

Council Members

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

March 25, 2025
5:30 PM
Regular Meeting

MAYOR'S AGENDA

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Reverend Bruce Conage, Sconiers Funeral Home

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Skip Henderson

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for March 11, 2025, Council Meeting and Executive Session.

PRESENTATIONS

2. Proclamation: St. Anne Pacelli Vikings Day

Receiving: St. Anne Pacelli's Girls and Boys Basketball Team

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

1. **2nd Reading-** REZN-01-25-0079: An ordinance amending the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) for Columbus, Georgia to add certain property development regulations for single family detached homes in the Uptown (UPT) zoning district.

- 2. 2nd Reading-** An Ordinance adopting amendments to Article II of Chapter 4 of the Columbus Code pertaining to the Recreation Advisory Board; repealing Article IV of Chapter 4 of the Columbus Code pertaining to the Columbus Aquatics Commission; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem)
- 3. 1st Reading-** An ordinance providing for the demolition of various structures located at:
- 1) **2903 10th Avenue** (Vision Investment Properties LTD, Owner)
 - 2) **1024 Henry Avenue** (Christina Williams & Joseph Philippe, Owner)
 - 3) **2610 Jones Avenue** (Green Pryor Lewis Jr, Owner)
 - 4) **3826 3rd Avenue** (BSL Investment Group LLC, Owner)
 - 5) **3822 3rd Avenue** (BSL Investment Group LLC, Owner)
 - 6) **831 Barklay Way** (Eloise Elaine Dale, Owner)
 - 7) **2475 Walker Street** (William D. Holland, Owner)
 - 8) **615 Parkchester Drive** (Gerardo Ledesma Angeles, Owner)
- and for demolition services for the Inspections and Code Department in accordance with the attached Tabulation of Bid sheet. (Mayor Pro-Tem)
- 4. 1st Reading-** An ordinance amending the Paid Maternity and Paternity Leave Policy and renaming it the Paid Parental Leave Policy to be consistent with the definitions contained in EEOC guidelines. (Councilor Chambers) (Mayor Pro-Tem)
- 5. 1st Reading-** An Ordinance adopting new pay rates for the Parks and Recreation Aquatic staff for the Consolidated Government and amending Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Ordinance No. 24-027; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem) (Councilor Tucker)

RESOLUTIONS

- 6.** A resolution amending Resolution No. 077-21 to consent to the extension by the Columbus Water Works of a \$24,705,000 Clean Water State Revolving Fund Loan from the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority up to and until August 2027. (Request of Columbus Water Works)
- 7.** A resolution amending Resolution No. 019-23 to consent to the extension by the Columbus Water Works of a \$8,869,800 Clean Water State Revolving Fund Loan from the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority up to and until August 2027. (Request of Columbus Water Works)

PUBLIC AGENDA

Last Application Received: March 21, 2025, 11:42 a.m. (In-Person)

1. Mr. Howard Jackson Turner, Re: The Long-Standing Practice of Inverse Condemnation and Illegal Eminent Domain. The Amount Due from CCG to Potentially Hundreds of Citizens from Illegal Takings.
2. Mrs. Monica Luker, Re: Request for a Traffic Study and the Implementation of Speed Reduction Measures.
3. Ms. Jennifer Le Denney, representing the Disabled Community, Re: ADA Compliance Concerns with City Hall, Lack of Response, and Status Update Request.
4. Mr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr., Re: Perception & the City Charter.
5. Mr. Henry Wimberly, Re: Appointment of John Anker.
6. Ms. Carolyn Chaney, Re: Support for City Manager Isaiah Hugley.
7. Ms. Royal Anderson, representing the Muscogee County Democratic Committee, Re: John Anker.
8. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing the Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Stop Attempting to Terminate City Manager Isaiah Hugley.
9. Mr. John Fitzpatrick, Jr., Re: City Government, on the Outside Looking In. Who's next?
10. Ms. Simi Barnes, Re: City Government.
11. Mrs. Kathryn Tanner, Re: Changes to the Code of Ordinances to Ensure Transparency.
12. Mr. James Ogburn, Re: Representative Leadership for our Community.
13. Mr. Harry Underwood, representing Columbus, GA Indivisibles, Re: Opposing the Appointment of John Anker to an At-Large Seat on Council.
14. Mr. Marquese Averett, Re: Appointments.
15. Mr. Melvin Tanner, representing the NAACP, Re: To Address the Appointment of a Councilor.
16. Ms. Pamela Moss, Re: RFP for the Development of South Commons.
17. Dr. Natalie Nicole, representing Role Model Academy of Arts, Re: Transparency, Accountability, and Equitable Decision-Making from Staff in the Mayor's Office.

18. Mr. Donald Moeller, representing Veterans with PTSD, Re: Awareness of Substandard Veterans PTSD Treatment and Examinations by the Columbus Veterans Administration Clinic.
19. Mr. Wane Hailes, representing The Courier Eco Latino Newspaper, Re: Request of Mayor.
20. Mr. Edward DuBose, Re: Discuss the Appointment of John Anker to Council and Request the Mayor to Call for an Investigation.
21. Ms. Monica Whatley, Re: Making Time for Democracy When a Councilor Resigns.
22. Dr. Melvin Steed, representing The Melting Pot/Grace Apostolic Center, Re: Proposed Land Use by a Non-Profit Organization at 10th Avenue & 4th Street.
23. Rev. Johnny Flakes, III, Re: Process for City Council Appointment.
24. Mr. Demetrius McBride, representing the Urban League of the River Valley Young Professionals, Re: Review of the City Charter on the Process of Appointing Individuals to Fill Vacant Seats.
25. Ms. Laura Irvin, Re: Transparency and Citizen Representation.
26. Dr. John Van Doorn, Re: Defense of Public Servants and Reconsideration of Council Appointment.
27. Rev. Richard A. Jessie, representing The Friends of Historic Claflin, Inc., Re: Request to Establish the Historic Liberty District Restoration & Preservation Foundation.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Trade Center Authority – Trade Center Master Plan

Approval is requested to accept the Trade Center Master Plan adopted by the Trade Center Authority for the construction of a 300-vehicle parking garage to be operated and maintained by the Consolidated Government. It will be used by hotel patrons, Trade Center patrons and the general public.

2. South Commons Redevelopment

Approval to request the Development Authority to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Redevelopment of South Commons to potentially include a hotel, retail/office, multifamily, parking deck, workforce housing, and other uses.

3. Fiscal Year 2022 Homeland Security Grant Program

Approval is to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant from the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for funds to assist with resources (food & supplies) for Explosive Ordnance Disposal with K9 Partners designated to help strengthen the Nation’s communities against potential terrorist attacks, in the amount of \$3,000, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund budget by the amount of the award.

4. Fiscal Year 2023 Homeland Security Grant Program

Approval is requested to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant from the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for funds to assist with resources (food, supplies, & body armor) for Explosive Ordnance Disposal with K9 Partner designated to help strengthen the Nation’s communities against potential terrorist attacks, in the amount of \$4,500.00, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund budget by the amount of the award.

5. FY26 Congressionally Directed Funding Grant

Approval is requested to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant in the amount of \$150,056.00 or as otherwise awarded from the FY26 Congressionally Directed Spending project for a vehicle and equipment to implement a Mobile Integrated Healthcare program. There are no matching funds required.

6. Columbus Police Department: Donation

Approval is requested to accept a donation in the amount of \$2,500 for sponsorship of the Columbus Police Department’s participation in the 2025 World Police & Fire Games and other employee activities.

7. PURCHASES

- A.** Design and Construction Services for Columbus Convention and Trade Center – RFP No. 25-0002
- B.** Auditing Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 25-0006
- C.** Bullet Recovery System – RFP No. 25-0010
- D.** Temporary Staffing Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 17-0017
- E.** Additional Sources for Temporary Staffing Services (Annual Contract) – Georgia Statewide Contract
- F.** Three (3) Paratransit Buses for METRA – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase

- [G.](#) One (1) Low Floor Paratransit Cutaway Bus for METRA – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase
- [H.](#) One (1) E-Rescue/Pumper Fire Service Apparatus with Equipment for Fire & EMS – HGAC Cooperative Contract
- [I.](#) Household Trash Carts for Public Works – Sourcewell Cooperative Contract Purchase
- [J.](#) Household Recycling Carts for Public Works – Sourcewell Cooperative Contract Purchase
- [K.](#) Vector Check Software Module for Fire & EMS – National Purchasing Partners (NPPGOV) Cooperative Purchase
- [L.](#) Upgrade/Purchase of Fast Fare Fareboxes with Accessories for METRA
- [M.](#) Camera Equipment for the Civic Center – OMNIA Partners Cooperative Purchase
- [N.](#) Metal Storage Buildings for the Civic Center – Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase
- [O.](#) Battery Operated Ice Edger for the Civic Center – Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase
- [P.](#) 2025 Ford F-350 Truck for the Civic Center – Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase
- [Q.](#) Hockey Glass Support Posts and Gaskets for the Civic Center – Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase
- [R.](#) Additional Staging Equipment for the Civic Center
- [S.](#) Compressor Replacement for the Civic Center
- [T.](#) Outdoor Tables for New Pools for Parks and Recreation – OMNIA Partners Cooperative Purchase
- [U.](#) Forklift for the Civic Center – Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase
- [V.](#) Scissor Lift for the Civic Center – Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase
- [W.](#) Event Radios and Earpieces for the Civic Center – Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase
- [X.](#) Mobile Light Tower for the Civic Center – Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase
- [Y.](#) One (1) 2025 Ford Transit 350 Van for the Civic Center – Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase
- [Z.](#) Carpet and Related Flooring for the Civic Center – Annual Contract Purchase

EMERGENCY PURCHASES

1. Information Only: Exigent “Off the Lot” Vehicle Purchases – Resolution No. 354-24

BID ADVERTISEMENT

DATE: March 25, 2025
TO: Mayor and Councilors
FROM: Finance Department
SUBJECT: Advertised Bids/RFPs/RFQs

April 2, 2025

1. **Muscogee County Board of Elections & Registration Voting Equipment Delivery Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 25-0016**

Scope of RFP

Muscogee County Board of Elections and Registration is seeking proposals from qualified moving firms to deliver voting equipment to voting sites before the scheduled election events, and to retrieve the same equipment after the election event. The election schedule consists of up to five election events in a presidential election cycle, up to four election events in a mid-term election cycle, and the possibility of special elections in odd-numbered years. Deliveries vary from county-wide (25 precincts) to district elections (as few as five) based on the type of election.

Note: The first election expected to be serviced under this contract, if awarded, will be June 17, 2025, Special Primary Election.

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

April 11, 2025

1. **Medical Evaluation Services for Columbus Fire & EMS Department (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 25-0014**

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government invites qualified firms to submit proposals for medical evaluation services for employees of the Fire & EMS Department on an annual basis.

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

8. PRESENTATIONS

A. Finance Update - Angelica Alexander, Director, Finance

CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

1. Resignation of Councilor John Anker from the Board of Tax Assessors.

2. Minutes of the following boards:

Board of Elections & Registration, February 6, 2025

Board of Tax Assessors, #07-25, #08-25 & #09-25

Board of Zoning Appeals, January 8 & February 5, 2025

Crime Prevention Board, February 21, March 20, April 17, July 22 & July 29, 2024

Crime Prevention Board, February 26, 2025

Hospital Authority of Columbus, January 28, 2025

Housing Authority of Columbus, September 20, October 18 & December 13, 2023

Housing Authority of Columbus, January 25, March 20, April 23, May 15, June 19, July 24, August 28, September 25, October 23 & December 18, 2024

Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board, November 20, 2024

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

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

A. BUILDING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:

Renee Sturkie – *Not Interested in serving*
Eligible to succeed
Term Expires: March 24, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Mayor's Appointment)

The terms are two years. Meets as needed.

Women: 2
Senatorial District 15: 2
Senatorial District 29: 3

B. COLUMBUS SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT AUTHORITY:

New Member
(Certified Public Accountant)
Term Expires: Open for Nominations
(Mayor’s Appointment)

New Member
(Corporate/Employment Attorney)
Term Expires: Open for Nominations
(Mayor’s Appointment)

New Member
(Law Enforcement Representative)
Ex Officio/Non-Voting Member Open for Nominations
(Mayor’s Appointment)

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

C. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:

Benjamin Link – *Seat vacant*
Resigned (Mayor’s Appointment)
Term Expires: March 27, 2025

The terms are three years. Meets quarterly.

Women: 5
Senatorial District 15: 21
Senatorial District 29: 3

D. HOUSING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:

John F. Greenman

(Mayor's Appointment)

Eligible to succeed

Term Expires: April 30, 2025

The terms are five years. Meets once a month.

Women: 3

Senatorial District 15: 4

Senatorial District 29: 3

4. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS – READY FOR CONFIRMATION:

A. CRIME PREVENTION BOARD: Richard Kelly was nominated to succeed Marcus Gibson. *(Mayor Pro Tem Allen's nominee)* Term expires: March 31, 2028

B. PLANNING ADVISORY COMMISSION: Zarome Lakey was nominated to succeed Dr. Xavier McCaskey. *(Councilor Huff's nominee)* Term expires: March 31, 2028

C. VALLEY PARTNERSHIP JOINT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: Ben Moser was nominated to fill the unexpired term of Monte Galbraith. *(Councilor Crabb's nominee)* Term expires: June 30, 2026

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

A. COLUMBUS SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT AUTHORITY:

New Member

(Commercial Businessperson)

**Councilor Cogle is nominating Mike Welch.*

Open for Nominations

(Council's Appointment)

New Member

(Marketing Background)

**Councilor Davis is nominating Andy Luker.*

Open for Nominations

(Council's Appointment)

New Member
(Promotional Entity – Professional Hockey)
Ex Officio/Non-Voting Member

Open for Nominations
(Council’s Appointment)

New Member
(Trade Center Representative)

Trade Center’s Nomination
(Confirmed by Council)

New Member
(RiverCenter Representative)

RiverCenter’s Nomination
(Confirmed by Council)

New Member
(Convention & Visitors Board Representative)

CVB’s Nomination
(Confirmed by Council)

New Member
(Sports Council Representative)

Sports Council’s Nomination
(Confirmed by Council)

New Member
(Golf Authority Representative)

Golf Authority’s Nomination
(Confirmed by Council)

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

B. COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND CULTURAL LIAISON ENCOUNTERS (CIRCLE):

Samantha Wooden
Eligible to succeed
Term Expired: March 1, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council’s Appointment)

Councilor Crabb is nominating Brandon Wilkens to succeed Samantha Wooden.

The terms are two years. Meets as needed.

Women: 7
Senatorial District 15: 5
Senatorial District 29: 5

C. CRIME PREVENTION BOARD:

Lane Jimmerson

(At-Large)

Not Eligible to succeed

Term Expires: March 31, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

These terms are three years; Law Enforcement Rep. is two years. Meets quarterly.

Women: 3

Senatorial District 15: 2

Senatorial District 29: 4

D. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS COMMITTEE:

Holli Browder

(Dept. Director/Assistant Director)

Eligible to succeed

Term Expires: April 30, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Nancy Boren

(Dept. Director/Assistant Director)

Eligible to succeed

Term Expires: April 30, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Shannon Hubbard

(General Government Employee)

Eligible to succeed

Term Expires: April 30, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Troy Vanerson

(General Government Employee)

Not Eligible to succeed

Term Expires: April 30, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Ardria McGruder

(Selected by General Government Employees)

Eligible to succeed

Term Expires: April 30, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Confirmed by Council)

Rachel S. Banks
(Selected by Public Safety Employees)
Eligible to succeed
Term Expires: April 30, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Confirmed by Council)

Timothy Smith
(Sworn Officer)
Not Eligible to succeed
Term Expires: April 30, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

The terms for General Government Representatives are three years, and two years for Public Safety. Meets once a month.

Women: 5
Senatorial District 15: n/a
Senatorial District 29: n/a

E. LAND BANK AUTHORITY:

VACANT
Term Expires: October 31, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

These terms are four years. Meets once a month.

Women: 4
Senatorial District 15: 5
Senatorial District 29: 1

F. PLANNING ADVISORY COMMISSION:

Ralph King
Not Eligible to succeed
Term Expires: March 31, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Larry Derby
Not Eligible to succeed
Term Expires: March 31, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

These terms are three years. Meets twice a month.

Women: 2
Senatorial District 15: 7
Senatorial District 29: 2

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File Attachments for Item:

1. Approval of minutes for March 11, 2025, Council Meeting and Executive Session.

COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

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

March 11, 2025
 9:00 AM
 Regular Meeting

MAYOR'S AGENDA

PRESENT: Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III and Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen (*Council District 9 At-Large Seat – Vacant*) and Councilors Travis L. Chambers, Joanne Cogle, Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis, R. Walker Garrett, Byron Hickey, Bruce Huff (arrived at 9:07 a.m.) and Toyia Tucker. City Manager Isaiah Hugley, City Attorney Clifton Fay, Clerk of Council Lindsey G. McLemore and Deputy Clerk of Council Tameka Colbert.

The following documents have been included as a part of the electronic Agenda Packet: (1) Muscogee County Prison Programming and Services Presentation; (2) Master Plan and Parking Study Presentation; (3) 5th Avenue Trail Connector Presentation; (4) Aquatics Update Presentation; (5) Infrastructure Update Presentation

The following documents were distributed around the Council table: (1) PA#1 Book Submitted; (2) PA#3 Documents Submitted – Resignation of Councilor Judy Thomas; (3) PA#5 Documents Submitted;

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Pastor Jimmy Elder, First Baptist Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Skip Henderson

RESOLUTIONS:

7. **Resolution (052-25):** A resolution appointing the Clerk of Council for Columbus, Georgia for the remainder of a two-year term. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to appoint Lindsey G. McLemore as Clerk of Council, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present. (*Councilor Huff requested his vote reflect in favor of this item after he arrived to the meeting; Council District 9 At-Large Seat – VACANT*)

NOTE: Councilor Huff arrived at 9:07 a.m.

8. **Resolution (053-25):** A resolution appointing the Deputy Clerk of Council for Columbus, Georgia for the remainder of a two-year term. Councilor Crabb made a motion to appoint Tameka Colbert as Deputy Clerk of Council, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present. (*Council District 9 At-Large Seat – VACANT*)

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for February 25, 2025, Council Meeting and Executive Session. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the nine members present. (*Council District 9 At-Large Seat – VACANT*)

PROCLAMATIONS:

5. **Proclamation:** Catherine Biggers Trotter Day

Receiving: Catherine Trotter

Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen read the proclamation into the record proclaiming Tuesday, March 11, 2025, as *Catherine Biggers Trotter Day*, recognizing Ms. Biggers for her significant contributions to the community and her dedication to servant leadership.

2. **Proclamation:** PIE Week

Receiving: Ashley Becker, Columbus Chamber of Commerce

Councilor Chambers read the proclamation into the record proclaiming Tuesday, March 10-14, 2025, as *PIE Week*, recognizing the dedication of hundreds of organizations participating in Partners in Education, providing support to schools and students throughout the district every year.

3. **Proclamation:** Let's Read Muscogee

Receiving: Brandy Tolbert, Literacy Alliance

Councilor Huff read the proclamation into the record proclaiming March 2025, as *Let's Read Muscogee Month*, recognizing the Literacy Alliance organization for highlighting the importance of reading and learning and addressing the gaps in literacy services in the Chattahoochee Valley Region.

4. **Proclamation:** Intellectual and Development Disabilities Awareness

Receiving: Chloe Landreth, New Horizons

Councilor Hickey read the proclamation into the record proclaiming March 2025, as *Intellectual and Development Disabilities Awareness Month*, recognizing New Horizons Behavioral Health for their dedication to those in the community with developmental disabilities and bringing awareness to community.

6. **Proclamation:** Women's History Month

Receiving: Councilor Toyia Tucker

Councilor Tucker read the proclamation into the record proclaiming March 2025, as *Women's History Month*, recognizing the significant contributions and achievements of women throughout history.

PRESENTATIONS:

9. Programming and Services Update – Warden Herbert Walker, III, Muscogee County Prison

Warden Herbert Walker, III, Muscogee County Prison, approached the rostrum to provide an update on the programs and services offered by the Muscogee County Prison (MCP).

Mr. Tim Harris, a former inmate at MCP, came forward to share his testimony, highlighting the positive influence of the programs and services provided by MCP and how these programs and services impacted his life.

Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge approached the rostrum to respond to comments made by Councilor Tucker regarding the building that Warden Walker was interested in. She explained this building was donated by the city to PAWS in the past and at the time Warden Walker was interested in the property, the asking price was \$210,000.

Councilor Byron Hickey stated for the record that the building was donated by the city to PAWS for free, but what the city failed to do was to include a clause to allow the city the first right to acquire the building back.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE MAYOR:

- Consider adding 2-3 councilors to the committee tasked with selecting a City Manager. (*Request of Councilor Garrett*)

CITY ATTORNEY’S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

1. **Ordinance (25-011) - 2nd Reading-** An ordinance adopting a new Article XXIII of Chapter 2 of the Columbus Code to create a Sports & Entertainment Authority; and for other purposes. (Councilors Cogle, Davis, and Garrett) Councilor Davis made a motion to amend the ordinance to add a hockey representative to serve as a non-voting member on the Sports & Entertainment Authority, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present. Councilor Crabb made a motion to adopt the ordinance as amended, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried by a vote of seven-to-two, with Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Cogle, Crabb, Davis, Garrett, Hickey and Tucker voting yes and Councilors Chambers and Huff voting no. (*Council District 9 At-Large Seat – VACANT*)

Parks & Recreation Director Holli Browder approached the rostrum to respond to a question from Councilor Huff, explaining Parks & Recreation took the Aquatics Center back over in March 2015.

2. **1st Reading-** REZN-01-25-0079: An ordinance amending the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) for Columbus, Georgia to add certain property development regulations for single family detached homes in the Uptown (UPT) zoning district. ***No public comment.***

Planning Director Will Johnson approached the rostrum, explaining in 2008 single family housing was added to the UPT, but the details such as dimensions were not mentioned.

3. **1st Reading-** An Ordinance adopting amendments to Article II of Chapter 4 of the Columbus Code pertaining to the Recreation Advisory Board; repealing Article IV of Chapter 4 of the

Columbus Code pertaining to the Columbus Aquatics Commission; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem) **No public comment.**

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Ms. Laura Lowe, Re: Book Dedication to the City of Columbus
2. Mrs. Audrey Holston-Palmore, Re: Update from January 7, 2025, on Heir Property Located in East Wynnton/Midtown
3. Mr. John Shinkle, Re: City Government
4. Ms. Madeline Burns, Re: City Management
5. Mrs. Karen Gaskins, Re: City Management
6. Mrs. Nancy Karnotski, Re: City Management
7. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Juvenile Crime & Murder Count
8. Mr. John Anker, Re: Implementing Positive Change
9. Mr. Wane Hailes, representing The Courier Eco Latino Newspaper, Re: City Management
10. Rev. Johnny Flakes, III, Re: Perspective on City Management
11. Mr. Danny Arencibia, Re: Perspective on the Management of the City

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Lease Agreement – 1148 Broadway– Synovus Bank ATM Site

Resolution (054-25): A resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease agreement with Synovus Bank to lease space at 1148 Broadway, Columbus, Georgia 31901 for the operation of a walk-up automatic teller machine (atm). Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Chambers and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Hickey being absent for the vote. *(Council District 9 At-Large Seat – VACANT)*

2. Safe Neighborhoods Program Grant

Resolution (055-25): A resolution to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant of \$79,586.00, or as otherwise awarded, from the Middle District of Georgia’s U.S. Attorney’s Office Project Safe Neighborhoods Program Grant, with no local match requirement, and to amend the multi-governmental fund by the amount awarded. Funds will be utilized for the purchase of technology and surveillance equipment. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Hickey being absent for the vote. *(Council District 9 At-Large Seat – VACANT)*

ADD-ON RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution (056-25): A resolution to accept a grant for equipment and training in the amount of \$37,752.00 or as otherwise awarded, from the Homeland Security Hazmat Grant Program. These

funds will be utilized for the purchase of new hazardous materials equipment and hazardous materials specific training courses. The type II team responds to hazardous materials emergencies in Muscogee County as well as surrounding communities to provide hazardous material containment to include chemical, radiological, and biological incidents. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present. *(Council District 9 At-Large Seat – VACANT)*

Resolution (057-25): A resolution to accept a grant for equipment in the amount of \$63,462.00 or as otherwise awarded, from the Homeland Security Georgia Search and Rescue (GSAR) Grant Program. These funds will be utilized for the purchase of new rescue equipment and training. This team is formed to improve responses to heavy rescue as well as water rescue emergencies to the citizens of Columbus and surrounding counties. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present. *(Council District 9 At-Large Seat – VACANT)*

3. PURCHASES

A-1. One (1) Caterpillar D2 LGPAC Bulldozer for Public Works Department – Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (058-25): A resolution authorizing the purchase one (1) Caterpillar D2 LGPAC Bulldozer from Yancey-Cat, (Fortson, GA) in the amount of \$195,225.00. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Sourcewell Contract #092222-CAT. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Chambers and carried unanimously by the nine members present. *(Council District 9 At-Large Seat – VACANT)*

A-2. GMA Lease for One (1) Caterpillar D2 LGPAC Bulldozer for Public Works Department

Resolution (059-25): 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. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Chambers and carried unanimously by the nine members present. *(Council District 9 At-Large Seat – VACANT)*

B-1. Two (2) Genesis Recycler Combination Sewer Cleaners for Public Works Department – Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (060-25): A resolution authorizing the purchase of two (2) Genesis Recycler Combination Sewer Cleaners from Jet-Vac Equipment Company, LLC (Atlanta, GA) for a unit price of \$967,371.88 and total cost of \$1,934,743.76. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Sourcewell Contract #101221-SCA. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Chambers and carried unanimously by the nine members present. *(Council District 9 At-Large Seat – VACANT)*

B-2. GMA Lease for Two (2) Genesis Recycler Combination Sewer Cleaners for Public Works Department

Resolution (061-25): 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. Mayor

Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Chambers and carried unanimously by the nine members present. (*Council District 9 At-Large Seat – VACANT*)

C-1. One (1) 12-Yard Combination Sewer Cleaner for Public Works Department – Sourcewell Cooperative Contract

Resolution (062-25): A resolution authorizing the purchase one (1) 12 Yard Combination Sewer Cleaner from Jet-Vac Equipment Company, LLC (Atlanta, GA) in the amount of \$566,168.85. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Sourcewell Contract #101221-SCA. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Chambers and carried unanimously by the nine members present. (*Council District 9 At-Large Seat – VACANT*)

C-2. GMA Lease for One (1) 12-Yard Combination Sewer Cleaner for Public Works Department

Resolution (063-25): 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. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Chambers and carried unanimously by the nine members present. (*Council District 9 At-Large Seat – VACANT*)

D-1. Three (3) Petersen TL-3 Grapple 30-Yard Trucks for Public Works Department – Sourcewell Cooperative Contract Purchase

Resolution (064-25): A resolution authorizing the purchase three (3) Petersen TL-3 Grapple Trucks Group 30-yard from Environmental Products Group, (Lake Wales, FL) for a unit price of \$234,510.00, and total cost \$703,530.00. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Sourcewell Contract #040621-PII. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Chambers and carried unanimously by the nine members present. (*Council District 9 At-Large Seat – VACANT*)

D-2. GMA Lease for Three (3) Petersen TL-3 Grapple 30-Yard Trucks for Public Works Department

Resolution (065-25): 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. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Chambers and carried unanimously by the nine members present. (*Council District 9 At-Large Seat – VACANT*)

E-1. Two (2) Petersen TL-3 Grapple 40-Yard Trucks for Public Works Department

Resolution (066-25): A resolution authorized to purchase two (2) Petersen TL-3 Grapple Trucks Group 40-yard from Environmental Products Group, (Lake Wales, FL) for a unit price of \$275,830.00, and a total cost of \$551,660.00. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Sourcewell Contract #040621-PII. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Chambers and carried unanimously by the nine members present. (*Council District 9 At-Large Seat – VACANT*)

E-2. GMA Lease for Two (2) Petersen TL-3 Grapple 40-Yard Trucks for Public Works Department

Resolution (067-25): 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. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Chambers and carried unanimously by the nine members present. *(Council District 9 At-Large Seat – VACANT)*

F-1. One (1) 11-Yard Viper Rear Load Refuse Truck for Public Works Department – Sourcewell Cooperative Contract

Resolution (068-25): A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) 11 Yard Viper Rear Load Refuse Truck from Sansom Equipment Company, (Scranton, IA) in the amount of \$256,497.00. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Sourcewell Contract #110223-NWY. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Chambers and carried unanimously by the nine members present. *(Council District 9 At-Large Seat – VACANT)*

F-2. GMA Lease for One (1) 11-Yard Viper Rear Load Refuse Truck for Public Works Department

Resolution (069-25): 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 Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution contingent on completing the form to check the box indicating that there is an appropriation in the city's current operating budget sufficient to pay the rentals and the Termination Payment during the Starting Term, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilors Davis and Huff being absent for the vote. *(Council District 9 At-Large Seat – VACANT)*

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

Resolution (070-25): A resolution authorizing the execution of Amendment 8 with the S/L/A/M Collaborative, Inc., (Orlando, FL), which is formerly CBRE/Heery, Inc., in the amount of \$294,000.00 for an emergency back-up generator at the new city hall. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Davis being absent for the vote. *(Council District 9 At-Large Seat – VACANT)*

Inspections & Code Director Ryan Pruett approached the rostrum, explaining the total cost of the Judicial Center project is \$207.5 million for design, construction, furniture and other expenses. The project will still be within budget with this amendment.

I. Various Equipment for the Civic Center – Annual Contract Purchase

Resolution (071-25): A resolution authorizing the purchase of 2 (two) forklifts, 2 (two) curtain motors, 1 (one) carpet extractor and fifty (50) folding chairs for the Civic Center from Grainger Industrial Supply (Columbus, GA) in the total amount of \$99,095.46. Council approval is required for these purchases due to funding via the Friends of Columbus Account for the Civic Center. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Chambers and carried unanimously by the nine members present. *(Council District 9 At-Large Seat – VACANT)*

G. Muscogee County Jail Roof Project – RFB No. 25-0006

Resolution (072-25): A resolution authorizing the execution of a contract with Integrated Building Services, Inc. (Marietta, GA) in the amount of \$464,600.00 for the Muscogee County Jail Roof Project. The recommended total includes the base bid of \$448,000.00 and an additional \$16,600.00 for Alternate 1 – Additive alternate to retrofit Section H with a new loose laid TPO roof system, in lieu of repairs to existing, and reinstall the ballast. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Chambers and carried unanimously by the nine members present. *(Council District 9 At-Large Seat – VACANT)*

Councilor Charmaine Crabb brought up correspondence she had with Keith Stevens from the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD), where he stated the landfill facility is currently out of compliance with the requirements. She expressed a desire to revisit the vote taken at the March 11, 2025, Council Meeting, where Council voted to utilize two (2) Reserve Days (\$1,327,768) to begin the landfill expansion.

Mr. Monte Jones, Atlantic Coast Consulting, Inc., approached the rostrum to respond, stating that he does not believe Phase 4 is out of compliance, but it appears that some phases have been overfilled. The landfill staff have been checking to resolve the issue and be ready for approval to move forward with the expansion.

EMERGENCY PURCHASES

- 1. Information Only: Exigent “Off the Lot” Vehicle Purchases – Resolution No. 354-24

4. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. Trade Center Parking Garage Update - Hayley Tillery, Executive Director, Columbus Convention & Trade Center, Scott P. Holmes, AIA, Principal, Hecht Burdeshaw Architect

Executive Director Hayley Tillery, Columbus Convention & Trade Center and **Mr. Scott P. Holmes, Principal, Hecht Burdeshaw Architects,** approached the rostrum to present information on the options found from the parking study, with the Trade Center Authority approving Option A, and the development of a master plan. The master plan would address the parking issues, incorporate green space, and for future hotel infrastructure.

- B. 5th Avenue Trail Connector Update - Mitchell Greenway, Stantec

Mr. Mitchell Greenway, Stantec, approached the rostrum to provide information on the 5th Avenue Trail, which will consist of 0.5 miles of multi-use paths to connect the 14th street Connector to the Linwood Connector.

Executive Director Becca Zajac, Dragonfly Trail Network, came forward to share their concerns on the west side conflicts with the safety issues and would recommend the east side option.

Councilor Cogle made a motion to install a trail to connect the 14th Street Connector to the Linwood Connector on the east side of 5th Avenue, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the nine members present. *(Council District 9 At-Large Seat – VACANT)*

C. Pool Update - Holli Browder, Director, Parks & Recreation

Parks & Recreation Director Holli Browder approached the rostrum to provide a presentation on the city pools and splash pads, with the pool opening date being May 28, 2025. The struggle to recruit lifeguards was addressed with information being provided on the difference in pay of other municipalities, with CCG being one of the lowest.

Councilor Cogle made a motion to increase the Parks & Recreation budget by \$177,070.79 to increase the wages of aquatic personnel as proposed, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the nine members present. (Council District 9 At-Large Seat – VACANT)

D. Infrastructure Update - Ryan Pruett, Director, Inspections & Code, Will Johnson, Director, Planning, and Vance Beck, Director, Engineering

Engineering Director Vance Beck and **Planning Director Will Johnson** came forward to provide a presentation with an update on various road projects and **Inspections & Code Director Ryan Pruett** providing an update on various infrastructure projects.

CLERK OF COUNCIL’S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - INFORMATION ONLY

- 1. Upcoming Board Appointment(s) – Employees Benefits Committee (*Council Appointments; Selection by Public Safety Employees; Selection by General Government Employees*)
- 2. Upcoming Board Appointment(s) – Housing Authority of Columbus (*Mayor’s Appointment*)

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

- 3. **RESOLUTION (073-25)** – A resolution approving an Honorary Designation request to rename the Public Safety Building in honor of Former Mayor and Columbus Police Chief William “Jim” Wetherington, Sr. (*The Board of Honor met on March 6, 2025, to ratify Council’s action to approve on January 28, 2025.*) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the nine members present. (*Council District 9 At-Large Seat – VACANT*)
- 4. **RESOLUTION (074-25)** – A resolution approving an Honorary Designation request to name the future Judicial Center in honor of the Honorable John D. Allen. (*The Board of Honor met on March 6, 2025, and recommends approval.*) Councilor Hickey made a motion to approve the resolution, second by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present. (*Council District 9 At-Large Seat – VACANT*)
- 5. **RESOLUTION (075-25)** – A resolution approving an Honorary Street Designation Application requesting signage to be placed at the intersecting streets of St. Mary’s Road and Longwood Lane in honor of Angiela “Angie” Tanzie. (*The Board of Honor met on March 6, 2025, to ratify Council’s action to approve on February 25, 2025.*) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the nine members present. (*Council District 9 At-Large Seat – VACANT*)

- 6. RESOLUTION – A resolution excusing Councilor Judy Thomas from the March 11, 2025, Council Meeting. *(This resolution was withdrawn by the Clerk of Council)*
- 7. Letter from the Medical Center Hospital Authority advising that the authority has selected James Allen McMullen to fill the unexpired term of Rick McKnight. *(The Council may confirm this selection.)* Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the nine members present. *(Council District 9 At-Large Seat – VACANT)*

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

Audit Committee, February 5, 2025

Board of Tax Assessors, #06-25

Convention & Visitors Board of Commissioners, January 15, 2025

Councilor Davis made a motion to receive the minutes of various boards, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present. *(Council District 9 At-Large Seat – VACANT)*

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

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

A. **BUILDING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:**

A nominee for the seat of Renee Sturkie *(Eligible to succeed – Not interested in serving)* for a term expiring on March 24, 2025, on the Building Authority of Columbus. *(Mayor’s Appointment)*. There were none.

B. **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:**

A nominee for the seat of Benjamin Link *(Eligible to succeed)* for the term expiring on the March 25, 2025, on the Community Development Advisory Council *(Mayor’s Appointment)*. There were none.

10. **COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS- READY FOR CONFIRMATION:**

A. **BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS:** Shaun Roberts was nominated to serve another term. *(Mayor Pro Tem Allen’s nominee)* Term expires: March 31, 2028. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present. *(Council District 9 At-Large Seat – VACANT)*

B. **BUILDING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:** Tyler R. Martindill was nominated to serve another term. *(Mayor Pro Tem Allen’s nominee)* Term expires: March 24, 2027. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present. *(Council District 9 At-Large Seat – VACANT)*

11. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS – VOTE TABULATION:

A. BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS:

A nominee for the seat of Doug Jefcoat (*Resigned*) for a term expiring on March 31, 2027, on the Board of Zoning Appeals (*Council's Appointment*). Clerk of Council McLemore stated Councilor Crabb nominated Ernie Smallman and Councilor Huff nominated Zarome Lakey to fill the unexpired term of Doug Jefcoat. A vote tabulation found six (6) votes in favor of Ernie Smallman (Chambers, Cogle, Crabb, Davis, Hickey, and Tucker) and two (2) votes in favor of Zarome Lakey (Allen and Huff). Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to confirm Ernie Smallman, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present. (*Council District 9 At-Large Seat – VACANT*)

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

A. CIVIC CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of Charles E. Huff, Jr. (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on March 1, 2025, on the Civic Center Advisory Board. (*District 1 – Hickey*). Councilor Hickey renominated Charles E. Huff, Jr. to serve another term. Councilor Tucker made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present. (*Council District 9 At-Large Seat – VACANT*)

A nominee for the seat of Gregory Blue (*Eligible to succeed – Interested in serving*) for a term expiring on March 1, 2025, on the Civic Center Advisory Board. (*District 3 – Huff*). Councilor Huff renominated Gregory Blue to serve another term. Councilor Tucker made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present. (*Council District 9 At-Large Seat – VACANT*)

A nominee for the seat of Johnson Trawick (*Eligible to succeed – Not interested in serving*) for a term expiring on March 1, 2025, on the Civic Center Advisory Board. (*District 8 – Garrett*). There were none.

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

A. COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND CULTURAL LIAISON ENCOUNTERS (CIRCLE):

A nominee for the seat of Samantha Wooden (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on March 1, 2025, on the Commission on International Relations and Cultural Liaison Encounters. (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

B. CRIME PREVENTION BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of Marcus Gibson (*Not Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on March 31, 2025, as the Senatorial District 15 Representative on the Crime Prevention Board (*Council's Appointment*). Clerk of Council McLemore stated Mayor Pro Tem Allen is nominating Richard Kelly to fill the seat of Marcus Gibson.

A nominee for the seat of Lane Jimmerson (*Not Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on March 31, 2025, on the Crime Prevention Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

C. PLANNING ADVISORY COMMISSION:

A nominee for the seat of Dr. Xavier McCaskey (*Not Eligible to Succeed*) for a term expiring on March 31, 2025, on the Planning Advisory Commission (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Huff nominated Zarome Lakey to fill the seat of Dr. Xavier McCaskey.

A nominee for the seat of Ralph King (*Not Eligible to Succeed*) for a term expiring on March 31, 2025, on the Planning Advisory Commission (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Larry Derby (*Not Eligible to Succeed*) for a term expiring on March 31, 2025, on the Planning Advisory Commission (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

D. UPTOWN FACADE BOARD:

A nominee for the seat of James Lewis (*Not Eligible to succeed*) for a term that expired on October 31, 2024, as a Uptown Business Improvement District Representative on the Uptown Facade Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Hannah Israel (*Not Eligible to succeed*) for a term that expired on October 31, 2024, as a Uptown Business Improvement District Representative on the Uptown Facade Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

E. VALLEY PARTNERSHIP JOINT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:

A nominee for the seat of Monte Galbraith (*Resigned*) for a term that expired on June 30, 2025, on the Valley Partnership Joint Development Authority (*Council's Appointment*). Clerk of Council McLemore stated Councilor Crabb is nominating Ben Moser to fill the unexpired term of Monte Galbraith.

PUBLIC AGENDA (continued):

- 2. Mrs. Audrey Holston-Palmore, Re: Update from January 7, 2025, on Heir Property Located in East Wynnton/Midtown.
- 4. Ms. Madeline Burns, Re: City Management.
- 10. Rev. Johnny Flakes, III, Re: Perspective on City Management.

CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 9 (AT-LARGE) APPOINTMENT:

Councilor Hickey made a motion to appoint John Anker to fill the vacant seat for Council District 9 (At-Large), seconded by Councilor Crabb and after discussions, the motion was carried by a six-to-three vote, with Councilors Cogle, Crabb, Davis, Garrett, Hickey, and Tucker voting in favor, and Mayor Pro Tem Allen and Councilors Chambers and Huff voting in opposition.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Henderson entertained a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss matters of real estate acquisition and litigation as requested by City Attorney Fay earlier in the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the nine members present, (*Council District 9 At-Large Seat – VACANT*) and the time being 2:29 p.m.

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 3:02 p.m., at which time, Mayor Henderson announced that the Council did meet in Executive Session to discuss matters of personnel and real estate acquisition; however, there were no votes taken.

ADD-ON RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution (076-25): A resolution authorizing a settlement payment of \$50,000 to settle all damage claims of Angel King stemming from the incident which occurred on March 27, 2023, and to execute all appropriate settlement documents to this effect. Councilor Garrett made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Chambers being absent for the vote. (*Council District 9 At-Large Seat – VACANT*)

Resolution (077-25): A resolution Authorizing a settlement payment of \$100,000 to settle all damage claims of Janie Murray stemming from the incident which occurred on September 7, 2022, and to execute all appropriate settlement documents to this effect. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Chambers being absent for the vote. (*Council District 9 At-Large Seat – VACANT*)

CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 9 (AT-LARGE) APPOINTMENT (continued):

Councilor Hickey made a motion to allow John Anker to speak seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Chambers being absent for the vote. (*Council District 9 At-Large Seat – VACANT*)

Mr. John Anker approached the rostrum to speak on his appointment to serve as the District 9 (At-Large) Councilor, sharing his eagerness to work with the other members of Council in serving the citizens.

BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN:

After a discussion, Councilor Davis made a motion to appoint Mayor Pro Tem Allen as the Budget Review Committee Chairman, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Chambers being absent for the vote. (*Council District 9 At-Large Seat – VACANT*)

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Pro Tem Allen entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Councilor Garrett to adjourn the March 11, 2025, Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with

Councilor Chambers being absent for the vote, and the time being 3:10 p.m. (*Council District 9 At-Large Seat – VACANT*),

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

File Attachments for Item:

1. 2nd Reading- REZN-01-25-0079: An ordinance amending the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) for Columbus, Georgia to add certain property development regulations for single family detached homes in the Uptown (UPT) zoning district.

AN ORDINANCE

NO. _____

An ordinance amending the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) for Columbus, Georgia to add certain property development regulations for single family detached homes in the Uptown (UPT) zoning district.

THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 2 of the Unified Development Ordinance is hereby amended by amending Table 2.3.2 to add Single family residential (SF Detached) dimensions in the Uptown (UPT) zoning district:

Zoning District	Property Development Regulations									
	Min. Lot Size (Square Feet)	Max. Density (Units per Acre)	Max. Lot Coverage	Min. Lot Width (Feet)	Max. Bldg Height (Feet)	Minimum Required Yard/Setback (Feet)				Notes
						Front	Side	Side Corner	Rear	
UPT										
SF Detached	4,000 (2,000)	21.75	100%	40	40	20	10	20	30	⁴
Multifamily and Condo	4,000	None	100%	40	150	25	12	25	40	
Nonresidential Uses	4,000	None	100%	40	150	25	0/15 ³	0	0	
Mixed Uses	4,000	None	100%	40	150	0	0/15 ³	0	0	²

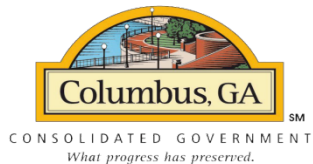
Notes.¹ Number of square feet in parenthesis is the minimum lot area per individual dwelling unit.
² Residential uses are to be located above the ground floor.
³ 15 feet when abutting a residential zoning district.
⁴ Single family residential homes shall not be subject to UFB review in the Liberty District.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 11th day of March 2025; introduced a second time at a regular meeting of said Council held on the ____ day of _____, 2025 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ____ members of said Council.

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

Lindsey G. McLemore
Clerk of Council

B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III
Mayor



Planning Department

March 3, 2025

Honorable Mayor and Councilors
 City Manager
 City Attorney
 Clerk of Council

This application comes at the request of Columbus Consolidated Government.

Various requests to the UDO from staff.

Subject: (REZN-01-25-0079) A request to amend the text of the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) regarding SF Detached dimensions in the Uptown (UPT) zoning district.

UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE REVISIONS
 (Explanation of Revisions)

1. Explanation of Revisions: Amend Table 2.3.2 by adding SF Detached dimensions in the Uptown (UPT) zoning district.

Zoning District	Property Development Regulations									
	Min. Lot Size (Square Feet)	Max. Density (Units per Acre)	Max. Lot Coverage	Min. Lot Width (Feet)	Max. Bldg Height (Feet)	Minimum Required Yard/Setback (Feet)				Notes
						Front	Side	Side Corner	Rear	
UPT										
SF Detached	4,000 (2,000)	21.75	100%	40	40	20	10	20	30	4
Multifamily and Condo	4,000	None	100%	40	150	25	12	25	40	
Nonresidential Uses	4,000	None	100%	40	150	25	0/15 ³	0	0	

Mixed Uses	4,000	None	100%	40	150	0	0/15 ³	0	0	²
Notes. ¹ Number of square feet in parenthesis is the minimum lot area per individual dwelling unit. ² Residential uses are to be located above the ground floor. ³ 15 feet when abutting a residential zoning district. ⁴ Single family residential homes shall not be subject to UFB review in the Liberty District.										

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

N/A

Recommendations:

The Planning Advisory Commission (PAC) considered this text amendment at their meeting on February 5, 2025. PAC recommended **approval** by a vote of 7-0.

The Planning Department recommends **approval**.

Sincerely,

Will Johnson
Planning Director

File Attachments for Item:

2. 2nd Reading- An Ordinance adopting amendments to Article II of Chapter 4 of the Columbus Code pertaining to the Recreation Advisory Board; repealing Article IV of Chapter 4 of the Columbus Code pertaining to the Columbus Aquatics Commission; and for other purposes.
(Mayor Pro-Tem)

AN ORDINANCE

NO.

An Ordinance adopting amendments to Article II of Chapter 4 of the Columbus Code pertaining to the Recreation Advisory Board; repealing Article IV of Chapter 4 of the Columbus Code pertaining to the Columbus Aquatics Commission; and for other purposes.

SECTION 1.

Sections 4-29,4-30, and 4-32 of Article II of Chapter 4 of the Columbus Code are hereby repealed and replaced with revised code sections which shall read as follows:

“Sec. 4-29. Operation generally.

The board shall consist of 7 members. Two members shall be appointed from Senate District -15 and two members shall be appointed from Senate District -29. These positions may be nominated by any Councilor. In addition, each of the two at-large councilors shall appoint one member to serve at large. Terms of office shall be four years. The seventh voting member shall be the Athletic Director of the Muscogee County School District serving in an ex-officio capacity.”

“Sec. 4-30. Board to serve in advisory capacity to director of parks and recreation.

The recreation advisory board shall serve in an advisory capacity to the director of the parks and recreation department for the consideration of policies of the department and make recommendations for its operation and the advancement of recreational programs and facilities throughout the community. The director of parks and recreation or his/her designee shall attend each meeting of the Board and provide such administrative support as the Board may request.”

“Sec. 4-32. Board duties.

- (a) The recreation advisory board shall perform duties including, but not limited to:
- (1) The board shall meet at least bimonthly (six times per year). Meetings shall be presided over by a chairperson or a co-chairperson each of whom shall be elected by the Board annually;
 - (2) The board shall prepare all required+ minutes of its meetings with assistance from parks and recreation personnel and shall transmit a copy of the same to the mayor, council, city manager and clerk of council;
 - (3) The board shall provide written recommendations to the mayor, council, city manager and clerk of council when deemed necessary by the board concerning the operations and programs of the city department of parks and recreation;
 - (4) The board shall review financial statements of the parks and recreation department with a representative from the finance department at least annually and in advance of the budget season for the next fiscal year;
 - (5) The board shall inspect and conduct site visits to selected facilities of the department of parks and recreation on a schedule proposed by the director of parks and recreation and approved by the Board at least once per year;

- (6) The board shall review the city department of parks and recreation policies and procedures at least once per year and make any recommendations for amendments as deemed necessary by the board;
 - (7) The board shall assist the crime prevention director and public safety agencies with coordination of programs directed at crime prevention and community education; and
 - (8) Perform any other activities or duties as requested by the Columbus Council.”
- (b) The seat of any member of the recreation advisory board shall be declared vacant if such member misses three consecutive meetings. Any board vacancy shall be filled as provided in section 4-29 of this Code.”

SECTION 2.

Chapter 4 of the Columbus Code is amended by striking Article IV pertaining to the Columbus Aquatics Commission in its entirety and designating that article as Reserved.

SECTION 3.

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

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 11th day of March, 2025; and introduced on second reading at a regular meeting of said Council held on the ____ day of _____, 2025 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ____ members of said Council.

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

Lindsey G. McLemore
Clerk of Council

B. H. “Skip” Henderson, III
Mayor

ARTICLE II. RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD¹

Sec. 4-27. Board recreated.

There is hereby recreated the recreation advisory board formerly established by the Charter of Columbus, Georgia, which is hereby continued in existence.

Sec. 4-28. Continuity of operations.

The board shall continue its operations without interruption resulting from the adoption of this article.

Sec. 4-29. Operation generally.

The board shall consist of ~~11~~7 members. ~~Two~~ ~~One~~ members shall be appointed from ~~Senate District -15 and two members shall be appointed from Senate District -29. These positions may be nominated by any Councilor, each Columbus council district by the councilor representing said district and~~ In addition, each of the two at-large councilors shall appoint one member to serve at large. Terms of office shall be four years. The ~~eleventh~~ seventh voting member shall be the Athletic Director of the Muscogee County School District serving in an ex-officio capacity

Sec. 4-30. Board to serve in advisory capacity to director of parks and recreation.

The recreation advisory board shall serve in an advisory capacity to the director of the parks and recreation department for the consideration of policies of the department and make recommendations for its operation and the advancement of recreational programs and facilities throughout the community. The director of parks and recreation or his/her designee shall attend each meeting of the Board and provide such administrative support as the Board may request.

Sec. 4-31. Reserved.

Sec. 4-32. Board duties.

(a) The recreation advisory board shall perform duties including, but not limited to:

- (1) The board shall meet at least bimonthly (six times per year). Meetings shall be presided over by a with the Director of Parks and Recreation and shall elect a chairperson or a co-chairperson each of whom shall be elected by the Board annually to preside at its meetings;
- (2) The board shall prepare all required minutes of its meetings with assistance from parks and recreation personnel and shall transmit a copy of the same to the mayor, council, city manager and clerk of council;
- (3) The board shall provide written recommendations to the mayor, council, city manager and clerk of council when deemed necessary by the board concerning the operations and programs of the city department of parks and recreation;
- (4) The board shall review financial statements of the parks and recreation department with a representative from the finance department at least on a quarterly basis annually and in advance of the budget season for the next fiscal year;

- (5) The board shall inspect and conduct site visits to each selected facilities of the city department of parks and recreation on a schedule proposed by the director of parks and recreation and approved by the Board at least once per year;
 - (6) The board shall review the city department of parks and recreation policies and procedures at least once per year and make any recommendations for amendments as deemed necessary by the board;
 - (7) The board shall assist the crime prevention director and public safety agencies with coordination of programs directed at crime prevention and community education; and
 - (8) Perform any other activities or duties as requested by the Columbus Council.
- (b) The seat of any member of the recreation advisory board shall be declared vacant if such member misses three consecutive meetings. Any board vacancy shall be filled as provided in section 4-29 of this Code.

File Attachments for Item:

3. 1st Reading- An ordinance providing for the demolition of various structures located at:

1) **2903 10th Avenue** (Vision Investment Properties LTD, Owner)2) **1024 Henry Avenue** (Christina Williams & Joseph Philippe, Owner)3) **2610 Jones Avenue** (Green Pryor Lewis Jr, Owner)4) **3826 3rd Avenue** (BSL Investment Group LLC, Owner)5) **3822 3rd Avenue** (BSL Investment Group LLC, Owner)6) **831 Barklay Way** (Eloise Elaine Dale, Owner)7) **2475 Walker Street** (William D. Holland, Owner)8) **615 Parkchester Drive** (Gerardo Ledesma Angeles, Owner)

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

AN ORDINANCE

NO.

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

- 1) 2903 10th Avenue (Vision Investment Properties LTD, Owner)
- 2) 1024 Henry Avenue (Christina Williams & Joseph Philippe, Owner)
- 3) 2610 Jones Avenue (Green Pryor Lewis Jr, Owner)
- 4) 3826 3rd Avenue (BSL Investment Group LLC, Owner)
- 5) 3822 3rd Avenue (BSL Investment Group LLC, Owner)
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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 are fully 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) 2903 10th Avenue (Vision Investment Properties LTD, Owner)
- 2) 1024 Henry Avenue (Christina Williams & Joseph Philippe, Owner)
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in the total amount of **\$146,903.76** for demolition services as shown on the attached bid tabulation sheet; and

WHEREAS, funds are budgeted in the FY25 Budget, Community Development Block Grant-Neighborhood Redevelopment-Site Improvements.

(Demolitions under City contracts are funded by the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) and 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 for 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 25th day of March 2025; introduced a second time at a regular meeting of said council held on the 8th day of April 2025 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmation vote of _____ members of Council.

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

Lindsey G. McLemore
Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson, III
Mayor

March 2025 Demolition Bid Tabulation Sheet

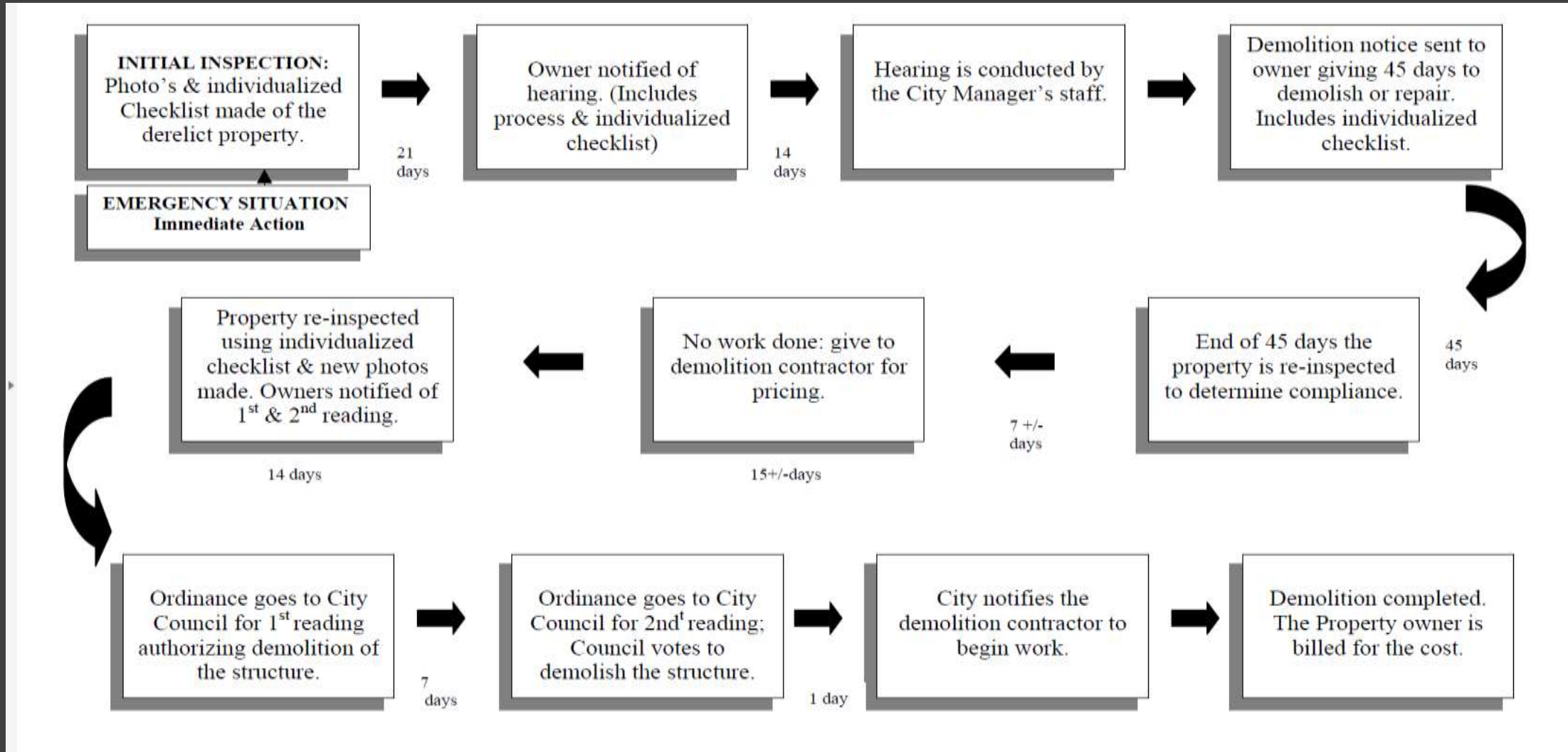
Property	Demolition Amount
1) 2903 10th Avenue (Vision Investment Properties LTD, Owner)	\$36,391.41
2) 1024 Henry Avenue (Christina Williams & Joseph Philippe, Owner)	\$12,675.41
3) 2610 Jones Avenue (Green Pryor Lewis Jr, Owner)	\$16,557.50
4) 3826 3rd Avenue (BSL Investment Group LLC, Owner)	\$14,777.14
5) 3822 3rd Avenue (BSL Investment Group LLC, Owner)	\$18,120.00
6) 831 Barklay Way (Eloise Elaine Dale, Owner)	\$17,581.40
7) 2475 Walker Street (William D. Exec LWT Holland, Owner)	\$19,398.20
8) 615 Parkchester Drive (Gerardo Ledesma Angeles, Owner)	\$11,402.70
TOTAL	\$146,903.76



INSPECTIONS & CODE DEPARTMENT

Demolition Properties

Demolition Process



Tabulation Bid Sheet – WT Miller March 2025

March 2025 Demolition Bid Tabulation Sheet

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TOTAL	\$146,903.76

Proposed
Properties to
be Demolished

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1024 Henry Avenue (Christina Williams & Joseph Philippe, Owner)



2610 Jones Avenue (Green Pryor Lewis Jr, Owner)



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LLC, Owner)



831 Barklay Way (Eloise Elaine Dale, Owner)



2475 Walker Street (William D. Holland, Owner)



615 Parkchester Drive (Gerardo Ledesma Angeles, Owner)





INSPECTIONS & CODE DEPARTMENT

Questions?

File Attachments for Item:

4. 1st Reading- An ordinance amending the Paid Maternity and Paternity Leave Policy and renaming it the Paid Parental Leave Policy to be consistent with the definitions contained in EEOC guidelines. (Councilor Chambers) (Mayor Pro-Tem)

ORDINANCE

NO. _____

An ordinance amending the Paid Maternity and Paternity Leave Policy and renaming it the Paid Parental Leave Policy to be consistent with the definitions contained in EEOC guidelines; and for other purposes.

THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1.

The Paid Maternity and Paternity Leave Policy, previously adopted by Ordinance No. 24-064 on November 12, 2024, is hereby renamed the Paid Parental Leave Policy and amended and restated as attached hereto.

Section 2.

The Policy adopted by this ordinance shall apply to all births and adoptions covered by the previously adopted policy and/or taking place on or after November 15, 2024.

Section 3.

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

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held on the 25th day of March 2025; introduced a second time at a regular meeting of the said Council held on the 8th day of April 2025 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting	_____
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Councilor Hickey	voting	_____
Councilor Huff	voting	_____
Councilor Tucker	voting	_____

Lindsey McLemore, Clerk of Council

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



POLICY AND PROCEDURE

We do amazing.

POLICY NUMBER: 220-1011

POLICY TITLE: PAID PARENTAL LEAVE POLICY

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 15, 2024, **REVISION DATE:** March 25, 2025

APPROVED BY: Signature on File
CITY MANAGER

Confirmed by the Council of Columbus Consolidated Government, Ordinance No. 25-
Dated the ____ day of _____.

STATEMENT OF POLICY:

The purpose of this policy is to enable and support employees in healing and recovering from giving birth, and in the bonding and caregiving of a child following birth or adoption. Eligible employees may receive up to six (6) weeks of Paid Maternity Leave or Post-Adoption Primary Caregiver Leave or two (2) weeks of Paid Co-Parent Leave due to the birth or adoption of an employee’s child. This leave is administered in conjunction with the Family and Medical Leave Act (“FMLA”). Employees must be eligible for leave under the Family Medical Leave Act to qualify for Paid Maternity, Post-Adoption Primary Caregiver or Co-Parent Leave under this policy. If an employee has already exhausted his or her available FMLA leave for the rolling 12-month period, the employee may still be eligible for paid maternity/post-adoption/co-parent leave. This policy is intended to convey additional benefits to qualified employees and is not intended to alter or infringe upon any employee protections provided for by the FMLA, the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act (“PWFA”), the Americans with Disabilities Act (“ADA”) or any other statutory provision.

SCOPE:

This policy applies to all full-time employees of the Columbus Consolidated Government.

RESPONSIBILITY:

The Human Resources Department and appropriate Human Resource staff members will advise and assist employees, supervisors, and department directors in the application of this policy.

PROCEDURE:

I. Definitions

- Maternity Leave - is intended for new mothers to take time off from work to mentally and physically recover from pregnancy-related temporary disability after giving birth.

- Post-Adoption Primary Caregiver Leave – is intended for the primary caregiver (regardless of gender) of an adoptive child to take leave to encourage bonding and caregiving of the adoptive child after adoption.
- Co-Parent Leave – is intended for co-parents with a birth-giving parent and/or post-adoptive primary caregiver.
- Parent – a full-time employee who meets the following criteria:
 - Has given birth to a newborn child
 - Has legally adopted a child and accepted placement of the child into their home (child must be age 17 or younger)
 - Is the spouse or co-parent to a birth-giving parent
- Event - Birth or Adoption

II. Eligibility

Eligible employees must meet the following criteria:

- Be a full-time, regular employee (part-time, temporary, seasonal, and interns are not eligible for this benefit),
- Have at least one (1) year of full-time employment with the CCG, and
- Be the birth parent of a newly born child, the primary caregiver of a newly adopted child, or a co-parent.

III. Maternity Leave

Eligible employees will receive up to six (6) weeks of full pay, 100% of employee straight pay, for Maternity Leave to take time off from work to mentally and physically recover from pregnancy-related temporary disability after giving birth. Paid maternity leave runs concurrently with FMLA. The fact that a multiple birth event occurs (e.g., the birth of twins) does not increase the total amount of paid maternity leave granted for that event.

Although paid maternity leave is for up to six (6) weeks of full pay, eligible employees may choose to use up to twelve (12) weeks of FMLA leave, which may be paid or unpaid. For additional paid FMLA leave, an employee must use their own accrued leave.

Paid maternity leave, provided for under this policy, will begin as of the employee's confirmed date of delivery, but FMLA (paid or unpaid leave) or other available leave may apply to medically necessary prenatal bed rest or for a serious health condition related to the pregnancy or birth. Paid maternity leave must be used within a 12-week period immediately following the event date. Thereafter, any unused paid maternity leave will be forfeited.

Paid maternity leave will be paid on regularly scheduled pay dates, typically bi-weekly. Upon termination of the employee's employment with CCG, any unused paid maternity leave will be forfeited. Paid maternity leave does not accrue, and there is no cash value associated with it.

If an employee fails to return to work at the end of an approved leave period, they will be considered to have voluntarily resigned, effective as of the day following the last day of the authorized leave period.

IV. Post-Adoption Primary Caregiver Leave

Eligible employees will receive up to six (6) weeks of full pay, 100% of employee straight pay, for Post-Adoption Primary Caregiver Leave to take leave to encourage bonding and caregiving of the newly adopted child. Post-Adoption Primary Caregiver Leave runs concurrently with

FMLA. The fact that a multiple adoption event occurs (e.g., adoption of siblings) does not increase the total amount of Post-Adoption Primary Caregiver Leave granted for that event.

Although Post-Adoption Primary Caregiver Leave is for up to six (6) weeks of full pay, eligible employees may choose to use up to twelve (12) weeks of FMLA leave, which may be paid or unpaid. For additional paid FMLA leave, an employee must use their own accrued leave.

Post-Adoption Primary Caregiver Leave, provided for under this policy, will begin as of the employee's confirmed date of adoption and placement in the primary caregiver's home. Post-Adoption Primary Caregiver Leave must be used within a 12-week period immediately following the adoption event date. Thereafter, any unused Post-Adoption Primary Caregiver Leave will be forfeited.

Post-Adoption Primary Caregiver Leave will be paid on regularly scheduled pay dates, typically bi-weekly. Upon termination of the employee's employment with CCG, any unused Post-Adoption Primary Caregiver Leave will be forfeited. Post-Adoption Primary Caregiver Leave does not accrue, and there is no cash value associated with it.

If an employee fails to return to work at the end of an approved leave period, they will be considered to have voluntarily resigned, effective as of the day following the last day of the authorized leave period.

V. Co-Parent Leave

Eligible employees will receive up to two (2) weeks of full-pay, 100% of employee straight pay, for Co-Parent Leave. Co-Parent Leave runs concurrently with FMLA. Employees must be eligible for FMLA to qualify. The fact that a multiple birth or adoption event occurs (e.g., the birth of twins or adoption of siblings) does not increase the total amount of Co-Parent Leave granted for that event.

Although Co-Parent leave is for up to two (2) weeks of full pay, eligible employees may choose to use additional FMLA leave, which may be paid or unpaid. For additional paid FMLA leave, an employee must use their own accrued leave.

Co-Parent Leave must be used in a 12-week period immediately following the birth or adoption event.

Co-Parent Leave will be paid on regularly scheduled pay dates, typically bi-weekly. Upon termination of the employee's employment with CCG, any unused Co-Parent Leave will be forfeited. Co-Parent Leave does not accrue, and there is no cash value associated with it.

If an employee fails to return to work at the end of an approved leave period, they will be considered to have voluntarily resigned, effective as of the day following the last day of the authorized leave period.

VI. Requests for Paid Maternity Leave, Post-Adoption Primary Caregiver Leave, or Co-Parent Leave

- At least 30 days before the proposed date of the leave (or if the leave was not foreseeable, as soon as possible), leave schedules should be coordinated with the employee's supervisor and Human Resources representative.

- Employees must request and apply for leave through their department and Human Resources representative. Employees should be aware that paid leave under this Policy will run concurrently with available FMLA leave.
- Confirmation of birth shall be submitted to Human Resources as soon as possible. A birth certificate shall be submitted within 45 days of taking leave.
- For health insurance purposes, birth or adoption of a child: you must contact the HR Benefits Administrator or NFP Customer Service within 30 days of the event to add a dependent on your healthcare coverage.
- Employees will provide all documentation as required by the Human Resources department to substantiate the request.
- Any fraudulent attempts to obtain paid leave under this Policy shall result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment.
- Employees requesting paid leave for an adoption event must also submit either:
 - A certification from an adoption agency confirming that the agency has matched the employee with a child or children and the initial date of placement in the employee's home; OR,
 - A birth certificate within 45 days of taking leave, confirming that the employee is the adoptive parent.

VII. Coordination with Other Policies

- CCG will maintain all benefits for employees during the paid leave periods provided for under this policy.
- Vacation and sick leave will continue to accrue during paid leave periods.
- If a CCG holiday occurs while the employee is on paid Maternity Leave, Post-Adoption Primary Caregiver Leave, or Co-Parent Leave, such a day will be counted as a holiday and will not be deducted from the paid leave available.
- As is the case with all CCG policies, CCG has the exclusive right to interpret this policy.
- Nothing in this policy is intended to limit or interfere with an employee's rights to take unpaid, job-protected leave for the time allowed by law beyond the periods during which the employee may receive paid leave under this policy.



POLICY AND PROCEDURE

We do amazing.

POLICY NUMBER: 220-----1011

POLICY TITLE: PAID MATERNITY & PATERNITY PARENTAL LEAVE POLICY

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 15, 2024, REVISION DATE: March 25, 2025

APPROVED BY: Signature on File
CITY MANAGER

Confirmed by the Council of Columbus Consolidated Government, Ordinance No. 2425-
 Dated the day of .

STATEMENT OF POLICY:

The purpose of this policy is to enable and support employees in healing and recovering from giving birth, and in the bonding and caregiving of a child; following birth or adoption. Eligible employees may receive up to six (6) weeks of Paid Maternity Leave or Post-Adoption Primary Caregiver Leave or two (2) weeks of Paid Paternity/Co-Parent Leave due to the birth or adoption of an employee's child. This leave is administered in conjunction with the Family and Medical Leave Act ("FMLA"). Employees must be eligible for leave under the Family Medical Leave Act to qualify for Paid Maternity-or Paternity, Post-Adoption Primary Caregiver or Co-Parent Leave under this policy. If an employee has already exhausted his or her available FMLA leave for the rolling 12-month period, the employee may still be eligible for paid maternity/paternity/post-adoption/co-parent leave. This policy is intended to convey additional benefits to qualified employees and is not intended to alter or infringe upon any employee protections provided for by the FMLA, the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act ("PWFA"), the Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA") or any other statutory provision.

SCOPE:

This policy applies to all full-time employees of the Columbus Consolidated Government.

RESPONSIBILITY:

The Human Resources Department and appropriate Human Resource staff members will advise and assist employees, supervisors, and department directors in the application of this policy.

PROCEDURE:

I. Definitions

- Maternity Leave - is intended for new mothers to take time off from work to mentally and physically recover from pregnancy-related temporary disability after giving birth ~~or for the primary caregiver of an adoptive child to take leave after adopting the child.~~
- Paternity/Post-Adoption Primary Caregiver Leave – is intended for the primary caregiver (regardless of gender) of an adoptive child to take leave to encourage bonding and caregiving of the adoptive child after adoption.
- Co-Parent Leave – is intended for co-parents ~~to~~with a birth-giving parent and ~~or post-adoptive co-parents~~primary caregiver.
- Parent – a full-time employee who meets the following criteria:
 - Has given birth to a newborn child
 - Has legally adopted a child and accepted placement of the child into their home (child must be age 17 or younger)
 - Is the spouse or co-parent to a birth-giving parent
- Event - Birth or Adoption

II. Eligibility

Eligible employees must meet the following criteria:

- Be a full-time, regular employee (part-time, temporary, seasonal, and interns are not eligible for this benefit),
- Have at least one (1) year of full-time employment with the CCG, and
- Be at the birth parent of a newly born ~~or child,~~ the primary caregiver of a newly adopted child, or a co-parent.

III. Maternity Leave

Eligible employees will receive up to six (6) weeks of full pay, 100% of employee straight pay, for ~~maternity leave.~~ Maternity Leave to take time off from work to mentally and physically recover from pregnancy-related temporary disability after giving birth. Paid maternity leave runs concurrently with FMLA. The fact that a multiple ~~birth or adoption~~ event occurs (e.g., the birth of twins ~~or adoption of siblings~~) does not increase the total amount of paid maternity leave granted for that event.

Although paid maternity leave is for up to six (6) weeks of full pay, eligible employees may choose to use up to twelve (12) weeks of FMLA leave, which may be paid or unpaid. For additional paid FMLA leave, an employee must use their own accrued leave.

Paid maternity leave, provided for under this policy, will begin as of the employee's confirmed date of delivery, but FMLA (paid or unpaid leave) or other available leave may apply to medically necessary prenatal bed rest or for a serious health condition related to the pregnancy or birth.

~~All paid leave related to a new birth or adoption of a child~~ Paid maternity leave must be used within a 12-week period immediately following the event date. Thereafter, any unused paid maternity leave will be forfeited.

Paid maternity leave will be paid on regularly scheduled pay dates, typically bi-weekly.

Upon termination of the employee's employment with CCG, any unused paid maternity leave will be forfeited. Paid maternity leave does not accrue, and there is no cash value associated with ~~paid maternity leave~~it.

If an employee fails to return to work at the end of an approved leave period, they will be considered to have voluntarily resigned, effective as of the day following the last day of the authorized leave period.

IV. ~~Paternity~~Post-Adoption Primary Caregiver Leave

Eligible employees will receive up to six (6) weeks of full pay, 100% of employee straight pay, for Post-Adoption Primary Caregiver Leave to take leave to encourage bonding and caregiving of the newly adopted child. Post-Adoption Primary Caregiver Leave runs concurrently with FMLA. The fact that a multiple adoption event occurs (e.g., adoption of siblings) does not increase the total amount of Post-Adoption Primary Caregiver Leave granted for that event.

Although Post-Adoption Primary Caregiver Leave is for up to six (6) weeks of full pay, eligible employees may choose to use up to twelve (12) weeks of FMLA leave, which may be paid or unpaid. For additional paid FMLA leave, an employee must use their own accrued leave.

Post-Adoption Primary Caregiver Leave, provided for under this policy, will begin as of the employee's confirmed date of adoption and placement in the primary caregiver's home. Post-Adoption Primary Caregiver Leave must be used within a 12-week period immediately following the adoption event date. Thereafter, any unused Post-Adoption Primary Caregiver Leave will be forfeited.

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V. ~~Co-Parent~~Leave

Eligible employees will receive up to two (2) weeks of full-pay, 100% of employee straight pay, for ~~paternity leave~~. ~~Paid paternity leave~~Co-Parent Leave. Co-Parent Leave runs ~~concurrent~~concurrently with FMLA. ~~Employee~~Employees must be eligible for FMLA to qualify ~~for paid paternity leave~~. The fact that a multiple birth or adoption event occurs (e.g., the birth of twins or adoption of siblings) does not increase the total amount of ~~paid paternity leave~~Co-Parent Leave granted for that event.

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All ~~paid Paternity~~Co-Parent Leave must be used in a 12-week period immediately following the birth or adoption event.

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Upon termination of the employee’s employment with CCG, any unused ~~paid paternity leave~~ Co-Parent Leave will be forfeited. ~~Paid paternity leave~~ Co-Parent Leave does not accrue, and there is no cash value associated with ~~paid paternity leave~~.

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V.VI. Requests for Paid Maternity ~~or Paternity~~ Leave, Post-Adoption Primary Caregiver Leave, or Co-Parent Leave

- At least 30 days before the proposed date of the leave (or if the leave was not foreseeable, as soon as possible), leave schedules should be coordinated with the employee’s supervisor and Human Resources representative.
- Employees must request and apply for ~~paid Maternity or Paternity Leave~~ leave through their department and Human Resources representative. Employees should be aware that paid ~~Maternity/Paternity~~ leave under this Policy will run concurrently with available FMLA leave.
- Confirmation of birth shall be submitted to Human Resources as soon as possible. A birth certificate shall be submitted within 45 days of taking leave.
- For health insurance purposes, birth or adoption of a child: you must contact the HR Benefits Administrator or NFP Customer Service within 30 days of the event to add a dependent on your healthcare coverage.
- Employees will provide all documentation as required by the Human Resources department to substantiate the request.
- Any fraudulent attempts to obtain paid ~~maternity or paternity~~ leave under this Policy shall result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment.
- Employees requesting paid leave for an adoption leave event must also submit either:
 - A certification from an adoption agency confirming that the agency has matched the employee with a child or children and the initial date of placement in the employee’s home; OR,
 - A birth certificate within 45 days of taking leave, confirming that the employee is the adoptive parent.

VI.VII. Coordination with Other Policies

- CCG will maintain all benefits for employees during the paid ~~maternity and paternity~~ leave period/periods provided for under this policy.
- Vacation and sick leave will continue to accrue during paid leave periods.
- If a CCG holiday occurs while the employee is on paid ~~maternity~~ Maternity Leave, Post-Adoption Primary Caregiver Leave, or paternity leave Co-Parent Leave, such a day will be counted as a holiday and will not be deducted from the paid maternity or paternity leave available.

- As is the case with all CCG policies, CCG has the exclusive right to interpret this policy.
- Nothing in this policy is intended to limit or interfere with an employee's rights to take unpaid, job-protected leave for the time allowed by law beyond the periods during which the employee may receive paid leave under this policy.

File Attachments for Item:

5. 1st Reading- An Ordinance adopting new pay rates for the Parks and Recreation Aquatic staff for the Consolidated Government and amending Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Ordinance No. 24-027; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem)(Councilor Tucker)

ORDINANCE

NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING NEW PAY RATES FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION AQUATIC STAFF FOR THE CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT AND AMENDING FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET ORDINANCE NO. 24-027; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1.

The Parks and Recreation Aquatic Staff hourly pay rates will be adjusted as follows:

Civic Center Intermittent Staff	Existing Starting Wage Per Hour	New Starting Wage Per Hour
Lifeguards	\$14.00	\$16.00
Concessionaire	\$12.00	\$14.00
Water Safety Instructor	\$15.00	\$17.00
Lifeguard Instructor – LG Certify	\$16.50	\$18.50
Assistant Pool Manager	\$15.00	\$17.00
Pool Manager	\$16.50	\$18.50
Head Lifeguard	\$16.00	\$18.00

SECTION 2.

The General Fund expenditure budget in the amount of \$223,227,774 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, is hereby increased by \$39,348 to \$223,267,122.

SECTION 3.

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

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held on the 25th day of March 2025; introduced a second time at a regular meeting held on the _____ day of April 2025 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

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

Lindsey G. Mclemore
Clerk of Council

B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III
Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

6. A resolution amending Resolution No. 077-21 to consent to the extension by the Columbus Water Works of a \$24,705,000 Clean Water State Revolving Fund Loan from the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority up to and until August 2027. (Request of Columbus Water Works)

A RESOLUTION
NO. _____

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 077-2, adopted on March 23rd, 2021, this Council approved a request Board of Water Commissioners of Columbus, Georgia, (“the Board”) to authorize its acceptance of State Revolving Loan funds from the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund (“CWSRF”) administered by the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (“GEFA”) in the amount of \$24,705,000; and

WHEREAS, the resolution specifically provided that said loan would constitute a limited obligation debt of Columbus, solely payable out of the funds of the CWW to include present and future revenues as well as a reserve fund to be set aside for such purposes; and

WHEREAS, the resolution further authorized appropriate CCG officials to execute, along with the CWW, a loan agreement evidencing the aforementioned loan (the “Loan Agreement”); and

WEHREAS, by resolution dated November 12, 2024, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, the Board requested that GEFA allow the “Completion Date” set forth and defined in the Loan Agreement to be modified and extended through August 1, 2027, and GEFA has consented to this modification of the Loan Agreement.

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

The modification and extension of the “Completion Date”, as such term is specifically defined in the Loan Agreement as set forth above, is hereby approved; and all other terms of Resolution Nos. 077-21 are hereby ratified and confirmed. The City Manager and any other CCG officials as appropriate are hereby authorized to execute a written modification of the Loan Agreement, in substantially the form attached as Exhibit B, and any other documents necessary to the transaction, on behalf of the Columbus Consolidated Government.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held on the 25th day of March 2025, adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ____ members of said Council.

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

Lindsey G. McLemore,
Clerk of Council

B.H. “Skip” Henderson,
Mayor

EXHIBIT A

RESOLUTION

Whereas, the Columbus Board of Water Commissioners has identified the need to extend the execution dates of certain Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) loans to allow for the continued progress and completion of key projects, and

Whereas, the three loans titled CW2022032, CW2020019, and CW2020019A are essential to the financing of these projects and require an extension of their respective completion dates to meet revised project timelines, and

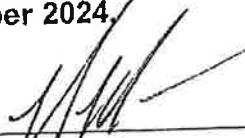
Whereas, delays in the completion of these projects were caused by disruptions and resource constraints due to the COVID-19 pandemic, making it necessary to extend the completion dates to ensure adequate time for project fulfillment, and

Whereas, Columbus Water Works has determined that extending the completion dates of these loans will support the ongoing work without compromising financial or operational objectives, and


Whereas, the revised completion dates for these loans will be as follows: June 2025 for loan CW2022032, and April 2027 for loans CW2020019 and CW2020019A, allowing adequate time for successful project completion,

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved that the President and/or Senior Vice President of Finance of Columbus Water Works is hereby authorized to proceed with the necessary arrangements to extend the completion dates of the GEFA loans CW2022032, CW2020019, and CW2020019A as specified, pending any required approvals.

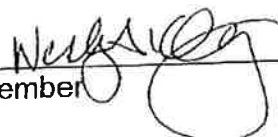
So Resolved this 12th Day of November 2024.



 Chairman



 Vice Chairman



 Member

 Member

 Member



ATTEST:


EXHIBIT B

**CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND, ADMINISTERED BY GEORGIA
ENVIRONMENTAL FINANCE AUTHORITY**

(a public corporation duly created and
existing under the laws of
the State of Georgia)
as Lender

and

**COLUMBUS GEORGIA BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
DBA/COLUMBUS WATER WORKS**

(a public body corporate and politic duly created and existing
under the laws of the State of Georgia)
as Borrower

and

CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT OF COLUMBUS GEORGIA

(a political subdivision of the State of Georgia)

MODIFICATION OF PROMISSORY NOTE AND LOAN AGREEMENT

MODIFICATION OF PROMISSORY NOTE AND LOAN AGREEMENT

THIS MODIFICATION OF PROMISSORY NOTE AND LOAN AGREEMENT (this “**Modification**”) dated _____, 20____, by and between **CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT OF COLUMBUS GEORGIA**, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia (the “**City**”), and **THE COLUMBUS GEORGIA BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS DBA THE COLUMBUS WATER WORKS**, a Georgia body politic (the “**Water Works**” or “**Borrower**”), and the **CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND, ADMINISTERED BY GEORGIA ENVIRONMENTAL FINANCE AUTHORITY**, a Georgia public corporation (the “**Lender**”).

Statement of Facts

A. The Lender and the Borrower are parties to that certain Loan Agreement, dated **APRIL 13, 2021**, as amended prior to the date hereof (as so amended, the “**Loan Agreement**”; all capitalized terms used in this Modification but not defined herein have the meanings given in the Loan Agreement), pursuant to which the Lender made a loan to the Borrower in accordance with the terms and conditions thereof. The Borrower’s obligation to repay such loan is evidenced by that certain Promissory Note, dated **APRIL 6, 2021**, as amended prior to the date hereof (as so amended, the “**Note**”).

B. The Lender and the Borrower desire to modify the Loan Agreement and Note in certain respects in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises, the covenants and agreements contained herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, the Lender and the Borrower further agree as follows:

Statement of Terms

1. Amendments of Note - Subject to the fulfillment of the conditions precedent to the effectiveness of this Modification that are set forth below, the Note is hereby amended as follows:

Accrued interest on this Note shall be payable monthly on the first day of each calendar month until the first day of the calendar month following the earlier of (1) the Completion Date (as defined in the hereinafter defined Loan Agreement), (2) **AUGUST 1, 2027**, or (3) the date that the loan evidenced by this Note is fully disbursed (the “**Amortization Commencement Date**”). Principal of and interest on this Note shall be payable in **TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-NINE (239)** consecutive monthly installments equal to the Installment Amount (as hereinafter defined), commencing on the first day of the calendar month following the Amortization Commencement Date, and continuing to be due on the first day of each succeeding calendar month thereafter, together with a final installment equal to the entire remaining unpaid principal balance of and all accrued

interest on this Note, which shall be due and payable on the date that is **20** years from the Amortization Commencement Date (the “**Maturity Date**”).

2. Amendments of Loan Agreement - Subject to the fulfillment of the conditions precedent to the effectiveness of this Modification that are set forth below, the Loan Agreement is hereby amended as follows:

Section 2 (a) of the Loan Agreement is hereby amended and restated to read as follows: “The Lender agrees to advance to the Borrower, on or prior to the earlier of (1) the Completion Date (as hereinafter defined), (2) **AUGUST 1, 2027**, or (3) the date that the loan evidenced by this Note is fully disbursed, the Loan in a principal amount of up to **\$24,705,000** which Loan may be disbursed in one or more advances but each such disbursement shall reduce the Lender’s loan commitment hereunder and any sums advanced hereunder may not be repaid and then re-borrowed.”

Exhibit A is amended and restated to read as written in the attached Exhibit A.

3. No Other Waivers or Amendments - Except for the amendments expressly set forth and referred to in Section 1 and 2 above, the Note and the Loan Agreement shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect. Nothing in this Modification is intended, or shall be construed, to constitute a novation or an accord and satisfaction of any of the obligations created by the Note.

4. Representations and Warranties - To induce the Lender to enter into this Modification, the Borrower does hereby warrant, represent, and covenant to the Lender that: (a) each representation or warranty of the Borrower set forth in the Loan Agreement is hereby restated and reaffirmed as true and correct on and as of the date hereof as if such representation or warranty were made on and as of the date hereof (except to the extent that any such representation or warranty expressly relates to a prior specific date or period), and no Event of Default has occurred and is continuing as of this date under the Loan Agreement; and (b) the Borrower has the power and is duly authorized to enter into, deliver, and perform this Modification, and this Modification is the legal, valid, and binding obligation of the Borrower enforceable against it in accordance with its terms.

5. Conditions Precedent to Effectiveness of this Modification - The effectiveness of this Modification is subject to the truth and accuracy in all material respects of the representations and warranties of the Borrower contained in Section 4 above and to the fulfillment of the following additional conditions precedent:

a. the Lender shall have received one or more counterparts of this Modification duly executed and delivered by the Borrower; and

b. the Lender shall have received (1) a signed opinion of counsel to the Borrower, substantially in the form of Exhibit E attached hereto, and (2) a certified copy of the resolution adopted by the Borrower’s governing body, substantially in the form of Exhibit F attached hereto.

6. Counterparts - This Modification may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original and all of which when taken together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Modification to be duly executed and delivered as of the date specified at the beginning hereof

COLUMBUS BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS/DBA COLUMBUS WATER WORKS, BORROWER

By: _____
Name:

Title:

Attest:

Name:

Title:

(SEAL)

Approved as to Form:

Borrower's Attorney

**CONSENTED TO BY:
CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT OF COLUMBUS GEORGIA**

By: _____

Name:

Title:

Attest:

Name:

Title:

(SEAL)

Approved as to Form:

City Attorney

**CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND, ADMINISTERED BY GEORGIA
ENVIRONMENTAL FINANCE AUTHORITY**

By: _____

Hunter Hill
Executive Director

(SEAL)

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

SCOPE OF WORK

**Recipient: COLUMBUS BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS /DBA
COLUMBUS WATER WORKS**

Loan Number: CW2020019

This project will rehabilitate the wastewater treatment facilities, the sewer collection system, and related appurtenances.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

PROJECT BUDGET

Recipient: COLUMBUS BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS /DBA
COLUMBUS WATER WORKS

Loan Number: CW2020019

ITEM	TOTAL	CWSRF
Construction	\$16,230,000	\$16,230,000
Contingency	\$4,870,000	\$4,870,000
Engineering & Inspection	\$3,605,000	\$3,605,000
Administrative/Legal	-	-
TOTAL	\$24,705,000	\$24,705,000

*The amounts shown above in each budget item are estimates. Borrower may adjust the amounts within the various budget items without prior Lender approval provided Borrower does not exceed the loan amount contained in Section 1 of the Loan Agreement. In no event shall Lender be liable for any amount exceeding the loan amount contained in Section 1 of the Loan Agreement.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT**PROJECT SCHEDULE**

**Recipient: COLUMBUS BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS /DBA
COLUMBUS WATER WORKS**

Loan Number: CW2020019

ACTION	DATE
Plans and Specifications submitted to EPD	OCTOBER 2020
Bid Opening	FEBRUARY 2021
Notice to Proceed with Construction	APRIL 2021
Completion of Construction	APRIL 2027

File Attachments for Item:

7. A resolution amending Resolution No. 019-23 to consent to the extension by the Columbus Water Works of a \$8,869,800 Clean Water State Revolving Fund Loan from the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority up to and until August 2027. (Request of Columbus Water Works)

EXHIBIT A

RESOLUTION

Whereas, the Columbus Board of Water Commissioners has identified the need to extend the execution dates of certain Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) loans to allow for the continued progress and completion of key projects, and

Whereas, the three loans titled CW2022032, CW2020019, and CW2020019A are essential to the financing of these projects and require an extension of their respective completion dates to meet revised project timelines, and

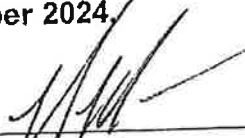
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Whereas, the revised completion dates for these loans will be as follows: June 2025 for loan CW2022032, and April 2027 for loans CW2020019 and CW2020019A, allowing adequate time for successful project completion,

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved that the President and/or Senior Vice President of Finance of Columbus Water Works is hereby authorized to proceed with the necessary arrangements to extend the completion dates of the GEFA loans CW2022032, CW2020019, and CW2020019A as specified, pending any required approvals.

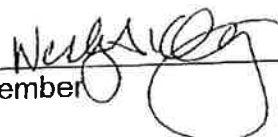
So Resolved this 12th Day of November 2024.



 Chairman



 Vice Chairman



 Member

 Member

 Member



ATTEST:


**A RESOLUTION
NO. _____**

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 019-23, adopted on January 24th, 2023, this Council approved a request by the Board of Water Commissioners of Columbus, Georgia, (“the Board”) to authorize its acceptance of State Revolving Loan funds from the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund (“CWSRF”) administered by the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (“GEFA”) in the amount of \$8,869,800; and

WHEREAS, the resolution specifically provided that said loan would constitute a limited obligation debt of Columbus, solely payable out of the funds of the CWW to include present and future revenues as well as a reserve fund to be set aside for such purposes; and

WHEREAS, the resolution further authorized appropriate CCG officials to execute, along with the CWW, a loan agreement evidencing the aforementioned loan (the “Loan Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, by resolution dated November 12, 2024, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, the Board requested that GEFA allow the “Completion Date” set forth and defined in the Loan Agreement to be modified and extended through August 1, 2027, and GEFA has consented to this modification of the Loan Agreement.

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

The modification and extension of the “Completion Date”, as such term is specifically defined in the Loan Agreement as set forth above, is hereby approved; and all other terms of Resolution Nos. 019-23 are hereby ratified and confirmed. The City Manager and any other CCG officials as appropriate are hereby authorized to execute a written modification of the Loan Agreement, in substantially the form attached as Exhibit B, and any other documents necessary to the transaction, on behalf of the Columbus Consolidated Government.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held on the 25th day of March 2025 adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ____ members of said Council.

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

Lindsey G. McLemore,
Clerk of Council

B.H. “Skip” Henderson,
Mayor

EXHIBIT B

CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND, ADMINISTERED BY GEORGIA ENVIRONMENTAL FINANCE AUTHORITY

(a public corporation duly created and existing under the laws of the State of Georgia)
as Lender

and

**COLUMBUS GEORGIA BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
DBA/COLUMBUS WATER WORKS**

(a public body corporate and politic duly created and existing under the laws of the State of Georgia)
as Borrower

and

CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT OF COLUMBUS GEORGIA

(a political subdivision of the State of Georgia)

MODIFICATION OF PROMISSORY NOTE AND LOAN AGREEMENT

MODIFICATION OF PROMISSORY NOTE AND LOAN AGREEMENT

THIS MODIFICATION OF PROMISSORY NOTE AND LOAN AGREEMENT (this “**Modification**”) dated _____, 20____, by and between **CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT OF COLUMBUS GEORGIA**, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia (the “**City**”), and **THE COLUMBUS GEORGIA BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS DBA THE COLUMBUS WATER WORKS**, a Georgia body politic (the “**Water Works**” or “**Borrower**”), and the **CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND, ADMINISTERED BY GEORGIA ENVIRONMENTAL FINANCE AUTHORITY**, a Georgia public corporation (the “**Lender**”).

Statement of Facts

A. The Lender and the Borrower are parties to that certain Loan Agreement, dated **MAY 5, 2023**, as amended prior to the date hereof (as so amended, the “**Loan Agreement**”; all capitalized terms used in this Modification but not defined herein have the meanings given in the Loan Agreement), pursuant to which the Lender made a loan to the Borrower in accordance with the terms and conditions thereof. The Borrower’s obligation to repay such loan is evidenced by that certain Promissory Note, dated **APRIL 20, 2023**, as amended prior to the date hereof (as so amended, the “**Note**”).

B. The Lender and the Borrower desire to modify the Loan Agreement and Note in certain respects in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises, the covenants and agreements contained herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, the Lender and the Borrower further agree as follows:

Statement of Terms

1. Amendments of Note - Subject to the fulfillment of the conditions precedent to the effectiveness of this Modification that are set forth below, the Note is hereby amended as follows:

Accrued interest on this Note shall be payable monthly on the first day of each calendar month until the first day of the calendar month following the earlier of (1) the Completion Date (as defined in the hereinafter defined Loan Agreement), (2) **AUGUST 1, 2027**, or (3) the date that the loan evidenced by this Note is fully disbursed (the “**Amortization Commencement Date**”). Principal of and interest on this Note shall be payable in **TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-NINE (239)** consecutive monthly installments equal to the Installment Amount (as hereinafter defined), commencing on the first day of the calendar month following the Amortization Commencement Date, and continuing to be due on the first day of each succeeding calendar month thereafter, together with a final installment equal to the entire remaining unpaid principal balance of and all accrued

interest on this Note, which shall be due and payable on the date that is **20** years from the Amortization Commencement Date (the “**Maturity Date**”).

2. Amendments of Loan Agreement - Subject to the fulfillment of the conditions precedent to the effectiveness of this Modification that are set forth below, the Loan Agreement is hereby amended as follows:

Section 2 (a) of the Loan Agreement is hereby amended and restated to read as follows: “The Lender agrees to advance to the Borrower, on or prior to the earlier of (1) the Completion Date (as hereinafter defined), (2) **AUGUST 1, 2027**, or (3) the date that the loan evidenced by this Note is fully disbursed, the Loan in a principal amount of up to **\$8,869,800** which Loan may be disbursed in one or more advances but each such disbursement shall reduce the Lender’s loan commitment hereunder and any sums advanced hereunder may not be repaid and then re-borrowed.”

Exhibit A is amended and restated to read as written in the attached Exhibit A.

3. No Other Waivers or Amendments - Except for the amendments expressly set forth and referred to in Section 1 and 2 above, the Note and the Loan Agreement shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect. Nothing in this Modification is intended, or shall be construed, to constitute a novation or an accord and satisfaction of any of the obligations created by the Note.

4. Representations and Warranties - To induce the Lender to enter into this Modification, the Borrower does hereby warrant, represent, and covenant to the Lender that: (a) each representation or warranty of the Borrower set forth in the Loan Agreement is hereby restated and reaffirmed as true and correct on and as of the date hereof as if such representation or warranty were made on and as of the date hereof (except to the extent that any such representation or warranty expressly relates to a prior specific date or period), and no Event of Default has occurred and is continuing as of this date under the Loan Agreement; and (b) the Borrower has the power and is duly authorized to enter into, deliver, and perform this Modification, and this Modification is the legal, valid, and binding obligation of the Borrower enforceable against it in accordance with its terms.

5. Conditions Precedent to Effectiveness of this Modification - The effectiveness of this Modification is subject to the truth and accuracy in all material respects of the representations and warranties of the Borrower contained in Section 4 above and to the fulfillment of the following additional conditions precedent:

a. the Lender shall have received one or more counterparts of this Modification duly executed and delivered by the Borrower; and

b. the Lender shall have received (1) a signed opinion of counsel to the Borrower, substantially in the form of Exhibit E attached hereto, and (2) a certified copy of the resolution adopted by the Borrower’s governing body, substantially in the form of Exhibit F attached hereto.

6. Counterparts - This Modification may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original and all of which when taken together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Modification to be duly executed and delivered as of the date specified at the beginning hereof

COLUMBUS BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS/DBA COLUMBUS WATER WORKS, BORROWER

By: _____
Name:

Title:

Attest:

Name:

Title:

(SEAL)

Approved as to Form:

Borrower's Attorney

**CONSENTED TO BY:
CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT OF COLUMBUS GEORGIA**

By: _____
Name:

Title:

Attest:

Name:

Title:

(SEAL)

Approved as to Form:

City Attorney

**CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND, ADMINISTERED BY GEORGIA
ENVIRONMENTAL FINANCE AUTHORITY**

By: _____
Hunter Hill
Executive Director

(SEAL)

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

SCOPE OF WORK

**Recipient: COLUMBUS BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS /DBA
COLUMBUS WATER WORKS**

Loan Number: CW2020019A

The project will rehabilitate the wastewater treatment facilities, the sewer collection system, and related appurtenances.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

PROJECT BUDGET

Recipient: COLUMBUS BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS /DBA
COLUMBUS WATER WORKS

Loan Number: CW2020019A

ITEM	TOTAL	CW2020019	CW2020019A
Construction	\$24,230,000	\$16,230,000	\$8,000,000
Contingency	5,739,800	4,870,000	869,800
Engineering & Inspection	3,605,000	3,605,000	-
Administrative/Legal	-	-	-
TOTAL	\$33,574,800	\$24,705,000	\$8,869,800

*The amounts shown above in each budget item are estimates. Borrower may adjust the amounts within the various budget items without prior Lender approval provided Borrower does not exceed the loan amount contained in Section 1 of the Loan Agreement. In no event shall Lender be liable for any amount exceeding the loan amount contained in Section 1 of the Loan Agreement.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

PROJECT SCHEDULE

Recipient: COLUMBUS BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS /DBA
COLUMBUS WATER WORKS

Loan Number: CW2020019A

ACTION	DATE
Plans and Specifications submitted to EPD	OCTOBER 2020
Bid Opening	FEBRUARY 2021
Notice to Proceed with Construction	APRIL 2021
Completion of Construction	APRIL 2027

File Attachments for Item:

1. Trade Center Authority – Trade Center Master Plan

Approval is requested to accept the Trade Center Master Plan adopted by the Trade Center Authority for the construction of a 300-vehicle parking garage to be operated and maintained by the Consolidated Government. It will be used by hotel patrons, Trade Center patrons and the general public.

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Trade Center Authority – Trade Center Master Plan
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to accept the Trade Center Master Plan adopted by the Trade Center Authority for the construction of a 300-vehicle parking garage to be operated and maintained by the Consolidated Government. It will be used by hotel patrons, Trade Center patrons and the general public.
INITIATED BY:	Trade Center Authority

Recommendation: Approval is requested to accept the Trade Center Master Plan adopted by the Trade Center Authority for the construction of a 300-vehicle parking garage to be operated and maintained by the Consolidated Government. It will be used by hotel patrons, Trade Center patrons and the general public.

Background: The City of Columbus thru the Columbus Building Authority issued Series 2003B Taxable Bonds in the approximate amount of \$3,500,000 (currently \$5,000,000+ with interest) to finance the construction and equipping of a parking garage to be operated and maintained by the Consolidated Government. The garage will have spaces for approximately 300 vehicles and will be located in Downtown Columbus adjacent to an existing hotel and will be used by hotel patrons, Trade Center patrons, and the general public. The additional parking space is a part of the overall plan for improvements that support the Trade Center expansion and other parking requirements in the Downtown area. This was done in conjunction with a Memorandum of Understanding with the adjacent hotel to increase the number of rooms that are available for “blockage” for the Trade Center. This hotel expansion did not occur.

The voters approved a Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) in November 2021 which included \$5,000,000 for improvements to the parking facility of the Trade Center to provide for approximately 500 spaces.

Analysis: The Trade Center Authority adopted the Trade Center Master Plan on February 27, 2025.

Financial Considerations: Funding for Scenario A of the Parking Component of the Trade Center Master Plan is available in the 2003B Columbus Building Authority Bonds (\$5,000,000+) and the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (\$5,000,000). Funding for the Green Space and Hotel Components of the Trade Center Master Plan are currently not appropriated.

Legal Considerations: City Council must authorize development of the parking garage.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to accept the Trade Center Master Plan adopted by the Trade Center Authority for the construction of a 300-vehicle parking garage to be operated and maintained by the Consolidated Government. It will be used by hotel patrons, Trade Center patrons and the general public.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, ACCEPTING THE TRADE CENTER MASTER PLAN ADOPTED BY THE TRADE CENTER AUTHORITY.

WHEREAS, the Trade Center Authority developed a Trade Center Master Plan to focus on three components: Parking, Green Space and a Convention Hotel; and ,

WHEREAS, the Trade Center Authority adopted the Trade Center Master Plan on February 27, 2025 and presented the plan to City Council on March 12, 2025; and,

WHEREAS, the Trade Center Authority adopted Scenario A of the Trade Center Master Plan Parking Component which provides for a new deck to be constructed on city property directly across the street from the Trade Center with a overhead walkway connected to the Trade Center; and,

WHEREAS, there is funding allocated for the Trade Center Parking Garage in the 2003B Columbus Building Authority Bonds and the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax adopted by the voters in November 2021.

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

The City Council accepts the Trade Center Master Plan adopted by the Trade Center Authority and approves the development of the parking garage to be located across the street from the Trade Center on city property. Final design will be approved by City Council prior to construction.

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

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

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

Master Plan and Parking Study Columbus Trade Center Columbus, Georgia



Trade Center Needs

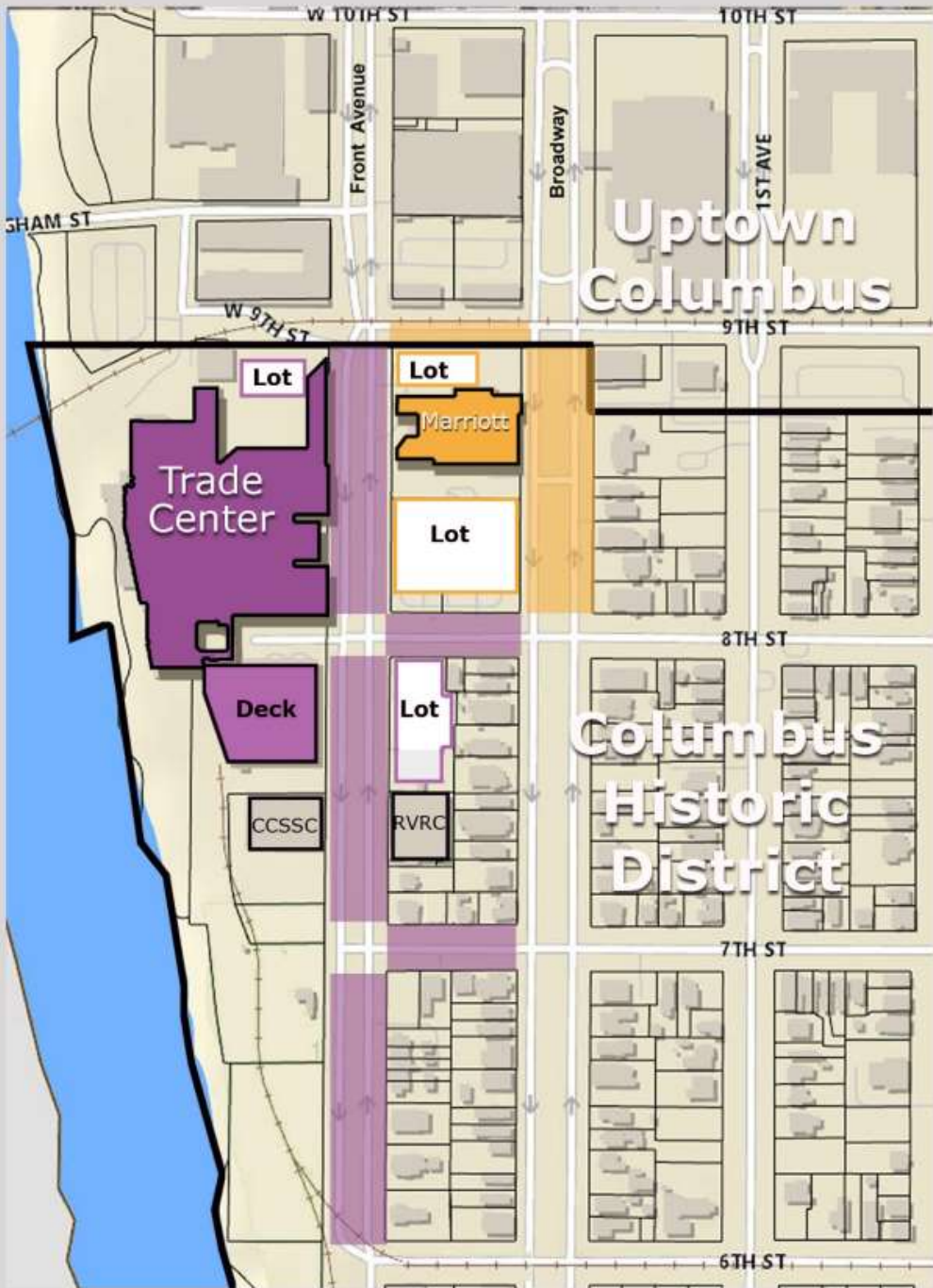
Reason for Master Plan

Parking

Green Space

Hotel

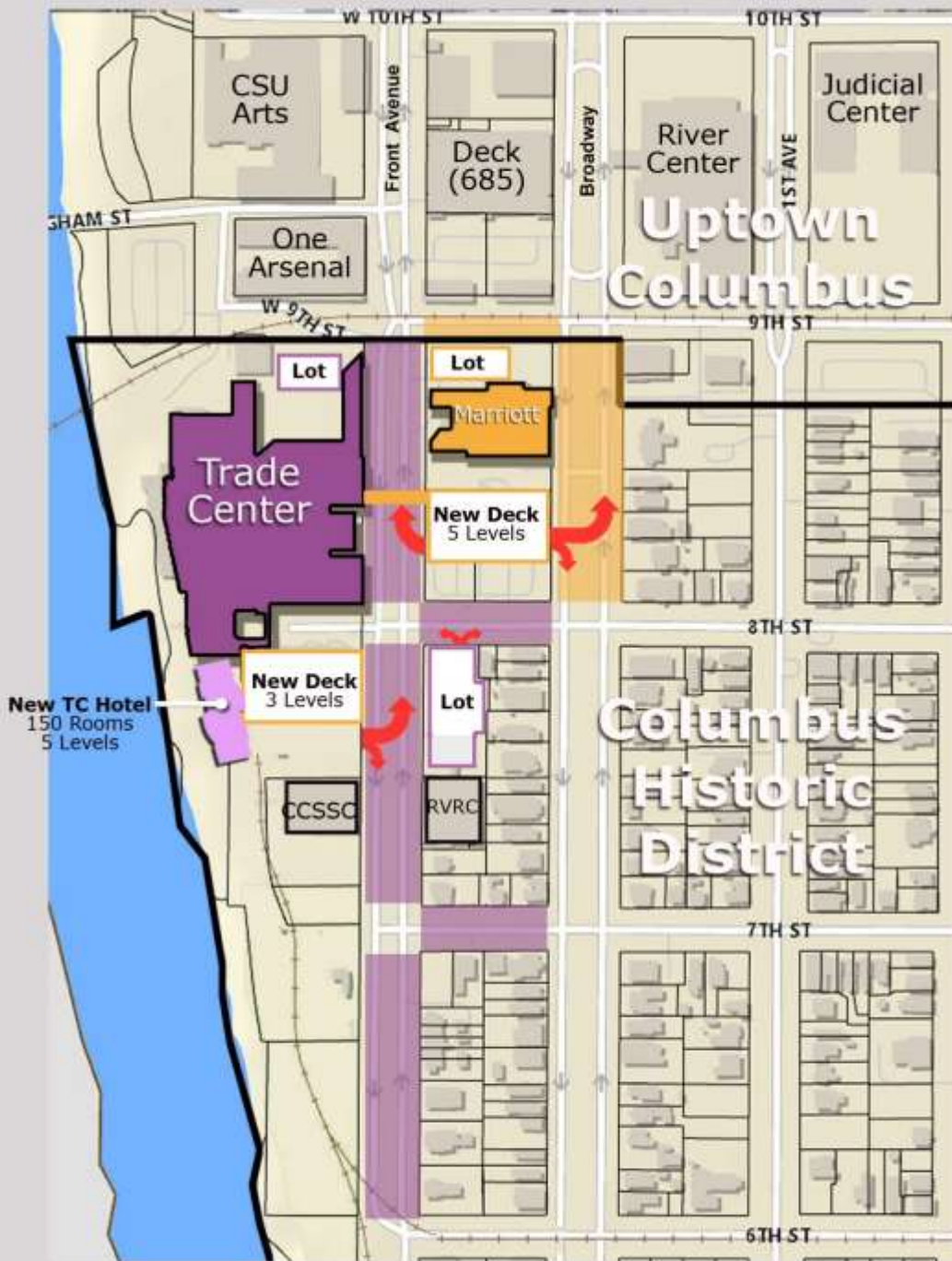
Parking



Study Process

Engage Sain Associates as Traffic Engineer for the Study	October 2024
Christmas in the South Event Study	November 2024
AFLAC Christmas Party Event Study	December 2024
Report Complete	February 2025





Scenario A

Two Deck Solution

Phase 1
 Construct Marriott Deck
 5 Parking Levels

Phase 2
 Construct TC Deck
 3 Parking Levels

Construct TC Hotel
 150 Rooms
 5 Floors

Pro's

Item #1.

Traffic impacts are minimal during construction

Multiple ingress/egress points - Front Avenue and Broadway

Minimizes need for parking in Columbus Historic District

Overhead walkway connects Deck to Trade Center

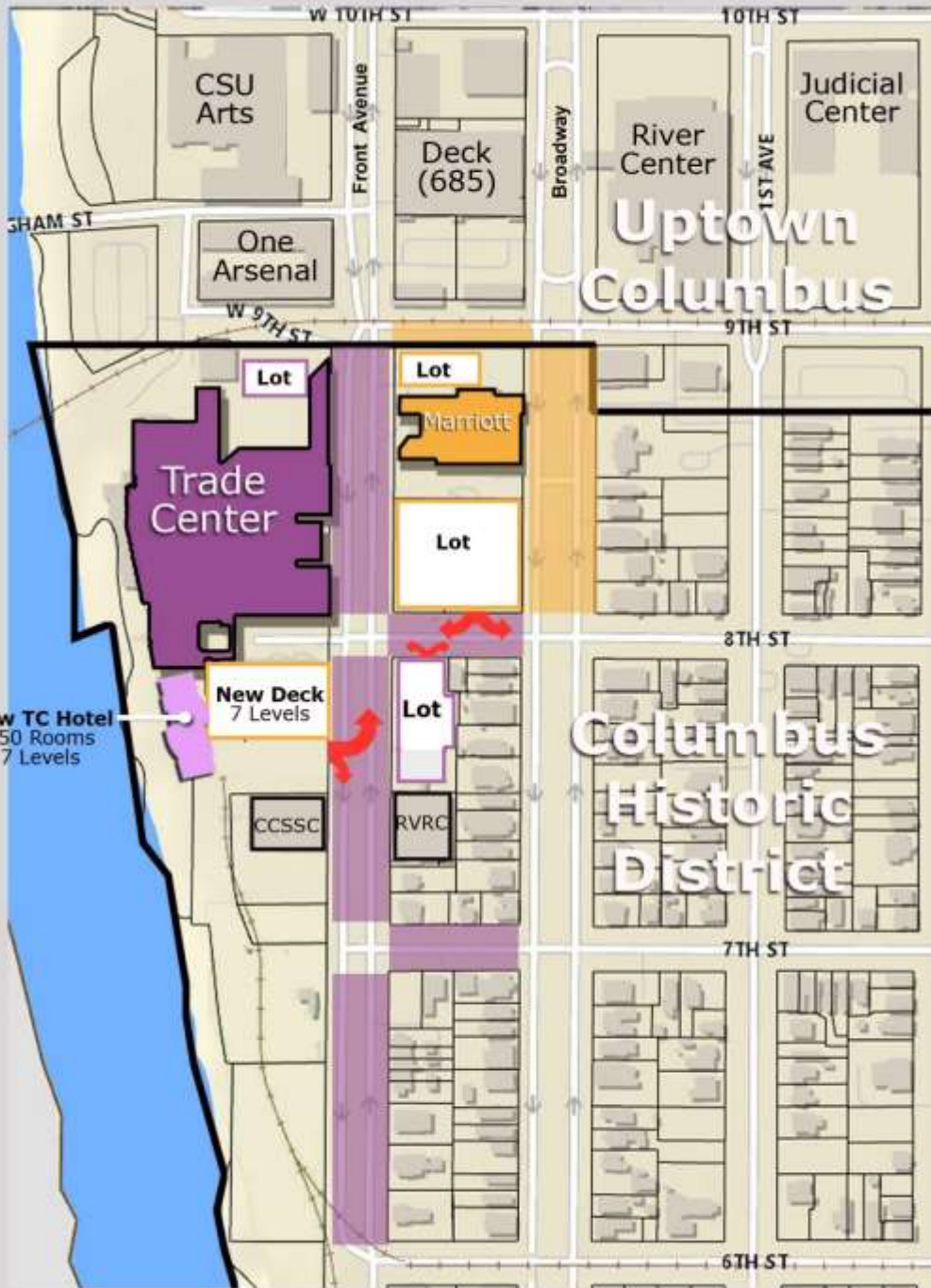
No remote parking or temporary Transportation needed for events

New parking timing is not dependent on hotel developer

Cons

Longer construction time due to project phasing





Scenario B

One Deck Solution

Demo Trade Center Deck

Construct TC Deck
7 Parking Levels

Construct New TC Hotel
150 Rooms
7 Floors

Pro's

Item #1.

Ability to direct event traffic to a single location

Fewer pedestrians crossing Front Avenue

Con's

Event parking impacted for duration of construction

Longer construction time due to size of deck

More traffic and parking in Columbus Historic District for duration of construction

Single egress point on Front Avenue for new deck

Schedule is dependent on Developer timeline

Remote parking and temp Transportation needed for event













Item #1.



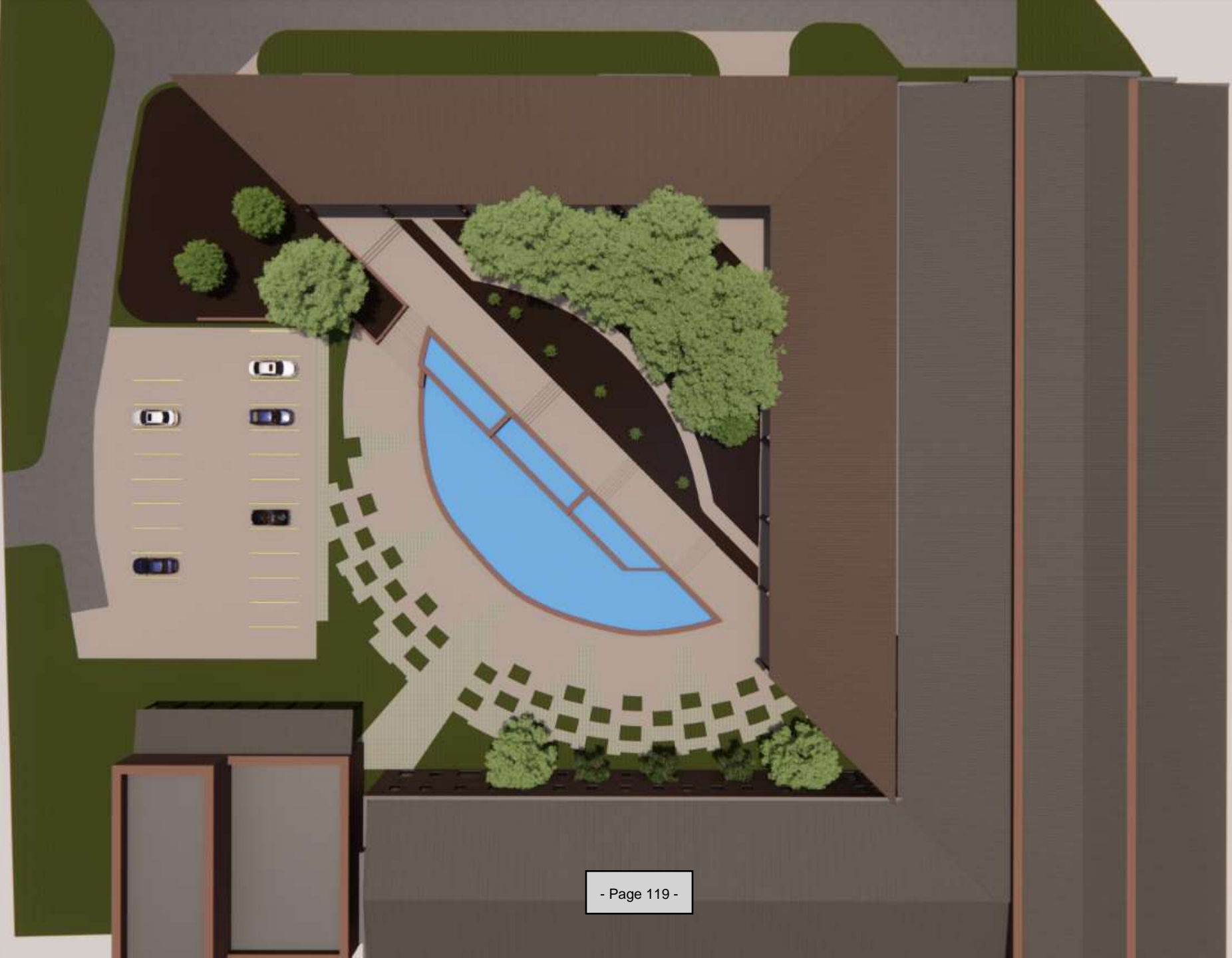








Green Space



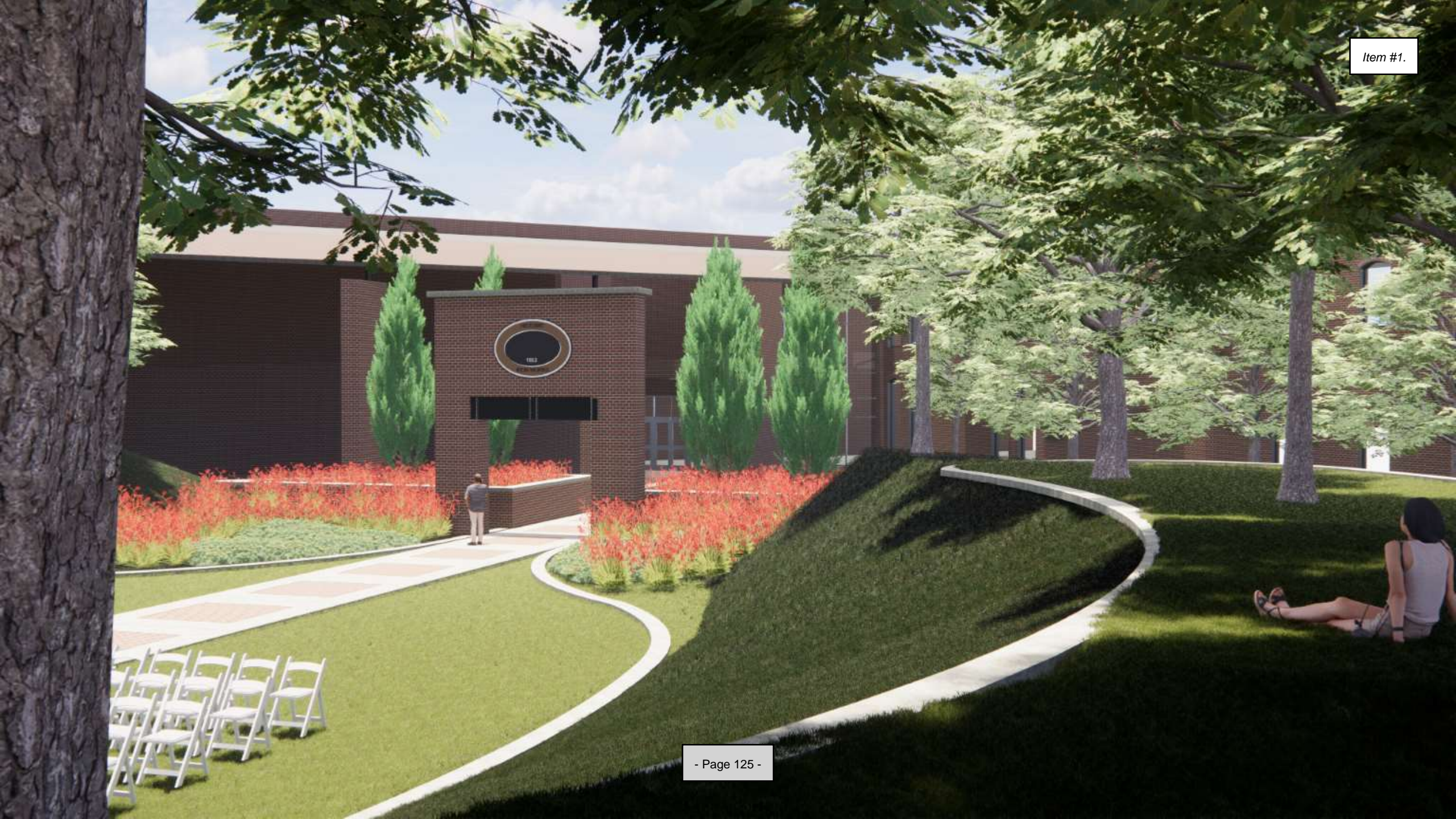






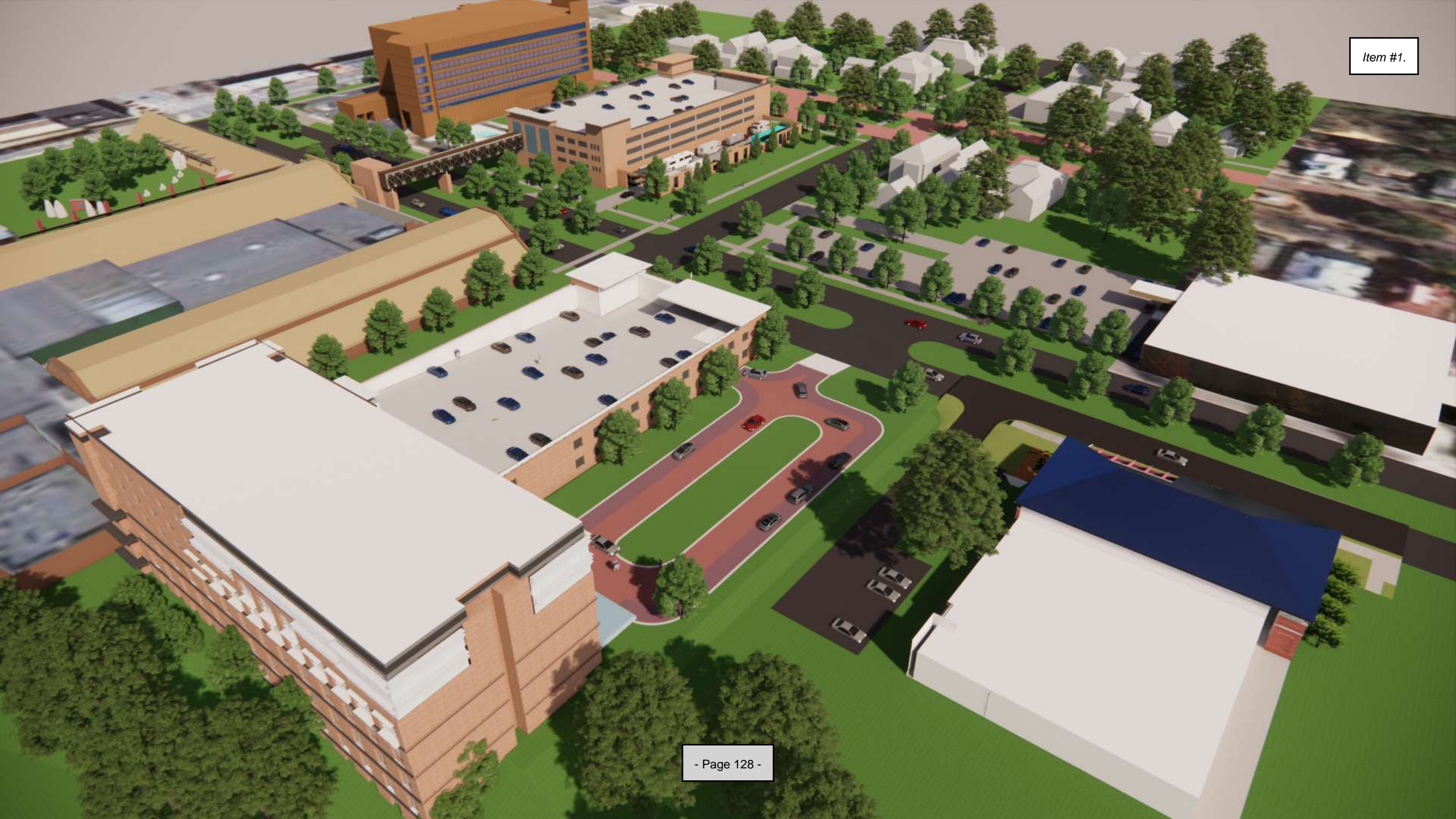


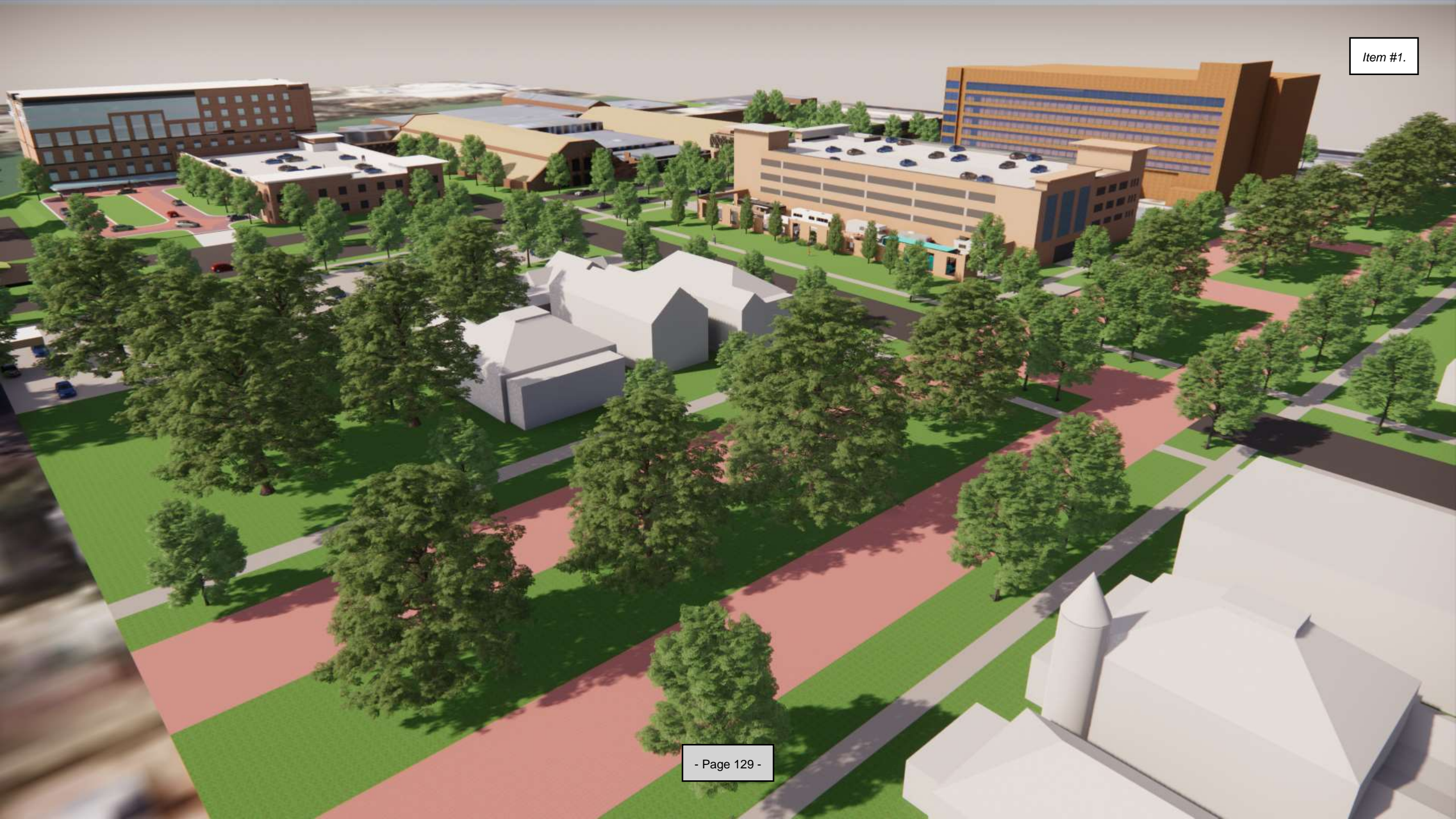






Hotel





Item #1.







Master Plan and Parking Study Columbus Trade Center Columbus, Georgia





File Attachments for Item:

2. South Commons Redevelopment

Approval to request the Development Authority to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Redevelopment of South Commons to potentially include a hotel, retail/office, multifamily, parking deck, workforce housing, and other uses.

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Item #2.

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	South Commons Redevelopment
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval to request the Development Authority to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Redevelopment of South Commons to potentially include a hotel, retail/office, multifamily, parking deck, workforce housing, and other uses.
INITIATED BY:	City Manager's Office

Recommendation: Approval to request the Development Authority to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Redevelopment of South Commons to potentially include a hotel, retail/office, multifamily, parking deck, workforce housing, and other uses.

Background: The city owns the property known as South Commons which houses A. J. McClung Stadium, Synovus Park (formerly Historic Golden Park), Civic Center, Ice Rink and the softball stadium and fields. There is a desire to redevelop the asphalt parking lot, labeled as Area A, B, and C in the attached exhibit, into a mixed-use development to complement the amenities of South Commons.

Analysis: The City and the Development Authority have had an agreement for the development of Columbus East Industrial Park, Corporate Ridge Industrial Park, and the Muscogee Technology Park. This request will continue the efforts in the development of an area of Columbus that is ripe for a redevelopment opportunity. The Historic Golden Park, renamed Synovus Park, has undergone substantial renovation to welcome MLB "AA" Braves Baseball to Columbus, the Columbus Clingstones. There is an opportunity to capitalize on this initiative and expand the development to include a hotel, retail/office, multifamily, parking deck, workforce housing, etc. that could generate growth and excitement in this area of Columbus.

Financial Considerations: The area is included in a Tax Allocation District which could be utilized for public infrastructure to include a parking garage and other uses.

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

Recommendation/Action: Approval to request the Development Authority to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Redevelopment of South Commons to potentially include a hotel, retail/office, multifamily, parking deck, workforce housing, and other uses.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, TO REQUEST THE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF SOUTH COMMONS TO POTENTIALLY INCLUDE A HOTEL, RETAIL/OFFICE, MULTIFAMILY, PARKING DECK, WORKFORCE HOUSING, AND OTHER USES.

Item #2.

WHEREAS, the Development Authority of Columbus, Georgia (“the Development Authority”) has been created to develop and promote for the public good and general welfare trade, commerce, industry and employment opportunities in Columbus, Georgia and to promote the general welfare of the State of Georgia; and,

WHEREAS, the City previously designated the Development Authority as the agent of the City to assist the City with the planning, design, engineering, construction and development for various locations in Columbus; and,

WHEREAS, the City desires to designate the Development Authority as the agent of the City to continue to assist the City with the redevelopment of South Commons; and,

WHEREAS, South Commons is part of the 6th Avenue/Liberty District Tax Allocation District (TAD); and,

WHEREAS, the City desires to solicit proposals to redevelop the open space at South Commons to complement the other amenities at South Commons.

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

The Council of Columbus, Georgia hereby authorizes the City Manager or his designee to request the Development Authority of Columbus, Georgia to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the redevelopment of the open space at South Commons labeled as Area A, B, and C on the attached exhibit.

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

Councilor Allen voting
Councilor Anker voting
Councilor Chambers voting
Councilor Cogle voting

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

Item #2.

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor



File Attachments for Item:

3. Fiscal Year 2022 Homeland Security Grant Program

Approval is to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant from the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for funds to assist with resources (food & supplies) for Explosive Ordnance Disposal with K9 Partners designated to help strengthen the Nation's communities against potential terrorist attacks, in the amount of \$3,000, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund budget by the amount of the award.

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Item #3.

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Fiscal Year 2022 Homeland Security Grant Program
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant from the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for funds to assist with resources (food & supplies) for Explosive Ordnance Disposal with K9 Partners designated to help strengthen the Nation's communities against potential terrorist attacks, in the amount of \$3,000, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund budget by the amount of the award.
INITIATED BY:	Muscogee County Sheriff's Office

Recommendation: Approval is to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant from the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for funds to assist with resources (food & supplies) for Explosive Ordnance Disposal with K9 Partners designated to help strengthen the Nation's communities against potential terrorist attacks, in the amount of \$3,000, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund budget by the amount of the award.

Background: DHS/FEMA funds focuses on enhancing the ability of state, local, tribal, and territorial governments, as well as nonprofits, to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from terrorist attacks.

Analysis: These funds are available through the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Financial Considerations: There is no local match requirement.

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

Recommendation/Action: Approval is to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant from the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for funds to assist with resources (food & supplies) for Explosive Ordnance Disposal with K9 Partners designated to help strengthen the Nation's communities against potential terrorist attacks, in the amount of \$3,000, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund budget by the amount of the award.

A RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT, IF AWARDED, A GRANT OF \$3,000, OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED, FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS), FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA), FY 2022 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM / EOD K-9, WITH NO LOCAL MATCH REQUIREMENT, AND TO AMEND THE MULTI-GOVERNMENTAL FUND BY THE AMOUNT AWARDED. FUNDS WILL BE UTILIZED TO ASSIST WITH RESOURCES (FOOD & SUPPLIES) FOR EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL WITH K9 PARTNERS DESIGNATED TO HELP STRENGTHEN THE NATION’S COMMUNITIES AGAINST POTENTIAL TERRORIST ATTACKS.

WHEREAS, to assist with resources for Explosive Ordnance Disposal with K9 Partner designated to help strengthen the Nation’s communities against potential terrorist attacks; and,

WHEREAS, the Muscogee County Sheriff’s Office has been authorized by the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to apply for \$3,000.00 of grant monies; and,

WHEREAS, programs focus on enhancing the ability of state, local, tribal, and territorial governments, as well as nonprofits, to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from terrorist attacks; and,

WHEREAS, funding is from the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), FY 2022 Homeland Security Grant Program / EOD K-9; and,

WHEREAS, funds will be utilized used to assist with resources (food & supplies) for explosive ordnance disposal with K9 partner designated to help strengthen the nation’s communities against potential terrorist attacks; and,

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

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

That the City Manager, the Mayor, or their designee to apply for and accept, if awarded, a FY 2022 Homeland Security Grant Program/ EOD K-9 from the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in the amount of \$3,000, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund budget by the amount of the award.

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

Item #3.

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

Lindsey McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

4. Fiscal Year 2023 Homeland Security Grant Program

Approval is requested to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant from the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for funds to assist with resources (food, supplies, & body armor) for Explosive Ordnance Disposal with K9 Partner designated to help strengthen the Nation's communities against potential terrorist attacks, in the amount of \$4,500.00, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund budget by the amount of the award.

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Item #4.

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Fiscal Year 2023 Homeland Security Grant Program
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant from the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for funds to assist with resources (food, supplies, & body armor) for Explosive Ordnance Disposal with K9 Partner designated to help strengthen the Nation’s communities against potential terrorist attacks, in the amount of \$4,500.00, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund budget by the amount of the award.
INITIATED BY:	Muscogee County Sheriff’s Office

Recommendation: Approval is requested to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant from the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for funds to assist with resources (food, supplies, & body armor) for Explosive Ordnance Disposal with K9 Partner designated to help strengthen the Nation’s communities against potential terrorist attacks, in the amount of \$4,500.00, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund budget by the amount of the award.

Background: DHS/FEMA funds focuses on enhancing the ability of state, local, tribal, and territorial governments, as well as nonprofits, to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from terrorist attacks.

Analysis: These funds are available through the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Financial Considerations: There is no local match requirement.

Legal Considerations: The Muscogee County Sheriff’s Office is eligible to apply for and receive these funds if awarded, and will be obligated to the conditions of the grant award.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant from the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for funds to assist with resources (food, supplies, & body armor) for Explosive Ordnance Disposal with K9 Partner designated to help strengthen the Nation’s communities against potential terrorist attacks, in the amount of \$4,500.00, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund budget by the amount of the award.

A RESOLUTION

Item #4.

NO.

A RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT, IF AWARDED, A GRANT OF \$4,500.00, OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED, FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS), FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA), FY 2023 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM / EOD K-9, WITH NO LOCAL MATCH REQUIREMENT, AND TO AMEND THE MULTI-GOVERNMENTAL FUND BY THE AMOUNT AWARDED. FUNDS WILL BE UTILIZED TO ASSIST WITH RESOURCES (FOOD, SUPPLIES & BODY ARMOR) FOR EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL WITH K9 PARTNER DESIGNATED TO HELP STRENGTHEN THE NATION’S COMMUNITIES AGAINST POTENTIAL TERRORIST ATTACKS.

WHEREAS, to assist with resources for Explosive Ordnance Disposal with K9 Partner designated to help strengthen the Nation’s communities against potential terrorist attacks; and,

WHEREAS, the Muscogee County Sheriff’s Office has been authorized by the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to apply for \$4,500.00 of grant monies; and,

WHEREAS, programs focus on enhancing the ability of state, local, tribal, and territorial governments, as well as nonprofits, to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from terrorist attacks; and,

WHEREAS, funding is from the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), FY 2023 Homeland Security Grant Program / EOD K-9; and,

WHEREAS, funds will be utilized used to assist with resources (food, supplies, & body armor) for explosive ordnance disposal with K9 partner designated to help strengthen the nation’s communities against potential terrorist attacks; and,

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

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

That the City Manager, the Mayor, or their designee to apply for and accept, if awarded, a FY 2023 Homeland Security Grant Program/ EOD K-9 from the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in the amount of \$4,500.00, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund budget by the amount of the award.

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

Item #4.

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

Lindsey McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

5. FY26 Congressionally Directed Funding Grant

Approval is requested to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant in the amount of \$150,056.00 or as otherwise awarded from the FY26 Congressionally Directed Spending project for a vehicle and equipment to implement a Mobile Integrated Healthcare program. There are no matching funds required.

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Item #5.

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	FY26 Congressionally Directed Funding Grant
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant in the amount of \$150,056.00 or as otherwise awarded from the FY26 Congressionally Directed Spending project for a vehicle and equipment to implement a Mobile Integrated Healthcare program. There are no matching funds required.
INITIATED BY:	Fire/EMS

Recommendation: Approval is requested to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant in the amount of \$150,056.00 or as otherwise awarded from the FY26 Congressionally Directed Spending project for a vehicle and equipment to implement a Mobile Integrated Healthcare program. There are no matching funds required.

Background: Funds will be requested from the FY26 Congressionally Directed Spending project to fund the purchase of a vehicle and Advanced Life Support (ALS) equipment to implement a Mobile Integrated Healthcare (MIH) program within Columbus Fire and Emergency Medical Services (CFEMS). The MIH initiative will allow CFEMS to establish a collaborative program to focus on the social service needs of the community. This initiative aligns with the Fire-EMS Department’s Columbus Correct Care initiative to provide residents of Columbus, GA and Muscogee County the right resources at the right time to support their medical needs for emergency and non-emergency care.

Analysis: Columbus Fire and Emergency Medical Services is requesting funds for the purchase of a vehicle and equipment to implement a Mobile Integrated Healthcare program.

Financial Considerations: The grant is for a vehicle and equipment amounting to a total of \$150,056.00, with no matching funds required.

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

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant in the amount of \$150,056.00 or as otherwise awarded from the FY26 Congressionally Directed Spending project for a vehicle and equipment to implement a Mobile Integrated Healthcare program. There are no matching funds required.

**A RESOLUTION
NO.**

Item #5.

A RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT IF AWARDED A GRANT FOR A VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT TO IMPLEMENT A MOBILE INTEGRATED HEALTHCARE PROGRAM WITHIN COLUMBUS FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$150,056.00, OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED, FROM THE FY26 CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED SPENDING PROGRAM WITH NO MATCHING FUNDS REQUIRED. THE MULTI-GOVERNMENTAL FUND WILL BE AMENDED BY THE AMOUNT OF THE AWARD.

WHEREAS, the Columbus Fire and Emergency Medical Services (CFEMS) is requesting funds for a vehicle and equipment amounting to a total of \$150,056.00. No matching funds are required; and,

WHEREAS, the vehicle and equipment requested in the grant proposal will be used to implement a Mobile Integrated Healthcare program focused on social service needs within the community spearheaded by Columbus Fire and Emergency Medical Services; and,

WHEREAS, the Mobile Integrated Healthcare program aligns with the Columbus Correct Care initiative of CFEMS to provide residents of Columbus, GA and Muscogee County the right resources at the right time to support their medical needs for emergency and non-emergency care; and,

WHEREAS, this grant proposal will require no matching funds.

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

- 1) That the City Manager is hereby authorized to approve the FY26 Congressionally Directed Spending program application for a vehicle and equipment for Columbus Fire and Emergency Medical Services for \$150,056.00 or as otherwise awarded with no matching funds required.
- 2) That the Multi-Governmental Fund will be amended by the amount of the award.

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

Item #5.

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

Lindsey McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

6. Columbus Police Department: Donation

Approval is requested to accept a donation in the amount of \$2,500 for sponsorship of the Columbus Police Department's participation in the 2025 World Police & Fire Games and other employee activities.

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Item #6.

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Columbus Police Department: Donation
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to accept a donation in the amount of \$2,500 for sponsorship of the Columbus Police Department's participation in the 2025 World Police & Fire Games and other employee activities.
INITIATED BY:	Columbus Police Department

Recommendation: Approval is requested to accept a donation in the amount of \$2,500 for sponsorship of the Columbus Police Department's participation in the 2025 World Police & Fire Games and other employee activities.

Background: We are proud to announce our intent to represent our city and department at the 2025 World Police & Fire Games in Birmingham, AL, from June 27 to July 6, 2025. This event brings together first responders from around the world in competition. With the Games not returning to the U.S. for another decade, this is a rare opportunity to showcase our department on a global stage.

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

Financial Considerations: The donated funds are specifically for the Columbus Police Department's participation in the 2025 World Police and Fire Games and other employee activities. Funds will be placed within the Department's designated Donation fund.

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

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to accept a donation in the amount of \$2,500 for sponsorship of the Columbus Police Department's participation in the 2025 World Police & Fire Games and other employee activities.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT DONATED FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,500 FROM JORDAN OUTDOOR ENTERPRISES, LTD, ON BEHALF OF THE COLUMBUS POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Item #6.

WHEREAS, the Columbus Police Department is requesting acceptance of this donation to help fund the participation of employees in the 2025 World Police and Fire Games and other employee activities; and,

WHEREAS, this generous donation will help bring together first responders from around the world in friendly competition; and,

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

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

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to accept donated funds in the amount of \$2,500.00 for the Columbus Police Department for the 2025 World Police and Fire Games, and other employee activities.

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

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

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

A. Design and Construction Services for Columbus Convention and Trade Center – RFP No. 25-0002

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Design and Construction Services for Columbus Convention and Trade Center – RFP No. 25-0002
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council authorize the execution of a contract with Brasfield & Gorrie, LLC (Columbus, GA) to design and construct an approximately five-hundred (500) space parking garage for the Columbus Convention and Trade Center.

The scope of services includes:

- A. Turnkey design services for all aspects of parking garage construction. This includes design services for the garage including architectural, mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and structural design services. It also includes all sitework design services, including civil, landscape, and utility coordination. Coordination with City staff and other entities will be required.
- B. Complete construction services including procurement and installation of all proposed improvements.
- C. The City will be designing and constructing a bridge connection from the Trade Center to the parking garage under separate contract. Selected design-builder shall design the garage to accommodate this connection.

RFP Advertisement and Receipt of Proposals:

RFP specifications were posted on the web pages of the Purchasing Division, the Georgia Procurement Registry and DemandStar on July 10, 2024. This RFP has been advertised, opened and evaluated. Four (4) proposals were received by the due date of August 16, 2024, from the following vendors:

- Brasfield & Gorrie, LLC (Columbus, GA)**
- Batson-Cook Construction (West Point, GA)
- Gilbane Building Company (Atlanta, GA)
- Swinerton Builders (Atlanta, GA)

The following events took place after receipt of proposals:

RFP MEETINGS/EVENTS		
Description	Date	Agenda/Action

Pre-Evaluation Meeting	09/05/24	The Purchasing Manager advised committee members of the RFP rules and process, and the project manager provided an overview. Proposals were disbursed to each committee member to review.
1 st Evaluation Meeting	10/01/24	Committee members discussed the proposals from all vendors. The Committee requested clarifications from vendors.
2 nd Evaluation Meeting	11/08/24	Committee members reviewed the clarification responses and no further clarifications were requested. Voters polled and all present indicated they are ready to evaluate.
Evaluation Forms Sent	11/08/24	Evaluation forms were forwarded to voting committee members.
Evaluation Forms Re-Sent	12/09/24	Due to the departure of a Buyer in Purchasing, and the inability to access her emails, the voting Committee members were notified of the need to forward their evaluations to another member of Purchasing to complete this RFP process.
Evaluation Results	01/31/25	The final set of evaluation forms were completed and returned to Purchasing. Evaluation results were compiled and tabulated. Clarifications related to the evaluation forms were requested from applicable Committee members.
Results Forwarded	03/10/25	The Purchasing Division forwarded the evaluation results to the Evaluation Committee.
Award Recommendation	03/10/25	The voters unanimously recommended award to the highest scoring contractor, Brasfield & Gorrie, LLC.

Evaluation Committee:

The proposals were reviewed by the Evaluation Committee, which consisted of two voting members from the Trade Center, one voting member from METRA, one voting member from Public Works and one voting member from Engineering.

Serving as alternate voters were one representative from Inspections and Code and one representative from Engineering.

Serving as non-voting advisors were one representative from the City Manager's Office and three representatives from Historic Columbus.

Award Recommendation:

The voting Committee members recommend award to Brasfield & Gorrie, LLC (Columbus, GA) for the following reasons:

- **Brasfield & Gorrie, LLC**
 - The vendor knows the Columbus area well when it comes to parking garages and working within the historic district.
 - The firm has a good working relationship with the City of Columbus and has worked on several parking structures for the City.
 - Brasfield & Gorrie has experience with over three-hundred fifty (350) design-build projects.

○ **Qualifications/Experience:**

- The company has operated as Brasfield & Gorrie since 1964 and has an annual revenue of approximately \$5 billion with an average project value of \$34 million. The company employs over 3,500 individuals.
- Brasfield & Gorrie provides contracting, design, build, and construction management services.
- The company has 13 office locations. Their Columbus location is a full-service office that opened in 2012; however, the company has been working in Columbus since 1990.
- Below are the last three projects for which Brasfield & Gorrie has provided similar work.

- W.C. Bradley | Riverfront Place October 2021 – June 2024
1017 Front Avenue, Columbus, GA
Riverfront Place Phase III & IV – 267,000 sq ft wood-frame apartment complex sitting on top of cast-in-place concrete parking deck; includes two residential lobbies housed in the parking deck which will feature a club/game room, leasing office, breakroom/kitchen, etc; 175,000 sq ft, class A Office Tower; includes build-out of office lobby, core restrooms, and fitness center.
- W.C. Bradley | The Rapids at Riverfront Place May 2017 – June 2019
1501 Mercer University Drive, Macon, GA
The Rapids at Riverfront Place is a four-story, wood framed apartment building with a two-story cast-in-place parking deck, all on top of a concrete podium. The building contains two-hundred twenty-six (226) apartments, including amenity and leasing areas, and includes pool with a bar, cabana, and bocce ball court, a courtyard with a fire pit and game tables, a private club room, and a 24-hour fitness center. The mixed-use project also included retail and restaurant shell spaces on the street level.
- Southern Company | Shoals Crossing and Mill Creek October 2023 – January 2025
30 Ivan Allen Junior Boulevard Northwest, Atlanta, GA
Project Shoals Crossing and Project Mill Creek – 70,000 sq ft design-build enterprise data centers; includes 20,000 sq ft raised access floor data hall space and 10,000 sq ft for future data hall expansion.

The City's Procurement Ordinance Article 3-110 (Competitive Sealed Proposals for the procurement of Equipment, Supplies and Professional Services) governs the RFP Process. During the RFP process, there is no formal opening due to the possibility of negotiated components of the proposal. In the event City Council does not approve the recommended offeror, no proposal responses or any negotiated components are made public until after the award of the contract. Therefore, the evaluation results and cost information has been submitted to the City Manager in a separate memo for informational purposes.

Funding will be available in the FY25 Budget as: 2021 Sales Tax Project Fund - 2021 SPLOST - 21 SPLOST Economic Development - General Construction – Trade Center Improvements; 0567 - 696 - 3114 - STED - 7661- 54002-20240 & 20250 and Tax Lease Rev Bonds/2003B - CBA 2003B Parking Garage Trade Center – Parking Garage – Front Avenue – General Construction; 0555-200-2447-CBA-7661-40220-20030.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH BRASFIELD & GORRIE, LLC (MACON, GA) TO DESIGN AND CONSTRUCT AN APPROXIMATELY FIVE-HUNDRED (500) SPACE PARKING GARAGE FOR THE COLUMBUS CONVENTION AND TRADE CENTER.

WHEREAS, an RFP was administered (RFP No. 25-0002) and four (4) proposals were received; and,

WHEREAS, the proposal submitted by Brasfield & Gorrie, LLC, met all proposal requirements and was deemed most responsive to the RFP.

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

That the City Manager and/or his designee is hereby authorized to execute a contract with Brasfield & Gorrie, LLC (Columbus, GA) to design and construct an approximately five-hundred (500) space parking garage for the Columbus Convention and Trade Center. Funding will be available in the FY25 Budget as: 2021 Sales Tax Project Fund - 2021 SPLOST - 21 SPLOST Economic Development - General Construction – Trade Center Improvements; 0567 - 696 - 3114 - STED - 7661- 54002-20240 & 20250 and Tax Lease Rev Bonds/2003B - CBA 2003B Parking Garage Trade Center – Parking Garage – Front Avenue – General Construction; 0555-200-2447-CBA-7661-40220-20030.

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

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

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

B. Auditing Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 25-0006

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Auditing Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 25-0006
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council authorize the execution of an annual contract with Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC (Macon, GA) to provide auditing services for the Finance Department.

The services are needed to provide the Finance Department with the professional services of an external Certified Public Accountant to perform financial and compliance audits. The audit shall be conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, promulgated by the American Institute of Certified Public Accounts (AICPA) and in accordance with Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and the Official Code of Georgia Annotated. The examination shall be made in compliance with applicable laws of the State of Georgia and the Columbus Consolidated Government.

The auditor will perform the following:

1. Determine whether the financial statements present fairly the respective financial position of the governmental activities.
2. Provide an understanding of the five components of internal control that is sufficient to assess the risks of materials misstatement of the financial statements.
3. Provide reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free of material misstatements resulting from violations of laws and regulations.
4. Evaluate whether the entity has taken appropriate corrective action to address findings and recommendations from previous engagements that could have a material effect on the financial statements.
5. Ensure that audit documentation is prepared in sufficient detail to provide a clear understanding of the nature, timing, and extent of auditing procedures performed to comply with government auditing standard.
6. Determine whether the government entity complied with laws and regulations.
7. Verify and test expenditures of the Columbus Consolidated Government's Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax proceeds.
8. Make an annual presentation to Mayor and Council at the conclusion of the audit documenting any audit findings

The initial term of the contract will be for five (5) years with the option to renew for five (5) additional twelve-month periods. Contract renewal will be contingent upon the mutual agreement of the City and the Contractor.

Annual Contract History:

The previous five-year contract was awarded on May 22, 2018 (Resolution No. 171-18) to Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC. The term of the contract ran from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2023. The vendor agreed to a one-year extension through June 30, 2024. On May 14, 2024, per Resolution No. 172-24, Council approved an additional one-year extension to allow time to complete an RFP process and award a new contract.

RFP Advertisement and Receipt of Proposals:

RFP specifications were posted on the web pages of the Purchasing Division, the Georgia Procurement Registry and DemandStar on August 14, 2024. This RFP has been advertised, opened and evaluated. Five (5) proposals were received by the due date of September 13, 2024, from the following vendors:

Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC (Macon, GA)
 Banks, Finley, White & Co. (College Park, GA)
 Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC (Enterprise, AL)
 PJC Group, LLC (Atlanta, GA)
 Warren Averett, LLC (Montgomery, AL)

The following events took place after receipt of proposals:

RFP MEETINGS/EVENTS		
Description	Date	Agenda/Action
Pre-Evaluation Meeting	12/03/24	The Purchasing Manager advised committee members of the RFP rules and process, and the project manager provided an overview. Proposals were disbursed to each committee member to review.
1 st Evaluation Meeting	12/18/24	Committee members discussed the proposals from all vendors. The Committee requested clarifications from two vendors.
2 nd Evaluation Meeting	01/14/25	Committee members reviewed the clarification responses and no further clarifications were requested. Voters were polled and all present indicated they were ready to evaluate.
Evaluation Forms Sent	01/14/25	Evaluation forms were forwarded to voting committee members.
Evaluation Results	02/18/25	The final set of evaluation forms were completed and returned to Purchasing. Evaluation results were compiled and tabulated.
Results Forwarded	02/27/25	The tabulation of scores and evaluator comments was forwarded to the Committee for review.
Award Recommendation	03/03/25	With a majority vote, the Evaluation Committee voted to award the contract to Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC, the highest-scoring firm. However, a request was made to meet with Mauldin and Jenkins prior to the award recommendation being presented to Council.
Vendor Meeting	03/13/25	A meeting was held with Mauldin & Jenkins to discuss the audit process and address concerns related to revenue audits for any Departments receiving revenue. At the conclusion of the meeting, the voters were polled. The Committee unanimously confirmed agreement to move forward with the award recommendation to Mauldin & Jenkins.

Evaluation Committee:

The proposals were reviewed by the Evaluation Committee, which consisted of one voting member from the Finance Department, one voting member from the City Manager's Office and five voting members from the City's Audit Committee.

Serving as an alternate voter was one representative from the Finance Department.

Serving as non-voting advisors were one representative from the City Attorney's Office and one representative from the Finance Department.

Award Recommendation:

The voting Committee members recommend award to Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC (Macon, GA) for the following reasons:

- **Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC**
 - Mauldin & Jenkins are the auditors for more than 725 state and local governments across the Southeastern USA.
 - The firm is consistently ranked in the Top 100 by various publications as one of the largest certified public accounting firms in the country.
 - In 2020, Joel Black of Mauldin & Jenkins was appointed to serve as the Chairman of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB).
 - **Qualifications/Experience:**
 - Mauldin & Jenkins was formed in approximately 1918 and has been actively engaged in governmental auditing since its inception.
 - Top regional firm. Vast Georgia clients (both County and City). They provide continuing education at no cost.
 - Mauldin & Jenkins has vast experience with local government of all sizes and complexities, including governments of comparable size and complexity of CCG.
 - As the current auditor, they have the experience and knowledge of the time and staff required to perform the audit.
 - Mauldin & Jenkins has a strong track record in government auditing, with deep knowledge of GASB, GAAP, and federal compliance requirements.
 - Mauldin & Jenkins has extremely competitive pricing.
 - Below are the last three clients for which the contractor has performed similar services, at the time the contractor submitted a proposal:
 - City of Atlanta, Georgia 2022 – Present
Financial audits and compliance audits in accordance with OMB Uniform Guidance. Maintenance of the GFOA Certificate.
 - Augusta-Richmond Co - Page 164 - la 2011 – Present

Financial audits and compliance audits in accordance with OMB Uniform Guidance. Maintenance of the GFOA Certificate.

- Gwinnett County, Georgia 2004 – Present
Financial audits and compliance audits in accordance with OMB Uniform Guidance. Maintenance of the GFOA Certificate.

The City's Procurement Ordinance Article 3-110 (Competitive Sealed Proposals for the procurement of Equipment, Supplies and Professional Services) governs the RFP Process. During the RFP process, there is no formal opening due to the possibility of negotiated components of the proposal. In the event City Council does not approve the recommended offeror, no proposal responses or any negotiated components are made public until after the award of the contract. Therefore, the evaluation results and cost information has been submitted to the City Manager in a separate memo for informational purposes.

Funds are available each fiscal year for this ongoing expense: General Fund – Finance – Finance Director – Auditing Services, 0101 – 200 – 1000 – FNCE – 6337.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN ANNUAL CONTRACT WITH MAULDIN & JENKINS, LLC (MACON, GA) TO PROVIDE AUDITING SERVICES FOR THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

WHEREAS, an RFP was administered (RFP No. 25-0006) and five (5) proposals were received; and,

WHEREAS, the proposal submitted by Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC, met all proposal requirements and was deemed most responsive to the RFP; and,

WHEREAS, the term of this contract shall be for five (5) years with the option to renew for five (5) additional twelve-month periods.

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

That the City Manager and/or his designee is hereby authorized to execute an annual contract with Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC (Macon, GA) to provide auditing services for the Finance Department. Funds are available each fiscal year for this ongoing expense: General Fund – Finance – Finance Director – Auditing Services, 0101 – 200 – 1000 – FNCE – 6337.

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

- Councilor Allen voting _____
- Councilor Anker voting _____
- Councilor Chambers voting _____
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- Councilor Huff voting _____
- Councilor Tucker voting _____

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. “Skip” Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

C. Bullet Recovery System – RFP No. 25-0010

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Bullet Recovery System – RFP No. 25-0010
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council authorize the execution of a contract with CyberNational, Inc. (Murfreesboro, TN) to furnish and install one Bullet Recovery System for use in forensic firearms examinations for the Columbus Police Department.

CyberNational, Inc. will Furnish and install one Bullet Recovery System for use in forensic firearms examinations. The system will enable the recovery of projectiles fired from an assortment of firearms with a maximum kinetic energy equivalent to a .338 Win. Mag. cartridge. The system will fully contain water under all firing conditions. The system must be proof-tested to 13,000 ft-lbs. (50 BMG) before leaving the manufacturer. System construction will maximize the safety of personnel and minimize damage to the recovered projectile. Self-contained design will incorporate all necessary components on a single, transportable structure. These components will include but not be limited to: one-piece shooting tank; water filtration; automatic lid operation; solid-state underwater lighting; integral vacuum recovery of projectiles; and optionally, brass catcher; remote firing stand; air spring suspension of the tank; HEPA air filtration. Contractor will be required to demonstrate a fully operational system prior to shipment. Further contractor requirements include on-site training, 5-yr. tank warranty and two-year parts, and labor warranty

RFP Advertisement and Receipt of Proposals:

RFP specifications were posted on the web pages of the Purchasing Division, the Georgia Procurement Registry and DemandStar on August 27, 2024. This RFP has been advertised, opened and evaluated. Two proposals were received by the due date of October 18, 2024, from the following vendors:

CyberNational, Inc. (Murfreesboro, TN)
Team Fabrication, Inc. (West Falls, NY)

The following events took place after receipt of proposals:

RFP MEETINGS/EVENTS		
Description	Date	Agenda/Action
Pre-Evaluation Committee Meeting	12/02/24	The Purchasing Manager advised evaluation committee members of the RFP rules and process, and the project manager provided an overview of the contract requirements. Proposal copies were forwarded to the evaluation committee.
1 st Evaluation Committee Meeting	12/30/24	The committee discussed each proposal and determined clarifications were required from both vendors.

Clarifications Requested	01/24/25	The Purchasing Division requested clarifications from both vendors.
Clarification Received	01/28/25	Clarification responses were received and forwarded to the evaluation committee for review, the committee did not require further clarifications.
Evaluation Forms Sent	02/18/25	Evaluation forms were forwarded to voting committee members.
Last Evaluation Received from Committee Member	02/21/25	Evaluation forms were completed and returned to Purchasing for compilation results.
Results Forwarded	03/10/25	The Purchasing Division forwarded the evaluation results to the Evaluation Committee.
Recommendation	03/10/25	The voting Committee Members unanimously voted to recommend award to CyberNational, Inc.

Evaluation Committee:

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

Serving as alternate voters were two representatives from the Columbus Police Department.

Serving as non-voting advisors were two representatives from the Columbus Police Department.

Award Recommendation

CyberNational, the highest ranked-firm, is recommended for award for the following reasons:

- The Georgia Bureau of investigation and the United States Army utilizes the services of CyberNational, Inc.
- CyberNational's price includes installation, testing, electrical and plumbing hookups.
- CyberNational has been building forensic equipment since 1994.
- CyberNational cost is reasonable and the vendor has an extensive client work history.

Vendor's Experience/Qualifications:

- **CyberNational, Inc.**

- Vendor has been manufacturing specialized line of products used by forensic science laboratories across the U.S. since the year of 1984.
- They have been incorporated in the State of Tennessee in 1987.
- They have manufactured over 600 pieces of ballistic equipment.
- They have international locations and do business internationally.
- Below are some recent projects for which the contractor has performed similar services, at the time the contractor submitted a proposal:
 - United States Army Crime Lab
CyberNational furnished and installed one Bullet Recovery System for use in forensic firearms examinations for the United States Army Crime Lab.
 - Knoxville Police Department

CyberNational furnished and installed one Bullet Recovery System for use in forensic firearms examinations for the Knoxville Police Department.

- Arlington Police Department

CyberNational furnished and installed one Bullet Recovery Systems for use in forensic firearms examinations for the Arlington Police Department.

- Georgia Bureau of Investigation

CyberNational furnished and installed four Bullet Recovery Systems for use in forensic firearms examinations for the Georgia Bureau of Investigation on four different locations.

The City's Procurement Ordinance Article 3-110 (Competitive Sealed Proposals for the procurement of Equipment, Supplies and Professional Services) governs the RFP Process. During the RFP process, there is no formal opening due to the possibility of negotiated components of the proposal. In the event City Council does not approve the recommended offeror, no proposal responses or any negotiated components are made public until after the award of the contract. Therefore, the evaluation results and cost information have been submitted to the City Manager in a separate memo for informational purposes.

Funds are available in the FY25 Budget: LOST/Public Safety Fund – Police – Public Safety/LOST – Capital Expend-Over \$5,000; 0102 – 400 – 9900 – LOST – 7761.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH CYBERNATIONAL, INC. (MURFREESBORO, TN) TO FURNISH AND INSTALL ONE BULLET RECOVERY SYSTEM FOR USE IN FORENSIC FIREARMS EXAMINATIONS FOR THE COLUMBUS POLICE DEPARTMENT.

WHEREAS, an RFP was administered (RFP No. 25-0010) and 2 proposals were received; and,

WHEREAS, the proposal submitted by CyberNational, Inc., met all proposal requirements and was deemed most responsive to the RFP.

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

That the City Manager and/or his designee is hereby authorized to execute a contract with CyberNational, Inc (Murfreesboro, TN) to furnish and install one Bullet Recovery System for use in forensic firearms examinations for the Columbus Police Department. Funds are available in the FY25 Budget: LOST/Public Safety Fund – Police – Public Safety/LOST – Capital Expend-Over \$5,000; 0102 – 400 – 9900 – LOST – 7761.

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

- Councilor Allen voting _____
- Councilor Anker voting _____
- Councilor Chambers voting _____
- Councilor Cogle voting _____
- Councilor Crabb voting _____
- Councilor Davis voting _____
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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:

D. Temporary Staffing Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 17-0017

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Temporary Staffing Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 17-0017
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council authorize the extension of the annual contract for Temporary Staffing Services with Global Personnel Services (Columbus, GA), Primary Contractor, and Labor Finders (Columbus, GA), Secondary Contractor through March 31, 2027.

Global Personnel Services and Labor Finders are contracted to provide temporary staffing for the Civic Center on an “as needed” basis. The current contract expires on March 31, 2025.

Per Resolution No. 338-17, Council authorized a five-year contract with both Global Personnel Services and Labor Finders. The contract expired on October 9, 2022. However, in accordance with Article 3-109 (Annual Contracts: Price Agreement and Service Contracts) of the Procurement Ordinance, the contract was extended for one year. A six-month extension was approved on September 26, 2023, per Resolution No. 347-23 to allow time to advertise a new RFP. A three-month extension was approved on March 12, 2024, per Resolution No. 081-24, to allow for the receipt and evaluation of vendor proposals. Council approved an additional extension, through March 31, 2025, on November 12, 2024, per Resolution No. 446-24. Council approval is required for contract extensions beyond one year.

Funds are budgeted each fiscal year for this ongoing expense: various City Departments.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF THE ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR TEMPORARY STAFFING SERVICES WITH GLOBAL PERSONNEL SERVICES (COLUMBUS, GA), PRIMARY CONTRACTOR, AND LABOR FINDERS (COLUMBUS, GA), SECONDARY CONTRACTOR THRU MARCH 31, 2027.

WHEREAS, Global Personnel Services and Labor Finders are contracted to provide temporary staffing services on an “as needed” basis. The current contracts expired on November 9, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, per Resolution No. 338-17, Council authorized a five-year contract with both Global Personnel Services and Labor Finders. The contract expired on October 9, 2022. However, in accordance with Article 3-109 (Annual Contracts: Price Agreement and Service Contracts) of the Procurement Ordinance, the contract was extended for one year. A six-month extension was approved on September 26, 2023, per Resolution No. 347-23 to allow time to advertise a new RFP. A three-month extension was approved on March 12, 2024, per Resolution No. 081-24, to allow for the receipt and evaluation of vendor proposals. Council approved an additional extension, through March 31, 2025, on November 12, 2024, per Resolution No. 446-24. Council approval is required for contract extensions beyond one year.

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

That the City Manager and/or his designee is hereby authorized to extend the annual contract for Temporary Staffing Services with Global Personnel Services (Columbus, GA), Primary Contractor, and Labor Finders (Columbus, GA), Secondary Contractor thru March 31, 2027. Funds are budgeted each fiscal year for this ongoing expense: various City Departments.

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

- Councilor Allen voting _____
- Councilor Anker voting _____
- Councilor Chambers voting _____
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- Councilor Tucker voting _____

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. “Skip” Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

E. Additional Sources for Temporary Staffing Services (Annual Contract) – Georgia Statewide Contract

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Additional Sources for Temporary Staffing Services (Annual Contract) – Georgia Statewide Contract
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve an annual contract for Temporary Staffing Services from the following suppliers: New World Employment, LLC (Tucker, GA), Ingenesis, Inc. (San Antonio, TX), Corporate Temps 2000 (Norcross, GA), Dover Staffing (Atlanta, GA), Abacus Corporation (Baltimore, MD), Shaga Consulting and Recruiting (Albany, GA), Nitelines USA (Duluth, GA), ARK Temporary Staffing, LLC (Lawrenceville, GA) and Focus People, Inc. (Atlanta, GA), via the Georgia State Contract Numbers 99999-001-SPD0000136-0001 thru 99999-001-SPD0000136-0009.

The vendors will add additional sources for City Departments, to utilize for temporary staffing needs. These services will be utilized on an “as needed” basis.

Georgia Statewide Contract SWC 99999-001-SPD0000136 is a cooperative contract whereby multiple vendors have been awarded a state contract to provide Temporary Staffing Services. The term of the contract is good through June 30, 2025 and any additional extensions approved by the State. 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 are budgeted each fiscal year for this ongoing expense: various City Departments.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR TEMPORARY STAFFING SERVICES FROM THE FOLLOWING SUPPLIERS: NEW WORLD EMPLOYMENT, LLC (TUCKER, GA) INGENESIS, INC. (SAN ANTONIO, TX), CORPORATE TEMPS 2000 (NORCROSS, GA), DOVER STAFFING (ATLANTA, GA), ABACUS CORPORATION (BALTIMORE, MD), SHAGA CONSULTING AND RECRUITING (ALBANY, GA), NITELINES USA (DULUTH, GA), ARK TEMPORARY STAFFING, LLC (LAWRENCEVILLE, GA) AND FOCUS PEOPLE, INC. (ATLANTA, GA), VIA THE GEORGIA STATE CONTRACT NUMBERS 99999-001-SPD0000136-0001 THRU 99999-001-SPD0000136-0009.

WHEREAS, the vendors will add additional sources for City Departments, to utilize for temporary staffing needs. These services will be utilized on an “as needed” basis; and,

WHEREAS, Georgia Statewide Contract SWC 99999-001-SPD0000136 is a cooperative contract whereby multiple vendors have been awarded a state contract to provide Temporary Staffing Services. The term of the contract is good through June 30, 2025 and any additional extensions approved by the State. 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 execute an annual contract for Temporary Staffing Services from the following suppliers: New World Employment, LLC (Tucker, GA), Ingenesis, Inc. (San Antonio, TX), Corporate Temps 2000 (Norcross, GA), Dover Staffing (Atlanta, GA), Abacus Corporation (Baltimore, MD), Shaga Consulting and Recruiting (Albany, GA), Nitelines USA (Duluth, GA), ARK Temporary Staffing, LLC (Lawrenceville, GA) and Focus People, Inc. (Atlanta, GA), via the Georgia State Contract Numbers 99999-001-SPD0000136-0001 thru 99999-001-SPD0000136-0009. Funds are budgeted each fiscal year for this ongoing expense: various City Departments.

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

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

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

F. Three (3) Paratransit Buses for METRA – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Three (3) Paratransit Buses for METRA – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the purchase of three (3) paratransit buses from ABC Bus, Inc. (Winter Garden, FL) at a unit cost of \$243,464.50, and a total cost of \$730,393.50. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-SPD-SPD0000212-0010.

These new buses will be used to provide transportation for people who because of their disabilities cannot use fixed-route public transit.

The purchase will be accomplished via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-SPD-SPD0000212-0010 whereby ABC Bus, Inc. is one of the awarded vendors contracted to provide Public Mass Transit Vehicles and Related Options, Equipment, and Accessories. The term of the contract is good through June 30, 2025. 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 are budgeted in the FY25 Budget as follows:

\$256,393.50 – Transportation Fund – Transportation – FTA – Buses; 0751 – 610 – 2400 – MFTA – 7724.

\$404,000 – Transportation Fund – Transportation – Dial-A-Ride – Buses; 0751 – 610 – 2300 – METD – 7724

\$40,000 – Transportation Fund – Transportation – Dial-A-Ride – Capital Expenditures/Over \$5,000; 0751 – 610 – 2300 – METD – 7761

\$30,000 – Transportation Fund – Transportation – Dial-A-Ride – Capital Expenditure/Under \$5,000; 0751 – 610 – 2300 – METD – 7763

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF THREE (3) PARATRANSIT BUSES FROM ABC BUS, INC. (WINTER GARDEN, FL) AT A UNIT COST OF \$243,464.50, AND A TOTAL COST OF \$730,393.50. THE PURCHASE WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY COOPERATIVE PURCHASE VIA GEORGIA STATEWIDE CONTRACT #99999-SPD-SPD0000212-0010.

WHEREAS, these new buses will be used to provide transportation for people who because of their disabilities cannot use fixed-route public transit; and,

WHEREAS, the purchase will be accomplished via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-SPD-SPD0000212-0010 whereby ABC Bus, Inc. is one of the awarded vendors contracted to provide Public Mass Transit Vehicles and Related Options, Equipment, and Accessories. The term of the contract is good through June 30, 2025. 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 three (3) paratransit buses from ABC Bus, Inc. (Winter Garden, FL) at a unit cost of \$243,464.50, and a total cost of \$730,393.50. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-SPD-SPD0000212-0010. Funds are budgeted in the FY25 Budget as follows:

- \$256,393.50 – Transportation Fund – Transportation – FTA – Buses; 0751 – 610 – 2400 – MFTA – 7724.
- \$404,000 – Transportation Fund – Transportation – Dial-A-Ride – Buses; 0751 – 610 – 2300 – METD – 7724
- \$40,000 – Transportation Fund – Transportation – Dial-A-Ride – Capital Expenditures/Over \$5,000; 0751 – 610 – 2300 – METD – 7761
- \$30,000.00 – Transportation Fund – Transportation -Dial-A-Ride – Capital Expenditure/Under \$5,000; 0751 – 610 – 2300 – METD – 7763

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

- Councilor Allen voting _____
- Councilor Anker voting _____
- Councilor Chambers voting _____
- Councilor Cogle voting _____
- Councilor Crabb voting _____
- Councilor Davis voting _____

Councilor Garrett voting _____
Councilor Hickey voting _____
Councilor Huff voting _____
Councilor Tucker voting _____

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

G. One (1) Low Floor Paratransit Cutaway Bus for METRA – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	One (1) Low Floor Paratransit Cutaway Bus for METRA – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the purchase of one (1) low floor paratransit cutaway bus (ARBOC Spirit of Freedom 6.6L V8 Gas 165" WB 14,200 GWVR with Options) for METRA from Model 1 Commercial Vehicles, Inc. (College Park, GA) in the amount of \$231,224,75. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-SPD-SPD0000212-0005.

The vehicle will be used for public transportation.

Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-SPD-SPD0000212-0005 is a cooperative contract whereby Model 1 Commercial Vehicles, Inc. is one of the awarded vendors contracted to provide Public Mass Transit Vehicles and Related Options, Equipment and Accessories. The term of the contract is good through June 30, 2025. 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 are budgeted in the FY25 Budget: Transportation Fund – Transportation – FTA – Buses; 0751 – 610 – 2400 – MFTA – 7724.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) LOW FLOOR PARATRANSIT CUTAWAY BUS (ARBOC SPIRIT OF FREEDOM 6.6L V8 GAS 165" WB 14,200 GWVR WITH OPTIONS) FOR METRA FROM MODEL 1 COMMERCIAL VEHICLES, INC. (COLLEGE PARK, GA) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$231,224,75. THE PURCHASE WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY COOPERATIVE PURCHASE VIA GEORGIA STATEWIDE CONTRACT #99999-SPD-SPD0000212-0005.

WHEREAS, the vehicle will be used for public transportation; and,

WHEREAS, Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-SPD-SPD0000212-0005 is a cooperative contract whereby Model 1 Commercial Vehicles, Inc. is one of the awarded vendors contracted to provide Public Mass Transit Vehicles and Related Options, Equipment and Accessories. The term of the contract is good through June 30, 2025. 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 one (1) low floor paratransit cutaway bus (ARBOC Spirit of Freedom 6.6L V8 Gas 165" WB 14,200 GWVR with Options) for METRA from Model 1 Commercial Vehicles, Inc. (College Park, GA) in the amount of \$231,224,75. Funds are budgeted in the FY25 Budget: Transportation Fund – Transportation – FTA – Buses; 0751-610 – 2400 – MFTA – 7724.

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

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

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

H. One (1) E-Rescue/Pumper Fire Service Apparatus with Equipment for Fire & EMS – HGAC Cooperative Contract

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	One (1) E-Rescue/Pumper Fire Service Apparatus with Equipment for Fire & EMS – HGAC Cooperative Contract
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the purchase of fire apparatus to include one (1) E-One Rescue/Pumper with equipment, in the amount of \$894,863.00, from Fireline, Inc. (Winder, GA), by Cooperative Purchase, via HGACBuy Contract #FS12-23.

The new Rescue/Pumper will be used for firefighting purposes and will replace one existing front-line pumper.

The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via HGACBuy RFP #FS12-23 issued on July 26, 2023, whereby Fireline, Inc., was one of the successful vendors awarded the contract to provide Fire Apparatus and Related Vehicles. The contract which commenced on December 1, 2023 is good through November 30, 2027. HGACBuy is a nationwide, government procurement service striving to make the governmental procurement process more efficient. Units of local government, including non-profits providing governmental services, are eligible to become participating members of the HGACBuy Cooperative. All contracts available to participating members of HGACBuy have been awarded by virtue of a public competitive procurement process compliant with State and Federal statutes. The RFP process utilized by HGACBuy meets the requirements of the City's Procurement Ordinance; additionally, Cooperative Purchasing is authorized per Article 9-101 of the Procurement Ordinance.

Funds are available in the FY25 Budget: LOST/Public Safety Fund – Fire & EMS – Public Safety/LOST – Heavy Trucks; 0102 – 410 – 9900 – LOST – 7723.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF FIRE APPARATUS TO INCLUDE ONE (1) E-ONE RESCUE/PUMPER WITH EQUIPMENT, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$894,863.00, FROM FIRELINE, INC. (WINDER, GA), BY COOPERATIVE PURCHASE, VIA HGACBUY CONTRACT #FS12-23.

WHEREAS, the new Rescue/Pumper will be used for firefighting purposes and will replace one existing front-line pumper; and,

WHEREAS, the purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via HGACBuy RFP #FS12-23 issued on July 26, 2023, whereby Fireline, Inc., was one of the successful vendors awarded the contract to provide Fire Apparatus and Related Vehicles. The contract which commenced on December 1, 2023 is good through November 30, 2027. HGACBuy is a nationwide, government procurement service striving to make the governmental procurement process more efficient. Units of local government, including non-profits providing governmental services, are eligible to become participating members of the HGACBuy Cooperative. All contracts available to participating members of HGACBuy have been awarded by virtue of a public competitive procurement process compliant with State and Federal statutes. The RFP process utilized by HGACBuy meets the requirements of the City’s Procurement Ordinance; additionally, Cooperative Purchasing is authorized per Article 9-101 of the Procurement Ordinance.

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

That the City Manager and/or his designee is hereby authorized to purchase fire apparatus to include one (1) E-One Rescue/Pumper with equipment, in the amount of \$894,863.00, from Fireline, Inc. (Winder, GA), by Cooperative Purchase, via HGACBuy Contract #FS12-23. Funds are available in the FY25 Budget: LOST/Public Safety Fund – Fire & EMS – Public Safety/LOST – Heavy Trucks; 0102 – 410 – 9900 – LOST - 7723.

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

- Councilor Allen voting _____
- Councilor Chambers voting _____
- Councilor Cogle voting _____
- Councilor Crabb voting _____
- Councilor Davis voting _____
- Councilor Garrett voting _____
- Councilor Hickey voting _____
- Councilor Huff voting _____

Council District 9 Seat voting _____
Councilor Tucker voting _____

Lindsey Melemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

I. Household Trash Carts for Public Works – Sourcewell Cooperative Contract Purchase

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Household Trash Carts for Public Works – Sourcewell Cooperative Contract Purchase
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the purchase of seven hundred two (702) 95-gallon black trash carts and seven hundred two (702) 95-gallon brown trash carts from Rehrig Pacific Company (Lawrenceville, GA) in the amount of \$78,830.00 (1,404 units @ \$55 each, plus freight in the amount of \$1,610.00). The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Sourcewell Contract #041521-REH.

The black carts and brown carts will be distributed to the citizens of Muscogee County for household trash pick-up. This is new equipment.

The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Request for Proposal (RFP) #041521, initiated by Sourcewell, whereby Rehrig Pacific Company, Inc. was one of the successful vendors contracted to provide Plastic Refuse and Recycling Containers with Related Technology Solutions. The contract, which commenced June 30, 2021, is good through May 28, 2025. 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, nonprofit, tribal government, and other public entities located in the United States and Canada. The RFP process utilized by Sourcewell meets the requirements of the City's Procurement Ordinance; additionally, the City's Procurement Ordinance, Article 9-101, authorizes the use of cooperative purchasing.

Funds are available in the FY25 Budget: Integrated Waste Management Fund – Public Works – Solid Waste Collection – Operating Materials; 0207 – 260 – 3510 – GARB – 6728.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE SEVEN HUNDRED TWO (702) 95-GALLON BLACK TRASH CARTS AND SEVEN HUNDRED TWO (702) 95-GALLON BROWN TRASH CARTS FROM REHRIG PACIFIC COMPANY (LAWRENCEVILLE, GA) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$78,830.00 (1,404 UNITS @ \$55 EACH, PLUS FREIGHT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,610.00). THE PURCHASE WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY COOPERATIVE PURCHASE VIA SOURCEWELL CONTRACT #041521-REH.

WHEREAS, the black carts and brown cards will be distributed to the citizens of Muscogee County for household trash pick-up. This is new equipment; and,

WHEREAS, the purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Request for Proposal (RFP) #041521, initiated by Sourcewell, whereby Rehrig Pacific Company, Inc. was one of the successful vendors contracted to provide Plastic Refuse and Recycling Containers with Related Technology Solutions. The contract, which commenced June 30, 2021, is good through May 28, 2025. 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, nonprofit, tribal government, and other public entities located in the United States and Canada. The RFP process utilized by Sourcewell meets the requirements of the City’s Procurement Ordinance; additionally, the City’s Procurement Ordinance, Article 9-101, authorizes the use of cooperative purchasing.

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

That the City Manager and/or his designee is hereby authorized to purchase seven hundred two (702) 95-gallon black trash carts and seven hundred two (702) 95-gallon brown trash carts from Rehrig Pacific Company (Lawrenceville, GA) in the amount of \$78,830.00 (1,404 units @ \$55 each, plus freight in the amount of \$1,610.00). The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Sourcewell Contract #041521-REH. Funds are available in the FY25 Budget: Integrated Waste Management Fund – Public Works – Solid Waste Collection – Operating Materials; 0207 – 260 – 3510 – GARB – 6728.

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

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

Councilor Crabb voting _____
Councilor Davis voting _____
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Councilor Huff voting _____
Councilor Tucker voting _____

Lindsey Mclemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

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

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Household Recycling Carts for Public Works – Sourcewell Cooperative Contract Purchase
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the purchase of 95-gallon blue recycling carts from Rehrig Pacific Company (Lawrenceville, GA) in the amount of \$78,970.00 (1,404 units @ \$55.80 each, plus freight in the amount of \$1,750.00). The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Sourcewell Contract #041521-REH.

The blue carts will be distributed to the citizens of Muscogee County for recycling pick-up. This is new equipment.

The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Request for Proposal (RFP) #041521, initiated by Sourcewell, whereby Rehrig Pacific Company, Inc. was one of the successful vendors contracted to provide Plastic Refuse and Recycling Containers with Related Technology Solutions. The contract, which commenced June 30, 2021, is good through May 28, 2025. 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, nonprofit, tribal government, and other public entities located in the United States and Canada. The RFP process utilized by Sourcewell meets the requirements of the City's Procurement Ordinance; additionally, The City's Procurement Ordinance, Article 9-101, authorizes the use of cooperative purchasing.

Funds are available in the FY25 Budget: Integrated Waste Management Fund – Public Works – Recycling – Operating Materials; 0207 – 260 – 3520 – RCYL – 6728.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF 95-GALLON BLUE RECYCLING CARTS FROM REHRIG PACIFIC COMPANY (LAWRENCEVILLE, GA) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$78,970.00 (1,404 UNITS @ \$55.80 EACH, PLUS FREIGHT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,750.00). THE PURCHASE WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY COOPERATIVE PURCHASE VIA SOURCEWELL CONTRACT #041521-REH.

WHEREAS, the blue carts will be distributed to the citizens of Muscogee County for recycling pick-up. This is new equipment; and,

WHEREAS, the purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Request for Proposal (RFP) #041521, initiated by Sourcewell, whereby Rehrig Pacific Company, Inc. was one of the successful vendors contracted to provide Plastic Refuse and Recycling Containers with Related Technology Solutions. The contract, which commenced June 30, 2021, is good through May 28, 2025. 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, nonprofit, tribal government, and other public entities located in the United States and Canada. The RFP process utilized by Sourcewell meets the requirements of the City’s Procurement Ordinance; additionally, The City’s Procurement Ordinance, Article 9-101, authorizes the use of cooperative purchasing.

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

That the City Manager and/or his designee is hereby authorized to purchase 95-gallon blue recycling carts from Rehrig Pacific Company (Lawrenceville, GA) in the amount of \$78,970.00 (1,404 units @ \$55.80 each, plus freight in the amount of \$1,750.00). The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Sourcewell Contract #041521-REH. Funds are available in the FY25 Budget: Integrated Waste Management Fund – Public Works – Recycling – Operating Materials; 0207 – 260 – 3520 – RCYL – 6728.

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

- Councilor Allen voting _____
- Councilor Anker voting _____
- Councilor Chambers voting _____
- Councilor Cogle voting _____
- Councilor Crabb voting _____
- Councilor Davis voting _____

Councilor Garrett voting _____
Councilor Hickey voting _____
Councilor Huff voting _____
Councilor Tucker voting _____

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

K. Vector Check Software Module for Fire & EMS – National Purchasing Partners (NPPGOV) Cooperative Purchase

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Vector Check Software Module for Fire & EMS – National Purchasing Partners (NPPGOV) Cooperative Purchase
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the purchase of the Vector Check software module, for Fire & EMS, from Target Solutions Learning, LLC/Vector Solutions (Tampa, FL) in the amount of \$50,325.40; and approve payments for the subsequent annual subscription/license fees for the module. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via National Purchasing Partners (NPPGOV) contract #PS21095.

The Fire & EMS Department currently uses Target Solutions Learning/Vector Solutions training management software, per Resolution #186-22. The Vector Check module is an add-on to replace the Department's current scheduling software and personal protective equipment tracking.

The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Request for Proposal (RFP) #2050 initiated by NPPGov, whereby Target Solutions Learning/Vector Solutions was one of the successful vendors contracted to provide Municipal Safety Equipment and Supplies. The contract which commenced on March 24, 2021 is good through March 24, 2027. The contract available under NPPGOV has been awarded by virtue of a public competitive procurement process compliant with State and Federal statutes. NPPGov is a national cooperative procurement organization based in Seattle, WA offering publicly solicited contracts to government entities nationwide. Contracts are created through a public solicitation by a Lead Public Agency. Access to the cooperative contracts is complimentary with no purchasing obligations. NPPGov serves a variety of Government and Nonprofit organizations. NPPGov also offers Public Safety GPO and Law Enforcement GPO programs with contracts that focus on Fire/Rescue and Law Enforcement members' needs. The RFP process utilized by NPPGov meets the requirements of the City's Procurement Ordinance; additionally, cooperative purchasing is authorized per Article 9-101 of the Procurement Ordinance.

Funds are available in the FY25 Budget: General Fund – Fire & EMS – Fire & EMS Operations – Software Lease; 0101 – 410 – 2100 – FOPR – 6541. Subsequent annual subscription/license fees will be budgeted in the appropriate fiscal year.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF THE VECTOR CHECK SOFTWARE MODULE, FOR FIRE & EMS, FROM TARGET SOLUTIONS LEARNING, LLC/VECTOR SOLUTIONS (TAMPA, FL) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,325.40; AND APPROVE PAYMENTS FOR THE SUBSEQUENT ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION/LICENSE FEES FOR THE MODULE. THE PURCHASE WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY COOPERATIVE PURCHASE VIA NATIONAL PURCHASING PARTNERS (NPPGOV) CONTRACT #PS21095.

WHEREAS, the Fire & EMS Department currently uses Target Solutions Learning/Vector Solutions training management software, per Resolution #186-22. The Vector Check module is an add-on to replace the Department's current scheduling software and personal protective equipment tracking; and,

WHEREAS, the purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Request for Proposal (RFP) #2050 initiated by NPPGov, whereby Target Solutions Learning/Vector Solutions was one of the successful vendors contracted to provide Municipal Safety Equipment and Supplies. The contract which commenced on March 24, 2021 is good through March 24, 2027. The contract available under NPPGOV has been awarded by virtue of a public competitive procurement process compliant with State and Federal statutes. NPPGov is a national cooperative procurement organization based in Seattle, WA offering publicly solicited contracts to government entities nationwide. Contracts are created through a public solicitation by a Lead Public Agency. Access to the cooperative contracts is complimentary with no purchasing obligations. NPPGov serves a variety of Government and Nonprofit organizations. NPPGov also offers Public Safety GPO and Law Enforcement GPO programs with contracts that focus on Fire/Rescue and Law Enforcement members' needs. The RFP process utilized by NPPGov meets the requirements of the City's Procurement Ordinance; additionally, cooperative purchasing is authorized per Article 9-101 of the Procurement Ordinance.

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

That the City Manager and/or his designee is hereby authorized to the Vector Check software module, for Fire & EMS, from Target Solutions Learning, LLC/Vector Solutions (Tampa, FL) in the amount of \$50,325.40; and approve payments for the subsequent annual subscription/license fees for the module. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via National Purchasing Partners (NPPGOV) contract #PS21095. Funds are available in the FY25 Budget: General Fund – Fire & EMS – Fire & EMS Operations – Software Lease; 0101 – 410 – 2100 – FOPR – 6541. Subsequent annual subscription/license fees will be budgeted in the appropriate fiscal year.

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

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

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

L. Upgrade/Purchase of Fast Fare Fareboxes with Accessories for METRA

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Upgrade/Purchase of Fast Fare Fareboxes with Accessories for METRA
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the upgrade/purchase of twenty-two (22) fast fare fareboxes with accessories from Genfare - A Division of SPX Corporation (Elk Grove Village, IL) in the total amount of \$470,542.58.

Genfare has discontinued the Odyssey fareboxes used for METRA's farebox system in order to phase in the latest technology, Fast Fare Farebox. Genfare will no longer accept orders for Odyssey fareboxes. Consequently, the Department must upgrade existing fareboxes. The Fast Fare farebox is equally reliable while accepting a wider range of fare payments from contactless credit and debit cards, and mobile wallets such as Apple Pay, Google Pay.

In 2009, Per Resolution #286-09, Genfare was awarded the contract to provide an electronic validating farebox system. Consequently, the vendor is deemed the only known source, per the Procurement Ordinance, article 3-114, to provide the fast fare fareboxes

Funds are budgeted in the FY25 Budget: Transportation Fund – Transportation – ARPA-FTA(5307) – Capital Expenditures over \$5,000; 0751 – 610 – 3425 – MARP – 7761.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE UPGRADE/PURCHASE OF TWENTY-TWO (22) FAST FARE FAREBOXES WITH ACCESSORIES FROM GENFARE - A DIVISION OF SPX CORPORATION (ELK GROVE VILLAGE, IL) IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$470,542.58.

WHEREAS, Genfare has discontinued the Odyssey fareboxes used for METRA’s farebox system in order to phase in the latest technology, Fast Fare Farebox. Genfare will no longer accept orders for Odyssey fareboxes. Consequently, the Department must upgrade existing fareboxes. The Fast Fare farebox is equally reliable while accepting a wider range of fare payments from contactless credit and debit cards, and mobile wallets such as Apple Pay, Google Pay; and,

WHEREAS, in 2009, Per Resolution #286-09, Genfare was awarded the contract to provide an electronic validating farebox system. Consequently, the vendor is deemed the only known source, per the Procurement Ordinance, article 3-114, to provide the fast fare fareboxes.

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

That the City Manager and/or his designee is hereby authorized to upgrade/purchase of twenty-two (22) fast fare fareboxes with accessories from Genfare - A Division of SPX Corporation (Elk Grove Village, IL) in the total amount of \$470,542.58. Funds are budgeted in the FY25 Budget: Transportation Fund – Transportation – ARPA-FTA(5307) - Capital Expenditures over \$5,000; 0751 – 610 – 3425 – MARP – 7761.

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

- Councilor Allen voting _____
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- Councilor Garrett voting _____
- Councilor Hickey voting _____
- Councilor Huff voting _____
- Councilor Tucker voting _____

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

M. Camera Equipment for the Civic Center – OMNIA Partners Cooperative Purchase

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Camera Equipment for the Civic Center – OMNIA Partners Cooperative Purchase
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the purchase of 2 (two) Canon XF705 HD Camcorders in the amount of \$11,938.02 and 1 (one) Sony A7 Mark III Digital Camera in the amount of \$1,598.00 from B & H Photo (New York City, NY) for the Civic Center. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Omnia Partners Contract #R201202. Council approval is required for these purchases due to funding via the Friends of Columbus account for the Civic Center.

The Civic Center will use the Camcorders for live streaming events and projecting onto the jumbotron. The Digital Camera will be used to take photos during events to be posted on Civic Center's social media platforms.

The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Request for Proposal #20-12 initiated by Omnia Partners (formerly known as National IPA), whereby B & H Photo was one of the successful vendors contracted to provide Audio Visual Equipment, Accessories & Services. The contract, which commenced April 1, 2021, is good through March 31, 2026. The contract available under Omnia Partners has been awarded by virtue of a public competitive procurement process compliant with State and Federal statutes. OMNIA Partners, Public Sector is the premier purchasing organization for state and local government, K-12 education, colleges and universities. All contracts available have been competitively solicited and publicly awarded by a government entity serving as the lead agency while utilizing industry best practices and processes. With the most experienced team in cooperative procurement and supply chain management, OMNIA Partners, Public Sector has the expertise to help public organizations achieve their strategic goals. The RFP process utilized by Omnia Partners meets the requirements of the Procurement Ordinance; additionally, the Procurement Ordinance, Article 9- 101, authorizes the use of cooperative purchasing.

The purchase will be funded from the Friends of Columbus account for the Civic Center and charged in the FY25 Budget as follows: Civic Center Fund – Civic Center Operations – Capital Expenditures Over \$5,000; 0757 – 160 – 1000 – CIVC – 7761.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) CANON XF705 HD CAMCORDERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,938.02 AND 1 (ONE) SONY A7 MARK III DIGITAL CAMERA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,598.00 FROM B & H PHOTO (NEW YORK CITY, NY) FOR THE CIVIC CENTER. THE PURCHASE WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY COOPERATIVE PURCHASE VIA OMNIA PARTNERS CONTRACT #R201202. COUNCIL APPROVAL IS REQUIRED FOR THESE PURCHASES DUE TO FUNDING VIA THE FRIENDS OF COLUMBUS ACCOUNT FOR THE CIVIC CENTER.

WHEREAS, the Civic Center will use the Camcorders for live streaming events and projecting onto the jumbotron. The Digital Camera will be used to take photos during events to be posted on Civic Center’s social media platforms; and,

WHEREAS, the purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Request for Proposal #20-12 initiated by Omnia Partners (formerly known as National IPA), whereby B & H Photo was one of the successful vendors contracted to provide Audio Visual Equipment, Accessories & Services. The contract, which commenced April 1, 2021, is good through March 31, 2026. The contract available under Omnia Partners has been awarded by virtue of a public competitive procurement process compliant with State and Federal statutes. OMNIA Partners, Public Sector is the premier purchasing organization for state and local government, K-12 education, colleges and universities. All contracts available have been competitively solicited and publicly awarded by a government entity serving as the lead agency while utilizing industry best practices and processes. With the most experienced team in cooperative procurement and supply chain management, OMNIA Partners, Public Sector has the expertise to help public organizations achieve their strategic goals. The RFP process utilized by Omnia Partners meets the requirements of the 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 purchase two (2) Canon XF705 HD Camcorders in the amount of \$11,938.02 and 1 (one) Sony A7 Mark III Digital Camera in the amount of \$1,598.00 from B & H Photo (New York City, NY) for the Civic Center. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Omnia Partners Contract #R201202. Council approval is required for these purchases due to funding via the Friends of Columbus account for the Civic Center. The purchase will be funded from the Friends of Columbus account for the Civic Center and charged in the FY25 Budget as follows: Civic Center Fund – Civic Center Operations – Capital Expenditures Over \$5,000; 0757 – 160 – 1000 – CIVC – 7761.

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

Councilor Allen voting _____

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

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

N. Metal Storage Buildings for the Civic Center – Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase

**Columbus Consolidated Government
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TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Metal Storage Buildings for the Civic Center – Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the purchase of 1 (one) metal storage building from ClearSpan (South Windsor, CT), in the amount of \$85,214.37, for the Civic Center. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Sourcewell Contract ##110822-CSS. Council approval is required for the purchase due to funding via the Friends of Columbus account for the Civic Center.

The Civic Center will use the metal storage building for additional storage needed for various equipment.

The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Request for Proposal #110822 initiated by Sourcewell, whereby ClearSpan was one of the successful vendors contracted to provide Pre-Engineered Buildings with Related Materials and Services. The contract, which commenced January 9, 2023, is good through January 6, 2027. 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, nonprofit, tribal government, and other public entities located in the United States and Canada. The RFP process utilized by Sourcewell meets the requirements of the City's Procurement Ordinance; additionally, the City's Procurement Ordinance, Article 9-101, authorizes the use of cooperative purchasing.

The purchase will be funded from the Friends of Columbus account for the Civic Center and charged in the FY25 Budget as follows: Civic Center Fund – Civic Center Operations – Capital Expenditures Over \$5,000; 0757 – 160 – 1000 – CIVC – 7761.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) METAL STORAGE BUILDING FROM CLEARSPAN (SOUTH WINDSOR, CT), IN THE AMOUNT OF \$85,214.37, FOR THE CIVIC CENTER. THE PURCHASE WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY COOPERATIVE PURCHASE VIA SOURCEWELL CONTRACT ##110822-CSS. COUNCIL APPROVAL IS REQUIRED FOR THE PURCHASE DUE TO FUNDING VIA THE FRIENDS OF COLUMBUS ACCOUNT FOR THE CIVIC CENTER.

WHEREAS, the Civic Center will use the metal storage building for additional storage needed for various equipment; and,

WHEREAS, the purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Request for Proposal #110822 initiated by Sourcewell, whereby ClearSpan was one of the successful vendors contracted to provide Pre-Engineered Buildings with Related Materials and Services. The contract, which commenced January 9, 2023, is good through January 6, 2027. 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, nonprofit, tribal government, and other public entities located in the United States and Canada. The RFP process utilized by Sourcewell meets the requirements of the City’s Procurement Ordinance; additionally, the City’s Procurement Ordinance, Article 9-101, authorizes the use of cooperative purchasing.

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

That the City Manager and/or his designee is hereby authorized to purchase one (1) metal storage building from ClearSpan (South Windsor, CT), in the amount of \$85,214.37, for the Civic Center. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Sourcewell Contract ##110822-CSS. Council approval is required for the purchase due to funding via the Friends of Columbus account for the Civic Center. The purchase will be funded from the Friends of Columbus account for the Civic Center and charged in the FY25 Budget as follows: Civic Center Fund – Civic Center Operations – Capital Expenditures Over \$5,000; 0757 – 160 – 1000 – CIVC – 7761.

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

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

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

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

O. Battery Operated Ice Edger for the Civic Center – Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Battery Operated Ice Edger for the Civic Center – Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the purchase of 1 (one) battery operated ice edger from All Star Arenas (Riverview, FL), in the amount of \$14,320.60, for the Civic Center. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Sourcewell Contract #120320-FCZ. Council approval is required for the purchase due to funding via the Friends of Columbus account for the Civic Center.

The Civic Center will use the new ice edger to provide a more efficient and effective method of cutting around the edge of the ice floor.

The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Request for Proposal (RFP) #120320, initiated by Sourcewell, whereby Zamboni was one of the successful vendors contracted to provide Ice Rink and Arena Equipment with Related Supplies and Services. All Star Arenas is the authorized Zamboni dealer for Georgia. The contract, which commenced January 6, 2021, is good through January 8, 2026. 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, nonprofit, tribal government, and other public entities located in the United States and Canada. The RFP process utilized by Sourcewell meets the requirements of the City's Procurement Ordinance; additionally, The City's Procurement Ordinance, Article 9-101, authorizes the use of cooperative purchasing.

The purchase will be funded from the Friends of Columbus account for the Civic Center and charged in the FY25 Budget as follows: Civic Center Fund – Civic Center Operations – Capital Expenditures Over \$5,000; 0757 – 160 – 1000 – CIVC – 7761.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) BATTERY OPERATED ICE EDGER FROM ALL STAR ARENAS (RIVERVIEW, FL), IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,320.60, FOR THE CIVIC CENTER. THE PURCHASE WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY COOPERATIVE PURCHASE VIA SOURCEWELL WCONTRACT #120320-FCZ. COUNCIL APPROVAL IS REQUIRED FOR THE PURCHASE DUE TO FUNDING VIA THE FRIENDS OF COLUMBUS ACCOUNT FOR THE CIVIC CENTER.

WHEREAS, the Civic Center will use the new ice edger to provide a more efficient and effective method of cutting around the edge of the ice floor; and,

WHEREAS, the purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Request for Proposal (RFP) #120320, initiated by Sourcewell, whereby Zamboni was one of the successful vendors contracted to provide Ice Rink and Arena Equipment with Related Supplies and Services. All Star Arenas is the authorized Zamboni dealer for Georgia. The contract, which commenced January 6, 2021, is good through January 8, 2026. 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, nonprofit, tribal government, and other public entities located in the United States and Canada. The RFP process utilized by Sourcewell meets the requirements of the City’s Procurement Ordinance; additionally, The City’s Procurement Ordinance, Article 9-101, authorizes the use of cooperative purchasing.

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

That the City Manager and/or his designee is hereby authorized to purchase one (1) battery operated ice edger from All Star Arenas (Riverview, FL), in the amount of \$14,320.60, for the Civic Center. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Sourcewell Contract ##120320-FCZ. Council approval is required for the purchase due to funding via the Friends of Columbus account for the Civic Center. The purchase will be funded from the Friends of Columbus account for the Civic Center and charged in the FY25 Budget as follows: Civic Center Fund – Civic Center Operations – Capital Expenditures Over \$5,000; 0757 – 160 – 1000 – CIVC – 7761.

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

Councilor Allen voting _____
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Councilor Cogle 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:

P. 2025 Ford F-350 Truck for the Civic Center – Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase

**Columbus Consolidated Government
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TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	2025 Ford F-350 Truck for the Civic Center – Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the purchase of 1 (one) 2025 Ford Super Duty F-350 Truck for the Civic Center from 72 Hour/National Auto Fleet Group (Watsonville, CA), in the amount of \$77,841.64 for the Civic Center. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Sourcewell Contract #091521-NAF. This is an “Off the Lot” vehicle purchase; however, Council approval is required due to funding via the Friends of Columbus account for the Civic Center.

The Civic Center will use the vehicle for various transport purposes. This is a new vehicle.

The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Request for Proposal (RFP) #091521, initiated by Sourcewell, whereby 72 Hour LLC dba National Auto Fleet Group, was the successful vendor contracted to provide Automobiles, SUVs, Vans, and Light Trucks with Related Equipment and Accessories. Alan Jay Fleet Sales is an authorized dealer for National Auto Fleet Group. The contract, which commenced November 4, 2021, is good through November 8, 2025, with an option for one additional year upon the request of Sourcewell and written agreement by Supplier. 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, nonprofit, tribal government, and other public entities located in the United States and Canada. The RFP process utilized by Sourcewell meets the requirements of the City’s Procurement Ordinance; additionally, the City’s Procurement Ordinance, Article 9-101, authorizes the use of cooperative purchasing.

The purchase will be funded from the Friends of Columbus account for the Civic Center and charged in the FY25 Budget as follows: Civic Center Fund – Civic Center Operations – Capital Expenditures Over \$5,000; 0757 – 160 – 1000 – CIVC – 7761.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF PURCHASE OF ONE (1) 2025 FORD SUPER DUTY F-350 TRUCK FOR THE CIVIC CENTER FROM 72 HOUR/NATIONAL AUTO FLEET GROUP (WATSONVILLE, CA), IN THE AMOUNT OF \$77,841.64 FOR THE CIVIC CENTER. THE PURCHASE WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY COOPERATIVE PURCHASE VIA SOURCEWELL CONTRACT #091521-NAF. THIS IS AN “OFF THE LOT” VEHICLE PURCHASE; HOWEVER, COUNCIL APPROVAL IS REQUIRED DUE TO FUNDING VIA THE FRIENDS OF COLUMBUS ACCOUNT FOR THE CIVIC CENTER.

WHEREAS, the Civic Center will use the vehicle for various transport purposes. This is a new vehicle; and,

WHEREAS, the purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Request for Proposal (RFP) #091521, initiated by Sourcewell, whereby 72 Hour LLC dba National Auto Fleet Group, was the successful vendor contracted to provide Automobiles, SUVs, Vans, and Light Trucks with Related Equipment and Accessories. Alan Jay Fleet Sales is an authorized dealer for National Auto Fleet Group. The contract, which commenced November 4, 2021, is good through November 8, 2025, with an option for one additional year upon the request of Sourcewell and written agreement by Supplier. 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, nonprofit, tribal government, and other public entities located in the United States and Canada. The RFP process utilized by Sourcewell meets the requirements of the City’s Procurement Ordinance; additionally, the City’s Procurement Ordinance, Article 9-101, authorizes the use of cooperative purchasing.

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

That the City Manager and/or his designee is hereby authorized to purchase one (1) 2025 Ford Super Duty F-350 Truck for the Civic Center from 72 Hour/National Auto Fleet Group (Watsonville, CA), in the amount of \$77,841.64 for the Civic Center. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Sourcewell Contract #091521-NAF. This is an “Off the Lot” vehicle purchase; however, Council approval is required due to funding via the Friends of Columbus account for the Civic Center. The purchase will be funded from the Friends of Columbus account for the Civic Center and charged in the FY25 Budget as follows: Civic Center Fund – Civic Center Operations – Capital Expenditures Over \$5,000; 0757 – 160 – 1000 – CIVC – 7761.

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

Councilor Allen voting _____
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Councilor Hickey voting _____
Councilor Huff voting _____
Councilor Tucker voting _____

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

Q. Hockey Glass Support Posts and Gaskets for the Civic Center – Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase

**Columbus Consolidated Government
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TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Hockey Glass Support Posts and Gaskets for the Civic Center – Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the purchase of hockey glass support posts and gaskets, for the Civic Center, from Athletica Sport Systems, Inc. (Shakopee, MN), in the amount of \$3,150.20. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Sourcewell Contract #120320-ATH. Council approval is required for the purchase due to funding via the Friends of Columbus account for the Civic Center.

The Civic Center will use the new support posts and gaskets for the hockey glass to replace worn support posts.

The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Request for Proposal (RFP) #120320, initiated by Sourcewell, whereby Athletica Sport Systems, Inc. was one of the successful vendors contracted to provide Ice Rink and Arena Equipment with Related Supplies and Services. The contract, which commenced January 6, 2021, is good through January 8, 2026. 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, nonprofit, tribal government, and other public entities located in the United States and Canada. The RFP process utilized by Sourcewell meets the requirements of the City's Procurement Ordinance; additionally, The City's Procurement Ordinance, Article 9-101, authorizes the use of cooperative purchasing.

The purchase will be funded from the Friends of Columbus account for the Civic Center and charged in the FY25 Budget as follows: Civic Center Fund – Civic Center Operations – Capital Expenditures Over \$5,000; 0757 – 160 – 1000 – CIVC – 7761.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF HOCKEY GLASS SUPPORT POSTS AND GASKETS, FOR THE CIVIC CENTER, FROM ATHLETICA SPORT SYSTEMS, INC. (SHAKOPEE, MN), IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,150.20. THE PURCHASE WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY COOPERATIVE PURCHASE VIA SOURCEWELL CONTRACT #120320-ATH. COUNCIL APPROVAL IS REQUIRED FOR THE PURCHASE DUE TO FUNDING VIA THE FRIENDS OF COLUMBUS ACCOUNT FOR THE CIVIC CENTER.

WHEREAS, the Civic Center will use the new support posts and gaskets for the hockey glass to replace worn support posts; and,

WHEREAS, the purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Request for Proposal (RFP) #120320, initiated by Sourcewell, whereby Athletica Sport Systems, Inc. was one of the successful vendors contracted to provide Ice Rink and Arena Equipment with Related Supplies and Services. The contract, which commenced January 6, 2021, is good through January 8, 2026. 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, nonprofit, tribal government, and other public entities located in the United States and Canada. The RFP process utilized by Sourcewell meets the requirements of the City’s Procurement Ordinance; additionally, The City’s Procurement Ordinance, Article 9-101, authorizes the use of cooperative purchasing.

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

That the City Manager and/or his designee is hereby authorized to purchase hockey glass support posts and gaskets, for the Civic Center, from Athletica Sport Systems, Inc. (Shakopee, MN), in the amount of \$3,150.20. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Sourcewell Contract #120320-ATH. Council approval is required for the purchase due to funding via the Friends of Columbus account for the Civic Center. The purchase will be funded from the Friends of Columbus account for the Civic Center and charged in the FY25 Budget as follows: Civic Center Fund – Civic Center Operations – Capital Expenditures Over \$5,000; 0757 – 160 – 1000 – CIVC – 7761.

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

Councilor Allen voting _____
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Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

R. Additional Staging Equipment for the Civic Center

**Columbus Consolidated Government
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TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Additional Staging Equipment for the Civic Center
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the purchase of additional staging equipment, for the Civic Center, from StageRight (Clare, MI), in the amount of \$80,590.00. Council approval is required for the purchase due to funding via the Friends of Columbus account for the Civic Center.

The Civic Center will use the additional staging equipment to replace damaged equipment and increase the Civic Center's staging equipment inventory. The equipment includes staging panels and safety pins and is required for upcoming events, allowing the Civic Center to build larger stages to accommodate acts such as dance troupes, family productions, etc.

Council awarded the contract (RFP No. 180-96) to StageRight to provide portable staging for the Civic Center, per Resolution No. 416-96. The new equipment must be compatible with the existing inventory purchased from the vendor. Therefore, StageRight is considered the only known source for this equipment in accordance with Section 3-114 of the Procurement Ordinance.

The purchase will be funded from the Friends of Columbus account for the Civic Center and charged in the FY25 Budget as follows: Civic Center Fund – Civic Center Operations – Capital Expenditures Over \$5,000; 0757 – 160 – 1000 – CIVC – 7761.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL STAGING EQUIPMENT, FOR THE CIVIC CENTER, FROM STAGERIGHT (CLARE, MI), IN THE AMOUNT OF \$80,590.00. COUNCIL APPROVAL IS REQUIRED FOR THE PURCHASE DUE TO FUNDING VIA THE FRIENDS OF COLUMBUS ACCOUNT FOR THE CIVIC CENTER.

WHEREAS, the Civic Center will use the additional staging equipment to replace damaged equipment and increase the Civic Center’s staging equipment inventory. The equipment includes staging panels and safety pins and is required for upcoming events, allowing the Civic Center to build larger stages to accommodate acts such as dance troupes, family productions, etc.; and,

WHEREAS, Council awarded the contract (RFP No. 180-96) to StageRight to provide portable staging for the Civic Center, per Resolution No. 416-96. The new equipment must be compatible with the existing inventory purchased from the vendor. Therefore, StageRight is considered the only known source for this equipment in accordance with Section 3-114 of the Procurement Ordinance.

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

That the City Manager and/or his designee is hereby authorized to purchase additional staging equipment, for the Civic Center, from StageRight (Clare, MI), in the amount of \$80,590.00. Council approval is required for the purchase due to funding via the Friends of Columbus account for the Civic Center. The purchase will be funded from the Friends of Columbus account for the Civic Center and charged in the FY25 Budget as follows: Civic Center Fund – Civic Center Operations – Capital Expenditures Over \$5,000; 0757 – 160 – 1000 – CIVC – 7761.

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

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- Councilor Tucker voting _____

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

S. Compressor Replacement for the Civic Center

**Columbus Consolidated Government
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TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Compressor Replacement for the Civic Center
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the purchase of a replacement compressor, for the Civic Center, from American Refrigeration (Jacksonville, FL), in the amount of \$97,434.58. Council approval is required for the purchase due to funding via the Friends of Columbus account for the Civic Center. Three compressors at the Civic Center are used to remove heat from the cylinder heads to maintain ice quality for the Civic Center and the Ice Rink. Currently, only two compressors are operational. A new compressor is needed to replace the non-operational unit.

American Refrigeration has worked on the equipment at the Civic Center previously and is familiar with the complete compressor system for both buildings. Therefore, the vendor is considered the only known source to provide and install the new compressor in accordance with Section 3-114 of the Procurement Ordinance.

The purchase will be funded from the Friends of Columbus account for the Civic Center and charged in the FY25 Budget as follows: Civic Center Fund – Civic Center Operations – Capital Expenditures Over \$5,000; 0757 – 160 – 1000 – CIVC – 7761.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A REPLACEMENT COMPRESSOR, FOR THE CIVIC CENTER, FROM AMERICAN REFRIGERATION (JACKSONVILLE, FL), IN THE AMOUNT OF \$97,434.58. COUNCIL APPROVAL IS REQUIRED FOR THE PURCHASE DUE TO FUNDING VIA THE FRIENDS OF COLUMBUS ACCOUNT FOR THE CIVIC CENTER.

WHEREAS, three compressors at the Civic Center are used to remove heat from the cylinder heads to maintain ice quality for the Civic Center and the Ice Rink. Currently, only two compressors are operational. A new compressor is needed to replace the non-operational unit; and,

WHEREAS, American Refrigeration has worked on the equipment at the Civic Center previously and is familiar with the complete compressor system for both buildings. Therefore, the vendor is considered the only known source to provide and install the new compressor in accordance with Section 3-114 of the Procurement Ordinance.

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

That the City Manager and/or his designee is hereby authorized to purchase a replacement compressor, for the Civic Center, from American Refrigeration (Jacksonville, FL), in the amount of \$97,434.58. Council approval is required for the purchase due to funding via the Friends of Columbus account for the Civic Center. The purchase will be funded from the Friends of Columbus account for the Civic Center and charged in the FY25 Budget as follows: Civic Center Fund – Civic Center Operations – Capital Expenditures Over \$5,000; 0757 – 160 – 1000 – CIVC – 7761.

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

- Councilor Allen voting _____
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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:

T. Outdoor Tables for New Pools for Parks and Recreation – OMNIA Partners Cooperative Purchase

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Outdoor Tables for New Pools for Parks and Recreation – OMNIA Partners Cooperative Purchase
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the purchase of forty-four (44) tables, from Play South (Atlanta, GA) in the amount of \$85,423.90, for Parks and Recreation. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Omnia Partners Contract #R220201.

The tables will be used by patrons of the three new outdoor pools. The tables include handicapped seating within several of the groupings. The tables will also be rented by patrons for special events, such as birthday parties etc.

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

Funds are available in the FY25 Budget as follows: General Fund – Parks and Recreation – Aquatics – Other Equipment; 0101 – 270 – 4413 – AQUT – 7762

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF FORTY-FOUR (44) TABLES, FROM PLAY SOUTH (ATLANTA, GA) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$85,423.90, FOR PARKS AND RECREATION. THE PURCHASE WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY COOPERATIVE PURCHASE VIA OMNIA PARTNERS CONTRACT #R220201.

WHEREAS, the tables will be used by patrons of the three new outdoor pools. The tables include handicapped seating within several of the groupings. The tables will also be rented by patrons for special events, such as birthday parties etc: and,

WHEREAS, the purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Request for Proposal #22-02 initiated by Omnia Partners (formerly known as National IPA), whereby BCI Burke Company, LLC was one of the successful vendors contracted to provide Playground Systems, Installation, Service and Related Items. Play South is an authorized dealer for BCI Burke Company. The contract, which commenced May 1, 2022, is good through April 30, 2025. The contract available under Omnia Partners has been awarded by virtue of a public competitive procurement process compliant with State and Federal statutes. OMNIA Partners, Public Sector is the premier purchasing organization for state and local government, K-12 education, colleges and universities. All contracts available have been competitively solicited and publicly awarded by a government entity serving as the lead agency while utilizing industry best practices and processes. With the most experienced team in cooperative procurement and supply chain management, OMNIA Partners, Public Sector has the expertise to help public organizations achieve their strategic goals. The RFP process utilized by Omnia Partners meets the requirements of the 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 purchase forty-four (44) tables, from Play South (Atlanta, GA) in the amount of \$85,423.90, for Parks and Recreation. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Omnia Partners Contract #R220201. Funds are available in the FY25 Budget as follows: General Fund – Parks and Recreation – Aquatics – Other Equipment; 0101 – 270 – 4413 – AQUT – 7762.

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- Councilor Tucker voting _____

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

U. Forklift for the Civic Center – Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Forklift for the Civic Center – Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the purchase of 1 (one) Hyundai forklift, for the Civic Center, from Ring’s Forklift & Battery Company (Lagrange, GA), in the amount of \$33,285.00. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Sourcewell Contract #053024-HCE. Council approval is required for the purchase due to funding via the Friends of Columbus account for the Civic Center.

The Civic Center will use the forklift to move heavier items such as carpet, polar decking etc. This new forklift has a weight capacity of 4,000 pounds; the current forklifts are older and cannot handle heavier weighted objects.

The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Request for Proposal (RFP) #053024, initiated by Sourcewell, whereby Hyundai Construction Equipment North America was one of the successful vendors contracted to provide Forklifts, Lift Trucks with Related Products and Services. Ring’s Forklift & Battery Company is an authorized Hyundai dealer. The contract, which commenced July 22, 2024, is good through July 23, 2028. 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, nonprofit, tribal government, and other public entities located in the United States and Canada. The RFP process utilized by Sourcewell meets the requirements of the City’s Procurement Ordinance; additionally, The City’s Procurement Ordinance, Article 9-101, authorizes the use of cooperative purchasing.

The purchase will be funded from the Friends of Columbus account for the Civic Center and charged in the FY25 Budget as follows: Civic Center Fund – Civic Center Operations – Capital Expenditures Over \$5,000; 0757 – 160 – 1000 – CIVC – 7761.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF PURCHASE OF ONE (1) HYUNDAI FORKLIFT, FOR THE CIVIC CENTER, FROM RING’S FORKLIFT & BATTERY COMPANY (LAGRANGE, GA), IN THE AMOUNT OF \$33,285.00. THE PURCHASE WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY COOPERATIVE PURCHASE VIA SOURCEWELL CONTRACT #053024-HCE. COUNCIL APPROVAL IS REQUIRED FOR THE PURCHASE DUE TO FUNDING VIA THE FRIENDS OF COLUMBUS ACCOUNT FOR THE CIVIC CENTER.

WHEREAS, the Civic Center will use the forklift to move heavier items such as carpet, polar decking etc. This new forklift has a weight capacity of 4,000 pounds; the current forklifts are older and cannot handle heavier weighted objects; and,

WHEREAS, the purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Request for Proposal (RFP) #053024, initiated by Sourcewell, whereby Hyundai Construction Equipment North America was one of the successful vendors contracted to provide Forklifts, Lift Trucks with Related Products and Services. Ring’s Forklift & Battery Company is an authorized Hyundai dealer. The contract, which commenced July 22, 2024, is good through July 23, 2028. 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, nonprofit, tribal government, and other public entities located in the United States and Canada. The RFP process utilized by Sourcewell meets the requirements of the City’s Procurement Ordinance; additionally, The City’s Procurement Ordinance, Article 9-101, authorizes the use of cooperative purchasing.

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

That the City Manager and/or his designee is hereby authorized to purchase one (1) Hyundai forklift, for the Civic Center, from Ring’s Forklift & Battery Company (Lagrange, GA), in the amount of \$33,285.00. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Sourcewell Contract #053024-HCE. Council approval is required for the purchase due to funding via the Friends of Columbus account for the Civic Center. The purchase will be funded from the Friends of Columbus account for the Civic Center and charged in the FY25 Budget as follows: Civic Center Fund – Civic Center Operations – Capital Expenditures Over \$5,000; 0757 – 160 – 1000 – CIVC – 7761.

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Lindsey Melemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

V. Scissor Lift for the Civic Center – Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Scissor Lift for the Civic Center – Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the purchase of one (1) scissor lift, for the Civic Center, from Jackarse Rentals (Columbus, GA), in the amount of \$13,555.00. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Sourcewell Contract #020923-SKJ. Council approval is required for the purchase due to funding via the Friends of Columbus account for the Civic Center.

The Civic Center will use the new scissor lift to replace light bulbs on the concourse, hospitality suites, clean high ledges in the concourse etc... Currently, the Civic Center does not have a scissor lift, when one is needed it must be rented.

The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Request for Proposal (RFP) #020923, initiated by Sourcewell, whereby Skyjack, Inc. was one of the successful vendors contracted to provide Portable Construction Equipment with Related Accessories and Attachments. Jackarse Rentals is an authorized dealer for Skyjack. The contract, which commenced April 14, 2023, is good through April 20, 2027. 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, nonprofit, tribal government, and other public entities located in the United States and Canada. The RFP process utilized by Sourcewell meets the requirements of the City's Procurement Ordinance; additionally, The City's Procurement Ordinance, Article 9-101, authorizes the use of cooperative purchasing.

The purchase will be funded from the Friends of Columbus account for the Civic Center and charged in the FY25 Budget as follows: Civic Center Fund – Civic Center Operations – Capital Expenditures Over \$5,000; 0757 – 160 – 1000 – CIVC – 7761.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) SCISSOR LIFT, FOR THE CIVIC CENTER, FROM JACKARSE RENTALS (COLUMBUS, GA), IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,555.00. THE PURCHASE WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY COOPERATIVE PURCHASE VIA SOURCEWELL CONTRACT #020923-SKJ. COUNCIL APPROVAL IS REQUIRED FOR THE PURCHASE DUE TO FUNDING VIA THE FRIENDS OF COLUMBUS ACCOUNT FOR THE CIVIC CENTER.

WHEREAS, the Civic Center will use the new scissor lift to replace light bulbs on the concourse, hospitality suites, clean high ledges in the concourse etc... Currently, the Civic Center does not have a scissor lift, when one is needed it must be rented; and,

WHEREAS, the purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Request for Proposal (RFP) #020923, initiated by Sourcewell, whereby Skyjack, Inc. was one of the successful vendors contracted to provide Portable Construction Equipment with Related Accessories and Attachments. Jackarse Rentals is an authorized dealer for Skyjack. The contract, which commenced April 14, 2023, is good through April 20, 2027. 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, nonprofit, tribal government, and other public entities located in the United States and Canada. The RFP process utilized by Sourcewell meets the requirements of the City’s Procurement Ordinance; additionally, The City’s Procurement Ordinance, Article 9-101, authorizes the use of cooperative purchasing.

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

That the City Manager and/or his designee is hereby authorized to purchase one (1) scissor lift, for the Civic Center, from Jackarse Rentals (Columbus, GA), in the amount of \$13,555.00. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Sourcewell Contract #020923-SKJ. Council approval is required for the purchase due to funding via the Friends of Columbus account for the Civic Center. The purchase will be funded from the Friends of Columbus account for the Civic Center and charged in the FY25 Budget as follows: Civic Center Fund – Civic Center Operations – Capital Expenditures Over \$5,000; 0757 – 160 – 1000 – CIVC – 7761.

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Lindsey Mclemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

W. Event Radios and Earpieces for the Civic Center – Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Event Radios and Earpieces for the Civic Center – Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the purchase of event radios and earpieces, for the Civic Center, from Mobile Communications America (Columbus, GA), in the amount of \$7,605.65. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Sourcewell Contract #020624-MCA. Council approval is required for the purchase due to funding via the Friends of Columbus account for the Civic Center.

The Civic Center will use the new radios and earpieces during events to monitor all needs, emergencies, etc....

The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Request for Proposal (RFP) #020624, initiated by Sourcewell, whereby Mobile Communications America was one of the successful vendors contracted to provide Private Wireless Services with Related Solutions. The contract, which commenced May 3, 2024, is good through May 3, 2028. 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, nonprofit, tribal government, and other public entities located in the United States and Canada. The RFP process utilized by Sourcewell meets the requirements of the City's Procurement Ordinance; additionally, The City's Procurement Ordinance, Article 9-101, authorizes the use of cooperative purchasing.

The purchase will be funded from the Friends of Columbus account for the Civic Center and charged in the FY25 Budget as follows: Civic Center Fund – Civic Center Operations – Capital Expenditures Over \$5,000; 0757 – 160 – 1000 – CIVC – 7761.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF EVENT RADIOS AND EARPIECES, FOR THE CIVIC CENTER, FROM MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS AMERICA (COLUMBUS, GA), IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,605.65. THE PURCHASE WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY COOPERATIVE PURCHASE VIA SOURCEWELL CONTRACT #020624-MCA. COUNCIL APPROVAL IS REQUIRED FOR THE PURCHASE DUE TO FUNDING VIA THE FRIENDS OF COLUMBUS ACCOUNT FOR THE CIVIC CENTER.

WHEREAS, the Civic Center will use the new radios and earpieces during events to monitor all needs, emergencies, etc.... ; and,

WHEREAS, the purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Request for Proposal (RFP) #020624, initiated by Sourcewell, whereby Mobile Communications America was one of the successful vendors contracted to provide Private Wireless Services with Related Solutions. The contract, which commenced May 3, 2024, is good through May 3, 2028. 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, nonprofit, tribal government, and other public entities located in the United States and Canada. The RFP process utilized by Sourcewell meets the requirements of the City’s Procurement Ordinance; additionally, The City’s Procurement Ordinance, Article 9-101, authorizes the use of cooperative purchasing.

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

That the City Manager and/or his designee is hereby authorized to purchase event radios and earpieces, for the Civic Center, from Mobile Communications America (Columbus, GA), in the amount of \$7,605.65. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Sourcewell Contract #020624-MCA. Council approval is required for the purchase due to funding via the Friends of Columbus account for the Civic Center. The purchase will be funded from the Friends of Columbus account for the Civic Center and charged in the FY25 Budget as follows: Civic Center Fund – Civic Center Operations – Capital Expenditures Over \$5,000; 0757 – 160 – 1000 – CIVC – 7761.

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Lindsey Mclemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

X. Mobile Light Tower for the Civic Center – Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Mobile Light Tower for the Civic Center – Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the purchase of one (1) mobile light tower, for the Civic Center, from Federal Contracts Company (Tampa, FL), in the amount of \$10,130.00. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Sourcewell Contract #020923-GNR. Council approval is required for the purchase due to funding via the Friends of Columbus account for the Civic Center.

The Civic Center will use the new mobile light tower in the parking lot for outside events, such as the Fair, Spring Fling etc...

The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Request for Proposal (RFP) #020923, initiated by Sourcewell, whereby Generac Power Systems Inc. was one of the successful vendors contracted to provide Portable Construction Equipment with Related Accessories and Attachments. Federal Contracts Company is an authorized distributor for Generac. The contract, which commenced April 26, 2023, is good through April 20, 2027. 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, nonprofit, tribal government, and other public entities located in the United States and Canada. The RFP process utilized by Sourcewell meets the requirements of the City's Procurement Ordinance; additionally, The City's Procurement Ordinance, Article 9-101, authorizes the use of cooperative purchasing.

The purchase will be funded from the Friends of Columbus account for the Civic Center and charged in the FY25 Budget as follows: Civic Center Fund – Civic Center Operations – Capital Expenditures Over \$5,000; 0757 – 160 – 1000 – CIVC – 7761.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) MOBILE LIGHT TOWER, FOR THE CIVIC CENTER, FROM FEDERAL CONTRACTS COMPANY (TAMPA, FL), IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,130.00. THE PURCHASE WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY COOPERATIVE PURCHASE VIA SOURCEWELL CONTRACT #020923-GNR. COUNCIL APPROVAL IS REQUIRED FOR THE PURCHASE DUE TO FUNDING VIA THE FRIENDS OF COLUMBUS ACCOUNT FOR THE CIVIC CENTER.

WHEREAS, the Civic Center will use the new mobile light tower in the parking lot for outside events, such as the Fair, Spring Fling etc...; and,

WHEREAS, the purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Request for Proposal (RFP) #020923, initiated by Sourcewell, whereby Generac Power Systems Inc. was one of the successful vendors contracted to provide Portable Construction Equipment with Related Accessories and Attachments. Federal Contracts Company is an authorized distributor for Generac. The contract, which commenced April 26, 2023, is good through April 20, 2027. 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, nonprofit, tribal government, and other public entities located in the United States and Canada. The RFP process utilized by Sourcewell meets the requirements of the City’s Procurement Ordinance; additionally, The City’s Procurement Ordinance, Article 9-101, authorizes the use of cooperative purchasing.

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

That the City Manager and/or his designee is hereby authorized to purchase one (1) mobile light tower, for the Civic Center, from Federal Contracts Company (Tampa, FL), in the amount of \$10,130.00. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Sourcewell Contract #020923-GNR. Council approval is required for the purchase due to funding via the Friends of Columbus account for the Civic Center. The purchase will be funded from the Friends of Columbus account for the Civic Center and charged in the FY25 Budget as follows: Civic Center Fund – Civic Center Operations – Capital Expenditures Over \$5,000; 0757 – 160 – 1000 – CIVC – 7761.

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Lindsey Mclemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

Y. One (1) 2025 Ford Transit 350 Van for the Civic Center – Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	One (1) 2025 Ford Transit 350 Van for the Civic Center – Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the purchase of one (1) 2025 Transit 350 Van, for the Civic Center, from 72 Hour/National Auto Fleet Group (Watsonville, CA), in the amount of \$58,146.57 for the Civic Center. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Sourcewell Contract #091521-NAF. This is an “Off the Lot” vehicle purchase; however, Council approval is required due to funding via the Friends of Columbus account for the Civic Center.

The Civic Center will use the vehicle for various transport purposes. This is a new vehicle.

The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Request for Proposal (RFP) #091521, initiated by Sourcewell, whereby 72 Hour LLC dba National Auto Fleet Group, was the successful vendor contracted to provide Automobiles, SUVs, Vans, and Light Trucks with Related Equipment and Accessories. Alan Jay Fleet Sales is an authorized dealer for National Auto Fleet Group. The contract, which commenced November 4, 2021, is good through November 8, 2025, with an option for one additional year upon the request of Sourcewell and written agreement by Supplier. 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, nonprofit, tribal government, and other public entities located in the United States and Canada. The RFP process utilized by Sourcewell meets the requirements of the City’s Procurement Ordinance; additionally, the City’s Procurement Ordinance, Article 9-101, authorizes the use of cooperative purchasing.

The purchase will be funded from the Friends of Columbus account for the Civic Center and charged in the FY25 Budget as follows: Civic Center Fund – Civic Center Operations – Capital Expenditures Over \$5,000; 0757 – 160 – 1000 – CIVC – 7761.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) 2025 TRANSIT 350 VAN, FOR THE CIVIC CENTER, FROM 72 HOUR/NATIONAL AUTO FLEET GROUP (WATSONVILLE, CA), IN THE AMOUNT OF \$58,146.57 FOR THE CIVIC CENTER. THE PURCHASE WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY COOPERATIVE PURCHASE VIA SOURCEWELL CONTRACT #091521-NAF. THIS IS AN “OFF THE LOT” VEHICLE PURCHASE; HOWEVER, COUNCIL APPROVAL IS REQUIRED DUE TO FUNDING VIA THE FRIENDS OF COLUMBUS ACCOUNT FOR THE CIVIC CENTER.

WHEREAS, the Civic Center will use the vehicle for various transport purposes. This is a new vehicle; and,

WHEREAS, the purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Request for Proposal (RFP) #091521, initiated by Sourcewell, whereby 72 Hour LLC dba National Auto Fleet Group, was the successful vendor contracted to provide Automobiles, SUVs, Vans, and Light Trucks with Related Equipment and Accessories. Alan Jay Fleet Sales is an authorized dealer for National Auto Fleet Group. The contract, which commenced November 4, 2021, is good through November 8, 2025, with an option for one additional year upon the request of Sourcewell and written agreement by Supplier. 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, nonprofit, tribal government, and other public entities located in the United States and Canada. The RFP process utilized by Sourcewell meets the requirements of the City’s Procurement Ordinance; additionally, the City’s Procurement Ordinance, Article 9-101, authorizes the use of cooperative purchasing.

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

That the City Manager and/or his designee is hereby authorized to purchase one (1) 2025 Transit 350 Van, for the Civic Center, from 72 Hour/National Auto Fleet Group (Watsonville, CA), in the amount of \$58,146.57 for the Civic Center. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Sourcewell Contract #091521-NAF. The purchase will be funded from the Friends of Columbus account for the Civic Center and charged in the FY25 Budget as follows: Civic Center Fund – Civic Center Operations – Capital Expenditures Over \$5,000; 0757 – 160 – 1000 – CIVC – 7761.

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Lindsey Mclemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

Z. Carpet and Related Flooring for the Civic Center – Annual Contract Purchase

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Carpet and Related Flooring for the Civic Center – Annual Contract Purchase
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the purchase of carpet and related flooring for the Civic Center from Huckaby Brothers Flooring (Phenix City, AL) in the total amount of \$67,695.00. Council approval is required for the purchase due to funding via the Friends of Columbus account for the Civic Center.

Huckaby Brothers Flooring is the City's annual contracted vendor to provide Carpet and Related Flooring per Resolution No. 112-21. The replacement carpet and related flooring is required in the following areas of the Civic Center: Event Hallway, South End Arena, Dressing Rooms and Administrative Area.

The purchase will be funded from the Friends of Columbus account for the Civic Center and charged to the FY25 budget as follows: Civic Center Fund – Civic Center – Operations – Capital Expenditures - Over \$5,000; 0757 – 160 – 1000 – CIVC – 7761.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF CARPET AND RELATED FLOORING FOR THE CIVIC CENTER FROM HUCKABY BROTHERS FLOORING (PHENIX CITY, AL) IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$67,695.00. COUNCIL APPROVAL IS REQUIRED FOR THE PURCHASE DUE TO FUNDING VIA THE FRIENDS OF COLUMBUS ACCOUNT FOR THE CIVIC CENTER.

WHEREAS, Huckaby Brothers Flooring is the City’s annual contracted vendor to provide Carpet and Related Flooring per Resolution No. 112-21. The replacement carpet and related flooring is required in the following areas of the Civic Center: Event Hallway, South End Arena, Dressing Rooms and Administrative Area.

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

That the City Manager and/or his designee is hereby authorized to purchase carpet and related flooring for the Civic Center from Huckaby Brothers Flooring (Phenix City, AL) in the total amount of \$67,695.00. Council approval is required for the purchase due to funding via the Friends of Columbus account for the Civic Center. The purchase will be funded from the Friends of Columbus account for the Civic Center and charged to the FY25 budget as follows: Civic Center Fund – Civic Center – Operations – Capital Expenditures - Over \$5,000; 0757 – 160 – 1000 – CIVC – 7761.

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

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

Lindsey G. McLemore, Deputy Clerk of Council

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File Attachments for Item:

1. Information Only: Emergency Purchase

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Information Only: Emergency Purchase
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

WATER RESTORATION SERVICES

Water restoration services were required for two flood events that occurred during 2024, one at City Hall and one at the Government Center. Risk Management contacted Servpro to resolve the issues, as soon as possible.

The City Manager was made aware of the pending payments for the two emergency events by Public Works on March 7, 2025. The City Manager authorized the emergency purchase on March 7, 2025 and payment was processed for Servpro in the amount of \$64,198.68.

Funds are available in the FY25 budget: General Fund – Public Works – Other Maintenance/Repairs – Building Maintenance General Government/City Hall and Government Center 10th; 0101 – 260 – 3710 – REPA – 6529

File Attachments for Item:

1. Information Only: Exigent "Off the Lot" Vehicle Purchases – Resolution No. 354-24

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Information Only: Exigent “Off the Lot” Vehicle Purchases – Resolution No. 354-24
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

1. FOUR (4) VEHICLES FOR SHERIFF’S OFFICE

On March 4, 2025, the Sheriff’s Office purchased four (4) vehicles due to exigent circumstances, as approved by Council per Resolution No. 354-24.

The vehicles were purchased from Rivertown Ford (Columbus, GA) at a total cost of \$97,383.00. The vehicles will be used by Sheriff’s Office employees for undercover patrol. These are new vehicles.

Funds are available in the FY25 Budget: General Fund– Sheriff – School Zone/Public Safety Initiative – Automobiles; 0101 – 550 – 3800 – SZSI – 7721.

2. TWO (2) 2024 FORD TRANSIT 15 PASSENGER VANS FOR PUBLIC WORKS

On March 10, 2025, a purchase order was executed for two (2) 2024 Ford Transit 15 Passenger Vans for the Public Works Department/Facilities Maintenance Division due to exigent circumstances, as approved by Council per Resolution No. 354-24.

The vehicles will be purchased from Wade Ford (Smyrna, GA) by Cooperative Purchasing via Georgia Statewide Contract # 99999–SPD–ES40199373–009S, at a unit price of \$55,100.00 for a total price of \$110,200.00. The new vehicles will be used to transport work details to and from work locations.

Funds are available in the FY25 Budget: General Fund – Public Works – Facilities Maintenance – Light Trucks; 0101 – 260 – 2700 – MNTN – 7722.

3. ONE (1) 2024 14 PASSENGER BUS FOR PARKS AND RECREATION

On March 10, 2025, a purchase order was executed for one (1) 2024 14 Passenger Bus for the Parks and Recreation Department/Recreation Services Division due to exigent circumstances, as approved by Council per Resolution No. 354-24.

The vehicle will be purchased from Hudson Bus Sales (Cleburne, TX) by Cooperative Purchasing via Sourcewell Contract #102-623-COLNS, at a total price of \$113,305.00. The replacement vehicles will be used to transport citizens to various events.

Funds are available in the FY25 Budget: General Fund – Parks and Recreation – Recreation Services – Heavy Trucks – Buses – Parks & Recreation; 0567 – 696 – 3115 – STIF – 7724.

4. ONE (1) 2025 FORD TRANSIT 15 PASSENGER BUS FOR PUBLIC WORKS

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The vehicle will be purchased from Wade Ford (Smyrna, GA) by Cooperative Purchasing via Georgia Statewide Contract # 99999-SPD-ES40199373-009S, at a total price of \$54,900.00. The replacement vehicle will be used to transport work details to and from work locations.

Funds are available in the FY25 Budget: Paving Fund – Public Works – Community Services – Right of Way Maintenance – Light Truck; 0203 – 260 – 3130 – ROWM – 7722.

File Attachments for Item:

DATE: March 25, 2025

TO: Mayor and Councilors

FROM: Finance Department

SUBJECT: Advertised Bids/RFPs/RFOs

April 2, 2025

**Muscogee County Board of Elections & Registration Voting Equipment Delivery Services
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Scope of RFP

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Note: The first election expected to be serviced under this contract, if awarded, will be June 17, 2025, Special Primary Election.

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

April 11, 2025

**Medical Evaluation Services for Columbus Fire & EMS Department (Annual Contract) – RFP
No. 25-0014**

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**Columbus Consolidated Government
Bid Advertisement - Agenda Item**

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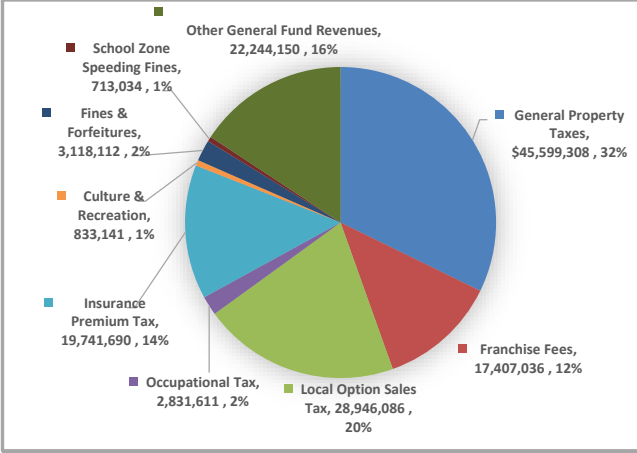
File Attachments for Item:

1. Finance Update - Angelica Alexander, Director, Finance

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Monthly Financial Snapshot (Unaudited)
FY2025 - February 2025**

Item #1.

General Fund Revenue Summary



General Fund Revenues

Revenues	Budget	Year-to Date	%
General Property Taxes	\$52,267,553	\$45,599,308	87.24%
Franchise Fees	20,065,000	17,407,036	86.75%
Local Option Sales Tax	47,300,000	28,946,086	61.20%
Occupational Tax	18,800,000	2,831,611	15.06%
Insurance Premium Tax	18,350,000	19,741,690	107.58%
Culture & Recreation	1,050,900	833,141	79.28%
Fines & Forfeitures	3,784,000	3,118,112	82.40%
School Zone Speeding Fines	0	713,034	N/A
Other General Fund Revenues	29,958,427	22,244,150	74.25%
Total Revenues	\$191,575,880	\$141,434,167	73.83%

General Fund Expenditures

Expenditures	Budget	Year-to Date	Goal > 33%
City Council	\$453,322	\$284,723	37%
Clerk of Council	378,200	200,983	47%
Mayor's Office/Internal Audit	738,748	456,168	38%
City Attorney - Operating	574,482	331,869	42%
City Attorney - Litigation	1,300,000	1,229,171	5%
City Manager	3,018,563	2,085,585	31%
Finance	3,226,842	1,656,847	49%
Information Technology	9,111,265	4,271,207	53%
Human Resources	1,568,167	949,011	39%
Employee Benefits	1,130,347	540,160	52%
Inspections & Codes	3,451,624	1,760,649	49%
Planning	384,785	230,133	40%
Real Estate	305,190	198,828	35%
Engineering	2,072,810	1,202,639	42%
Public Works	16,432,864	9,952,263	40%
Parks & Recreation	16,946,475	8,569,252	50%
Cooperative Extension	137,865	83,656	39%
Tax Assessor	2,371,741	1,145,365	52%
Elections	1,442,203	973,151	33%
Police	31,060,282	19,424,259	37%
Fire	37,637,629	22,690,354	40%
MCP	11,485,496	7,772,744	32%
Homeland Security	417,432	238,614	43%
Superior Court Judges	1,881,123	989,961	47%
District Attorney	3,076,641	1,743,919	43%
Juvenile Court	1,452,160	919,532	37%
Jury Manager	497,048	312,202	37%
Victim Witness	219,615	126,526	42%
Clerk of Superior Court	2,827,926	1,541,130	46%
State Court Judges	708,824	446,437	37%
State Court Solicitor	1,357,128	829,450	39%
Public Defender	2,793,957	1,994,002	29%
Municipal Court Judge	638,588	309,021	52%
Clerk of Municipal Court	842,952	487,201	42%
Probate Court	691,528	432,038	38%
Sheriff	37,012,859	23,131,438	38%
Tax Commissioner	2,202,588	1,275,314	42%
Coroner	522,055	316,612	39%
Recorder's Court	1,741,678	1,011,663	42%
Non-Categorical	18,919,576	16,515,215	13%
Parking Management	195,196	66,469	66%
Total Expenditures	\$223,227,774	\$138,695,762	38%

Current Fiscal Year Revenue vs Prior Fiscal Year Revenue

Operating Funds	Feb-2025	Feb-2024	% Change
General Fund	\$141,434,167	\$134,088,528	5.48%
Other Local Option Sales Tax Fund	\$30,551,259	\$29,458,006	3.71%
Stormwater (Sewer) Fund	\$6,730,787	\$6,160,141	9.26%
Paving Fund	\$18,428,474	\$16,860,972	9.30%
Community Care Fund	\$12,490,251	\$11,251,294	11.01%
Integrated Waste Fund	\$9,622,441	\$10,950,700	-12.13%
Emergency Telephone Fund	\$2,030,952	\$2,065,673	-1.68%
Economic Development Authority Fund	\$2,896,017	\$2,662,983	8.75%
Debt Service	\$16,782,541	\$15,714,591	6.80%
Transportation Fund	\$6,586,928	\$5,954,286	10.62%
Trade Center Fund	\$2,618,660	\$2,456,163	6.62%
Bull Creek Golf Course Fund	\$1,450,161	\$1,478,725	-1.93%
Oxbow Creek Golf Course Fund	\$352,285	\$335,572	4.98%
Civic Center Fund	\$3,911,956	\$4,535,162	-13.74%

Other Local Option Sales Tax Fund (OLOST) - Public Safety Summary

Revenues	FY2025 YTD	FY2024
OLOST - Public Safety	\$20,189,056	\$33,399,412
Interest	1,106,715	1,759,880
Total Revenues	\$21,295,771	\$35,159,292
Expenditures		
Personnel	\$11,894,473	\$17,086,450
Operating	\$99,319	\$420,684
Capital	\$6,914,350	\$6,123,690
Crime Prevention Programs	\$971,667	\$735,000
Transfers	\$11,851,855	\$10,678,387
Total Expenditures	\$31,731,664	\$35,044,210

Other Local Option Sales Tax Fund (OLOST) - Infrastructure Summary

Revenues	FY2025 YTD	FY2024
OLOST - Infrastructure	\$8,652,453	\$14,314,034
Interest	603,036	1,036,287
Total Revenues	\$9,255,488	\$15,350,321
Expenditures		
Transfers	\$10,396,426	\$6,881,960
Pay-as-you-go Projects		
Roads	1,733,727	822,995
Stormwater	37,685	3,283,911
Facilities	619,505	3,168,125
Technology	1,304,483	918,164
Total Expenditures	\$14,091,826	\$15,075,154

OLOST Positions Filled

Department	FY2025 YTD	FY2024
Police Department (140)	112	106
E911 (9)	9	7
Fire (20)	18	18
Sheriff's Office (40)	35	35
MCP (5)	3	3
Court Related (11)	11	10
Crime Prevention (1)	1	1

File Attachments for Item:

1. Resignation of Councilor John Anker from the Board of Tax Assessors.

 Outlook

[EXTERNAL] resignation

From John Anker**Date** Wed 3/12/2025 8:59 AM**To** jayne govar**Cc** Suzanne Widenhouse <Widenhouse.Suzanne@columbusga.org>; Glen Thomason <GThomason@columbusga.org>; Katrina J Culpepper <Culpepper.Katrina@columbusga.org>; Lindsey Mclemore <Mclemore.Lindsey@columbusga.org>; Tameka Colbert <TColbert@columbusga.org>

Jayne,

I hereby submit my resignation to the BOA after yesterday's events at city council. I look forward to serving in a new capacity. I love your leadership as the chair of the board and our two other lovely ladies! I will miss being a part with you guys. I was very impressed with the staff and the job performed as a group by the tax assessor's office.

Sincerely,



John Anker
President

File Attachments for Item:

2. Minutes of the following boards:

Board of Elections & Registration, February 6, 2025

Board of Tax Assessors, #07-25, #08-25 & #09-25

Board of Zoning Appeals, January 8 & February 5, 2025

Crime Prevention Board, February 21, March 20, April 17, July 22 & July 29, 2024

Crime Prevention Board, February 26, 2025

Hospital Authority of Columbus, January 28, 2025

Housing Authority of Columbus, September 20, October 18 & December 13, 2023

Housing Authority of Columbus, January 25, March 20, April 23, May 15, June 19, July 24, August 28, September 25, October 23 & December 18, 2024

Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board, November 20, 2024



Board of Elections and Registrations

Item #2.

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

Muscogee County Board of Elections and Registration
February 6, 2025
Minutes

The monthly meeting for the Muscogee County Board of Elections and Registration was held Thursday, February 6th Chairperson Uhland Roberts called the meeting to order at 2p.m. All board members were present. Edwin Roldan is excused from the meeting due to the passing of his mother in Puerto Rico.

Board Comments:

Agenda Request: N/A

Approval of Minutes:

- Annette Williams seconded Linda Parker's motion to approve the September and November board meeting minutes.

New Business:

- **Precinct Changes**
 - a) Moon- North Highland
 - b) Col. Tech
 - c) Cunningham
- **Early Voting Locations-** Only 1 early location for the June 17th election. Beginning on May 27- June 13th at the City Service Center only.
- **Voter Registration Report-** Diane Scrimshire seconded Linda Parker motion for the Board to accept the 6 obituary deaths for the month of January.
- **FY26 Budget Preparation**

The Chair recommended budgeting funds in the FY26 request to explore leasing early voting sites since it is so difficult to find locations. The board would like to have a building for all things Elections such as equipment storage, deployment, public testing, early tabulation, and other activities as needed.
- **Special Primary- Public Service Commissioner – June 17**

Old Business:

- Richard Parker asked the board to look at ways to reach voters and others with important information. He also presented to the board an after-action report on poll watching for the election calendar year 2024. Mr. Parker will return for the March 6th meeting for discussion to allow the board an opportunity to review the report.

Public Comments Regarding Agenda Items:

Patrick Davidge- Poll Watcher at precinct #121 Salvation - spoke about his experience and commended the precinct staff on an outstanding job. He stated that the staff and precinct manager, Gwendolyn Davis, go above and beyond for voters.

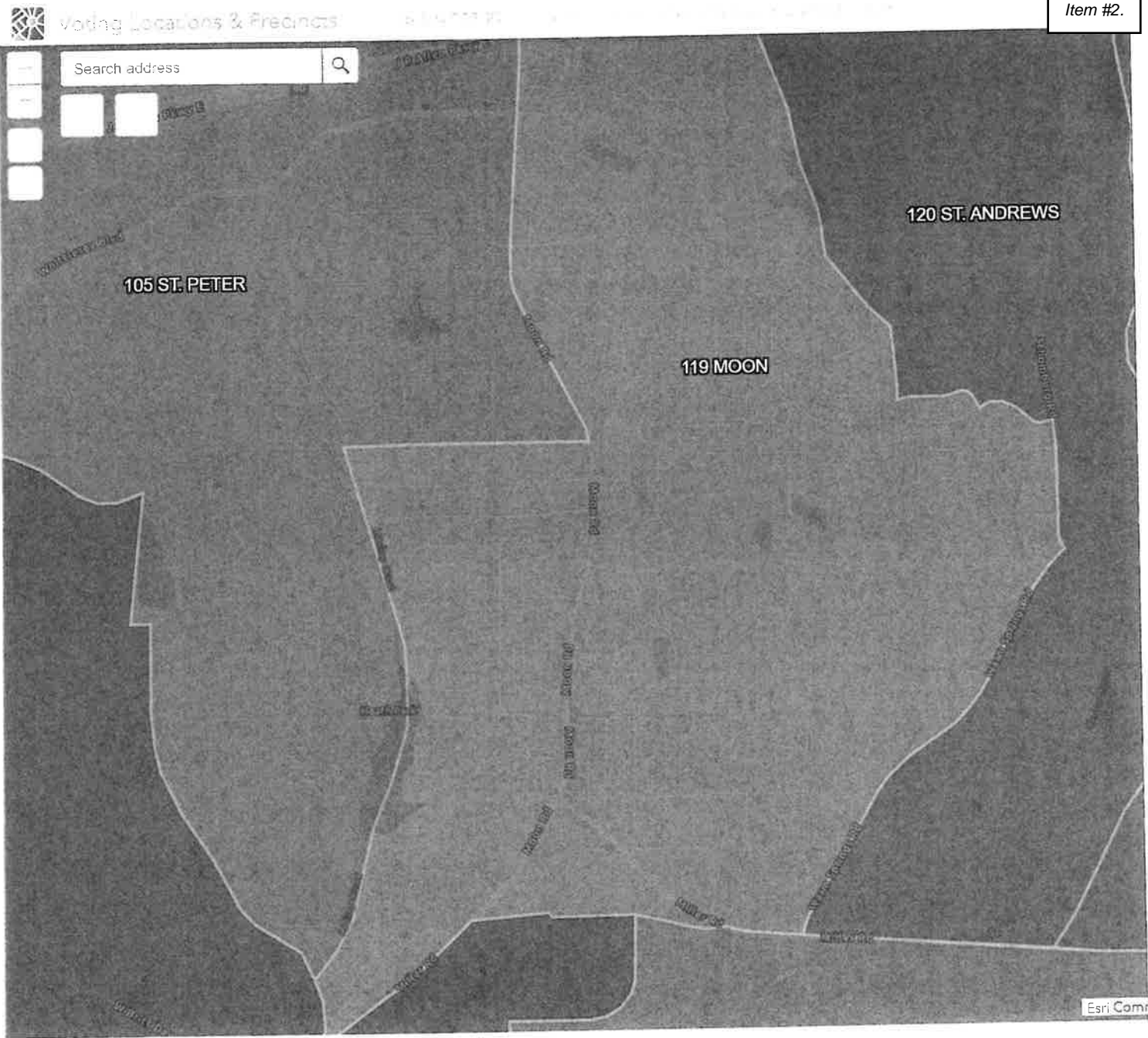
Correspondence: N/A

No further business Chair, Uhland Roberts, adjourned the meeting at 2:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Uhland Roberts
Chairperson

Item #2.



2025 Election Calendar

*First day for absentee-by-mail applications for **June 17, 2025 special primary:**

03/31/2025

*First day for absentee-by-mail applications for **November 4, 2025 special election:**

08/18/2025

<u>Election</u>	<u>Voter Reg Deadline</u>	<u>Advance Voting</u>
Special Primary Public Service Commissioner (PSC) June 17, 2025	May 19, 2025	May 27 – June 13, 2025 No voting May 26 for Memorial Day Holiday
Run-off Election (If necessary) July 15, 2025	May 19, 2025	As soon as ballots are available.
General/ Special – Public Service Commissioner (PSC) November 4, 2025	October 6, 2025	October 14 – October 31, 2025
Run-off Election (If necessary) December 2, 2025	October 6, 2025	As soon as ballots are available.

*Last day to apply for absentee ballot-by-mail for **June 17, 2025 special primary:**

06/06/2025

*Last day for absentee-by-mail applications for **November 4, 2025 special election:**

10/24/2025

6 February 2025

MEMORANDUM FOR Muscogee County Board of Elections

SUBJECT: After-Action Report

1. As Co-Chairs of the Muscogee County Democratic Committee's Voter Protection subcommittee¹, we would like to offer the following comments and observations regarding the conduct of elections by the Columbus Georgia Elections and Registrations Office ("ERO"), as well as with regard to the administration of election-related activities conducted by the ERO.
2. Although our comments and observations are germane to prior election cycles generally, we are focusing primarily on the 2024 election cycle.
3. First, and most importantly, we want to commend everyone involved, from the Muscogee County Board of Elections to the Executive Director to the entire Office staff for their diligence, their energy, their devotion to the work and for always leaning into trying to ensure that every qualified and registered voter in Muscogee County is able to exercise their right to vote. We believe that the experience and professionalism of our Board and our Elections Office is unparalleled in the State of Georgia.
4. No system is perfect, and we want to offer the following observations as an opportunity for improvement:
 - a. Notices – It appears that the current system of notifying the public of meetings of the Board (and cancellations or postponements), as well as of agendas expected to be followed in those meetings, consists of posting to the ERO website and of posting physical notices on the entrance to the ERO office. Use of the website is hit-and-miss and generally erratic (for example, as of 2/5/2025, notice of cancellation of the January meeting is posted with notice of a meeting on 2/6, but no time is given for the meeting). We understand that changes to the website, even to post recurrent notices and agendas, may be difficult as the administration of the website rests in the City's general IT department. We would urge you to find a solution to this such that the general public has the ability to view these notices in a timely manner.
 - b. Precincts – Educating and informing the voting public with regard to the location of their assigned precincts is imperative. Although this issue has been ameliorated to some degree (Wynnton became INC as soon as Wynnton UMC ceased to be the precinct for that voting district), there are still precinct names that cause confusion. District 102 is still called "Carver" in spite of the precinct having been moved to the

¹ In the interest of full disclosure, the undersigned also act in the capacity of County Liaisons for the Democratic Party of Georgia's Voter Protection (DPG-VoPro) program, and as LEADS (Local Election Advocates and Defenders) for ACLU of Georgia. However, this memorandum does not necessarily represent the opinions or positions of either of those organizations.

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Columbus Library². The precinct at Shirley B. Winston Recreation Center is still referred to as St. John's. We recommend that the name of each voting district always be the same as the name of the facility actually hosting the precinct.

c. Precinct Location Education – In the same vein, during the General Election in 2024, there were a substantial number of voters who still thought that Holsey Monumental was the correct location for District 116, enough so that DPG Vo-Pro asked us locally to post our own signage at Holsey to try to redirect those voters to the correct location. We are aware that the ERO placed such signage (infinitely better than the hand-drawn poster board signs we cobbled together) at Holsey during the General Primary; however, we believe there are a substantial number of voters who only vote in the General Election in November, and those voters would not have seen the ERO's signage in May. We recommend that when a precinct change is made, that the ERO post appropriate signage for an entire election cycle rather than just the Primary.

d. Voter Education - All of us, political organizations, voter interest groups and the ERO should participate in and offer voter education on the following topics, all of which we have seen cause voter confusion (and consternation) in real time:

1. Registering to vote, including eligibility, staying actively registered (not being subjected to list maintenance), and restoration of voting rights to persons whose rights have been terminated.

2. Absentee voting, including what happens and what a voter should expect if they desire to vote in person after having applied for an absentee ballot.

3. Location of assigned precincts and the difference between early voting sites and the proper location to vote on Election Day.

Although much of this information is available online, we all need to be cognizant of the fact that there are many voters who do not or cannot easily access such information.

e. Out-of-Precinct Voters (OPVs) – OPVs are a perennial problem, and in some respects, an OPV is the result of an uneducated voter. Of course, OPVs are not an issue by law until 5 PM and after on an election day. We know that the requirement that an OPV execute a provisional ballot is more work on election staff at a precinct, and as a result, we have seen election staff turn away OPVs, most often by simply not asking if

² This is indicated on the "Precinct List for Muscogee County" available as a handout at the ERO (see attached). However, at [Precincts](#), a webpage that is part of the ERO website but which is not accessible from the ERO website's main page (one must conduct a browser search for "precincts in Columbus Georgia" or similar to find the existence of [Precincts](#)), District 102 is correctly identified as "Columbus Public Library."

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the voter can get to the correct precinct and/or not alluding to provisional voting as an alternative, but, in some cases, by actually refusing requests for provisional ballots after 5 PM. Respectfully, we believe that this issue would be best ameliorated if election staff were to be required to advise an OPV (at and after 5 PM) as follows:

"This precinct is not your correct voting precinct. Your correct precinct is _____, located at _____. If you believe you have the ability to get to your correct precinct in order to be in line there before 7 PM, you should go there to vote. If you believe that you cannot get to your correct precinct in time and you want to vote, you may vote by provisional ballot here. This will require you to sign an affidavit, under oath, that you cannot get to your correct precinct in time to vote. How do you wish to proceed?"

We hope that the ERO and Board will take appropriate action in instances where any election staff refuses a proper request for a provisional ballot from any voter.

e. Early Voting Locations – From the standpoint of the number of days and hours offered for early voting, we continue to applaud the fact that the Muscogee County Board of Elections and the ERO offer the maximum amount of time allowed under Georgia law. As you know, we have, in the past, advocated for the creation of early voting sites in addition to the three sites that have been used, and we continue to advocate for the establishment of additional early voting sites, especially in the downtown (or uptown, if you prefer) area.

f. We continue to applaud the partnership between the ERO and the League of Women Voters in which the League is permitted to establish a presence at the Citizens Service Center on Election Day to redirect voters who come to the CSC believing that it is a voting location on an Election Day. By all accounts, these voters routinely number in the hundreds. This phenomenon, along with OPVs, demonstrates a need for additional voter education.

5. We finally want to express our appreciation for the cordial and cooperative relationship we have experienced with the Board and the ERO over the past few years, and we look forward to a continuation of that relationship.

FOR THE MCDC VOTER PROTECTION SUBCOMMITTEE:

PAM PARKER



RICK PARKER





Columbus, Georgia, Board of Tax Assessors
GEORGIA'S FIRST CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT

RECEIVED
 3/10/25
 Item #2.

City Services Center
 3111 Citizens Way
 Columbus, GA 31906

Mailing Address:
 PO Box 1340
 Columbus, GA 31902

Telephone (706) 653-4398, 4402
 Fax (706) 225-3800

Board Members

Jayne Govar
 Chairman

Lanita Sandifer Hicks
 Assessor

Kathy J. Jones
 Assessor

John M. Anker
 Assessor

Trey Carmack
 Vice Chairman

Chief Appraiser
 Suzanne Widenhouse

MINUTES #07-25

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Jayne Govar calls the Columbus, Georgia Board of Assessors' meeting to order on Monday, February 24th, 2025 at 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT ARE:

- Chairman Jayne Govar
- Vice Chairman Lanitra Sandifer Hicks
- Assessor Kathy Jones
- Assessor John Anker
- Chief Appraiser / Secretary Suzanne Widenhouse
- Recording Secretary Katrina Culpepper

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Assessor Jones motions to accept the agenda. Assessor Anker seconds and the motion carries.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Assessor Anker motions to accept the minutes as presented. Assessor Jones seconds and the motion carries.

At 9:04, Administrative Appraiser Mary Hale presents to the Board:

- Homesteads - Signed & Approved.

At 9:17, Personal Property Manager Stacy Pollard presents to the Board:

- Audit Results - Signed & Approved.

At 9:26, Commercial Property Manager Jeff Milam presents to the Board:

- 2023 Digest Correction - #072 017 030L - Signed & Approved.
- Waiver & Release - #120 001 115; 189 017 025; 016 006 008 - Signed by Chairman Govar.
- Settlement Conference Results - #040 016 002 - Signed by Chairman Govar.
- A2 Agenda Item - #083 004 003 - Signed & Approved.



Columbus, Georgia, Board of Tax Assessors

Item #2.

GEORGIA'S FIRST CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT

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MINUTES #08-25

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Jayne Govar calls the Columbus, Georgia Board of Assessors' meeting to order on Monday, March 3rd, 2025 at 9:10 A.M.

PRESENT ARE:

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Assessor Jones motions to accept the agenda. Vice Chairman Sandifer Hicks seconds and the motion carries.

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

At 9:18, Administrative Manager Leilani Floyd & Appraiser Mary Hale present to the Board:

- Homesteads - Signed & Approved.

At 9:27, Personal Property Manager Stacy Pollard presents to the Board:

- Audit Results - Signed & Approved.

At 9:29, Commercial Property Manager Jeff Milam presents to the Board:

- BOE Results - placed into record.

At 9:36, Residential Property Manager Paul Borst presents to the Board:

- Digest Corrections - #085 059 013; 067 017 027; 087 028 013 - Signed & Approved.
- Settlement Conference Results - #064 033 043; 174 002 003 - no agreement reached.

At 9:40, Deputy Chief Appraiser Glen Thomason presents to the Board:

- Non - Disclosure Request - Signed by Chairman Govar.
- Map Splits - #084 013 085; 084 013 078; 073 026 001 - Signed & Approved.

At 9:52, Chief Appraiser Suzanne Widenhouse presents to the Board:

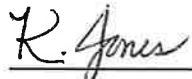
- Superior Court Settlement - # 102 001 067H - Vice Chairman Lanitra Sandifer Hicks motions to approve the taxpayers requested value. Assessor Jones seconds and the motion carries. Chief Appraiser Widenhouse will send a waiver & release.
- Legislative Updates - discussion only, no vote needed.
- Education Steering Committee - Chief Appraiser Widenhouse reported on the education steering committee meeting held in Forsyth. Resources regarding Trade Center, hotels, food and activity that are available in Columbus were presented to the steering committee along with the suggestion that various Department of Revenue courses could be held in this area in the future. It was very well received by the committee.

At 10:32, Chairman Jayne Govar adjourns the meeting without any objections.

Suzanne Widenhouse
Chief Appraiser/Secretary

APPROVED:  3/10/2025


J. GOVAR
CHAIRMAN


K. JONES
ASSESSOR


J. ANKER
ASSESSOR

vacant
ASSESSOR

Absent 
L. SANDIFER HICKS
VICE CHAIRMAN

MIN# 09 - 25 MAR 17 2025



Columbus, Georgia, Board of Tax Assessors

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Vice Chairman

Chief Appraiser
Suzanne Widenhouse

MINUTES #09-25

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Jayne Govar calls the Columbus, Georgia Board of Assessors' meeting to order on Monday, March 10th, 2025 at 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT ARE:

Chairman Jayne Govar
Vice Chairman Lanitra Sandifer Hicks
Assessor Kathy Jones
Assessor John Anker
Deputy Chief Appraiser Glen Thomason
Recording Secretary Katrina Culpepper

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Assessor Jones motions to accept the agenda. Assessor Anker seconds and the motion carries.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Assessor Anker motions to accept the minutes as presented. Assessor Jones seconds and the motion carries.

MISCELLANEOUS: Assessor Anker motions to excuse the absence of Vice Chairman Lanitra Sandifer Hicks today. Assessor Jones seconds and the motion carries. At 9:24, Vice Chairman Lanitra Sandifer Hicks was released from jury duty and was able to attend the board meeting today after all.

At 9:05, Administrative Appraiser Mary Hale presents to the Board:

- Certified to Clerk - placed into record.
- Homesteads - Signed & Approved.

At 9:18, Residential Property Manager Paul Borst presents to the Board:

- BOE Results - Placed into Record.
- Waiver & Release #102 001 067H - Signed by Chairman Govar.

At 9:25, Personal Property Manager Stacy Pollard presents to the Board:

- Audit Results - Signed & Approved.

At 9:32, Chairman Jayne Govar adjourns the meeting without any objections.

Suzanne Widenhouse
Chief Appraiser/Secretary

APPROVED: _____

J. GOVAR
CHAIRMAN

K. JONES
ASSESSOR

DOUG JEFFCOAT
ASSESSOR

vacant
ASSESSOR

L. SANDIFER HICKS
VICE CHAIRMAN

MIN# 10 - 25 MAR 24 2025

Call TO ORDER: Shaun Roberts calls the Board of Zoning Appeals to order on Wednesday, January 8th, 2025, at 2:00 P.M.

PRESENT ARE:

Shaun Roberts

Ryan Pruet

Doug Jefcoat

Kathleen Mullins

Angela Strange

CITY PERSONEL:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Doug Jefcoat motions to approve minutes. Angela Strange seconds and the motion carries.

BZA-11-24-002342

3001 Williams Rd.

- Arthur Geeslin of Actions Ads Displays present for Will White Properties LLC to convert existing billboard to digital within 1000 feet of a residential property. Isaac Todd notifies board of a concerned citizen who owns property near the proposed site and called to show concern. Bruce, a property owner of two houses on Fortson Rd., speaks concerning the size and type of billboard for his renters. Jefcoat motions to approve of it being standard technology for billboards. Strange seconds. Jefcoat, Strange, and Kathleen Mullins vote yes. Roberts votes no. Motin carries.

BZA-11-24-002424

1539 Hilton Ave.

- Cynthia Benson present for Elliot Quinones at 1539 Hilton Ave. Address was denied by Board of Historical Architecture Review (BHAR) on replacing windows. Is looking to overturn their decision. Alice McClellan present for 1538 Hilton is a neighbor who speaks on issues with their own windows and supports the decision to overturn it. James Cyrus present as a neighbor who also appealed to BHAR and was denied. Jefcoat motions to approve based information the appellant presented. Mullins seconds. Jefcoat amends his motion to approve based on fixing the window size appropriately as well. Mullins seconds. All vote to approve. Motion carries.

BZA-12-24-002482

5925 Manassas Dr.

- Daniel Navara present as owner of 5925 Manassas Dr. Requesting to construct carport of driveway on left side of the house. Request to reduce setback from 8 feet to 0 feet. Jefcoat motions to approve based on homeowner handling the water flow off the carport. Strange seconds. All vote to approve. Motion carries.

BZA-12-24-002492

2801 Williams Rd.

- Joel Womack from EMC engineering present for 2801 Williams Rd. Requesting to increase parking from 34 spaces to 70 due to the large volume of business. Mullins motions to approve due to reducing a safety issue. Strange seconds. All vote to approve. Motion carries.

BZA-12-24-002504

910 Talbotton Rd

- Ryan Clements present for 910 Talbotton Rd. Requests for mechanical units on roof to not be fully screened. Mullins votes to approve based on the building being in an industrial and business environment. Strange seconds. Mullins, Strange, Jefcoat vote yes. Roberts votes no. Motion carries.

Jefcoat motions to nominate Shaun Roberts as chairman of the board. Mullins seconds. All vote to approve. Motion carries. Shaun Roberts is approved as BZA Chairman.

Jefcoat motions to nominate Kathleen Mullins as Vice Chair. Strange seconds. All vote to approve. Motion carries. Kathleen Mullins is approved as BZA Vice chair.

Ryan Pruettt presents information to the board regarding different appeal types and requirements for approval for future cases.

Roberts adjourns meeting at 3:28 P.M.

BZA January 2025
January 8th, 2025

Item #2.

Call TO ORDER: Shaun Roberts calls the Board of Zoning Appeals to order on Wednesday, February 5th, 2025, at 2:00 P.M.

PRESENT ARE:

Shaun Roberts

Ryan Pruett

Doug Jefcoat

Kathleen Mullins

Angela Strange

CITY PERSONEL:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Kathleen Mullins motions to approve minutes. Doug Jefcoat seconds and the motion carries.

BZA-01-25-000033

1220 16th Ave.

- Wilson Hilts is present as homeowner, and Seth represents Moon Meeks for 1220 16th Ave. Requesting to create a parcel with no frontage but will have access from an existing 20' alley. Jody Middleton present for an adjacent property. Shows concern about changes to the deed for the use of the alley. Mullins motions to approve. Angela Strange seconds. All vote to approve. Motion carries.

BZA-01-25-000034

407 Broadway.

- Ryan Pruett explains that the appellant withdrew the appeal before the meeting.

BZA-01-25-000052

2550 Airport Thruway.

- Todd Schuster present representing Burger King. Requesting a variance for street buffers. To reduce the required parking spaces to 40, and to reduce the size of the parking spaces. Eric Gansauer present as the city arborist. Shows concern for the tree density but is alright with the street buffer. Jefcoat motions to approve based on lot size. Mullins seconds. All vote to approve. Motion carries.

BZA-01-25-000071

12450 County Line Rd.

- Jarrod Bowen Present as homeowner. Requesting to reduce side setback to 6' for an accessory structure. Daniel Anderson steps up representing Mr. and Mrs. Don Sando. Is making sure the structure is not on their side of the property and that the variance will not allow future structures. Mullins motions to approve. Strange seconds. All vote to approve. Motion carries.

BZA-12-24-002441

1258 Cedar Ave

- Michael Ballard representing Broadview acquisitions and Steven Bloodworth representing Midtown HLD LLC. Requesting to appeal BHAR decision regarding paint on the building. Claire Mitchell of the planning department steps up to explain BHAR's decision from a non-biased side. Mullins motions to approve due to it being painted before the UDO change. Strange seconds. All vote to approve. Motion carries.

BZA-12-24-002525

7758 Lloyd Rd.

- Terry Langfit present as the contractor. Requesting to reduce lot width to 40.9'. Robin of 7752 Lloyd Rd. Present in support. Jefcoat motions to approve based on a missed administrative step. Mullins seconds. All vote to approve. Motions carries.

Jefcoat states he will be resigning due to going to serve on another board.

Roberts adjourns meeting at 3:06 P.M.

Columbus GA Consolidated Government
Crime Prevention Board Minutes of Meeting

February 21, 2024

Meeting called to order at 2:15pm at the Mayor's Office Conference Room.

Board Members Present: Seth Brown, Danny Arencibia, Lane Jimmerson, Joyce Dent-Fitzpatrick, Rocky Marsh, Marcus Gibson, Dr. Angela Vickers

Board Members Absent: Erika Cottingham

Guest Present: Seth introduced Natre'L Payne as a new assistance in the Mayor's office and that she would be part of the meetings and process.

Agenda: Agenda was reviewed and approved.

Welcome: Seth opened meeting with announcements of Natre'L, the new office.

Chair Comments: Chairperson Danny opened with a discussion of what the 2024 process would look like.

Danny asked Seth if Erika had been confirmed, contacted, and invited to meeting.

Dr. Rocky stated he would contact her to confirm her email address for future meetings.

Board Update: Seth in conjunction with the board agreed the end date of applications would be extended to March 31.

Seth gave update online submission process.

Grant Issues: Board discussed that there would be no video presentations on day of presentation and that any video submission must be done in advance.

Board agreed there was great value in in-person presentations.

Board asked Seth what was the confirmed budget for 2024 awards.

Next Meeting: Board decided next meeting would be March 20, 2024, at 2pm.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 3:07pm.

Minutes created by Dr. Rocky Marsh

Columbus GA Consolidated Government
Crime Prevention Board Minutes of Meeting

March 20, 2024

Meeting called to order at 2:05pm at the Mayor's Office Conference Room.

Board Members Present: Seth Brown, Natre'L Payne, Danny Arencibia, Lane Jimmerson, Joyce Dent-Fitzpatrick, Rocky Marsh, Erika Cottingham, Marcus Gibson, Dr. Angela Vickers

Board Members Absent: None

Guest Present: None

Agenda: Agenda was reviewed and approved.

Welcome

Seth opened meeting with announcements.

Chair Comments

Chairperson Danny opened with questions to Seth regarding status of applications online and success of the website.

Board Update: Seth stated all board members should have access to application for view only.

Seth gave update of other programs have events and stated he would continue to share and encourage board member attendance.

Grant Issues: Joyce Dent-Fitzpatrick and several board members attempted a live access but was unable to view applications as a board member.

Seth stated he would get IT department to review permissions of the board members and give update once received.

Next Meeting: Board decided next meeting would be April 17, 2024 at 2pm.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 2:50pm.

Minutes created by Dr. Rocky Marsh

Columbus GA Consolidated Government
Crime Prevention Board Minutes of Meeting

April 17, 2024

Meeting called to order at 2:04pm at the Mayor's Office Conference Room.

Board Members Present: Seth Brown, Natre'L Payne, Danny Arencibia, Lane Jimmerson, Joyce Dent-Fitzpatrick, Dr. Rocky Marsh, Erika Cottingham, Dr. Angela Vickers

Board Members Absent: Marcus Gibson,

Guest Present: None

Agenda: Agenda was reviewed and approved.

Welcome: Seth opened meeting with announcements.

Chair Comments: Chair Danny opened with questions to Seth status of applications.

Board Update: Seth gave update and reason for Joyce only having access to applications. It is because she has an official City of Columbus Government email. While she is the only one with access, all board members have access to google drive.

There are 46 applications where 6 experienced some issue but was resolved and received. Of the 46, 4 applications are 4 new applications. .

Grant Issues: Board discussed video presentations as part of the overall review process. Board agreed to accept 3minute presentations. Seth and Natre'L will coordinate time for all 46 applicants to come into studio to record their presentation. After which the application will have input into what 3minutes they want shown to board.

Board decided to the below time frame

May 1 – May 24 Recording Videos

May 24 – May 31 Memorial Day Break

June 1 – June 14 Editing and uploading for Bord

June 17–June 25 Review by Board Members

June 26 Board Convenes for review and discussion.

Next Meeting: Board decided next meeting would be May 15, 2024 at 2pm.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 2:43pm.

Minutes prepared by Dr. Rocky Marsh

Columbus GA Consolidated Government
Crime Prevention Board Minutes of Meeting

July 22, 2024

Board Members Present: Seth Brown, Natre'L Payne, Danny Arencibia, Joyce Dent-Fitzpatrick, Dr. Angela Vickers (by phone), Rocky Marsh, Erika Cottingham (by phone), Lane Jimmerson

Board Members Absent: Marcus Gibbs

Guest(s) Present: none

Call to Order: Seth opened the meeting with announcements:

Board members: Seth distributed the spreadsheet with previous year's funding. The board agreed to complete the first half of the decisions today and the next will be completed next week.

Adjournment: Next meeting date will be July 29th to complete funding review.

Minutes recorded by Natre'L Payne

Columbus GA Consolidated Government
Crime Prevention Board Minutes of Meeting

July 29, 2024

Board Members Present: Seth Brown, Natre'L Payne, Danny Arencibia, Joyce Dent-Fitzpatrick, Dr. Angela Vickers (by phone), Rocky Marsh, Erika Cottingham, Lane Jimmerson

Board Members Absent: Marcus Gibbs

Guest(s) Present: none

Call to Order: Seth opened the meeting with announcements:

Board members: Seth distributed the spreadsheet with previous year's funding. The board completed the funding decisions.

Adjournment: Next meeting date was not discussed.

Minutes recorded by Natre'L Payne

Columbus GA Consolidated Government
Crime Prevention Board Minutes of Meeting

February 26, 2025

Board Members Present: Seth Brown, Natre'L Payne, Danny Arencibia, Joyce Dent-Fitzpatrick,
Dr. Angela Vickers (by phone), and Rocky Marsh, Erika Cottingham

Board Members Absent: Marcus Gibbs, Lane Jimmerson

Guest(s) Present: none

Call to Order: Seth opened the meeting with announcements:

Board members: Two new board members have been appointed while 3 are rotating off. There is one more member to be appointed.

Applications: Online applications are up and previous issues of numbers not showing up are now corrected.

The deadline for applications is March 31. 1 application has already been received.

Council: Crime Prevention did a presentation at the 2/25 council meeting.

Seth was asked to present quarterly. Council members had concerns about funding.

CSU is preparing to do crime research and reached out to Seth for more information and contacts

Meet and Greet was held last week but only 2 people (outside of existing applicants) attended

Board:

The board asked that they be included in the next crime prevention info session that is held for the public.

Board was notified that the meeting minutes are not online.

Adjournment: Next meeting date will be determined after new board members are appointed. .

Minutes recorded by Natre'L Payne

BOARD MINUTES
OF THE
HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA
January 28, 2025

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of the Hospital Authority of Columbus, Georgia (HAC) was held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, January 28, 2025. 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 Ernie Smallman, Vice Chairwoman Sarah Banks-Lang, and members Dr. John Kingsbury, Warner Kennon, Jr., Chuck Hecht, Wayne Joiner, Tony Floyd, and Bob Jones.

Britt Hayes, CEO, Rick Alibozek, CFO, and Jack P. Schley, Secretary/Attorney, were present at the meeting.

INVOCATION AND WELCOME

The meeting was called to order and 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 October 28, 2024, Board meeting were reviewed. Dr. Kingsbury moved for their approval and Chuck seconded the motion. The October 2024 Board Minutes were unanimously approved.

BOARD BUSINESS

Jack asked the members of the Board to submit any updated contact information to ensure the members receive notifications be email.

Jack informed the Board that the By-Laws require election of Officers during the January meeting. Dr. Kingsbury moved to open the floor for nominations and Sarah seconded the motion. Jack called for nominations for the position of Chairman of the Board, and Dr. Kingsbury nominated Chuck Hecht. Wayne seconded the nomination. No other nominations for Chairman were submitted, and Chuck was unanimously elected as Chairman. Jack called for nominations for the position of Vice Chairman, and Dr. Kingsbury nominated Sarah Banks-Lang. Bob seconded the nomination. No other nominations for Vice Chairman were submitted, and Sarah was unanimously elected as Vice Chairwoman. Jack called for nominations for the position of Secretary, and Dr. Kingsbury nominated Jack Schley. Warner seconded the nomination. No other nominations were submitted, and Jack was unanimously elected as Secretary.

The Board discussed Ernie's years of service on the Board and as Chairman, and thanked him for his leadership.

Jack announced that two Board seats are now open for nominations. Chuck asked that nominations be considerate of helping the Board to better reflect the community it serves.

CFO'S REPORT

Rick also presented the Statistical and Financial Reports:

Statistical Report: Attached to these Minutes is the FY 2025 YTD Statistical Report. Rick reported that during the second half of 2024 HAC's average occupancy was 55.27% (compared to 55.11% during the same time in 2023). HAC had 35 new admissions in December 2024 across all

three facilities, which is consistent with monthly new admissions ranging between 35 and 40. There were 34 new admissions in November 2024.

Financial Report: Attached to these Minutes is the Hospital Authority of Columbus Consolidated Income Statement and Summary Report through December 31, 2024. Rick summarized HAC's cash position of \$20.5 million with \$3.2 million in short-term investments earning 5.1% interest. Those investments will renew in April and May, and currently generate over \$50,000 in monthly income. Rick stated HAC's current assets at \$30,017,296 and current liabilities at \$3,346,399. According to Rick, HAC's Employee Retention Credit appeal has been assigned an IRS appeal officer with a tentative hearing date set for March 6. Britt commented that the appeal concerns a \$4.2 million credit plus interest, and that HAC's annual auditor is representing HAC in the appeal at a rate of 3%.

Bob commented on the Trump Administration's recent freeze of federal grant money and asked whether HAC expected any delays in funding due to the decision. Rick stated HAC receives public money through the state and does not expect the decision to effect money intended for HAC.

Rick stated that HAC's YTD income for FY 2025 is \$901,183 compared to a loss of \$342,085 in 2024. Rick reported that HAC's salary expenses increased by \$2.3 million (14.7%), but the Worker's Compensation premium increased by only 1.04% to \$219,811. Britt and Rick commented on this ratio and discussed the low rate of Worker's Comp claims at HAC. Rick reported a savings on pharmaceuticals in 2024 of \$300,172 (30%), which he attributed to the switch to the ScriptSource Pharmacy program. Sarah asked if HAC receives government negotiated pricing on pharmaceuticals, and Rick commented that HAC qualifies for such pricing and would check the program account to be sure it is being applied.

Rick summarized the recently published report of Medicaid margins by the Georgia Healthcare Association. According to the report, Medicaid profits were reviewed across 297 facilities in Georgia and the average Medicaid margin was negative 5.4% in FY 2023. The margin was positive before Covid, but now 78% of Georgia facilities are seeing margins of less than 2%. Rick reported that HAC's Medicaid rate is higher than the Georgia average. Chuck asked about the difference for facilities that reported high profits. Rick responded by explaining the higher profit facilities generally have less staff. Wayne asked if less staff correlates to lower quality care within the facilities. Rick answered there is no direct correlation between the quantity of staff and the quality of care. Chuck and Rick commented on one or more rural facilities in small towns that have less staff but receive regular awards for outstanding care.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Britt Hayes gave the President's report:

Insurance Renewals: Britt referred to Rick's coverage of the insurance renewals during the Financial Report.

Annual Surveys: Annual surveys were conducted at Muscogee Manor in November and at Ridgecrest in December. According to Britt, the average number of cited deficiencies for Georgia facilities is 9.7, and both Muscogee Manor and Ridgecrest received less than the average during the recent surveys. Britt indicated the citations were minor issues, but emphasized HAC's procedures for addressing and correcting all deficiencies and subsequent training to prevent reoccurrence of the cited events. Britt stated that both facilities were returned to full compliance in January. Bob asked about the exposure to liability created by even minor deficiencies, and Britt stated all deficiencies are handled as serious and HAC conducts its own, internal mock surveys to help with quality control. Ernie asked about the training procedures following surveys, and Britt

explained the training takes place within the various departments and is supervised by the department directors. Bob asked if re-training is considered in staff evaluations, and Britt stated that staff write-ups are issued as necessary during training and reviewed during evaluations. There was general discussion about the benefits of HAC's mock surveys and how those benefits are seen in the results of actual surveys.

Biden Staffing Mandate: The staffing mandate was expected to be addressed by executive order under the Trump Administration, but according to Britt the mandate was not the subject of any of Trump's recent executive orders. The new Administration is still expected to revoke the mandate. Rick reported that recent legal challenges to the mandate have failed in favor of allowing legislative action to address the matter.

Gov. Kemp Tort Reform Legislation: Britt stated the Governor is holding roundtable discussions on tort reform and recently announced a promise to address tort reform in the next legislative sessions. Britt and Rick indicated tort reform may decrease the rate of lawsuits being filed against HAC.

CMS initiative to "Explore Nursing Home Careers:" Britt reported that CMS announced an initiative to address staffing shortages under the Biden mandate by offering partial tuition reimbursements for nurses who spend three years working in a nursing home. According to Britt, the funding allocated to the initiative will cover the cost of a hundred nurses, but HAC contacted Columbus State University about a partnership if CSU has any students participating in the initiative.

New Initiatives: Britt participated in a demonstration of Voyce's medical translation app, which offers interpretation services with medically trained interpreters. The app was developed by doctors at Duke and operates through smartphones with cameras. The fees associated with the app

are between \$0.75-0.85 per minute of usage and sessions are logged in patient files. The demonstration involved a patient who speaks Vietnamese, and Britt was impressed with the results. Britt also reported that Dr. Patel will soon become a Certified Medical Director.

COVID-19 Update: Britt reported that all three HAC facilities have been in outbreak status since November.

2025 GHCA Winter Convention Feb. 10-13: Britt discussed the convention and the availability for Board members to attend. One Board member pledged to attend prior to the meeting.

Accolades: US News and World Report named Ridgecrest a Best Nursing Home of 2025 for the second, consecutive year. This distinguishes Ridgecrest for high performance in short-term rehabilitation. Also, the Georgia Department of Public Health awarded Orchard View with the Gold Award for Antibiotic Stewardship, and Muscogee Manor and Ridgecrest each received the Silver Award. This award distinguishes facilities that have practices and procedures for decreasing usage of antibiotics to prevent disease resistance to the drugs.

Miscellaneous: Dr. Kingsbury asked if a strategic five-year plan could be developed to guide HAC and the Board through the coming years. Bob and Chuck expressed support for the idea. Britt indicated that CSU was contacted about three years ago regarding a strategic plan, and the results only identified concerns that were already known and being addressed. Wayne recommended using an industry consultant to develop the plan who would be more familiar with the nature of HAC's business and services. Britt said he would seek-out recommendations for a consultant at the Winter Convention. Bob commented on the helpfulness of Rick's financial summary, and asked to hear more about the operations at HAC during Board meetings. Dr.

Kingsbury asked Britt to invited the Director of Nursing to attend Board meetings and give a report.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 25, 2025 at Orchard View.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.



JACK P. SCHLEY
Secretary/Attorney



CHARLES K. HECHT, III
Chairman

HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS
 CONSOLIDATED SUMMARY REPORT
 MONTH ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	Orchard View	Home Office	Ridgecrest	Muscogee Manor	Total Nursing Home	Cobles PCH	Muscogee Home Health	River Mill	Consolidated
BALANCE SHEET									
Cash	\$ 5,923,216	\$ -	\$ 5,763,037	\$ 4,790,178	\$ 16,476,431	\$ 40,673	\$ 375,400	\$ 3,692,775	\$ 20,585,279
Other Current Assets	4,153,976	-	1,685,615	3,584,500	9,424,091	5,959	1,967	-	9,432,017
Intercompany Balances	15,791,328	-	87,900	(6,248,049)	9,631,179	(6,389,957)	(2,318,704)	(922,518)	-
Noncurrent Assets	32,375,441	-	32,700,862	7,560,375	72,636,678	148,220	83,642	-	72,868,540
Total Assets	\$ 58,243,961	\$ -	\$ 40,237,414	\$ 9,687,004	\$ 108,168,379	\$ (6,195,105)	\$ (1,857,695)	\$ 2,770,257	\$ 102,885,836
Current Liabilities	\$ 1,692,774	\$ -	\$ 825,648	\$ 827,893	\$ 3,346,315	\$ 7	\$ 77	\$ -	\$ 3,346,399
Non-current Liabilities (excluding bonds)	10,064,374	-	3,445,775	5,535,770	19,045,919	360,100	450,668	-	19,856,687
Bonds Payable	19,342,670	-	28,203,110	-	47,545,780	-	-	-	47,545,780
Total Liabilities	31,099,818	-	32,474,533	6,363,663	69,938,014	360,107	450,745	-	70,748,856
Fund Balance	27,144,143	-	7,762,881	3,323,341	38,230,365	(6,555,212)	(2,308,440)	2,770,257	32,136,970
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$ 58,243,961	\$ -	\$ 40,237,414	\$ 9,687,004	\$ 108,168,379	\$ (6,195,105)	\$ (1,857,695)	\$ 2,770,257	\$ 102,885,836
INCOME STATEMENT									
Revenue	\$ 2,204,032	\$ 110,166	\$ 546,816	\$ 1,613,476	\$ 4,474,490	\$ 2,000	\$ 11,816	\$ 8,661	\$ 4,496,967
Operating Expenses	1,462,603	176,474	472,807	1,186,709	3,298,593	607	734	71	3,300,005
Net Profit (Loss) before Noncash expense	741,429	(66,308)	74,009	426,767	1,175,897	1,393	11,082	8,590	1,196,962
Provision for Bad debts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest expense	(32,905)	-	(77,868)	-	(110,773)	-	-	-	(110,773)
Depreciation and Amortization	(83,282)	-	(95,374)	(10,905)	(189,561)	(359)	-	-	(189,920)
Current Month Income (loss)	\$ 625,242	\$ (66,308)	\$ (99,233)	\$ 415,862	\$ 875,563	\$ 1,034	\$ 11,082	\$ 8,590	\$ 896,269
YTD Income (loss)	\$ 852,667	\$ (461,938)	\$ (536,860)	\$ 713,824	\$ 567,693	\$ 5,982	\$ 60,482	\$ 267,026	\$ 901,183
Monthly Net Income (loss)	\$ 625,242	\$ (66,308)	\$ (99,233)	\$ 415,862	\$ 875,563	\$ 1,034	\$ 11,082	\$ 8,590	\$ 896,269
Add: Depreciation	83,282	-	95,374	10,905	189,561	359	-	-	189,920
Add: Interest Expense	32,905	-	77,868	-	110,773	-	-	-	110,773
Less: Monthly bond payment	(187,127)	-	(61,332)	-	(248,459)	-	-	-	(248,459)
Less: Property & Equipment Additions	(12,700)	-	-	(9,115)	(21,815)	-	-	-	(21,815)
Net Cash Flow	\$ 541,602	\$ (66,308)	\$ 12,677	\$ 417,652	\$ 905,623	\$ 1,393	\$ 11,082	\$ 8,590	\$ 926,688

HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS
FY 2025 YTD Statistical Report

	June	May	Apr	Mar	Feb	Jan	Dec	Nov	Oct	Sept	August	July	Average	Prior Year
Orchard View														
% Occupancy	67.61%	64.52%	65.00%	65.00%	65.00%	65.00%	65.00%	65.00%	65.00%	65.78%	65.81%	61.69%	65.07%	66.31%
Medicaid%	74.74%	77.11%	74.34%	74.16%	73.16%	73.16%	73.16%	73.16%	73.16%	73.16%	73.16%	76.52%	75.01%	73.18%
Medicare%	8.06%	8.32%	6.90%	6.13%	7.99%	4.26%	6.94%	8.25%	8.19%	8.26%	10.42%	9.46%	9.14%	7.10%
Private %	2.70%	2.48%	3.13%	3.85%	3.28%	4.63%	3.35%	2.70%	2.48%	3.13%	3.85%	4.63%	3.35%	5.34%
Hospice %	6.25%	3.90%	7.37%	5.60%	5.15%	5.12%	5.57%	6.25%	3.90%	7.37%	5.60%	5.12%	5.57%	4.37%
ADV %	19.35	15.75	18.55	15.43	17.29	11.58	16.33	19.35	15.75	18.55	15.43	17.29	16.33	15.32
Daily Medicare and ADV Census	187.00	182.49	185.45	182.05	174.57	180.35	177.07	187.00	182.49	185.45	182.05	174.57	180.35	177.07
Employment (Full Time Equivalents)														
Ridgecrest														
% Occupancy	43.01%	43.29%	43.16%	42.76%	45.03%	43.76%	43.76%	43.01%	43.29%	43.16%	42.76%	45.03%	43.76%	35.71%
Medicaid%	53.84%	53.80%	61.03%	63.43%	61.66%	59.97%	52.20%	53.84%	53.80%	61.03%	63.43%	61.66%	59.97%	52.20%
Medicare%	10.98%	7.70%	8.01%	3.43%	8.10%	8.21%	16.24%	10.98%	7.70%	8.01%	3.43%	8.10%	8.21%	16.24%
Private %	21.16%	23.74%	24.82%	25.23%	25.40%	24.00%	23.17%	21.16%	23.74%	24.82%	25.23%	25.40%	24.00%	23.17%
Hospice %	9.38%	11.82%	4.72%	2.32%	0.00%	4.71%	1.37%	9.38%	11.82%	4.72%	2.32%	0.00%	4.71%	1.37%
ADV %	4.64%	2.93%	1.42%	2.97%	3.07%	3.11%	7.01%	4.64%	2.93%	1.42%	2.97%	3.07%	3.11%	7.01%
Daily Medicare and ADV Census	5.65	3.87	3.42	2.30	4.22	4.17	6.92	5.65	3.87	3.42	2.30	4.22	4.17	6.92
Employment (Full Time Equivalents)	49.45	40.20	39.52	41.21	39.01	38.83	34.69	49.45	40.20	39.52	41.21	39.01	38.83	34.69
Muscogee Manor														
% Occupancy	49.06%	49.32%	49.70%	50.41%	51.27%	51.40%	50.73%	49.06%	49.32%	49.70%	50.41%	51.27%	51.40%	50.73%
Medicaid%	91.11%	89.31%	91.03%	89.57%	88.12%	89.56%	89.05%	91.11%	89.31%	91.03%	89.57%	88.12%	89.56%	89.05%
Medicare%	1.61%	3.28%	1.42%	0.88%	1.77%	1.84%	3.08%	1.61%	3.28%	1.42%	0.88%	1.77%	1.84%	3.08%
Private %	1.04%	1.03%	1.03%	2.33%	4.75%	2.19%	1.31%	1.04%	1.03%	1.03%	2.33%	4.75%	2.19%	1.31%
Hospice %	6.24%	6.38%	6.26%	6.78%	5.36%	6.20%	6.21%	6.24%	6.38%	6.26%	6.78%	5.36%	6.20%	6.21%
ADV %	0.00%	0.00%	0.26%	0.44%	0.54%	0.21%	0.35%	0.00%	0.00%	0.26%	0.44%	0.54%	0.21%	0.35%
Daily Medicare and ADV Census	1.55	3.17	1.65	1.30	1.77	2.02	3.41	1.55	3.17	1.65	1.30	1.77	2.02	3.41
Employment (Full Time Equivalents)	153.48	135.27	128.49	136.42	133.74	138.29	136.54	153.48	135.27	128.49	136.42	133.74	138.29	136.54

HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF COLUMBIUS
12 MONTH MOVING STATISTICAL REPORT

	Dec-24	Nov-24	Oct-24	Sep-24	Aug-24	Jul-24	Jun-24	May-24	Apr-24	Mar-24	Feb-24	Jan-24	Dec-23	13 Mth Average	Prior Year Avg
Orchard View															
% Occupancy	67.61%	64.32%	64.32%	65.00%	65.78%	65.81%	61.99%	63.08%	63.06%	63.97%	66.52%	67.16%	65.87%	65.04%	66.33%
Medicaid%	74.74%	71.11%	71.11%	74.34%	74.16%	73.16%	76.52%	71.44%	73.30%	73.74%	74.03%	71.64%	73.31%	75.20%	72.69%
Medicare%	8.06%	8.52%	8.52%	6.31%	6.13%	7.99%	4.35%	6.55%	4.06%	4.20%	3.88%	4.06%	6.39%	6.49%	7.31%
Private %	8.25%	2.69%	2.69%	3.15%	3.85%	3.28%	4.63%	3.70%	4.13%	5.00%	7.98%	8.73%	10.31%	9.23%	10.32%
Hospice %	5.25%	3.59%	3.59%	5.67%	5.67%	5.15%	5.12%	3.41%	5.00%	4.87%	5.03%	3.72%	5.19%	4.13%	5.35%
ADV %	19.45	15.76	15.76	18.55	15.43	17.29	11.58	12.57	11.54	9.07	15.90	19.32	15.76	14.88	4.33%
Daily Medicare and ADV Census	197.60	182.49	182.49	185.45	182.05	170.55	174.57	189.00	174.79	173.80	174.72	182.60	187.28	180.00	15.53
Employment (Full Time Equivalents)															176.40
Ridgecrest															
% Occupancy	43.01%	43.29%	43.15%	43.15%	42.78%	45.05%	45.28%	41.94%	38.79%	38.17%	38.95%	35.79%	32.87%	40.46%	35.46%
Medicaid%	53.86%	53.80%	53.80%	51.03%	65.05%	63.43%	61.66%	60.17%	57.72%	54.72%	53.76%	53.22%	54.32%	57.44%	52.10%
Medicare%	10.98%	7.70%	7.70%	3.43%	3.43%	8.10%	11.03%	10.97%	10.89%	15.48%	17.68%	7.51%	12.97%	11.28%	16.77%
Private %	21.16%	23.74%	23.74%	24.82%	25.23%	25.40%	23.66%	22.52%	21.68%	21.93%	24.10%	28.54%	27.57%	24.13%	22.85%
Hospice %	9.38%	11.62%	11.62%	4.72%	2.32%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	2.17%	1.26%
ADV %	4.64%	2.93%	2.93%	1.42%	2.97%	3.07%	3.55%	6.34%	9.70%	6.45%	4.25%	10.73%	5.14%	4.97%	6.96%
Daily Medicare and ADV Census	5.65	3.87	3.87	3.42	7.30	4.72	5.53	6.10	6.71	6.80	7.25	5.49	5.00	5.42	7.01
Employment (Full Time Equivalents)	49.45	40.20	40.20	39.52	41.21	39.01	38.83	38.01	36.81	35.77	32.35	37.42	38.24	38.46	34.67
Musgrave Manor															
% Occupancy	49.06%	49.32%	49.32%	49.70%	50.41%	51.17%	51.40%	49.73%	49.09%	48.45%	51.37%	51.37%	52.24%	50.14%	50.72%
Medicaid%	91.11%	89.31%	89.31%	91.03%	89.57%	88.12%	88.22%	89.67%	90.35%	89.47%	90.81%	88.23%	89.38%	89.68%	89.16%
Medicare%	1.61%	3.28%	3.28%	1.42%	0.83%	1.77%	2.08%	3.18%	3.02%	3.02%	0.95%	2.98%	2.74%	2.23%	3.05%
Private %	1.04%	1.03%	1.03%	1.03%	2.33%	4.75%	2.98%	1.40%	1.04%	1.19%	1.02%	1.96%	1.65%	1.69%	1.29%
Hospice %	6.24%	6.38%	6.38%	6.26%	6.78%	5.36%	6.18%	5.57%	5.77%	6.32%	5.04%	5.64%	5.92%	6.05%	6.18%
ADV %	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.44%	0.44%	0.00%	0.54%	0.24%	0.00%	0.00%	1.17%	0.58%	0.00%	0.15%	0.32%
Daily Medicare and ADV Census	1.55	3.17	3.17	1.65	1.30	1.77	2.65	3.33	2.74	2.87	2.14	3.58	2.81	2.53	3.25
Employment (Full Time Equivalents)	153.48	135.27	135.27	128.49	136.42	133.74	142.35	139.05	139.91	141.20	135.56	143.63	150.43	139.30	135.24

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THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

**Regular Meeting
September 20, 2023
9:00 AM
Columbus, Georgia**

**Meeting was Held by Both Telephone Conferencing and In-Person
Due to the COVID-19 Virus**

The Commissioners of the Housing Authority of Columbus, Georgia met in a regular session in Columbus, Georgia.

Chairman Larry Cardin called the meeting to order the following Commissioner were present:

**Linda Hadley
Jeanella Pendleton
John Sheftall
Ryan Clements**

**Teleconference:
Tiffani Nicole Stacy**

**Absent:
John Greenman**

In attendance from the Housing Authority staff was Lisa Walters, Chief Executive Officer, Sabrina Richards, Chief of Property Management, Sheila Crisp, Chief Financial Officer, Laura Johnson, Chief Real Estate Officer, John Casteel, Chief Assisted Housing Officer, Rickey C. Miles, Modernization Manager, James C. Clark, Jr., Commission Attorney, Royce Ann Adkins, Executive Assistant.

INVOCATION:

Chair Cardin offered the invocation.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Lisa Walters made one correction to the agenda. Motion for approval of the agenda was made by Commissioner Pendleton, seconded by Commissioner Hadley. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 16, 2023, BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

Chairman Cardin called for a motion to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2023, Board meeting.

Motion for approval of the minutes was made by Commissioner Clements, seconded by Commissioner Hadley. The motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Sheila Crisp, CFO, provided a report of agency finances month-to-date and year-to-date actual to budget results and the explanation of the top factors of the variances. In summary, we are tracking ahead of budget by about \$2 million.

We anticipate receipt of developer fees for The Banks at Mill Village and Warm Springs development in October of 2023. The amounts are \$150k and \$200k, respectively.

CHARGE-OFF OF FORMER RESIDENT ACCOUNT BALANCES FOR MONTH ENDING AUGUST 31, 2023:

The following Resolution was introduced and duly considered:

RESOLUTION NO. 3450

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHARGE-OFF OF FORMER
RESIDENT ACCOUNT BALANCES TO COLLECTION LOSS FOR
THE AUTHORITY'S HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS
FOR THE MONTH ENDING AUGUST 31, 2023

Motion for approval was made by Commissioner Hadley, seconded by Commissioner Pendleton. Motion carried.

APPROVAL TO ADOPT UPDATED MAINTENANCE CHARGES FOR HACG RESIDENTS:

The following Resolution was introduced and duly considered:

RESOLUTION NO. 3451

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT UPDATED MAINTENANCE CHARGES FOR THE HOUSING AUTHORITY
OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA RESIDENTS

Motion for approval was made by Commissioner Hadley, seconded by Commissioner Clements. Motion carried.

CONSIDER A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FY2024 MTW PLAN:

The following Resolution was introduced and duly considered:

RESOLUTION NO. 3452

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MOVING TO WORK (MTW) DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM'S
FISCAL YEAR 2024 ANNUAL PLAN AND SUBMISSION OF SAID PLAN AND PLAN'S
CERTIFICATIONS OF COMPLIANCE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN
DEVELOPMENT (HUD)

Motion for approval was made by Commissioner Pendleton, seconded by Commissioner Sheftall. Motion carried.

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CONSIDER A RESOLUTION APPROVING HACG HOUSING UTILITY SCHEDULE:

The following Resolution was introduced and duly considered:

RESOLUTION NO. 3453

RESOLUTION APPROVING HACG PUBLIC HOUSING MONTHLY UTILITY ALLOWANCE SCHEDULE

Motion for approval was made by Commissioner Clements, seconded by Commissioner Hadley. Motion carried.

CONSIDER A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND AFFIRMING AGREEMENT FROM WARM SPRINGS SENIOR VILLAGE AS PRIVATE ENTERPRISE AGREEMENTS:

RESOLUTION NO. 3454

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING, DESIGNATING, AND AFFIRMING AGREEMENTS FOR WARM SPRINGS SENIOR VILLAGE AS PRIVATE ENTERPRISE AGREEMENTS

CONSIDER RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE NORTHWEST GEORGIA HOUSING AUTHORITY TO ISSUE BONDS

RESOLUTION NO. 3455

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE NORTHWEST GEORGIA HOUSING AUTHORITY TO ISSUE BONDS TO FINANCE FACILITIES LOCATED IN COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

The HACG declined to participate in this project as it is a Market Value Housing project. This does not align with the HACG Mission Statement. The Northwest Georgia Housing Authority has chosen to participate. This request is a courtesy request as one Authority is entering into the geographic area of another Authority. Per Commissioner Sheftall, this request has no current or future impact on HACG's ability to

Motion for approval was made by Commissioner Hadley, seconded by Commissioner Pendleton. Motion carried.

CONSIDER INDUCEMENT RESOLUTION OF THE HACG APPROVING A PROPOSED FINANCING OF A MULTIFAMILY HOUSING COMMUNITY

RESOLUTION NO. 3456

INDUCEMENT RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA APPROVING A PROPOSED FINANCING OF A MULTIFAMILY HOUSING COMMUNITY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$12,000,000 FOR THE BENEFIT OF EC COLUMBUS GARDENS, LLC OR ITS DESIGNEE AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INDUCEMENT LETTER

The HACG Real Estate Committee met on Tuesday, September 19, 2023, to discuss and review the proposal. This request does not require a motion or a second as it is a recommendation from the Real Estate Committee. After a brief discussion, the motion carried.

REPORT FROM THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE:

No formal report.

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REPORT FROM THE AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE:

The Audit and Finance Committee is scheduled to meet on September 28, 2023, to discuss updates to the Travel Policy.

REPORT FROM THE REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE:

The Real Estate Committee submitted two resolutions to the Board, which were both approved.

PUBLIC SAFETY TASK FORCE:

Commissioner Stacy reported the following:

- Patriot Pointe, Warren Williams, The Cottages, Nicholson Terrace, and the Banks at Mill Village have all reported an increased number of unsheltered (homeless) individuals on the properties.
- Willow Glen, Cauty, EJ Knight, Warren Williams, Rivers, Wilson, Columbus Villas, and Columbus Commons no issues reported.
- Arbor Pointe reports speeders through the community and youth taking advantage of the swimming pool.

Chair Carden inquired of Ms. Walters what steps are being taken regarding these types of issues. Ms. Walters reported that HACG has partnered with the Muscogee County Sheriff's Department, specifically Investigators Rome and Johnson.

On September 11, 2023, HACG went live on a HACG Anonymous Resident tip line. The tip line creates an e-mail tracking report that is sent to specific HACG staff and then forwarded to specific members of the MCSD. Residents are receiving e-mails, and text messages on a regular basis, encouraging them to use the tip line to report issues. Calls are strictly confidential. The MCSD has been much more responsive than the Columbus Police Department.

Ms. Richards reported that The HACG is looking at installing higher fencing around the pool area to deter non-residents from utilizing the pool.

MOVING TO WORK (MTW) CORRECTIVE ACTIVE PLAN UPDATE:

Ms. Walters gave an update on the MTW Corrective Action Plan (CAP). Lease up – public housing WW is 89% and CA is 94%.

Lease up at Warren Williams/Rivers Homes has stopped in preparation for the RAD rehabilitation and relocation of residents. Therefore, the lease-up will continue to decrease. This information has been communicated with the Atlanta Field Office staff.

HACG total vouchers available is 3,914. We have 3,025, Section 8 vouchers leased or 77%. We currently have seventy-seven families with vouchers searching for housing. During the month nineteen extensions were granted giving the voucher holder more time to find housing.

Ms. Walters reported that lease up is 95% across all developments, including the remote PHA's. At the RAD Big 4 lease up is at 94%.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:

Commissioner Greenman, John Casteel and Lisa Walters attended the PHADA September conference in Washington DC. Commissioner Greenman will provide the Board with an update on the sessions at the October Board meeting.

The PHADA Legislative Conference took place this past weekend in Washington, DC. Ms. Walters provided highlights from her session but also indicated that Commissioner Greenman would provide details from his session at the October Board meeting.

- CR is needed from Congress before September 30, 2023, to avoid a government shutdown.
- Many unanswered questions on HOTMA, NSPIRE and BABA. HUD did delay using NSPIRE for the voucher program until October 1, 2024. The concern amount PHAs is that we may end up losing some landlords by using the INSPIRE standards.
- The 2024 FMRs were issued by HUD. Muscogee County will increase by 8.5%. The year before the increase was 14%.

HACG is proceeding with purchasing LP interests in Ashley Station. There will be a meeting this afternoon with Integral to discuss purchasing their GP interests in the property. The outcome will be discussed with the Real Estate Committee and presented to the full Board at the October Board meeting.

DCA staff members: Tommy Lowman, Mitch Kelly, Meagan Cutler, and Samantha Carvalho visited HACG on Friday, September 15, 2023. They were given a before and after presentation of all developments. Before the presentation was complete the entire team asked for a copy so they could share it with others at DCA and other PHAs. We toured Patriot Pointe, Columbus Commons, the future site of BTW South, The Banks at Mill Village, and Warren Williams. This was a fantastic opportunity to build and strengthen this relationship as this is the team that awards the tax credits.

During the conversation several challenges with SHPO were discussed. Mr. Lowman indicated he would speak with the Commissioner about the SHPO issues.


Ms. Walters then asked Ms. Crisp to share some great news with the Board on the grant which The HACG was recently awarded. Ms. Crisp indicated that she submitted a grant request for funding from HAI to update the HACG Cyber Security process. From that request, The HACG has been awarded \$41k toward this project.


Ms. Walters asked Ms. Johnson to share exciting news on a recent award which one of The HACG properties received. Ms. Johnson indicated that The Banks at Mill Village received the AHF Readers' Choice Award. This property will be featured in their magazine and HACG will receive an actual award. Due to the date of the award presentation, there will be a recommendation to change the date for the November Board meeting.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business, Chairman Cardin asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion for approval was made by Commissioner Pendleton, seconded by Commissioner Clements.

The meeting was adjourned.


R. Larry Cardin
Chairman


Lisa L. Walters, CPM
Secretary-Treasurer

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THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

**Regular Meeting
October 18, 2023
9:00 AM
Columbus, Georgia**

Meeting was Held by Both Telephone Conferencing and In-Person

The Commissioners of the Housing Authority of Columbus, Georgia met in a regular session in Columbus, Georgia.

Vice Chair, Linda Hadley, called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present:

**Jeanella Pendleton
John Greenman
Ryan Clements**

**Absent:
Larry Cardin
John Sheftall
Tiffani Stacy**

In attendance from the Housing Authority staff was Lisa Walters, Chief Executive Officer, Sabrina Richards, Chief of Property Management, Sheila Crisp, Chief Financial Officer, Laura Johnson, Chief Real Estate Officer, Carla Godwin, MTW Coordinator and Resident Services Administrator John Casteel, Chief Assisted Housing Officer, Chandler Riley, Commission Attorney Representative, Royce Ann Adkins, Executive Assistant.

INVOCATION:

Vice Chair Hadley offered the invocation.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Motion for approval of the agenda was made by Commissioner Greenman, seconded by Commissioner Clements. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 20, 2023, BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

Vice Chair Hadley called for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2023, Board meeting.

Motion for approval of the minutes was made by Commissioner Clements, seconded by Commissioner Pendleton. The motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Sheila Crisp, CFO, provided a report of agency finances month-to-date and year-to-date actual to budget results and explanation of the top factors of the variances. In summary, we are tracking ahead of budget by about \$2 million mainly contributed to Section 8.

We anticipate receipt of developer fees for The Banks at Mill Village and Warm Springs development in October of 2023. The amounts are \$150k and \$200k, respectively.

Vice Chair Hadley asked if Ms. Crisp thought the HACG would end the year with a favorable outcome to which Ms. Crisp replied, yes.

Ms. Crisp reported budget information for 2024 will be presented to the board at the December meeting.

CHARGE-OFF OF FORMER RESIDENT ACCOUNT BALANCES FOR MONTH ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2023:

The following Resolution was introduced and duly considered:

RESOLUTION NO. 3457

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHARGE-OFF OF FORMER
RESIDENT ACCOUNT BALANCES TO COLLECTION LOSS FOR
THE AUTHORITY'S HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS
FOR THE MONTH ENDING SEPTEMBER 20, 2023

Commissioner Clements questioned the dollar amount of fines for Warren Williams reported to be charged off. Ms. Richards indicated the resident in question was charged \$10,000 for the insurance deductible which stemmed from a fire that was caused by the resident. The resident was placed on a repayment plan; however, the resident has since passed, which is the reason for the charge-off.

Ms. Richards also reported to the Commissioners that in 2021 the state of Georgia implemented a Rental Assistance Program to assist residents with up to \$15,000 in rental assistance due to COVID. HACG assisted some residents at the time with applications resulting in several of our residents receiving funding.

The State has reopened this program, however, residents must apply for funding, with the money being paid to the PHA or landlord as opposed to the resident. HACG will be sending information to residents to help in the application process.

Commissioner Greenman reported that when he attended PHADA last month, there was a report that PHADA officials believe that nonpayment of, or past due payment of rents will become the new "Normal" in the future. This certainly could be a trend that HACG should keep a close eye on going forward.

There being no additional discussion, a motion for approval was made by Commissioner Greenman, seconded by Commissioner Pendleton. Motion carried.

APPROVAL FOR EXTENDING THE INCENTIVE PLAN THROUGH DECEMBER 2024:

Ms. Walters brought before the Committee a request to extend the Incentive Plan from December 2023 to December 2024. The request stems from the change in HACG year end from June to December. She explained that to evaluate the plan and make recommendations for changes there should be a one-year evaluation period, thus extending the timeline from December 2023 to December 2024.

Vice Chair Hadley inquired as to the average bonus amount and the total dollar allocated for the incentives. Ms. Crisp stated that the average bonus is approximately \$1,200 with approximately

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\$325K allocated to funding. There are specific criteria that must be met prior to any payout of incentives. Vice Chair Hadley suggested there should be a way to determine the total dollar amount to be paid out from the fund. Commissioner Greenman suggested that a percentage of the total salary pool could be utilized to determine a range for the funding amount. Ms. Walters indicated that she would research this recommendation.

There being no additional discussion, a motion for approval was made by Commissioner Clements, seconded by Commissioner Greenman. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF NEW TRAVEL POLICY:

Ms. Crisp presented the Travel Policy that was previously reviewed and recommended by the Audit and Finance Committee on September 28, 2023. Vice Chair Hadley recommended that the sentence under Air Travel, "Book the least expensive seat.," should be removed as it contradicts the sentence prior.

Commissioner Clements made a motion to accept the policy with the above stated change, seconded by Commissioner Greenman. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF LEGAL SERVICES CONTRACT:

Ms. Crisp presented to the Committee a new price sheet for legal services from Page, Scrantom, Sprouse, Tucker and Ford, PC, our local current legal counsel. The current contract ended as of September 30, 2023. The request is to extend the contract under the new pricing for one (1) year. The HACG currently has several outstanding legal matters that the firm is familiar with and qualified to pursue on our behalf. Commissioner Greenman stated that the pricing was extremely competitive.

Commissioner Clements made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Pendleton. Motion carried.

REPORT FROM THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE:

No formal report.

REPORT FROM THE AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Changes to the Travel Policy were submitted to the Board. Changes were approved.

REPORT FROM THE REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE:

No formal report.

PUBLIC SAFETY TASK FORCE:

No formal report.

MOVING TO WORK (MTW) CORRECTIVE ACTIVE PLAN UPDATE:

On September 21, 2023, the HACG received an email from the MTW Office indicating that HACG is in compliance with the Substantial Serving the Same MTW requirement. Going forward, Ms. Walters recommended that the MTW Correction Plan update be removed from the Board Meeting Agenda. She will continue to report on all lease-ups.

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Lease up at Warren Williams/Rivers Homes is at 86%. This is due to preparation for the RAD rehabilitation and relocation of residents. CA is currently at 91%.

HACG total vouchers available is 3,914. We have 3,022, Section 8 vouchers leased or 77%. We currently have thirty-five (35) families with vouchers searching for housing. During the month eighteen (18) extensions were granted giving the voucher holder more time to find housing.

Ms. Walters reported that lease up is 94% across all developments, including the remote PHA's. At the RAD Big 4 lease- up is at 92%.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:

Congress passed a CR late on September 30, 2023, meaning the government will be funded until November 17, 2023.

October 24-25, 2023, Ms. Walter, Ms. Johnson, and Mr. Rickey C. Miles will be attending the DCA Conference in Augusta, Ga. This attendance is at the urging of the DCA staff when they were in our office in September 2023.

Ms. Walters gave an interview with the DDC Journal "Design Development Construction," on September 21, 2023. The publication is interested in doing a piece on the RAD conversion of Warren Williams sometime in 2024 in their sister magazine, "Affordable Housing News".

Chief Deborah Kennedy with the CPD called Ms. Walters to let her know that the camera systems at the various properties have assisted in solving several crimes in the area. She wanted to reach out to "Thank the HACG" for doing such an excellent job in keeping residents safe.

Chair Cardin and Ms. Walters met with the new Chief of the Columbus Police Department, Stoney Mathis on September 27, 2023. Ms. Walters was impressed with Chief Mathis and was pleased to hear his thoughts and ideas on how we can become better partners.

The HACG will proceed with purchasing the LP's interest (Boston Capital), in Ashley Station. This will provide HACG with more leverage in the overall performance of Ashley Station. The purchase of the GP's interest (Integral) is still under review.

HACG will partner with Neighbor-Works on the Providence Point, third phase of Elliott's Walk (Cathy Williams) development for a tax credit application in late 2024 to early 2025. Details of the partnership are still being discussed.

Ms. Johnson has self-scored the new QAP for a 9% application for Moon Road in 2024. The results are competitive; however, the final QAP has not been finalized.

Ms. Walters requested that the November board meeting be rescheduled to either November 16th or 17th since she and Ms. Johnson will be out of town to receive an award for The Banks at Mill Village. Ms. Adkins will send out a poll to see which date will work best for the majority of Commissioners.

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ADJOURN:

There being no further business, Vice Chair Hadley asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion for approval was made by Commissioner Greenman, seconded by Commissioner Clements.

The meeting was adjourned.

Linda U. Hadley

Linda U. Hadley (Jan 4, 2024): 13751

**Linda U. Hadley
Vice Chair**

Lisa L. Walters

**Lisa L. Walters, CPM
Secretary-Treasurer**

THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

**Regular Meeting
December 13, 2023
9:00 AM
Columbus, Georgia**

Meeting was Held by Both Telephone Conferencing and In-Person

The Commissioners of the Housing Authority of Columbus, Georgia met in a regular session in Columbus, Georgia.

Chair, R. Larry Cardin, called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present:

**Jeanella Pendleton
John Greenman
Ryan Clements
John Sheftall
Tiffani Stacy**

**Absent:
Linda Hadley**

In attendance from the Housing Authority staff was Lisa Walters, Chief Executive Officer, Sabrina Richards, Chief of Property Management, Sheila Crisp, Chief Financial Officer, Laura Johnson, Chief Real Estate Officer, Carla Godwin, MTW Coordinator and Resident Services Administrator, John Casteel, Chief Assisted Housing Officer, Rickey C. Miles, Modernization Manager, James C. Clark, Jr., Esquire, Commission Attorney Representative, and Royce Ann Adkins, Executive Assistant.

CSG RESIDENTIAL ANNUAL MEETING:

Chair R. Larry Cardin called this meeting to order. Motion for approval of the agenda was made by Commissioner Clements, seconded by Commissioner Sheftall. Motion carried.

Motion for approval of the agenda was made by Commissioner Clements, seconded by Commissioner Sheftall. Motion carried.

Motion for approval of the December 14, 2022, Board Minutes was made by Commissioner Greenman, with a second by Commissioner Clements. All approved. Motion carried.

Commissioner Greenman indicated that the Audit and Finance Committee had recently met to review and approve the budgets for Baker Village I LP, II LP, and III LP, BTW Chapman Phase I LP-Patriot Pointe, and BTW Chapman Phase II LP- Columbus Commons. Commissioner Greenman made a motion that the board approve the budgets for 2024, seconded by Commissioner Sheftall. Motion carried.

With no other business to discuss, Chair Cardin adjourned this session of the CSG Residential Annual Meeting.

RAD I ANNUAL MEETING:

Chair R. Larry Cardin called this meeting to order. Motion for approval of the agenda was made by Commissioner Greenman, seconded by Commissioner Clements. Motion carried.

Motion for approval of the September 20, 2023, RAD I Board Minutes was made by Commissioner Greenman, seconded by Commissioner Pendleton. Motion carried.

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Commissioner Greenman indicated that the Audit and Finance Committee had recently met to review and approve the budgets for all RAD Properties, Nicholson Terrace, Wilson Homes, E.J. Knight, and Farley Homes. Commissioner Greenman made a motion that the board approve the budgets for 2024, seconded by Commissioner Sheftall. All approved. Motion carried.

With no other business to discuss, Chair Cardin adjourned this session of the RAD I Regular Meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 20, 2023, BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

Vice Chair Hadley called for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2023, Board meeting.

Motion for approval of the minutes was made by Commissioner Clements, seconded by Commissioner Pendleton. The motion carried.

INVOCATION:

Chair Cardin offered the invocation.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Motion for approval of the agenda was made by Commissioner Greenman, seconded by Commissioner Pendleton. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 18, 2023, BOARD MINUTES:

Chair Cardin called for a motion to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2023, Board Meeting.

Motion for approval of the minutes was made by Commissioner Greenman, seconded by Commissioner Clements. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Sheila Crisp, CFO, provided a report of agency finances month-to-date and year-to-date actual to budget results and explanation of the top factors of the variances. In summary, HACG is tracking ahead of budget. Due to budget timelines, Ms. Crisp will be sending out the summary sheets today.

HACG anticipates receipt of developer fees for The Banks at Mill Village by December 20, 2023. Unfortunately, HACG will not receive developer fees for Warm Springs development until sometime in January 2024.

CHARGE-OFF OF FORMER RESIDENT ACCOUNT BALANCES FOR MONTH- ENDING OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2023:

The following Resolution was introduced and duly considered:

RESOLUTION NO. 3459

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHARGE-OFF OF FORMER
RESIDENT ACCOUNT BALANCES TO COLLECTION LOSS FOR
THE AUTHORITY'S HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS
FOR THE MONTHS OF OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2023

Commissioner Clements questioned if there was any type of trend as to the highs and lows of charge-off amounts throughout the year. Ms. Richards indicated there were no trends. She indicated that because HACG

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goes through the court system for evictions, timing is due to court availability. Commissioner Clements requested a copy of HACG Eviction Policy. Ms. Walters indicated that a copy of the ACOP and Admin Plan will be sent to all commissioners.

Motion for approval of the October and November Charge-offs was made by Commissioner Clements, with a second from Commissioner Sheftall. Motion carried.

APPROVAL FOR SECTION 8 HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN REVISION:

The following Resolution was introduced and duly considered:

RESOLUTION NO. 3460

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SECTION 8 HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN REVISION

John Casteel brought before the Committee a request to approve a revision to the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program Administrative Plan. The request stems from a requirement from HUD to add the following, "WHEREAS, HACG will add the Right to Report from Home for VAWA protections in the Administrative Plan." Meaning that a victim of domestic or dating violence, sexual assault and stalking has the right to report these crimes and emergencies from their home without risking penalties from local government and housing providers such as fines or evictions.

Motion for approval was made by Commissioner Sheftall, seconded by Commissioner Clements. Motion carried.

APPROVAL FOR THE REVISION OF THE ADMISSIONS AND OCCUPANCY PLAN REVISION FOR THE PUBLIC HOUSING PROGRAM:

RESOLUTION NO. 3461

RESOLUTION APPROVAL THE REVISION OF THE AMISSIONS AND OCCUPANCY PLAN REVISION FOR THE PUBLIC HOUSING PROGRAM

This was another resolution brought before the Committee by Mr. Casteel. This is a revision to the Admissions and Occupancy Plan for the Public Housing Program to comply with the requirements of being a CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) recipient. This revision to the plan states that a victim of domestic or dating violence, sexual assault and stalking has the right to report these crimes and emergencies from their home without risking penalties from local governments and housing providers such as fines or evictions.

Motion for approval was made by Commissioner Sheftall, seconded by Commissioner Pendleton. Motion carried.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT TO REPAIR A FIRE DAMAGED BUILDING AT CANTY HOMES:

Laura Johnson reported that bids had been received to repair the fire damage at one of the buildings at Cauty Homes. Based on the bids, Ms. Johnson recommended that the board approve awarding Weber Construction the contract. Their bid came in at \$274,000. Weber Construction has performed work for HACG in the past. Ms. Johnson stated that the cause of the fire has been classified as "undetermined." After investigation by the City as well as the insurance company, a point of origin could not be identified. Residents for the damaged units have been permanently transferred. After additional discussion, Commissioner Clements made a motion to approve the contract, with a second from Commissioner Pendleton. Motion carried.

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REPORT FROM THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE:

Nothing to report.

REPORT FROM THE AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Committee recommended approval of all budgets submitted for 2024. Official documentation of approval is notated above.

Commissioner Greenman asked if the Board could begin receiving regular financial reporting from all the affiliates. Ms. Walters indicated that this information would be discussed in January 2024 at the Board Retreat.

REPORT FROM THE REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE:

Commissioner Clements reported that the Committee held a meeting December 6, 2023, at which time the purchase of Limited Partnership and General Partnership interests in Ashley Station I and II were discussed. Commissioner Clements indicated that the Committee had requested updated financial reporting and rent roll information.

PUBLIC SAFETY TASK FORCE:

Ms. Sabrina Richards reported that a meeting was held the second week of November with HACG and its partners. The representatives from the MCSD have been helpful in trying to identify children that have been causing issues at several properties. Commissioner Sheftall asked if the CPD was represented at the meeting. Ms. Richards indicated they were not at this meeting.

RESIDENT'S SURVEY:

All Commissioner's were provided with a copy of the latest Resident Survey report. Ms. Godwin reported that the survey was performed for HACG by the United Way.

MOVING TO WORK (MTW) CORRECTIVE ACTIVE PLAN UPDATE (LEASING UPDATE):

Ms. Walters indicated that as previously discussed at the September 2023 Board Meeting this item would no longer be an agenda item as HACG is now in compliance with the Substantial Serving the Same MTW requirement. Ms. Walters did state at that time she would continue to provide a report on all lease-ups.

Lease up at Warren Williams/Rivers Homes is at 84%. CA is currently at 90%.

HACG total vouchers available is 3,914. HACG has 3,023, Section 8 vouchers leased or 77%. There are currently fifty-seven (57) families with vouchers searching for housing, thirteen (13) extensions were granted giving the voucher holder more time to find housing. Ms. Walters reported that lease up is 93% across all developments, including the remote PHA's. RAD Big 4 lease- up is at 93%.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:

Congress passed another Continuing Resolution (CR). The CR is "clean," meaning it contains neither funding cuts nor harmful policy riders. The CR adopts a "laddered" approach that establishes two deadlines for Congress to pass appropriations bills. The deadline to pass the T-HUD bill and three (3) other appropriations bills is January 19, 2024. Congress would then have to pass the remaining eight (8) appropriations bills by February 2, 2024.

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Ms. Walters reported that she, Commissioner Clements, and Sabrina Richards will be attending the PHADA Commissioner's Conference in San Diego, January 6th through 10th. Commissioner Clements and Ms. Walters will give a report at the Commissioners' Board Retreat in January 2024.

Ms. Walters presented to the Board the award that The Banks at Mill Village received in November.

ADJOURN:

There being no additional business, Chair Cardin asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Sheftall, with a second by Commissioner Greenman.

Meeting adjourned.


R. Larry Cardin, Chair


Lisa L. Walters, CEO
Secretary-Treasurer

THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

**Regular Meeting
January 25, 2024
11:00 a.m.
Peachtree City, GA**

**Meeting was Held During the Annual Commissioners Retreat at Hilton Peachtree City
2443 Hwy 54 West
Peachtree City, GA**

The Commissioners of the Housing Authority of Columbus, Georgia met in a regular session in Peachtree City, Ga.

Chair, R. Larry Cardin, called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present:

**Jeanella Pendleton
Ryan Clements
John Sheftall
Tiffani Stacy
Linda Hadley**

**Absent:
John Greenman**

In attendance from the Housing Authority staff was Lisa Walters, Chief Executive Officer, Sabrina Richards, Chief of Property Management, (via phone), James C. Clark, Jr., Esquire, Commission Attorney Representative, and Royce Ann Adkins, Executive Assistant.

Chair R. Larry Cardin called this meeting to order. Motion for approval of the agenda was made by Commissioner Hadley, seconded by Commissioner Pendleton. Motion carried.

Motion for approval of the December 13, 2023, Board Minutes was made by Commissioner Clements, with a second by Commissioner Pendleton. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Lisa Walters, CEO, provided a report of agency finances month-to-date and year-to-date actual to budget results and explanation of the top factors of the variances.

CHARGE-OFF OF FORMER RESIDENT ACCOUNT BALANCES FOR MONTH- ENDING DECEMBER 2023 AND YEAR TO DATE 2023:

The following Resolution was introduced and duly considered:

RESOLUTION NO. 3462

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHARGE-OFF OF FORMER
RESIDENT ACCOUNT BALANCES TO COLLECTION LOSS FOR
THE AUTHORITY'S HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS
FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2023 AND YEAR TO DATE 2023**

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Lisa Walters, CEO stated that the \$85,918.33 charge off amount was for the month of December 2023 and the remaining charge off amounts from January – November. The remaining balances from January through November should have already been presented for charge off, thus, inflating the total amount of charge offs for December.

Motion for approval of the December 2023 charge-offs was made by Commissioner Hadley, with a second from Commissioner Pendleton. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF THE LIMITED PARTNERSHIP INTERESTS FROM BOSTON FINANCIAL:

RESOLUTION NO. 3463

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF THE LIMITED PARTNERSHIP INTERESTS IN ASHLEY STATION I AND II

WHEREAS, the Housing Authority of Columbus, GA (HACG), requests the approval of the purchase of the limited partnership interests in Ashley Station I and II, from Boston Financial.

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of the HACG have been furnished with information regarding the purchase. The purchase of the limited partnership interests will allow HACG to control future decisions of the partnership and capture economics if there ever are any; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed purchase from Boston Financial will be purchased for \$200.00.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the purchase of the limited partnership interests in Ashley Station I and II are hereby approved and adopted on January 25, 2024.

Motion for approval was made by Commissioner Clements, with a second from Commissioner Hadley. Motion carried.

REPORT FROM THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE:

Commissioner Pendleton urged all the Commissioners to set their Google Alerts to:

HUD
Affordable Housing

She indicated this is the most efficient way for Commissioners to receive updates rather than sending out e mails as she receives. Lisa Walters will continue to send out PHADA updates to all Commissioners.

REPORT FROM THE AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Lisa Walters reported that February 2024 will be audit prep time with April 2024 being the month the audit will be completed.

REPORT FROM THE REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE:

Commissioner Clements reported that the Committee made the earlier recommendation to purchase the Limited Partnership interests from Boston Financial, which the board approved.

PUBLIC SAFETY TASK FORCE:

Commissioner Stacy reported some properties have reported car break- ins, packages being stolen from porches and hooded individuals knocking on doors and covering peep holes.

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Ms. Walters indicated the Anonymous Tip Line is working. Detective Roman and his partner found the individuals with the hoods and those attempting the car break ins. These are juveniles.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:

Lease up for public housing, Warren Williams is 84% and Canty is 91%.

Lease up is 93% across all developments including the remote PHA's, with RAD Big 4 lease up at 92%.

HACG total vouchers available is 3,914. There are 2,969 Section 8 vouchers leased or 76%. HACG currently has 51 families with vouchers searching for housing. HACG granted 11 voucher extensions for families still looking for housing.

The Banks at Mill Village will be featured in the next PHADA Advocate publication in the Member Spotlight Section. Also, DCA's Annual Report to the State will feature the Banks at Mill Village on the cover and throughout the report.

Ms. Walters reported that she, Sabrina Richards, and Ryan Clements recently attended the PHADA Commissioners Conference. Ms. Walters provided the Commissioners with handouts from the session.

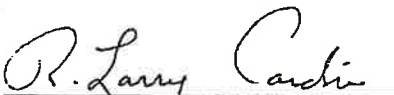
EXECUTIVE SESSION:

An Executive Session was held to discuss personnel matters as provided by O.C.G.A. section 50-14-3(4). Commissioner Clements motioned to close the Board meeting so the Executive Session could be entered. Commissioner Sheftall seconded the motion. Executive session was then entered.

Commissioner Hadley made a motion to close the Executive Session and Commissioner Clements seconded the motion. Executive Session was closed.

ADJOURN:

There being no additional business, Chair Cardin adjourned the meeting.


R. Larry Cardin, Chair


Lisa L. Walters, CPM
Secretary-Treasurer

THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

Regular Meeting

March 20, 2024

9:00 a.m.

Columbus, GA

The Commissioners of the Housing Authority of Columbus, Georgia met in a regular session in Columbus, Georgia.

Chair, Larry Cardin, called the meeting to order and offered an invocation with the following Commissioners present:

Jeanella Pendleton
Ryan Clements
John Sheftall
Tiffani Stacy
Linda Hadley
John Greeman

In attendance from the Housing Authority staff was Lisa Walters, Chief Executive Officer, Sabrina Richards, Chief of Property Management, Carla Godwin, Chief Financial Officer, Laura Johnson, Chief Real Estate Officer, John Casteel, Chief Assisted Housing Officer, David DeRoche, Chief Maintenance Officer, Catherine Jackson, Comptroller, James C. Clark, Jr., Esquire, Commission Attorney Representative, and Royce Ann Adkins, Executive Assistant.

Chair Cardin called this meeting to order. Motion for approval of the agenda was made by Commissioner Sheftall, seconded by Commissioner Clements. Motion carried.

Motion for approval of the January 24, 2024, Board Minutes was made by Commissioner Pendleton, with a second by Commissioner Stacy. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The financial report will be presented at a later date. Prior permission was obtained from Board of Commissioner for this variance.

CHARGE-OFF OF FORMER RESIDENT ACCOUNT BALANCES FOR MONTH- ENDING JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2024:

The following Resolution was introduced and duly considered:

RESOLUTION NO. 3464

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHARGE-OFF OF FORMER
RESIDENT ACCOUNT BALANCES TO COLLECTION LOSS FOR
THE AUTHORITY'S HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS
FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2024

Sabrina Richards presented the proposed resident charge-offs for the month of January 2024. Total charge-off's for the month totaled \$4,831.76

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Motion for approval of the January charge-offs was made by Commissioner Sheftall with a second from Commissioner Clements. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 3465

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHARGE-OFF OF FORMER
RESIDENT ACCOUNT BALANCES TO COLLECTION LOSS FOR
THE AUTHORITY'S HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS
FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2024

Sabrina Richards presented the proposed resident charge-offs for the month of February 2024. Total charge-offs for the month totaled \$22,963.55. Commissioner Clements asked if there was something specific that made the dollar amount so high for February. Ms. Richards indicated this was because of timing in the move out, eviction processes.

There being no additional discussion, a motion for approval of the February charge-offs was made by Commissioner Sheftall with a second from Commissioner Clements. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 3466

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACTIONS NECESSARY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MOON
CREEK PHASE I PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING THE CEO TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS
NECESSARY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MOON CREEK PHASE I PROJECT

WHEREAS, The Housing Authority of Columbus, Georgia (HACG) desire for certain 9% Low Income Housing Tax Credits for 2024 (the Tax Credits), to be applied for with the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for the development of a 90-unit senior living apartment rental complex (the Moon Creek Phase I Project), to be constructed on the property HACG owns and holds fee simple title to as identified on Exhibit "A" attached hereto (the Property).

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Lisa L. Walters, in her capacity as the Chief Executive Officer of HACG, acting singly, is hereby authorized, empowered, and instructed to approve and cause to be funded requisitions properly submitted in accordance with the loan documents for any loan by HACG, etc.

Laura Johnson indicated that this would initially be a 90-unit complex for residents 55+. If approval is received, construction would begin 2025.

Motion for approval was made by Commissioner Clements, with a second from Commissioner Sheftall. Motion carried.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF COLUMBIA RESIDENTIAL AS FEE DEVELOPER PARTNER FOR MOON CREEK DEVELOPMENT:

Laura Johnson submitted a request for Board approval of Columbia Residential as the Fee Developer Partner for the Moon Road Creek Development.

Motion for approval was made by Commissioner Hadley, with a second from Commissioner Clements. Motion carried.

CONSIDER APPROVAL TO INSTALL CAMERAS AT THE COTTAGES:

Laura Johnson submitted a request for Board approval to install Cameras at The Cottages. Both Ms. Richards and Commissioner Stacy reported on the issues that were happening at The Cottages.

Motion for approval was made by Commissioner Sheftall, with a second from Commissioner Stacy. Motion carried.

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REPORT FROM THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE:

Commissioner Pendleton stated there was no report.

REPORT FROM THE AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Commissioner Greenman indicated there was no report. He reported on a special that aired about Section 8 Housing on PBS recently, commenting it was an excellent report and recommended attendees watch.

REPORT FROM THE REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE:

Commissioner Clements indicated there was no report, however, he did indicate that a meeting would be scheduled soon.

PUBLIC SAFETY TASK FORCE:

Commissioner Stacy reported things at the properties were better. Columbus 911 will be offering a training class on how to report an effective 911 call.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:

Lease up for public housing, Warren Williams is 80% and Canty is 89%.

Lease up is 92% across all developments including the remote PHA's and RAD Big 4 lease up is at 94%.

HACG total vouchers available is 3,914. There are 2,931 Section 8 vouchers leased or 75%. HACG currently has 59 families with vouchers searching for housing. HACG granted 7 voucher extensions for families still looking for housing.

Section 8 waiting list will open in April 2024.

Ms. Walters reported that the Senior Staff Board Retreat will be March 27-29 in Peachtree City, Ga.

The 2024 T-HUD joint bill passed the House and Senate and was signed by the President. The MTW Program will be extended to 2038. Also, the MTW Reserves from the original 39 agencies (including HACG) remain protected for another year.

HACG received the year distribution from Columbus Affordable Housing Services in the amount of \$527,479.

HACG also received developer fees related to the Warm Springs property in the amount of \$112,000. HACG will receive one more payment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

An Executive Session was held to discuss personnel matters as provided by O.C.G.A. section 50-14-3(4). Commissioner Clements motioned to close the Board meeting so the Executive Session could be entered. Commissioner Sheftall seconded the motion. Executive session was then entered.

Chair, Cardin made a motion to close the Executive Session and Commissioner Stacy seconded the motion. Executive Session was closed.

ADJOURN:

There being no additional business, Chair Cardin adjourned the meeting.

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R. Larry Cardin, Chairman



**Lisa L. Walters, CPM
Secretary-Treasurer**

THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

Regular Meeting

April 23, 2024
9:00 a.m.
Columbus, GA

The Commissioners of the Housing Authority of Columbus, Georgia met in a regular session in Columbus, Georgia.

Co-Chair, Dr. Linda Hadley, called the meeting to order and asked that everyone take a minute to remember Rickey C. Miles and his family. The following Commissioners were present:

Jeanella Pendleton
Ryan Clements
John Sheftall

Tiffani Stacy
R. Larry Cardin, Chairman
John Greeman

In attendance from the Housing Authority staff was Lisa Walters, Chief Executive Officer, Sabrina Richards, Chief of Property Management, Carla Godwin, Chief Financial Officer, Laura Johnson, Chief Real Estate Officer, John Casteel, Chief Assisted Housing Officer, David DeRoche, Chief Maintenance Officer, Catherine Jackson, Comptroller, James C. Clark, Jr., Esquire, Commission Attorney Representative, and Royce Ann Adkins, Executive Assistant.

Motion for approval of the agenda was made by Commissioner Clements, with a second by Commissioner Pendleton. Motion carried.

Motion for approval of the March 20, 2024, Board Minutes was made by Commissioner Clements, with a second by Commissioner Pendleton. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The financial report was presented by Carla Godwin, CFO. Ms. Godwin indicated that the Performance to Budget and Summary Reporting will be reported at the May Board Meeting.

CHARGE-OFF OF FORMER RESIDENT ACCOUNT BALANCES FOR MONTH- ENDING MARCH 2024:

The following Resolution was introduced and duly considered:

RESOLUTION NO. 3467

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHARGE-OFF OF FORMER
RESIDENT ACCOUNT BALANCES TO COLLECTION LOSS FOR
THE AUTHORITY'S HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS
FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2024

Sabrina Richards presented the proposed resident charge-offs for the month of March 2024. Total charge-off's for the month totaled \$26,935.36.

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Motion for approval of the March charge-offs was made by Commissioner Pendleton with a second from Commissioner Clements. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 3468

RESOLUTION OF GUARANTOR NECESSARY FOR
THE CLOSING OF BTW SOUTH I

WHEREAS, The Housing Authority of Columbus, Georgia, a public body corporate and politic organized under the laws of the State of Georgia (the "Authority"), wishes for HACG BTW South I GP, Inc., a Georgia corporation (the "General Partner"), to cause to be developed a low-income housing project (the "Project") described in a letter of intent dated March 5, 2024 (the "Letter of Intent"), issued by RBC Community Investments, LLC ("RBC"), in the manner and pursuant to the terms and conditions described in the Letter of Intent, through BTW South I, L.P., a Georgia limited partnership (the "Partnership"), in which RBC will invest as limited partner;

Laura Johnson presented this resolution for approval as a formality in the process. This project is scheduled to close late May, early June.

There being no additional discussion, a motion for approval was made by Commissioner Clements with a second from Commissioner Pendleton. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 3469

RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE ALL
DOCUMENTS NECESSARY FOR THE CLOSING OF BTW SOUTH I

WHEREAS, The Housing Authority of Columbus, Georgia (HACG) has been awarded Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) from the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for the development known as BTW South I, consisting of a 90-unit apartment rental development (the Project).

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Lisa L. Walters, in her capacity as the Chief Executive Officer of HACG, acting singly, is hereby authorized, empowered, and instructed to approve and cause to be funded requisitions properly submitted in accordance with the loan documents for the HACG Loan, etc

Laura Johnson again presented this resolution for approval as a formality in the process.

Motion for approval was made by Commissioner Pendleton, with a second from Commissioner Sheftall. Motion carried.

REPORT FROM THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE:

Commissioner Pendleton reported that the CEO Evaluation will be completed after the completion of the audit. The evaluation was originally slated for April 2024, but is being pushed back to June/July timeframe.

REPORT FROM THE AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE:

CEO, Lisa Walters stated that the Audit and Finance Committee will be meeting with the Auditor on May 13th at the beginning of the audit and then again on May 17th at the conclusion of the audit. The updated Procurement Policy will be presented at that time.

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REPORT FROM THE REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE:

Commissioner Clements indicated there was no report, however, he did indicate that a meeting would be scheduled the end of May to continue discussions of Purchasing Ashley Station I and II.

PUBLIC SAFETY TASK FORCE:

Sabrina Richards reported that Commissioner Stacy had reached out to her regarding the car convoy's picking up in the neighborhoods. Large groups of people are riding through neighborhoods, some at high rates of speeds. This has been an issue in the past and is now beginning to pick up again. Mrs. Richards has spoken with her contacts at the Sheriff's Department to see what can be done to resolve this matter. To date no incidents have occurred.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:

Lease up for public housing, Warren Williams is 79% and Canty is 88%. Currently having difficulty in finding potential residents for Canty. People are not wanting to move into this property.

Lease up is 92% across all developments including the remote PHA's and RAD Big 4 lease up is at 95%.

HACG total vouchers available is 3,969. Section 8 vouchers leased are 75%. There are approximately 992 available vouchers. There are currently 53 families with vouchers searching for housing. Five (5) extensions were granted giving the voucher holders more time to find housing.

Section 8 waiting list will open soon.

Ms. Walters reported that at the Senior Staff Board Retreat, held in March 2024, senior staff discussed the current procurement policy. The policy has been updated and will be presented to the Audit and Finance Committee for approval at the May 13, 2024 meeting.

On April 1, 2024, HACE received \$91,219 in developer fees from the Banks at Mill Village.

The recent MTW conference, it was reported that HUD may again pursue a recapture of S8 HUD held reserves. HACG was told there should be a notice coming out soon to clarify the requirements of a "true" obligation.

Voucher HAP funding is always based on 3 or more past months actual expenses, May 2024 is prorated at 100%. Voucher Administrative Fees are prorated at 90% for May 2024.

Ms. Walters provided an update on several outstanding finance items:

1. General Fund checking account reconciliations have been completed thru Dec. 31, 20224
2. SAM Registrations have been completed.
3. IRS 1099's late filing updates appear that HACG owes approximately \$61,000 for 2021. The 2018 1099 issue has been documented and sent to the IRS for review as HACG is stating we do not agree with this penalty.

Ms. Walters also reported that she and the senior staff have discussed the new name of the BTW South project, indicating the community will be named in honor of Rickey C. Miles, Miles Crossing.

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ADJOURN:

With no additional business to discuss, Commissioner Sheftall made a motion to adjourn, with a second from Commissioner Clements. Motion carried. Vice Chair Hadley closed the session.


Linda Hadley, Vice Chair


Lisa L. Walters, CPM
Secretary-Treasurer

THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

Regular Meeting

May 15, 2024

9:00 a.m.

Columbus, GA

The Commissioners of the Housing Authority of Columbus, Georgia met in a regular session in Columbus, Georgia.

Chair, Larry Cardin called the meeting to order an invocation. The following Commissioners were present:

Linda Hadley, Vice Chair
Jeanella Pendleton
Ryan Clements
John Sheftall
Tiffani Stacy
John Greeman

In attendance from the Housing Authority staff was Lisa Walters, Chief Executive Officer, Sabrina Richards, Chief of Property Management, Carla Godwin, Chief Financial Officer, Laura Johnson, Chief Real Estate Officer, David DeRoche, Chief Maintenance Officer, Catherine Jackson, Comptroller, Chandler Riley, Commission Attorney Representative, Angel Goolsby, Assistant Property Manager, Chris Bone, Corebridge Representative, and Royce Ann Adkins, Executive Assistant.

Motion for approval of the agenda was made by Commissioner Greenman, with a second by Commissioner Stacy. Motion carried.

Motion for approval of the April 23, 2024, Board Minutes was made by Commissioner Greenman, with a second by Commissioner Pendleton. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The financial report was presented by Carla Godwin, CFO. Beginning in June, the Board will be receiving the side by side budget to review. The CFP 2022 grant has been extended for 3 years (2027). This money will be used for GAP funding.

CHARGE-OFF OF FORMER RESIDENT ACCOUNT BALANCES FOR MONTH- ENDING MARCH 2024:

The following Resolution was introduced and duly considered:

RESOLUTION NO. 3470

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHARGE-OFF OF FORMER
RESIDENT ACCOUNT BALANCES TO COLLECTION LOSS FOR
THE AUTHORITY'S HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS
FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2024

Sabrina Richards presented the proposed resident charge-offs for the month of April 2024. Total charge-off's for the month totaled \$37,714.50.

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Motion for approval of the March charge-offs was made by Commissioner Pendleton with a second from Commissioner Clements. Motion carried.

COREBRIDGE ANNUAL REVIEW:

Chris Bone, Financial Representative from Corebridge Financial provided the Board with an annual review of the HACG Retirement Plan. During the presentation several Commissioners expressed concern that HACG was not offering employees a base contribution to the Retirement Plan regardless of employees' participation. Chairman Cardin asked that Commissioner Greenman and the Audit and Finance Committee add this to their agenda to be discussed at length.

REPORT FROM THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE:

Commissioner Pendleton indicated there was nothing to report

REPORT FROM THE AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Commissioner Greenman reported that the Audit and Finance Committee met with the Auditor on Monday, May 13, 2024. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss items the Auditor and his team would be looking at as well as the expected timeline. A meeting will be scheduled at the end of the Audit.

Commissioner Greenman made a motion that the Audit and Finance Committee are making a recommendation that the Board approve the existing contract with the present Auditor and also recommending a one year extension to the contract. As the HACG is going from an 18 month cycle to an annual cycle, having the existing audit team would be of benefit.

This motion carried.

REPORT FROM THE REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE:

Commissioner Clements indicated there would be a meeting in June to continue discussions of Purchasing Ashley Station I and II. CEO Walters, also indicated there was some property on Warm Springs Road she wanted the Real Estate Committee to review.

PUBLIC SAFETY TASK FORCE:

Commissioner Stacy reported there were no issues being reported by any of the properties. She commended the Columbus Police Department as well as the Muscogee County Sheriff's Department on their efforts .

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:

Lease up for public housing, Warren Williams is 78% and Canty is 89%.

Lease up is 93% across all developments including the remote PHA's and RAD Big 4 lease up is at 96%.

HACG total vouchers available is 3,914. Section 8 vouchers leased are 76%. There are approximately 934 available vouchers. There are currently 44 families with vouchers searching for housing. Five (7) extensions were granted giving the voucher holders more time to find housing.

Section 8 waiting list will open May 20-24, 2024, via phone only.

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HACG received the FY 2022 MTW Statutory Requirements Compliance Assessment. HACG is in full compliance with all five (5) of the MTW requirements. Therefore, HACG is no longer under a corrective action plan with the MTW office.

CEO Walters will be providing an update on HACG to the Kiwanis Club on May 29, 2024, at St. Luke.

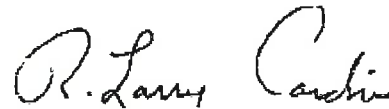
Co Chair, Hadley, CEO Walters and David DeRoche, will be attending the PHADA conference the first week of June. An update will be provided at the June meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

An Executive Session was held to discuss personnel matters as provided by O.C.G.A section 50-14-3(4). Chairman Carden called the Executive Session to order. After discussion, Commissioner Stacy made a motion to adjourn the session with a second from Commissioner Sheftall. Executive Session was closed.

ADJOURN:

With no additional business to discuss, Commissioner Sheftall made a motion to adjourn, with a second from Commissioner Clements. Motion carried. Chairman Cardin closed the session.



R. Larry Cardin, Chairman



Lisa L. Walters, CPM
Secretary-Treasurer

THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

Regular Meeting

June 19, 2024

9:00 a.m.

Columbus, GA

The Commissioners of the Housing Authority of Columbus, Georgia met in a regular session in Columbus, Georgia.

Chair, Larry Cardin called the meeting to order an invocation. The following Commissioners were present:

- Linda Hadley, Vice Chair
- Jeanella Pendleton
- Ryan Clements
- John Sheftall
- Tiffani Stacy
- John Greeman

In attendance from the Housing Authority staff was Lisa Walters, Chief Executive Officer, Sabrina Richards, Chief of Property Management, Carla Godwin, Chief Financial Officer, Laura Johnson, Chief Real Estate Officer, David DeRoche, Chief Maintenance Officer, James C. Clark, Jr., Esquire, Commission Attorney Representative, and Royce Ann Adkins, Executive Assistant.

Guest in attendance, David Williams, Bond Counsel.

Motion for approval of the agenda was made by Commissioner Greenman, with a second by Commissioner Hadley. Motion carried.

Motion for approval of the May 15, 2024, Board Minutes was made by Commissioner Greenman, with a second by Commissioner Hadley. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The financial report was presented by Carla Godwin, CFO. Net profit was reported at \$366,282. Auditors will be back at HACG in July.

CHARGE-OFF OF FORMER RESIDENT ACCOUNT BALANCES FOR MONTH- ENDING MARCH 2024:

The following Resolution was introduced and duly considered:

RESOLUTION NO. 3471

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHARGE-OFF OF FORMER RESIDENT ACCOUNT BALANCES TO COLLECTION LOSS FOR THE AUTHORITY'S HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2024

Sabrina Richards presented the proposed resident charge-offs for the month of May 2024. Total charge-off's for the month totaled \$16,746.19. Commissioner Hadley asked that the Commissioners begin receiving a report on the money that is collected each month in past due debts. Sabrina Richards indicated that she would

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provide this reporting to the Board.

Motion for approval of the April charge-offs was made by Commissioner Clements, with a second from Commissioner Pendleton. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 3472

RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, AUTHORIZING, INTER ALIA, THE ISSUANCE BY HACG OF ITS MULTIFAMILY HOUSING REVENUE BONDS IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$30,000,000, TO BE DESIGNATED THE HOUSING AUTHORITY FOF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA MULTIFAMILY HOUSING REVENUE BONDS (HACG RAD II PROJECT) SERIES 2024; APPROVING DOCUMENTS RELATING TO SUCH BONDS; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF SUCH BONDS AND DOCUMENTS; AND RELATED MATTERS.

WHEREAS, The Housing Authority of Columbus, Georgia intends to issue its Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds (HACG RAD II Project) Series 2024 in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$30,000,000 (the "Bonds"), pursuant to a Trust Indenture (the "Indenture") by and between the Housing Authority and Synovus Bank, as trustee (the "Trustee"), to be dated as of the first day of the month of the issuance of the Bonds (or such other date as agreed to by the parties thereto);

Laura Johnson, Jim Clark and David Williams explained the purpose of this Bond Resolution. Ms. Johnson indicated this was for the renovation of Warren Williams and Rivers, which consists of 182 units. Initially the project was estimated to be \$22,000,000, however, due to rising construction costs due to timing delays of the project HACG is requesting an increase up to \$30,000,000.

Motion for approval of the Bond Resolution was made by Commissioner Sheftall, with a second by Commissioner Greenman. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO 3473

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A DISPOSITION APPLICATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE BTW SOUTH PHASE I PROJECT

WHEREAS, the HACG Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes Lisa Walters, in her capacity as the Chief Executive Officer of HACG, acting singly and with out the attestation of any other officer, is hereby authorized, empowered, and instructed to submit a disposition application, including all amendments and supplements, to the HUD Special Application Center (SAC) office for HUD's approval to dispose of approximately 2.26 acres of the remaining 11.57 acres of vacant land for the development of BTW South Phase I.

Laura Johnson presented resolution to the Board for approval for BTW South Phase I, which will be 90 units for residents aged 55+. Project is on schedule to close in July and construction to begin in September of this year.

Motion for approval of Disposition Resolution was made by Commissioner Sheftall, with a second by Commissioner Pendleton. Motion carried.

Ms. Johnson also presented an approval request to the Board for fire repair to 410A Wilson. A fire occurred at this location on April 1, 2024. Bids were put out and received Monday, June 17, 2024. Based on bids received, Ms. Johnson asked that the Board approve the bid from RGC Contractors, in the amount of \$119,850. This amount will be covered by insurance with the \$10,000 deductible being charged to Wilson Homes.

Motion for approval of repairs in the amount of \$119,850 was made by Commissioner Clements, with a second by Commissioner Pendleton.

REPORT FROM THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE:

Commissioner Pendleton stated that the auditors would be back in the HACG office on July 8, 2024. Once the audit has been completed and reviewed, the Board will receive the CEO's self-evaluation. Ms. Walters indicated that due to the changing of the due date, she has updated the policy.

REPORT FROM THE AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Commissioner Greenman reported that the Audit and Finance Committee met on June 27, 2024, to review updated policies. During this meeting the committee will begin discussions on the feasibility of minimum contributions being made to the 401K on behalf of employees.

REPORT FROM THE REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE:

Commissioner Clements indicated there was a meeting on June 10, 2024. Discussions included purchasing property on Warm Springs Road as well as purchasing Ashley Station. The committee asked that Lisa gather additional information on both pieces of property. Once information has been received, a follow up meeting will be scheduled.

PUBLIC SAFETY TASK FORCE:

Commissioner Stacy stated there have been no car convoys in the last two weekends.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:

Lease up for public housing, Warren Williams is 76% and Canty is 88% (down 1%).

Lease up is 95% across all developments including the remote PHA's and RAD Big 4 lease up is at 94%.

HACG total vouchers available is 3,914. Section 8 vouchers leased are 77%. There are approximately 900 available vouchers. There are currently 59 families with vouchers searching for housing. Ten (10) extensions were granted giving the voucher holders more time to find housing.

Lisa Walters, Commissioner Hadley, and David DeRoche attended the PHADA Conference during the first week of June. Commissioner Hadley indicated that she learned a lot during this conference. She recommended that any of the Commissioners that have not attended a PHADA Conference should attend.

Ms. Walters stated that during the conference the following items were discussed:

- Criminal Records proposed rule – eliminating criminal records for access to housing
- There will be a change from PIC (PHA Information Center) to HIP (Housing Information Portal)
- HOTMA – Housing Opportunity through Modernization Act of 2016 – includes significant changes to income calculation, net family assets and income reviews
- NSPIRE (National Standards for Physical Inspection of Real Estate) – NSPIRE standards are currently being used for public housing and multi-family housing. The voucher inspection has been extended from October 1, 2024, to October 1, 2025

Ms. Walters reported to the Board that she was approached by HUD Atlanta earlier this month to consider taking over management of Stewart County Housing Authority. Ms. Walters and Mr. Casteel and Ms. Goolsby did a site visit last Wednesday. Currently, the West Georgia Consortium is managing the property; however, they have given HUD notice to terminate their contract. The Consortium has managed the property since March 2023.

Ms. Walters has requested information from Ms. Wilson, the ED of the East Georgia Consortium. Mr. Casteel indicated that some of the units have received new roofs. The outside of the units appears to look good, however,

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no updates have been done on the inside of the units. They are very outdated, and many things are not in line with codes. Commissioner Greenman made a comment that some investigation work should be done to see how involved the local government is in the management of the property. Some discussion followed. Ms. Walters indicated that once she receives the information requested there will be more to discuss.

ADJOURN:

With no additional business to discuss, Commissioner Clements made a motion to adjourn, with a second from Commissioner Sheftall.



R. Larry Cardin, Chairman



Lisa L. Walters, CPM
Secretary-Treasurer

THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

Regular Meeting

July 24, 2024

9:00 a.m.

Columbus, GA

The Commissioners of the Housing Authority of Columbus, Georgia met in a regular session in Columbus, Georgia.

Chair, Larry Cardin called the meeting to order an invocation. The following Commissioners were present:

- Jeanella Pendleton
- Ryan Clements
- John Sheftall
- Tiffani Stacy
- John Greeman

Absent:

Linda Hadley, Vice Chair

In attendance from the Housing Authority staff was Lisa Walters, Chief Executive Officer, Sabrina Richards, Chief of Property Management, Carla Godwin, Chief Financial Officer, Laura Johnson, Chief Real Estate Officer, David DeRoche, Chief Maintenance Officer, James C. Clark, Jr., Esquire, Commission Attorney Representative, and Royce Ann Adkins, Executive Assistant.

Guests in attendance, Bob Fetrow, Riobella Pearce, new Construction and Modernization Manager.

Motion for approval of the agenda was made by Commissioner Pendleton, with a second by Commissioner Stacy. Motion carried.

Motion for approval of the June 19, 2024, Board Minutes was made by Commissioner Greenman, with a second by Commissioner Pendleton. Motion carried.

Ms. Walters introduced Bob Fetrow, Finance/Audit Consultant for HACG. Mr. Fetrow has been working with HACG for over 20 years. He stated the audit went well with a few comments. He is working with the Finance Department on getting some things completed before the auditor returns.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The financial report was presented by Carla Godwin, CFO. Revenue was (\$379,044) for the month.

CHARGE-OFF OF FORMER RESIDENT ACCOUNT BALANCES FOR MONTH- ENDING JUNE 2024:

The following Resolution was introduced and duly considered:

RESOLUTION NO. 3474

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHARGE-OFF OF FORMER
RESIDENT ACCOUNT BALANCES TO COLLECTION LOSS FOR
THE AUTHORITY'S HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS
FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2024

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Sabrina Richards presented the proposed resident charge-offs for the month of June 2024. Total charge-offs for the month totaled \$34,621.95, with 9.36% being collected.

Motion for approval of the June charge-offs was made by Commissioner Greenman, with a second from Commissioner Stacy. Motion carried.

Ms. Richards provided the Commissioners with a report she compiled at the request of PHADA. The report, Tenant Accounts Receivable Recap before & after COVID19, (TAR), was discussed. During COVID19, the Federal Eviction Moratorium began in August 2020 and ended October 2021. The Moratorium prevented renters in communities experiencing a substantial or elevated level of community transmission of COVID19 from being evicted for nonpayment of rent. This report provides a breakdown of numbers from 2020 through 2024.

RESOLUTION NO. 3475

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CO-GENERAL PARTNER OF WARM SPRINGS SENIOR VILLAGE L.P. TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY FOR THE CLOSING OF A \$1,250,000 LOAN FROM THE GEORGIA FINANCE AND HOUSING AUTHORITY

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following actions are hereinafter approved and that the persons hereinafter named be authorized and instructed to take all steps necessary and appropriate on behalf of CSG and HACG to achieve the following:

Authorize the HACG GP Entity to enter into and execute, as co-general partner of Owner, such agreements and loan documents as may be necessary or appropriate in its sole continuing discretion to consummate the GFHA Loan and any documents securing said loan.

Motion for approval of the Resolution was made by Commissioner Sheftall, with a second by Commissioner Pendleton. Motion carried.

Chairman Cardin made a recommendation that the monthly board meetings be moved from the 3rd Wednesday of each month to the 4th Wednesday. Due to the complexity of the financial statements and the timing required to get paper board packets to the Commissioners the week prior to the meeting, this is causing some internal issues. Moving to the 4th Wednesday will allow staff ample time to prepare financials, review and get out to Commissioners prior to meeting.

Motion for approval to move monthly meetings to the 4th Wednesday was made by Commissioner Sheftall, with a second by Commissioner Pendleton. Motion carried.

REPORT FROM THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE:

Commissioner Pendleton stated that the auditor's report will be completed in August. Once completed, the Governance Committee can proceed with Lisa Walters, CEO, evaluation.

REPORT FROM THE AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Commissioner Greenman reported that the Audit and Finance Committee met on June 27, 2024, to review updated policies. The following policies were presented to the board for approval with recommended changes:

- Capitalization and Depreciation Policy
- Incentive Plan
- Procurement Policy

After review, all policy changes were unanimously approved by the Board.

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Commissioner Greenman indicated there was discussion in the Audit and Finance Committee about the current 401K Plan. Chris Bone, Financial Advisor for company 401K participated in the meeting. The committee has not reached any conclusions currently.

REPORT FROM THE REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE:

Commissioner Clements reported that the initial interest in looking at purchasing property on Warm Springs Road is no longer an interest HACG wishes to pursue. Commissioner Clements asked Ms. Walters to provide an update on the status of securing requested financial information from Ashley Station. Ms. Walters indicated that she has not received any response from her countless e mails and phone calls. It was suggested that Mr. Clark, HACG Attorney, assist in penning a letter to the current owners of Ashley Station requesting information be provided per our contract. Mr. Clark will review the contract and provide a recommendation.

PUBLIC SAFETY TASK FORCE:

Commissioner Stacy stated there have been no car convoys, which has made residents happy. She reported there was a young women stabbed and killed a couple of weeks ago at one of the properties. Commissioner Stacy commented on how residents and community came together during this time. She noted there appears to be a shift, for the good, as to how the community views Public Housing and its residents. She applauded the staff of HACG, the Commissioners as well as the Police Officers on their good works.

Ms. Richards provided a quick update on the recent Public Safety Task Force meeting indicating that the properties, Nicholson Terrace, and Patriot Pointe, are both experiencing unwanted guests entering the buildings. Ms. Richards stated that residents were informed if there were issues to contact the property manager, they would be able to pull video and address issue.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:

Lease up for public housing, Warren Williams is 76% and Canty is 89% (up 1%).

Lease up is 95% across all developments including the remote PHA's and RAD Big 4 lease up is at 97% (up 3%).

HACG total vouchers available is 3,914. Section 8 vouchers leased are 77%. There are approximately 900 available vouchers. There are currently 53 families with vouchers searching for housing. Seventeen (17) extensions were granted giving the voucher holders more time to find housing.

Ms. Walters reported that HACG will not manage The Housing Authority of Stewart County. She and other HACG staff members met with the staff of The West Georgia Consortium and viewed the sites. All requested documentation was reviewed as well as financial statements. It was determined that at this time is not feasible for HACG to take over management of this Authority.

Ms. Walters also reported that Congressional staff on both sides of the aisle have told PHADA there is no chance lawmakers will complete appropriations before the September 30th deadline; therefore, a continuing resolution (CR) will be enacted.

ADJOURN:

With no additional business to discuss, Commissioner Stacy made a motion to adjourn, with a second from Commissioner Clements. Meeting adjourned.



R. Larry Cardin, Chairman



**Lisa L. Walters, CPM
Secretary-Treasurer**

THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

Regular Meeting

August 28, 2024

9:00 a.m.

Columbus, GA

The Commissioners of the Housing Authority of Columbus, Georgia met in a regular session in Columbus, Georgia.

Chair, Larry Cardin called the meeting to order followed by an invocation. The following Commissioners were present:

Linda Hadley, Vice Chair
Jeanella Pendleton
Ryan Clements
John Sheftall
Tiffani Stacy
John Greeman

In attendance from the Housing Authority staff was Lisa Walters, Chief Executive Officer, Sabrina Richards, Chief of Property Management, Carla Godwin, Chief Financial Officer, Laura Johnson, Chief Real Estate Officer, David DeRoche, Chief Maintenance Officer, James C. Clark, Jr., Esquire, Commission Attorney Representative, and Royce Ann Adkins, Executive Assistant.

Motion for approval of the agenda was made by Commissioner Pendleton, with a second by Commissioner Hadley. Motion carried.

A recommendation was made by the Chair of the Governance Committee, Jeanella Pendleton, to appoint Larry Cardin as the Chair of the HACG Board, Dr. Linda Hadley as Vice-Chair and Lisa Walters as Secretary. As a recommendation from the Governance Committee a second was not needed. Commissioners voted and all approved. This will be effective immediately.

Motion for approval of the July 24, 2024, Board Minutes was made by Commissioner Sheftall, with a second by Commissioner Clements. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The financial report was presented by Carla Godwin, CFO. The excessive revenue over expenses for HACG is negative (\$368,936). The overall factors for the YTD variances are:

- Developer fee for BTW South and Warren Williams were originally budgeted to receive a total of \$900,000 this year. Due to delays in closing on both developments, this year's fee is estimated for BTW South at \$100,000 and Warren Williams at \$120,000, and the remaining will be in FY2025.
- Administrative Fee revenue is less because Section 8 occupancy is at 78% but budgeted at 95%.

CHARGE-OFF OF FORMER RESIDENT ACCOUNT BALANCES FOR MONTH- ENDING JULY 2024:

The following Resolution was introduced and duly considered:

RESOLUTION NO. 3476

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHARGE-OFF OF FORMER RESIDENT ACCOUNT BALANCES TO COLLECTION LOSS FOR THE AUTHORITY'S HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2024

Sabrina Richards presented the proposed resident charge-offs for the month of July 2024. Total charge-offs for the month totaled \$5,082.38.

Motion for approval of the July charge-offs was made by Commissioner Clements, with a second from Commissioner Stacy. Motion carried.

Presented by Sabrina Richards.

RESOLUTION NO. 3477

RESOLUTION APPROVING HACG PUBLIC HOUSING MONTHLY UTILITY ALLOWANCE SCHEDULE

WHEREAS the utility allowance as required in 24CFR, Part 965 of the Federal Register Rules and Regulations are based on all building related requirements: lighting, refrigeration, television, radio, stereo, washing machines, small appliances, space heating, fan, domestic hot water and cooking.

WHEREAS, National Facilities Consultants reviews the existing allowances and

WHEREAS, the utility allowances are reviewed annually and rate changes that exceed 10% require that revised utility allowances be established, and

WHEREAS, the utility allowances for the following developments will be effective October 1, 2024 for new and current residents for the following:

GA 4-5	Warren Williams (MOD & Non-MOD)
GA 4-8/4-9	Canty
GA 4-11	Rivers

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the attached utility allowance schedules are hereby approved.

After review, a motion for approval was made by Commissioner Stacy, with a second from Commissioner Pendleton. Motion carried.

Presented by Sabrina Richards.

RESOLUTION NO. 3478

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SECTION 8 HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM UTILITY ALLOWANCE SCHEDULES

WHEREAS, the Utility Allowances, as required in Federal Register 24 CFR Part 982.517 of the Federal Register Rules and Regulations, states that a PHA must maintain a utility allowance schedule for all tenant-paid utilities. The Housing Authority has Moving to Work authorization to use a simplified utility allowance for

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tenant-based vouchers. All Project-based vouchers and RAD Project-based vouchers have a utility schedule for each housing community.

WHEREAS, the 2024-2025 utility allowance annual review for the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program will be effective October 1, 2024; for all participants.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached utility allowance schedules are hereby approved.

After review, a motion for approval was made by Commissioner Stacy, with a second from Commissioner Hadley. Motion carried.

Presented by John Casteel.

RESOLUTION NO. 3479

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT UPDATED MAINTENANCE CHARGES FOR THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA RESIDENTS

WHEREAS, the list of maintenance charges to residents was last update in 2023; and

WHEREAS, the list of maintenance charges to residents enumerates the fee charged to residents for work performed by the Housing Authority to repair or replace property damaged by residents; and,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of Columbus Georgia hereby adopts the Updated List of Maintenance Charges to Residents at the Board Meeting on August 28, 2024, to be effective October 1, 2024.

After review, a motion for approval was made by Commissioner Stacy, with a second from Commissioner Pendleton. Motion carried.

Presented by David DeRoche.

REQUEST FOR BID APPROVAL FOR NICHOLSON TERRACE:

Laura Johnson presented the board with a request to replace the hot water riser at Brown Nicholson Terrace. On August 9, 2024 this work was placed for bid. Weber construction company won the bid coming in at \$108,000. The funds to cover this replacement cost will come from MTW Reserves.

After some discussion, a motion to approve was made by Commissioner Stacy, with a second from Commissioner Pendleton, Motion carried.

REPORT FROM THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE:

Commissioner Pendleton indicated the CEO evaluation is still pending contingent upon receipt of the final audit report.

REPORT FROM THE AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Commissioner Greenman reported that the Audit and Finance Committee met on August 21, 2024, to meet with Dale Rector, Auditor, for initial exit audit update. According to Commissioner Greenman, there are some findings that will be reported in the audit which relate to Finance policies and procedures. It was noted that there were no missing funds and findings do not affect cash. HACG is expecting the final report within the next 2 weeks.

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REPORT FROM THE REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE:

Commissioner Clements reported the Real Estate Committee met on August 27, 2024 to further discuss the possibility of purchasing Ashley Station I and II. He indicated the committee will continue to perform a due diligence and report back to the board on recommendation.

PUBLIC SAFETY TASK FORCE:

Commissioner Stacy thanked the staff and Board of HACG for their hard work and diligence in improving the quality of life of all residents at HACG. Next Public Safety Task Force meeting will be September 10, 2024 at Warren Williams.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:

Lease up for public housing, Warren Williams is 75% and Canty is 91% (up 2%).

Lease up is 95% across all developments including the remote PHA's and RAD Big 4 lease up is at 97%.

HACG total vouchers available is 3,914. Section 8 vouchers leased are 76%. There are currently 63 families with vouchers searching for housing. Seven (7) extensions were granted giving the voucher holders more time to find housing.

Chance Corbett, the Director of Emergency Management & Homeland Security for Columbus contacted Ms. Walters regarding a grant he received for NOAA weather Radios. HACG has received one for each development and Central Management offices.

As of August 21, 2024, the HACG \$20 million dollar transfer to Columbus Affordable Housing Services reached the \$30 million dollar mark.

Ms. Walters reported that it is time to begin planning the 2025 Board Retreat. Commissioners were asked their preference as to where to have the meeting, Auburn, Peachtree City or Callaway Gardens. The majority indicated they would prefer to have the meeting in Auburn, Alabama on January 30th and 31st, 2025.

ADJOURN:

With no additional business to discuss, Commissioner Stacy made a motion to adjourn, with a second from Commissioner Pendleton. Meeting adjourned.



R. Larry Cardin, Chairman



Lisa L. Walters, CPM
Secretary-Treasurer

THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

Regular Meeting
September 25, 2024
9:00 a.m.
Columbus, GA

The Commissioners of the Housing Authority of Columbus, Georgia met in a regular session in Columbus, Georgia.

Chair, Larry Cardin called the meeting to order followed by an invocation. The following Commissioners were present:

- Linda Hadley, Vice Chair
- Jeanella Pendleton
- Ryan Clements
- John Sheftall
- John Greeman
- Tiffany Stacy – Via ZOOM

In attendance from the Housing Authority staff was Lisa Walters, Chief Executive Officer, Sabrina Richards, Chief of Property Management, Carla Godwin, Chief Financial Officer, Laura Johnson, Chief Real Estate Officer, David DeRoche, Chief Maintenance Officer, Jonathan Evans, MTW Coordinator, James C. Clark, Jr., Esquire, Commission Attorney Representative, and Royce Ann Adkins, Executive Assistant.

Motion for approval of the agenda was made by Commissioner Greenman, with a second by Commissioner Clements. Motion carried.

Motion for approval of the August 28, 2024, Board Minutes was made by Commissioner Greenman, with a second by Commissioner Staci. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The financial report was presented by Carla Godwin, CFO. The excessive revenue over expenses for HACG is negative (\$584,599). The overall factors for the YTD variances are:

- Developer fee for BTW South and Warren Williams were originally budgeted to receive a total of \$900,000 this year. Due to delays in closing on both developments, this year's fee is estimated for BTW South at \$100,000 and Warren Williams at \$120,000, and the remaining will be in FY2025.
- Administrative Fee revenue is less because Section 8 occupancy is at 78% but budgeted at 95%.

CHARGE-OFF OF FORMER RESIDENT ACCOUNT BALANCES FOR MONTH- ENDING AUGUST 2024:

The following Resolution was introduced and duly considered:

RESOLUTION NO. 3480

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHARGE-OFF OF FORMER
RESIDENT ACCOUNT BALANCES TO COLLECTION LOSS FOR
THE AUTHORITY'S HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS
FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2024

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Sabrina Richards presented the proposed resident charge-offs for the month of August 2024. Total charge-offs for the month totaled \$4,245.36.

Motion for approval of the July charge-offs was made by Commissioner Clements, with a second from Commissioner Hadley. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 3481

RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDED AND RESTATED INDUCEMENT FOR COLUMBUS GARDENS, LLC

WHEREAS, this Amended and Restated Inducement Resolution amends and restates in its entirety that certain Resolution No. 3456, adopted on September 20, 2023, for the purpose of increasing the not to exceed amount of the Bonds (defined hereinbelow) from \$12,000,000 to \$15,000,000.

After review, a motion for approval was made by Commissioner Pendleton, with a second from Commissioner Sheftall. Motion carried.

Presented by James C. Clark

RESOLUTION NO. 3482

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING, INTER ALIA, THE ISSUANCE BY THE HACG OF ITS MULTIFAMILY HOUSING REVENUE BONDS FOR COLUMBUS GARDENS, LLC

WHEREAS, the HACG intends to issue its Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds (Columbus Gardens Project) Series 2024 in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$15,000,000 (the "Bonds"), pursuant to a Trust Indenture (the "Indenture") by and between the Authority and U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, a national banking association, as trustee (the "Trustee"), to be dated as of December 1, 2024, or such other date as agreed to by the parties thereto;

After review, a motion for approval was made by Commissioner Pendleton, with a second from Commissioner Sheftall. Motion carried.

Presented by James C. Clark

RESOLUTION NO. 3483

RESOLUTION INDUCEMENT OF THE HACG APPROVING A PROPOSED FINANCING OF A MULTIFAMILY HOUSING PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$18,000,000 FOR THE BENEFIT OF PROVIDENCE POINTE APARTMENTS, LP. AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INDUCEMENT LETTER

WHEREAS, the Housing Authority of Columbus, Georgia (the "Authority") has been informed by officials of Providence Pointe Apartments, L.P., a Georgia limited partnership, or an affiliate thereof (the "Company"), that the Company proposes to develop, construct and own a residential apartment complex in Columbus, Georgia, for persons of low to moderate income (the "Project");

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

- 2. In order to indicate the Authority's willingness to issue its Bonds in one or more series and in an amount up to \$18,000,000 to finance, in whole or in part, the development of the proposed Project, the execution and delivery to the Company of an inducement form is attached,

After review, a motion for approval was made by Commissioner Stacy, with a second from Commissioner Pendleton. Motion carried.

Presented by Laura Johnson

RESOLUTION NO. 3484

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MOVING TO WORK (MTW) DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM'S FISCAL YEAR 2025 ANNUAL PLAN AND SUBMISSION OF SAID PLAN AND PLAN'S CERTIFICATIONS OF COMPLIANCE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD)

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of Columbus, Ga (HACG) by Resolution No 3166, originally approved submission of a Moving-to-Work (MTW) Demonstration Program Application, Annual Plan, and Certification of Compliance to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners:

1. The HACG's FY 2025 Annual MTW Plan is approved.
2. The Chair or Secretary/Chief Executive Officer is authorized to execute the Certifications of Compliance; and,
3. Submission of said Certifications and FY 2025 Annual MTW Plan to HUD is authorized.

After review, a motion for approval was made by Commissioner Pendleton, with a second from Commissioner Stacy. Motion carried.

Presented by Jonathan Evans.

REPORT FROM THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE:

Commissioner Pendleton indicated the Committee met on September 24, 2024, to discuss new procedures for CEO Evaluation as well as to discuss the actual evaluation of the CEO.

REPORT FROM THE AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Commissioner Greenman reported that he, Lisa Walters, and Sabrina Richards recently attended the PHADA Conference in Washington, D.C. He provided a brief update on the following:

- HUD Funding is unchanged.
- Nationwide there is a 50% failure rate in funding vouchers.

All Commissioners were given a copy of the final HACG Audit Report. Commissioner Greenman stated that one recommendation he wanted the Board to take note of was that the Board should exercise more oversight in procedures.

REPORT FROM THE REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE:

Commissioner Clements reported the Real Estate Committee met on September 17, 2024, to further discuss purchasing Ashley Station I and II. After extensive review of information, it was decided that HACG would not pursue purchase of Ashley Station I and II at this time. A letter is being drafted that will be sent to the appropriate parties indicating this decision. The Moon Creek development was not approved, missing approval by ½ a point. Applications will be filed for Moon Creek next year. Commissioner Clements reported that Laura Johnson is currently working on the BTW South Development as well as the Warren Williams renovation, which has increased in price due to issues with the City and HUD.

PUBLIC SAFETY TASK FORCE:

Commissioner Stacy thanked the staff and Board of HACG for their hard work and diligence in improving the quality of life of all residents at HACG. There have been issues at Arbor Pointe with students fighting and trespassing. Nicholson Terrace continues to experience issues with unauthorized individuals being given access to the building. The issue with stray animals at several properties continues to be an issue.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:

Lease up for public housing, Warren Williams is 75% and Canty is 92%.

Lease up is 95% across all developments including the remote PHA's and RAD Big 4 lease up is at 97%.

HACG total vouchers available is 3,914. Section 8 vouchers leased are 77%. There are currently 79 families with vouchers searching for housing. Thirteen (13) extensions were granted giving the voucher holders more time to find housing. There are 37 expected to move-in next month.

RAD Big 4 lease up is at 97%, with lease up across all developments including the remote PHA's is at 95%.

Commissioners were provided two (2) handouts, 1) PHADA's position paper on the FY 25 Appropriations and 2) News article published in USA today titled "Voucher program is supposed to help poor families rent a home. Half the time, it fails."

Ms. Walters reported that HIP and HOTMA have been delayed until sometime in 2025 due to IT issues. HUD will have an upcoming policy to postpone Nspire inspections if a property is undergoing rehab work or repairing "acts of God." The new criminal screening rule will come out in the fall. HCV funding shortfalls force a second offset.

The following TARs Updates were given:

- Proposed 30-day notice policy to evict will increase TARs even more.
- TARs Ratio has drastically increased since 2018. In 2018, the ratio was 5.7% vs 19.4% in 2022.
- TARs are approaching \$600 million across all PHAs. Up from \$100 million in 2015.

The new Nspire V effective date is October 1, 2025. HACG will be working to educate inspection staff and landlords in the upcoming months.

SAVE THE DATE CONFERENCES:

- 2025 Commissioner's Conference will be at the Hyatt Regency Miami, Florida – January 5-8.
- 2025 Annual Convention & Exhibition will be May 13-16 at the Hyatt Regency in Seattle, WA.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Chair Cardin called for an Executive Session of the HACG Board of Commissioners with the purpose of the session to discuss personnel related issues.

Following the close of the Executive Session,

ADJOURN:

With no additional business to discuss, Commissioner Hadley made a motion to adjourn, with a second from Commissioner Clements. Meeting adjourned.



R. Larry Cardin, Chair



**Lisa L. Walters, CPM
Secretary-Treasurer**

THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

Regular Meeting
October 23, 2024
9:00 a.m.
Columbus, GA

The Commissioners of the Housing Authority of Columbus, Georgia met in a regular session in Columbus, Georgia.

Vice Chair, Linda Hadley called the meeting to order followed by an invocation. The following Commissioners were present:

Larry Cardin, Chair (Via Zoom)
John Sheftall
John Greeman
Tiffany Stacy – (Via Zoom)

Absent:

Jeanella Pendleton
Ryan Clements

In attendance from the Housing Authority staff were Lisa Walters, Chief Executive Officer, Sabrina Richards, Chief of Property Management, Carla Godwin, Chief Financial Officer, Laura Johnson, Chief Real Estate Officer, David DeRoche, Chief Maintenance Officer, Bill Pound, representing Commission Attorney Jim Clark, and Royce Ann Adkins, Executive Assistant.

Motion for approval of the agenda was made by Commissioner Greenman, with a second by Commissioner Sheftall. Motion carried.

The Motion for approval of September 25, 2024, Board Minutes was made by Commissioner Greenman, with a second by Commissioner Sheftall. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The financial report was presented by Carla Godwin, CFO. The excess revenue over expenses for HACG is negative (\$681,927).

Motion for approval of Financials was made by Commissioner Greenman, with a second by Commissioner Sheftall. Motion carried.

CHARGE-OFF OF FORMER RESIDENT ACCOUNT BALANCES FOR THE MONTH- ENDING SEPTEMBER 2024:

The following Resolution was introduced and duly considered:

RESOLUTION NO. 3485

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHARGE-OFF OF FORMER RESIDENT ACCOUNT BALANCES TO COLLECTION LOSS FOR THE AUTHORITY'S HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2024

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Sabrina Richards presented the proposed resident charge-offs for the month of September 2024. Total charge-offs for the month totaled \$3,029.47.

Motion for approval of the September charge-offs was made by Commissioner Greenman, with a second from Commissioner Sheftall. Motion carried.

Ms. Richards also reported that HACG has partnered with the management group at Ashley Station. An invitation to participate in the HACG Public Safety Task Force meetings has been extended to the management team at Ashley Station.

REPORT FROM THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE:

Commissioner Pendleton was absent; therefore, no report was given.

REPORT FROM THE AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Commissioner Greenman reported the committee will be meeting in early December to review the 2025 budget.

REPORT FROM THE REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE:

Commissioner Clements was absent. Lisa Walters reported the committee will be meeting next week to discuss some available property in the Mill District.

PUBLIC SAFETY TASK FORCE:

Commissioner Stacy reported there will be a Safety Committee Meeting November 12, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:

Lease up for public housing, Warren Williams is 74% and Canty is 91%.

HACG total vouchers available are 3,914. Section 8 vouchers leased are 79%. There are currently 54 families with vouchers searching for housing. Thirteen (13) extensions were granted giving the voucher holders more time to find housing.

RAD Big 4 lease up is at 97%, with lease up across all developments including the remote PHA's is at 94%.

Other items discussed were:

- October 10th, Section 8 department had a landlord meeting to discuss items including NSPIRE-V, which is effective October 1, 2025.
- October 9th, HACG received the MTW Statutory Requirement letter for FY2023. HACG is in compliance in all five (5) areas.
- November 2024 HACG Board Meeting has been cancelled due to Thanksgiving Holiday. The December HACG Board meeting has been moved to December 18th, due to Christmas Holiday.

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There being no additional business, Commissioner Greenman made a motion to adjourn, with a second from Commissioner Sheftall. Meeting adjourned.

Linda Hadley, Vice Chair



Lisa L. Walters, CPM
Secretary-Treasurer

THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

Regular Meeting
December 18, 2024
9:00 a.m.
Columbus, GA

The Commissioners of the Housing Authority of Columbus, Georgia met in a regular session in Columbus, Georgia.

Chair, Larry Cardin called the meeting to order followed by an invocation. The following Commissioners were present:

Linda Hadley, Vice Chair
Jeanella Pendleton
Ryan Clements
John Sheftall
John Greeman
Tiffany Stacy – Via ZOOM

In attendance from the Housing Authority staff was Lisa Walters, Chief Executive Officer, Via Phone, Sabrina Richards, Chief of Property Management, John Casteel, Assistant Chief of Property Manager, Carla Godwin, Chief Financial Officer, Laura Johnson, Chief Real Estate Officer, David DeRoche, Chief Maintenance Officer, William Pound, Commission Attorney Representative, and Royce Ann Adkins, Executive Assistant.

Motion for approval of the agenda was made by Commissioner Greenman, with a second by Commissioner Pendleton. Motion carried.

Motion for approval of the October 23, 2024, Board Minutes was made by Commissioner Greenman, with a second by Commissioner Pendleton. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The financial report was presented by Carla Godwin, CFO. The excessive revenue over expenses for HACG is negative (\$916,412). The overall factors for the YTD variances are:

- IRS payment in July of \$65,216.35 for the 2021 Tax Period. Developer fee for BTW South and Warren Williams were originally budgeted to receive a total of \$900,000 this year. We received \$147,085 for BTW South. Warren Williams had delays and will be closing in FY2025.
- Administrative Fee revenue is less due to Section 8 occupancy being at 79% but budgeted at 95%.
- Financial consultant assisted with 2023 year end incurring a \$50,826 charge.
- Former employee was contracted to train a new finance person and another former employee filled in for HR Manager during her FMLA leave, both totaled \$46,000.
- Yardi training was \$22,000.
- Early termination expense of \$32,896 for IT fiber equipment no longer used.

Discussion followed with Commissioner Hadley requesting an Operating Budget in a format representing true operating expenses. Commissioner Hadley made a motion that Lisa Walters and Carla Godwin develop an Operating Budget format acceptable to the Board by summer 2025, with a second from Commissioner Greenman. Motion carried. Commissioner Hadley suggested this be discussed at the January 2025 Board of Commissioners Retreat.

CHARGE-OFF OF FORMER RESIDENT ACCOUNT BALANCES FOR MONTH- ENDING October 2024:

The following Resolution was introduced and duly considered:

RESOLUTION NO. 3486

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHARGE-OFF OF FORMER
RESIDENT ACCOUNT BALANCES TO COLLECTION LOSS FOR
THE AUTHORITY'S HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS
FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2024

Sabrina Richards presented the proposed resident charge-offs for the month of September 2024. Total charge-offs for the month totaled \$55,684.95.

Motion for approval of the July charge-offs was made by Commissioner Pendleton, with a second from Commissioner Sheftall. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 3488

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHARGE-OFF OF FORMER
RESIDENT ACCOUNT BALANCES TO COLLECTION LOSS FOR
THE AUTHORITY'S HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS
FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2024

Sabrina Richards presented the proposed resident charge-offs for the month of November 2024. Total charge-offs for the month totaled \$27,427.46.

Motion for approval of the July charge-offs was made by Commissioner Greenman, with a second from Commissioner Hadley. Motion carried.

REQUEST FOR BID APPROVAL FOR NICHOLSON TERRACE ADDITIONAL HOT WATER RISER REPLACEMENT:

David DeRoche presented the board with a request to replace another hot water riser at Brown Nicholson Terrace. The original project, which was approved by the Board on August 28, 2024 has been completed. During the initial project another active water leak was discovered on another riser. Copper piping was not replaced during the RAD conversion due to pricing at the time. Another bid was put out for work on the additional riser. Weber construction company won the bid coming in at \$68,000. The funds to cover this replacement cost will come from MTW Reserves.

After some discussion, a motion to approve was made by Commissioner Greenman, with a second from Commissioner Pendleton. Motion carried.

REPORT FROM THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE:

Commissioner Pendleton reported that the Governance Committee is on track with provisions of the CEO Contract.

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REPORT FROM THE AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE:CONSIDER A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FY25 BUDGETS FOR ALL HACG PROPERTIES:

The following Resolution was introduced and duly considered:

RESOLUTION NO. 3487

Commissioner Greenman presented the FY25 HACG budgets that were approved at the Audit and Finance Committee meeting December 11, 2024. Highlights in the budget include:

- Warehouse project being completed in 2025.
- Strengthening of the financial department to include training not initially covered in the previous year's budget.
- Implementation of new HUD system and increased maintenance costs due to aging of properties.

Chairman Cardin stated the recommendation for approval was brought forward by the Audit and Finance Committee, which needs no second. All approved, the motion carried.

REPORT FROM THE REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE:

Commissioner Clements stated that the Real Estate Committee had nothing to report.

PUBLIC SAFETY TASK FORCE:

Commissioner Stacy thanked the staff and board for their hard work and diligence in improving the quality of life of all residents at HACG. She was very complimentary of the staff and the Board members. Few issues were discussed regarding public safety issues. Commissioner Clements indicated that he attended the City Council Meeting last night. He reported that the Sheriff's Office is implementing a Park Patrol Program, which he believes will benefit the Authority's property's close to the parks. Commissioner Stacy invited everyone to the next Public Safety Meeting on January 14, 2025.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:

Lease up for public housing, Warren Williams is 74% and Canty is 94%.

Lease up is 95% across all developments including the remote PHA's and RAD Big 4 lease up is at 97%.

HACG total vouchers available, 3,914, Section 8 vouchers leased are 79%. There are currently 158 families with vouchers searching for housing.

On October 23, 2024, HACG received their Acceptance Letter for the FY 2023 Annual MTW Report. There were no changes or comments required.

2025 Board Retreat will be January 30th and 31st, 2025 at Auburn Marriott Opelika Resort & Spa at Grand National. There will be a January Board Meeting held during the first part of the meeting.

Lisa Walters expressed a heartfelt "Thank You" to her senior staff for keeping everything going while she is on FMLA. She stated that everyone has done an excellent job on keeping her in the loop on things going on at the office. She thanked everyone for checking on her and assisting her in her recovery efforts. It was noted everyone will be glad when Ms. Walters gets back to the office. She is missed.

The Board thanked Laura Johnson for stepping in as acting CEO in Lisa's absence.

ADJOURN:

With no additional business to discuss, Commissioner Hadley made a motion to adjourn, with a second from Commissioner Greenman. Meeting adjourned.



R. Larry Cardin, Chair



Lisa L. Walters, CPM
Secretary-Treasurer



**The Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center
Advisory Board Minutes
November 20, 2024**

Board Members Present: Mimi Woodson, Delois Marsh, Ku'Wonna Ingram, Arsburn "Oz" Roberts, Arreasha Lawrence, Dr. Shikha Shah, Carolyn Star-Ross, Fernando Verdree,

Board Members Absent: Gloria Strode, Terrance Flowers, Cletus Richardson,

Present: Civic Center Staff- Lisa Goodwin, Jennifer Babin, Troy Vanerson, Caryn Hammond, Kanise Wiggins, Josaland Hardwick and Rae McConnell.

Mimi Woodson-Called for order at 1:04pm

Minutes for July 19, 2024, approved. October 16, 2024, minutes approved with addendum.

Jennifer Babin:

- Introduction of Branding team:
 - Kenneth Davis- has 15 years of graphic design experience
 - Lee Snow- has 15 years of graphic design experience, worked for Creative South.
 - Ari McLean- has a background in Theatre and works in Marketing.
- Presented slides of potential Logo for the Liberty Theatre and the 100-year logo and coin.
- Presented slides of potential web site.

Oz- went over the dates of events for the Centennial Celebration.

Kanise Wiggins- Gave up-date on the Kickoff on April 5th. She has asked the board for permission to put out vendor and food truck applications. There are two dance teams that have committed to the event, one is Central High School and the other is Carver. We have a great line up for the event. We do think we have found ways to lessen the budget we initially provided.

Delois Marsh asked for an update of the Liberty Theatre building to be placed on the agenda each meeting.

Lisa Goodwin reported that the roof is approved, and replacement will start within a few days. The mold will be removed next and then the HAVC system will go in.

Delois Marsh recommended that the day of the meeting be changed so everyone can be in attendance.

Oz – Think about what you would like to see in the Liberty building and bring your list of ideas to the next meeting.

All committees will turn in a budget to OZ, and he will present a revised budget at the next meeting.

Lisa- We need to have a budget by January.

Continue looking for sponsorship for centennial only.

Meeting adjourned 2:03pm

Respectfully submitted,

Rae McConnell

Rae McConnell, Board Secretary

File Attachments for Item:

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

BUILDING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:

Renee Sturkie – *Not Interested in serving*

Open for Nominations

Eligible to succeed

(Mayor’s Appointment)

Term Expires: March 24, 2025

The terms are two years. Meets as needed.

Women: 2

Senatorial District 15: 2

Senatorial District 29: 3

COLUMBUS SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT AUTHORITY:

New Member

Open for Nominations

(Certified Public Accountant)

(Mayor’s Appointment)

Term Expires:

New Member

Open for Nominations

(Corporate/Employment Attorney)

(Mayor’s Appointment)

Term Expires:

New Member

(Law Enforcement Representative)

Ex Officio/Non-Voting Member

Open for Nominations

(Mayor's Appointment)

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

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:

Benjamin Link – *Seat vacant*

(Mayor's Appointment)

Resigned

Term Expires: March 27, 2025

The terms are three years. Meets quarterly.

Women: 5

Senatorial District 15: 21

Senatorial District 29: 3

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:

John F. Greenman

(Mayor's Appointment)

Eligible to succeed

Term Expires: April 30, 2025

The terms are five years. Meets once a month.

Women: 3

Senatorial District 15: 4

Senatorial District 29: 3

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS – READY FOR CONFIRMATION:

CRIME PREVENTION BOARD: Richard Kelly was nominated to succeed Marcus Gibson. (*Mayor Pro Tem Allen’s nominee*) Term expires: March 31, 2028

PLANNING ADVISORY COMMISSION: Zarome Lakey was nominated to succeed Dr. Xavier McCaskey. (*Councilor Huff’s nominee*) Term expires: March 31, 2028

VALLEY PARTNERSHIP JOINT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: Ben Moser was nominated to fill the unexpired term of Monte Galbraith. (*Councilor Crabb’s nominee*) Term expires: June 30, 2026

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

COLUMBUS SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT AUTHORITY:

New Member

(Commercial Businessperson)

**Councilor Cogle is nominating Mike Welch.*

Open for Nominations

(Council’s Appointment)

New Member

Open for Nominations

(Marketing Background)

(Council's Appointment)

**Councilor Davis is nominating Andy Luker.*

New Member

Open for Nominations

(Promotional Entity – Professional Hockey)

(Council's Appointment)

Ex Officio/Non-Voting Member

New Member

Trade Center's Nomination

(Trade Center Representative)

(Confirmed by Council)

New Member

RiverCenter's Nomination

(RiverCenter Representative)

(Confirmed by Council)

New Member

CVB's Nomination

(Convention & Visitors Board Representative)

(Confirmed by Council)

New Member

Sports Council's Nomination

(Sports Council Representative)

(Confirmed by Council)

New Member

Golf Authority's Nomination

(Golf Authority Representative)

(Confirmed by Council)

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

COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND CULTURAL LIAISON ENCOUNTERS (CIRCLE):

Samantha Wooden

Open for Nominations

Eligible to succeed

(Council's Appointment)

Term Expired: March 1, 2025

Councilor Crabb is nominating Brandon Wilkens to succeed Samantha Wooden.

The terms are two years. Meets as needed.

Women: 7

Senatorial District 15: 5

Senatorial District 29: 5

CRIME PREVENTION BOARD:

Lane Jimmerson

Open for Nominations

(At-Large)

(Council's Appointment)

Not Eligible to succeed

Term Expires: March 31, 2025

These terms are three years; Law Enforcement Rep. is two years. Meets quarterly.

Women: 3

Senatorial District 15: 2

Senatorial District 29: 4

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS COMMITTEE:

Holli Browder

Open for Nominations

(Dept. Director/Assistant Director)

(Council's Appointment)

Eligible to succeed

Term Expires: April 30, 2025

Nancy Boren

Open for Nominations

(Dept. Director/Assistant Director)

(Council's Appointment)

Eligible to succeed

Term Expires: April 30, 2025

Shannon Hubbard

Open for Nominations

(General Government Employee)

(Council's Appointment)

Eligible to succeed

Term Expires: April 30, 2025

Troy Vanerson

Open for Nominations

(General Government Employee)

(Council's Appointment)

Not Eligible to succeed

Term Expires: April 30, 2025

Ardria McGruder

Open for Nominations

(Selected by General Government Employees)

(Confirmed by Council)

Eligible to succeed

Term Expires: April 30, 2025

Rachel S. Banks

Open for Nominations

(Selected by Public Safety Employees)

(Confirmed by Council)

Eligible to succeed

Term Expires: April 30, 2025

Timothy Smith

Open for Nominations

(Sworn Officer)

(Council's Appointment)

Not Eligible to succeed

Term Expires: April 30, 2025

The terms for General Government Representatives are three years, and two years for Public Safety. Meets once a month.

Women: 5

Senatorial District 15: n/a

Senatorial District 29: n/a

LAND BANK AUTHORITY:

VACANT

Open for Nominations

Term Expires: October 31, 2026

(Council's Appointment)

These terms are four years. Meets once a month.

Women: 4

Senatorial District 15: 5

Senatorial District 29: 1

PLANNING ADVISORY COMMISSION:

Ralph King

Not Eligible to succeed

Term Expires: March 31, 2025

Open for Nominations

(Council's Appointment)

Larry Derby

Not Eligible to succeed

Term Expires: March 31, 2025

Open for Nominations

(Council's Appointment)

These terms are three years. Meets twice a month.

Women: 2

Senatorial District 15: 7

Senatorial District 29: 2

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Board Appointments – Action Requested**

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

A. BUILDING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:

Renee Sturkie – *Not Interested in serving
Eligible to succeed*
Term Expires: March 24, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Mayor’s Appointment)

The terms are two years. Meets as needed.

Women: 2
Senatorial District 15: 2
Senatorial District 29: 3

B. COLUMBUS SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT AUTHORITY:

New Member
(Certified Public Accountant)
Term Expires:

Open for Nominations
(Mayor’s Appointment)

New Member
(Corporate/Employment Attorney)
Term Expires:

Open for Nominations
(Mayor’s Appointment)

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

Open for Nominations
(Mayor’s Appointment)

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

C. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:

Benjamin Link – *Seat vacant
Resigned*
Term Expires: March 27, 2025

(Mayor’s Appointment)

The terms are three years. Meets quarterly.

Women: 5
Senatorial District 15: 21
Senatorial District 29: 3

D. HOUSING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:

John F. Greenman

(Mayor’s Appointment)

Eligible to succeed
Term Expires: April 30, 2025

The terms are five years. Meets once a month.

Women: 3
Senatorial District 15: 4
Senatorial District 29: 3

4. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS – READY FOR CONFIRMATION:

A. CRIME PREVENTION BOARD: Richard Kelly was nominated to succeed Marcus Gibson. *(Mayor Pro Tem Allen’s nominee)* Term expires: March 31, 2028

B. PLANNING ADVISORY COMMISSION: Zarome Lakey was nominated to succeed Dr. Xavier McCaskey. *(Councilor Huff’s nominee)* Term expires: March 31, 2028

C. VALLEY PARTNERSHIP JOINT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: Ben Moser was nominated to fill the unexpired term of Monte Galbraith. *(Councilor Crabb’s nominee)* Term expires: June 30, 2026

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

A. COLUMBUS SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT AUTHORITY:

New Member
(Commercial Businessperson)

Open for Nominations
(Council’s Appointment)

**Councilor Cogle is nominating Mike Welch.*

New Member

(Marketing Background)

**Councilor Davis is nominating Andy Luker.*

Open for Nominations
(Council’s Appointment)

New Member

(Promotional Entity – Professional Hockey)

Ex Officio/Non-Voting Member

Open for Nominations
(Council’s Appointment)

New Member

(Trade Center Representative)

Trade Center’s Nomination
(Confirmed by Council)

New Member

(RiverCenter Representative)

RiverCenter’s Nomination
(Confirmed by Council)

New Member

(Convention & Visitors Board Representative)

CVB’s Nomination
(Confirmed by Council)

New Member

(Sports Council Representative)

Sports Council’s Nomination
(Confirmed by Council)

New Member

(Golf Authority Representative)

Golf Authority’s Nomination
(Confirmed by Council)

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

B. COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND CULTURAL LIAISON ENCOUNTERS (CIRCLE):

Samantha Wooden

Eligible to succeed

Term Expired: March 1, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council’s Appointment)

Councilor Crabb is nominating Brandon Wilkens to succeed Samantha Wooden.

The terms are two years. Meets as needed.

Women: 7

Senatorial District 15: 5

Senatorial District 29: 5

C. CRIME PREVENTION BOARD:**Lane Jimmerson****(At-Large)***Not Eligible to succeed*

Term Expires: March 31, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)*These terms are three years; Law Enforcement Rep. is two years. Meets quarterly.***Women: 3****Senatorial District 15: 2****Senatorial District 29: 4****D. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS COMMITTEE:****Holli Browder****(Dept. Director/Assistant Director)***Eligible to succeed*

Term Expires: April 30, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)**Nancy Boren****(Dept. Director/Assistant Director)***Eligible to succeed*

Term Expires: April 30, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)**Shannon Hubbard****(General Government Employee)***Eligible to succeed*

Term Expires: April 30, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)**Troy Vanerson****(General Government Employee)***Not Eligible to succeed*

Term Expires: April 30, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)**Ardria McGruder****(Selected by General Government Employees)***Eligible to succeed*

Term Expires: April 30, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Confirmed by Council)**Rachel S. Banks****(Selected by Public Safety Employees)***Eligible to succeed*

Term Expires: April 30, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Confirmed by Council)

Timothy Smith

(Sworn Officer)

Not Eligible to succeed

Term Expires: April 30, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

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Women: 5

Senatorial District 15: n/a

Senatorial District 29: n/a

E. LAND BANK AUTHORITY:

VACANT

Term Expires: October 31, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

These terms are four years. Meets once a month.

Women: 4

Senatorial District 15: 5

Senatorial District 29: 1

F. PLANNING ADVISORY COMMISSION:

Ralph King

Not Eligible to succeed

Term Expires: March 31, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Larry Derby

Not Eligible to succeed

Term Expires: March 31, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

These terms are three years. Meets twice a month.

Women: 2

Senatorial District 15: 7

Senatorial District 29: 2

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