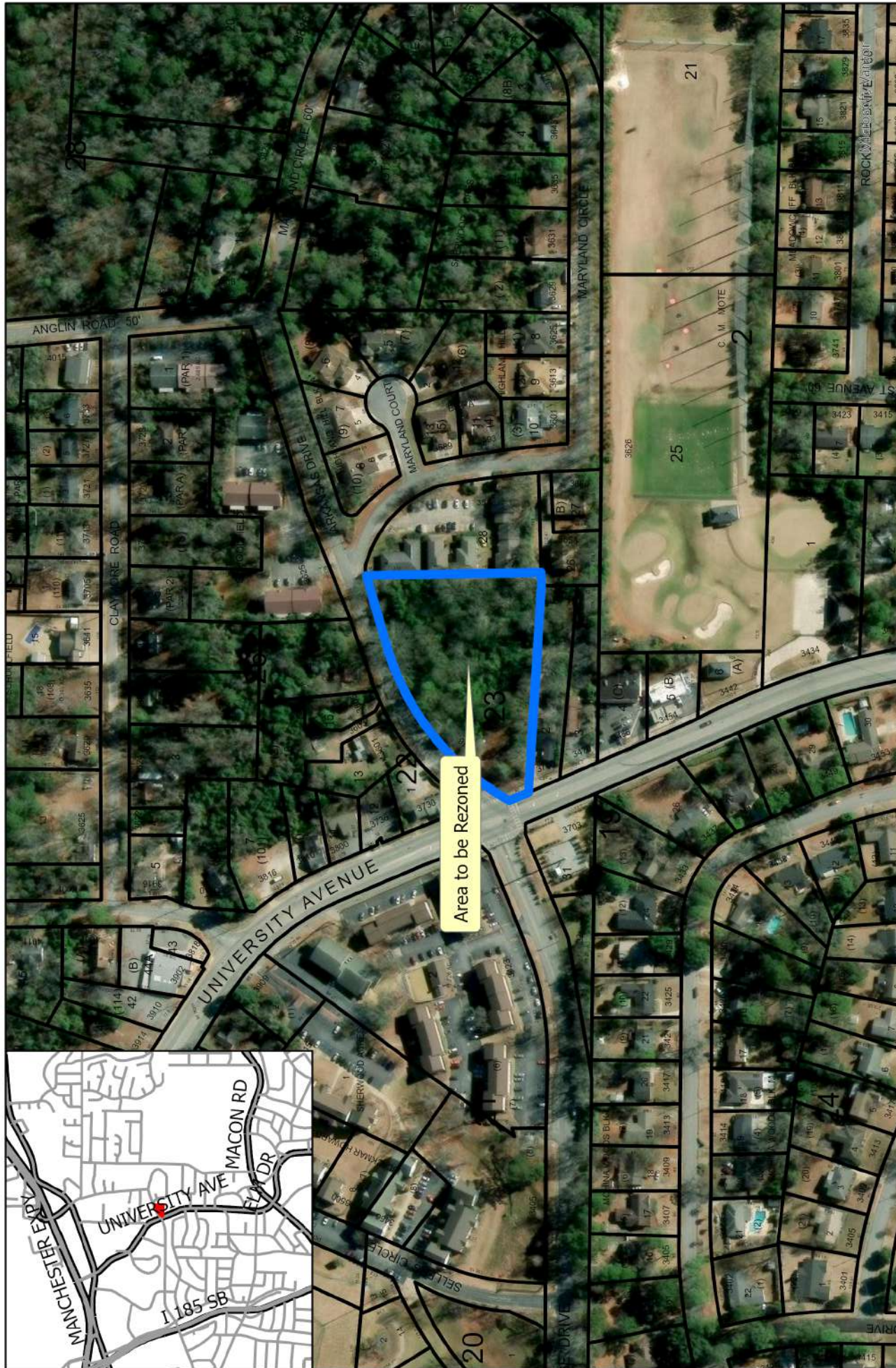
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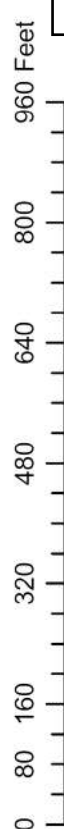
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Applicant:	Jackson Wells
Owner:	DMH Asset Group, LLC
Location:	3604 Arkansas Drive
Parcel:	068-023-001
Acreage:	1.96 Acres
Current Zoning Classification:	Single Family Residential -2
Proposed Zoning Classification:	Residential Multifamily – 2
Current Use of Property:	Vacant
Proposed Use of Property:	Multifamily Residential
Council District:	District 5 (Crabb)
PAC Recommendation:	Approval based on the Staff Report and compatibility with existing land uses.
Planning Department Recommendation:	Approval based on compatibility with existing land uses.
Fort Benning's Recommendation:	N/A
DRI Recommendation:	N/A
General Land Use:	Consistent Planning Area E
Current Land Use Designation:	Vacant/Undeveloped

Future Land Use Designation:	Public/Institutional								
Compatible with Existing Land-Uses:	Yes								
Environmental Impacts:	The property does not lie within the floodway and floodplain area. The developer will need an approved drainage plan prior to issuance of a Site Development permit, if a permit is required.								
City Services:	Property is served by all city services.								
Traffic Engineering:	This site shall meet the Codes and regulations of the Columbus Consolidated Government for residential usage.								
Surrounding Zoning:	<table> <tr> <td>North</td><td>RMF1/SFR2</td></tr> <tr> <td>South</td><td>Neighborhood Commercial</td></tr> <tr> <td>East</td><td>Residential Multifamily 2</td></tr> <tr> <td>West</td><td>RO/NC</td></tr> </table>	North	RMF1/SFR2	South	Neighborhood Commercial	East	Residential Multifamily 2	West	RO/NC
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Reasonableness of Request:	The request is compatible with existing land uses.								
School Impact:	N/A								
Buffer Requirement:	N/A								
Attitude of Property Owners:	Forty (40) property owners within 300 feet of the subject properties were notified of the rezoning request. The Planning Department received no calls and/or emails regarding the rezoning.								
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Additional Information:	3 story apartment building, maximum 32 units by RMF2 regulations.								
Attachments:	Aerial Land Use Map Location Map Zoning Map Existing Land Use Map Future Land Use Map Flood Map Concept Plan								



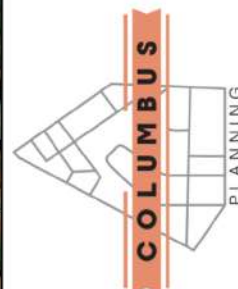
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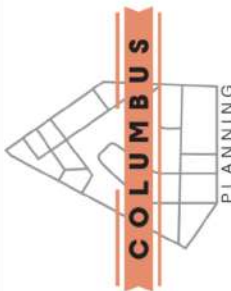
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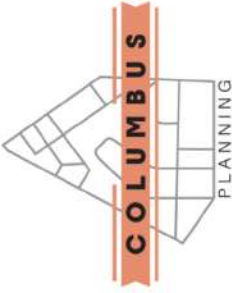


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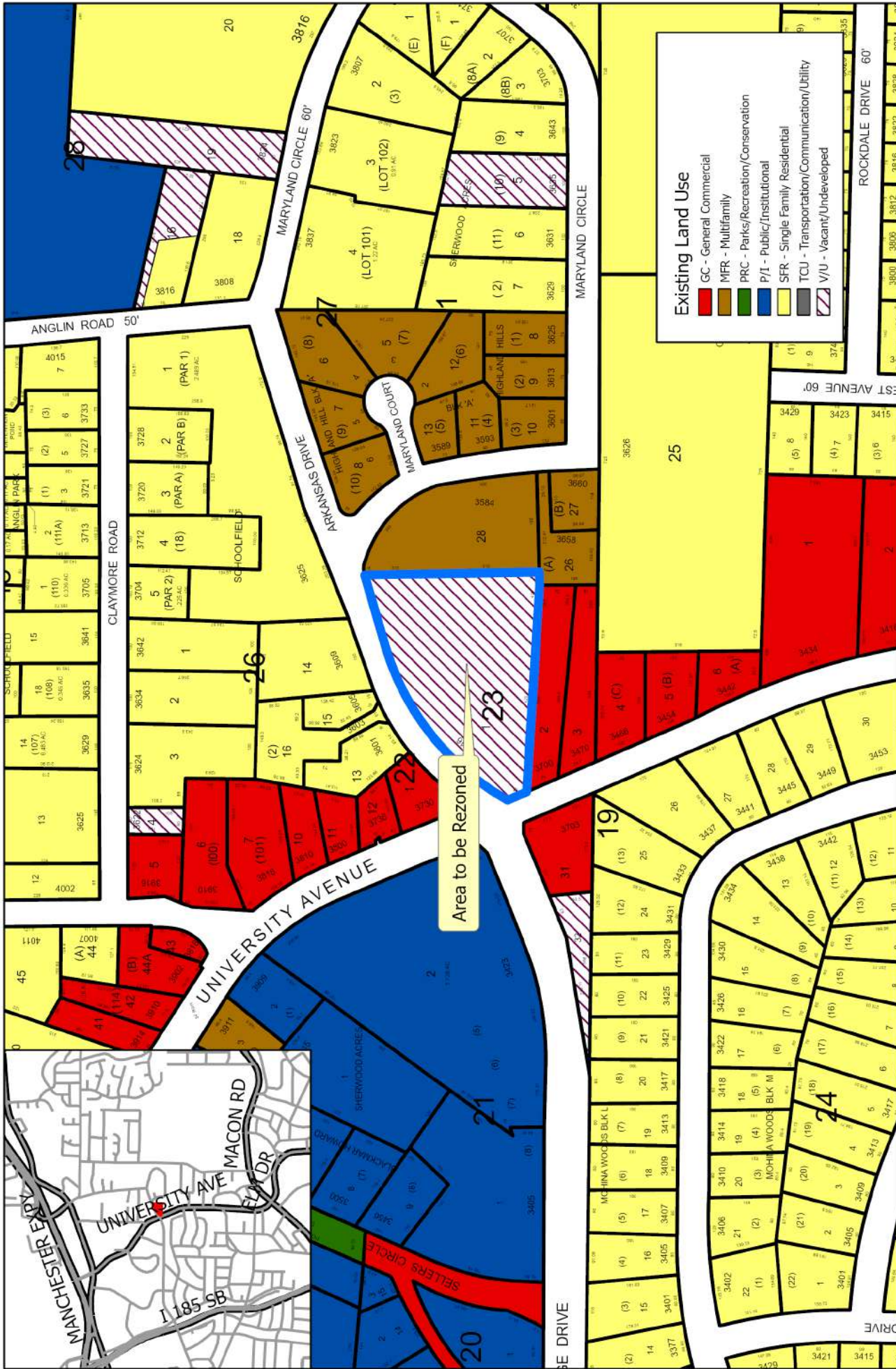


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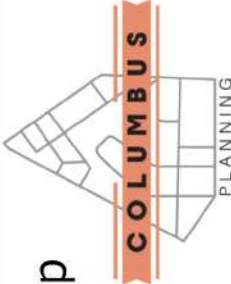
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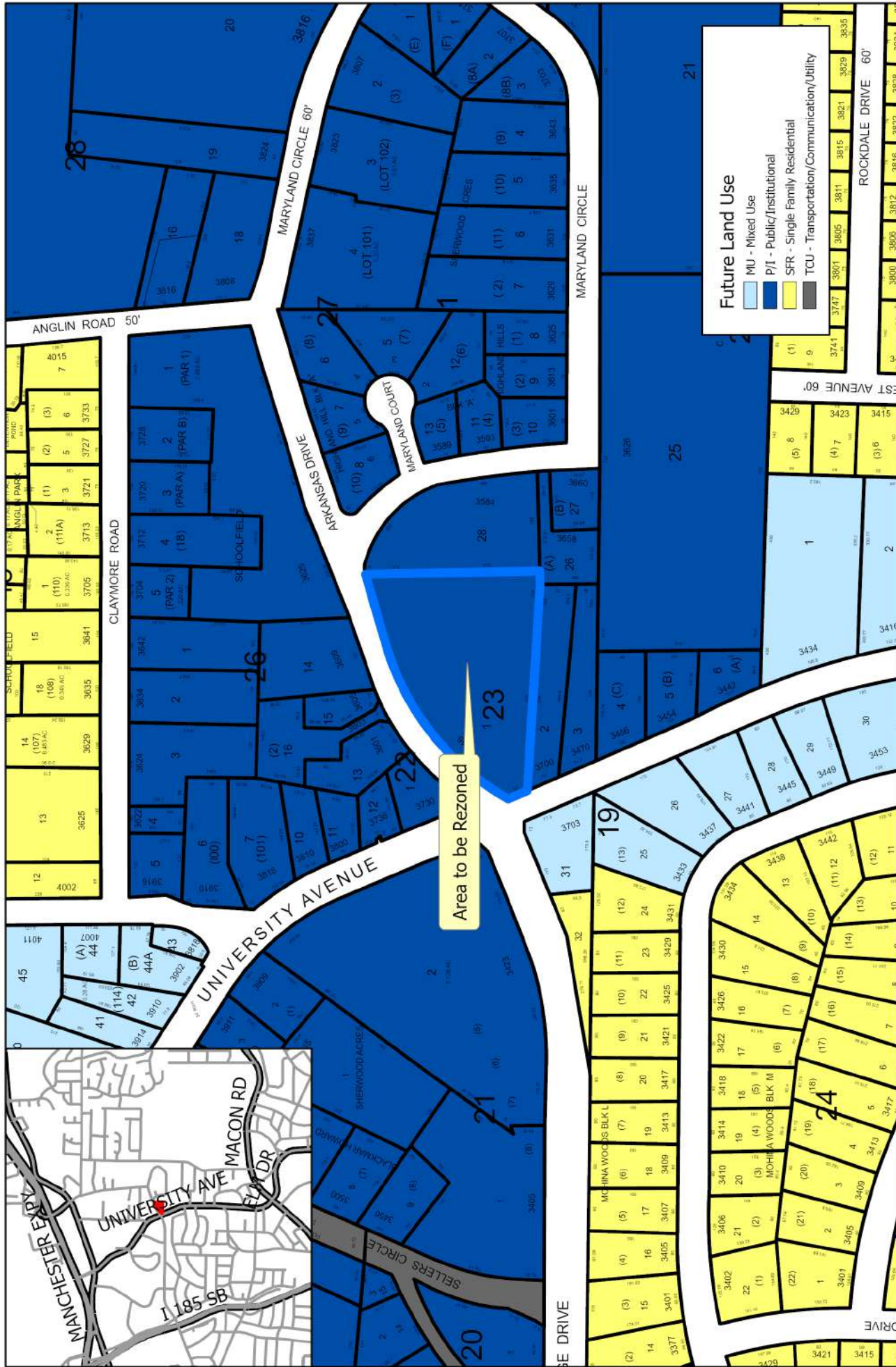
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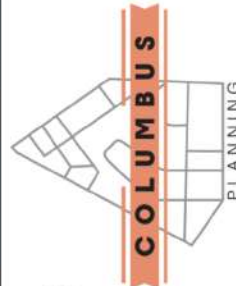


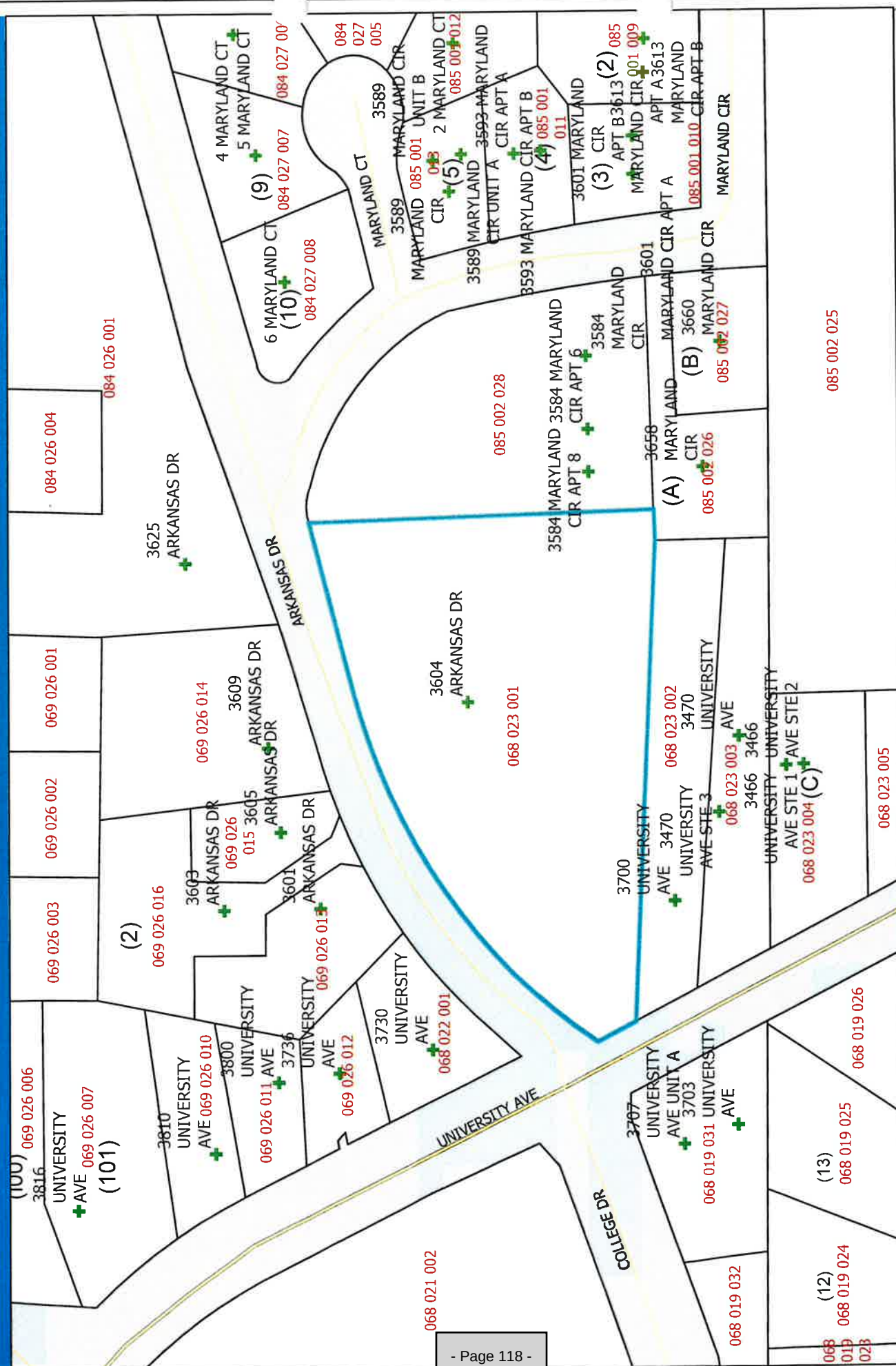
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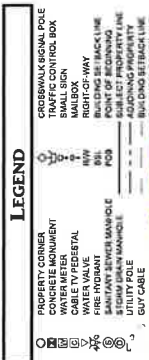




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THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS NOT LOCATED IN A FEMA DESIGNATED SFHA AS PER THE FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS - MUSCOGEE COUNTY, GEORGIA, MAP NUMBER 1351560011F, REVISED SEPTEMBER 5, 2007

EXISTING ZONE SFR2 (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL-2)	20 FT	7,500 SF
PROPOSED ZONE RMF2 (RESIDENTIAL MULTIFAMILY-2)	20 FT	60 FT
	30 FT	16.5 UNITS
		40%
		75 FT
FRONT/STREET SETBACK		
SIDE SETBACK		
REAR SETBACK		
MIN. LOT SIZE:		
MIN. LOT WIDTH		
MAX. DENSITY (PER ACRE)		
MAX. LOT COVERAGE		
MAX. BLDG. HEIGHT:		



CURVE TABLE				
CURVE	LENGTH	RADIUS	CHORD BEARING	CHORD
C1	10.37	443.47	N38°03'24"E	10.37

LINE TABLE		
LINE	LENGTH	BEARING
L1	4.83	S51°47'19"E
L2	9.35	N27°32'68"E
L3	5.00	N53°14'19"W
L4	20.03	N47°30'31"E
L5	5.00	S41°51'02"E
L6	9.28	N50°39'35"E
L7	4.95	N26°19'32"W
L8	17.88	N48°54'08"E

PARCEL "A"
PARCEL ID 085 002 026

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 ZONTA INC
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FIELD SURVEY COMPLETED ON: MAY 27, 2026
OB NO: 123326 DRAWN BY: **B. Harris**

DATE: JUNE 29, 2026

SCALE:
1" =

REZONE EXHIBIT
of
3604 ARKANSAS DRIVE
PART OF LAND LOT 28, 8th LAND
COLUMBUS, MUSCOGEE COUNTY
PREPARED FOR
Jeremy Dockery

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AN ORDINANCE

NO. _____

An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **3604 Arkansas Drive** (parcel # 068-023-001) from Single Family Residential – 2 (SFR2) Zoning District to Residential Multifamily – 2 (RMF2) Zoning District.

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

Section 1.

The Zoning Atlas on file with the Planning Department is hereby amended by changing the property described below from Single Family Residential – 2 (SFR2) Zoning District to Residential Multifamily – 2 (RMF2) Zoning District.

“All that lot, tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Land Lot 28 of the 8th District, Columbus, Muscogee County, Georgia, being more particularly described as follows:

BEGIN at a concrete monument being the western most point of a mitered comer formed by the intersection of the northeasterly margin of the right-of-way of University Avenue (an 84 foot right-of-way) and the southeasterly margin of the right-of-way of Arkansas Drive (a variable right-of-way) which is the Point of Beginning; thence along the southeasterly margin of said mitered comer north 13 degrees 11 minutes 25 seconds east a distance of 46.80 feet to a concrete monument located on said mitered comer; thence leaving said mitered comer running clockwise along the curving southeasterly margin of Arkansas Drive (chord bearing north 35 degrees 11 minutes 15 second east; radius 443.47 feet; chord 10.37 feet) an arc distance of 10.37 feet to a concrete monument located on the southeasterly margin of said right-of-way; thence along the southeasterly margin of said right-of-way running south 52 degrees 39 minutes 28 seconds east a distance of 4.83 feet to a concrete monument located on the southeasterly margin of said right-of-way; thence along the southeasterly margin of said right-of-way running north 36 degrees 40 minutes 49 seconds east a distance of 9.35 feet to a concrete monument located on the southeasterly margin of said right-of-way; thence along the southeasterly margin of said right-of-way running north 54 degrees 06 minutes 28 seconds west a distance of 5.0 feet to a concrete monument located on the southeasterly margin of said right-of-way; thence running clockwise along the curving southeasterly margin of said right-of-way (chord bearing north 43 degrees 35 minutes 55 seconds east; radius 443.47 feet; chord 108.49 feet) an arc distance of 108.76 feet to a concrete monument located on the southeasterly margin of said right-of-way; thence along the southeasterly margin of said right-of-way running north 46 degrees 38 minutes 22 seconds east a distance of 20.03 feet to a concrete monument located on the southeasterly margin of said right-of-way; thence along the southeasterly margin of said right-of-way running south 42 degrees 43 minutes 11 seconds east a distance of 5.0 feet to a concrete monument located on the southeasterly margin of said right-of-way; thence along the southeasterly margin of said right-of-way running north 49 degrees 11 minutes 27 seconds east a distance

of 9.28 feet to a concrete monument located on the southeasterly margin of said right-of-way; thence along the southeasterly margin of said right-of-way running north 37 degrees 11 minutes 41 seconds west a distance of 4.95 feet to a concrete monument located on the southeasterly margin of said right-of-way; thence along the southeasterly margin of said right-of-way running north 48 degrees 01 minutes 57 seconds east a distance of 17.88 feet to an iron stake located on the southeasterly margin of said right-of-way; thence along the southeasterly margin of said right-of-way running north 60 degrees 20 minutes 51 seconds east a distance of 99.60 feet to an iron stake located on the southeasterly margin of said right-of-way; thence along the southeasterly margin of said right-of-way running north 69 degrees 28 minutes 32 seconds east a distance of 168.77 feet to an iron stake located at a point along the merging southerly rights-of-way of Arkansas Drive and Maryland Circle (50 feet right-of-way); thence leaving said merging rights-of-way running south 01 degrees 49 minutes 30 seconds east a distance of 327.57 feet to an iron stake; thence running north 86 degrees 31 minutes 07 seconds west a distance of 377.30 feet to an iron stake located on the northeasterly margin of the right-of-way of University Avenue; thence along the northeasterly margin of said right-of-way running north 23 degrees 54 minutes 04 seconds west a distance of 26.21 feet to the Point of Beginning.

The above described property comprises the parcel designated as "1.961 AC. " on that certain map or plat of survey entitled "Survey of Part of Land Lot 28, 8th District, Columbus, Muscogee County, Georgia", prepared by Moon, Meeks, Mason & Vinson, Inc. , dated April 4, 2001"

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 8th day of September, 2026; introduced a second time at a regular meeting of said Council held on the ____ day of _____, 2026 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting _____
Councilor Barnes	voting _____
Councilor Chambers	voting _____
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Councilor Crabb	voting _____
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Councilor Garrett	voting _____
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Lindsey G Mclemore
Clerk of Council

B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III
Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

5. 1st Reading: REZN 07-26-1395: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **1119 Neill Drive** (parcel # 031-045-007) from Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District to Residential Multifamily – 1 (RMF1) Zoning District with Conditions. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Garrett)

AN ORDINANCE**NO. _____**

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

Section 1.

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

“All that lot, tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the State of Georgia, County of Muscogee and City of Columbus, being known and distinguished as ALL OF LOT NUMBERED THIRTY-SIX (36), of that certain Subdivision of land known as VINBVILLE TERRACE SUBDIVISION according to a map or plat of said subdivision which is recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Muscogee county, Georgia, in Deed Book 71, Folio 469, to which reference is made for the specific dimensions and location of said lot.”

Section 2.

The property described above is rezoned subject to the following condition:

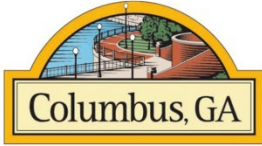
1. Minimum rear yard of 5 feet.

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

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COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

REZN-07-26-1395

Applicant:	James A William Jr
Owner:	James A William Jr
Location:	1119 Neill Drive
Parcel:	031-045-007
Acreage:	0.16 Acres
Current Zoning Classification:	Neighborhood Commercial (NC)
Proposed Zoning Classification:	Residential Multifamily – 1
Proposed Conditions:	Minimum rear yard setback of 5 feet.
Current Use of Property:	Single Family Residential
Proposed Use of Property:	Single Family Residential
Council District:	District 8
PAC Recommendation:	Approval based on the Staff Report and compatibility with existing land uses.
Planning Department Recommendation:	Approval based on compatibility with existing land uses.
Fort Benning's Recommendation:	N/A
DRI Recommendation:	N/A
General Land Use:	Consistent Planning Area E

Current Land Use Designation:	Single Family Residential								
Future Land Use Designation:	Single Family Residential								
Compatible with Existing Land-Uses:	Yes								
Environmental Impacts:	The property does not lie within the floodway and floodplain area. The developer will need an approved drainage plan prior to issuance of a Site Development permit, if a permit is required.								
City Services:	Property is served by all city services.								
Traffic Engineering:	This site shall meet the Codes and regulations of the Columbus Consolidated Government for residential usage.								
School Impact:	N/A								
Buffer Requirement:	The site shall include a Category A buffer. The 3 options under Category A are: 1) 5 feet with a certain amount of canopy trees, under story trees, and shrubs / ornamental grasses per 100 linear feet. 2) 10 feet with a certain amount of shrubs / ornamental grasses per 100 linear feet and a wood fence or masonry wall. 3) 20 feet undisturbed natural buffer.								
Fort Moore's Recommendation:	N/A								
DRI Recommendation:	N/A								
Surrounding Zoning:	<table> <tr> <td>North</td><td>Neighborhood Commercial (NC)</td></tr> <tr> <td>South</td><td>Residential Multifamily – 1 (RMF1)</td></tr> <tr> <td>East</td><td>Neighborhood Commercial (NC)</td></tr> <tr> <td>West</td><td>Residential Multifamily – 1 (RMF1)</td></tr> </table>	North	Neighborhood Commercial (NC)	South	Residential Multifamily – 1 (RMF1)	East	Neighborhood Commercial (NC)	West	Residential Multifamily – 1 (RMF1)
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South	Residential Multifamily – 1 (RMF1)								
East	Neighborhood Commercial (NC)								
West	Residential Multifamily – 1 (RMF1)								
Attitude of Property Owners:	Forty Five (45) property owners within 300 feet of the subject properties were notified of the rezoning request. The Planning Department received no calls and/or emails regarding the rezoning.								

Approval 0 Responses
Opposition 0 Responses

Additional Information:

Has been historically used as a single family residence.

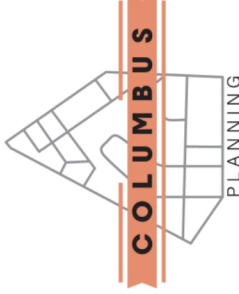
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Aerial Land Use Map
Location Map
Zoning Map
Existing Land Use Map
Future Land Use Map
Site Plan



Area to be Rezoned

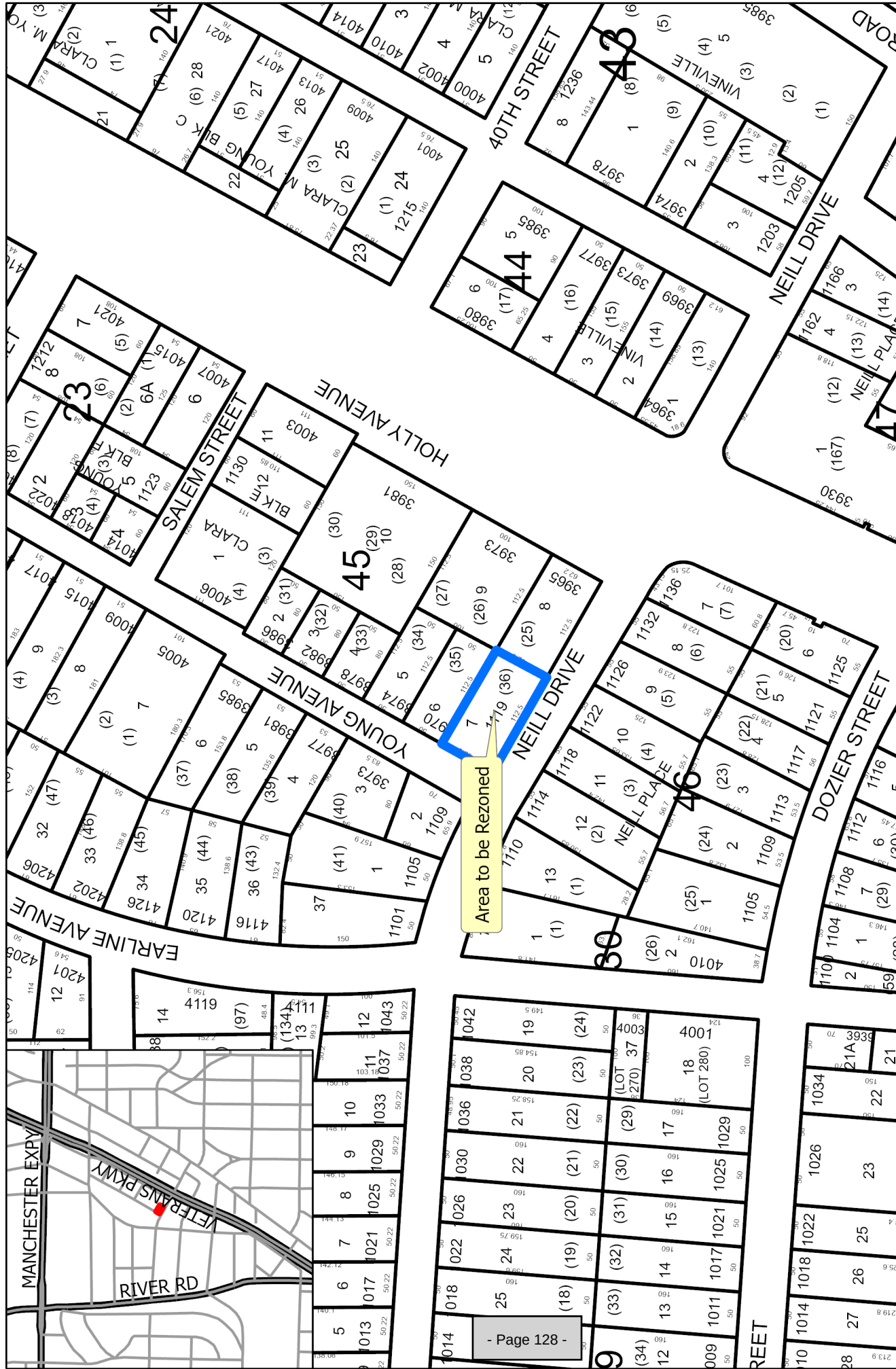
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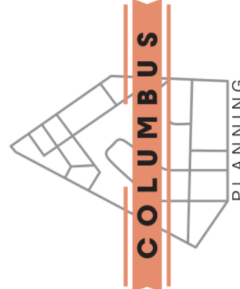
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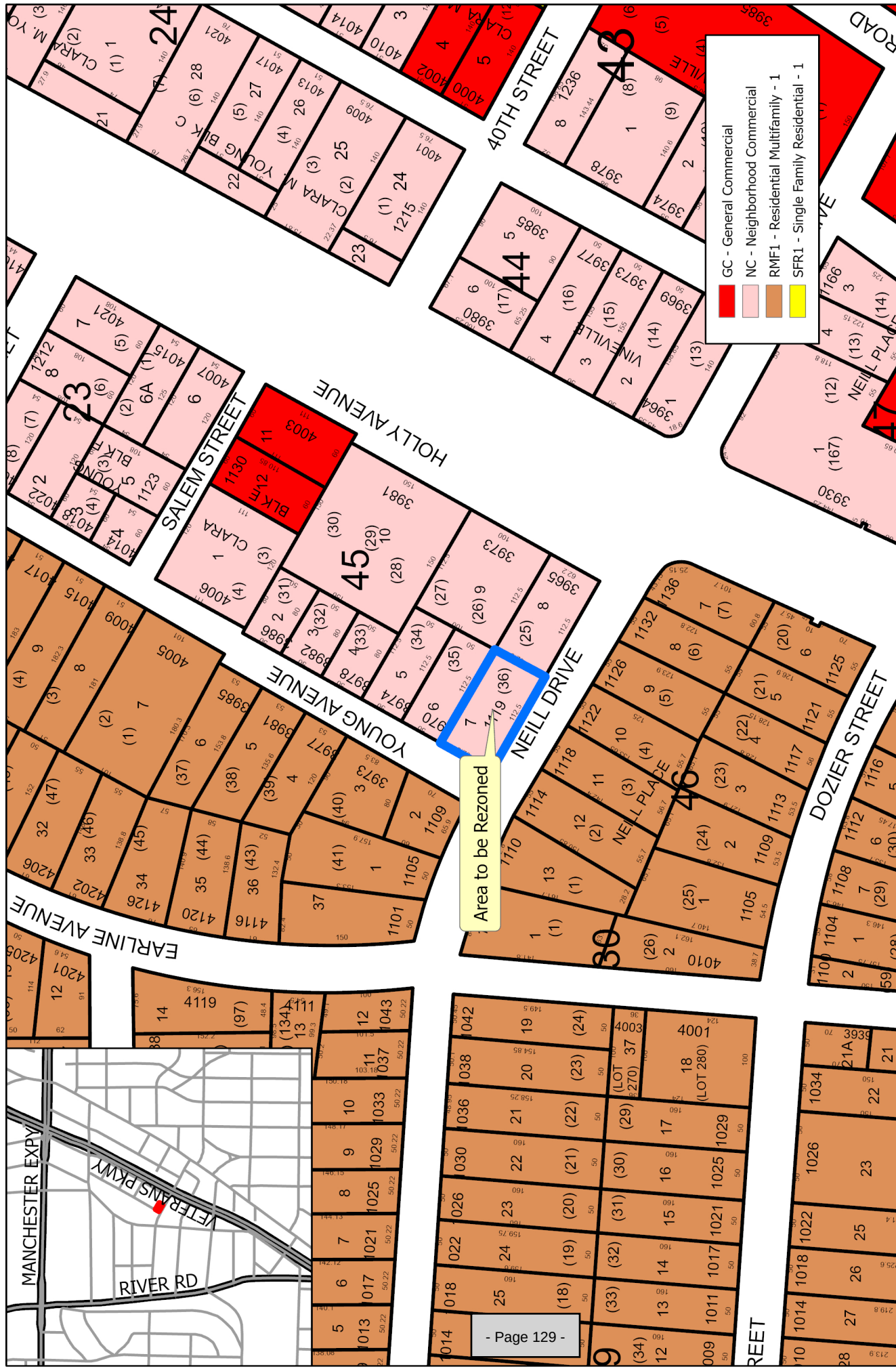
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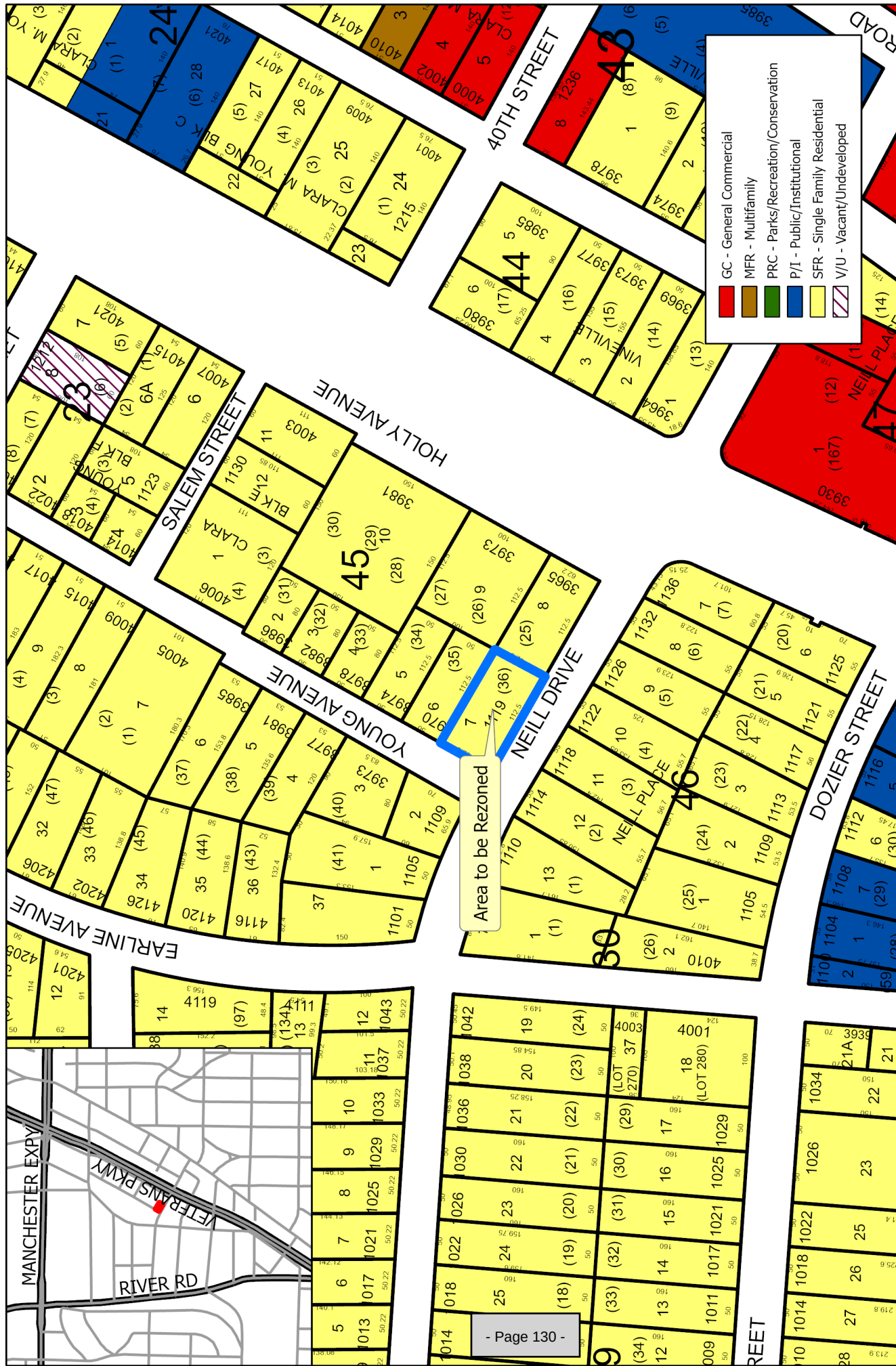


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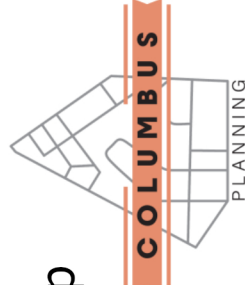
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- GC - General Commercial
- MFR - Multifamily
- PRC - Parks/Recreation/Conservation
- P/I - Public/Institutional
- SFR - Single Family Residential
- V/U - Vacant/Undeveloped



REZN 07-26-1395: Existing Land Use Map CCG Planning Department

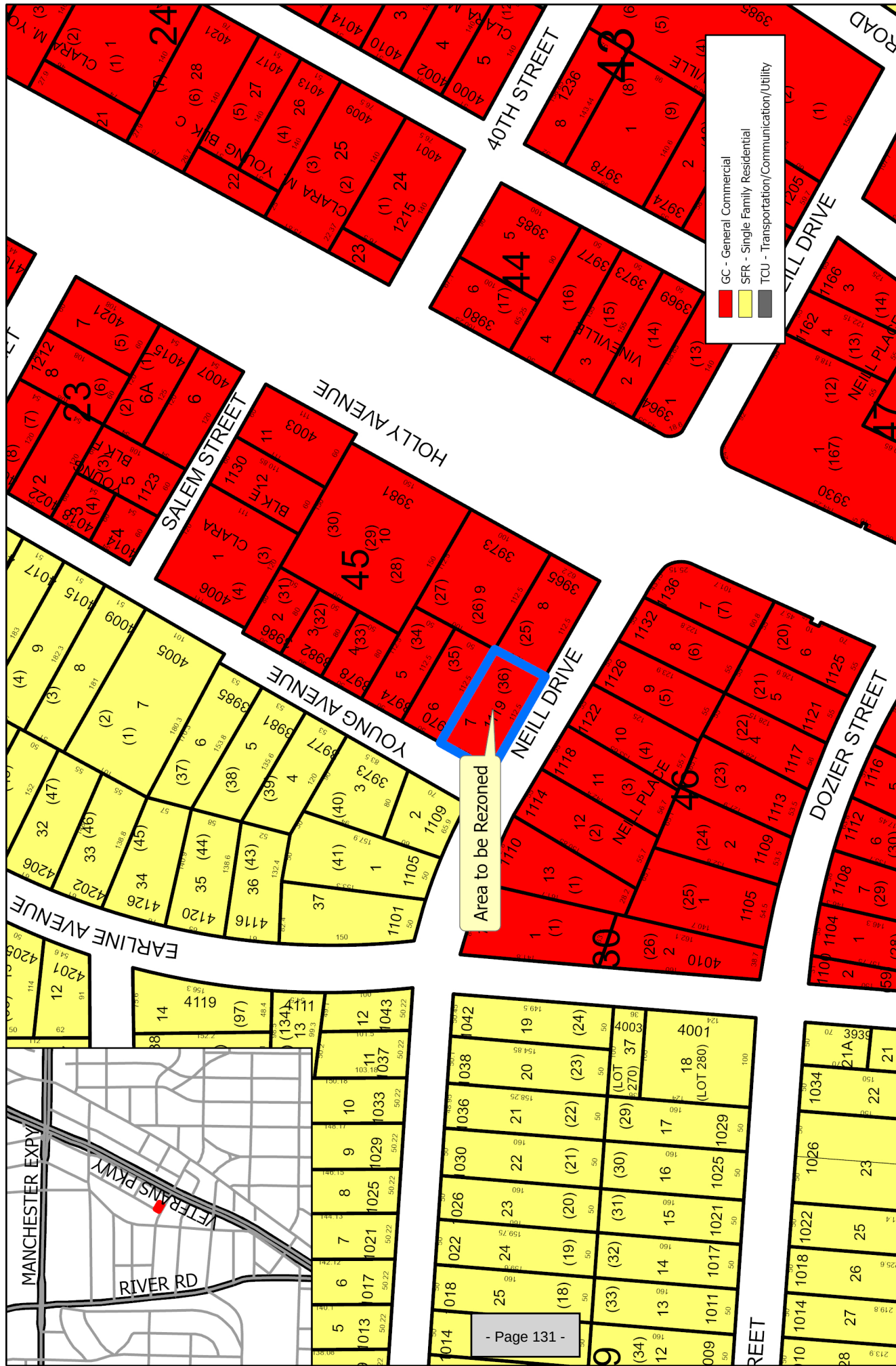


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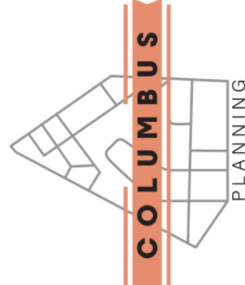
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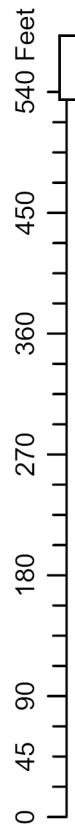
Area to be Rezoned

- GC - General Commercial
- SFR - Single Family Residential
- TCU - Transportation/Communication/Utility



REZN 07-26-1395: Future Land Use Map CCG Planning Department

Prepared by Rex Wilkinson 8/5/2026



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0' 15' 30'
SCALE: 1" = 30'



LOT 26 & 27

LOT 35

LOT 36
0.16 AC±
7,033 S.F.±

PROPOSED
1-STORY
DWELLING

LOT 25

- LEGEND:**
- PROPERTY CORNER
 - RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE
 - SUBJECT PROPERTY LINE
 - - - ADJOINING PROPERTY LINE
 - P OVERHEAD POWER
 - UTILITY POLE
 - FIRE HYDRANT
 - WATER METER
 - SSWR MANHOLE
 - (SB) SETBACK LINE

(50'± ROW)

Neill Drive

Young Avenue

** ZONE "RMF-1" SETBACKS ARE SHOWN
** PROPERTY IS CURRENTLY ZONED "NC"

SITE PLAN FOR
1119 NEILL DRIVE
LOT 36, VINEVILLE TERRACE SUBDIVISION
COLUMBUS, MUSCOGEE CO., GA

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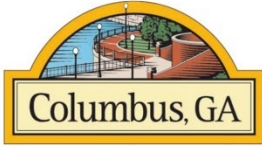
PREPARED FOR:
JAMES WILLIAMS, JR.

DATE: AUG. 24, 2026 | SCALE: 1" = 30' | PARCEL ID: 031 045 007 | DRAWN BY

PROPERTY LINES SHOWN ARE FROM A SITE VISIT.
THIS IS NOT A SURVEY. FOR SITE PLAN & REZONING PURPOSES ONLY.

File Attachments for Item:

6. 1st Reading: REZN-08-26-1510: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **4803 Ingram Ave** (parcel # 032-016-017) from General Commercial (GC) Zoning District to Single Family Residential – 4 (SFR4) Zoning District.(Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Garrett)



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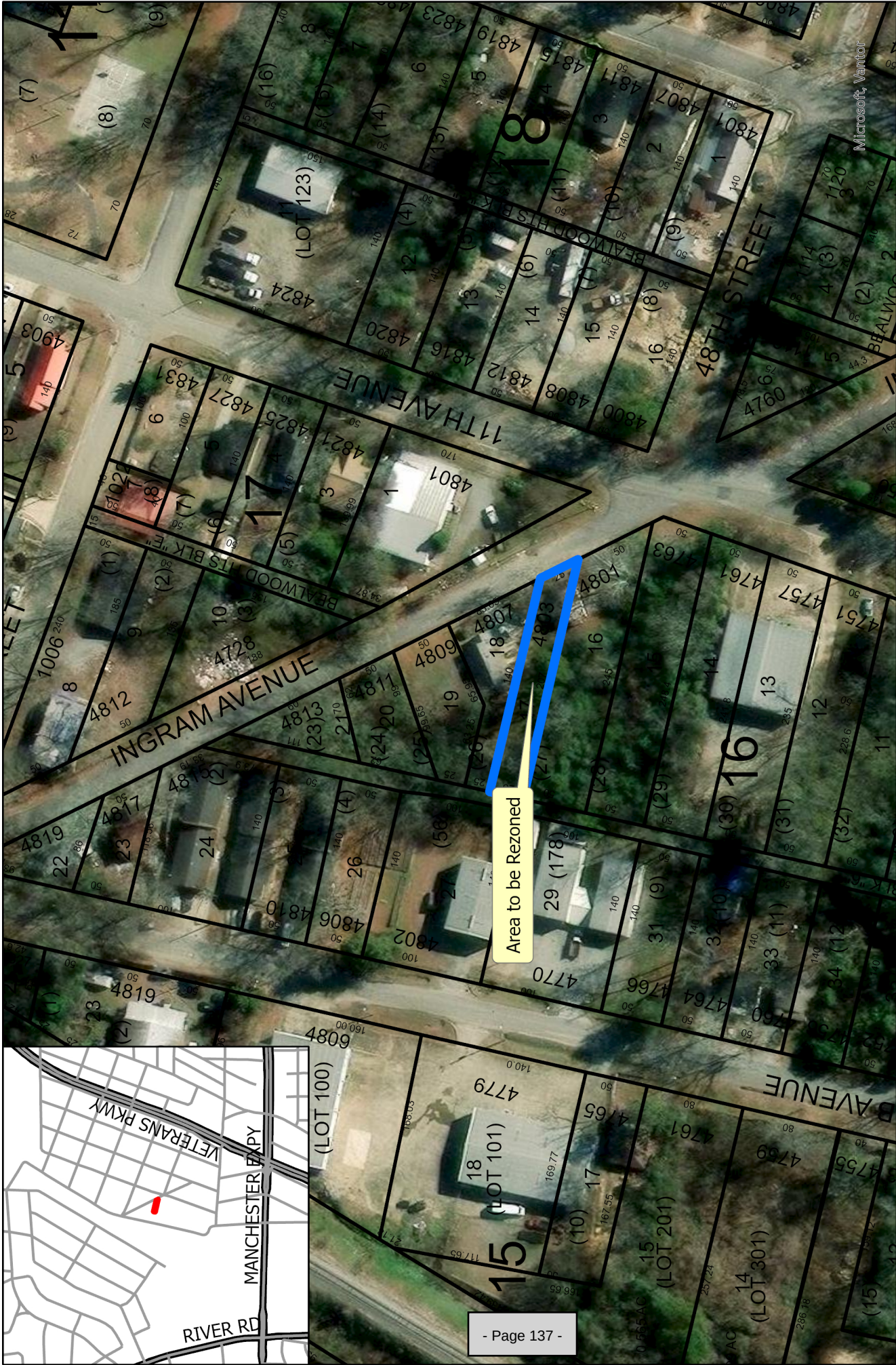
COUNCIL STAFF REPORT REZN-08-26-1510

Applicant:	Ryan Clements, Aaron & Clements Inc
Owner:	Melvin Crouch
Location:	4803 Ingram Avenue
Parcel:	032-016-017
Acreage:	0.10 Acres
Current Zoning Classification:	General Commercial (GC)
Proposed Zoning Classification:	Single Family Residential – 4 (SFR4)
Current Use of Property:	Single Family Residential
Proposed Use of Property:	Single Family Residential
Council District:	District 8
PAC Recommendation:	Approval based on the Staff Report and compatibility with existing land uses.
Planning Department Recommendation:	Approval based on compatibility with existing land uses.
Fort Benning's Recommendation:	N/A
DRI Recommendation:	N/A
General Land Use:	Consistent Planning Area F
Current Land Use Designation:	Single Family Residential
Future Land Use Designation:	Single Family Residential
Compatible with Existing Land-Uses:	Yes

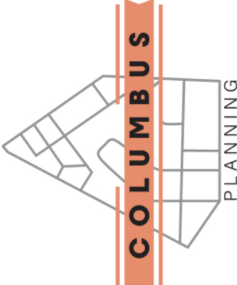
Environmental Impacts:	The property does not lie within the floodway and floodplain area. The developer will need an approved drainage plan prior to issuance of a Site Development permit, if a permit is required.		
City Services:	Property is served by all city services.		
Traffic Engineering:	This site shall meet the Codes and regulations of the Columbus Consolidated Government for residential usage.		
School Impact:	N/A		
Buffer Requirement:	The site shall include a Category A buffer along all property lines bordered by the LMI zoning district. The 3 options under Category A are: 1) 5 feet with a certain amount of canopy trees, under story trees, and shrubs / ornamental grasses per 100 linear feet. 2) 10 feet with a certain amount of shrubs / ornamental grasses per 100 linear feet and a wood fence or masonry wall. 3) 20 feet undisturbed natural buffer.		
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DRI Recommendation:	N/A		
Surrounding Zoning:	North	General Commercial (GC)	
	South	Single Family Residential – 4 (SFR4)	
	East	General Commercial (GC)	
	West	General Commercial (GC)	
Attitude of Property Owners:	Fifty (50) property owners within 300 feet of the subject properties were notified of the rezoning request. The Planning Department received no calls and/or emails regarding the rezoning.		
	Approval	0 Responses	
	Opposition	0 Responses	
Additional Information:	To be replatted with adjoining SFR4 lots for single family residential.		

Attachments:

Aerial Land Use Map
Location Map
Zoning Map
Existing Land Use Map
Future Land Use Map



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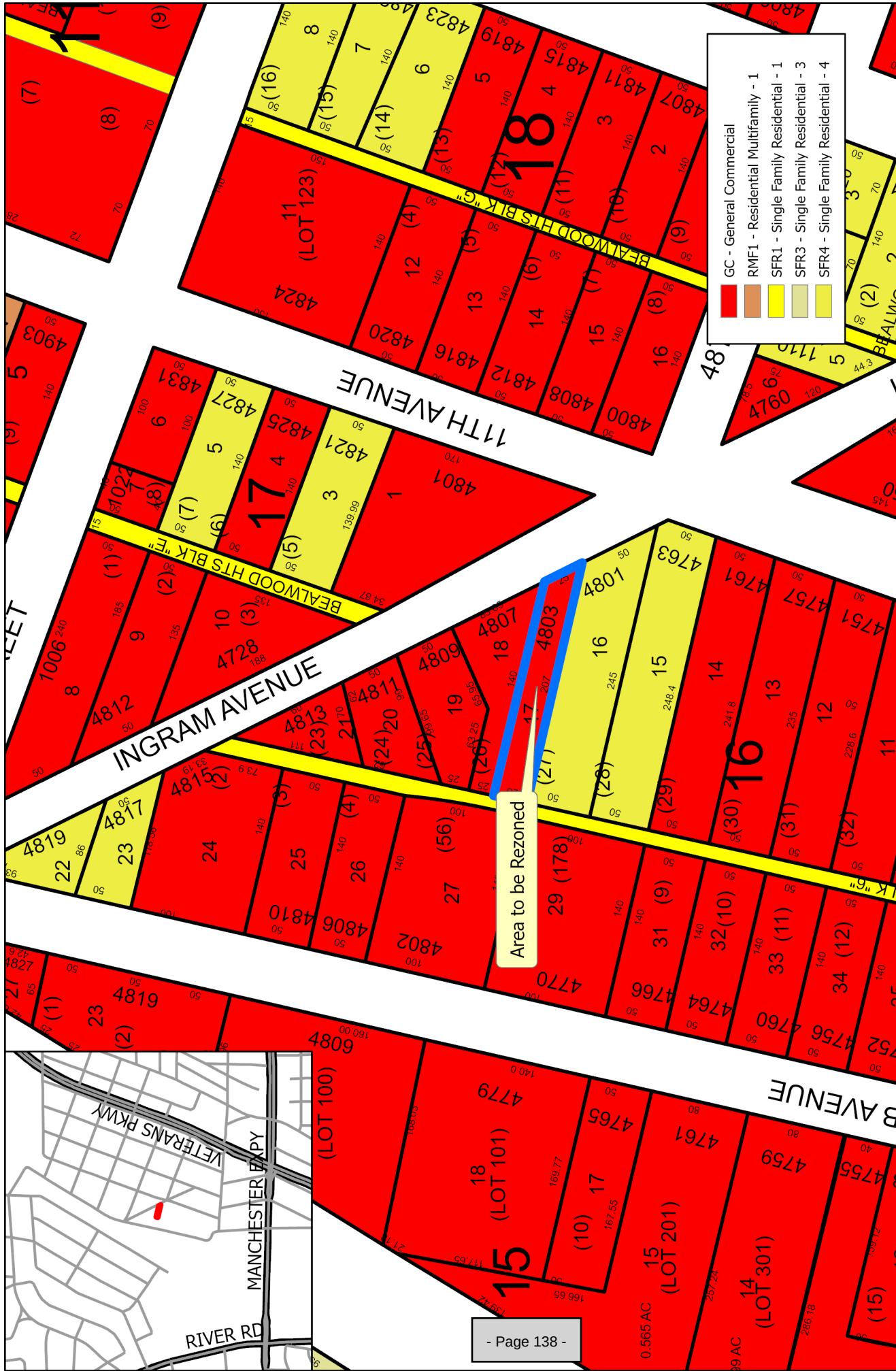


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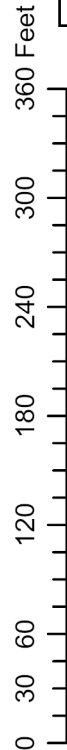
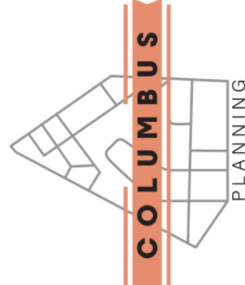
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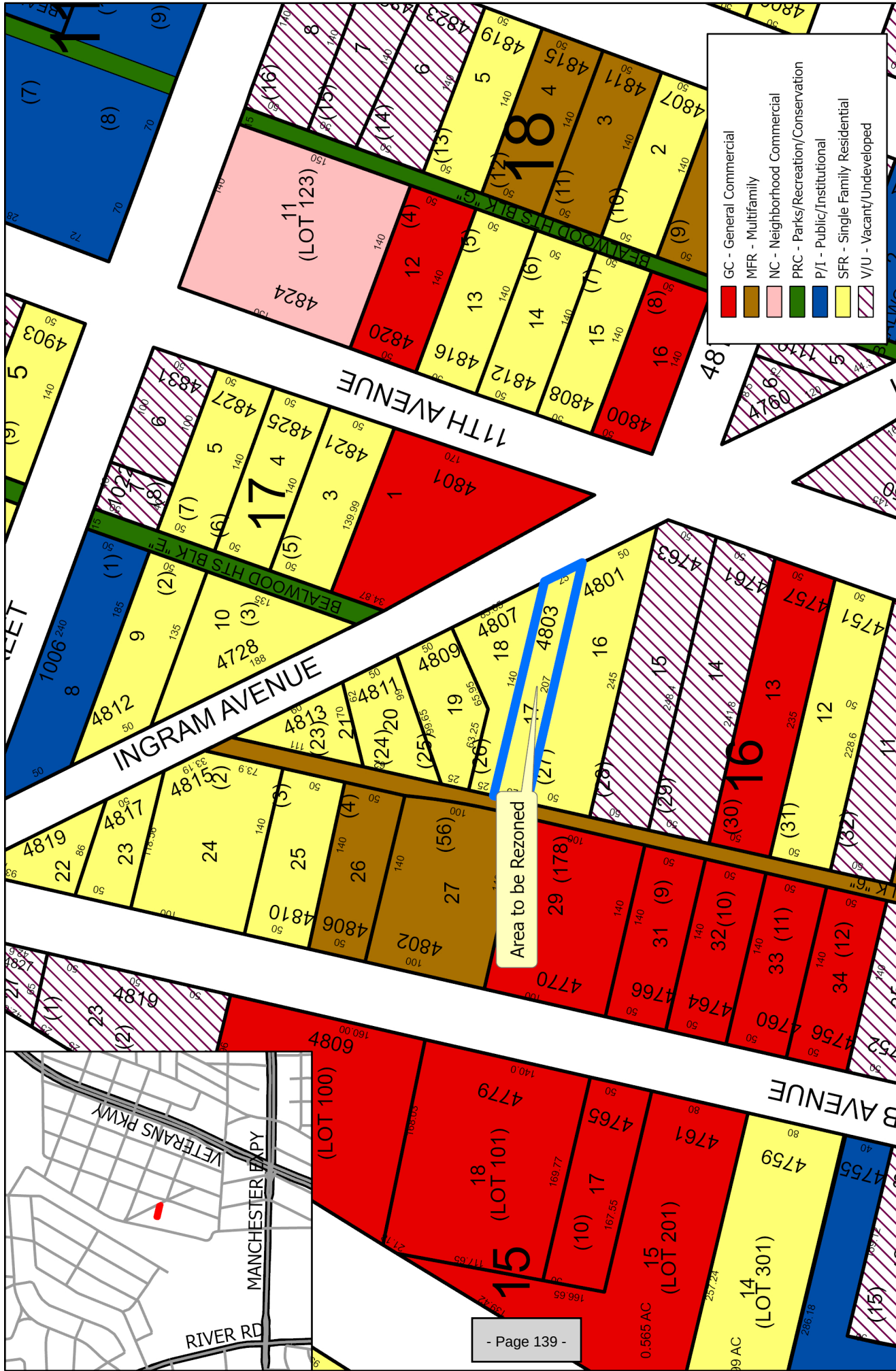
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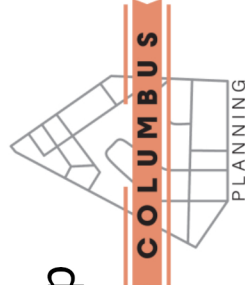
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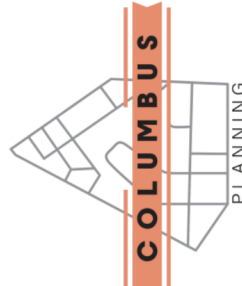
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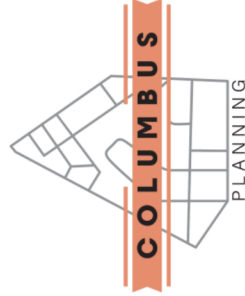
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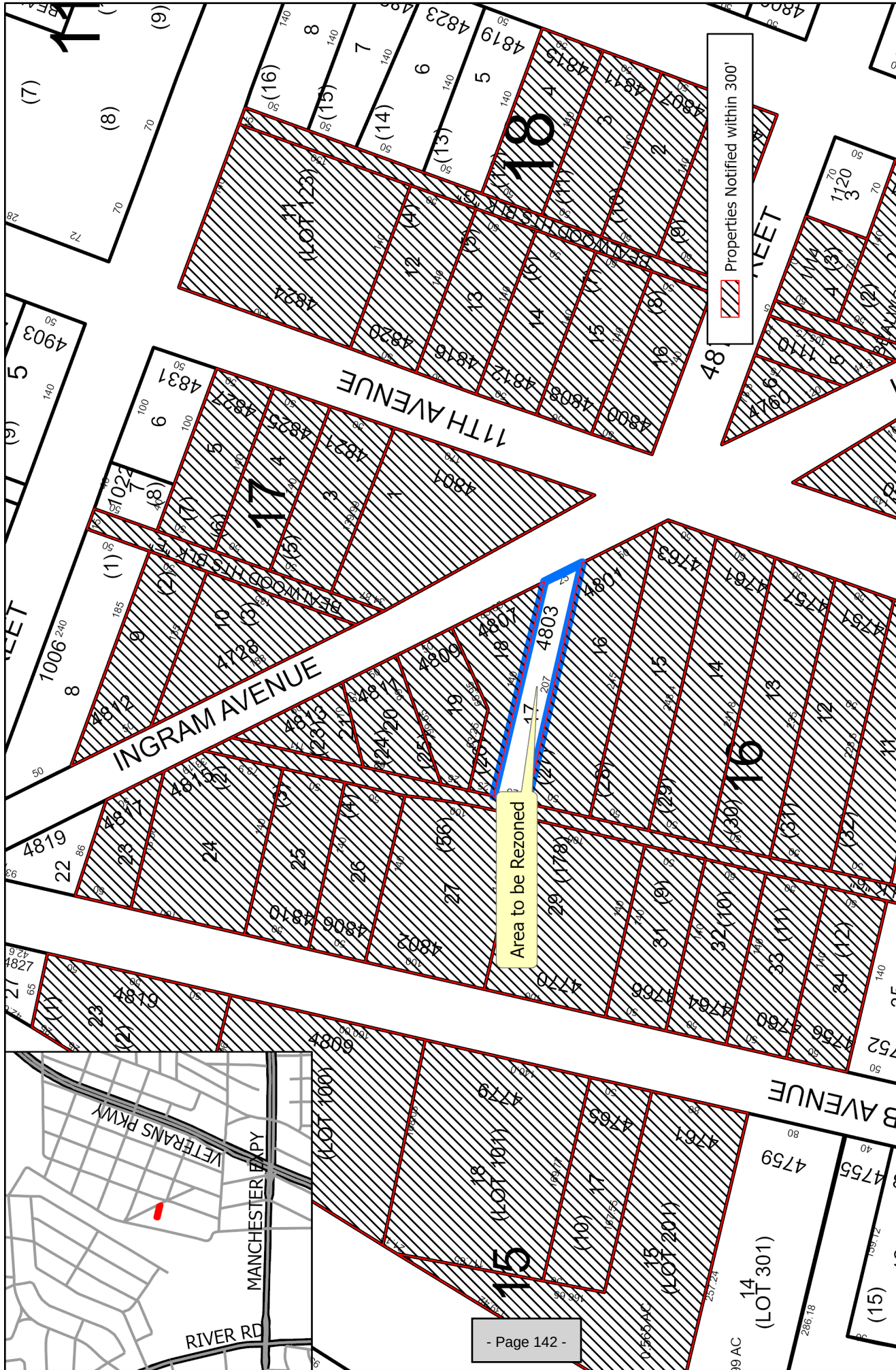
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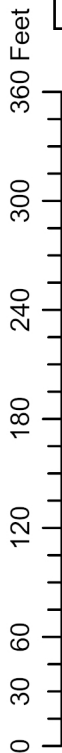
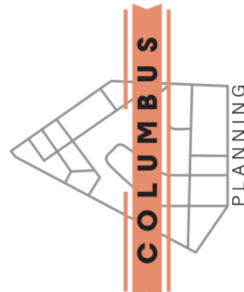
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THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1.

The Zoning Atlas on file with the Planning Department is hereby amended by changing the property described below General Commercial (GC) Zoning District to Single Family Residential – 4 (SFR4) Zoning District.

“All that lot, tract or parcel of land lying and being in Muscogee County, Georgia, and being known and distinguished as all of Lot Number Twenty-Six (26) in Block Number Six (6) of the subdivision known as "HAMILTON HEIGHTS" as said Lot Number 26 is shown on a map or plat of said subdivision recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Muscogee County, Georgia, in Deed Book "ZZ", Folio 57. Situated on said property is dwelling numbered 4803 Ingram Avenue, according to the present system of numbering houses in Columbus, Georgia.”

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 8th day of September, 2026; introduced a second time at a regular meeting of said Council held on the ____ day of _____, 2026 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ____ members of said Council.

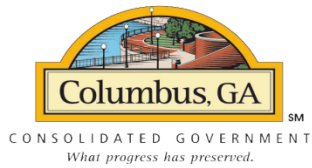
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Councilor Tucker	voting _____

Lindsey G Mclemore
 Clerk of Council

B. H. “Skip” Henderson, III
 Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

7. 1st Reading: REZN-08-26-1543 An ordinance amending various sections of the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.)(Mayor Pro-Tem.)



Planning Department

Honorable Mayor and Councilors
 City Manager
 City Attorney
 Clerk of Council

This application comes at the request of Columbus Consolidated Government.

A request to amend the text of the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) for various items.

UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE REVISIONS (Explanation of Revisions)

1. Explanation of Revisions: Amend Section 4.2.4 by amending the requirements of Outdoor Cafes and Seating in Other Zoning Districts.

ORIGINAL ORDINANCE	PROPOSED ORDINANCE CHANGE
Sec. 4.2.4. Outdoor Cafes and Seating in other Zoning Districts. Section 4.2.4 Excluding the CRD zoning district, outdoor cafes and seating shall be permitted when located on private property. Use of public right-of-way for outdoor cafes or seating is prohibited.	Sec. 4.2.4. Outdoor Cafes and Seating in other Zoning Districts. Section 4.2.4 A. Except as provided in subsection B, outdoor cafes and outdoor seating outside the CRD zoning district shall be permitted only when located entirely on private property. The use of a public right-of-way for an outdoor cafe or outdoor seating is prohibited. B. A restaurant lawfully operating within the HIST zoning district may place limited outdoor seating within the public right-of-way

immediately adjoining the restaurant, subject to the following requirements:

1. Permitted furnishings shall be limited to readily removable benches or individual chairs. Tables, counters, service stands, dining ledges, umbrellas, railings, fencing, and other outdoor café furnishings are prohibited.
2. The seating shall not be used to establish or operate an outdoor café. Table service, outdoor food preparation, food or beverage storage, and outdoor service stations are prohibited.
3. Seating shall be located immediately adjacent to the restaurant and shall not extend beyond the restaurant's building frontage.
4. A minimum five-foot-wide unobstructed pedestrian passage shall be maintained between the seating and the curb, building, landscaping, utility structure, or other obstruction.
5. Any seating placed or maintained in violation of paragraphs 1 through 4 shall constitute an unauthorized encroachment within the public right-of-way and may be removed by the City. The owner or operator of the restaurant may be responsible for any costs incurred by the City in removing the seating.

2. Explanation of Revisions: Amend Section 3.2.15.B by deleting the maximum size of an office or shop in *Building and Construction Trades Office & Shop*.

ORIGINAL ORDINANCE	PROPOSED ORDINANCE CHANGE
Sec. 3.2.15. Building and Construction Trades Office & Shop. Section 3.2.15.B B. Maximum Size. In any commercial zoning district, the maximum size of the office or shop shall not exceed 5,000 square feet.	Sec. 3.2.15. Building and Construction Trades Office & Shop. Section 3.2.15.B B. Reserved.

3. Explanation of Revisions: Amend Section 3.2.21. by deleting *Convenience Store, No Gas Sales*. This use is considered *Retail Sales, General*.

ORIGINAL ORDINANCE	PROPOSED ORDINANCE CHANGE
Section 3.2.21. Convenience Store, No Gas Sales Section 3.2.21. Convenience Store, No Gas Sales. Convenience stores without gas sales shall comply with the standards listed below. A. Permitted Sales. Stores may sell convenience food items, including food, alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages, snacks, tobacco products, ice, and other frequently needed household items. B. Prohibited Sales. Sale of gasoline and diesel products is prohibited. C. General. 1. Maximum Sized. Store size shall not exceed 5,000 square feet.	Section 3.2.21. Convenience Store, No Gas Sales Section 3.2.21. Reserved.

2. <i>Hours of Operation.</i> In a NC or PUD zoning or overlay district, hours of operation shall not exceed 6:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight, including deliveries and maintenance.	

4. Explanation of Revisions: Remove Section 3.2.25.1E.1 from *Pet Day Care*.

ORIGINAL ORDINANCE	PROPOSED ORDINANCE CHANGE
Section 3.2.21. Pet Day Care Section 3.2.25.1.E.1 A pet day care facility shall comply with the following standards listed below. E. <i>Location:</i> 1. Pet day cares shall be located on a multi-lane arterial road only.	Section 3.2.21. Pet Day Care Section 3.2.25.1.E.1 A pet day care facility shall comply with the following standards listed below. E. <i>Location:</i> 1. Reserved.

5. Explanation of Revisions: Amend Sections 3.2.61 by deleting PCH III from *Shelter, Temporary*.

ORIGINAL ORDINANCE	PROPOSED ORDINANCE CHANGE
Sec. 3.2.61. Shelter, Temporary A temporary shelter shall comply with the standards applicable to Personal Care Homes, Types I, II and III as established in Sections 3.2.51, 52 and 53.	Sec. 3.2.61. Shelter, Temporary A temporary shelter shall comply with the standards applicable to Personal Care Homes, Types I and II as established in Sections 3.2.51 and 52.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

N/A

Recommendations:

The Planning Advisory Commission (PAC) considered this text amendment at their meetings on August 19, 2026. PAC recommended **approval** by a vote of 5-0.

The Planning Department recommends **approval**.

Sincerely,

Will Johnson
Planning Director

File Attachments for Item:

8. 1st Reading: An ordinance providing for the demolition of various structures located at: 1) 345 Liberty Avenue (Jessica Torres, Owner) 2) 61 Patton Drive (Jonathan Roy Dillon, Owner) 3) 3032 Drake Street (Dewey Tew, Owner) 4) 2711 Peabody Avenue (Ernestine Byrd Deadwyler, Owner) 5) 515 6th Street (DeDivine F & G LLC, Owner) 6) 2502 4th Avenue (Tommy Jones Jr., Owner) 7) 1124 43rd Street (Brian Cotugno, Owner) 8) 2220 6th Street (Charlie F & Mable Bass, Owner) 9) 1821 St. Elmo (Amy M. Ourso & Bickerstaff II, Owner) and for demolition services for the Inspections and Code Department in accordance with the attached Tabulation of Bid sheet. (Mayor Pro-Tem)

ORDINANCE

NO. _____

An ordinance providing for the demolition of various structures located at:

- 1) **345 Liberty Avenue** (Jessica Torres, Owner)
- 2) **61 Patton Drive** (Jonathan Roy Dillon, Owner)
- 3) **3032 Drake Street** (Dewey Tew, Owner)
- 4) **2711 Peabody Avenue** (Ernestine Byrd Deadwyler, Owner)
- 5) **515 6th Street** (Dedivine F & G LLC, Owner)
- 6) **2502 4th Avenue** (Tommy Jones Jr., Owner)
- 7) **1124 43rd Street** (Brian Cotugno, Owner)
- 8) **2220 6th Street** (Charlie F & Mable Bass, Owner)
- 9) **1821 St. Elmo** (Amy M. Ourso & Bickerstaff II, Owner)

and for demolition services for the Inspections and Code Department in accordance with the attached Tabulation of Bid sheet.

WHEREAS, Section 8-81 through 8-90 of the Columbus Code specifies the procedure and requirements for removal of buildings unsafe or unfit for human habitation;

WHEREAS, these provisions and requirements have been, and carefully complied with on the property listed below;

WHEREAS, administrative implementation instructions pertaining to this Ordinance are on file in the Finance Department, Accounting Division, the Inspections and Code Department, the Clerk of Council's Office, and the City Manager's Office;

WHEREAS, W.T. Miller is the contractor for the demolition of all structures located at:

- 1) **345 Liberty Avenue** (Jessica Torres, Owner)
- 2) **61 Patton Drive** (Jonathan Roy Dillon, Owner)
- 3) **3032 Drake Street** (Dewey Tew, Owner)
- 4) **2711 Peabody Avenue** (Ernestine Byrd Deadwyler, Owner)
- 5) **515 6th Street** (Dedivine F & G LLC, Owner)
- 6) **2502 4th Avenue** (Tommy Jones Jr., Owner)
- 7) **1124 43rd Street** (Brian Cotugno, Owner)
- 8) **2220 6th Street** (Charlie F & Mable Bass, Owner)
- 9) **1821 St. Elmo** (Amy M. Ourso & Bickerstaff II, Owner)

in the total amount of **\$145,152.17** for demolition services; and

WHEREAS, funds are budgeted in the FY27 Budget, in the General Fund (0101-240-2200-6381).

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

SECTION 1.

After adoption and approval of this Ordinance and compliance with such required procedures, including the notices and hearing set forth, the demolition of the structures listed above, and the total costs listed above, in accordance with Sections 8-81 through 8-90 of the Columbus Code, is hereby authorized.

SECTION 2.

After validation by signature of duly appointed officials, the City's Chief Accountant shall cause the assessments to be entered in the Demolition Lien Book located in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court.

SECTION 3.

A copy of this Ordinance shall be mailed to each property owner immediately after entry with a noted date, page, and line number of the Demolition Lien Book.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held on the 8th day of September 2026; introduced a second time at a regular meeting of said council held on the 22nd day of September 2026 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmation vote of members of Council.

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

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

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

September 2026 Demolition Bid Tabulation Sheet

Property	Demolition Amount
1) 345 Liberty Avenue (Jessica Torres, Owner)	\$7,860.79
2) 61 Patton Drive (Jonathan Roy Dillon, Owner)	\$28,746.68
3) 3032 Drake Street (Dewey Tew, Owner)	\$16,337.84
4) 2711 Peabody Avenue (Ernestine Byrd Deadwyler, Owner)	\$10,191.12
5) 515 6th Street (Dedivine F & G LLC, Owner)	\$5,098.08
6) 2502 4th Avenue (Tommy Jones Jr., Owner)	\$8,777.56
7) 1124 43rd Street (Brian Cotugno , Owner)	\$36,816.04
8) 2220 6th Street (Charlie F & Mable Bass, Owner)	\$18,004.66
9) 1821 St. Elmo (Amy M. Ourso & Bickerstaff II, Owner)	\$13,319.40
TOTAL	\$145,152.17

File Attachments for Item:

9. 1st Reading: An Ordinance amending Chapter 2 of the Columbus Code to increase the number of members of the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission; and for other purposes. (Councilor Chambers)

AN ORDINANCE

No. _____

An Ordinance amending Chapter 2 of the Columbus Code to increase the number of members of the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission; and for other purposes.

THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1.

Section 2-131 of the Columbus Code of Ordinances is hereby deleted in its entirety, and a new Section 5-3 is inserted to read as follows:

“Sec. 2-131. - Established; organization; operation procedures.

There is established, as a subordinate branch of the consolidated government, a Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission, to be composed of thirteen members. A majority of the total membership of the commission shall constitute a quorum and a majority of those voting shall be necessary for any commission action. The chairperson and vice chairperson of the commission shall be elected by a majority vote of appointed commissioners. The chairperson shall preside at commission meetings and vote only in the event of a tie or only in the event that a vote of the chairperson would result in the majority necessary for any commission action. The Columbus Council shall appoint thirteen members from nominations made by the commission chairperson or by a Councilor of the Columbus Council. All thirteen members will be residents of Muscogee County, three of those thirteen members will be registered voters in State Senatorial District 15, three of the members will be registered voters in State Senatorial District 29 and the remaining seven members will be representatives at large.”

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 8th day of September 2026; introduced a second time at a regular meeting of said Council held on the ____ day of _____ 2026, and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ____ members of said Council.

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

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. “Skip” Henderson, III, Mayor

- **Sec. 2-131. - Established; organization; operation procedures.**

There is established, as a subordinate branch of the consolidated government, a Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission, to be composed of ~~nine~~ **thirteen** members. A majority of the total membership of the commission shall constitute a quorum and a majority of those voting shall be necessary for any commission action. The chairperson and vice chairperson of the commission shall be elected by a majority vote of appointed commissioners. The chairperson shall preside at commission meetings and vote only in the event of a tie or only in the event that a vote of the chairperson would result in the majority necessary for any commission action. The Columbus Council shall appoint ~~nine~~ **thirteen** members from nominations made by the commission chairperson or by a Councilor of the Columbus Council. All ~~nine~~ **thirteen** members will be residents of Muscogee County, three of those ~~nine~~ **thirteen** members will be registered voters in State Senatorial District 15, three of the members will be registered voters in State Senatorial District 29 and the remaining ~~three~~ **seven** members will be representatives at large.

(Ord. No. 86-138, § 1, 12-23-86; Ord. No. 88-100, § 1, 10-18-88; Ord. No. 90-83, 9-18-90; Ord. No. 93-41, 6-8-93; Ord. No. 22-057, § 1, 11-8-22)

- **Sec. 2-137. - Terms; compensation; expenses; resignation; removal of members.**

Members of the commission appointed after the effective date of this ordinance shall serve for terms of three years from the date of appointment by the Columbus Council and an additional period if necessary so that members' terms expire on ~~July 4~~ **June 30** of the year in which any three-year term ends. All members of the commission shall be eligible to succeed themselves for one additional three-year term. Notwithstanding [section 2-131](#) above setting the membership of the commission at ~~nine~~ **thirteen** members, any members of the commission currently appointed to terms ending June 30, 2023 or June 30, 2024 shall be eligible to complete that term. Members of the commission shall serve without compensation and at the pleasure of the Columbus Council, but within the limits of the commission's budget, shall be paid and refunded all reasonable expenses which they may incur in the performance of their duties. Upon the resignation or removal of any member of the commission, the Columbus Council shall appoint a successor for the remainder of that member's term upon any other nomination made by a member of the council or from the floor of the Columbus Council.

(Ord. No. 88-5, § 3, 1-19-88; Ord. No. 88-100, § 4, 10-18-88; Ord. No. 93-41, 6-8-93; Ord. No. 22-057, § 3, 11-8-22)

Note— See the editor's note following [§ 2-135](#).

File Attachments for Item:

10. 1st Reading: An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 26-021, the budget for the fiscal year 2027, beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027, to reclassify positions in Juvenile Court; and for other purposes. (Councilor Garrett)

**ORDINANCE
NO. _____**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 26-021, THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2027, BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027 TO RECLASSIFY POSITIONS IN JUVENILE COURT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1.

Ordinance No. 26-021 and the Position Classification Plan are hereby amended, effective September 28, 2026, authorizing the reclassification of two full time classified positions in the Juvenile Court as follows:

Current Position/Grade: Chief Administrative Clerk G122
reclassify to:

New Position Title/Grade: Chief Clerk Juvenile Court G126

Current Position/Grade: Custody Investigator Coordinator G120
reclassify to:

New Position Title/Grade: Deputy Clerk II G115

SECTION 2.

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

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held on the 8th day of September, 2026, introduced a second time at a regular meeting held on the _____ day of _____, 2026 and adopted at said meeting by affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

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

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

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

File Attachments for Item:

11. A Resolution authorizing the execution of Federal Aviation Administration Grant No. 3-13-0035-064-2026 Master Plan Update Phase III. (Request of Columbus Airport Commission.)

RESOLUTION**NO. _____****RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION GRANT
AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (AIP)
GRANT NO. 3-13-0035-064-2026**

A Resolution authorizing and approving the execution of a Grant Agreement by and among United States of America, acting through the Federal Aviation Administration (“FAA”), the Columbus Airport Commission and Columbus, Georgia, a Consolidated Government.

WHEREAS, the Columbus Airport Commission on July 22, 2026, submitted an application pursuant to the Airport Improvement Program (“AIP”) to the FAA to assist with the Master Plan Design Update Phase III projects at the Columbus Airport; and

WHEREAS, by a proposed Grant Agreement, the FAA has offered a sum not to exceed \$793,704.00; and

WHEREAS, because this is an Airport Improvement Project grant, the FAA is obligated to contribute up to ninety-five percent (95%) of the funding thereunder, the remaining five percent (5%) being paid by the Columbus Airport Commission; and

WHEREAS, Columbus, Georgia, a Consolidated Government, is co-sponsor with the Columbus Airport Commission for this FAA grant and the execution of such Grant Agreement by Columbus, Georgia is necessary for the Columbus Airport Commission to receive the funding anticipated from the FAA; and

WHEREAS, the Columbus Airport Commission by resolution passed at a regular meeting thereof held on August 27, 2026, has formally agreed to accept the offer of such grant from the FAA and has caused the Grant Agreement to be executed by its duly authorized officers; and

WHEREAS, the Columbus Airport Commission has agreed in a separate Memorandum of Understanding with Columbus, Georgia that it will be responsible for performing all responsibilities assumed by all Sponsors signing the Grant Agreement and to indemnify and hold Columbus harmless for any liabilities associated with failure to perform the Sponsor Obligations under the Grant Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Columbus, Georgia, deems it in the best interest of Columbus, Georgia, and the Columbus Airport Commission to accept the FAA’s offer of funding; and

WHEREAS, said Grant Agreement must be accepted and executed by Columbus, Georgia, and the Columbus Airport Commission and returned to the FAA on or before September 15, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Council of Columbus, Georgia:

1. That Columbus, Georgia, a Consolidated Government, hereby authorizes the acceptance of the offer of a grant proposed by the FAA and hereby authorizes, approves the execution of the Grant

Agreement among the FAA and the Columbus Airport Commission and Columbus, Georgia, a Consolidated Government, as co-sponsors of the Columbus Airport, in the form presented to Council and made a part hereof by this specific reference; and

2. That the execution of the Grant Agreement referred to hereinabove, on behalf of said Columbus, Georgia, a Consolidated Government, by the Honorable Skip Henderson, as Mayor, and the Honorable Lindsey G. McLemore, as Clerk, and the impression of the official seal of Columbus, Georgia, a Consolidated Government, which shall be electronic pursuant to FAA execution requirements, is hereby authorized, adopted, approved, accepted, and ratified.

3. That Mayor is also authorized to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Columbus Airport Commission in accordance form attached hereto.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held on the 8th day of September 2026, and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ____ members of said Council.

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

LINDSEY G. MCLEMORE,
CLERK OF COUNCIL

B. H. "SKIP" HENDERSON, III,
MAYOR

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BY AND BETWEEN THE COLUMBUS
AIRPORT COMISSION AND COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, A CONSOLIDATED
GOVERNMENT

[See attached.]

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BY AND BETWEEN THE COLUMBUS
AIRPORT COMMISSION AND COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, A CONSOLIDATED
GOVERNMENT

WHEREAS, the FAA has offered a grant pursuant to the Airport Improvement Program to the Columbus Airport (No. 3-13-0035-064-2026); and

WHEREAS, by Grant Agreement No. 3-13-0035-064-2026 dated September __, 2026, a copy of which is attached hereto, the FAA has offered the sum of \$793,704.00; and

WHEREAS, five percent (5%) of such grant amount is due from the Columbus Airport Commission; and

WHEREAS, Columbus, Georgia, a Consolidated Government, is required to be named as a co-equal sponsor with the Columbus Airport Commission for this FAA grant and the execution of such Grant Agreements by Columbus, Georgia is necessary for the Columbus Airport Commission to receive the funding anticipated from the FAA; and

WHEREAS, the Columbus Airport Commission by resolution has formally agreed to accept the offer of such grants from the FAA and has caused the Grant Agreements to be executed by its duly authorized officers; and

WHEREAS, the Columbus Council has authorized Mayor B.H. “Skip” Henderson, III to sign the attached Grant Agreements based upon the assurance that all Sponsor responsibilities as outlined in the Grant Agreements will be performed and carryout out by or at the direction of the Columbus Airport Commission and that Columbus, Georgia will not perform any Sponsor responsibilities and not suffer any risk or financial liability and a result of signing the Grant Agreements as a Sponsor;

THE PARTIES HEREBY MUTUALLY AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

In consideration for the Columbus Council's authorization for the Mayor to sign the Grant Agreements and facilitate the receipt of the FAA Grant by the Airport Commission, the Airport Commission hereby agrees as follows:

1. The Columbus Airport Commission agrees that as between the two parties designated as Sponsor to the Grant Agreements, it shall act as the Grant recipient and perform and assume all responsibilities financial and otherwise which a Sponsor may be obligated to carry out under the Grant Agreements.
2. The Columbus Airport Commission will indemnify and hold the Columbus, Georgia consolidated government or any officer, official, agent or employee thereof, harmless against any and all financial obligations of either Sponsor under the Grant Agreements and for claims brought against it resulting from the Project or the Columbus Airport Commission's obligations under the Grant Agreements.

ENTERED INTO THIS ____ day of September 2026.

Columbus Airport Commission

Columbus, Georgia Consolidated Govt.

By: James Barker
Title: Chair

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



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Federal Aviation
Administration

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Georgia

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Chairwoman Delois Dee Marsh
Columbus Airport Commission
3250 W Britt David Road
Columbus, GA 31901

Honorable B.H Henderson, III
Mayor, City of Columbus
100 10th Street
Columbus, GA 31901

Dear Chairman Barker, Mayor Henderson:

The Grant Offer for Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) Project No. 3-13-0035-064-2026 at Columbus Airport is attached for execution. This letter outlines the steps you must take to properly enter into this agreement and provides other useful information. Please read the conditions, special conditions, and assurances that comprise the Grant Offer carefully.

You may not make any modification to the text, terms or conditions of the Grant Offer.

Steps You Must Take to Enter Into Agreement.

To properly enter into this agreement, you must do the following:

1. The governing body must give authority to execute the grant to the individual(s) signing the grant, i.e., the person signing the document must be the sponsor's authorized representative(s) (hereinafter "authorized representative").
2. The authorized representative must execute the grant by adding their electronic signature to the appropriate certificate at the end of the agreement.
3. Once the authorized representative has electronically signed the grant, the sponsor's attorney(s) will automatically receive an email notification.
4. On the **same day or after** the authorized representative has signed the grant, the sponsor's attorney(s) will add their electronic signature to the appropriate certificate at the end of the agreement.
5. If there are co-sponsors, the authorized representative(s) and sponsor's attorney(s) must follow the above procedures to fully execute the grant and finalize the process. Signatures must be obtained and finalized no later than **September 15, 2026**.
6. The fully executed grant will then be automatically sent to all parties as an email attachment.

Payment. Subject to the requirements in 2 CFR § 200.305 (federal payment), each payment request for reimbursement under this grant must be made electronically via the Delphi eInvoicing System. Please see the attached Grant Agreement for more information regarding the use of this system.

Project Timing. The terms and conditions of this agreement require you to complete the project without undue delay and no later than the Period of Performance end date four (4) years from the grant execution date). We will be monitoring your progress to ensure proper stewardship of these federal funds. We expect you to submit payment requests for reimbursement of allowable incurred project expenses consistent with project progress. Your grant may be placed in “inactive” status if you do not make draws on a regular basis, which will affect your ability to receive future Grant Offers. Costs incurred after the Period of Performance ends are generally not allowable and will be rejected unless authorized by the FAA in advance.

Reporting. Until the grant is completed and closed, you are responsible for submitting formal reports as follows:

- For all grants, you must submit by December 31st of each year this grant is open:
 1. A signed/dated SF-270 (Request for Advance or Reimbursement for non-construction projects) or SF-271 or equivalent (Outlay Report and Request for Reimbursement for Construction Programs), and
 2. An SF-425 (Federal Financial Report).
- For non-construction projects, you must submit [FAA Form 5100-140, Performance Report](#) within 30 days of the end of the federal fiscal year.
- For construction projects, you must submit [FAA Form 5370-1, Construction Progress and Inspection Report](#), within 30 days of the end of each federal fiscal quarter.

Audit Requirements. As a condition of receiving federal assistance under this award, you must comply with audit requirements as established under 2 CFR Part 200. Subpart F requires non-federal entities that expend \$1,000,000 or more in federal awards to conduct a single or program specific audit for that year. Note that this includes federal expenditures made under other federal-assistance programs. Please take appropriate and necessary action to ensure your organization will comply with applicable audit requirements and standards.

Closeout. Once the project(s) is completed and all costs are determined, we ask that you work with your FAA contact indicated below to close the project without delay and submit the necessary final closeout documentation as required by your Region/Airports District Office.

FAA Contact Information. Russell Maraman, (404) 305-6745, russell.b.maraman@faa.gov is the assigned program manager for this grant and is readily available to assist you and your designated representative with the requirements stated herein.

We sincerely value your cooperation in these efforts and look forward to working with you to complete this important project.

Sincerely,

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Parks Preston
ADO Manager



U.S. Department
of Transportation
Federal Aviation
Administration

FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

FY 2026

AIRPORT INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT (AIG) GRANT AGREEMENT

Part I - Offer

Federal Award Offer Date `{{DateTime_es_.signer1.calc(now()):format(date," mmmm d, yyyy")}}`

Airport/Planning Area Columbus Airport

Airport Grant Number 3-13-0035-064-2026

Unique Entity Identifier SQNPGJ1NZY13

TO: Columbus Consolidated Government

(herein called the "Sponsor") (For Co-Sponsors, list all Co-Sponsor names. The word "Sponsor" in this Grant Agreement also applies to a Co-Sponsor.)

FROM: **The United States of America** (acting through the Federal Aviation Administration, herein called the "FAA")

WHEREAS, the sponsor has submitted to the FAA a Project Application dated July 22, 2026, for a grant of federal funds for a project at or associated with the Columbus Airport, which is included as part of this Grant Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the FAA has approved a project for the Columbus Airport (herein called the "Project") consisting of the following:

Master Plan Update Phase III

which is more fully described in the Project Application.

NOW THEREFORE, Pursuant to and for the purpose of carrying out Title 49, United States Code (USC), Chapters 471 and 475; 49 USC §§ 40101 et seq. and 48103; Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024 (Public Law Number (P.L.) 118-42); Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2025 (P.L. 119-4); Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2026 (P.L. 119-75); FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024 (P.L. 118-63); Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021 (IIJA) (P.L. 117-58) (as applicable); and the representations contained in the Project Application; and in consideration of: (a) the sponsor's adoption and ratification of the most recently published Grant Assurances; (b) the sponsor's acceptance of this offer; and (c) the benefits to accrue to the United States and the public from the accomplishment of the project, and compliance with the Grant Assurance and conditions as herein provided;

THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION, FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED STATES, HEREBY OFFERS AND AGREES to pay (95) % of the allowable costs incurred accomplishing the Project as the United States' share of the Project.

Assistance Listings Number(s): 20.117.

This Offer is made on and SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

CONDITIONS

1. **Maximum Obligation.** The maximum obligation of the United States payable under this Offer is **\$793,704.**

The following amounts represent a breakdown of the maximum obligation for the purpose of establishing allowable amounts for any future grant amendment, which may increase the foregoing maximum obligation of the United States under the provisions of 49 USC § 47108(b): \$793,704 for planning.

2. **Grant Performance.** This agreement is subject to the following federal award requirements:

- a. **Period of Performance:**

- i. **Start Date:** The date the recipient formally accepts this agreement and the date signed by the last signatory to the agreement.
- ii. **End Date:** Four (4) years to the calendar day from the date of acceptance.
- iii. **Extension of the Period of Performance (PoP):** The recipient may request a one-time extension of up to one year after the PoP end date by submitting a request to the FAA. The request must include, at a minimum, supporting justification for the request and the amount of additional time requested. The request must be submitted at least 10 calendar days before the PoP end date. This one-time extension may not be exercised for the sole purpose of using unobligated balances.

The PoP end date, or any extension as approved by FAA, shall not affect, relieve, or reduce recipient obligations and assurances that extend beyond the closeout of this agreement.

- b. **Budget Period:**

- i. For a single year grant offer, the budget period follows the same start and end date as the PoP provided in paragraph 2(a), and any extension of the PoP end date.
- ii. For a multi-year grant offer, per the authority provided in 49 USC § 47108 and § 47114, the budget period is from the initial PoP start date through the end of the final fiscal year identified on a multi-year grant offer (See Multi-Year Grant Special Condition, if applicable).

c. Appropriation Period of Availability and Expenditure:

- i. The FAA must obligate appropriated funds within the period of availability identified in the appropriation.
- ii. In accordance with 31 USC § 1552, by September 30th of the fifth fiscal year after the period of availability, FAA must liquidate and close expired appropriations, and any remaining balance (whether obligated or unobligated) must be canceled and thereafter shall not be available for obligation or expenditure for any purpose.
- iii. IIJA and Supplemental AIP funding are subject to this condition.

d. Close Out:

Recipients shall begin the closeout process upon physical completion of the project(s) identified in this agreement. Closeout shall proceed expeditiously and without delay, even if the PoP end date has not been reached. In accordance with 2 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 200, unless the FAA authorizes a written extension, the recipient must submit all grant closeout documentation and liquidate (pay-off) all obligations incurred under this award no later than 120 calendar days after the PoP end date. If the recipient does not submit all required closeout documentation within this period, the FAA will proceed to close out the grant within one year of the PoP end date with the information available at the end of 120 days.

e. Termination:

The FAA may terminate this agreement and all of its obligations under this agreement if any of the following occur:

- i. The recipient fails to comply with the terms and conditions of this agreement;
- ii. The recipient fails to obtain or provide any recipient grant contribution as required by the agreement;
- iii. There is a material failure to comply with the Project Schedule even if it is beyond the reasonable control of the recipient;
- iv. Any project changes that the FAA determines are inconsistent with the FAA's basis for selecting the project to receive a grant;
- v. Continued grant payment inactivity, generally defined as no drawdowns over a 12-month period;
- vi. The recipient requests that the FAA terminate the agreement under this section; or
- vii. The FAA determines that termination of this agreement is in the public interest.

In terminating this agreement under this section, the FAA may elect to consider only the interests of the FAA.

- 3. Ineligible or Unallowable Costs.** In accordance with 49 USC § 47110, the sponsor is prohibited from including any costs in the grant funded portions of the project that the FAA has determined to be ineligible or unallowable, including costs incurred to carry out airport development implementing policies and initiatives repealed by Executive Order 14148, provided such costs are not otherwise permitted by statute.

- 4. Indirect Costs - Sponsor.** The sponsor may charge indirect costs under this award by applying the indirect cost rate identified in the project application, as accepted by the FAA, to allowable costs for sponsor direct salaries and wages.
- 5. Determining the Final Federal Share of Costs.** The United States' share of allowable project costs will be made in accordance with 49 USC § 47109, the regulations, policies, and procedures of the Secretary of Transportation ("Secretary"), and any superseding legislation. Final determination of the United States' share will be based upon the final audit of the total amount of allowable project costs, and settlement will be made for any upward or downward adjustments to the federal share of costs.
- 6. Completing the Project Without Delay and in Conformance with Requirements.** The sponsor must carry out and complete the project without undue delay, and in accordance with this agreement, 49 USC Chapters 471 and 475, IIJA (P.L. 117-58) (as appropriate), and the regulations, policies, and procedures of the Secretary. Per 2 CFR § 200.308, the sponsor agrees to report and request prior FAA approval for any disengagement from performing the project that exceeds three months, or a 25 percent reduction in time devoted to the project. The report must include a reason for the project stoppage. The sponsor also agrees to comply with the grant assurances, which are part of this agreement.
- 7. Amendments or Withdrawals before Grant Acceptance.** The FAA reserves the right to amend or withdraw this offer at any time prior to its acceptance by the sponsor.
- 8. Offer Expiration Date.** This offer will expire and the United States will not be obligated to pay any part of the costs of the project(s) unless this offer has been accepted by the sponsor on or before **September 15, 2026**, or such subsequent date as may be prescribed in writing by the FAA.
- 9. Improper Use of Federal Funds and Mandatory Disclosure.**
- a. The sponsor must take all steps, including litigation, if necessary, to recover federal funds spent fraudulently, wastefully, or in violation of federal antitrust statutes, or misused in any other manner for any project upon which federal funds have been expended. For the purposes of this grant agreement, the term "federal funds" means funds however used or dispersed by the sponsor, that were originally paid pursuant to this or any other federal grant agreement. The sponsor must obtain the approval of the Secretary as to any determination of the amount of the federal share of such funds. The sponsor must return the recovered federal share, including funds recovered by settlement, order, or judgment, to the Secretary. Upon request, the sponsor must furnish to the Secretary all documents and records pertaining to the determination of the amount of the federal share, or to any settlement, litigation, negotiation, or other efforts taken to recover such funds. All settlements or other final positions of the sponsor, in court or otherwise, involving the recovery of such federal share require advance approval by the Secretary.
 - b. The sponsor, a recipient, and a subrecipient under this federal grant must promptly comply with the mandatory disclosure requirements as established under 2 CFR § 200.113, including reporting requirements related to recipient integrity and performance in accordance with Appendix XII to 2 CFR Part 200.
- 10. United States Not Liable for Damage or Injury.** The United States is not responsible or liable for damage to property or injury to persons which may arise from, or be incident to, compliance with this agreement.
- 11. System for Award Management (SAM) Registration and Unique Entity Identifier (UEI).**

- a. Requirement for System for Award Management (SAM): Unless the sponsor is exempted from this requirement under 2 CFR § 25.110, the sponsor must maintain the currency of its information in the SAM until the sponsor submits the final financial report required under this grant, or receives the final payment, whichever is later. This requires that the sponsor review and update the information at least annually after the initial registration and more frequently if required by changes in information or another award term. Additional information about registration procedures may be found at the SAM website (currently at <http://www.sam.gov>).
 - b. Unique entity identifier (UEI) means a 12-character alpha-numeric value used to identify a specific commercial, nonprofit, or governmental entity. A UEI may be obtained from SAM.gov at <https://sam.gov/content/entity-registration>.
- 12. Electronic Grant Payment(s).** Unless otherwise directed by the FAA, the sponsor must make each payment request under this agreement electronically via the Delphi invoicing System for Department of Transportation (DOT) Financial Assistance Awardees.
- 13. Informal Letter Amendment of Projects.** If, during the life of the project, the FAA determines that the maximum grant obligation of the United States exceeds the expected needs of the sponsor by \$25,000 or five percent, whichever is greater, the FAA can issue a letter amendment to the sponsor unilaterally reducing the maximum obligation.
- The FAA can also issue a letter to the sponsor increasing the maximum obligation if there is an overrun in the total actual eligible and allowable project costs to cover the amount of the overrun, provided it will not exceed the statutory limitations for grant amendments. The FAA's authority to increase the maximum obligation does not apply to the "planning" component of Condition No. 1, Maximum Obligation.
- The FAA can also issue an informal letter amendment that modifies the grant description to correct administrative errors or to delete work items if the FAA finds it advantageous, and in the best interests of the United States.
- An informal letter amendment has the same force and effect as a formal grant amendment.
- 14. Environmental Standards.** The sponsor is required to comply with all applicable environmental standards, as further defined in the Grant Assurances, for all projects in this grant. If the sponsor fails to comply with this requirement, the FAA may suspend, cancel, or terminate this Grant Agreement.
- 15. Financial Reporting and Payment Requirements.** The sponsor will comply with all federal financial reporting requirements and payment requirements, including submittal of timely and accurate reports.
- 16. Buy American.** Unless otherwise approved in advance by the FAA, in accordance with 49 USC § 50101, the sponsor will not acquire or permit any contractor or subcontractor to acquire any steel or manufactured goods produced outside the United States to be used for any project for which funds are provided under this grant. The sponsor will include a provision implementing Buy American in every contract and subcontract awarded under this grant.
- 17. Build America, Buy America.** The sponsor must comply with the requirements under the Build America, Buy America Act (P.L. 117-58).
- 18. Maximum Obligation Increase.** In accordance with 49 USC § 47108(b)(2), as amended, the maximum obligation of the United States, as stated in Condition No. 1, Maximum Obligation, of this grant:

- a. May not be increased for a planning project;
- b. May be increased by not more than 15 percent for development projects, if funds are available;
- c. May be increased by not more than the greater of the following for a land project, if funds are available:
 - i. 15 percent; or
 - ii. 25 percent of the total increase in allowable project costs attributable to acquiring an interest in the land.

If the sponsor requests an increase, any eligible increase in funding will be subject to the United States Government share as provided in 49 USC § 47109, or IIJA (P.L. 17-58), or other superseding legislation if applicable, for the fiscal year appropriation with which the increase is funded. The FAA is not responsible for the same federal share provided herein for any amount increased over the initial grant amount. The FAA may adjust the federal share as applicable through an informal letter of amendment.

19. Audits for Sponsors.

PUBLIC SPONSORS. The sponsor must provide for a Single Audit or program-specific audit in accordance with 2 CFR Part 200. The sponsor must submit the audit reporting package to the Federal Audit Clearinghouse on the Federal Audit Clearinghouse's Internet Data Entry System at <http://harvester.census.gov/facweb/>. Upon request of the FAA, the sponsor shall provide one copy of the completed audit to the FAA. Sponsors that expend less than \$1,000,000 in federal awards and are exempt from federal audit requirements must make records available for review or audit by the appropriate federal agency officials, state, and Government Accountability Office. The FAA and other appropriate federal agencies may request additional information to meet all federal audit requirements.

20. Suspension or Debarment. When entering into a "covered transaction" as defined by 2 CFR § 180.200, the sponsor must:

- a. Verify the non-federal entity is eligible to participate in this federal program by:
 - i. Checking the System for Award Management (SAM.gov) exclusions to determine if the non-federal entity is excluded or disqualified; or
 - ii. Collecting a certification statement from the non-federal entity attesting they are not excluded or disqualified from participating; or
 - iii. Adding a clause or condition to covered transactions attesting the individual or firm are not excluded or disqualified from participating.
- b. Require prime contractors to comply with 2 CFR § 180.330 when entering into lower-tier transactions with their contractors and sub-contractors.
- c. Immediately disclose in writing to the FAA whenever (1) the sponsor learns they have entered into a covered transaction with an ineligible entity or (2) the public sponsor suspends or debars a contractor, person, or entity.

21. Ban on Texting While Driving.

- a. In accordance with Executive Order 13513, Federal Leadership on Reducing Text Messaging While Driving, October 1, 2009, and DOT Order 3902.10, Text Messaging While Driving, December 30, 2009, the sponsor is encouraged to:

- i. Adopt and enforce workplace safety policies to decrease crashes caused by distracted drivers, including policies to ban text messaging while driving when performing any work for, or on behalf of, the Federal Government, including work relating to a grant or subgrant.
- ii. Conduct workplace safety initiatives in a manner commensurate with the size of the business, such as:
 - a) Establishment of new rules and programs or re-evaluation of existing programs to prohibit text messaging while driving; and
 - b) Education, awareness, and other outreach to employees about the safety risks associated with texting while driving.
- f. The sponsor must insert the substance of this clause on banning texting while driving in all subgrants, contracts, and subcontracts funded with this grant.

22. Trafficking in Persons.

- a. *Posting of contact information.*
 - i. The sponsor must post the contact information of the national human trafficking hotline (including options to reach out to the hotline such as through phone, text, or TTY) in all public airport restrooms.
- b. *Provisions applicable to a sponsor that is a private entity.*
 - i. Under this grant, the sponsor, its employees, subrecipients under this grant, and subrecipient's employees must not engage in:
 - a) Severe forms of trafficking in persons;
 - b) The procurement of a commercial sex act during the period of time that the grant or cooperative agreement is in effect;
 - c) The use of forced labor in the performance of this grant; or any subaward; or
 - d) Acts that directly support or advance trafficking in persons, including the following acts:
 - 1. Destroying, concealing, removing, confiscating, or otherwise denying an employee access to that employee's identity or immigration documents;
 - 2. Failing to provide return transportation of pay for return transportation costs to an employee from a country outside the United States to the country from which the employee was recruited upon the end of employment if requested by the employee, unless:
 - a. Exempted from the requirement to provide or pay for such return transportation by the federal department or agency providing or entering into the grant; or
 - b. The employee is a victim of human trafficking seeking victim services or legal redress in the country of employment or witness in a human trafficking enforcement action;

3. Soliciting a person for the purpose of employment, or offering employment, by means of materially false or fraudulent pretenses, representations, or promises regarding that employment;
 4. Charging recruited employees a placement or recruitment fee; or
 5. Providing or arranging housing that fails to meet the host country's housing and safety standards.
- ii. The FAA may unilaterally terminate this grant or take any remedial actions authorized by 22 USC § 7104b(c), without penalty, if any private entity under this grant:
 - a) is determined to have violated a prohibition in paragraph 2.a. (PoP) of this grant; or
 - b) has an employee that is determined to have violated a prohibition in paragraph 2.a. (PoP) of this grant through conduct that is either:
 1. Associated with the performance under this grant; or
 2. Imputed to the recipient or the subrecipient using the standards and due process for imputing the conduct of an individual to an organization that are provided in 2 CFR Part 180, "OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Government-wide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement)," as implemented by the FAA at 2 CFR Part 1200.
- c. *Provisions applicable to a sponsor other than a private entity.*
- i. The FAA may unilaterally terminate this award or take any remedial actions authorized by 22 USC § 7104b(c), without penalty, if subrecipient is a private entity under this grant:
 - a) is determined to have violated a prohibition in paragraph 2.a. (PoP) of this grant or
 - b) has an employee that is determined to have violated a prohibition in paragraph 2.a. (PoP) of this grant through conduct that is either:
 1. Associated with the performance under this grant; or
 2. Imputed to the sponsor or subrecipient using the standards and due process for imputing the conduct of an individual to an organization that are provided in 2 CFR Part 180, "OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Government-wide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement)," as implemented by the FAA at 2 CFR Part 1200.
- d. *Provisions applicable to any sponsor or subrecipient.*
- i. The sponsor or subrecipient must inform the FAA and the DOT Inspector General immediately of any information you receive from any source alleging a violation of a prohibition in paragraph 2.a. (PoP) of this grant.
 - ii. The FAA's right to unilaterally terminate this grant as described in paragraphs 2.b. (Budget Period) or 3.a. (Close Out and Termination) of this grant, implements the requirements of 22 USC Chapter 78, and is in addition to all other remedies for noncompliance that are available to the FAA under this grant.
 - iii. The sponsor must include the requirements of paragraph 2.a. (PoP) of this grant award term in any subaward it makes to a private entity.

- iv. If applicable, the sponsor must also comply with the compliance plan and certification requirements in 2 CFR § 175.105(b).
- e. *Definitions. For purposes of this grant award, term:*
 - i. "Employee" means either:
 - a) An individual employed by the sponsor or a subrecipient who is engaged in the performance of the project or program under this grant; or
 - b) Another person engaged in the performance of the project or program under this grant and not compensated by the sponsor or a subrecipient including, but not limited to, a volunteer or individual whose services are contributed by a third party as an in-kind contribution toward cost sharing requirements.
 - ii. "Private Entity" means:
 - a) Any entity, including for-profit organizations, nonprofit organizations, institutions of higher education, and hospitals. The term does not include foreign public entities, Indian Tribes, local governments, or states as defined in 2 CFR § 200.1.
 - b) The terms "severe forms of trafficking in persons," "commercial sex act," "sex trafficking," "abuse or threatened abuse of law or legal process," "coercion," "debt bondage," and "involuntary servitude" have the meanings given at section 103 of the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000, as amended (22 USC § 7102).

- 23. Grant Funded Work Included in a PFC Application.** Within 120 days of acceptance of this Grant Agreement, the sponsor must submit to the FAA an amendment to any approved Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) application that contains an approved PFC project also covered under this Grant Agreement as described in the project application. The sponsor may not make any expenditure under this Grant Agreement until project work addressed under this Grant Agreement is removed from an approved PFC application by amendment.
- 24. Exhibit "A" Property Map.** The Exhibit "A" Property Map dated February 01, 2008, is incorporated herein by reference, or is submitted with the project application and made part of this Grant Agreement.
- 25. Employee Protection from Reprisal.** In accordance with 2 CFR § 200.217 and 41 USC § 4701, an employee of a grantee, subgrantee contractor, recipient, or subrecipient must not be discharged, demoted, or otherwise discriminated against as a reprisal for disclosing to a person or body described in 41 USC § 4712(a)(2) information that the employee reasonably believes is evidence of gross mismanagement of a federal contract or grant, a gross waste of federal funds, an abuse of authority relating to a federal contract or grant, a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety, or a violation of law, rule, or regulation related to a federal contract (including the competition for or negotiation of a contract) or grant. The grantee, subgrantee, contractor, recipient, or subrecipient must inform their employees in writing of employee whistleblower rights and protections under 41 USC § 4712. See statutory requirements for whistleblower protections at 10 USC § 4701, 41 USC § 4712, 41 USC § 4304, and 10 USC § 4310.
- 26. Prohibited Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services and Equipment.** The sponsor agrees to comply with mandatory standards and policies relating to use and procurement of certain telecommunications and video surveillance services or equipment in compliance with the National Defense Authorization Act [P.L. 115-232 § 889] and 2 CFR § 200.216.
- 27. Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience.** The sponsor acknowledges that it has considered and addressed physical and cybersecurity and resilience in its project planning, design, and oversight, as

determined by the DOT and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). For airports that do not have specific DOT or DHS cybersecurity requirements, the FAA encourages the voluntary adoption of the cybersecurity requirements from the Transportation Security Administration and Federal Security Director identified for security risk Category X airports.

28. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act. As a condition of a grant award, the sponsor shall demonstrate that it complies with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 USC §§ 2000d et seq.) and implementing regulations (49 CFR Part 21), the Airport and Airway Improvement Act of 1982 (49 USC § 47123), the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 USC § 6101 et seq.), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 USC § 794 et seq.), the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 USC § 12101, et seq.), U.S. Department of Transportation and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Assurances, and other relevant civil rights statutes, regulations, or authorities, including any amendments or updates thereto. This may include, as applicable, providing a current Title VI Program Plan to the FAA for approval, in the format and according to the timeline required by the FAA, and other information about the communities that will be benefited and impacted by the project. The sponsor shall affirmatively ensure that when carrying out any project supported by this grant that it complies with all federal nondiscrimination and civil rights laws based on race, color, national origin, sex, creed, age, disability, and genetic information, in consideration for federal financial assistance. The Department's and FAA's Office of Civil Rights may provide resources and technical assistance to recipients to ensure full and sustainable compliance with federal civil rights requirements. Failure to comply with civil rights requirements will be considered a violation of the agreement or contract and be subject to any enforcement action as authorized by law.

29. Applicable Federal Anti-Discrimination Laws. The sponsor agrees:

- a. That its compliance in all respects with all applicable federal anti-discrimination laws is material to the government's payment decisions for purposes of 31 USC § 3729(b)(4) and
- b. To certify that it does not operate any programs promoting Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) that violate any applicable federal anti-discrimination laws.

30. National Airspace System Requirements.

- a. The sponsor shall cooperate with FAA activities installing, maintaining, replacing, improving, or operating equipment and facilities in or supporting the National Airspace System, including waiving permitting requirements and other restrictions affecting those activities to the maximum extent possible, and assisting the FAA in securing waivers of permitting or other restrictions from other authorities. The sponsor shall not take actions that frustrate or prevent the FAA from installing, maintaining, replacing, improving, or operating equipment and facilities in or supporting the National Airspace System.
- b. If FAA determines that the sponsor has violated subsection a., the FAA may impose a remedy, including:
 - i. Additional conditions on the award;
 - ii. Consistent with 49 USC Chapter 471, any remedy permitted under 2 CFR §§ 200.339–200.340, including withholding of payments; disallowance of previously reimbursed costs, requiring refunds from the recipient to the DOT; suspension or termination of the award; or suspension and debarment under 2 CFR part 180; or
 - iii. Any other remedy legally available.

- c. In imposing a remedy under this condition, the FAA may elect to consider the interests of only the FAA.
- d. The sponsor acknowledges that amounts that the FAA requires the sponsor to refund to the FAA due to a remedy under this condition constitute a debt to the Federal Government that the FAA may collect under 2 CFR 200.346 and the Federal Claims Collection Standards (31 CFR Parts 900–904).

31. Signage Costs for Construction Projects. The sponsor agrees that it will require the prime contractor of a federally-assisted airport improvement project to post signs consistent with a DOT/FAA-prescribed format, as may be requested by the DOT/FAA, and further agrees to remove any signs posted in response to requests received prior to February 1, 2025.

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SPECIAL CONDITIONS

- 32. Master Plan Coordination.** The sponsor agrees to coordinate this master planning study with metropolitan planning organizations, other local planning agencies, and with the State Airport System Plan prepared by the State's Department of Transportation, and consider any pertinent information, data, projections, and forecasts which are currently available or as will become available. The sponsor agrees to consider any State Clearinghouse comments and to furnish a copy of the final report to the State's Department of Transportation.

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The sponsor's acceptance of this offer and ratification and adoption of the Project Application incorporated herein shall be evidenced by execution of this instrument by the sponsor, as hereinafter provided, and this offer and acceptance shall comprise a Grant Agreement, constituting the contractual obligations and rights of the United States and the sponsor with respect to the accomplishment of the project and compliance with the Grant Assurances, terms, and conditions as provided herein. Such Grant Agreement shall become effective upon the sponsor's acceptance of this offer.

Please read the following information: By signing this document, you are agreeing that you have reviewed the following consumer disclosure information and consent to transact business using electronic communications, to receive notices and disclosures electronically, and to utilize electronic signatures in lieu of using paper documents. You are not required to receive notices and disclosures or sign documents electronically. If you prefer not to do so, you may request to receive paper copies and withdraw your consent at any time.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.¹

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION**

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Part II - Acceptance

The sponsor does hereby ratify and adopt all assurances, statements, representations, warranties, covenants, and agreements contained in the Project Application and incorporated materials referred to in the foregoing offer, and does hereby accept this offer and by such acceptance agrees to comply with all of the Grant Assurances, terms, and conditions in this offer and in the Project Application.

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CERTIFICATE OF SPONSOR'S ATTORNEY

I, **{{N_es :signer3: fullname}}**, acting as Attorney for the Sponsor do hereby certify:

That in my opinion the Sponsor is empowered to enter into the foregoing Grant Agreement under the laws of the State of Georgia. Further, I have examined the foregoing Grant Agreement and the actions taken by said Sponsor and Sponsor's official representative, who has been duly authorized to execute this Grant Agreement, which is in all respects due and proper and in accordance with the laws of the said State; and Title 49, United States Code (USC), Chapters 471 and 475; 49 USC §§ 40101 et seq., and 48103; Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024 (P.L. 118-42); Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2025 (P.L. 119-4); Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2026 (P.L. 119-75); FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024 (P.L. 118-63); and the representations contained in the Project Application. In addition, for grants involving projects to be carried out on property not owned by the Sponsor, there are no legal impediments that will prevent full performance by the Sponsor. Further, it is my opinion that the said Grant Agreement constitutes a legal and binding obligation of the Sponsor in accordance with the terms thereof.

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That in my opinion the Sponsor is empowered to enter into the foregoing Grant Agreement under the laws of the State of Georgia. Further, I have examined the foregoing Grant Agreement and the actions taken by said Sponsor and Sponsor's official representative, who has been duly authorized to execute this Grant Agreement, which is in all respects due and proper and in accordance with the laws of the said State; and Title 49, United States Code (USC), Chapters 471 and 475; 49 USC §§ 40101 et seq., and 48103; Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024 (P.L. 118-42); Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2025 (P.L. 119-4); Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2026 (P.L. 119-75); FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024 (P.L. 118-63); and the representations contained in the Project Application. In addition, for grants involving projects to be carried out on property not owned by the Sponsor, there are no legal impediments that will prevent full performance by the Sponsor. Further, it is my opinion that the said Grant Agreement constitutes a legal and binding obligation of the Sponsor in accordance with the terms thereof.

Please read the following information: By signing this document, you are agreeing that you have reviewed the following consumer disclosure information and consent to transact business using electronic communications, to receive notices and disclosures electronically, and to utilize electronic signatures in lieu of using paper documents. You are not required to receive notices and disclosures or sign documents electronically. If you prefer not to do so, you may request to receive paper copies and withdraw your consent at any time.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.⁵

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(Signature of Sponsor's Attorney)

⁵ Knowingly and willfully providing false information to the Federal Government is a violation of 18 USC § 1001 (False Statements) and could subject you to fines, imprisonment, or both.

ASSURANCES
AIRPORT SPONSORS

A. General.

1. These assurances shall be complied with in the performance of grant agreements for airport development, airport planning, and noise compatibility program grants for airport sponsors.
2. These assurances are required to be submitted as part of the project application by sponsors requesting funds under the provisions of Title 49, USC, subtitle VII, as amended. As used herein, the term "public agency sponsor" means a public agency with control of a public-use airport; the term "private sponsor" means a private owner of a public-use airport; and the term "sponsor" includes both public agency sponsors and private sponsors.
3. Upon acceptance of this Grant Offer by the sponsor, these assurances are incorporated in and become part of this Grant Agreement.

B. Duration and Applicability.

1. Airport Development or Noise Compatibility Program Projects Undertaken by a Public Agency Sponsor.

The terms, conditions and assurances of this Grant Agreement shall remain in full force and effect throughout the useful life of the facilities developed or equipment acquired for an airport development or noise compatibility program project, or throughout the useful life of the project items installed within a facility under a noise compatibility program project, but in any event not to exceed twenty (20) years from the date of acceptance of a Grant Offer of federal funds for the project. However, there shall be no limit on the duration of the assurances regarding Exclusive Rights and Airport Revenue so long as the airport is used as an airport. There shall be no limit on the duration of the terms, conditions, and assurances with respect to real property acquired with federal funds. Furthermore, the duration of the Civil Rights assurance shall be specified in the assurances.

2. Airport Development or Noise Compatibility Projects Undertaken by a Private Sponsor.

The preceding paragraph (1) also applies to a private sponsor except that the useful life of project items installed within a facility or the useful life of the facilities developed or equipment acquired under an airport development or noise compatibility program project shall be no less than ten (10) years from the date of acceptance of federal aid for the project.

3. Airport Planning Undertaken by a Sponsor.

Unless otherwise specified in this Grant Agreement, only Assurances 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 13, 18, 23, 25, 30, 32, 33, 34, 37, and 40 in Section C apply to planning projects. The terms, conditions, and assurances of this Grant Agreement shall remain in full force and effect during the life of the project; there shall be no limit on the duration of the assurances regarding Exclusive Rights and Airport Revenue so long as the airport is used as an airport.

C. Sponsor Certification.

The sponsor hereby assures and certifies, with respect to this grant that:

1. General Federal Requirements

It will comply with all applicable federal laws, regulations, executive orders, policies, guidelines, and requirements as they relate to the application, acceptance, and use of federal funds for this grant. Performance under this agreement shall be governed by and in compliance with the following requirements, as applicable, to the type of organization of the Sponsor and any applicable sub-recipients. The applicable provisions to this agreement include, but are not limited to, the following:

FEDERAL LEGISLATION

- a. 49 USC subtitle VII, as amended.
- b. Davis-Bacon Act, as amended — 40 USC §§ 3141-3144, 3146, and 3147, et seq.¹
- c. Federal Fair Labor Standards Act — 29 USC § 201, et seq.
- d. Hatch Act — 5 USC § 1501, et seq.²
- e. Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, 42 USC § 4601, et seq.^{1, 2}
- f. National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 — Section 106 — 54 USC § 306108.¹
- g. Archeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 — 54 USC § 312501, et seq.¹
- h. Native Americans Grave Repatriation Act — 25 USC § 3001, et seq.
- i. Clean Air Act, P.L. 90-148, as amended — 42 USC § 7401, et seq.
- j. Coastal Zone Management Act, P.L. 92-583, as amended — 16 USC § 1451, et seq.
- k. Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 — Section 102(a) - 42 USC § 4012a.¹
- l. 49 USC § 303, (formerly known as Section 4(f)).
- m. Rehabilitation Act of 1973 — 29 USC § 794.
- n. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 USC § 2000d et seq.) (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin).
- o. Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, (42 USC § 12101 et seq.) (prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability).
- p. Age Discrimination Act of 1975 — 42 USC § 6101, et seq.
- q. American Indian Religious Freedom Act, P.L. 95-341, as amended.
- r. Architectural Barriers Act of 1968, as amended — 42 USC § 4151, et seq.¹
- s. Powerplant and Industrial Fuel Use Act of 1978 — Section 403 — 42 USC § 8373.¹
- t. Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act — 40 USC § 3701, et seq.¹
- u. Copeland Anti-kickback Act — 18 USC § 874.¹

- v. National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 – 42 USC § 4321, et seq.¹
- w. Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, P.L. 90-542, as amended – 16 USC § 1271, et seq.
- x. Single Audit Act of 1984 – 31 USC § 7501, et seq.²
- y. Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 – 41 USC §§ 8101 through 8105.
- z. The Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006, as amended (P.L. 109-282, as amended by section 6202 of P.L. 110-252).
- aa. Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, P.L. 100-259.
- bb. Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, P.L. 117-58, Title VIII.
- cc. Build America, Buy America Act, P.L. 117-58, Title IX.
- dd. Endangered Species Act – 16 USC 1531, et seq.
- ee. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended – 20 USC 1681–1683 and 1685–1687.
- ff. Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972, as amended – 21 USC 1101, et seq.
- gg. Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970, P.L. 91-616, as amended – 42 USC § 4541, et seq.
- hh. Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970, P.L. 91-616, as amended – 42 USC § 4541, et seq.
- ii. Appropriated Funds to Influence Certain Federal Contracting and Financial Transactions – 31 USC § 1352.

EXECUTIVE ORDERS

- a. Executive Order 11990 – Protection of Wetlands
- b. Executive Order 11988 – Floodplain Management
- c. Executive Order 12372 – Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs
- d. Executive Order 12699 – Seismic Safety of Federal and Federally Assisted New Building Construction¹
- e. Executive Order 14005 – Ensuring the Future is Made in all of America by All of America's Workers
- f. Executive Order 14149 – Restoring Freedom of Speech and Ending Federal Censorship
- g. Executive Order 14151 – Ending Radical and Wasteful Government DEI Programs and Preferencing
- h. Executive Order 14154 – Unleashing American Energy
- i. Executive Order 14168 – Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government
- j. Executive Order 14173 – Ending Illegal Discrimination and Restoring Merit-Based Opportunity

FEDERAL REGULATIONS

- a. 2 CFR Part 180 – OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement).
- b. 2 CFR Part 200 and 1201 – Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards.^{3, 4, 5}
- c. 2 CFR Part 1200 – Nonprocurement Suspension and Debarment.
- d. 14 CFR Part 13 – Investigative and Enforcement Procedures.
- e. 14 CFR Part 16 – Rules of Practice for Federally-Assisted Airport Enforcement Proceedings.
- f. 14 CFR Part 150 – Airport Noise Compatibility Planning.
- g. 28 CFR Part 35 – Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability in State and Local Government Services.
- h. 28 CFR § 50.3 – U.S. Department of Justice Guidelines for the Enforcement of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.
- i. 29 CFR Part 1 – Procedures for Predetermination of Wage Rates.¹
- j. 29 CFR Part 3 – Contractors and Subcontractors on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or in Part by Loans or Grants from the United States.¹
- k. 29 CFR Part 5 – Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Covering Federally Financed and Assisted Construction (Also Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Nonconstruction Contracts Subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act).¹
- l. 41 CFR Part 60 – Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor (Federal and Federally-assisted contracting requirements).¹
- m. 49 CFR Part 20 – New Restrictions on Lobbying.
- n. 49 CFR Part 21 – Nondiscrimination in Federally-Assisted Programs of the Department of Transportation - Effectuation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.
- o. 49 CFR Part 23 – Participation by Disadvantage Business Enterprise in Airport Concessions.
- p. 49 CFR Part 24 – Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition for Federal and Federally-Assisted Programs.^{1, 2}
- q. 49 CFR Part 26 – Participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in Department of Transportation Financial Assistance Programs.
- r. 49 CFR Part 27 – Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability in Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance.¹
- s. 49 CFR Part 28 – Enforcement of Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Handicap in Programs or Activities Conducted by the Department of Transportation.
- t. 49 CFR Part 30 – Denial of Public Works Contracts to Suppliers of Goods and Services of Countries That Deny Procurement Market Access to U.S. Contractors.
- u. 49 CFR Part 32 – Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Financial Assistance).

- v. 49 CFR Part 37 – Transportation Services for Individuals with Disabilities (ADA).
- w. 49 CFR Part 38 – Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Accessibility Specifications for Transportation Vehicles.
- x. 49 CFR Part 41 – Seismic Safety.

FOOTNOTES TO ASSURANCE (C)(1)

- ¹ These laws do not apply to airport planning sponsors.
- ² These laws do not apply to private sponsors.
- ³ 2 CFR Part 200 contains requirements for state and local governments receiving federal assistance. Any requirement levied upon state and local governments by this regulation shall apply where applicable to private sponsors receiving federal assistance under Title 49, United States Code.
- ⁴ Cost principles established in 2 CFR Part 200 subpart E must be used as guidelines for determining the eligibility of specific types of expenses.
- ⁵ Audit requirements established in 2 CFR Part 200 subpart F are the guidelines for audits.

SPECIFIC ASSURANCES

Specific assurances required to be included in grant agreements by any of the above laws, regulations or circulars are incorporated by reference in this Grant Agreement.

2. Responsibility and Authority of the Sponsor.
a. Public Agency Sponsor:

It has legal authority to apply for this grant, and to finance and carry out the proposed project; that a resolution, motion or similar action has been duly adopted or passed as an official act of the applicant's governing body authorizing the filing of the application, including all understandings and assurances contained therein, and directing and authorizing the person identified as the official representative of the applicant to act in connection with the application and to provide such additional information as may be required.

b. Private Sponsor:

It has legal authority to apply for this grant and to finance and carry out the proposed project and comply with all terms, conditions, and assurances of this Grant Agreement. It shall designate an official representative and shall in writing direct and authorize that person to file this application, including all understandings and assurances contained therein; to act in connection with this application; and to provide such additional information as may be required.

3. Sponsor Fund Availability.

It has sufficient funds available for that portion of the project costs which are not to be paid by the United States. It has sufficient funds available to assure operation and maintenance of items funded under this Grant Agreement which it will own or control.

4. Good Title.

- a. It, a public agency or the Federal Government, holds good title, satisfactory to the Secretary, to the landing area of the airport or site thereof, or will give assurance satisfactory to the Secretary that good title will be acquired.

- b. For noise compatibility program projects to be carried out on the property of the sponsor, it holds good title satisfactory to the Secretary to that portion of the property upon which federal funds will be expended or will give assurance to the Secretary that good title will be obtained.

5. Preserving Rights and Powers.

- a. It will not take or permit any action which would operate to deprive it of any of the rights and powers necessary to perform any or all of the terms, conditions, and assurances in this Grant Agreement without the written approval of the Secretary, and will act promptly to acquire, extinguish or modify any outstanding rights or claims of right of others which would interfere with such performance by the sponsor. This shall be done in a manner acceptable to the Secretary.
- b. Subject to 49 USC § 47107(a)(16) and (x), it will not sell, lease, encumber, or otherwise transfer or dispose of any part of its title or other interests in the property shown on Exhibit A to this application or, for a noise compatibility program project, that portion of the property upon which federal funds have been expended, for the duration of the terms, conditions, and assurances in this Grant Agreement without approval by the Secretary. If the transferee is found by the Secretary to be eligible under Title 49, United States Code, to assume the obligations of this Grant Agreement and to have the power, authority, and financial resources to carry out all such obligations, the sponsor shall insert in the contract or document transferring or disposing of the sponsor's interest, and make binding upon the transferee all of the terms, conditions, and assurances contained in this Grant Agreement.
- c. For all noise compatibility program projects which are to be carried out by another unit of local government or are on property owned by a unit of local government other than the sponsor, it will enter into an agreement with that government. Except as otherwise specified by the Secretary, that agreement shall obligate that government to the same terms, conditions, and assurances that would be applicable to it if it applied directly to the FAA for a grant to undertake the noise compatibility program project. That agreement and changes thereto must be satisfactory to the Secretary. It will take steps to enforce this agreement against the local government if there is substantial non-compliance with the terms of the agreement.
- d. For noise compatibility program projects to be carried out on privately owned property, it will enter into an agreement with the owner of that property which includes provisions specified by the Secretary. It will take steps to enforce this agreement against the property owner whenever there is substantial non-compliance with the terms of the agreement.
- e. If the sponsor is a private sponsor, it will take steps satisfactory to the Secretary to ensure that the airport will continue to function as a public-use airport in accordance with these assurances for the duration of these assurances.
- f. If an arrangement is made for management and operation of the airport by any agency or person other than the sponsor or an employee of the sponsor, the sponsor will reserve sufficient rights and authority to ensure that the airport will be operated and maintained in accordance with Title 49, United States Code, the regulations and the terms, conditions and assurances in this Grant Agreement and shall ensure that such arrangement also requires compliance therewith.
- g. Sponsors of commercial service airports will not permit or enter into any arrangement that results in permission for the owner or tenant of a property used as a residence, or zoned for residential use, to taxi an aircraft between that property and any location on airport. Sponsors

of general aviation airports entering into any arrangement that results in permission for the owner of residential real property adjacent to or near the airport must comply with the requirements of Sec. 136 of Public Law 112-95 and the sponsor assurances.

6. Consistency with Local Plans.

The project is reasonably consistent with plans (existing at the time of submission of this application) of public agencies that are authorized by the state in which the project is located to plan for the development of the area surrounding the airport.

7. Consideration of Local Interest.

It has given fair consideration to the interest of communities in or near where the project may be located.

8. Consultation with Users.

In making a decision to undertake any airport development project under Title 49, United States Code, it has undertaken reasonable consultations with affected parties using the airport at which project is proposed.

9. Public Hearings.

In projects involving the location of an airport, an airport runway, or a major runway extension, it has afforded the opportunity for public hearings for the purpose of considering the economic, social, and environmental effects of the airport or runway location and its consistency with goals and objectives of such planning as has been carried out by the community and it shall, when requested by the Secretary, submit a copy of the transcript of such hearings to the Secretary. Further, for such projects, it has on its management board either voting representation from the communities where the project is located or has advised the communities that they have the right to petition the Secretary concerning a proposed project.

10. Metropolitan Planning Organization.

In projects involving the location of an airport, an airport runway, or a major runway extension at a medium or large hub airport, the sponsor has made available to and has provided upon request to the metropolitan planning organization in the area in which the airport is located, if any, a copy of the proposed amendment to the airport layout plan to depict the project and a copy of any airport master plan in which the project is described or depicted.

11. Pavement Preventive Maintenance-Management.

With respect to a project approved after January 1, 1995, for the replacement or reconstruction of pavement at the airport, it assures or certifies that it has implemented an effective airport pavement maintenance-management program and it assures that it will use such program for the useful life of any pavement constructed, reconstructed or repaired with federal financial assistance at the airport. It will provide such reports on pavement condition and pavement management programs as the Secretary determines may be useful.

12. Terminal Development Prerequisites.

For projects which include terminal development at a public use airport, as defined in Title 49, it has, on the date of submittal of the project grant application, all the safety equipment required for certification of such airport under 49 USC § 44706, and all the security equipment required by rule or regulation, and has provided for access to the passenger enplaning and deplaning area of such airport to passengers enplaning and deplaning from aircraft other than air carrier aircraft.

13. Accounting System, Audit, and Record Keeping Requirements.

- a. It shall keep all project accounts and records which fully disclose the amount and disposition by the recipient of the proceeds of this grant, the total cost of the project in connection with which this grant is given or used, and the amount or nature of that portion of the cost of the project supplied by other sources, and such other financial records pertinent to the project. The accounts and records shall be kept in accordance with an accounting system that will facilitate an effective audit in accordance with the Single Audit Act of 1984.
- b. It shall make available to the Secretary and the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their duly authorized representatives, for the purpose of audit and examination, any books, documents, papers, and records of the recipient that are pertinent to this grant. The Secretary may require that an appropriate audit be conducted by a recipient. In any case in which an independent audit is made of the accounts of a sponsor relating to the disposition of the proceeds of a grant or relating to the project in connection with which this grant was given or used, it shall file a certified copy of such audit with the Comptroller General of the United States not later than six (6) months following the close of the fiscal year for which the audit was made.

14. Minimum Wage Rates.

It shall include, in all contracts in excess of \$2,000 for work on any projects funded under this Grant Agreement which involve labor, provisions establishing minimum rates of wages, to be predetermined by the Secretary of Labor under 40 USC §§ 3141-3144, 3146, and 3147, Public Building, Property, and Works), which contractors shall pay to skilled and unskilled labor, and such minimum rates shall be stated in the invitation for bids and shall be included in proposals or bids for the work.

15. Veteran's Preference.

It shall include in all contracts for work on any project funded under this Grant Agreement which involve labor, such provisions as are necessary to insure that, in the employment of labor (except in executive, administrative, and supervisory positions), preference shall be given to Vietnam era veterans, Persian Gulf veterans, Afghanistan-Iraq war veterans, disabled veterans, and small business concerns owned and controlled by disabled veterans as defined in 49 USC § 47112. However, this preference shall apply only where the individuals are available and qualified to perform the work to which the employment relates.

16. Conformity to Plans and Specifications.

It will execute the project subject to plans, specifications, and schedules approved by the Secretary. Such plans, specifications, and schedules shall be submitted to the Secretary prior to commencement of site preparation, construction, or other performance under this Grant Agreement, and, upon approval of the Secretary, shall be incorporated into this Grant Agreement. Any modification to the approved plans, specifications, and schedules shall also be subject to approval of the Secretary, and incorporated into this Grant Agreement.

17. Construction Inspection and Approval.

It will provide and maintain competent technical supervision at the construction site throughout the project to assure that the work conforms to the plans, specifications, and schedules approved by the Secretary for the project. It shall subject the construction work on any project contained in an approved project application to inspection and approval by the Secretary and such work shall be in

accordance with regulations and procedures prescribed by the Secretary. Such regulations and procedures shall require such cost and progress reporting by the sponsor or sponsors of such project as the Secretary shall deem necessary.

18. Planning Projects.

In carrying out planning projects:

- a. It will execute the project in accordance with the approved program narrative contained in the project application or with the modifications similarly approved.
- b. It will furnish the Secretary with such periodic reports as required pertaining to the planning project and planning work activities.
- c. It will include in all published material prepared in connection with the planning project a notice that the material was prepared under a grant provided by the United States.
- d. It will make such material available for examination by the public, and agrees that no material prepared with funds under this project shall be subject to copyright in the United States or any other country.
- e. It will give the Secretary unrestricted authority to publish, disclose, distribute, and otherwise use any of the material prepared in connection with this grant.
- f. It will grant the Secretary the right to disapprove the sponsor's employment of specific consultants and their subcontractors to do all or any part of this project as well as the right to disapprove the proposed scope and cost of professional services.
- g. It will grant the Secretary the right to disapprove the use of the sponsor's employees to do all or any part of the project.
- h. It understands and agrees that the Secretary's approval of this project grant or the Secretary's approval of any planning material developed as part of this grant does not constitute or imply any assurance or commitment on the part of the Secretary to approve any pending or future application for a federal airport grant.

19. Operation and Maintenance.

- a. The airport and all facilities which are necessary to serve the aeronautical users of the airport, other than facilities owned or controlled by the United States, shall be operated at all times in a safe and serviceable condition and in accordance with the minimum standards as may be required or prescribed by applicable Federal, state, and local agencies for maintenance and operation. It will not cause or permit any activity or action thereon which would interfere with its use for airport purposes. It will suitably operate and maintain the airport and all facilities thereon or connected therewith, with due regard to climatic and flood conditions. Any proposal to temporarily close the airport for non-aeronautical purposes must first be approved by the Secretary. In furtherance of this assurance, the sponsor will have in effect arrangements for:
 1. Operating the airport's aeronautical facilities whenever required;
 2. Promptly marking and lighting hazards resulting from airport conditions, including temporary conditions; and
 3. Promptly notifying pilots of any condition affecting aeronautical use of the airport. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to require that the airport be operated for aeronautical use during temporary periods when snow, flood, or other climatic conditions

interfere with such operation and maintenance. Further, nothing herein shall be construed as requiring the maintenance, repair, restoration, or replacement of any structure or facility which is substantially damaged or destroyed due to an act of God or other condition or circumstance beyond the control of the sponsor.

- b. It will suitably operate and maintain noise compatibility program items that it owns or controls upon which federal funds have been expended.

20. Hazard Removal and Mitigation.

It will take appropriate action to ensure that such terminal airspace as is required to protect instrument and visual operations to the airport (including established minimum flight altitudes) will be adequately cleared and protected by removing, lowering, relocating, marking, or lighting or otherwise mitigating existing airport hazards and by preventing the establishment or creation of future airport hazards.

21. Compatible Land Use.

It will take appropriate action, to the extent reasonable, including the adoption of zoning laws, to restrict the use of land adjacent to or in the immediate vicinity of the airport to activities and purposes compatible with normal airport operations, including landing and takeoff of aircraft. In addition, if the project is for noise compatibility program implementation, it will not cause or permit any change in land use, within its jurisdiction, that will reduce its compatibility, with respect to the airport, of the noise compatibility program measures upon which federal funds have been expended.

22. Economic Nondiscrimination.

- a. It will make the airport available as an airport for public use on reasonable terms and without unjust discrimination to all types, kinds and classes of aeronautical activities, including commercial aeronautical activities offering services to the public at the airport.
- b. In any agreement, contract, lease, or other arrangement under which a right or privilege at the airport is granted to any person, firm, or corporation to conduct or to engage in any aeronautical activity for furnishing services to the public at the airport, the sponsor will insert and enforce provisions requiring the contractor to:
 - 1. Furnish said services on a reasonable, and not unjustly discriminatory, basis to all users thereof, and
 - 2. Charge reasonable, and not unjustly discriminatory, prices for each unit or service, provided that the contractor may be allowed to make reasonable and nondiscriminatory discounts, rebates, or other similar types of price reductions to volume purchasers.
- c. Each fixed-based operator at the airport shall be subject to the same rates, fees, rentals, and other charges as are uniformly applicable to all other fixed-based operators making the same or similar uses of such airport and utilizing the same or similar facilities.
- d. Each air carrier using such airport shall have the right to service itself or to use any fixed-based operator that is authorized or permitted by the airport to serve any air carrier at such airport.
- e. Each air carrier using such airport (whether as a tenant, non-tenant, or subtenant of another air carrier tenant) shall be subject to such nondiscriminatory and substantially comparable rules, regulations, conditions, rates, fees, rentals, and other charges with respect to facilities directly and substantially related to providing air transportation as are applicable to all such air carriers

which make similar use of such airport and utilize similar facilities, subject to reasonable classifications such as tenants or non-tenants and signatory carriers and non-signatory carriers. Classification or status as tenant or signatory shall not be unreasonably withheld by any airport provided an air carrier assumes obligations substantially similar to those already imposed on air carriers in such classification or status.

- f. It will not exercise or grant any right or privilege which operates to prevent any person, firm, or corporation operating aircraft on the airport from performing any services on its own aircraft with its own employees (including, but not limited to maintenance, repair, and fueling) that it may choose to perform.
- g. In the event the sponsor itself exercises any of the rights and privileges referred to in this assurance, the services involved will be provided on the same conditions as would apply to the furnishing of such services by commercial aeronautical service providers authorized by the sponsor under these provisions.
- h. The sponsor may establish such reasonable, and not unjustly discriminatory, conditions to be met by all users of the airport as may be necessary for the safe and efficient operation of the airport.
- i. The sponsor may prohibit or limit any given type, kind or class of aeronautical use of the airport if such action is necessary for the safe operation of the airport or necessary to serve the civil aviation needs of the public.

23. Exclusive Rights.

It will permit no exclusive right for the use of the airport by any person providing, or intending to provide, aeronautical services to the public. For purposes of this paragraph, the providing of the services at an airport by a single fixed-based operator shall not be construed as an exclusive right if both of the following apply:

- a. It would be unreasonably costly, burdensome, or impractical for more than one fixed-based operator to provide such services, and
- b. If allowing more than one fixed-based operator to provide such services would require the reduction of space leased pursuant to an existing agreement between such single fixed-based operator and such airport. It further agrees that it will not, either directly or indirectly, grant or permit any person, firm, or corporation, the exclusive right at the airport to conduct any aeronautical activities, including, but not limited to charter flights, pilot training, aircraft rental and sightseeing, aerial photography, crop dusting, aerial advertising and surveying, air carrier operations, aircraft sales and services, sale of aviation petroleum products whether or not conducted in conjunction with other aeronautical activity, repair and maintenance of aircraft, sale of aircraft parts, and any other activities which because of their direct relationship to the operation of aircraft can be regarded as an aeronautical activity, and that it will terminate any exclusive right to conduct an aeronautical activity now existing at such an airport before the grant of any assistance under Title 49, United States Code.

24. Fee and Rental Structure.

It will maintain a fee and rental structure for the facilities and services at the airport which will make the airport as self-sustaining as possible under the circumstances existing at the particular airport, taking into account such factors as the volume of traffic and economy of collection. No part of the federal share of an airport development, airport planning or noise compatibility project for

which a grant is made under Title 49, United States Code, the Airport and Airway Improvement Act of 1982, the Federal Airport Act or the Airport and Airway Development Act of 1970 shall be included in the rate basis in establishing fees, rates, and charges for users of that airport.

25. Airport Revenues.

- a. All revenues generated by the airport and any local taxes on aviation fuel established after December 30, 1987, will be expended by it for the capital or operating costs of the airport; the local airport system; or other local facilities which are owned or operated by the owner or operator of the airport and which are directly and substantially related to the actual air transportation of passengers or property; or for noise mitigation purposes on or off the airport. The following exceptions apply to this paragraph:
 1. If covenants or assurances in debt obligations issued before September 3, 1982, by the owner or operator of the airport, or provisions enacted before September 3, 1982, in governing statutes controlling the owner or operator's financing, provide for the use of the revenues from any of the airport owner or operator's facilities, including the airport, to support not only the airport but also the airport owner or operator's general debt obligations or other facilities, then this limitation on the use of all revenues generated by the airport (and, in the case of a public airport, local taxes on aviation fuel) shall not apply.
 2. If the Secretary approves the sale of a privately owned airport to a public sponsor and provides funding for any portion of the public sponsor's acquisition of land, this limitation on the use of all revenues generated by the sale shall not apply to certain proceeds from the sale. This is conditioned on repayment to the Secretary by the private owner of an amount equal to the remaining unamortized portion (amortized over a 20-year period) of any airport improvement grant made to the private owner for any purpose other than land acquisition on or after October 1, 1996, plus an amount equal to the federal share of the current fair market value of any land acquired with an airport improvement grant made to that airport on or after October 1, 1996.
 3. Certain revenue derived from or generated by mineral extraction, production, lease, or other means at a general aviation airport (as defined at 49 USC § 47102), if the FAA determines the airport sponsor meets the requirements set forth in Section 813 of Public Law 112-95.
- b. As part of the annual audit required under the Single Audit Act of 1984, the sponsor will direct that the audit will review, and the resulting audit report will provide an opinion concerning, the use of airport revenue and taxes in paragraph (a), and indicating whether funds paid or transferred to the owner or operator are paid or transferred in a manner consistent with Title 49, United States Code and any other applicable provision of law, including any regulation promulgated by the Secretary or Administrator.
- c. Any civil penalties or other sanctions will be imposed for violation of this assurance in accordance with the provisions of 49 USC § 47107.

26. Reports and Inspections.

It will:

- a. submit to the Secretary such annual or special financial and operations reports as the Secretary may reasonably request and make such reports available to the public; make available to the

public at reasonable times and places a report of the airport budget in a format prescribed by the Secretary;

- b. for airport development projects, make the airport and all airport records and documents affecting the airport, including deeds, leases, operation and use agreements, regulations and other instruments, available for inspection by any duly authorized agent of the Secretary upon reasonable request;
- c. for noise compatibility program projects, make records and documents relating to the project and continued compliance with the terms, conditions, and assurances of this Grant Agreement including deeds, leases, agreements, regulations, and other instruments, available for inspection by any duly authorized agent of the Secretary upon reasonable request; and
- d. in a format and time prescribed by the Secretary, provide to the Secretary and make available to the public following each of its fiscal years, an annual report listing in detail:
 1. all amounts paid by the airport to any other unit of government and the purposes for which each such payment was made; and
 2. all services and property provided by the airport to other units of government and the amount of compensation received for provision of each such service and property.

27. Use by Government Aircraft.

It will make available all of the facilities of the airport developed with federal financial assistance and all those usable for landing and takeoff of aircraft to the United States for use by Government aircraft in common with other aircraft at all times without charge, except, if the use by Government aircraft is substantial, charge may be made for a reasonable share, proportional to such use, for the cost of operating and maintaining the facilities used. Unless otherwise determined by the Secretary, or otherwise agreed to by the sponsor and the using agency, substantial use of an airport by Government aircraft will be considered to exist when operations of such aircraft are in excess of those which, in the opinion of the Secretary, would unduly interfere with use of the landing areas by other authorized aircraft, or during any calendar month that:

- a. Five (5) or more Government aircraft are regularly based at the airport or on land adjacent thereto; or
- b. The total number of movements (counting each landing as a movement) of Government aircraft is 300 or more, or the gross accumulative weight of Government aircraft using the airport (the total movement of Government aircraft multiplied by gross weights of such aircraft) is in excess of five million pounds.

28. Land for Federal Facilities.

It will furnish without cost to the Federal Government for use in connection with any air traffic control or air navigation activities, or weather-reporting and communication activities related to air traffic control, any areas of land or water, or estate therein as the Secretary considers necessary or desirable for construction, operation, and maintenance at federal expense of space or facilities for such purposes. Such areas or any portion thereof will be made available as provided herein within four months after receipt of a written request from the Secretary.

29. Airport Layout Plan.

- a. The airport owner or operator will maintain a current airport layout plan of the airport showing:
 1. boundaries of the airport and all proposed additions thereto, together with the boundaries of all offsite areas owned or controlled by the sponsor for airport purposes and proposed additions thereto;
 2. the location and nature of all existing and proposed airport facilities and structures (such as runways, taxiways, aprons, terminal buildings, hangars and roads), including all proposed extensions and reductions of existing airport facilities;
 3. the location of all existing and proposed non-aviation areas and of all existing improvements thereon; and
 4. all proposed and existing access points used to taxi aircraft across the airport's property boundary.
- b. Subject to subsection 49 USC § 47107(x), the Secretary will review and approve or disapprove the plan and any revision or modification of the plan before the plan, revision, or modification takes effect.
- c. The owner or operator will not make or allow any alteration in the airport or any of its facilities unless the alteration—
 1. is outside the scope of the Secretary's review and approval authority as set forth in subsection (x); or
 2. complies with the portions of the plan approved by the Secretary.
- d. When the airport owner or operator makes a change or alteration in the airport or the facilities which the Secretary determines adversely affects the safety, utility, or efficiency of any federally owned, leased, or funded property on or off the airport and which is not in conformity with the airport layout plan as approved by the Secretary, the owner or operator will, if requested, by the Secretary:
 1. eliminate such adverse effect in a manner approved by the Secretary; or
 2. bear all costs of relocating such property or its replacement to a site acceptable to the Secretary and of restoring the property or its replacement to the level of safety, utility, efficiency, and cost of operation that existed before the alteration was made, except in the case of a relocation or replacement of an existing airport facility due to a change in the Secretary's design standards beyond the control of the airport sponsor.

30. Civil Rights.

It will promptly take any measures necessary to ensure that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, and national origin (including limited English proficiency) in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 USC §§ 2000d to 2000d-4); creed and sex per 49 USC § 47123 and related requirements; age per the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and related requirements; or disability per the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and related requirements, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in any program and activity conducted with, or benefiting from, funds received from this grant.

- a. Using the definitions of activity, facility, and program as found and defined in 49 CFR §§ 21.23(b) and 21.23(e), the sponsor will facilitate all programs, operate all facilities, or conduct all programs in compliance with all non-discrimination requirements imposed by or pursuant to these assurances.

b. Applicability

1. Programs and Activities. If the sponsor has received a grant (or other federal assistance) for any of the sponsor's program or activities, these requirements extend to all of the sponsor's programs and activities.
2. Facilities. Where it receives a grant or other federal financial assistance to construct, expand, renovate, remodel, alter, or acquire a facility, or part of a facility, the assurance extends to the entire facility and facilities operated in connection therewith.
3. Real Property. Where the sponsor receives a grant or other federal financial assistance in the form of, or for the acquisition of real property or an interest in real property, the assurance will extend to rights to space on, over, or under such property.

c. Duration.

The sponsor agrees that it is obligated to this assurance for the period during which federal financial assistance is extended to the program, except where the federal financial assistance is to provide, or is in the form of, personal property, or real property, or interest therein, or structures or improvements thereon, in which case the assurance obligates the sponsor, or any transferee for the longer of the following periods:

1. So long as the airport is used as an airport, or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits; or
2. So long as the sponsor retains ownership or possession of the property.

- d. Required Solicitation Language. It will include the following notification in all solicitations for bids, Requests For Proposals for work, or material under this Grant Agreement and in all proposals for agreements, including airport concessions, regardless of funding source:

"The (**Columbus Consolidated Government**), in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 USC §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders or offerors that it will affirmatively ensure that for any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, all businesses will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and no businesses will be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, national origin (including limited English proficiency), creed, sex , age, or disability in consideration for an award."

e. Required Contract Provisions.

1. It will insert the non-discrimination contract clauses requiring compliance with the acts and regulations relative to non-discrimination in federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation (DOT), and incorporating the acts and regulations into the contracts by reference in every contract or agreement subject to the non-discrimination in federally-assisted programs of the DOT acts and regulations.
2. It will include a list of the pertinent non-discrimination authorities in every contract that is subject to the non-discrimination acts and regulations.

3. It will insert non-discrimination contract clauses as a covenant running with the land, in any deed from the United States effecting or recording a transfer of real property, structures, use, or improvements thereon or interest therein to a sponsor.
4. It will insert non-discrimination contract clauses prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin (including limited English proficiency), creed, sex, age, or disability as a covenant running with the land, in any future deeds, leases, license, permits, or similar instruments entered into by the sponsor with other parties:
 - a. For the subsequent transfer of real property acquired or improved under the applicable activity, project, or program; and
 - b. For the construction or use of, or access to, space on, over, or under real property acquired or improved under the applicable activity, project, or program.
- f. It will provide for such methods of administration for the program as are found by the Secretary to give reasonable guarantee that it, other recipients, sub-recipients, sub-grantees, contractors, subcontractors, consultants, transferees, successors in interest, and other participants of federal financial assistance under such program will comply with all requirements imposed or pursuant to the acts, the regulations, and this assurance.
- g. It agrees that the United States has a right to seek judicial enforcement with regard to any matter arising under the acts, the regulations, and this assurance.

31. Disposal of Land.

- a. For land purchased under a grant for airport noise compatibility purposes, including land serving as a noise buffer, it will dispose of the land, when the land is no longer needed for such purposes, at fair market value, at the earliest practicable time. That portion of the proceeds of such disposition which is proportionate to the United States' share of acquisition of such land will be, at the discretion of the Secretary, (1) reinvested in another project at the airport, or (2) transferred to another eligible airport as prescribed by the Secretary. The Secretary shall give preference to the following, in descending order:
 1. Reinvestment in an approved noise compatibility project;
 2. Reinvestment in an approved project that is eligible for grant funding under 49 USC § 47117(e);
 3. Reinvestment in an approved airport development project that is eligible for grant funding under 49 USC §§ 47114, 47115, or 47117;
 4. Transfer to an eligible sponsor of another public airport to be reinvested in an approved noise compatibility project at that airport; or
 5. Payment to the Secretary for deposit in the Airport and Airway Trust Fund.

If land acquired under a grant for noise compatibility purposes is leased at fair market value and consistent with noise buffering purposes, the lease will not be considered a disposal of the land. Revenues derived from such a lease may be used for an approved airport development project that would otherwise be eligible for grant funding or any permitted use of airport revenue.

- b. For land purchased under a grant for airport development purposes (other than noise compatibility), it will, when the land is no longer needed for airport purposes, dispose of such land at fair market value or make available to the Secretary an amount equal to the United

States' proportionate share of the fair market value of the land. That portion of the proceeds of such disposition which is proportionate to the United States' share of the cost of acquisition of such land will, upon application to the Secretary, be reinvested or transferred to another eligible airport as prescribed by the Secretary. The Secretary shall give preference to the following, in descending order:

1. Reinvestment in an approved noise compatibility project;
 2. Reinvestment in an approved project that is eligible for grant funding under 49 USC § 47117(e);
 3. Reinvestment in an approved airport development project that is eligible for grant funding under 49 USC §§ 47114, 47115, or 47117;
 4. Transfer to an eligible sponsor of another public airport to be reinvested in an approved noise compatibility project at that airport; or
 5. Payment to the Secretary for deposit in the Airport and Airway Trust Fund.
- c. Land shall be considered to be needed for airport purposes under this assurance if (1) it may be needed for aeronautical purposes (including runway protection zones) or serve as noise buffer land, and (2) the revenue from interim uses of such land contributes to the financial self-sufficiency of the airport. Further, land purchased with a grant received by an airport operator or owner before December 31, 1987, will be considered to be needed for airport purposes if the Secretary or federal agency making such grant before December 31, 1987, was notified by the operator or owner of the uses of such land, did not object to such use, and the land continues to be used for that purpose, such use having commenced no later than December 15, 1989.
- d. Disposition of such land under (a), (b), or (c) will be subject to the retention or reservation of any interest or right therein necessary to ensure that such land will only be used for purposes which are compatible with noise levels associated with operation of the airport.

32. Engineering and Design Services.

If any phase of such project has received federal funds under Chapter 471 subchapter 1 of Title 49 USC, it will award each contract, or sub-contract for program management, construction management, planning studies, feasibility studies, architectural services, preliminary engineering, design, engineering, surveying, mapping or related services in the same manner as a contract for architectural and engineering services is negotiated under Chapter 11 of Title 40 U.S.C., or an equivalent qualifications-based requirement prescribed for or by the sponsor of the airport.

33. Foreign Market Restrictions.

It will not allow funds provided under this grant to be used to fund any project which uses any product or service of a foreign country during the period in which such foreign country is listed by the United States Trade Representative as denying fair and equitable market opportunities for products and suppliers of the United States in procurement and construction.

34. Policies, Standards, and Specifications.

It will carry out any project funded under an Airport Improvement Program Grant in accordance with policies, standards, and specifications approved by the Secretary including, but not limited to, current FAA Advisory Circulars (https://www.faa.gov/airports/aip/aip_pfc_checklist) for AIP projects as of July 22, 2026.

35. Relocation and Real Property Acquisition.

- a. It will be guided in acquiring real property, to the greatest extent practicable under state law, by the land acquisition policies in Subpart B of 49 CFR Part 24 and will pay or reimburse property owners for necessary expenses as specified in Subpart B.
- b. It will provide a relocation assistance program offering the services described in Subpart C of 49 CFR Part 24 and fair and reasonable relocation payments and assistance to displaced persons as required in Subpart D and E of 49 CFR Part 24.
- c. It will make available within a reasonable period of time prior to displacement, comparable replacement dwellings to displaced persons in accordance with Subpart E of 49 CFR Part 24.

36. Access By Intercity Buses.

The airport owner or operator will permit, to the maximum extent practicable, intercity buses or other modes of transportation to have access to the airport; however, it has no obligation to fund special facilities for intercity buses or for other modes of transportation.

37. Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE)/Airport Concessions Disadvantage Business Enterprise (ACDBE) Program.

The sponsor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the award and performance of any DOT-assisted contract covered by 49 CFR Part 26, or in the award and performance of any concession activity contract covered by 49 CFR Part 23. In addition, the sponsor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin or sex in the administration of its Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) and Airport Concessions Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (ACDBE) programs or the requirements of 49 CFR Parts 23 and 26. The sponsor shall take all necessary and reasonable steps under 49 CFR Parts 23 and 26 to ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of DOT-assisted contracts, and/or concession contracts. The sponsor's DBE and ACDBE programs, as required by 49 CFR Parts 26 and 23, and as approved by DOT, are incorporated by reference in this agreement. Implementation of these programs is a legal obligation and failure to carry out its terms shall be treated as a violation of this agreement. Upon notification to the sponsor of its failure to carry out its approved program, the Department may impose sanctions as provided for under Part 26 and may, in appropriate cases, refer the matter for enforcement under 18 USC § 1001 and/or the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986 (31 USC §§ 3801-3809, 3812).

38. Hangar Construction.

If the airport owner or operator and a person who owns an aircraft agree that a hangar is to be constructed at the airport for the aircraft at the aircraft owner's expense, the airport owner or operator will grant to the aircraft owner for the hangar a long term lease that is subject to such terms and conditions on the hangar as the airport owner or operator may impose.

39. Competitive Access.

- a. If the airport owner or operator of a medium or large hub airport (as defined in 49 USC § 47102) has been unable to accommodate one or more requests by an air carrier for access to gates or other facilities at that airport in order to allow the air carrier to provide service to the airport or to expand service at the airport, the airport owner or operator shall transmit a report to the Secretary that:
 1. Describes the requests;

2. Provides an explanation as to why the requests could not be accommodated; and
 3. Provides a time frame within which, if any, the airport will be able to accommodate the requests.
- b. Such report shall be due on either February 1 or August 1 of each year if the airport has been unable to accommodate the request(s) in the six month period prior to the applicable due date.

40. Access to Leaded Aviation Gasoline

- a. If 100-octane low lead aviation gasoline (100LL) was made available at an airport, at any time during calendar year 2022, an airport owner or operator may not restrict or prohibit the sale of, or self-fueling with, 100-octane low lead aviation gasoline.
- b. This requirement remains until the earlier of December 31, 2030, or the date on which the airport or any retail fuel seller at the airport makes available an unleaded aviation gasoline that has been authorized for use by the FAA as a replacement for 100-octane low lead aviation gasoline for use in nearly all piston-engine aircraft and engine models; and meets either an industry consensus standard or other standard that facilitates the safe use, production, and distribution of such unleaded aviation gasoline, as determined appropriate by the FAA.
- c. An airport owner or operator understands and agrees, that any violation of this grant assurance is subject to civil penalties as provided for in 49 USC § 46301(a)(8).

ASSURANCES PLANNING AGENCY SPONSORS

A. General.

1. These assurances shall be complied with in the performance of grant agreements for airport development, airport planning, and noise compatibility program grants for airport sponsors.
2. These assurances are required to be submitted as part of the project application by sponsors requesting funds under the provisions of Title 49, USC, subtitle VII, as amended. As used herein, the term "public agency sponsor" means a public agency with control of a public-use airport; the term "private sponsor" means a private owner of a public-use airport; and the term "sponsor" includes both public agency sponsors and private sponsors.
3. Upon acceptance of this Grant Offer by the sponsor, these assurances are incorporated in and become part of this Grant Agreement.

B. Duration and Applicability.

1. Airport Development or Noise Compatibility Program Projects Undertaken by a Public Agency Sponsor.

The terms, conditions and assurances of this Grant Agreement shall remain in full force and effect during the useful life of the facilities developed or equipment acquired for an airport development or noise compatibility program project, or throughout the useful life of the project items installed within a facility under a noise compatibility program project, but in any event not to exceed twenty (20) years from the date of acceptance of a Grant Offer of federal funds for the project. However, there shall be no limit on the duration of the assurances regarding Exclusive Rights and Airport Revenue so long as the airport is used as an airport. There shall be no limit on the duration of the terms, conditions, and assurances with respect to real property acquired with federal funds. Furthermore, the duration of the Civil Rights assurance shall be specified in the assurances.

2. Airport Planning Undertaken by a Sponsor.

Unless otherwise specified in this Grant Agreement, only Assurances 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 13, 18, 23, 25, 30, 32, 33, 34, 37, and 40 in Section C apply to planning projects. The terms, conditions, and assurances of this Grant Agreement shall remain in full force and effect during the life of the project; there shall be no limit on the duration of the assurances regarding Exclusive Rights and Airport Revenue so long as the airport is used as an airport.

C. Sponsor Certification.

The sponsor hereby assures and certifies, with respect to this grant that:

1. General Federal Requirements

The sponsor will comply with all applicable federal laws, regulations, executive orders, policies, guidelines, and requirements as they relate to the application, acceptance and use of federal funds for this grant. Performance under this agreement shall be governed by and in compliance with the following requirements, as applicable, to the type of organization of the sponsor and any applicable sub-recipients. The applicable provisions to this agreement include, but are not limited to, following:

FEDERAL LEGISLATION

- a. 49 USC subtitle VII, as amended.
- b. 49 USC § 40103(e) – No Exclusive Rights at Certain Facilities.
- c. Federal Fair Labor Standards Act – 29 USC § 201, et seq.
- d. Hatch Act – 5 USC § 1501, et seq.¹
- e. Rehabilitation Act of 1973 – 29 USC § 794.
- f. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 USC § 2000d et seq., 78 stat. 252) (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin).
- g. Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, (42 USC § 12101 et seq.) (prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability).
- h. Age Discrimination Act of 1975 – 42 USC § 6101, et seq.
- i. Single Audit Act of 1984 – 31 USC § 7501, et seq.¹
- j. Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 – 41 USC §§ 8101 through 8105.
- k. The Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006, as amended (Pub. L. 109-282, as amended by section 6202 of Public Law 110-252).
- l. Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, P.L. 117-58, Title VIII.
- m. Build America, Buy America Act, P.L. 117-58, Title IX.

EXECUTIVE ORDERS

- a. Executive Order 12372 - Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs
- b. Executive Order 13166 – Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency
- c. Executive Order 14005 – Ensuring the Future is Made in all of America by All of America’s Workers
- d. Executive Order 14151 – Ending Radical and Wasteful Government DEI Programs and Preferencing
- e. Executive Order 14154 – Unleashing American Energy
- f. Executive Order 14173 – Ending Illegal Discrimination and Restoring Merit-Based Opportunity

FEDERAL REGULATIONS

- a. 2 CFR Part 180 – OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement).
- b. 2 CFR Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards. ^{2, 3, 4}
- c. 2 CFR Part 1200 – Nonprocurement Suspension and Debarment.
- d. 14 CFR Part 13 – Investigative and Enforcement Procedures.
- e. 14 CFR Part 16 – Rules of Practice for Federally-Assisted Airport Enforcement Proceedings.

- f. 28 CFR Part 35 – Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability in State and Local Government Services.
- g. 28 CFR § 50.3 – U.S. Department of Justice Guidelines for the Enforcement of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.
- h. 49 CFR Part 20 – New Restrictions on Lobbying.
- i. 49 CFR Part 21 – Nondiscrimination in Federally-Assisted Programs of the Department of Transportation – Effectuation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.
- j. 49 CFR Part 26 – Participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in Department of Transportation Financial Assistance Programs.
- k. 49 CFR Part 28 – Enforcement of Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Handicap in Programs or Activities Conducted by the Department of Transportation.
- l. 49 CFR Part 30 – Denial of Public Works Contracts to Suppliers of Goods and Services of Countries That Deny Procurement Market Access to U.S. Contractors.
- m. 49 CFR Part 32 – Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Financial Assistance)

FOOTNOTES TO ASSURANCE (C)(1)

- ¹ These laws do not apply to private sponsors.
- ² 2 CFR Part 200 contain requirements for state and local governments receiving federal assistance. Any requirement levied upon state and local governments by this regulation shall apply where applicable to private sponsors receiving federal assistance under Title 49, United States Code.
- ³ Cost principles established in 2 CFR Part 200 subpart E must be used as guidelines for determining the eligibility of specific types of expenses.
- ⁴ Audit requirements established in 2 CFR Part 200 subpart F are the guidelines for audits.

SPECIFIC ASSURANCES

Specific assurances required to be included in grant agreements by any of the above laws, regulations or circulars are incorporated by reference in this Grant Agreement.

1. Responsibility and Authority of the Sponsor.

It has legal authority to apply for this grant, and to finance and carry out the proposed project; that a resolution, motion or similar action has been duly adopted or passed as an official act of the applicant's governing body authorizing the filing of the application, including all understandings and assurances contained therein, and directing and authorizing the person identified as the official representative of the applicant to act in connection with the application and to provide such additional information as may be required.

2. Sponsor Fund Availability.

It has sufficient funds available for that portion of the project costs which are not to be paid by the United States.

3. Preserving Rights and Powers

It will not take or permit any action which would operate to deprive it of any of the rights and powers necessary to perform any or all of the terms, conditions, and assurances in this Grant

Agreement without the written approval of the Secretary, and will act promptly to acquire, extinguish or modify any outstanding rights or claims of right of others which would interfere with such performance by the sponsor. This shall be done in a manner acceptable to the Secretary.

4. Consistency with Local Plans.

The project is reasonably consistent with plans (existing at the time of submission of this application) of public agencies that are authorized by the state in which the project is located to plan for the development of the area surrounding the airport.

5. Accounting System, Audit, and Record Keeping Requirements

- a. It shall keep all project accounts and records which fully disclose the amount and disposition by the recipient of the proceeds of this grant, the total cost of the project in connection with which this grant is given or used, and the amount or nature of that portion of the cost of the project supplied by other sources, and such other financial records pertinent to the project. The accounts and records shall be kept in accordance with an accounting system that will facilitate an effective audit in accordance with the Single Audit Act of 1984.
- b. It shall make available to the Secretary and the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their duly authorized representatives, for the purpose of audit and examination, any books, documents, papers, and records of the recipient that are pertinent to this grant. The Secretary may require that an appropriate audit be conducted by a recipient. In any case in which an independent audit is made of the accounts of a sponsor relating to the disposition of the proceeds of a grant or relating to the project in connection with which this grant was given or used, it shall file a certified copy of such audit with the Comptroller General of the United States not later than six (6) months following the close of the fiscal year for which the audit was made.

6. Planning Projects

In carrying out planning projects:

- a. It will execute the project in accordance with the approved program narrative contained in the project application or with modifications similarly approved.
- b. It will furnish the Secretary with such periodic reports as required pertaining to the planning project and planning work activities.
- c. It will include in all published material prepared in connection with the planning project a notice that the material was prepared under a grant provided by the United States.
- d. It will make such material available for examination by the public, and agrees that no material prepared with funds under this project shall be subject to copyright in the United States or any other country.
- e. It will give the Secretary unrestricted authority to publish, disclose, distribute, and otherwise use any of the material prepared in connection with this grant.
- f. It will grant the Secretary the right to disapprove the sponsor's employment of specific consultants and their subcontractors to do all or any part of this project as well as the right to disapprove the proposed scope and cost of professional services.
- g. It will grant the Secretary the right to disapprove the use of the sponsor's employees to do all or any part of the project.

- h. It understands and agrees that the Secretary's approval of this project grant or the Secretary's approval of any planning material developed as part of this grant does not mean constitute or imply any assurance or commitment on the part of the Secretary to approve any pending or future application for a federal airport grant.

7. Reports and Inspections.

- a. It will submit to the Secretary such annual or special financial and operations reports as the Secretary may reasonably request and make such reports available to the public; make available to the public at reasonable times and places a report of the airport budget in a format prescribed by the Secretary;
- b. in a format and time prescribed by the Secretary, provide to the Secretary and make available to the public following each of its fiscal years, an annual report listing in detail:
 - 1. all amounts paid by the airport to any other unit of government and the purposes for which each such payment was made; and
 - 2. all services and property provided by the airport to other units of government and the amount of compensation received for provision of each such service and property.

8. Civil Rights.

It will promptly take any measures necessary to ensure that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, and national origin (including limited English proficiency) in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 USC §§ 2000d to 2000d-4; creed and sex per 49 USC § 47123 and related requirements; age per the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and related requirements; or disability per the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and related requirements, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in any program and activity conducted with, or benefiting from, funds received from this grant.

- a. Using the definitions of activity, facility, and program as found and defined in 49 CFR §§ 21.23(b) and 21.23(e), the sponsor will facilitate all programs, operate all facilities, or conduct all programs in compliance with all non-discrimination requirements imposed by or pursuant to these assurances.
- b. Applicability
 - 1. Programs and Activities. If the sponsor has received a grant (or other federal assistance) for any of the sponsor's program or activities, these requirements extend to all of the sponsor's programs and activities.
 - 2. Facilities. Where it receives a grant or other federal financial assistance to construct, expand, renovate, remodel, alter, or acquire a facility, or part of a facility, the assurance extends to the entire facility and facilities operated in connection therewith.
 - 3. Real Property. Where the sponsor receives a grant or other federal financial assistance in the form of, or for the acquisition of real property or an interest in real property, the assurance will extend to rights to space on, over, or under such property.
- c. Duration.

The sponsor agrees that it is obligated to this assurance for the period during which federal financial assistance is extended to the program, except where the federal financial assistance is to provide, or is in the form of, personal property, or real property, or interest therein, or

structures or improvements thereon, in which case the assurance obligates the sponsor, or any transferee for the longer of the following periods:

1. So long as the airport is used as an airport, or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits; or
2. So long as the sponsor retains ownership or possession of the property.

d. Required Solicitation Language.

It will include the following notification in all solicitations for bids, Requests For Proposals for work, or material under this Grant Agreement and in all proposals for agreements, including airport concessions, regardless of funding source:

“The **(Columbus Consolidated Government)**, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 USC §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders or offerors that it will affirmatively ensure that for any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, all businesses will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and no businesses will be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, national origin (including limited English proficiency), creed, sex, age, or disability in consideration for an award.”

e. Required Contract Provisions.

1. It will insert the non-discrimination contract clauses requiring compliance with the acts and regulations relative to non-discrimination in federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation (DOT), and incorporating the acts and regulations into the contracts by reference in every contract or agreement subject to the non-discrimination in federally-assisted programs of the DOT acts and regulations.
2. It will include a list of the pertinent non-discrimination authorities in every contract that is subject to the non-discrimination acts and regulations.
3. It will insert non-discrimination contract clauses as a covenant running with the land, in any deed from the United States effecting or recording a transfer of real property, structures, use, or improvements thereon or interest therein to a sponsor.
4. It will insert non-discrimination contract clauses prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin (including limited English proficiency), creed, sex, age, or disability as a covenant running with the land, in any future deeds, leases, license, permits, or similar instruments entered into by the sponsor with other parties:
 - a. For the subsequent transfer of real property acquired or improved under the applicable activity, project, or program; and
 - b. For the construction or use of, or access to, space on, over, or under real property acquired or improved under the applicable activity, project, or program.
- f. It will provide for such methods of administration for the program as are found by the Secretary to give reasonable guarantee that it, other recipients, sub-recipients, sub-grantees, contractors, subcontractors, consultants, transferees, successors in interest, and other participants of federal financial assistance under such program will comply with all requirements imposed or pursuant to the acts, the regulations, and this assurance.
- g. It agrees that the United States has a right to seek judicial enforcement with regard to any matter arising under the acts, the regulations, and this assurance.

9. Engineering and Design Services.

If any phase of such project has received federal funds under Chapter 471 subchapter 1 of Title 49 USC, it will award each contract, or sub-contract for program management, construction management, planning studies, feasibility studies, architectural services, preliminary engineering, design, engineering, surveying, mapping or related services in the same manner as a contract for architectural and engineering services is negotiated under Chapter 11 of Title 40 U.S.C., or an equivalent qualifications-based requirement prescribed for or by the sponsor of the airport.

10. Foreign Market Restrictions.

It will not allow funds provided under this grant to be used to fund any project which uses any product or service of a foreign country during the period in which such foreign country is listed by the United States Trade Representative as denying fair and equitable market opportunities for products and suppliers of the United States in procurement and construction.

11. Policies, Standards, and Specifications.

It will carry out any project funded under Airport Improvement Program Grant or an Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Grant in accordance with policies, standards, and specifications approved by the Secretary including, but not limited to, current FAA Advisory Circulars ([AC Checklist for AIP, IJA and PFC Projects | Federal Aviation Administration](#)) for AIP or IJA projects.

12. Disadvantaged Business Enterprises.

The sponsor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the award and performance of any DOT-assisted contract covered by 49 CFR Part 26, or in the award and performance of any concession activity contract covered by 49 CFR Part 23. In addition, the sponsor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin or sex in the administration of its Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) and Airport Concessions Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (ACDBE) programs or the requirements of 49 CFR Parts 23 and 26. The sponsor shall take all necessary and reasonable steps under 49 CFR Parts 23 and 26 to ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of DOT-assisted contracts, and/or concession contracts. The sponsor's DBE and ACDBE programs, as required by 49 CFR Parts 26 and 23, and as approved by DOT, are incorporated by reference in this agreement. Implementation of these programs is a legal obligation and failure to carry out its terms shall be treated as a violation of this agreement. Upon notification to the sponsor of its failure to carry out its approved program, the Department may impose sanctions as provided for under Part 26 and may, in appropriate cases, refer the matter for enforcement under 18 USC § 1001 and/or the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986 (31 USC §§ 3801-3809, 3812).

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File Attachments for Item:

12. A Resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia approving the Third Amended and Restated Articles of organization for Valley Partnership - Joint Development Authority (Councilor Garrett)

A RESOLUTION
NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GA
APPROVING THE THIRD AMENDED AND RESTATED ARTICLES
OF ORGANIZATION FOR
VALLEY PARTNERSHIP - JOINT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, Columbus Consolidated Government participated in the creation of, and continues to participate in, the Joint Development Authority of Harris, Marion, Muscogee, Talbot and Taylor Counties (the “Original Authority”); and

WHEREAS, the Council of Columbus, GA has determined that it is in the best interest of Columbus, GA to continue such involvement in the Authority in order to promote trade, commerce, industry and increased employment opportunities for the public good and general welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Council of Columbus, GA having previously determined that the interests of Columbus, GA in the Authority would be furthered by the inclusion of Chattahoochee County in the Original Authority and having changed the name of the Authority to “Valley Partnership - Joint Development Authority” (the “Authority”); and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of O.C.G.A. 36-62-5.1 a Joint Development Authority may be amended by the appropriate concurrent resolutions of the participating governing bodies; and

WHEREAS, the First Amended and Restated Articles of Organization, pursuant to which the Authority is operated, were previously amended by the Second Amended and Restated Articles of Organization to recognize the addition of Chattahoochee County as a participant in the Authority; and

WHEREAS, the following governmental organizations desire to participate in the Authority, to wit:

- (i) Columbus Consolidated Government
- (ii) West Point, Georgia
- (iii) Russell County, Alabama
- (iv) Harris County, Georgia
- (v) Talbot County, Georgia
- (vi) Chattahoochee County, Georgia
- (vii) Marion County, Georgia
- (viii) Taylor County, Georgia

WHEREAS, the Council of Columbus Georgia has determined that the structure of the Board of Directors shall be revised to provide that two members of the board shall be chosen by each of the participating governmental organizations;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, that the Columbus Consolidated Government shall furnish to the Secretary of State a certified copy of this Resolution in compliance with the provisions of the Georgia Development Authorities Law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor of Columbus, GA is authorized to execute the Third Amended and Restated Articles of Organization on behalf of the Consolidated Government and such execution shall be deemed to be approval by Council and binding upon the Consolidated Government.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any prior resolutions adopted by the Council with respect to the Authority shall deem to be terminated and of no further force and effect upon the adoption of this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its adoption by the Council of Columbus, GA and the concurrent adoption of similar resolutions by the governing authority of the other participating counties, and from and after _____, 2026 (the "Effective Date") the Authority shall be deemed activated and created.

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

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

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

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

THIRD AMENDED AND RESTATED
ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION FOR
VALLEY PARTNERSHIP - JOINT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Pursuant to the provisions of the Development Authorities Law (Ga. L. 1963, p. 531, § 1; as amended by Ga. L. 1969, p. 137, § 1, codified at O.C.G.A. § 36-62-1 through §36-62-13). The Joint Development Authority of Harris, Marion, Muscogee, Talbot and Taylor Counties was created as of July 15, 1997, with Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Georgia on October 22, 1997, and by concurrent resolutions approved by the Board of Commissioners for Harris County, Georgia, the Board of Commissioners for Marion County, Georgia, the Council of Columbus, Georgia, the Board of Commissioners for Talbot County, Georgia, and the Board of Commissioners for Taylor County, Georgia. the Articles of Organization were later amended with the consent of all participants to add Chattahoochee County, Georgia, to the Joint Development Authority and renaming the Authority the Valley Partnership Joint Development Authority. As of _____, 2026, the City Council for West Point Georgia, , the Board of Commissioners of Russell County, Alabama, , the Board of Commissioners for Harris County, Georgia, the Board of Commissioners for Marion County, Georgia, the Council of Columbus, Georgia, the Board of Commissioners for Talbot County, Georgia, the Board of Commissioners for Taylor County, Georgia, all of which are hereinafter sometimes collectively referred to as the “Governing Bodies” or the “Counties” and sometimes individually referred to as a “Governing Body” or a “County”), have all approved the resolutions attached hereto as Exhibits “A”, “B”, “C”, “D”, “E”, “F”, “G”, “H”, “I”, and “J” respectively (the “Concurrent Resolutions”). The Joint Development Authority as amended and restated, effective as of _____, 2026, shall continue to be known as the Valley Partnership - Joint Development Authority (the “Authority”) which shall be deemed an instrumentality of Chattahoochee County, Harris County, Marion County, Columbus, Muscogee County, Talbot County Taylor County, West Point, Georgia, and Russell County, Alabama, with the powers and limitations provided for herein and under O.C.G.A. § 36-62-5.1, authorizing the creation of joint development authorities by two or more counties.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it enacted, by the authorized resolutions concurrently approved by the Governing Bodies, the Authority is hereby created and organized as follows:

1. Public Purpose. The Authority is created for the public purpose of promoting and expanding industry and trade in Chattahoochee County, Harris County, Marion County, Columbus, Muscogee County, Talbot County, Taylor County, West Point,

Georgia, Russell County, Alabama, (each a “Governing Body” and collectively “Governing Bodies”) and to attract new industry to provide increased employment for the citizens living within the jurisdiction of the Authority and to expand the ad valorem property tax base for the participating entities.

2. Board of Directors. The Authority shall be controlled by a Board of Directors (the “Board”) consisting of twenty (20) members, as follows:

- (a) Two (2) members of the Board shall be appointed by the Board of Commissioners for Chattahoochee County;
- (b) Two (2) members of the Board shall be appointed by the Board of Commissioners for Harris County;
- (c) Two (2) members of the Board shall be appointed by the Board of Commissioners for Marion County;
- (d) Two (2) members of the Board shall be appointed by the Council of Columbus, Georgia;
- (e) Two (2) members of the Board shall be appointed by the Board of Commissioners of Talbot County; and
- (f) Two (2) members of the Board shall be appointed by the Board of Commissioners of Taylor County.
- (g) Two (2) members of the Board shall be appointed by the Board of Commissioners of Russell County, Alabama:
- (h) Two (2) members of the Board shall be appointed by the Council of West Point, Georgia;

One (1) of the members appointed by each of the Governing Bodies shall serve an initial two (2) year term. The remaining member appointed by each of said Governing Bodies shall serve an initial four (4) year term and all subsequent members appointed to the Board by said Governing Bodies shall serve four (4) year terms. No more than one (1) member of the Board selected by each Governing Body may be a member of the Governing Body appointing the member.

Each member appointed to the Board shall be a taxpayer residing within the county or city making the appointment to the Board. The members of the Board shall receive no compensation for their services, but shall be entitled to reimbursement for actual expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as members of the Board. The initial members

appointed by each respective Governing Body to the Board shall be named in the activating Concurrent Resolutions approved by each of the Governing Bodies. Each member of the Board shall serve his or her stated term noted in the Concurrent Resolutions and continue to serve as a member of the Board until his or her successor is qualified and chosen. In the event of the death or resignation of a member of the Board, his or her successor shall be duly appointed by the respective Governing Body where the former member was a resident.

3. Officers. At the initial meeting of the Board, there shall be elected by majority vote, a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and may elect one or more Assistant Secretaries, and/or one or more Assistant Treasurers (neither assistant secretaries nor assistant treasurers need to be members of the Board) for the Authority, all of whom shall serve two (2) year terms. The Chairman or a Vice-Chairman shall sign, on behalf of the Authority, all official documents which shall be attested to by either the Secretary, an Assistant Secretary or the Treasurer or an Assistant Treasurer.

4. Term. The Authority shall be deemed formally created and authorized to do business on _____ and the filing with the Secretary of State of these Third Amended and Restated Articles of Organization with the Concurrent Resolutions from the Governing Bodies. The Authority shall have perpetual existence, but may be dissolved at any time by the vote of all of the Governing Bodies which created the Authority. The vote to withdraw from the Authority by one or more of the Governing Bodies will not cause the dissolution of the Authority as to the Counties remaining.

5. Meetings of the Board. (a) The Board shall establish a regularly scheduled meeting date, which shall not be less frequently than quarterly. All meetings of the Board shall be subject to the Open and Public Meetings Law (O.C.G.A. §50-14-1, et. seq.) and, subject to said law, may be called at any time by the Chairman, or by two or more members of the Board. The members of the Board may participate in a meeting by means of conference telephone or similar communications equipment in which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other, and participation in any such meeting shall constitute presence in person at such meeting.

(b) Quorum. A majority of the members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting. Unless otherwise required by law, the act of a majority of the Board present and voting at any properly convened meeting at which there is a quorum shall be deemed the act of the Authority.

6. Operational Business Plan. Within six (6) months of the creation of the Authority, the Board shall develop an operational business plan, and furnish a copy thereof to each of the Governing Bodies. Thereafter, the operational business plan shall be revised from time to time as reasonably determined by the Board. Copies of any such revisions to the operational business plan shall be sent to each of the Governing Bodies.

7. Taxation. The Authority shall not be required to pay any state or local taxes or other assessments imposed by the State, or any County, municipal corporation or other political subdivision or taxing district, nor shall there be any ad valorem property taxes assessed against any property acquired and owned by the Authority or under its jurisdiction, control, possession, supervision or leased to a private entity, as provided by O.C.G.A. §36-62-3. The foregoing exemption from taxes shall not include an exemption from sales and use taxes on property purchased by or used by the Authority.

8. Powers of the Authority. The Authority shall have all the powers provided for under O.C.G.A. §36-62-6, including, but not limited to the power:

- (a) To bring and defend actions;
- (b) To adopt and amend a corporate seal;
- (c) To make and execute contracts and other instruments necessary to exercise the powers of the Authority, any of which contracts may be made with either of the counties in which the Authority is located or with any one or more municipal corporations in such counties;
- (d) To receive and administer gifts, grants and devises of any property and to administer trusts;
- (e) To acquire, by purchase, gift, or construction, any real or personal property desired to be acquired as part of any project or for the purpose of improving, extending, adding to, reconstructing, renovating, or remodeling any project or part thereof already acquired or for the purpose of demolition to make room for such project or any part thereof;
- (f) To sell, lease, exchange, transfer, assign, pledge, mortgage, dispose of, or grant options for any real or personal property or interest therein for any such purposes;
- (g) To dispose of any real property for fair market value, regardless of prior development of such property as a project, whenever the Board may deem such disposition to be in the best interests of the Authority if the Board prior to such disposition shall determine that such real property no longer can be used advantageously as a project for the development of trade, commerce, industry, and employment opportunities;
- (h) To mortgage, convey, pledge, or assign any properties, revenues, income, tolls, charges, or fees owned or received by the Authority;

- (i) To appoint officers and retain agents, engineers, attorneys, fiscal agents, accountants, and employees and to provide for their compensation and duties;
- (j) To extend credit or make loans to any person, firm, corporation, or other industrial entity for the planning, design, construction, acquisition, or carrying out of any project, which credit or loans shall be secured by loan agreements, mortgages, security agreements, contracts, and all other instruments, fees, or charges, upon such terms and conditions as the Authority shall determine reasonable in connection with such loans, including provision for the establishment and maintenance of reserves and insurance funds; and, in the exercise of powers granted by O.C.G.A. § 36-62-6 in connection with a project for such person, firm, corporation, or other industrial entity, to require the inclusion in any contract, loan agreement, security agreement, or other instrument, of such provisions for guaranty, insurance, construction, use, operation, maintenance, and financing of a project as the Authority may deem necessary or desirable;
- (k) To acquire, accept, or retain equitable interests, security interests, or, other interest in any property, real or personal, by mortgage, assignment, security agreement, pledge, conveyance, contract, lien, loan agreement, or other consensual transfer, in order to secure the repayment of any moneys loaned or credit extended by the Authority;
- (l) To construct, acquire, own, repair, remodel, maintain, extend, improve, and equip projects located on land owned or leased by the Authority or land owned or leased by others and to pay all or part of the cost of any such project from the proceeds of revenue bonds of the Authority or from any contribution or loans by persons, firms, or corporations or any other contribution, all of which the Authority is authorized to receive, accept, and use;
- (m) To borrow money and issue its revenue bonds and bond anticipation notes from time to time and to use the proceeds thereof for the purpose of paying all or part of the cost of any project, including the cost of extending, adding to, or improving the project, or for the purpose of refunding any such bonds of the Authority theretofore issued and to otherwise carry out the purposes for which the Authority was created and to pay all other costs of the Authority incident to or necessary and appropriate to such purposes, including the providing of funds to be paid into any fund or funds to secure such bonds and notes, provided that all such bonds and notes shall be issued in accordance with the procedures and subject to the limitations set forth in O.C.G.A. § 36-62,-8;

- (n) To provide security for repayment of Authority obligations, to pledge, mortgage, convey, assign, hypothecate, or otherwise encumber any property, real or personal, of the Authority and to execute any trust agreement, indenture, or security agreement containing any provisions not in conflict with law, which trust agreement, indenture, or security agreement may provide for foreclosure or forced sale of any property of the Authority upon default, on such obligations, either in payment of principal or interest or in the performance of any term or condition, as are contained in such agreement or indenture;
- (o) To expend for the promotion of industry, agriculture, and trade within its area of operation any funds of the Authority determined by the Board to be in excess of those needed for the other corporate purposes of the Authority; and
- (p) To do all things necessary or convenient to carry out the powers expressly conferred herein and by Chapter 36-62 of the O.C.G.A.

9. Limitations of the Authority and Prohibited Transactions. The Authority shall be prohibited from operating a project, except for an industrial park, as provided under O.C.G.A. § 36-62-7, and all members of the Board shall be prohibited from transacting business for pecuniary gain with the Authority, as provided by O.C.G.A. § 36-62-5(e) with such exceptions as provided therein.

10. Job Tax Credits. The members of the Board shall strive to take advantage of the enhanced job tax credits available within the jurisdiction of the Authority pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 48-7-40, including the filing of any and all such documents and papers as may be required to receive the enhanced job tax credits.

11. Regional Facilities. The development of any “regional facilities” for use by the Authority, such as industrial parks, will be undertaken pursuant to such intergovernmental agreements as may be entered into among the Governing Bodies in accordance with the Georgia Constitution Article 9, Section 4, Paragraph IV and applicable law. Any such agreements shall be on such terms as the Governing Bodies shall agree.

12. Debt. The Authority shall not be authorized to create in any manner any debt, liability or obligation against the State of Georgia, Chattahoochee County, Harris County, Marion County, Columbus, Muscogee County, Talbot County, Taylor County, Russell County, Alabama, West Point Georgia, or any municipal corporation located therein.

13. Bonds. The Authority shall be entitled to issue bonds, bond anticipation notes, trust indentures, deeds to secure obligations, security agreements, and mortgages

as provided under the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 36-62-8, subject to the limitations of O.C.G.A. § 36-62-9.

14. Prohibited Land Purchases. The Authority shall not purchase or accept title to any real property located within a county or municipality which is a party to these Articles of Organization without the written consent to such acquisition by the Governing Body of such county.

15. Amendment. These Articles of Organization may be amended only by the approval of all of the Governing Bodies.

16. Severability. In the event any provision of these Articles of Organization is determined to be unconstitutional or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, all other provisions contained herein shall remain in full force and effect.

[Signatures Follow]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the foregoing Articles of Organization, are hereby adopted effective the ____ day of _____, 2026.

CHATTAHOOCHEE COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS

By: _____
Chairman

(Signatures continue on following page)

HARRIS COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS

By _____
Chairman

(Signatures continue on following page)

MARION COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS

By _____
Chairman

(Signatures continue on following page)

COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

By: _____
Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk of Council

Approved as to form.

City Attorney

(Signatures continue on following page)

TALBOT COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS

By _____
Chairman

(Signatures continue on following page)

RUSSELL COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS

By _____

Chairman

(Signatures continue on following page)

TAYLOR COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS

By _____

Chairman

(Signatures continue on following page)

CITY OF WEST POINT, GEORGIA

By _____
Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

1. Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Columbus, the Juvenile Court of Muscogee County, and the Georgia Office of the Child Advocate

Approval is requested to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the Columbus Consolidated Government (“CCG”), the Juvenile Court of Muscogee County, and the Georgia Office of the Child Advocate (“OCA”) for participation in its Quality Legal Representation IV-E Program to allow the City to receive reimbursement for a percentage of fees paid by the Juvenile Court to attorneys for parents and children in dependency cases.

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Columbus, the Juvenile Court of Muscogee County, and the Georgia Office of the Child Advocate
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the Columbus Consolidated Government (“CCG”), the Juvenile Court of Muscogee County, and the Georgia Office of the Child Advocate (“OCA”) for participation in its Quality Legal Representation IV-E Program to allow the City to receive reimbursement for a percentage of fees paid by the Juvenile Court to attorneys for parents and children in dependency cases.
INITIATED BY:	Juvenile Court of Muscogee County

Recommendation: Approval is requested to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the Columbus Consolidated Government (“CCG”), the Juvenile Court of Muscogee County, and the Georgia Office of the Child Advocate (“OCA”) for participation in its Quality Legal Representation IV-E Program to allow the City to receive reimbursement for a percentage of fees paid by the Juvenile Court to attorneys for parents and children in dependency cases.

Background: Georgia requires juvenile courts to appoint and pay for attorneys for indigent parents and children in certain proceedings. Title IV-E of the Social Security Act permits federal reimbursement of certain costs associated with independent legal representation of eligible children and parents in child welfare proceedings. The Georgia Office of the Child Advocate (“OCA”) administers the Quality Legal Representation IV-E Program (“Program”) through which participating local governments may obtain partial reimbursement of qualifying expenditures for legal representation.

Under the proposed MOU, OCA will administer the Title IV-E reimbursement process and remit to the City of Columbus 80% of the Title IV-E funds reimbursed based upon qualifying expenditures by the County, with OCA retaining 20% for costs associated with administration of the Program. The amount of reimbursement varies based in part upon the applicable federal Title IV-E penetration rate.

For the most recently completed fiscal year, the Juvenile Court spent \$376,648.81 for attorneys representing indigent parents and children. Using the most recently published penetration rate of 32.94%, participation in the Program would have resulted in approximately \$124,068.12 in Title

IV-E reimbursement attributable to those expenditures, of which approximately \$99,254.49 would have been remitted to the City of Columbus after OCA's 20% administrative retention.

The proposed MOU is for two years and has a retroactive start date of July 1, 2026.

Analysis: A resolution is needed to allow the City Manager to execute the Memorandum of Understanding.

Financial Considerations: There is no direct financial contribution required from the City to participate in the Program. OCA will retain 20% of Title IV-E funds reimbursed from the City's qualifying expenditures to cover OCA's costs of administering the Program, with the remaining 80% remitted to the City.

Legal Considerations: Any agreement involving the City of Columbus requires Council approval.

Recommendations/Actions: Approval is requested to allow the City Manager to execute Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Columbus, the Juvenile Court of Muscogee County, and the Georgia Office of the Child Advocate for participation in the Quality Legal Representation IV-E Program to allow the City to receive reimbursement for a percentage of fees paid by the Juvenile Court to attorneys for parents and children in dependency cases.

Execution of the MOU is required for the City of Columbus to participate in OCA's Quality Legal Representation IV-E Program and receive its share of Title IV-E reimbursements obtained through the Program.

A RESOLUTION**NO.****A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, THE JUVENILE COURT OF MUSCOGEE COUNTY, AND THE GEORGIA OFFICE OF THE CHILD ADVOCATE FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE QUALITY LEGAL REPRESENTATION IV-E PROGRAM.**

WHEREAS, the State of Georgia provides a statutory right to counsel for parents and children in certain child welfare proceedings pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 15-11-103, and counties and juvenile courts are responsible for implementing and paying for this right to counsel; and

WHEREAS, Title IV-E of the Social Security Act permits federal reimbursement of certain costs associated with independent legal representation of eligible children and parents in child welfare proceedings; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia Office of the Child Advocate administers the Quality Legal Representation IV-E Program to assist participating jurisdictions in enhancing the quality of legal representation in dependency proceedings and obtaining available Title IV-E reimbursement for qualifying legal-representation expenditures; and

WHEREAS, participation in the Program will permit the City of Columbus to receive a portion of Title IV-E funds reimbursed based upon qualifying expenditures for legal representation provided to children and parents in dependency and related child welfare proceedings; and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus, the Juvenile Court of Muscogee County, and the Georgia Office of the Child Advocate desire to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding establishing their respective responsibilities for participation in the Program;

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

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Columbus, the Juvenile Court of Muscogee County, and the Georgia Office of the Child Advocate for participation in the Quality Legal Representation IV-E Program.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 8th day of September 2026, adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

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

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. “Skip” Henderson III, Mayor



AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GEORGIA OFFICE OF THE CHILD ADVOCATE, CITY OF COLUMBUS, AND THE JUVENILE COURT OF CHATTAHOOCHEE JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

THIS AGREEMENT is effective and shall terminate on the dates set forth in Section 2 of this AGREEMENT. This AGREEMENT is made and entered into by and between the Georgia Office of the Child Advocate ("OCA"), City of Columbus ("the City"), and the Juvenile Court of Muscogee County, Georgia ("the Court"). This AGREEMENT will set forth the parameters of the City and Court's participation in OCA's Quality Legal Representation IV-E Program ("the Program").

WHEREAS OCA is a state agency that provides independent oversight of persons, organizations, and agencies responsible for providing services to children who are involved with Georgia's child welfare system; and

WHEREAS OCA was created for the purpose of providing the children of this state with an avenue through which to seek relief when their rights are violated or in need of protection O.C.G.A § 15-11-740, *et seq*, and

WHEREAS the State of Georgia provides a statutory right to counsel for both parents and children in child welfare cases pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 15-11-103, and counties and juvenile courts are responsible for implementing this right to counsel in every child welfare case; and

WHEREAS OCA recognizes that dependency attorneys are best situated to protect the rights of children and families in individual child welfare cases and for that reason has established the Program to assure, enhance, and improve the quality of legal representation being provided to children and families in Georgia dependency cases; and

WHEREAS OCA is empowered to establish policies and procedures necessary to accomplish its purpose (O.C.G.A. § 15-11-743(5)), has the authority to contract as needed to support the work of the advocate (O.C.G.A § 15-11-742(e)), and has the right to access all records related to a child involved with Georgia's child welfare system pursuant to where the child has been placed for care or received treatment (O.C.G.A § 15-11-744(a)(2)); and

WHEREAS the City and Court currently provide attorney representation for children and parents appearing in the Court, and OCA has budgeted funding to conduct the Program in the City to enhance the quality of legal representation and to seek partial reimbursement under Title IV-E of the Social Security Act for costs of legal representation in dependency, termination of parental rights cases, and related cases (e.g., permanent guardianship, legitimation, etc.) as permitted under Title IV-E; and

WHEREAS the City and the Court recognize that permanency is an essential goal of the child welfare system and acknowledge the critical role effective legal representation plays, as shown by ample research, to expedite permanency and achieve positive outcomes for children and youth involved with the child welfare system. As such, the City and Court seek to implement strategies to achieve consistent, high quality legal representation in dependency cases in order to better serve the Muscogee County community; and

WHEREAS OCA, through the Program, assists counties in implementing quality enhancement strategies for dependency legal representation in exchange for operating the administrative and technical aspects of seeking partial reimbursement under Title IV-E of the Social Security Act for expenditures related to legal representation of children and parents in dependency cases.

NOW, THEREFORE, IN CONSIDERATION of their mutual promises and set forth in this intergovernmental AGREEMENT, pursuant to the intergovernmental contract clause of the Georgia Constitution of 1983, Article IX, Section III, Paragraph I, THE PARTIES HEREBY AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. Purpose of the AGREEMENT.** This AGREEMENT memorializes the understanding between OCA, the City, and the Court of the intention to secure Title IV-E reimbursement funding to support or offset the costs of implementation of customized strategies to better support dependency attorneys and to assure and enhance the quality of legal representation provided to children and parents in dependency cases and related proceedings.
- 2. Period of AGREEMENT.** This AGREEMENT shall be effective as of July 1, 2026, and shall continue in force and effect until June 30, 2028. This AGREEMENT may be extended by mutual agreement of the parties in writing, in accordance with their respective policies, and for a total length of time which shall not exceed the limitation provided in the intergovernmental contract clause of the Georgia Constitution.
- 3. Responsibilities and Acknowledgements.**

A. Shared Responsibilities: To create and implement strategies to improve legal representation of children and parents, the City, the Court, and OCA shall:

- i. Assess strengths and needs and identify specific strategies to support Muscogee County dependency attorneys and to enhance the quality of legal representation provided to children and parents in dependency and related cases. These strategies will be documented in the QLR Site Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) and will provide the framework for the City's quarterly reports. The QEP shall not affect the authority of the Court to appoint or remove a participating attorney from a particular case or cases or supplant procedures related to violations of the Georgia Bar Rules;
- ii. Implement a process for case assignment/docketing based on a one judge, one team approach where feasible;
- iii. Ensure the system of dependency attorney employment, payment, and oversight is independent of the Court or other parties to the litigation and does not otherwise create conflicts of interest;
- iv. Assess current attorney caseloads and establish targets, if needed, for reasonable caseloads within the City to be achieved by an agreed upon time frame, taking into account funding and resources needed to reduce caseloads;
- v. Incorporate minimum practice guidelines created or approved by OCA into attorney contracts, policies, and/or administrative orders and develop a local system to monitor and encourage compliance with the guidelines; and
- vi. Facilitate regular opportunities for local stakeholder feedback and partnership designed to improve representation and sustain positive impacts of the Program.

B. The City shall:

- i. Provide legal representation for children and parents in all dependency, TPR, and related child welfare cases in juvenile court as required by law;
- ii. Assist as needed with data collection to evaluate any aspect of the Program;
- iii. Require contract attorneys to submit invoices separating dependency expenses from other representation expenses to ensure that only allowable expenses are submitted for reimbursement;
- iv. Collect and provide OCA with data on the City's expenditures for representation, as requested by OCA, and certify the accuracy of expenses for purposes of obtaining reimbursement;
- v. Track the City's use of IV-E reimbursement funds and certify and ensure at all times that IV-E reimbursement funds are kept separate and are not commingled with funding sources for legal representation expenditures submitted in future IV-E claims; and
- vi. Reimburse OCA for any IV-E funds received that are subsequently disallowed by the responsible authorities at the State or Federal level.

C. The Court shall:

- i. Allow OCA and its contractors full access to court proceedings and files (whether in paper or electronic form) to allow for evaluation of attorneys and of the Program;
- ii. Work with OCA to allow for scheduling of initial and ongoing training of attorneys in the Program as set forth in the City QEP;
- iii. Ensure that all dependency Court Orders are timely executed and filed; and
- iv. Execute any standing orders or internal protocols necessary to effectively implement elements of the Program during the period of this AGREEMENT.

D. OCA shall:

- i. Provide the City with 80% of the Title IV-E funds reimbursed from the City's expenditures on dependency representation;
- ii. Provide training and expertise on the Title IV-E reimbursement process to employees designated by the City and to dependency attorneys;
- iii. Provide legal training to attorneys as agreed with the City and Court;
- iv. Provide practice resources, training, and ongoing technical assistance to dependency attorneys employed by the City and participating in the Program as such resources are developed and become available through OCA;
- v. Provide technical assistance to the City to develop its QEP and to otherwise assure and enhance the quality of representation provided in the Program;
- vi. Determine and implement methods to measure outcomes of the Program; and
- vii. Retain 20% of the Title IV-E funds reimbursed for costs of management of the Program.

- 4. Notice and Liaisons.** The parties will coordinate and conduct communications through their respective Liaisons identified below. Any communication in writing, or any oral communication confirmed in writing, from the respective Liaisons will be deemed communications and notices from the party. Either party may designate a new Liaison, indefinitely, for a stated time period, or for certain designated matters.

For OCA:	For the City:
Jerry Bruce	Tyson Begly, City Manager

Director of the Office of the Child Advocate	Columbus Consolidated Government
2 Capitol Square SW	1111 First Avenue, 4 th Floor
Atlanta, GA 30334	Columbus, GA 31901
jbruce@oca.ga.gov	Begly.tyson@columbusga.org
404-656-4200	706-225-4184
For the Court:	
Amy Walters, Presiding Judge	
Juvenile Courts of the Chattahoochee Circuit	
John D. Allen Judicial Center, 7 th Floor	
100 Tenth Street, Columbus, GA 31901	
Walters.amy@columbusga.org	
706-225-4290	

5. **Termination.** This AGREEMENT may be terminated by either party upon thirty (30) days written notice. Written notice shall be given to the Liaisons listed in Section 4 above.
6. **Amendment.** This AGREEMENT may be amended by mutual agreement of the parties by a writing of equal dignity.
7. **Cooperation.** The parties agree to cooperate with each other in the performance of the services under this AGREEMENT including each party providing the other party with timely access to information and resources to meet the objectives of this AGREEMENT. Further, the parties acknowledge that unforeseen issues may arise during the period of this AGREEMENT. The parties agree to work cooperatively to resolve such issues.
8. **Liability.** Each party shall act at its own risk and responsibility. Nothing contained in this AGREEMENT shall make, or shall be construed to make the OCA, the City, or the Court liable to a third party for the debts or obligations of the other.
9. **Confidentiality.** The parties acknowledge that in order to perform their obligations as called for in this AGREEMENT, it may be necessary to disclose to each other certain information considered to be personal, private, or confidential ("Confidential Information"). This information includes but is not limited to confidential child abuse information protected by O.C.G.A. §§ 49-5-40 and 49-5-41, protected health information, and education records. The parties acknowledge that OCA is excepted from these confidentiality statutes insofar as set forth in Title 49 and in O.C.G.A. § 15-11-740 *et al.* Each party agrees that it will hold in confidence, and not disclose to any third party, all information regarding a child or family that it obtains in connection with the Program that is confidential or has been designated confidential by state or federal law.

This obligation of the parties shall not apply, and the receiving party shall have no further obligations, with respect to any Confidential Information to the extent receiving party can demonstrate that such Confidential Information (i) is or becomes (through no improper action or inaction of the receiving party or any of its affiliates, agents, consultants or employees) generally available to the public; (ii) can be demonstrated by the receiving party to have been in its possession or known by it prior to the receipt under this AGREEMENT; (iii) is rightfully disclosed to the receiving party by a third party without restriction; (iv) is disclosed by the receiving party with the written approval of the disclosing party; (v) is developed independently by the receiving party without use of, reference to, or reliance upon the Confidential Information; or (vi) is obligated to be disclosed by order of a court of competent jurisdiction or

the terms of the Georgia Open Records Act applying all applicable exemptions.

This Confidential Information includes, but is not limited to, all documents, computer programs and documentation, reports, financial and other data, records, forms, tools, products, services, methodologies, present and future research, technical knowledge, marketing plans, trade secrets, and other materials obtained by the City, the Court, and OCA from each other in the course of performing under this AGREEMENT, whether tangible or intangible and whether or not stored, compiled, or memorialized physically, electronically, graphically, in writing, or by means now known or later developed. Confidential Information includes without limitation records and information (i) that have been marked as proprietary or confidential; (ii) whose confidential nature have been made known by OCA, the Court or the City or (iii) that due to its character and nature, a reasonable person under like circumstances would treat as confidential.

10. Compliance with Laws. The parties shall perform their obligations hereunder in accordance with all federal, state, and local governmental laws, ordinances, codes, rules, regulations, and licensings now or hereafter in effect, including but not limited to all applicable nondiscrimination and state ethics laws. All such laws and regulations are hereby made part of this AGREEMENT.

11. Time of the Essence; Force Majeure. Time is of the essence of this AGREEMENT. However, no party shall be liable to another party for any delay or failure of performance of service outside the reasonable control of the affected party or parties, including but not limited to technology failures, fires or other casualties or accidents, acts of God, severe weather conditions, strikes or labor disputes, or war or other the like.

12. Execution Electronically or by Facsimile. This AGREEMENT may be executed in multiple counterparts, electronically and/or by facsimile, each of which counterpart shall be deemed an original, but all of which shall constitute one and the same AGREEMENT so long as the AGREEMENT is signed by all parties involved. It is sufficient for one party to sign the AGREEMENT and then transmit the AGREEMENT, either electronically or by facsimile, to the other party to sign and complete.

13. Waiver. The failure of any party to exercise or enforce any right conferred upon it hereunder shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any such right nor operate to bar the exercise or performance thereof at any time or times thereafter; nor shall a waiver by a party of any right hereunder at any given time be deemed a waiver thereof for any other time.

14. Entire Agreement. This AGREEMENT contains the entire between the parties with regard to its subject matter and supersedes all other prior and contemporaneous statements and understandings between the parties regarding its subject matter.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this AGREEMENT to be executed as of the date indicated below their signatures:

THE GEORGIA OFFICE OF THE CHILD ADVOCATE

Jerry Bruce
Director of Office of Child Advocate

Date

CITY OF COLUMBUS

Tyson Begly
City Manager

Date

JUVENILE COURTS OF CHATTAHOOCHEE JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Hon. Amy C. Walters
Presiding Judge

Date

File Attachments for Item:

2. 2026 Georgia Trauma Commission EMT Grant

Approval is requested to accept a grant in the amount of \$12,000.00 or as otherwise awarded, from the Georgia Trauma Commission, with an amendment made to the Multi-Government Fund by the like amount, with no matching funds required. The state is providing for new Rescue equipment and training.

**Columbus Consolidated Government Council
Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	2026 Georgia Trauma Commission EMT Grant
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to accept a grant in the amount of \$12,000.00 or as otherwise awarded, from the Georgia Trauma Commission, with an amendment made to the Multi-Government Fund by the like amount, with no matching funds required. The state is providing for new Rescue equipment and training.
INITIATED BY:	Fire/EMS

Recommendation: Approval is requested to accept a grant in the amount of \$12,000.00 or as otherwise awarded, from the Georgia Trauma Commission, with an amendment made to the Multi-Government Fund by the like amount, with no matching funds required. The state is providing for new Rescue equipment and training.

Background: Funds have been allocated through the 2026 Georgia Trauma Commission EMT Grant Program to support the replacement of equipment and enhancement of training associated with our in-house EMT program. This program plays a critical role in maintaining the readiness and capability of our EMS personnel to effectively respond to medical emergencies throughout Columbus and the surrounding region. Our EMT program provides essential emergency medical services, including patient assessment, stabilization, and life-saving interventions. Maintaining up-to-date equipment and ensuring proper training are crucial to sustaining operational readiness and providing high-quality care to residents in need.

Analysis: The state is providing funds to replace essential equipment and strengthen training efforts within our EMT program, supporting overall EMS operational effectiveness.

Financial Considerations: The grant **provides \$12,000.00 with no matching funds required.**

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

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to accept a grant in the amount of \$12,000.00 or as otherwise awarded, from the Georgia Trauma Commission, with an amendment made to the Multi-Government Fund by the like amount, with no matching funds required. The state is providing for new Rescue equipment and training.

A RESOLUTION
NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ACCEPT A GRANT FOR EQUIPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,000.00, OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED, FROM THE GEORGIA TRAUMA COMMISSION EMT GRANT PROGRAM. THESE FUNDS WILL BE UTILIZED TO REPLACE EQUIPMENT AND SUPPORT OUR EMS PROGRAMS, WHICH PROVIDE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TO THE CITIZENS OF COLUMBUS AND SURROUNDING COUNTIES.

WHEREAS, the Columbus Fire and Emergency Medical Services has been approved by the Georgia Trauma Commission to receive funding in support of our in-house EMT program; and,

WHEREAS, the replacement of aging equipment and continuing education supported through this grant will greatly enhance the effectiveness, readiness, and reliability of our EMS operations; and,

WHEREAS, funds have been allocated through the 2026 Georgia Trauma Commission EMT Grant Program; and,

WHEREAS, the equipment and program support funded through this grant will directly strengthen emergency medical response capabilities for Columbus and the surrounding counties; and,

WHEREAS, this grant requires no matching funds; and,

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

- 1) That the City Manager or his designee is hereby authorized to accept a \$12,000.00 grant from the 2026 Georgia Trauma Commission EMT Grant Program in support of equipment replacement and EMS program enhancements.
- 2) Amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the award.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held the 8th day of September 2026 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

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

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. “Skip” Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

3. Firehouse Subs Grant

Approval is requested to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant in the amount of \$18,400.00, or as otherwise awarded, from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation for the acquisition of twenty stationary bikes, and to amend the multigovernmental fund by said amount. No matching funds are required.

**Columbus Consolidated Government Council
Meeting Agenda Item**

Item #3.

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Firehouse Subs Grant
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant in the amount of \$18,400.00, or as otherwise awarded, from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation for the acquisition of twenty stationary bikes and to amend the multigovernmental fund by said amount. No matching funds are required.
INITIATED BY:	Fire/EMS

Recommendation: Approval is requested to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant in the amount of \$18,400.00, or as otherwise awarded, from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation for the acquisition of twenty stationary bikes and to amend the multigovernmental fund by said amount. No matching funds are required.

Background: Columbus Fire and Emergency Medical Services (CFEMS) is requesting funds from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation to fund the purchase of twenty Rogue ECHO stationary bikes. The Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation grant will allow the Fire-EMS Department to acquire stationary bikes that would strengthen firefighter health, fitness, and operational readiness, resulting in a more resilient emergency response workforce.

Analysis: Improved cardiovascular fitness reduces the risk of line-of-duty injuries and cardiac events-the leading cause of firefighter fatalities-while enhancing endurance for physically demanding emergency operations. By helping firefighters maintain peak performance, the community benefits from safer, more effective emergency response, reduced downtime from injuries, and greater continuity of service. Additionally, the equipment will support long-term wellness initiatives that promote a healthier workforce and improve the department's ability to protect the residents and visitors of our community

Financial Considerations: The total amount requested is \$18,400.00, with no matching funds required. The funds will be used for the acquisition of twenty stationary bikes.

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

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant in the amount of \$18,400.00, or as otherwise awarded, from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation for the acquisition of twenty stationary bikes and to amend the multigovernmental fund by said amount. No matching funds are required.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT, IF AWARDED, A GRANT FROM THE FIREHOUSE SUBS PUBLIC SAFETY FOUNDATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,400.00, OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED, TO SUPPORT THE ACQUISITION OF TWENTY STATIONARY BIKES, WITH NO MATCHING FUNDS REQUIRED. THE MULTI-GOVERNMENTAL FUND WILL BE AMENDED BY THE AMOUNT OF THE AWARD.

WHEREAS, the Columbus Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department (CFEMS) seeks to acquire fitness equipment to support its health and wellness program,

WHEREAS, the equipment will support improved cardiovascular fitness and reduce the risk of line-of-duty injuries and cardiac events-the leading cause of firefighter fatalities,

WHEREAS, the grant funds will also support the long-term wellness initiatives that promote a healthier workforce and improve the department's ability to protect the residents and visitors of our community; and

WHEREAS, this grant requires no matching funds.

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

- 1) That the City Manager or his designee is hereby authorized to approve the grant application with Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation in the amount of \$18,400.00, or as otherwise awarded, to support the acquisition of smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors, and educational materials, with no matching funds required.
- 2) That the Multi-Governmental Fund will be amended by the amount of the award.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the 8th day of September 2026 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

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

Lindsey G. Mclemore, Clerk of Council

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

File Attachments for Item:

4. Dero Fixit Stations Donation

Approval is requested to accept the donation of four Dero Fixit Stations for bicycle repairs on the Dragonfly Trail provided jointly by River Valley Regional Commission, Bicycle Columbus and Dragonfly Trails, Inc.

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Dero Fixit Stations Donation
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to accept the donation of four Dero Fixit Stations for bicycle repairs on the Dragonfly Trail provided jointly by River Valley Regional Commission, Bicycle Columbus and Dragonfly Trails, Inc.
INITIATED BY:	Parks and Recreation Department

Recommendation: Approval is requested to accept the donation of four Dero Fixit Stations for bicycle repairs and maintenance as provided jointly by River Valley Regional Commission, Bicycle Columbus and Dragonfly Trails, Inc.

Background: River Valley Regional Commission, Bicycle Columbus, and Dragonfly Trails, Inc. have requested to donate four additional Dero Fixit Stations for bikers' use. They are to be placed in Oxbow Meadows, Dinglewood Park, the Flatrock Park entrance off the Fall Line Trace, and the Psalmond Road Park and Ride. The stations include all the tools necessary to perform basic bike repairs and maintenance that bikers would otherwise not be able to perform on the trail.

Analysis: These organizations donated two Fixit Stations to the Dragonfly Trail in 2021 (067-21) and 2023 (421-33) and have offered to donate a station to enhance the biking experience on the trails and subsequently improve the health of citizens through biking.

Financial Considerations: The total value of the Dero Fixit Stations is approximately \$9,600.00 but will be at no cost to the City as it is a donation. Any future repairs to the station will be covered by Dragonfly Trails, Inc. as outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding.

Legal Considerations: Council is the approving authority for the acceptance of all donations.

Recommendation/Actions: Approval is requested to accept the donation of four Dero Fixit Stations for bicycle repairs on the Dragonfly Trail provided jointly by River Valley Regional Commission, Bicycle Columbus and Dragonfly Trails, Inc.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT
THE DONATION OF 4 ADDITIONAL DERO FIXIT STATIONS FROM RIVER
VALLEY REGIONAL COMMISSION, BICYCLE COLUMBUS AND DRAGONFLY
TRAILS, INC.**

WHEREAS, having previously donated two Dero Fixit Stations to the Dragonfly Trail, River Valley Regional Commission, Bicycle Columbus and Dragonfly Trails, Inc. has requested to donate two more stations to be placed on the trail in the Oxbow Meadows area and the trailhead at Dinglewood Park; and,

WHEREAS, the Dero Fixit Stations improve the biking experience by providing bikers the opportunity to make minor repairs while on the trail; and,

WHEREAS, the stations and all subsequent maintenance are being donated and will be at no cost to the City.

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

That the City Manager or his designee is hereby authorized to accept the Dero Fixit Stations from River Valley Regional Commission, Bicycle Columbus and Dragonfly Trails, Inc.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the 8th day of September, 2026, and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

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

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

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

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

This MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (the "Agreement"), made and entered into this 12th day of May, 2026, by and between the CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA (the "City") and Dragonfly Trails, Inc. for donations of bicycle repair stations ("Project").

WHEREAS, Dragonfly Trails, Inc. is a nonprofit organization that works to sustain and enhance communities within Columbus by use of the Dragonfly Trail network;

WHEREAS, Dragonfly Trails, Inc. seeks to improve the health of walkers and cyclists using the trail network; and

WHEREAS, Dragonfly Trails, Inc. desires to provide cyclists using the trail additional support through the donation and deployment of bicycle self-service repair stations.

NOW THEREFORE, in order to carry out the public purposes as set forth above, the City and Dragonfly Trails, Inc. hereby agree as follows:

1. City's Obligations.

- (a) The City agrees to allow Dragonfly Trails, Inc. access to the trail network to inspect and service the stations.
- (b) The City shall have final approval of the proposed locations of the repair stations.
- (c) The City shall install each donated station per the manufacturer's instructions.

2. Dragonfly Trails, Inc.'s Obligations.

- (a) Dragonfly Trails, Inc. will be fully responsible for the financial requirements of this Project including the purchase of each station and the cost of subsequent repairs to each station.
- (b) Dragonfly Trails, Inc. is responsible for all maintenance of the stations during the period this Agreement is in effect.
- (c) Dragonfly Trails, Inc. will hold the City harmless and indemnify it for any claims due to loss, destruction or vandalism to the stations during the term of the Agreement.

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

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

according to the laws of the State of Georgia.

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

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

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

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

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

City: Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia
100 Tenth Street (Zip 31901)
P.O. Box 1340
Columbus, Georgia 31902
Attention: Mayor

With a copy to:

City Attorney
P.O. Box 1340
Columbus, Georgia 31902

Dragonfly Trails, Inc.:

Dragonfly Trails, Inc.
P. O. Box 266
Columbus, Georgia 31902

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

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

COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

Date Signed: _____

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

Attest _____

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

Approval as to Form:

Clifton C. Fay, City Attorney

Dragonfly Trails, Inc.

Date Signed: _____ By _____

Becca Zajac, Executive Director

Attest

File Attachments for Item:

B. Five (5) Cab Tractors with Two (2) Flexwing Cutters for Public Works- Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Five (5) Cab Tractors with Two (2) Flexwing Cutters for Public Works-Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the purchase of five (5) 5090E Cab Tractors and two (2) Flexwing cutters for the Public Works Department from Deere and Company (Cary, NC) as follows:

Item	Quantity	Unit Cost	Total Cost
5090E Cab Tractors	5	\$63,674.92	\$318,374.60
Flexwing Cutters	2	\$26,983.11	\$53,966.22
Grand Total Cost			\$372,340.82

The purchase will be accomplished through cooperative purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-001-SPD0000177-0026.

The equipment will be utilized by the Public Works Department to maintain grass and vegetation along rights-of-way throughout the Columbus Consolidated Government. One (1) cab tractor will be assigned to Pine Grove Landfill to mow large areas and steep embankments in a safer and more timely manner. The remaining four (4) cab tractors and two (2) Flexwing Cutters will be utilized by the Right-of-Way Maintenance crews to efficiently mow large, overgrown areas and support the beautification and maintenance of Columbus. This is replacement equipment.

Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-001-SPD0000177-0026 is a cooperative contract whereby Deere and Company (Cary, NC) is one of the awarded vendors contracted to provide Tractors, Mowers and Earthmoving Equipment. The term of the contract is good through May 31, 2027. The contract is available for use by any Georgia governmental entity. The City's Procurement Ordinance, Article 9-101, authorizes the use of cooperative purchasing.

Funds in the amount of \$308,665.90 are available in the FY27 Budget: Paving Fund – Public Works – Right of Way Maintenance – Off Road Equipment; 0203-260-3120-ROWM-7725 for \$308,665.90.

Funds in the amount of \$63,674.92 are available in the FY27 Budget: Integrated Waste Management Fund – Public Works – Pine Grove Landfill – Off Road Equipment; 0207-260-3560-PGRO-7725.

A RESOLUTION**NO. _____**

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF FIVE (5) 5090E CAB TRACTORS AND TWO (2) FLEXWING CUTTERS FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT FROM DEERE AND COMPANY (CARY, NC) AS FOLLOWS:

Item	Quantity	Unit Cost	Total Cost
5090E Cab Tractors	5	\$63,674.92	\$318,374.60
Flexwing Cutters	2	\$26,983.11	\$53,966.22
Grand Total Cost			\$372,340.82

THE PURCHASE WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY COOPERATIVE PURCHASE VIA GEORGIA STATEWIDE CONTRACT #99999-001-SPD0000177-0026.

WHEREAS, equipment will be utilized by the Public Works Department to maintain grass and vegetation along rights-of-way throughout the Columbus Consolidated Government. One (1) cab tractor will be assigned to Pine Grove Landfill to mow large areas and steep embankments in a safer and more timely manner. The remaining four (4) cab tractors and two (2) Flexwing Cutters will be utilized by the Right-of-Way Maintenance crews to efficiently mow large, overgrown areas and support the beautification and maintenance of Columbus. This purchase is for replacement equipment; and,

WHEREAS, Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-001-SPD0000177-0026 is a cooperative contract whereby Deere and Company (Cary, NC) is one of the awarded vendors contracted to provide Tractors, Mowers and Earthmoving Equipment. The term of the contract is good through May 31, 2027. The contract is available for use by any Georgia governmental entity. 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 five (5) 5090E Cab Tractors and two (2) Flexwing cutters for the Public Works Department from Deere and Company (Cary, NC) as follows:

Item	Quantity	Unit Cost	Total Cost
5090E Cab Tractors	5	\$63,674.92	\$318,374.60
Flexwing Cutters	2	\$26,983.11	\$53,966.22
Grand Total Cost			\$372,340.82

This purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-001-SPD0000177-0026.

Funds in the amount of \$308,665.90 are available in the FY27 Budget: Paving Fund – Public Works – Right of Way Maintenance – Off Road Equipment; 0203-260-3120-ROWM-7725 for \$308,665.90.

Funds in the amount of \$63,674.92 are available in the FY27 Budget: Integrated Waste Management Fund – Public Works – Pine Grove Landfill – Off Road Equipment; 0207-260-3560-PGRO-7725.

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

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

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

C. Purchase of CXT Prefabricated Bathrooms for Parks and Recreation Locations – Sourcewell
Cooperative Contract Purchase

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Purchase of CXT Prefabricated Bathrooms for Parks and Recreation Locations – Sourcewell Cooperative Contract Purchase
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the purchase of three (3) CXT Prefabricated Bathrooms for Parks and Recreation locations from CXT Incorporated (Spokane Valley, WA) in the amount of \$339,916.93. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Sourcewell Contract #052725-CXT.

The Parks and Recreation Department has identified the need to replace restrooms at each of the following locations: Flatrock Park, Lake Oliver Marina and Alexander Park at Pop Austin. One (1) restroom will be placed at each location. The vendor will set the restrooms on customer-prepared pads and connect all utilities.

The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Request for Proposal (RFP) initiated by Sourcewell, whereby CXT Incorporated was one of the successful vendors contracted to provide Restroom and Shower Facility Solutions. The contract, which commenced May 12, 2026, is good through July 10, 2029. CXT Incorporated provides precast concrete buildings, vault and flush restrooms, concession and shower buildings, and other utility buildings. The contract available under Sourcewell has been awarded by virtue of a public competitive procurement process compliant with State and Federal statutes. Sourcewell is a State of Minnesota local government agency and service cooperative created under the laws of the State of Minnesota (Minnesota Statutes Section 123A.21) that offers cooperative procurement solutions to government entities. Participation is open to federal, state/province, and municipal governmental entities, higher education, K-12 education, tribal government, and other public entities located in the United States and Canada. The RFP process utilized by Sourcewell meets the requirements of the Procurement Ordinance, Article 9-101, authorizes the use of cooperative purchasing.

Funds are available in the FY27 Budget: Special Project-Capital Project Fund – Capital Projects – General Fund Supported Capital Project – Capital Expenditure over \$5,000 – Parks and Recreation Facility Improvements; 0508-660-1000-CPGF-7761-22973-20240.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF THREE (3) CXT PREFABRICATED BATHROOMS FOR PARKS AND RECREATION LOCATIONS FROM CXT INCORPORATED (SPOKANE VALLEY, WA) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$339,916.93. THE PURCHASE WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY COOPERATIVE PURCHASE VIA SOURCEWELL CONTRACT #052725-CXT.

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Department has identified the need to replace restrooms at each of the following locations: Flatrock Park, Lake Oliver Marina and Alexander Park at Pop Austin. One (1) restroom will be placed at each location. The vendor will set the restrooms on customer-prepared pads and connect all utilities; and,

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

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

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Councilor Davis voting _____.
Councilor Garrett voting _____.
Councilor Huff voting _____.
Councilor Tucker voting _____.

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

E. Project Management Services for Columbus Parks and Recreation SPLOST Park Renovation Projects

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Project Management Services for Columbus Parks and Recreation SPLOST Park Renovation Projects
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the agreement with Aaron & Clements, Inc., (Columbus, GA), for Project Management Services for Columbus Parks and Recreation SPLOST Park Renovation Projects, in the amount of \$495,000.00

The Parks and Recreation Department has identified the need to contract with a Project Manager to assist with SPLOST projects at the following locations: Theo McGee Park; Benning Park; Woodruff Park; and Lakebottom Park.

The work will be accomplished via the annual contract for On-Call Project Management Services for Capital Improvement Projects, RFP No. 24-0023. Aaron & Clements, Inc., is one of the awarded vendors for these on-call services per Resolution No. 171-24, dated May 14, 2024.

Project Management Services will be funded from each applicable SPLOST project.

A RESOLUTION**NO.** _____**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AGREEMENT WITH AARON & CLEMENTS, INC., (COLUMBUS, GA) FOR PROJECT MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR COLUMBUS PARKS AND RECREATION SPLOST PARK RENOVATION PROJECTS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$495,000.00.**

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Department has identified the need to contract with a Project Manager to assist with SPLOST projects at the following locations: Theo McGee Park; Benning Park; Woodruff Park; and Lakebottom Park; and,

WHEREAS, the work will be accomplished via the annual contract for On-Call Project Management Services for Capital Improvement Projects, RFP No. 24-0023. Aaron & Clements, Inc., is one of the awarded vendors for these on-call services per Resolution No. 171-24, dated May 14, 2024.

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 agreement with Aaron & Clements, Inc., (Columbus, GA), for Project Management Services for Columbus Parks and Recreation SPLOST Park Renovation Projects, in the amount of \$495,000.00. Project Management Services will be funded from each applicable SPLOST project.

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

Councilor Allen voting	_____.
Councilor Barnes voting	_____.
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Councilor Tucker voting	_____.

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

G. Election Equipment, Supplies and Services

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Election Equipment, Supplies and Services
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that council approve a resolution to expend the appropriated funds to Liberty Vote USA, Inc. (Denver, CO) for the provision of election supplies, ballots, expendable items and other related election equipment and services for the estimated amount of \$150,000 per year. Expenditures each fiscal year are contingent upon the number of elections required to be held.

In 2001, the State of Georgia mandated a uniform voting system for all counties in the state. The requirement for uniformity is still in effect. Dominion Voting Systems, Inc., was the successful vendor awarded the contract, per the State of Georgia, RFP No. 47800-SOS0000037, released March 16, 2019, to provide maintenance and support services for the election management software and equipment. In October 2025, Liberty Vote USA acquired Dominion Voting Systems.

Liberty Vote USA provides the uniform voting system for the State of Georgia. Therefore, the vendor is considered an only known source, per the procurement ordinance, article 3-114.

Funds are budgeted each fiscal year for this on-going expense: General Fund – Boards & Commissions – Elections & Registration – Board of Elections & Registration – Election Expenses; 0101 – 290 – 2000 -ELCT - 6355.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TO EXPEND THE APPROPRIATED FUNDS TO LIBERTY VOTE USA, INC. (DENVER, CO) FOR THE PROVISION OF ELECTION SUPPLIES, BALLOTS, EXPENDABLE ITEMS AND OTHER RELATED ELECTION EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES FOR THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$150,000 PER YEAR. EXPENDITURES EACH FISCAL YEAR ARE CONTINGENT UPON THE NUMBER OF ELECTIONS REQUIRED TO BE HELD.

WHEREAS, in 2001, the State of Georgia mandated a uniform voting system for all counties in the state. The requirement for uniformity is still in effect. Dominion Voting Systems, Inc., was the successful vendor awarded the contract, per the State of Georgia, RFP No. 47800-SOS0000037, released March 16, 2019, to provide maintenance and support services for the election management software and equipment. In October 2025, Liberty Vote USA acquired Dominion Voting Systems; and,

WHEREAS, Liberty Vote USA provides the uniform voting system for the State of Georgia. Therefore, the vendor is considered an 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 expend the appropriated funds to Liberty Vote USA (Denver, CO) for the provision of election supplies, ballots, expendable items and other related election equipment and services for the estimated amount of \$150,000 per year. Expenditures each fiscal year are contingent upon the number of elections required to be held. Funds are budgeted each fiscal year for this on-going expense: General Fund – Boards & Commissions – Elections & Registration – Board of Elections & Registration – Election Expenses; 0101 – 290 – 2000 -ELCT - 6355.

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

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

File Attachments for Item:

I. Automatic External Defibrillators (AED) and Accessories for Risk Management (Annual Contracts) – BuyBoard Cooperative Purchase

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

Item #1.

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Automatic External Defibrillators (AED) and Accessories for Risk Management (Annual Contracts) – BuyBoard Cooperative Purchase
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the annual contract for the purchase of automatic external defibrillators (AEDs) and accessories on an as needed basis, for Risk Management, from AED Brands (Kennesaw, GA). The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via BuyBoard Contract #798-26 and BuyBoard Contract # 804-26.

Risk Management is required to purchase AED units to be installed in various City locations. Additionally, the units must be replaced periodically due to expiration. Utilizing these annual contracts will enable Risk Management to make needed purchases as expeditiously as possible.

The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Request for Proposal (RFP) #798-26, initiated by the BuyBoard National Purchasing Cooperative, whereby AED Brands was one of the successful vendors contracted to provide Public Safety and Firehouse Supplies and Equipment; and RFP #804-26, whereby AED Brands was one of the successful vendors contracted to provide First Aid, Emergency Medical, and Athletic Trainer Supplies and Equipment. Contract #798-26, which commenced April 1, 2026, is good through March 31, 2029. Contract # 804-26, which commenced June 1, 2026, is good through May 31, 2029. The contracts available under BuyBoard have been awarded by virtue of a public competitive procurement process compliant with State and Federal statutes. The BuyBoard National Purchasing Cooperative streamlines the purchasing process for schools, municipalities, and other public entities across the nation. The BuyBoard National Purchasing Cooperative is sponsored by various national and statewide associations around the country. The RFP process utilized by BuyBoard meets the requirements of the Procurement Ordinance. Additionally, the Procurement Ordinance, Article 9- 101, authorizes the use of cooperative purchasing.

Funds will be budgeted each fiscal year for the as needed purchases: Risk Management Internal Service Fund – Human Resources – Unfunded Claims – Medical Supplies; 0860 – 220 – 3830 – RISK – 6795.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS (AEDS) AND ACCESSORIES ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS, FOR RISK MANAGEMENT, FROM AED BRANDS (KENNESAW, GA). THE PURCHASE WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY COOPERATIVE PURCHASE VIA BUYBOARD CONTRACT #798-26 AND BUYBOARD CONTRACT #804-26.

WHEREAS, Risk Management is required to purchase AED units to be installed in various City locations. Additionally, the units must be replaced periodically due to expiration. Utilizing these annual contracts will enable Risk Management to make needed purchases as expeditiously as possible; and,

WHEREAS, the purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Request for Proposal (RFP) #798-26, initiated by the BuyBoard National Purchasing Cooperative, whereby AED Brands was one of the successful vendors contracted to provide Public Safety and Firehouse Supplies and Equipment; and RFP #804-26, whereby AED Brands was one of the successful vendors contracted to provide First Aid, Emergency Medical, and Athletic Trainer Supplies and Equipment. Contract #798-26, which commenced April 1, 2026, is good through March 31, 2029. Contract # 804-26, which commenced June 1, 2026, is good through May 31, 2029. The contracts available under BuyBoard have been awarded by virtue of a public competitive procurement process compliant with State and Federal statutes. The BuyBoard National Purchasing Cooperative streamlines the purchasing process for schools, municipalities, and other public entities across the nation. The BuyBoard National Purchasing Cooperative is sponsored by various national and statewide associations around the country. The RFP process utilized by BuyBoard meets the requirements of the Procurement Ordinance. Additionally, the 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 utilize the annual BuyBoard contracts awarded to AED Brands (Kennesaw, GA) for the purchase of automatic external defibrillators (AEDs) and accessories, on an as needed basis, for Risk Management. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via BuyBoard Contract #798-26 and BuyBoard Contract #804-26. Funds will be budgeted each fiscal year for the as needed purchases: Risk Management Internal Service Fund – Human Resources – Unfunded Claims – Medical Supplies; 0860 – 220 – 3830 – RISK – 6795.

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Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

DATE: September 8, 2026

TO: Mayor and Councilors

FROM: Finance Department

SUBJECT: Advertised Bids/RFPs/RFQs

September 9, 2026

1 Used & Confiscated Firearms for Credit or Swap – RFB No. 27-0004

Scope of Bid

The Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) Police Department is offering used and confiscated firearms for sale to a licensed firearms dealer who can issue a credit to purchase or swap for Heckler & Koch MR556 A4 SBR 11” Part No. 81001048 rifles with accessories.

September 23, 2026

1 Dragonfly Trail – River Road Segment (S.R. 219) – RFP No. 27-0006

Scope of Bid

This project consists of constructing a new trail beginning near Cascade Road in Columbus, Georgia. The trail will run south along River Road (SR 219) and continue west to the existing riverwalk at Lake Oliver Road. The project length is approximately 5,026 lf and includes a 10' wide concrete trail, pedestrian bridge, landscape improvements, stormwater improvements, and trail amenities. Additional work associated with the project includes minor demolition and clearing, erosion control, grading, and signage. Portions of the project are located on state right-of-way. A GDOT encroachment permit has been obtained by the City of Columbus. A dba goal of 10% has been established for this project.

2 Portable Toilet Rental and Service (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 26-0036

Scope of RFP

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

September 30, 2026

1 On-Call Plumbing Installation and Maintenance Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 27-0003

Scope of RFP

It is the intent of the Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) to establish an annual contract with a Primary and a Secondary contract to provide all labor, equipment and materials for on-call plumbing installation and maintenance services during normal business hours and after hours on an “as needed basis”, on all buildings and structures for Columbus Consolidated Government.

2 On-Call Painting, Pressure Washing and Waterproofing Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 27-0004

Scope of RFP

It is the intent of the Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) to establish an annual contract with a qualified Primary and Secondary contractor to provide all labor, equipment and materials for the provision of on-call Painting, Pressure Washing, and Waterproofing Services for buildings and structures for Columbus Consolidated Government. on an as-needed basis.

3 On-Call Electrical Installation and Maintenance Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 27-0009

Scope of RFP

It is the intent of the Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) to establish an annual contract with a Primary and a Secondary contractor to provide all labor, equipment and materials for the provision of on-call Electrical installation and maintenance services during normal business hours and after hours on an “as needed basis”, on all buildings and structures for Columbus Consolidated Government.

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

4 On-Call Irrigation Installation and Maintenance Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 27-00010

Scope of RFP

It is the intent of the Columbus Consolidated Government (City) to establish an annual contract with a Primary and a Secondary contractor to provide all labor, equipment and materials to install/troubleshoot irrigation systems for on-call installation and maintenance services during normal business hours and after hours on an “as needed basis”, throughout the City.

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

October 7, 2026

1 Tennis Court Resurfacing at Lakebottom Park and Double Churches Park – RFB No. 27-0011

Scope of Bid

Provide all labor, equipment, and materials to resurface the tennis courts at Lakebottom Park and Double Churches Park.

October 14, 2026

1 Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) System – RFP No. 27-0008

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) is seeking proposals from qualified vendors to provide a fully integrated Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system and related implementation services. The proposed system shall modernize financial, human resource, and administrative operations through a secure, scalable, and integrated solution.

DATE: September 8, 2026

Item #

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Scope of RFP

It is the intent of the Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) to establish an annual contract with a qualified Primary and Secondary contractor to provide all labor, equipment and materials for the provision of on-call Painting, Pressure Washing, and Waterproofing Services for buildings and structures for Columbus Consolidated Government. on an as-needed basis.

3. On-Call Electrical Installation and Maintenance Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 27-0009

Scope of RFP

It is the intent of the Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) to establish an annual contract Primary and a Secondary contractor to provide all labor, equipment and materials for the provision of on-call Electrical installation and maintenance services during normal business hours and after hours on an “as needed basis”, on all buildings and structures for Columbus Consolidated Government.

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

4. On-Call Irrigation Installation and Maintenance Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 27-00010

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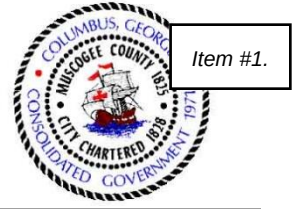
File Attachments for Item:

1. Upcoming Board Appointments: Board of Honor



Clerk of Council's Office

Columbus Consolidated Government



BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & AUTHORITIES

Board of Honor

Purpose and Functions

- Reviews proposals to honor distinguished citizens for their service to Columbus through the naming or honorary designation of public facilities, buildings, bridges, streets, and other public assets.
- Evaluates naming and renaming requests and provides recommendations to the Columbus City Council for approval or denial.

Legal References

 [Columbus Code of Ordinances, Sec. 2-81 through Sec. 2-87](#)

Membership

- Composed of 7 members.

Appointments & Terms

- Council Appointments
- Term length: 4 years
- Term limits: n/a

Name	Term	End date	Appointing Authority	Position	Senatorial District	Eligibility
Wayne Anthony	Partial	10-31-2026	Council		SD-29	E
John Wells	8	10-31-2026	Council		SD-29	E
David Ebron	2	10-31-2027	Council		SD-15	
Vivian Creighton Bishop	1	10-31-2028	Council		SD-15	
Barbara Pierce	3	10-31-2028	Council		SD-15	
Bobby Peters	5	10-31-2028	Council		SD-15	
Beth Harris	4	10-31-2029	Council		SD-29	

File Attachments for Item:

3. Upcoming Board Appointments: Housing Authority of Columbus



Clerk of Council's Office

Columbus Consolidated Government



BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & AUTHORITIES

Housing Authority of Columbus

Purpose and Functions

- Responsible for all public housing projects
- Works in conjunction with the Department of Community Development
- Responsible for various urban renewal projects

Legal Authority / References

- 🔗 [O.C.G.A. §8-3-50](#)
- 🔗 [Columbus Charter, Sec. 4-620](#)
- 🔗 [Ordinance No. 11-023](#)
- 🔗 [Resolution No. 444-99](#)

Membership

- Composed of 7 members.
 - 1 Resident Member

Appointments & Terms

- Mayor's Appointments
- Term length: 5-year terms
 - Resident Position serves a 1-year term
 - Term limits: Ordinance No. 11-23 removes the two-term limit.

Name	Term	End date	Appointing Authority	Position	Senatorial District	Eligibility
Tiffany N. Stacy	8	16-Nov-26	Mayor	Resident Position	SD-15	Eligible
Jeanella Pendleton	3	30-Apr-27	Mayor		SD-29	Eligible
Ryan Clements	1	30-Apr-28	Mayor		SD-15	Eligible
Linda U. Hadley	2	30-Apr-29	Mayor		SD-29	Eligible
Gwendolyn H. Ruff	1	30-Apr-30	Mayor		SD-29	Eligible
Larry Cardin	6	30-Apr-31	Mayor	Chairman	SD-29	Eligible
William J. Burgin	2	30-Apr-31	Mayor		SD-15	Eligible

 Expiring Term

 Vacant Seat

File Attachments for Item:

7. Inter-City Leadership Conference – Transportation Expenses: Memo from the Clerk of Council requesting authorization for the Columbus Consolidated Government to cover transportation/airfare expenses, at an estimated total cost of \$2,600, for Councilors Simi Barnes, Travis Chambers, and Cathy Cook, and Councilor-Elect Sherrie Arron to attend the 2026 Inter-City Leadership Conference in Spartanburg, South Carolina, September 29 – October 2, 2026.

COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT

Georgia's First Consolidated Government

Post Office Box 1340
Columbus, Georgia 31902-340

Memorandum

To: City Council
From: Lindsey McLemore, Clerk of Council
Date: 09/08/2026
Re: 2026 Inter-City Leadership Conference – Transportation Expenses

COMMENTS: Request authorization for the Columbus Consolidated Government to cover transportation/airfare expenses for **Councilors Simi Barnes, Travis Chambers, and Cathy Cook, and Councilor-Elect Sherrie Arron**, who were selected to attend the **2026 Inter-City Leadership Conference** in Spartanburg, South Carolina, September 29 – October 2, 2026.

According to the **Columbus, Georgia Chamber of Commerce**, hotel accommodations for the selected participants will be covered. The **estimated total transportation/airfare cost is \$2,600.**

For 30 years, the Inter-City Leadership Conference has brought together leaders from government, business, education, nonprofit organizations, and other community sectors to explore successful practices and innovative approaches in peer and aspirational cities. This year's conference will provide opportunities to learn from Spartanburg's efforts in economic development, workforce alignment, downtown revitalization, tourism, the arts, talent attraction, and community-driven development.

Participation by Columbus elected officials provides valuable exposure to strategies and best practices that may be applicable to future projects, policies, and initiatives in our community. It also strengthens collaboration among local government, business, education, and community partners while ensuring Columbus is represented in discussions focused on regional growth and development.

Council authorization is respectfully requested to approve transportation/airfare expenses at an estimated total cost of \$2,600 for the selected participants.

Attachment(s): n/a

File Attachments for Item:

9. Resignation: Email correspondence from Irene Pate, resigning from her seat on the Recreation Advisory Board.

From: IRENE ALEXICH PATE [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2026 9:53 AM
To: Holli Browder
Cc: Ryan P Mccann
Subject: [EXTERNAL]

Dear Holli,

It has been my pleasure to serve on the Recreation Advisory Board under your direction and to witness the growth and improvements you have implemented and continue to implement within the department.

I must relinquish my position on the RAB as of today due to the surprises that continue to appear in my personal life causing my frequent absences. The department and the RAB deserves reliable members.

Sincerely,
Irene

[REDACTED]

File Attachments for Item:

10.

Minutes of the following boards

Board of Tax Assessors #31-26 & 32-26

Crime Prevention Board 08-05-26

Downtown Development Authority 06-11-25

Employee Benefits Committee 02-25-26, 04-07-25 & 04-22-26

Hospital Authority of Columbus 06-30-26 & 07-28-26

Retiree Health Benefits Committee 05-20-26



Columbus, Georgia, Board of Tax Assessors

GEORGIA'S FIRST CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT

Item #10.

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Suzanne Widenhouse

MINUTES #32-26

Chairman Jayne Govar calls the Columbus, Georgia Board of Assessors' meeting to order on Wednesday, August 19th, 2026 at 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT ARE:

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Assessor Jones motions to accept the agenda with noted change. Vice Chairman Lanitra Sandifer Hicks seconds and the motion carries.

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

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Chief Appraiser Widenhouse informs the board of how many appeals the office has received as of today: 402 Commercial, 911 Residential & 93 Personal Property.

At 9:05, Chief Appraiser Suzanne Widenhouse presents for Administrative Division to the Board:

- Homesteads - #086 032 024; 191 024 013; 192 001 015; 172 005 004; 040 023 009; 185 005 001; 149 001 040; 034 006 041; 082 031 038; 089 045 033; 101 019 015; 078 006 019 - Signed & Approved.

At 9:11, Deputy Chief Appraiser Glen Thomason presents to the Board:

- Map Splits - #107 001 038, 042, 043; 073 021 052, 070, 062. 069; 073 021 060, 066, 067, 096; 073 021 063 & 097 - Signed & Approved.

At 9:29, Chief Appraiser Suzanne Widenhouse presents to the Board:

- Board Communications Policy - Assessor Jones motions to approve changes to policy. Vice Chairman Lanitra Sandifer Hicks seconds and the motion carries.
- TP correspondence - discussion only.

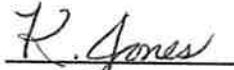
At 9:40, Assessor Hood motions to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issue. Assessor Jones seconds and the motion carries. Assessor Jefcoat motions to end executive session at 10:42. Assessor Jones seconds and the motion carries. No votes taken.

Assessor Jefcoat motions to adjourn the meeting. Assessor Jones seconds and the motion carries. At 10:43, Chairman Jayne Govar adjourns the meeting without any objections.

Suzanne Widenhouse
Chief Appraiser/Secretary

APPROVED:  8/26/2026


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MINUTES #31-26

Chairman Jayne Govar calls the Columbus, Georgia Board of Assessors' meeting to order on Wednesday, August 12th, 2026 at 9:03 A.M.

PRESENT ARE:

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

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

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

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Assessor Jones motions to excuse Assessor Hood & Vice Chairman Lanitra Sandifer Hicks from board meeting today. Assessor Jefcoat seconds and the motion carries.
- Chief Appraiser Widenhouse informs the board of how many appeals the office has received to date: 219 Commercial, 725 Residential & 86 Personal Property.

At 9:13, Chief Appraiser Suzanne Widenhouse presents to the Board:

- Board Policy - table decision until full board is present.
- TP correspondence - reviewed by Board Attorney; will wait on full board presence for final decision and approval.
- Tax Exempt Update - discussion only.

At 9:24, Personal Property Manager Stacy Pollard presents to the Board:

- Audit Results with Value - Signed & Approved.
- No Change Audit Results - Placed into record.

At 9:25, Chief Appraiser Suzanne Widenhouse presents for Administrative Division to the Board:

- Homesteads - #037 005 015; 083 010 048; 095 040 002; 101 029 079; 094 016 022; 179 022 007; 114 017 004; 038 008 009; 180 027066 - Signed & Approved.

At 9:30, Deputy Chief Appraiser Glen Thomason presents to the Board:

- Non-Disclosure Request - Signed by Chairman Govar
- Map Splits - #144 001 006 & 144 001 016 thru 020; 144 001 021 thru 027 - Signed & Approved.

Assessor Jefcoat motions to adjourn the meeting. Assessor Jones seconds and the motion carries. At 10:04, Chairman Jayne Govar adjourns the meeting without any objections.

Suzanne Widenhouse
Chief Appraiser/Secretary

APPROVED: _____

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CHAIRMAN

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VICE CHAIRMAN

MIN# 32 - 26 AUG 26 2026

Columbus GA Consolidated Government
Crime Prevention Board Minutes of Meeting

August 5, 2026

Board Members Present: Seth Brown, Danny Arencibia, Erika Cottingham, Ralph King, Rocky Marsh, Sgt. Angela Florence

Board Members Absent: Rick Kelly, Dr. Michael Forte

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Seth Brown and Danny Arencibia. Following opening remarks, the Board proceeded with discussion of program funding recommendations and allocations.

Funding Allocation Discussion:

- The Board reviewed funding recommendations within the approximately \$950,000 available for crime prevention initiatives. Discussion focused on ensuring that funded programs demonstrate a clear connection to crime prevention, serve defined target populations, provide measurable outcomes, maintain accurate and reasonable budgets, and demonstrate plans for long-term sustainability.
- The Board discussed the number of organizations serving similar populations and geographic areas and identified opportunities to encourage greater collaboration and resource sharing among funded organizations. Members acknowledged that similar programming may be appropriate when organizations serve different geographic areas or distinct populations.

The Board also discussed establishing a more formal approach to funding organizations that have received Crime Prevention funding for multiple consecutive years. Considerations included gradually reducing funding over time, encouraging organizations to diversify revenue sources, and preserving funding opportunities for new or emerging programs.

Program Funding Decisions

- Following review and discussion of the applications, the Board established the following funding recommendations:

Organization/Program, Funding Recommendation w/ Notes/Conditions

- 1) **Better Work** - \$10,000 ...Funding reduced in consideration of prior years of support and the Board's approach to gradually reducing funding for long-term recipients.
- 2) **Boys & Girls Club** - \$0...No funding recommended based on consideration of existing funding resources and concerns regarding reported participant data.
- 3) **Boys to Men** - \$5,000...Funding reduced in consideration of prior years of support and the Board's approach to gradually reducing funding for long-term recipients.
- 4) **Building Toward Wellness** - \$5000
- 5) **Children 1st** - \$0
- 6) **Clafin** - \$10,000...Funding maintained at the prior-year level.
- 7) **Clements Arts** - \$15,000...Funding recommended based on program structure and demonstrated support for foster youth and families.
- 8) **Columbus Community Center** - \$15,000
- 9) **Columbus Community Orchestra** - \$0
- 10) **Columbus Dream Center** - \$15,000...Funding recommended in support of the organization's neighborhood-based service model.
- 11) **Columbus Scholars** - \$5,000...The Board discussed reducing funding based on its review of program performance and the application.
- 12) **Columbus Technical College** - \$150,000...Funding maintained at the prior-year level based on the corrected prior-year amount.
- 13) **Community Restoration Outreach** - \$0...No funding recommended due to insufficient detail in the application and concerns identified during the Board's review.
- 14) **Compassion Connection** - \$0...No funding recommended based on sustainability concerns and material inconsistencies in the submitted budget.
- 15) **CORTA Youth Program** - \$15,000...Funding reduced from \$20,000. The Board requested clearer demonstration of the program's connection to crime prevention outcomes.
- 16) **CSO Music Matters** - \$5,000...Continued funding recommended at a modest level.
- 17) **East Carver** - \$20,000...Funding recommended in support of youth soccer and neighborhood revitalization
- 18) **Easter Seals After-School Program** - \$5,000...Limited funding recommended based on the Board's assessment of alignment with crime prevention priorities.
- 19) **Emmanuel Prep** - \$25,000...Full requested amount recommended. The organization should provide greater program detail in future applications.
- 20) **Faith Program** - \$20,000

- 21) FLOW** - \$50,000...Funding recommended.
- 22) Girls Inc.** - \$10,000... Funding recommended.
- 23) Good Neighbor** - \$0...No funding recommended based on insufficiently defined outcomes and concerns regarding alignment with program funding requirements.
- 24) Goodwill** - \$30,000...Increased funding recommended based on the strength of the GED and employment-focused programming.
- 25) Great Kids** - \$0... No funding recommended based on the application's rubric score and an insufficiently defined target population.
- 26) Guided Spirit Ministries/Spirit Ministries** - \$0... No funding recommended based on application completeness, program scope, and the relationship between the amount requested and projected number of participants served.
- 27) Helping Hands** - \$0...No funding recommended.
- 28) Hope Harbour** - \$0...No funding recommended based on alignment with current funding priorities and consideration of prior years of support.
- 29) JOT/The Rise Program** - \$10,000...Funding recommended.
- 30) Kingdom Sports** - \$10,000...Funding recommended.
- 31) Legitimation Station** - \$17,000...Funding recommended.
- 32) Living Mosaic Community Garden** - \$5,000...Funding recommended.
- 33) Micah's Promise** - \$20,000...Funding recommended based on the program's work with victims of sex trafficking and its relationship to interrupting cycles of victimization and crime.
- 34) NFOAAY** - \$15,000...Funding maintained at the prior-year level.
- 35) Omega Lamp Lighters** - \$30,000...Funding recommended with the expectation that future applications provide stronger and more complete program information.
- 36) Open Door** - \$15,000...Funding recommended.
- 37) Overflow** - \$15,000...Funding maintained at the current level.
- 38) Plummer House** - \$0...No funding recommended because the population served did not sufficiently align with the target population for this funding cycle.
- 39) STEAM Race Program** - \$5,000...Funding reduced to allow reallocation of funds to the STEAM Expo.
- 40) Right from the Start** - \$30,000...Funding recommended with particular consideration given to the program's fatherhood component.
- 41) Safehouse** - \$5,000...Funding recommended.
- 42) Scouting of America** - \$20,000...Funding maintained at the prior-year level.
- 43) Second Chance** - \$78,000...Funding recommended based on the program's service to a high-risk population and demonstrated program value.
- 44) Service for Humanity** - \$30,000...Funding recommended.

- 45) STEAM Expo** - \$15,000...Increased funding recommended following Board review.
- 46) Take the City** - \$15,000...Increased funding recommended based on the program's focus on an adult population and its alignment with identified service needs.
- 47) The Links, Inc.** - \$0...No funding recommended based on concerns regarding the methodology used to identify and document the program's target at-risk population.
- 48) Truth Springs** - \$60,000...Full funding recommended based on demonstrated program performance.
- 49) Turn Around Columbus** - \$20,000
- 50) Uptown Portable Cameras** - \$0...No funding recommended.
- 51) Valley Episcopal Ministry** - \$15,000...Funding recommended in support of reentry services for returning citizens.
- 52) Voices of the Valley** - \$25,000...Funding recommended.
- 53) Whole Person** - \$20,000...Funding maintained at the current level.
- 54) Wright Fit** - \$30,000...Funding recommended.
- 55) YMCA Achievers Program** - \$10,000...Funding recommended.
- 56) Young Life "Meta Lift"** - \$15,000...Funding recommended for the teen pregnancy-focused program.
- 57) Youth Orchestra of Greater Columbus** - \$10,000...Funding recommended.

Board-Directed Initiatives

· The Board discussed reserving up to \$50,000 for Board-directed crime prevention initiatives.

1) Citywide Youth Summit

- a. The Board discussed allocating approximately \$25,000 to develop a citywide youth symposium focused on crime prevention, youth engagement, community resources, and collaboration among organizations serving Columbus youth. Potential community partners were discussed.
- b. A formal symposium proposal, including objectives, program structure, potential partners, and a proposed budget, will be developed for further consideration.

2) Youth Challenge Pilot Program

- a. The Board also discussed the potential development of a three-week summer Youth Challenge pilot program modeled after elements of the Georgia Youth Challenge Program. Members discussed potential

benefits as well as operational, legal, liability, partnership, and implementation considerations.

- b. Additional information regarding program structure, costs, and partnership requirements will be obtained before the Board determines whether to proceed with the initiative. The Board will explore potential collaboration with appropriate military and National Guard partners and obtain additional program information from Youth Challenge leadership.
- c. Any proposed allocation for the pilot will remain subject to further Board consideration and applicable City approval requirements.

Next Steps

- 1) Develop a formal proposal and preliminary budget for the citywide youth symposium.
- 2) Obtain additional information regarding the structure, cost, legal considerations, and partnership requirements associated with a potential Youth Challenge pilot.
- 3) Determine applicable City approval requirements for Board-directed expenditures.
- 4) Develop a formal policy addressing long-term funding, gradual funding reductions, and opportunities for new applicants.
- 5) Revise future application guidelines and scoring criteria to strengthen requirements related to crime-prevention outcomes, target populations, sustainability, budget accuracy, and measurable results.
- 6) Follow up with applicants for whom funding recommendations were contingent upon additional information or specific conditions.
- 7) Prepare the final funding recommendations for presentation to Columbus City Council in August 2026.
- 8) Monitor awarded funds in accordance with applicable expenditure deadlines.

Next Meeting: Seth Brown will communicate the date and time of the next Board meeting by email.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned following completion of Board business.

**Downtown Development Authority of Columbus, GA
118 W. 11th Street, Second Floor
Columbus, GA 31901
Wednesday, June 11, 2025 – 8:30 AM**

Minutes

MEMBERS' PRESENT: Steve Butler Allen Taber
 Brian Sillitto Brad Coppedge
 Karl Douglass Billy Blanchard

OTHERS PRESENT:

Rob McKenna (Page, Scrantom, Sprouse, Tucker & Ford, PC), Missy Kendrick (Development Authority of Columbus, GA), Michelle Phillips (DACGA)

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Mr. Steve Butler called the meeting to order, and a quorum was present.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Rob McKenna stated that, since the board has not met in several years, new officers needed to be elected. After some discussion the following slate of officers was presented:

Chair – Steve Butler

Vice Chair – Billy Blanchard

Secretary – Missy Kendrick

Mr. Allen Taber made a motion to approve the slate of officers as presented. Mr. Brad Coppedge seconded. Butler, Sillitto, Douglass, Taber, Coppedge, and Blanchard voted in favor.

LEGAL ISSUES

Mr. McKenna shared that in 2015, the DDA issued a 10-year bond for \$925,000 to finance the River Valley Regional Commission building. That bond expired in May, and the RVRC has asked the DDA to refinance the balance of \$475,000 for another 10 years. The note is being held by Cadence Bank and the address of the building is 710 and 728 Front Avenue. Mr. Allen Taber made a motion to approve the bond issue and Mr. Coppedge seconded. Butler, Sillitto, Douglass, Taber, Coppedge and Blanchard voted in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion was had about the 61 acres around the Clingstone stadium. The city has tasked the development of that area to the Development Authority of Columbus.

Additional marketing ideas were shared.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Coppedge made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss real estate and Mr. Billy Blanchard seconded. Butler, Sillitto, Douglass, Taber, Coppedge and Blanchard voted in favor.

Mr. Blanchard made a motion to return to Open Session and Mr. Coppedge seconded. Butler, Sillitto, Douglass, Taber, Coppedge, and Blanchard voted in favor.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. Blanchard and a second by Mr. Coppedge.

Respectfully submitted,



Missy Kendrick
Secretary



Columbus Consolidated Government

Employee Benefits Committee

Meeting Minutes

February 25, 2026

Members Present: Holli Browder, Tommy Beauchamp, Jules Hazen. (Virtual): Nancy Boren, Ardria McGruder, Shannon Hubbard, Angelica Alexander, and Ola Terrell

Members Absent: Rachel Blanks and Lisa Goodwin

Staff Present: Sheila Risper, Cynthia Holliman, Keisha Johnson, Destiny Chisolm

Consultant: Todd Hooper, Delandra Haywood, Jennifer Oliver

CareATC Rep: Jessica Walker

Key Topics:

- **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of October 22, 2025 and February 25, 2026 meeting were not approved due to a lack of a quorum.
- **NFP Update:** 2025 plan performance is within budget, with 93.2% budget utilization. Consultants also did a pension plan review update, and a final report is expected in March 2026.
- **CareATC Update:** Health coaching outreach underway. All provider positions in the clinic are currently filled; schedules reopened for appointments. CareATC rep will check the status of the physical complaint box and reporting procedures, as requested by the committee.
- Serious concerns were raised about the service quality of CareATC. Clinic staff refused to check blood pressure because no appointments were available. HR Director would like to schedule a facilities tour and meeting to discuss these issues.
- **Open Forum:** Several Members' terms are currently set to expire in April 2028; however, the Clerk of Council is working on updates.

Action Items:

- Voting on vice chair has been postponed until a quorum is reached for the next meeting.
- Meeting minutes for October 2025 and February 2026 will be reviewed at next meeting.
- Next meeting is April 22, 2026.

Columbus Consolidated Government

Employee Benefits Committee

Meeting Minutes

April 7, 2025



Members Present: Rachel Blanks, Troy Vanerson, Tim Smith, Shannon Hubbard, Ardria McGruder, Nancy Boren, Reather Hollowell

Members Absent: Holli Browder

Staff Present: Sheila Risper, Destiny Chisolm

Consultant: Melodee Lewis, Todd Hooper

CareATC Rep: Erin McDill

Key Topics:

- **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of February 26, 2025, meeting were approved without any objections.
- **New Committee Members Announcement:** Two (2) city employees were nominated to be part of the Employee Benefits Committee. After being sworn in, they will attend the next committee meeting. These members (Jules Hazen, Columbus Fire & EMS and Tommy Beauchamp, Public Works) will replace Tim Smith, Columbus Fire & EMS and Troy Vanerson, Civic Center.
- **2024 Health & Wellness Impact:** NFP team Reviewed impact of engaged vs. non-engaged employees. Findings showed both financial and health outcome improvements for engaged participants.
- **Proposed FY26 Contributions:** Increases are projected to be across all plans. Wellness participants will continue to pay lower rates than non-wellness participants.
- National employer-sponsored health care costs are projected to increase 9% in 2025. Introduced virtual primary and urgent care services.

Action Items:

- Finalize FY26 contribution recommendations, along with discussing strategic approaches for FY26 budgeting and employee communications regarding upcoming changes.
- Continue evaluating wellness program participation.

Employee Benefits Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: April 22, 2026

Time: 10 AM – 11 AM

Location: City Hall & Microsoft Teams

Members Present: Holli Browder, Tommy Beauchamp, Audria McGruder, Jules Hazen

Virtual Attendees: Rachel Blanks, Angelica Alexander, and Pam Hodge

Consultants: Jessica Walker (CareATC) & Jennifer Oliver (NFP)

Key Topics:

Approval of Minutes: Meeting minutes from October 2025 and February 2025 were approved.

Health & Wellness Center Update:

- CareATC encourages employees to complete the Patient Experience survey after every visit. This assists CareATC employees in patient experience training.
- Health Coach Recruitment: Virtual health coaching services are still being offered, while on the search for an on-site health coach. Compliance reporting requirements have been met and submitted to NFP.
- PHA appointments will be available from June 2, 2026, through September 11, 2026. Participation is by appointment only, offered on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.
- Employees have access to Recuro, CareATC's 24/7 virtual care platform. Virtual visits being at no cost.

Benefits Update (NFP):

- NFP, Human Resources, and Finance are working together to evaluate the FY27 benefits budget. Current projections indicate a potential 2.52% increase in employee contributions.
- NFP is conducting a review of the current wellness incentive structure.
- Future Cost Management Strategies: NFP continues to monitor emerging healthcare trends, including gene therapy and other high-cost treatment options. NFP confirmed that any approved changes would become effective January 1, 2027.

Pension Update:

- DCM Hodge provided an update on pension-related discussions and employee survey feedback.
- The actuary is evaluating the cost of the following proposed changes:

Reduce vesting requirements from 10 years to 5 years.

Add a 1% pension accrual after 30 years of service, increasing the maximum pension benefit from 60% to 70% at 40 years.

Reduce employee contribution rates for post-2012 hires from 8% to 6%.

Provide an unreduced retirement benefit for General Government employees at age 62 with 30 years of service.

Remove the three-year DROP extension and return the DROP program to its original three-year structure.

- Public Safety retirement eligibility would remain unchanged at age 55 with 25 years of service.

Budget Impact:

- Any pension-related changes would not affect FY2027.
- Potential impacts would begin in FY2028 if approved.
- Final decisions will be made after actuarial analysis and Pension Board review.

Open Forum:

- The Committee addressed the vacant Vice Chair position, where Tommy Beauchamp was nominated and approved as Vice Chair of the Employee Benefits Committee.

Submitted by:

Destiny D. Chisolm

HR Administrative Assistant

BOARD MINUTES
OF THE
HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA
June 30, 2026

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of the Hospital Authority of Columbus, Georgia (HAC) was held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, June 30, 2026. The meeting was held in the conference room at Orchard View on Whitesville Road in Columbus, Georgia. A notice was emailed to each member of the Board more than 48 hours prior to the meeting. A copy of the notice was posted more than 24 hours before the meeting on the door of the building in which the meeting was held.

Present at the meeting were Chairman Chuck Hecht, Vice Chairwoman Sarah Banks-Lang, and members Warner Kennon, Jr., Bob Jones, Tony Floyd, and Wayne Joiner. Members Dr. John Kingsbury, Dr. Sharen Kelly, and Dr. Linn Storey were absent and excused.

Britt Hayes, CEO, Rick Alibozek, CFO, and Jack P. Schley, Secretary/Attorney, were present at the meeting.

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

The meeting was called to order by Chuck. Tony opened the meeting with a prayer.

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

It was determined that a quorum was present.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Minutes for the May 26, 2026, Board meeting were reviewed. Wayne moved to approve the Minutes as presented and Sarah seconded the motion. The May 26, 2026 Minutes were unanimously approved.

BOARD BUSINESS

Jack requested nominations to fill Sarah's seat upon expiration of her term, and Chuck presented the following slate: Dr. Asante Hilts, Sonja Johnson, and Mimi Woodson. Following a general discussion regarding the slate, Wayne moved to approve the slate for submission to Council, and Bob seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the slate as presented.

CFO'S REPORT

Rick presented the Statistical and Financial Reports:

Statistical Report: Attached to these Minutes is the FY 2026 YTD Statistical Report.

Financial Report: Attached to these Minutes is the Hospital Authority of Columbus Consolidated Income Statement and Summary Report through May 31, 2026.

Rick reported the average census for May was 279.84, which is up from a prior average range of 250-260. Rick indicated the goal is to reach an average census of 300. There were 34 admissions in May, which Rick classified as slow, and 36 discharges. The IRS refund check for the ERC payment remains lost with no new updates. Rick indicated that Humana offered a daily rate equivalent to Medicaid, which HAC cannot accept because it would lower the Medicaid rate for all three facilities; however, Rick indicated negotiations with Humana are continuing and the consultant's help with the negotiations have been beneficial. Rick reported that VA residents will be accepted beginning August 1. Insurance renewal has been completed and resulted in a reduced deductible from \$50,000 to \$25,000 but a higher premium increased by 7.05%. Supplemental Quality Payments were granted to all three facilities and the money has been received. Rick indicated the year-end audit will begin August 3.

Chuck asked for an update on the opening of private rooms at Muscogee Manor. Britt reported the wing has been opened and five new admissions have already moved-into the space.

Chuck commended the efforts and creativity to try to fill those rooms.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Britt Hayes gave the President's report:

Pension Contributions: Britt reported changes to HAC's contributions to the city pension which will generate savings to HAC.

GL/PL Insurance Renewal: Britt referred to Rick's report of the terms of the insurance renewal with a lower deductible but increase in the premium.

Humana Advantage Proposal: Britt referred to Rick's report of the on-going negotiations with Humana.

United Healthcare Advantage Rate Increase: Britt summarized recent changes to the daily rate offered by United which is currently \$465/day; up from \$450.

CNA Survey Results: Britt reported the results of a recent Paycom survey amongst the CNAs regarding the change from 8-hour shifts to 12-hours. According to Britt, 68% of those surveyed indicated a preference for the 12-hour shifts, so no changes will be made at this time.

New Initiatives: Britt indicated a recent evaluation was completed to consider outsourcing laundry services through Image First, but switching to out-sourced laundry would be more expensive than keeping it in-house, so no changes will be made at this time. An evaluation of textile providers was also recently completed, and Britt shared samples of wash cloths from Phoenix (HAC's current provider) and Precise. Britt indicated HAC will remain with Phoenix for now. Britt reported that Columbus State University recently donated gently used hospital beds to HAC which were used to replace older beds at Muscogee Manor. Britt expects savings from recent adjustments in Pharmerica's rates for pharmaceuticals. Beginning July 1, an MDS (minimum data set) consultant for Orchard View will begin through Broad River with a goal of improving and maximizing reimbursement at Orchard View.

Update on Parcels: Britt announced the Williams Road acreage remains listed nationally and inquiries regarding subdivision of the parcel have been rejected while a buyer for the whole tract is sourced. Britt also indicated there have been discussions regarding a possible land-swap involving the Brookstone parcel. Discussions are also on-going about 1725 Williams Road.

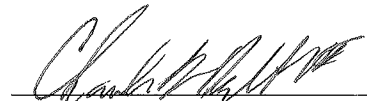
Accolades: Britt reported that a nurse working at HAC has been fighting cancer for years and was recently diagnosed as needing a kidney transplant. A receptionist at HAC matched as an eligible donor and has agreed to donate a kidney to the nurse. The Board remarked on the exceptional generosity and community-mindedness of the story.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, July 29, 2026 at 11:00 AM at Orchard View.

With no further business to be addressed, Wayne moved to adjourn the meeting and Bob seconded the motion. Upon a unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned.



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HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS
YTD CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT
THROUGH MAY 31, 2026

INCOME STATEMENT										
	Orchard View	Home Office	Ridgecrest	Muscogee Manor	Total Nursing Home	Cob's PCH	Muscogee Home Health	River Mill	Consolidated	
Revenue	\$ 19,467,187	\$ 1,211,826	\$ 7,134,056	\$ 11,969,753	\$ 39,782,822	\$ 22,031	\$ 137,043	\$ 76,258	\$ 40,018,154	
Operating Expenses	16,959,110	1,767,953	6,382,024	12,013,934	37,123,021	7,573	5,072	-	37,135,666	
Net Profit (Loss) before Noncash expense	2,508,077	(556,127)	752,032	(44,181)	2,659,801	14,458	131,971	76,258	2,882,488	
Provision for Bad debts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Interest expense	(324,742)	-	(822,327)	-	(1,147,069)	-	-	-	(1,147,069)	
Depreciation and Amortization	(921,382)	-	(1,012,462)	(97,746)	(2,031,590)	(3,025)	-	-	(2,034,615)	
YTD Income (loss)	\$ 1,261,953	\$ (556,127)	\$ (1,082,757)	\$ (141,927)	\$ (518,858)	\$ 11,433	\$ 131,971	\$ 76,258	\$ (299,196)	
					\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	

**HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS
CONSOLIDATED SUMMARY REPORT
MONTH ENDED MAY 31, 2026**

BALANCE SHEET									
	Orchard View	Home Office	Ridgecrest	Muscogee Manor	Total Nursing Home	Cobles PCH	Muscogee Home Health	River Mill	Consolidated
Cash	\$ 6,107,103	\$ -	\$ 6,876,218	\$ 5,881,042	\$ 18,864,363	\$ 60,131	\$ 589,708	\$ 3,815,734	\$ 23,309,936
Other Current Assets	4,809,492	-	2,077,501	2,987,033	9,874,026	8,875	5,584	-	9,888,465
Intercompany Balances	16,030,322	-	(1,269,958)	(5,129,184)	9,631,180	(6,389,957)	(2,318,704)	(922,519)	-
Noncurrent Assets	30,314,412	-	29,987,621	6,581,054	66,983,087	143,031	83,642	-	67,209,760
Total Assets	\$ 57,261,329	\$ -	\$ 37,671,382	\$ 10,419,945	\$ 105,352,656	\$ (6,177,920)	\$ (1,659,790)	\$ 2,893,215	\$ 100,408,161
Current Liabilities	\$ 2,465,932	\$ -	\$ 1,119,209	\$ 1,425,275	\$ 5,010,416	\$ -	\$ 521	\$ -	\$ 5,010,937
Non-current Liabilities (excluding bonds)	8,711,919	-	3,123,591	4,956,117	16,791,627	360,100	450,668	-	17,602,395
Bonds Payable	17,474,088	-	27,379,177	-	44,853,265	-	-	-	44,853,265
Total Liabilities	28,651,939	-	31,621,977	6,381,392	66,655,308	360,100	451,189	-	67,466,597
Fund Balance	28,609,390	-	6,049,405	4,038,553	38,697,348	(6,538,020)	(2,110,979)	2,893,215	32,941,564
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$ 57,261,329	\$ -	\$ 37,671,382	\$ 10,419,945	\$ 105,352,656	\$ (6,177,920)	\$ (1,659,790)	\$ 2,893,215	\$ 100,408,161
INCOME STATEMENT									
Revenue	\$ 1,827,002	\$ 110,166	\$ 628,984	\$ 1,049,660	\$ 3,615,812	\$ 2,005	\$ 11,608	\$ 6,019	\$ 3,635,444
Operating Expenses	1,566,241	211,226	579,078	1,099,206	3,455,751	719	649	-	3,457,119
Net Profit (Loss) before Noncash expense	260,761	(101,060)	49,906	(49,546)	160,061	1,286	10,959	6,019	178,325
Provision for Bad debts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest expense	(29,522)	-	(74,757)	-	(104,279)	-	-	-	(104,279)
Depreciation and Amortization	(83,762)	-	(92,042)	(8,886)	(184,690)	(275)	-	-	(184,965)
Current Month Income (loss)	\$ 147,477	\$ (101,060)	\$ (116,893)	\$ (58,432)	\$ (128,908)	\$ 1,011	\$ 10,959	\$ 6,019	\$ (110,919)
YTD Income (loss)	\$ 1,261,953	\$ (556,127)	\$ (1,082,757)	\$ (141,927)	\$ (518,858)	\$ 11,433	\$ 131,971	\$ 76,258	\$ (299,196)
YTD Net Income (loss)	\$ 147,477	\$ (101,060)	\$ (116,893)	\$ (58,432)	\$ (128,908)	\$ 1,011	\$ 10,959	\$ 6,019	\$ (110,919)
Add: Depreciation	83,762	-	92,042	8,886	184,690	275	-	-	184,965
Add: Interest Expense	29,522	-	74,757	-	104,279	-	-	-	104,279
Less: Monthly bond payment	(185,815)	-	(66,581)	-	(252,396)	-	-	-	(252,396)
Less: Property & Equipment Additions	-	-	-	(3,375)	(3,375)	-	-	-	(3,375.00)
Net Cash Flow	\$ 74,946	\$ (102,060)	\$ (16,675)	\$ (52,921)	\$ (95,710)	\$ 1,286	\$ 10,959	\$ 6,019	\$ (77,446)

HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS
FY 2026 YTD Statistical Report

	June	May	Apr	Mar	Feb	Jan	Dec	Nov	Oct	Sept	August	July	Average	Prior Year
Orchard View														
% Occupancy	72.02%	72.02%	73.07%	74.87%	76.79%	76.87%	72.32%	73.70%	68.58%	67.10%	65.10%	61.24%	71.05%	52.87%
Medicaid%	78.37%	78.37%	75.98%	76.28%	74.77%	76.00%	80.78%	76.91%	78.43%	74.99%	72.89%	75.22%	76.42%	75.45%
Medicare%	4.84%	4.84%	6.91%	6.14%	8.81%	6.88%	3.68%	6.45%	3.69%	4.84%	6.39%	7.64%	6.02%	7.05%
Private %	9.72%	9.72%	9.40%	9.22%	8.51%	8.92%	9.41%	8.73%	8.16%	7.90%	7.80%	8.72%	8.77%	9.05%
Hospice %	2.73%	2.73%	3.38%	4.20%	6.30%	5.96%	2.90%	3.78%	4.99%	4.10%	3.87%	3.08%	4.12%	3.86%
ADV %	4.34%	4.34%	4.33%	4.16%	1.60%	2.25%	3.23%	4.13%	4.73%	8.17%	9.05%	5.34%	4.67%	4.56%
Daily Medicare and ADV Census	13.23	13.23	16.43	15.42	16.00	14.03	10.00	13.60	11.54	17.47	20.09	15.90	15.06	14.72
Employment (Full Time Equivalents)	201.53	201.53	199.46	202.73	198.19	207.10	211.22	199.11	192.93	196.02	192.17	186.04	198.77	179.57
Ridgcrest														
% Occupancy	62.60%	62.60%	60.52%	61.56%	59.48%	62.37%	59.68%	58.89%	59.33%	57.02%	57.22%	57.49%	59.65%	46.00%
Medicaid%	68.28%	68.28%	70.82%	69.37%	67.19%	65.64%	60.88%	61.12%	63.50%	60.86%	57.18%	52.57%	63.41%	58.73%
Medicare%	4.05%	4.05%	5.18%	7.05%	8.01%	12.25%	11.45%	7.95%	2.46%	7.17%	9.19%	10.82%	7.78%	8.33%
Private %	22.02%	22.02%	18.69%	16.47%	16.80%	14.41%	21.30%	22.91%	23.75%	21.92%	20.54%	20.57%	19.94%	21.91%
Hospice %	3.80%	3.80%	3.93%	4.12%	2.00%	3.69%	3.99%	4.58%	4.92%	7.17%	8.32%	9.69%	5.11%	6.30%
ADV %	1.84%	1.84%	1.38%	2.99%	6.00%	4.00%	2.38%	3.44%	5.37%	2.78%	4.77%	6.35%	3.75%	4.73%
Daily Medicare and ADV Census	3.10	3.10	3.33	5.20	7.00	8.52	6.94	5.63	3.91	4.76	6.71	8.29	5.76	5.09
Employment (Full Time Equivalents)	62.03	62.03	61.87	60.92	60.89	66.47	68.67	61.95	60.58	62.62	59.58	56.51	62.01	45.53
Muscogee Manor														
% Occupancy	42.46%	42.46%	43.21%	43.66%	43.75%	43.83%	44.37%	46.17%	45.05%	45.63%	45.16%	46.08%	44.49%	49.12%
Medicaid%	91.63%	91.63%	93.07%	93.37%	92.00%	90.50%	87.95%	86.74%	89.62%	90.35%	91.62%	91.93%	90.80%	90.32%
Medicare%	2.75%	2.75%	1.42%	0.79%	0.37%	1.20%	1.48%	1.10%	2.08%	1.45%	1.09%	0.14%	1.26%	1.56%
Private %	0.81%	0.81%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	1.11%	0.17%	1.67%
Hospice %	4.81%	4.81%	5.51%	5.31%	6.96%	8.30%	10.57%	12.16%	8.29%	8.20%	7.29%	6.82%	7.66%	6.29%
ADV %	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.53%	0.67%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.11%	0.15%
Daily Medicare and ADV Census	2.29	2.29	1.20	1.13	0.89	1.03	1.29	1.00	1.84	1.30	0.97	0.13	1.19	1.66
Employment (Full Time Equivalents)	134.37	134.37	132.09	132.17	135.31	146.65	150.07	140.17	138.55	138.36	136.71	148.26	139.34	139.74

HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS
13 MONTH MOVING STATISTICAL REPORT

	May-26	Apr-26	Mar-26	Feb-26	Jan-26	Dec-25	Nov-25	Oct-25	Sep-25	Aug-25	Jul-25	Jun-25	May-25	13 Mo Average	Prior Year Avg
Orchard View															
% Occupancy	72.02%	73.07%	74.07%	75.79%	76.87%	72.32%	73.70%	68.58%	67.10%	65.10%	61.24%	59.05%	56.77%	68.96%	63.87%
Medicaid%	78.37%	75.98%	76.38%	74.77%	76.00%	80.78%	76.91%	78.43%	74.93%	72.89%	76.23%	76.43%	76.88%	76.47%	76.46%
Medicare%	4.84%	6.91%	6.14%	8.81%	6.88%	3.68%	3.45%	3.13%	4.84%	6.39%	7.64%	6.45%	6.05%	6.25%	7.46%
Private %	9.72%	9.40%	9.23%	8.51%	8.92%	9.41%	8.75%	8.13%	7.90%	7.80%	8.79%	9.22%	9.12%	8.88%	9.08%
Hospice %	2.73%	3.38%	4.20%	5.30%	5.96%	2.90%	3.78%	4.93%	4.10%	3.87%	3.02%	4.68%	4.20%	4.17%	3.88%
ADV %	4.34%	4.33%	4.16%	1.65%	2.25%	3.28%	4.13%	4.73%	8.17%	9.05%	5.34%	2.53%	3.78%	4.43%	4.58%
Daily Medicare and ADV Census	13.23	15.43	15.42	16.00	14.03	10.00	15.60	11.54	17.47	20.09	15.60	10.20	11.16	14.43	14.72
Employment (Full Time Equivalents)	201.53	199.46	202.73	198.19	207.10	211.22	199.11	192.93	196.02	191.17	186.04	180.06	179.26	195.63	179.17
Ridgescott															
% Occupancy	62.60%	60.54%	61.56%	59.48%	62.37%	59.68%	58.89%	58.33%	57.02%	57.22%	57.49%	50.83%	50.69%	58.78%	46.00%
Medicaid%	68.28%	70.82%	69.37%	67.19%	66.64%	60.88%	61.12%	63.50%	60.96%	57.18%	52.57%	60.11%	59.92%	62.89%	58.73%
Medicare%	4.05%	5.18%	7.05%	8.01%	12.25%	11.45%	7.95%	2.46%	7.17%	9.19%	10.82%	13.90%	9.70%	8.40%	8.33%
Private %	22.02%	18.69%	16.47%	16.80%	14.41%	21.30%	22.51%	23.75%	21.97%	20.54%	20.57%	15.30%	15.39%	19.54%	21.91%
Hospice %	3.85%	3.93%	4.12%	2.00%	3.69%	3.99%	4.58%	4.92%	7.17%	8.32%	9.69%	7.43%	7.05%	5.44%	6.30%
ADV %	1.84%	1.38%	2.99%	6.00%	4.00%	2.98%	3.44%	5.37%	2.78%	4.77%	6.35%	3.48%	3.94%	3.75%	4.73%
Daily Medicare and ADV Census	3.10	3.33	5.20	7.00	8.52	6.94	5.63	3.91	4.76	6.76	8.79	7.33	5.81	5.89	5.09
Employment (Full Time Equivalents)	62.03	61.67	60.32	60.89	66.47	68.67	61.95	60.58	62.52	59.58	56.51	53.33	51.62	60.54	45.53
Muscossee Manor															
% Occupancy	42.46%	43.21%	43.66%	43.75%	43.83%	44.37%	46.17%	45.03%	45.63%	45.16%	46.08%	47.06%	48.03%	44.95%	49.12%
Medicaid%	91.63%	93.07%	93.37%	92.00%	90.50%	87.95%	86.74%	89.62%	90.35%	91.62%	91.93%	91.11%	90.03%	90.76%	90.32%
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Private %	0.81%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	-0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.11%	1.08%	1.09%	0.31%	1.67%
Hospice %	4.81%	5.51%	5.31%	6.95%	8.30%	10.57%	12.16%	8.29%	8.20%	7.29%	6.83%	6.94%	7.51%	7.59%	6.29%
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BOARD MINUTES
OF THE
HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA
July 28, 2026

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of the Hospital Authority of Columbus, Georgia (HAC) was held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, July 28, 2026. The meeting was held in the conference room at Orchard View on Whitesville Road in Columbus, Georgia. A notice was emailed to each member of the Board more than 48 hours prior to the meeting. A copy of the notice was posted more than 24 hours before the meeting on the door of the building in which the meeting was held.

Present at the meeting were Chairman Chuck Hecht, Vice Chairwoman Sarah Banks-Lang, and members Dr. John Kingsbury, Warner Kennon, Jr., Bob Jones, Tony Floyd, Wayne Joiner, Dr. Sharen Kelly, and Dr. Linn Storey.

Britt Hayes, CEO, Rick Alibozek, CFO, and Jack P. Schley, Secretary/Attorney, were present at the meeting. Jennifer Kelley was present as a guest.

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

The meeting was called to order by Chuck. Britt opened the meeting with a prayer.

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

It was determined that a quorum was present.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Minutes for the June 30, 2026, Board meeting were reviewed. Bob moved to approve the Minutes as presented and Wayne seconded the motion. The June 30, 2026 Minutes were unanimously approved.

BOARD BUSINESS

Jack reported that the slate of nominees to fill Sarah's seat (Dr. Asante Hilts, Sonja Johnson, and Mimi Woodson) had been submitted to the Clerk of Council, but Council had not yet considered the slate of nominees.

CFO'S REPORT

Rick presented the Statistical and Financial Reports:

Statistical Report: Attached to these Minutes is the FY 2026 YTD Statistical Report.

Financial Report: Attached to these Minutes is the Hospital Authority of Columbus Consolidated Income Statement and Summary Report through June 30, 2026.

Rick reported the fiscal year ends on June 30, and the works is on-going to close the books for the year. Rick reported further that census has increased by 7.2%, that the current year reflects 7,000 more patient days than last year, and the end-of-year audit begins next week.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Britt Hayes gave the President's report:

Ridgecrest Silver Quality Award: Britt reported that Ridgecrest received Silver Quality Award status. According to Britt, only eighteen facilities in Georgia achieved the Silver Quality Award for 2026, and only four facilities in the state have ever achieved Gold Quality. Britt asked Jennifer Kelley, as the administrator at Ridgecrest, to speak regarding the achievement of Silver Quality. Jennifer indicated it was a team effort to achieve the recognition, and she thanked Britt and Rick for their leadership. Chuck responded by saying how proud HAC is to have Jennifer at Ridgecrest, and he recommended that the achievement be announced at city council. Britt indicated he was on the agenda and he had prepared a proposed resolution acknowledging the achievement.

Humana Advantage Revised Proposal: Britt announced that partnerships will be important to increase census, and he has been in negotiation with Humana to create a workable partnership so residents with Humana can be served by HAC. Humana's last offer was \$370, which Rick described as a bad rate. Britt indicated he has heard from other sources that Humana does not pay over \$400 to any facility. HAC's last counteroffer was for \$415. The negotiations remain on-going.

Quality Incentive Reports: Britt reported generally on the Quality Incentive payments and remarked on the effect of Silver Quality Award status adding a percentage point to the payments.

CMS-New Risk Based Survey Approach: Britt reported changes to how CMS will conduct surveys. According to Britt, prior to COVID surveys were conducted every 12-13 months, then during COVID one of HAC's facilities went without a survey for three years. Now, surveys are conducted about every 18 months. A new process has been announced which rewards high performing facilities by conducting less-intensive surveys. Britt reported that Ridgecrest qualifies under this new process and he expects the next survey at that facility to include fewer surveyors and half of the time spent in the facility.

New Initiatives: Britt reported he is working to revive the respiratory therapy program, and that he is in discussions with a contractor, Banyan Pulmonary Services, to help with the program. According to Britt, the contractor will provide the services at no cost and could potentially save HAC money. The discussions with Banyan to reach terms for a final agreement are on-going. Britt also reported that, following Joint Commission accreditation at Ridgecrest, efforts are underway to get Orchard View similarly recognized. Bids are also being considered to replace the phone systems at Orchard View, which are outdated.

Orchard View Beauty Pageant: Britt announced the annual Beauty Pageant was held at Orchard View last month, and the event was well attended by the community. Local media

providers covered the event. Britt also reported that HAC participated in the city July 4th parade in downtown Columbus.

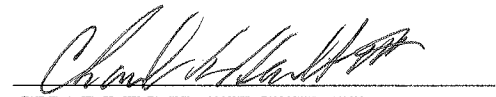
Miscellaneous: Rick reported ongoing efforts for Medicare recertification for all three facilities. According to Rick, the certificates remained in the name Britt's predecessor, so all three are being updated. Personal identifying information was collected from the members of the Board for recertification purposes. Chuck asked Wayne to lead an Executive Compensation Committee to review Britt's employment contract, and to report at the next meeting with any final changes to be proposed at or before the October meeting.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, August 25, 2026 at 11:00 AM at Orchard View.

With no further business to be addressed, Bob moved to adjourn the meeting and Wayne seconded the motion. Upon a unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned.



JACK P. SCHLEY
Secretary/Attorney

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HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS
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Medicare%	5.23%	4.84%	6.91%	6.14%	8.81%	6.88%	3.68%	6.45%	3.69%	4.84%	6.39%	7.64%	5.96%	7.06%
Private %	10.09%	9.77%	9.40%	9.22%	8.51%	8.92%	9.41%	8.73%	8.16%	7.90%	7.80%	8.72%	8.88%	9.06%
Hospice %	4.12%	2.73%	3.38%	4.20%	6.30%	5.96%	2.90%	3.78%	4.95%	4.10%	3.87%	3.08%	4.12%	3.86%
ADV %	3.66%	4.34%	4.33%	4.16%	1.60%	2.25%	3.23%	4.13%	4.73%	8.17%	9.05%	5.34%	4.58%	4.56%
Daily Medicare and ADV Census	12.80	13.23	16.43	15.42	16.00	14.03	10.00	15.60	11.54	17.47	20.09	15.90	14.88	14.72
Employment (Full Time Equivalents)	198.10	201.53	199.46	202.73	198.19	207.10	211.22	199.11	192.93	196.02	192.17	186.04	198.72	179.57
Ridgecrest														
% Occupancy	60.60%	62.60%	60.52%	61.56%	59.48%	62.37%	59.68%	58.89%	59.33%	57.02%	57.22%	57.49%	59.73%	46.00%
Medicaid%	70.33%	68.28%	70.82%	69.37%	67.19%	65.64%	60.88%	61.12%	63.50%	60.96%	57.18%	52.57%	63.99%	58.73%
Medicare%	0.98%	4.05%	5.18%	7.05%	8.01%	12.25%	11.45%	7.95%	2.46%	7.17%	9.19%	10.82%	7.21%	8.33%
Private %	24.03%	22.07%	18.69%	16.47%	16.80%	14.41%	21.30%	22.91%	23.75%	21.92%	20.54%	20.57%	20.28%	21.91%
Hospice %	4.26%	3.80%	3.93%	4.12%	2.80%	3.69%	3.99%	4.58%	4.92%	7.17%	8.32%	9.69%	5.04%	6.30%
ADV %	0.39%	1.84%	1.38%	2.95%	6.00%	4.00%	2.38%	3.44%	5.37%	2.78%	4.77%	6.35%	3.47%	4.73%
Daily Medicare and ADV Census	0.70	3.10	3.33	5.20	7.00	8.52	6.94	5.63	3.91	4.76	6.71	8.29	5.34	5.09
Employment (Full Time Equivalents)	63.11	62.03	61.87	60.92	60.89	66.47	68.67	61.95	60.58	62.62	59.58	56.51	62.10	45.53
Muscooke Manor														
% Occupancy	43.61%	42.46%	43.21%	43.66%	43.75%	43.83%	44.37%	46.17%	45.05%	45.63%	45.16%	46.08%	44.42%	49.12%
Medicaid%	92.04%	91.63%	93.07%	93.37%	92.00%	90.50%	87.95%	86.74%	89.62%	90.35%	91.62%	91.93%	90.90%	90.32%
Medicare%	1.64%	2.75%	1.42%	0.79%	0.37%	1.20%	1.48%	1.10%	2.08%	1.45%	1.09%	0.14%	1.29%	1.56%
Private %	0.74%	0.81%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	1.11%	0.22%	1.67%
Hospice %	5.58%	4.81%	5.51%	5.31%	6.95%	8.30%	10.57%	12.16%	8.29%	8.20%	7.29%	6.82%	7.48%	6.29%
ADV %	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.53%	0.67%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.10%	0.15%
Daily Medicare and ADV Census	1.40	2.29	1.20	1.13	0.89	1.03	1.29	1.00	1.84	1.30	0.97	0.13	1.21	1.66
Employment (Full Time Equivalents)	145.26	134.37	132.09	132.17	135.31	146.65	150.07	140.17	138.55	138.36	136.71	148.26	139.83	139.74

HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS
13 MONTH MOVING STATISTICAL REPORT

	Jun-26	May-26	Apr-26	Mar-26	Feb-26	Jan-26	Dec-25	Nov-25	Oct-25	Sep-25	Aug-25	Jul-25	Jun-25	13 Mth Average	Prior Year Avg
Orchard View															
% Occupancy	72.02%	72.02%	72.02%	72.07%	74.37%	76.79%	76.87%	73.22%	73.70%	68.56%	67.10%	65.10%	61.24%	58.05%	70.13%
Medicare %	76.50%	76.50%	76.50%	76.50%	76.50%	76.50%	76.50%	76.50%	76.50%	76.50%	76.50%	76.50%	76.50%	76.50%	76.50%
Medicaid %	2.23%	2.23%	2.23%	2.23%	2.23%	2.23%	2.23%	2.23%	2.23%	2.23%	2.23%	2.23%	2.23%	2.23%	2.23%
Private %	10.09%	10.09%	10.09%	10.09%	10.09%	10.09%	10.09%	10.09%	10.09%	10.09%	10.09%	10.09%	10.09%	10.09%	10.09%
Respite %	4.12%	4.12%	4.12%	4.12%	4.12%	4.12%	4.12%	4.12%	4.12%	4.12%	4.12%	4.12%	4.12%	4.12%	4.12%
ADV %	3.65%	3.65%	3.65%	3.65%	3.65%	3.65%	3.65%	3.65%	3.65%	3.65%	3.65%	3.65%	3.65%	3.65%	3.65%
Daily Medicare and ADV Census	12.80	12.80	12.80	12.80	12.80	12.80	12.80	12.80	12.80	12.80	12.80	12.80	12.80	12.80	12.80
Employment (Full Time Equivalents)	198.10	198.10	198.10	198.10	198.10	198.10	198.10	198.10	198.10	198.10	198.10	198.10	198.10	198.10	198.10
Redeemer															
% Occupancy	60.66%	60.66%	60.66%	60.66%	60.66%	60.66%	60.66%	60.66%	60.66%	60.66%	60.66%	60.66%	60.66%	60.66%	60.66%
Medicare %	70.33%	70.33%	70.33%	70.33%	70.33%	70.33%	70.33%	70.33%	70.33%	70.33%	70.33%	70.33%	70.33%	70.33%	70.33%
Medicaid %	9.98%	9.98%	9.98%	9.98%	9.98%	9.98%	9.98%	9.98%	9.98%	9.98%	9.98%	9.98%	9.98%	9.98%	9.98%
Private %	24.23%	24.23%	24.23%	24.23%	24.23%	24.23%	24.23%	24.23%	24.23%	24.23%	24.23%	24.23%	24.23%	24.23%	24.23%
Respite %	4.25%	4.25%	4.25%	4.25%	4.25%	4.25%	4.25%	4.25%	4.25%	4.25%	4.25%	4.25%	4.25%	4.25%	4.25%
ADV %	0.39%	0.39%	0.39%	0.39%	0.39%	0.39%	0.39%	0.39%	0.39%	0.39%	0.39%	0.39%	0.39%	0.39%	0.39%
Daily Medicare and ADV Census	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70
Employment (Full Time Equivalents)	63.11	63.11	63.11	63.11	63.11	63.11	63.11	63.11	63.11	63.11	63.11	63.11	63.11	63.11	63.11
Musgrove Manor															
% Occupancy	43.61%	43.61%	43.61%	43.61%	43.61%	43.61%	43.61%	43.61%	43.61%	43.61%	43.61%	43.61%	43.61%	43.61%	43.61%
Medicare %	92.04%	92.04%	92.04%	92.04%	92.04%	92.04%	92.04%	92.04%	92.04%	92.04%	92.04%	92.04%	92.04%	92.04%	92.04%
Medicaid %	1.64%	1.64%	1.64%	1.64%	1.64%	1.64%	1.64%	1.64%	1.64%	1.64%	1.64%	1.64%	1.64%	1.64%	1.64%
Private %	0.71%	0.71%	0.71%	0.71%	0.71%	0.71%	0.71%	0.71%	0.71%	0.71%	0.71%	0.71%	0.71%	0.71%	0.71%
Respite %	5.58%	5.58%	5.58%	5.58%	5.58%	5.58%	5.58%	5.58%	5.58%	5.58%	5.58%	5.58%	5.58%	5.58%	5.58%
ADV %	0.08%	0.08%	0.08%	0.08%	0.08%	0.08%	0.08%	0.08%	0.08%	0.08%	0.08%	0.08%	0.08%	0.08%	0.08%
Daily Medicare and ADV Census	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.40
Employment (Full Time Equivalents)	145.26	145.26	145.26	145.26	145.26	145.26	145.26	145.26	145.26	145.26	145.26	145.26	145.26	145.26	145.26

HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS
CONSOLIDATED SUMMARY REPORT
MONTH ENDED JUNE 30, 2026

	Orchard View	Home Office	Ridgecrest	Muscogee Manor	Total Nursing Home	Cobbis PCH	Muscogee Home Health	River Mill	Consolidated
BALANCE SHEET									
Cash	\$ 5,355,593	\$ -	\$ 7,176,815	\$ 5,281,259	\$ 17,813,667	\$ 60,138	\$ 587,836	\$ 3,822,491	\$ 22,284,132
Other Current Assets	5,008,862	-	2,076,181	3,455,096	10,540,139	10,157	235	-	10,550,531
Intercompany Balances	15,176,966	-	(1,564,837)	(4,980,950)	9,631,179	(5,389,957)	(2,318,704)	(922,518)	-
Noncurrent Assets	30,514,345	-	29,991,365	6,678,834	67,184,544	142,756	83,642	-	67,410,942
Total Assets	\$ 57,055,765	\$ -	\$ 37,679,524	\$ 10,434,239	\$ 105,169,529	\$ (6,176,906)	\$ (1,646,991)	\$ 2,899,973	\$ 100,245,605
Current Liabilities	\$ 2,585,034	\$ -	\$ 1,233,662	\$ 1,384,340	\$ 5,203,036	\$ -	\$ 777	\$ -	\$ 5,203,813
Non-current Liabilities (excluding bonds)	8,702,315	-	3,123,591	4,956,117	16,782,023	360,100	450,668	-	17,592,791
Bonds Payable	17,446,484	-	27,376,340	-	44,822,824	-	-	-	44,822,824
Total Liabilities	28,733,833	-	31,733,593	6,340,457	66,807,883	360,100	451,445	-	67,619,428
Fund Balance	28,321,933	-	5,945,931	4,093,782	38,361,646	(6,537,056)	(2,098,436)	2,899,973	32,626,177
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$ 57,055,766	\$ -	\$ 37,679,524	\$ 10,434,239	\$ 105,169,529	\$ (6,176,906)	\$ (1,646,991)	\$ 2,899,973	\$ 100,245,605
INCOME STATEMENT									
Revenue	\$ 1,859,238	\$ 110,166	\$ 823,069	\$ 1,139,588	\$ 3,932,061	\$ 2,007	\$ 13,673	\$ 6,758	\$ 3,954,499
Operating Expenses	1,694,703	224,918	649,336	1,031,382	3,600,339	719	1,131	-	3,602,189
Net Profit (Loss) before Noncash expense	164,535	(114,752)	173,733	108,206	331,722	1,288	12,542	6,758	352,310
Provision for Bad debts	(300,939)	-	(110,181)	(43,508)	(454,628)	-	-	-	(454,628)
Interest expense	(29,522)	-	(74,757)	-	(104,279)	-	-	-	(104,279)
Depreciation and Amortization	(6,779)	-	(92,269)	(9,102)	(108,150)	(275)	-	-	(108,425)
Current Month Income (loss)	\$ (172,705)	\$ (114,752)	\$ (103,474)	\$ 55,596	\$ (335,335)	\$ 1,013	\$ 12,542	\$ 6,758	\$ (315,022)
YTD Income (loss)	\$ 1,089,248	\$ (670,879)	\$ (1,186,231)	\$ (86,331)	\$ (854,193)	\$ 12,446	\$ 144,513	\$ 83,016	\$ (614,218)
YTD Net Income (loss)	\$ (172,705)	\$ (114,752)	\$ (103,474)	\$ 55,596	\$ (335,335)	\$ 1,013	\$ 12,542	\$ 6,758	\$ (315,022)
Add: Depreciation	6,779	-	92,269	9,102	108,150	275	-	-	108,425
Add: Interest Expense	29,522	-	74,757	-	104,279	-	-	-	104,279
Less: Monthly bond payment	(185,815)	-	(66,581)	-	(252,396)	-	-	-	(252,396)
Less: Property & Equipment Additions	-	-	(26,907,000)	(6,882)	(33,789)	-	-	-	(33,789,000)
Net Cash Flow	\$ (322,219)	\$ (114,752)	\$ (29,936)	\$ 57,816	\$ (409,091)	\$ 1,288	\$ 12,542	\$ 6,758	\$ (388,503)

Columbus Consolidated Government

Retiree Health Benefits Committee

Meeting Minutes

May 20, 2026

Members Present: Christi Johnson, Larry Campbell, Cheryl Tate, Thomas Barron

Members Absent: JD Hawk, Renee McAneny, Shirley Gaultney,

Staff Present: Ola Terrell, Sheila Risper, Cynthia Holliman, Destiny Chisolm

Consultant: Todd Hooper, Jennifer Oliver, Delandra Haywood

Key Topics:

- **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of May and August of 2025 will be set aside for approval until the next meeting. Because a quorum was not present, the committee was unable to approve the outstanding minutes. Approval will be deferred until the August 2026 meeting.
- **NFP Benefits Update:** A renewal planning meeting between Human Resources, NFP, and UnitedHealthcare is scheduled for July 21, 2026.
- Recommendations for the 2027 plan year are expected to be presented during the committee's August meeting.
- NFP Representative advised that UnitedHealthcare anticipates a premium increase for the upcoming plan year; however, the increase is expected to be significantly lower than the increase proposed during the previous renewal cycle. Final renewal information will be available following the July meeting.
- **Medicare Advantage Plan Discussion:** Committee members reviewed the purpose and responsibilities of the Retiree Health Benefits Committee.
- Previous plan design changes were implemented to help manage rising healthcare costs while maintaining coverage. Employees hired before July 1, 2001, may qualify for a City contribution toward retiree premiums, while employees hired after that date are responsible for the full premium cost.
- **August Meeting Planning:** Presentation of renewal recommendations for the 2027 plan year.
- Staff agreed to extend an invitation to UnitedHealthcare following the July renewal meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Destiny Chisolm, HR Administrative Assistant