

Council Members

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

March 28, 2023
5:30 PM
Regular Meeting

MAYOR'S AGENDA

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Pastor Curtis Crocker, Metropolitan Baptist Church of Columbus, Georgia

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Henderson

MINUTES

- [1.](#) Approval of minutes for the March 14, 2023 Council Meeting and Executive Session.

RESOLUTION

- [2.](#) Resolution in Recognition of Dr. Judy Purnell.

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

- 1.** **2nd Reading-** REZN-01-23-0036: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **2925 Manchester Expressway** (parcel # 069-008-004 / 069-008-022 / 069-008-023) from LMI (Light Manufacturing / Industrial) Zoning District to GC (General Commercial) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Crabb)
- 2.** **1st Reading-** An Ordinance amending the Columbus Code to add a new Article VIII to Chapter 14, which provides comprehensive local regulation of Coin Operated Amusement Machines in Columbus, Georgia to the extent permitted by State Law; and for other purposes. (Councilors Barnes, Tucker, and Cogle)
- 3.** **1st Reading-** An Ordinance to amend the Columbus Code to revise and restate Articles III and VII of Chapter 16B which provide the procedures for certain personnel actions; to amend Article VIII of the Columbus Code pertaining to probationary employees; to repeal conflicting ordinances; to establish an effective date; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem)

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Mr. Royce Morris, Re: The Code Enforcement Department relating to dilapidated houses in the community.
2. Mr. Antonio Carter, Re: Public Safety.
3. Ms. Letisha Rice, Re: ARP Grant questions and concerns.
4. Mr. Wane Hailes, representing NAACP, Re: The Strategic Plan.
5. Rev. Johnny Flakes, III, representing Fourth Street Missionary Baptist Church, Re: Questions on the process as it relates to the position of Police Chief.
6. Rev. Michael Powell, representing Asbury UMC, Re: The implementation of the Columbus Police Department Strategic Plan.
7. Mr. Alton Russell, Re: Public Safety issues.
8. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: CPD Strategic Plan.
9. Mrs. Elizabeth Garcia, Re: The need for new leadership at the Columbus Police Department.
10. Mr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr., Re: Injustices with the process with the Police Chief.

11. Mr. Eric Finch, representing NOBLE (National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives), Georgia Chapter Area Vice-President, Re: To speak on behalf of the Police Chief.
12. Ms. Nadine Moore, Re: The Severance Packet.
13. Mr. Paul Olson, Re: 1. Executive Session, 2. Counseling and Adverse Evaluation Reports, 3. Dismissal and Appeal of City Officer IAW City Charter, 4. Public Safety Advisory Commission and 5. Incorporating the Police Department into the Sheriff's Department by City Council.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Columbus Police Department Quarterly Retention Bonuses and Incentives for Calendar Year 2023

Approval is requested to provide \$1,500 quarterly retention bonuses for calendar year 2023 applicable to full-time Sworn Officers and full-time 911 Communications Technicians employed in the Columbus Police Department as well as relocation assistance up to \$3,000 and employee referral incentives of \$600 for employees in the Columbus Police Department.

2. Uptown Columbus – City Chattahoochee River Park Management MOU Renewal and Amendment

Approval is requested to authorize to renew the MOU with Uptown Columbus, Inc., for management and operation of the Chattahoochee River Park and make amendments to certain provisions.

3. Oglethorpe Bridge/4th Avenue Replacement Project

Approval is requested to submit a resolution requesting GDOT (Georgia Department of Transportation) include ADA sidewalk/multiuse transportation facilities on the proposed new bridge replacing the SR 520/US 280 Bridge over the Chattahoochee River.

4. Federal Fiscal Year 2024 Congressionally Directed Spending Request for Funding to Provide On-Demand Transit Service

Approval is requested to accept, if awarded, and amend the Transportation Fund by an amount up to \$2,630,000 in funding from FFY 2024 Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) offered through the Office of Senator Jon Ossoff. The funding requires a match in an amount up to \$2,030,000. Available Transportation Local Option Sales Tax (T-SPLOST) funds will be used for the match. Funding will be utilized to provide an on-demand transit service for locations such as the Robert S. Poydasheff VA Clinic, the Georgia Department of Driver Services Office, and other destinations.

5. FY23 Violence Against Women Act Grant Award

Approval is requested to apply for and accept a grant in the amount of 50,000., or as otherwise awarded, with a \$16,667 local match requirement from the State of Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, for the third year of a 3-year VAWA grant program for the Muscogee County Solicitor General Victim Witness Program, and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the award amount.

6. Georgia Statewide Afterschool Network BOOST grant Summer 2023. “Building Opportunities for Out of School Time”

Approval is requested to apply for a grant and, if awarded, accept a grant in the amount of \$65,000.00, or the amount awarded, with no local match requirement. The funds will provide additional opportunities to provide expanded and improved support for all students in the summer programs run by the City and amend the Multi-governmental Fund by the amount awarded.

7. Therapeutic Recreation: Tables and Chairs Donation

Approval is requested to accept a donation from TSYS of ten (10) tables and forty (40) chairs to be used by participants of therapeutic recreation services. The chairs are cushioned and will enhance the comfort of the participants while providing additional stability while seated. The approximate value is \$2,500 and requires no match from the city donation.

8. Approval to serve as Fiscal Agent and apply for FY2024 Family Connection Grant

Approval is requested for the Columbus Consolidated Government to continue to serve as fiscal agent for and apply and accept if awarded the Fiscal Year 2024 Family Connection grant from the Georgia Department of Human Services.

9. Donation Request for the 2023 Columbus Civic Center Juneteenth Jubilee

Approval is requested to accept both Financial and equipment donations from local business and organizations to be used for the 2023 Columbus Civic Center Juneteenth Jubilee. The second annual Juneteenth Jubilee will be the week of June 17th - 19th.

10. PURCHASES

- A.** Overhead Door Installation and Maintenance Services (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 23-0032
- B.** Alternators & Starters for METRA (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 23-0031
- C.** Amendment 1 for the Mobile Technology System for Waste Collection Vehicles – RFP No. 21-0015
- D.** Contract Extension for Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan, CAPER, and Equity Plan – RFP No. 21-0019

- E. Workers' Compensation Claims Management Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 23-0020
- F. Maintenance, Repair & Operation (MRO), Industrial Supplies and Tools – State Cooperative Contract
- G. Front-End Loader for Parks and Recreation – Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase
- H. Gators™ for Parks and Recreation Department – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase
- I. Industrial Sink with Disposal for Muscogee County Prison – Federal GSA Cooperative Purchase
- J. Cloud-Based Phone System and Contact Center for Information Technology Department – Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase
- K. Calltower for Cloud-Based Phone System for Information Technology – Federal GSA Cooperative Purchase
- L. Firewall Upgrade for Information Technology – Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase
- M. Plumbing Services for Public Works Department – Federal GSA Cooperative Purchase

EMERGENCY PURCHASES

- 1. Emergency Purchase – Information Only

FORENSIC TRANSPORT VEHICLE FOR CORONER'S OFFICE:

On March 21, 2023, the City Manager was notified of the need for a new Forensic Transport vehicle for the Coroner's Office as a matter of Public Health and Safety. This vehicle is used to transport the deceased to the GBI for autopsies and to also transport bodies to the morgue in the event the family has no arrangements for disposition, or no family is available.

The current vehicle has over 230,000 miles, is inoperable and has been taken out of service per the Fleet Manager, due to fuel line damage, as well as a long list of repairs that make it unfit for use. The maintenance log and justifications for removing the vehicle from service are available. The Fleet Manager advised that the standard cargo van is no longer available, but that J.A.R. Capital Group, Inc. dba Quality Vans & Specialty Vehicles can provide the needed van. The vendor quoted a Ford Transit 350 146" EB EL Tall Roof 10600 GVWR dual rear wheel van at a cost of \$111,700.

The City Manager approved the emergency request on March 21, 2023, upon submission from the Coroner's Office.

Funds are budgeted in the FY23 Budget: LOST/Public Safety Fund – Coroner – Public Safety/LOST – Light Trucks; 0102 – 570 – 9900 – LOST – 7722.

11. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

- A.** Finance Update - Angelica Alexander, Finance Director
- B.** City Hall Parking Garage Update - Pam Hodge, Deputy City Manager of Finance, Planning & Development
- C.** 931 5th Avenue Demolition Update - Pam Hodge, Deputy City Manager of Finance, Planning & Development
- D.** ARP Update - Pam Hodge, Deputy City Manager of Finance, Planning & Development
- E.** Renaming Fort Benning Update - Will Johnson, Planning Director
- F.** Streetlight Project - Robert Scott, Community Reinvestment Director

BID ADVERTISEMENT

March 29, 2023

1. Patches & Emblems (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 23-0015

Scope of Bid

Provide patches and emblems for Columbus Consolidated Government Departments, to include but not limited to, the following: Columbus Police Department, Columbus Fire and EMS, Muscogee County Prison and METRA Transit on an “as needed” basis. This contract may also be utilized by any other City agency requiring the goods.

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

2. Recycling Facility Operations and Management Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 23-0021

A **Non-Mandatory** Site Visit/Walk-Thru is scheduled for 9:00 AM on Wednesday, March 29, 2023, at the Recycling Center located at 8001 Pine Grove Way in Columbus, GA.

March 31, 2023

1. Lead-Based Paint/Asbestos & Clearance Testing Services (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 23-0011

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government is seeking proposals from qualified vendors to provide Lead-Based Paint/Asbestos & Clearance Testing Services for the housing rehabilitation (single and multi-family), rental assistance program (tenant and project-based), and supportive services/operations programs. These services will be utilized primarily by the Community Reinvestment Department on an “as needed” basis.

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

2. **Assessment Entity for Promotional Testing Services for CPD (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 23-0025**

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government is seeking an Assessment Entity to provide promotional testing services for the Columbus Police Department on an “as needed basis”.

The contract term shall be for five (5) years with an option to renew for five (5) additional twelve-month periods.

3. **Recruitment Advertising Services – RFP No. 23-0030**

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government invites qualified firms to submit proposals to provide the Columbus Police Department with a 3:00 to 4:00 minute documentary style video for recruiting purposes. In addition, the vendor should also be able to provide other advertising media in the form of brochures, billboards and other media resources to aid in the recruitment and retention of officers. **Time is of the essence; therefore, the ability to immediately start on the project and provide a quality, finished product as soon as possible will be a major consideration in awarding of the contract**

April 5, 2023

1. **Investigation Interview Audio/Video Recording System for Fire & EMS – PQ No. 23-0012**

Scope of PQ

The Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) is seeking quotes from qualified vendors to provide and install one (1) digital audio/video interview recording system, Legaltek LX Oracle (LXO) 1080P HD, or current production model equivalent, for investigation interviews for the Columbus Fire & EMS Department. The quote should include all labor and material for a turn-key solution.

2. Advertisement Signs for METRA Buses – PQ No. 23-0011

Scope of PQ

The Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) is seeking quotes from qualified vendors to provide and install advertisement signs on buses for the Department of Transportation/METRA.

3. Truck and Trailer Wrap Graphics for Parks and Recreation – PQ No. 23-0013

Scope of PQ

The Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) is seeking quotes from qualified vendors to design, provide and install truck and trailer wrap graphics for the Parks and Recreation Department.

April 7, 2023

1. Pursuit Vehicle Build Out (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 23-0015

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government requires the services of a qualified provider on an “as needed” basis to acquire and install the specified equipment into the pursuit vehicles purchased by the City each year, and prepare them for delivery to the City of Columbus Fleet Maintenance Shop, as a fully functional pursuit vehicle, for use by one of the Law Enforcement Agencies of the City of Columbus.

The contract term shall be for five (5) years with an option to renew for five (5) additional twelve-month periods.

2. Master Plan for Golf Courses – RFP No. 23-0032

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government (CCG) is requesting proposals from qualified golf course design and architect professionals to prepare a master plan allowing for the anticipation of maintenance and renovation of existing and potentially planned facilities. The services are for Bull Creek Golf course (36 holes), *Oxbow Creek Golf Course (9 holes) and Godwin Creek Golf Course (9 holes). Proposals should be comprehensive for each respective property. Proposals should also identify opportunities and address issues before major problems occur.

Persons interested in visiting the golf courses may do so by contacting Mr. Jim Arendt, PGA at 706-329-5713 to schedule an appointment. Interested parties are responsible for contacting Mr. Arendt in a timely manner. *If pertinent RFP questions or concerns arise during the site visits, they should be submitted at least five business days before the due date as specified on pages 8 and 9.*

3. Feasibility Study for Additional Holes at Oxbow Creek Golf Course – RFP No. 23-0034

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government (CCG) is requesting proposals from qualified golf industry professional consultants to provide a feasibility study regarding an additional 9 holes at Oxbow Creek Golf Course. The comprehensive proposal shall identify opportunities and address the level of likely support from the local and surrounding markets.

April 12, 2023

1. Carbon Dioxide Liquid Bulk and Tank Rentals for City Swimming Pools (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 23-0028

Scope of RFB

It is the intent of the Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) to secure an annual contract with a vendor to provide carbon dioxide liquid in bulk, and the rental of six (6) 750lb tanks, for City swimming pools.

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

April 14, 2023

1. Advisory and Consulting Services for the Columbus Consolidated Government 457 Deferred Compensation Plan and Its Board (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 23-0016

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government seeks qualified firms to submit proposals for providing professional advisory and investment consulting services for the Columbus Consolidated Government's 457 Deferred Compensation Plan.

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

2. Recycling Facility Operations and Management Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 23-0021

Scope of RFP

The Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia (the City) invites qualified offerors to submit proposals to provide recycling processing equipment, provide operations and maintenance of the equipment and the facility, market the processing capacity of the facility, market processed recyclable materials, and assist the City with public education services.

Option A is for the Offeror to provide personnel to operate the facility and Option B is for the City to provide personnel to operate the facility. Offerors may submit proposals for either or both options.

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

CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - INFORMATION ONLY

1. Certificate of Need Application submitted by the Medical Center, Inc. d/b/a Piedmont Columbus Regional Midtown (PCRM) for its project to upgrade and reconfigure its ICU rooms and associated areas.

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

2. Official Appointment Form for New Horizons Behavioral Health- Mental Health, Addictive Diseases and Developmental Disabilities- Community Service Board recommending reappointment of Nancy Schroeder and Sandra Gill for a term beginning on July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2026.

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

Animal Control Advisory Board, February 3, 2023

Board of Tax Assessors, #08-23 & #09-23

Convention & Visitors Board of Commissioners, February 15, 2023

Planning Advisory Commission, March 1, 2023

River Valley Regional Commission, February 22, 2023

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

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

A. COOPERATIVE EXTENSION ADVISORY BOARD:

Margaret Higdon

Does not desire reappointment

Term Expired: December 31, 2021

Open for Nominations

(Council's Appointment)

The Cooperative Extension Office is recommending Ms. Sandra Hawthorne to succeed Ms. Margaret Higdon.

The term is six years. Meets quarterly.

Women: 5

Senatorial District 15: 2

Senatorial District 29: 3

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File Attachments for Item:

1. Approval of minutes for the March 14, 2023 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 14, 2023
9:00 AM
Regular Meeting

M A Y O R ' S A G E N D A

PRESENT: Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III and Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen and Councilors Jerry "Pops" Barnes, Joanne Cogle, Charmaine Crabb, Glenn Davis, R. Walker Garrett, John M. House, Bruce Huff (arrived at 9:12 a.m.), Judy W. Thomas, and Toyia Tucker. City Manager Isaiah Hugley, City Attorney Clifton Fay, Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis, and Deputy Clerk of Council Lindsey G. McLemore were present.

The following documents have been included as a part of the electronic Agenda Packet: (1) City Hall Parking Garage Options Presentation; (2) Comprehensive Camera Project Presentation; (3) Proposed Short Term Rental Ordinance Clarification Presentation; (4) Signs on Rights-of-Way Presentation; (5) Trade Center Presentation

The following documents were distributed around the Council table: (1) "Meet the Moores" Pamphlet; (2) Columbus Police Department Strategic Plan FY2023-2026 Presentation; (3) Clerk of Municipal Court Office Presentation

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

INVOCATION: Offered by former Councilor Wayne Anthony

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Henderson

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the February 28, 2023, Council Meeting and Executive Session. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor House and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent for the vote.

RESOLUTION

2. **Resolution (086-23):** A Resolution in Honor of Lyndon H. Burch. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent for the vote.

Councilor Toyia Tucker read the resolution into the record, recognizing the dedication of the late Lyndon H. Burch to the community and expressing the Mayor and Council's deepest condolences to his family upon his passing.

Crime Prevention Director Seth Brown came forward to present the widow of Lyndon Burch with a gift and spoke on the work of Mr. Burch with the youth in the community.

PROCLAMATIONS:

3. **Proclamation:** Partners in Education Week

Receiving: The Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce

Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen read the proclamation into the record, proclaiming the week of March 13 through March 17, 2023, as *Partners in Education Week*, recognizing the various partners of the Muscogee County School District in promoting the importance of education in the community.

4. **Proclamation:** Let's Read Muscogee Month

Receiving: The Literacy Alliance

Councilor Joanne Cogle read the proclamation into the record, proclaiming the month of March 2023, as *Let's Read Muscogee Month*, recognizing the Literacy Alliance for their efforts in bringing together parents and their children to promote reading and education.

PRESENTATIONS:

5. The Legacy of Hal and Julia Moore (Presented by Colonel Colin Mahle, Garrison Commander, Fort Benning)

Colonel Colin Mahle approached the rostrum to provide an update on the renaming of Fort Benning. He explained the renaming of the installation is a result of the 2021 National Defense Authorization Act, required nine military bases across the nation be renamed no later than January 1, 2024. He stated Fort Benning will official be adopting the renaming in honor of Lieutenant General Harold and Julia Moore on Thursday, May 11, 2023.

Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge approached the rostrum to provide information on how the renaming of Fort Benning affects Columbus. She explained there are parks and streets that would need to be renamed as a result.

6. Update on the Columbus Police Department and Presentation of the Strategic Plan (Presented by Chief Freddie Blackmon, Columbus Police Department)

Police Chief Freddie Blackmon approached the rostrum to provide a presentation of the Strategic Plan of the Columbus Police Department to guide the decision-making of the chief and command staff over the next three years. He explained the main effort regarding personnel is retention. He also explained the plan to address operations, training, and community engagement.

City Manager Isaiah Hugley explained that he directed Finance Director Angelica Alexander to evaluate the possibility of reimplementing the \$1500 quarterly retention payment to police officers. He stated the Finance Director informed him it would take five reserve days to fund this initiative for the 2023 calendar year and he fully supports this recommendation.

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

ORDINANCE

1. **1st Reading-** REZN-01-23-0036: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **2925 Manchester Expressway** (parcel # 069-008-004 / 069-008-022 / 069-008-023) from LMI (Light Manufacturing / Industrial) Zoning District to GC (General Commercial) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Crabb)

RESOLUTIONS

2. **Resolution (087-23): EXCP-01-23-0039-** A Resolution approving a special exception to allow existing buildings located at **2313 Ellen Avenue** to be used as Day Care Center (Type III) (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Cogle) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members present.
3. **Resolution (088-23):** A Resolution establishing the qualifying fee for the special election to fill the Muscogee County Board of Education District 7 vacancy to be held on June 20, 2023, and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY ATTORNEY:

- Requests to have the convenience store ordinance looked at in order to slow down the establishment of so many in one area. (*Request of Councilor Barnes*)
- Get with the Planning Director, Councilor Barnes and herself on the changes being requested and bring something to Council in the next month. (*Request of Councilor Tucker*)
- Limit the number of machines allowed inside convenience stores. (*Request of Councilor Barnes*)

City Attorney Clifton Fay provided two options to consider to address the matter by suggesting a moratorium on that type of a license and with the assistance of the Planning Director and Deputy City Manager Hodge, we could also look at some distance restrictions. **Mayor Henderson** advised that it appears the councilor is indicating that there be a moratorium while the Planning Department staff look into this matter.

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Mr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr. Re: The comments related to Columbus Police Chief.
2. Mr. Paul Olson, Re: Jensen and Hughes Assessment Report, (2) Crime Prevention Program Assessment of reducing crime, (3) Police Pay and (4) Increase in insurance rates of housing and vehicles due to crime wave in Columbus.
3. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: Public Safety.

REFERRAL(S):**FOR THE MAYOR:**

- Wants to expedite the Poverty Reduction Initiative and have something on the next agenda for Council to vote on. (*Request of Councilor Tucker*)
- 4. Mr. Timothy Veal, Re: Neighborhood clean-up, (2) the need for a walkway on Head Street and (3) guns in the street.
- 5. Ms. Annette Adams, Re: The new Muscogee County Jail.
- 6. Mr. Chris Harman, Re: Public Safety and lack of leadership.
- 7. Ms. Donna Murray, Re: Affordable housing for the middle class.
- 8. Ms. Annette Walker, representing MPACS, Re: Multicultural Community Organizing Weekly Block Parties.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA**1. Columbus Lions Lease Agreement**

Resolution (089-23): A resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a five-year agreement between the Columbus Civic Center and Columbus Lions Football Team, LLC d/b/a The Columbus Lions. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

2. METRA's 2023 Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP)

Resolution (090-23): A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia authorizing the approval and submittal of a Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) on behalf of the City. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

3. Lease Agreement – 5001 12th Ave. – Chattahoochee Valley Episcopal Ministries, (CVEM)

Resolution (091-23): A resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with the Chattahoochee Valley Episcopal Ministries (CVEM) to lease space at 5001 12th Avenue, Columbus, Georgia 31904 for social programs and services. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

4. The PORCH Project

Resolution (092-23): A resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit and if approved, accept a grant of \$2,000,000 or as otherwise awarded from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to fund the Porch Project from October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2027 with no match requirement and also authorizing Dr. Andrew Cox as the sole provider for evaluation of the program and to amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the award amount. Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

Adult Drug Court Coordinator Dana Solomon approached the rostrum to explain the grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration for the funding of the Porch Project in Muscogee County.

5. Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Formula Grant Request

Resolution (093-23): A resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit an application to the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program in an amount up to \$236,000.00 or as otherwise awarded and if awarded, amend the Transportation Fund by the amount of the grant award, there is no local match requirement. Councilor Garrett made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

6. FFY 2024 Congressionally Directed Spending Request for Funding to Acquire Ten (10) electric non-CDL <30-Ft. Paratransit Buses and Ten (10) Bus Charging Stations.

Resolution (094-23): A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, authorizing the City Manager to accept, if awarded, and amend the Transportation Fund by an amount up to \$4,800,000 in funding from FY 2024 Congressionally Directed Spending. Councilor Barnes made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

7. PURCHASES

A. Protective Driver Door Shields for METRA Buses – RFB No. 23-0022

Resolution (095-23): A resolution authorizing the purchase of twenty-two (22) protective driver door shields for mass transit buses from NFI Parts (Delaware, OH), for a unit price of \$7,672.76 each (for new Flyer Buses), \$8,748.05 each (for Gillig Buses), \$14,760.65 each (for Orion Buses), with an installation cost of \$818.75 each, and a total price of \$215,603.92. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

B. Oil & Lubricants for METRA (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 23-0026

Resolution (096-23): A resolution authorizing an annual contract with the McPherson Companies, Inc. (Trussville, AL), Taylor Enterprises, Inc. (Spartanburg, SC), Safety-Kleen Systems, Inc. (Macon, GA), Atlanta Fuel Company (Atlanta, GA), Whatley Oil Company (Columbus, GA), and Cadence Petroleum (Asheboro, NC), for the purchase of various oil and lubricant products for maintenance of buses on an “as needed” basis. Metra anticipates an annual contract value of \$45,000.00 based on prior years usage and inflation. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

C. Contract Extension for Security Surveillance Equipment – Public Works and Miscellaneous Locations (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 16-0006

Resolution (097-23): A resolution authorizing the extension of the security surveillance equipment – Public Works & miscellaneous locations contract with AdaptToSolve, Inc., (LaGrange, GA) for an additional three-month period. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

D. Shade Coverings for South Commons Softball Complex – Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (098-23): A resolution authorizing the purchase of four (4) shade coverings from USA Shade/Playpower, Inc. DFW Airport, TX), in the amount of \$311,614.00. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Sourcewell Contract #010521-LTS-6. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

E. Playground Equipment for Parks and Recreation – Sourcewell Cooperative Contract

Resolution (099-23): A resolution authorizing the purchase of playground equipment from Miracle Recreation Equipment Company d/b/a Hasley Recreation, Inc. (Monett, MO), in the amount of \$70,000.07. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Sourcewell Contract #010521-LTS-3. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

F. Shade Structures for Britt David Park and Rigdon Park – Sourcewell Cooperative Contract

Resolution (100-23): A resolution authorizing the purchase of two (2) shade structures for Britt David Park and Rigdon Park from Hasley Recreation, Inc. (Flowery Branch, GA), in the amount of \$71,461.08 each and a total cost of \$142,922.16. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Sourcewell Contract #010521-LTS-6. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

G. Exercise Equipment for Various Park Locations – Sourcewell Cooperative Contract

Resolution (101-23): A resolution authorizing the purchase of three (3) sets of exercise equipment for various park locations from Hasley Recreation, Inc., (Flowery Branch, GA), in the amount of \$65,452.15 each and a total cost of \$196,356.45. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Sourcewell Contract #010721-GRN. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

H. In-Car Mobile Video Recording System for the Columbus Police Department – GSA Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (102-23): A resolution authorizing the purchase of an in-car mobile video recording system for the Columbus Police Department from Prologic its (Acworth, GA) by Cooperative Purchase via Federal GSA Contract #47QTCA19D00MM, in the amount of \$1,275,522.06. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

I. Gator for Cooper Creek Tennis Center – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (103-23): A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) front-end loader (John Deere 444 P-Tier Wheel Loader) from Dobbs Equipment (Albany, GA), in the amount of \$173,300.00. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Sourcewell Contract #032119-JDC. Councilor Huff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

J. Information Only: Exigent “Off the Lot” Vehicle Purchase – Resolution No. 067-23

Councilor Huff made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the ten members present. *(There is no resolution presented for this item; since, its approval is in correlation with the previous approval of Resolution No. 067-23, which reads in part “all vehicle purchases authorized by this Resolution with costs exceeding \$25,000 will be placed on Council agenda for informational purposes.)*

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Look into reimbursing citizens for the work done in keeping up with various parks and sporting facilities throughout the city. *(Request of Councilor Davis)*

8. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. City Hall Parking Garage Options Update - Pam Hodge, Deputy City Manager of Finance, Planning & Development.

Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge approached the rostrum to present the various parking options for the parking garage on the new City Hall property.

Muscogee County Sheriff Greg Countryman approached the rostrum to voice his preference in keeping the parking garage accessible to employees only for security reasons.

Mr. Jason McKenzie, owner of Ride on Bikes, approached the rostrum to express the importance of having access to the parking garage for the employees in Uptown and the visiting patrons.

Uptown Columbus CEO Ed Wolverton approached the rostrum to explain the need of parking in the new City Hall garage for the businesses and residents in Uptown.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Recommends meeting with Mr. Buddy Nelms and other business owners in Uptown to allow them input in the options for the parking garage. *(Request of Councilor Thomas)*

- B. Comprehensive Camera Update - Lisa Goodwin, Deputy City Manager of Current Operations.

Deputy City Manager Lisa Goodwin approached the rostrum to provide an update on the Comprehensive Camera Program.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Add the address of the former Walmart on Buena Vista Road to the areas of concern regarding the dumping of tires. *(Request of Councilor Tucker)*

- C. Short Term Rental Update - Ryan Pruett, Inspections and Codes Director.

Inspections and Code Director Ryan Pruett approached the rostrum to provide clarification and recommendations on the new short-term rental ordinance. He explained some of the recommendations include changing the timeframe for the renewals of rental permits and to leave the occupant limits in place.

D. Signs on Right of Way - Lisa Goodwin, Deputy City Manager of Current Operations.

Deputy City Manager Lisa Goodwin approached the rostrum to provide an update on the issue of signs littering the rights-of-way around the city. She explained the Quality Control Team has been focusing on picking up the signs over the past few weeks and have collected over four hundred so far.

E. Municipal Court Clerk Update - Reginald Thompson.

Municipal Court Clerk Reginald Thompson approached the rostrum to present an update on the services provided by the Clerk of Municipal Court's Office.

F. Trade Center Update - Hayley Tillery, Executive Director, Columbus Georgia Convention & Trade Center.

Convention & Trade Center Executive Director Hayley Tillery approached the rostrum to provide an update on the Convention & Trade Center. She provided information on the various events that have been held at the facility and future plans.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Requests a report at the next meeting on what CCG is doing to prepare for the renaming of Fort Benning. *(Request of Councilor Thomas)*

FOR THE MAYOR:

- Requests a report from the Chief Judge of Recorder's Court to be presented soon at a Council Meeting of all of the changes for Recorder's Court. *(Request of Councilor Thomas)*

BID ADVERTISEMENT

March 24, 2023

1. Recruitment Advertising Services – RFP No. 23-0030

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government invites qualified firms to submit proposals to provide the Columbus Police Department with a 3:00 to 4:00 minute documentary style video for recruiting purposes. In addition, the vendor should also be able to provide other advertising media in the form of brochures, billboards and other media resources to aid in the recruitment and retention of officers. **Time is of the essence; therefore, the ability to immediately start on the project and provide a quality, finished product as soon as possible will be a major consideration in awarding of the contract.**

March 29, 2023

1. Patches & Emblems (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 23-0015

Scope of Bid

Provide patches and emblems for Columbus Consolidated Government Departments, to include but not limited to, the following: Columbus Police Department, Columbus Fire and EMS, Muscogee County Prison and METRA Transit on an “as needed” basis. This contract may also be utilized by any other City agency requiring the goods. The term of the contract shall be for two (2) years with the option to renew for three (3) additional twelve-month periods.

March 31, 2023

1. Lead-Based Paint/Asbestos & Clearance Testing Services (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 23-0011

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government is seeking proposals from qualified vendors to provide Lead-Based Paint/Asbestos & Clearance Testing Services for the housing rehabilitation (single and multi-family), rental assistance program (tenant and project-based), and supportive services/operations programs. These services will be utilized primarily by the Community Reinvestment Department on an “as needed” basis.

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

CLERK OF COUNCIL’S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

1. Honorary Street Designation Application submitted by Pastor L. Darnel Skinner, Jr. with the Bread of Life Christian Center requesting signage to be placed at the intersecting streets at each end of the one block area of Manchester Expressway and 46th Street in honor of Bishop L.D. Skinner, Sr. *(The Council may vote to send to the Board of Honor.)* Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to forward the application to the Board of Honor, seconded by Councilor Thomas and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

2. Minutes of the following boards:

Board of Tax Assessors, #06-23 & 07-23

Board of Zoning Appeals, February 1, 2023

Development Authority of Columbus, February 2, 2023

Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission, February 6, 2023

Region Six Regional Advisory Council for Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, March 10, May 11, September 14 and November 9, 2022

Uptown Facade Board, January 17, 2023

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to receive the minutes of various boards, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

3. MAYOR’S APPOINTMENTS- ANY NOMINATIONS MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:

A. HOUSING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:

A nominee for the seat of Edward Burdeshaw (*Does not desire reappointment*) for a term expiring on April 30, 2023, on the Housing Authority of Columbus (*Mayor's Appointment*). Mayor Henderson nominated Ryan Clements to succeed Edward Burdeshaw. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

4. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS- READY FOR CONFIRMATION:

A. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS COMMITTEE: Mr. Timothy Smith (*Sworn Officer seat*) was nominated to serve another term of office. (*Mayor Pro Tem Allen's nominee*) Term expires: April 30, 2025. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

B. HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD: Mr. Shea Spencer was nominated to succeed Ms. Katie Bishop. (*Councilor Crabb's nominee*) Term expires: January 31, 2026. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members present.

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

A. BOARD OF HONOR:

A nominee for the seat of Bob Hydrick (*Passed Away*) for a term that expires on October 31, 2022, on the Board of Honor (*Council's Appointment*). There were none. Clerk of Council Davis explained all of the members serving on this board must be former elected officials of Muscogee County.

B. BUILDING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:

A nominee for the seat of Leila Carr (*Does not desire reappointment*) for a term expiring on March 24, 2023, on the Building Authority of Columbus (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Vincent Allen (*Resigned*) for a term expiring on March 24, 2023, on the Building Authority of Columbus (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

C. COLUMBUS AQUATICS COMMISSION:

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

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Henderson entertained a motion to go into executive session to discuss matters of real estate and personnel as requested earlier in the meeting by City Attorney Fay. Councilor Tucker made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the ten members present, with the time being 2:17 p.m.

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 3:46 p.m., at which time, Mayor Henderson announced that the Council did meet in executive session to discuss matters of real estate and personnel; however, there were no votes taken.

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Councilor Garrett to adjourn the March 14, 2023 Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent for the vote, and the time being 3:46 p.m.

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

File Attachments for Item:

2. Resolution in Recognition of Dr. Judy Purnell.

RESOLUTION

NO. _____

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. JUDY PURNELL

WHEREAS, Dr. Judy Purnell was born on May 29, 1949 in Columbus, Georgia

WHEREAS, Dr. Judy Purnell, a historian and educator with vast knowledge of the history of Columbus, Georgia, has dedicated her life to gathering information, teaching it, and recording it for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, she recalls visiting South Africa and the home of Nelson Mandela, where he was arrested; her visit was during the repatriation period, and she says it was like going back in time; and

WHEREAS, Judy believes that there are still Nelson Mandelas in the world who believe it's possible for all people to be equal and unified; Mandela's legacy, she says, will always be the cry for freedom and equality; and

WHEREAS, as a professor at Columbus State University, she taught a course titled African and African American Culture, and when she reached the topic of great African leaders, Nelson Mandela was always part of the course; and

WHEREAS, through efforts spearheaded by Dr. Judy Purnell, the Muscogee County School District posthumously bestowed on the late Mary Lee Hall Bussey, who served as superintendent of segregated schools, the title of superintendent in February 2021 and commissioned a portrait painted by CSU alumnus Steve Tette to hang alongside other superintendents in the Muscogee County Public Education Center.

WHEREAS, this distinguished gentlewoman has given inspiration to many through her high ideals, morals, and deep concern for her fellow citizens. She is a person of noble strengths with an impeccable reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

WHEREAS, she possesses the vast wisdom which only comes through experience and the strength of character which is achieved through overcoming the many challenges of life; and

WHEREAS, by the example Judy has made of her life, she makes this world a better place in which to live, and it is only fitting and proper that she be appropriately honored; and

WHEREAS, during Women's History Month, we recognize and commend Dr. Judy Purnell on receiving the 2022 Lifetime Achievement Alumni Award from the Tuskegee University College of Arts and Sciences.

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

The members of Council do hereby extend a heartfelt congratulations to Judy Purnell on her lifetime achievement.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the 28th day of March 2023 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting _____
Councilor Barnes	voting _____
Councilor Cogle	voting _____
Councilor Crabb	voting _____
Councilor Davis	voting _____
Councilor Garrett	voting _____
Councilor House	voting _____
Councilor Huff	voting _____
Councilor Thomas	voting _____
Councilor Tucker	voting _____

Sandra T. Davis
Clerk of Council

B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III
Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

1. 2nd Reading- REZN-01-23-0036: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **2925 Manchester Expressway** (parcel # 069-008-004 / 069-008-022 / 069-008-023) from LMI (Light Manufacturing / Industrial) Zoning District to GC (General Commercial) Zoning District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Councilor Crabb)

AN ORDINANCE

NO. _____

An Ordinance amending the Zoning Atlas of the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, to change certain boundaries of a district located at **2925 Manchester Expressway** (parcel # 069-008-004 / 069-008-022 / 069-008-023) from LMI (Light Manufacturing / Industrial) Zoning District to GC (General Commercial) Zoning District.

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

Section 1.

The Zoning Atlas on file with the Planning Department is hereby amended by changing the property described and shown on the plat below from LMI (Light Manufacturing Industrial) Zoning District with conditions to GC (General Commercial) Zoning District.

PARCEL 1

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL of land, lying and being in Land Lots 33, 34, 47 and 48 of the 8th District, Columbus, Muscogee County, Georgia, and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGIN at a concrete monument located at the intersection of the eastern side of the right-of-way along Interstate 185, On-Ramp G-6 (1-185, G-6) and the northwestern side of the right-of-way along Manchester Expressway;

Thence leave the intersection of the eastern side of the right-of-way along Interstate 185, On-Ramp G-6 (1-185, G-6) and the northwestern side of the right-of-way along Manchester Expressway and continue along the eastern side of the right-of-way along Interstate 185, On-Ramp G-6 (1-185, G-6) North 18 degrees 01 minutes 45 seconds West, a distance of 101.20 feet to a concrete monument;

Thence continue along the eastern side of the right-of-way along Interstate 185, On-Ramp G-6 (1-185, G-6) North 14 degrees 40 minutes 25 seconds West, a distance of 204.61 feet to an iron stake, said iron stake being located at the southernmost corner of the property of Columbus Metropolitan Airport;

Thence leave the eastern side of the right-of-way along Interstate 185, On-Ramp G-6 (I-185, G-6) and continue along the southeastern property line of Columbus Metropolitan Airport North 50 degrees 00 minutes 15 seconds East, a distance of 806.60 feet to an iron stake, said iron stake being located at the northwestern corner of Peachtree Mall Shopping Center;

Thence continue along the western side of the property line of Peachtree Mall Shopping Center South 00 degrees 56 minutes 38 seconds West, a distance of 844.99 feet to an iron stake, said iron stake being located along the northern side of the right-of-way along Manchester Expressway;

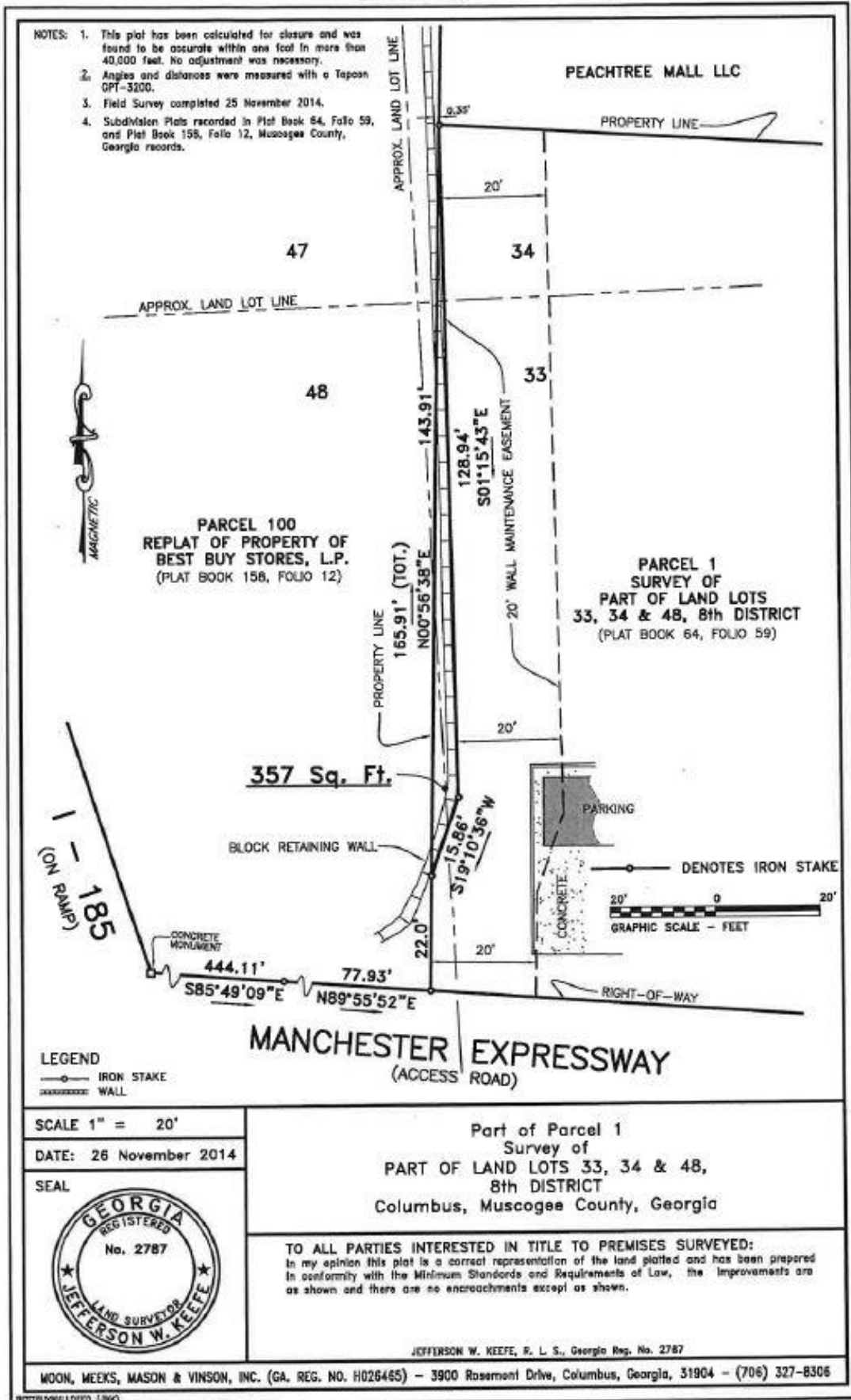
Thence continue along the northern side of the right-of-way along Manchester Expressway South 89 degrees 55 minutes 52 seconds West, a distance of 77.93 feet to an iron stake;

Thence continue along the northern side of the right-of-way along Manchester Expressway North 85 degrees 49 minutes 09 seconds West, a distance of 444.11 feet to a concrete monument, said concrete monument being located at the intersection of the eastern side of the right-of-way along Interstate 185, On-Ramp G-6 (I-185, G-6) and the northwestern side of the right-of-way along Manchester Expressway and said concrete monument marking the POINT OF BEGINNING; Said tract containing 7.681 acres +, and being more particularly described on that certain ALTA/ACSM Land Title Survey plat prepared for Best Buy Stores, L.P. by Moon, Meeks, Mason & Vinson, Inc. dated October 22, 2002.

PARCEL 2:

All that tract or parcel of land containing 357 square feet more particularly shown on that certain plat of survey entitled "Part of Parcel I, Survey of Parts of Land Lots 33, 34 & 48, 8th District, Columbus, Muscogee County, Georgia" dated November 26, 2014, by Moon, Meeks, Mason & Vinson, Inc. (GA Reg. No.11026464) and attached hereto as Exhibit "B". Said Plat is incorporated herein for a more complete and accurate description of the property conveyed.

Exhibit "B"

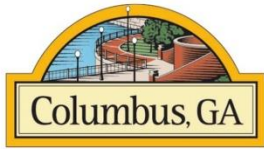


Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 14th day of March, 2023; introduced a second time at a regular meeting of said Council held on the _____ day of _____, 2023 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting _____
Councilor Barnes	voting _____
Councilor Cogle	voting _____
Councilor Crabb	voting _____
Councilor Davis	voting _____
Councilor Garrett	voting _____
Councilor House	voting _____
Councilor Huff	voting _____
Councilor Tucker	voting _____
Councilor Thomas	voting _____

Sandra T Davis
Clerk of Council

B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III
Mayor



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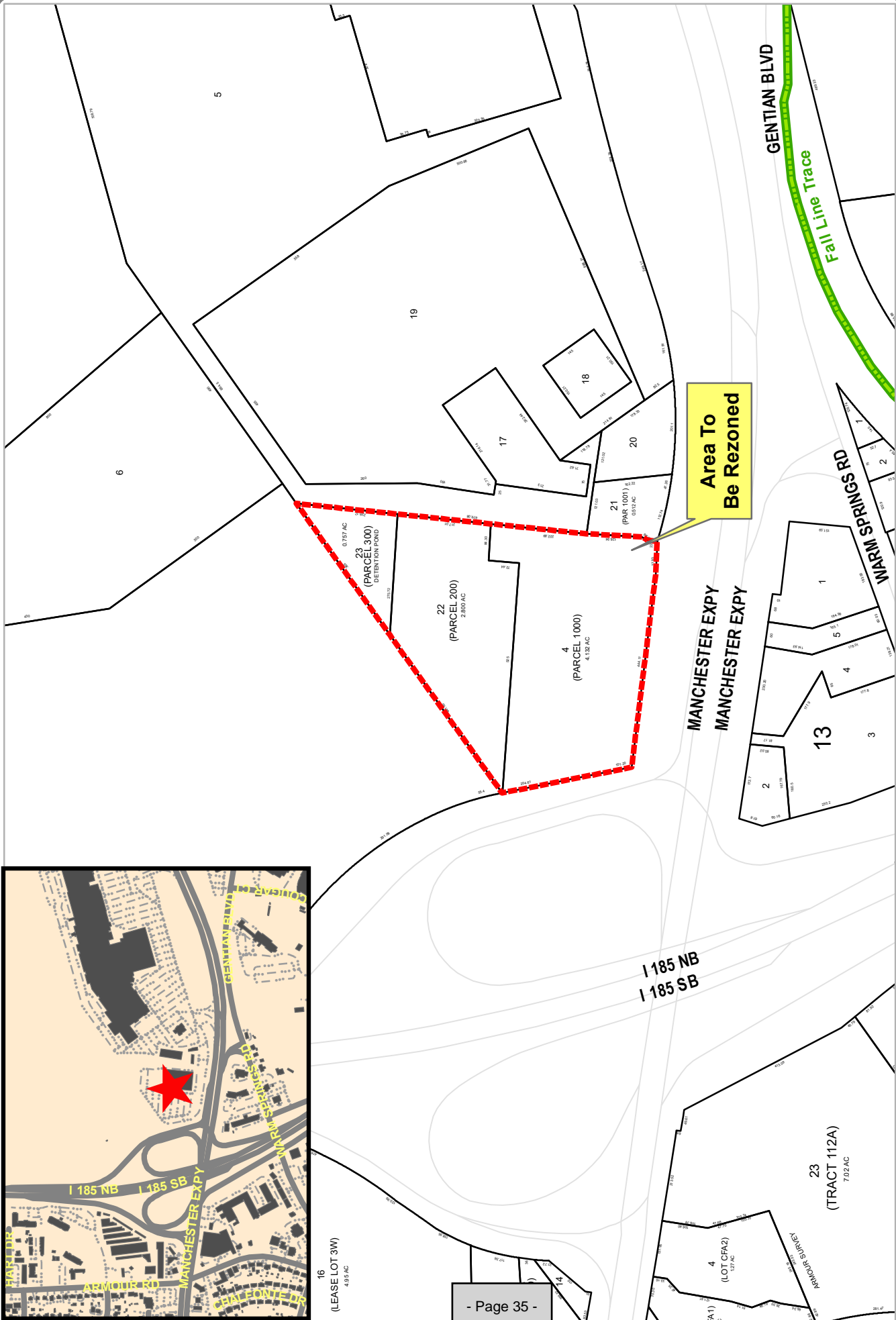
COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

REZN-01-23-0036

Applicant:	Fitness Ventures, LLC
Owner:	Best Buy Stores, LP
Location:	2925 Manchester Expressway
Parcel:	069-008-004 / 069-008-022 / 069-008-023
Acreage:	7.68 Acres
Current Zoning Classification:	LMI (Light Manufacturing / Industrial)
Proposed Zoning Classification:	GC (General Commercial)
Current Use of Property:	Vacant Retail
Proposed Use of Property:	Health & Fitness Facility
Council District:	District 5 (Crabb)
PAC Recommendation:	Approval based on the Staff Report and compatibility with existing land uses.
Planning Department Recommendation:	Approval based on compatibility with existing land uses.
Fort Benning's Recommendation:	N/A
DRI Recommendation:	N/A
General Land Use:	Consistent Planning Area A
Current Land Use Designation:	General Commercial
Future Land Use Designation:	General Commercial

Compatible with Existing Land-Uses:	Yes								
Environmental Impacts:	The property does not lie within the floodway and floodplain area. The developer will need an approved drainage plan prior to issuance of a Site Development permit, if a permit is required.								
City Services:	Property is served by all city services.								
Traffic Impact:	Average Annual Daily Trips (AADT) will increase to 712 trips up from 248 trips if used for commercial use. The Level of Service (LOS) will remain at level C.								
Traffic Engineering:	This site shall meet the Codes and regulations of the Columbus Consolidated Government for commercial usage.								
Surrounding Zoning:	<table> <tr> <td>North</td><td>LMI (Light Manufacturing / Industrial)</td></tr> <tr> <td>South</td><td>GC (General Commercial)</td></tr> <tr> <td>East</td><td>GC (General Commercial)</td></tr> <tr> <td>West</td><td>I-185</td></tr> </table>	North	LMI (Light Manufacturing / Industrial)	South	GC (General Commercial)	East	GC (General Commercial)	West	I-185
North	LMI (Light Manufacturing / Industrial)								
South	GC (General Commercial)								
East	GC (General Commercial)								
West	I-185								
Reasonableness of Request:	The request is compatible with existing land uses.								
School Impact:	N/A								
Buffer Requirement:	N/A								
Attitude of Property Owners:	Twelve (12) property owners within 300 feet of the subject properties were notified of the rezoning request. The Planning Department received no calls and/or emails regarding the rezoning.								
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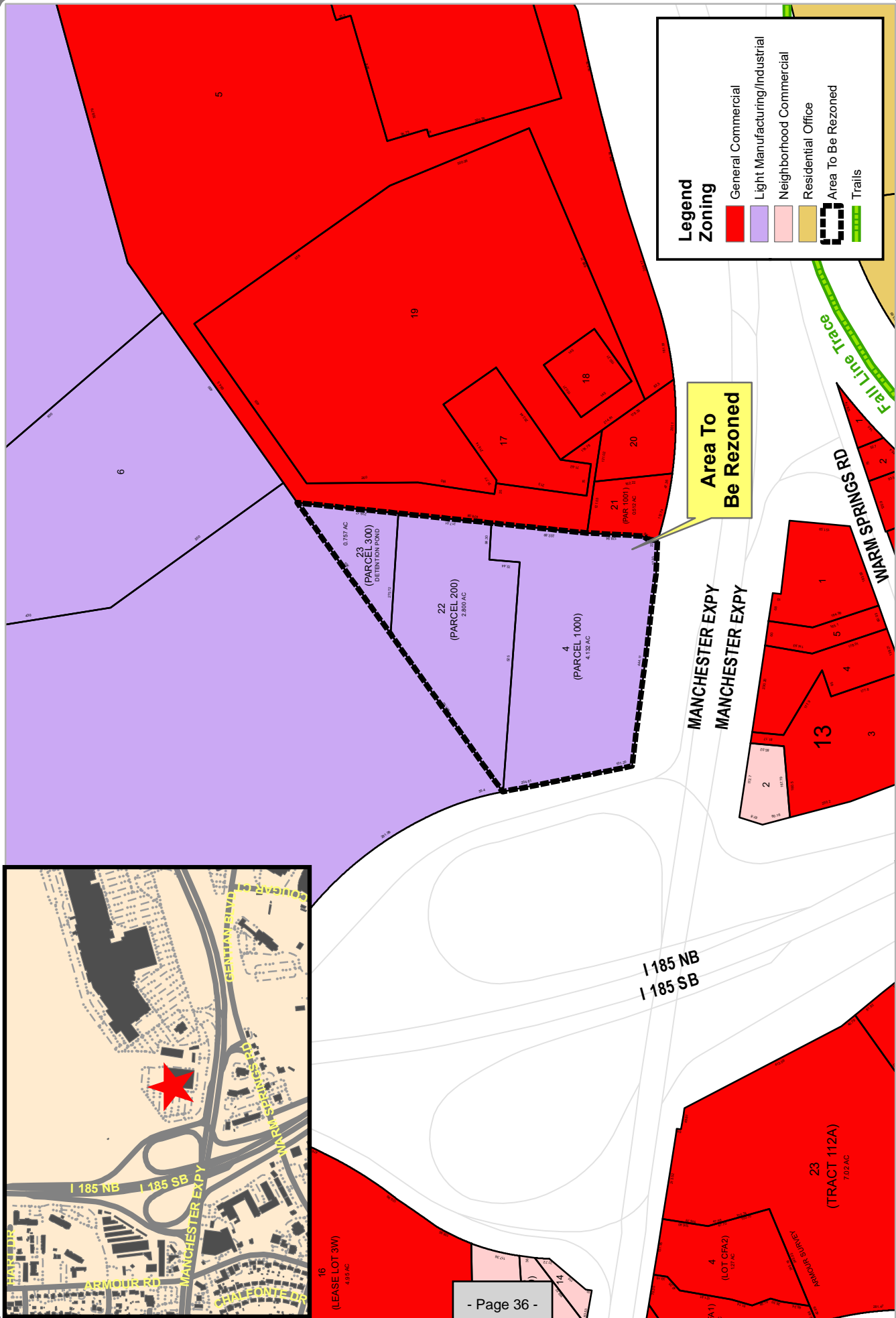
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Map 069 Block 008 Lots 004, 022 & 023
Planning Department-Planning Division
Prepared By Planning GIS Tech

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Date: 1/10/2023



Legend

Zoning

- General Commercial
- Light Manufacturing/Industrial
- Neighborhood Commercial
- Residential Office
- Area To Be Rezoned
- Trails

Area To Be Rezoned

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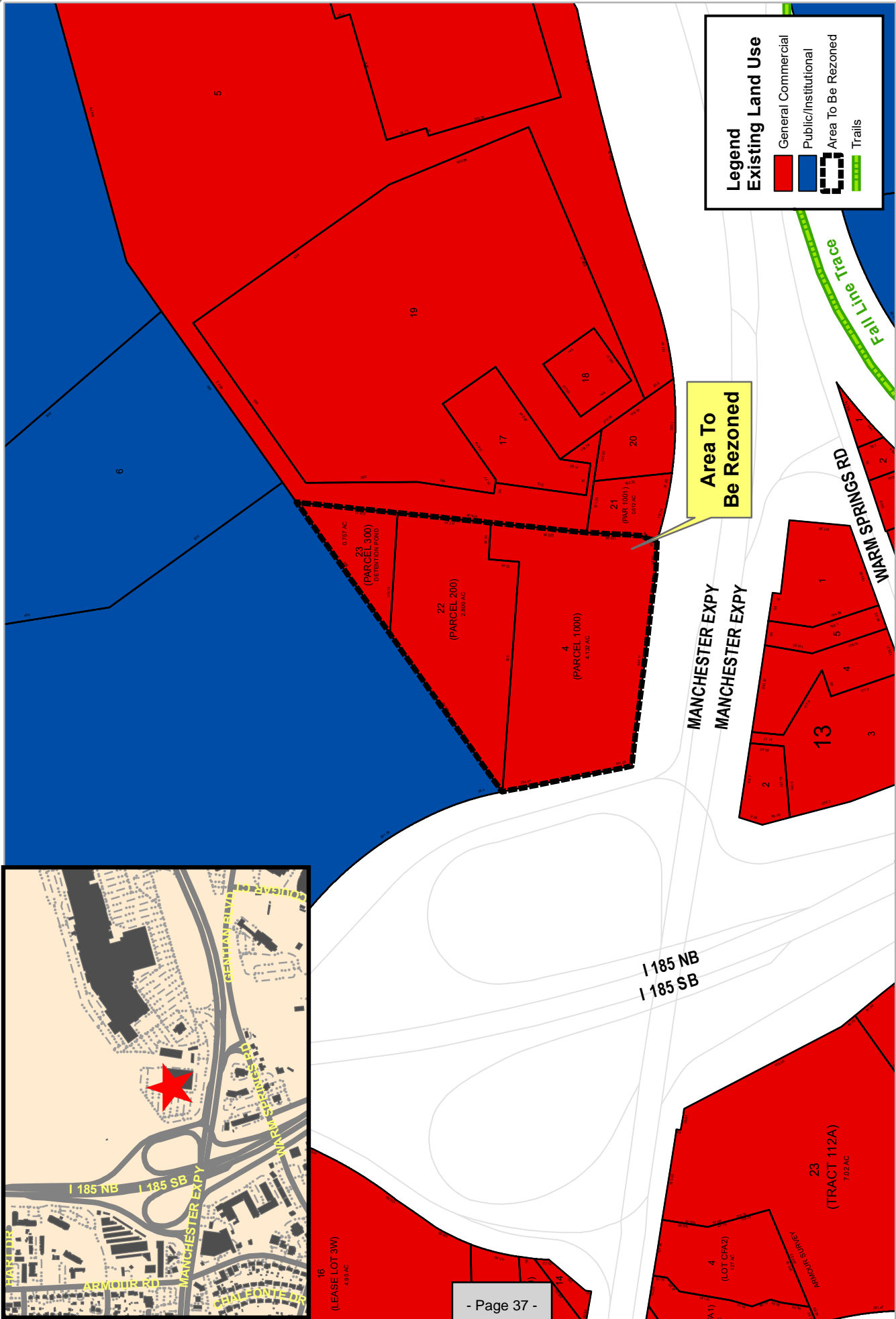
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Legend

Existing Land Use

- General Commercial
- Public/Institutional
- Area To Be Rezoned
- Trails

Area To Be Rezoned

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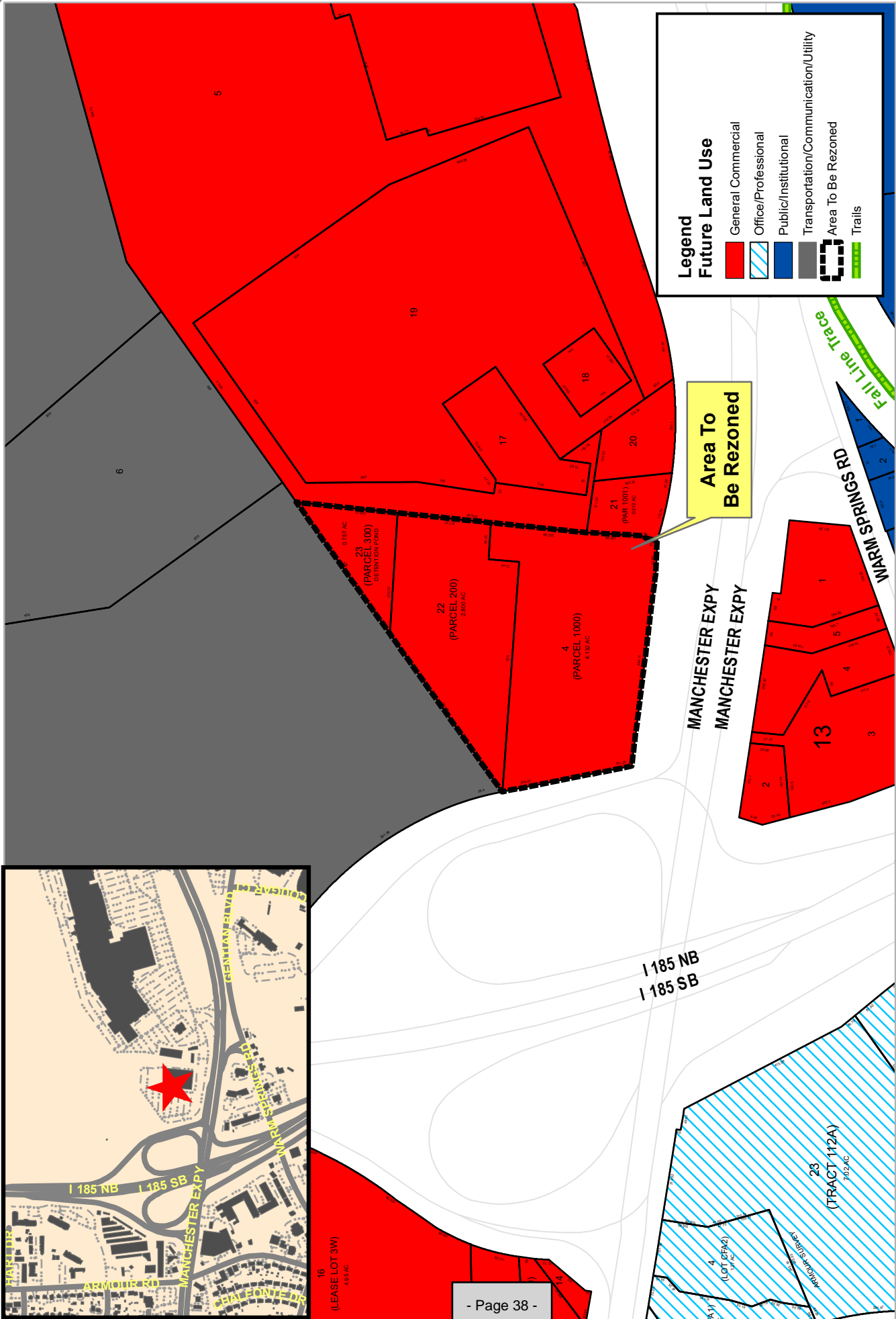
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REZONING CASE NO.
PROJECT
CLIENT
REZONING REQUEST

REZN 01-23-0036

2925 Manchester Expressway

LMI & GC

110 & 492
Trip Generation Land Use Code*
Existing Land Use
Proposed Land Use
Existing Trip Rate Unit
Proposed Trip Rate Unit
Light Manufacturing / Industrial - (LMI)
General Commercial - (GC)
LMI - Acreage converted to square footage.
GC - Acreage converted to square footage.

110 & 492

Light Manufacturing / Industrial - (LMI)

Proposed Land Use

Existing Trip Rate Unit

GC - Acreage converted to square footage.

Land Use	ITE Code	Zone Code	Quantity	Trip Rate	Total Trips
Daily (Existing Zoning)					
General Light Industrial	110	LMI	7.681 Acres	4.87	217
				0.69	31
				Total	248
Daily (Proposed Zoning)					
Health / Fitness Club	492	GC	7.681 Acres	1.40	117
				3.92	328
				3.19	267
				Total	712

Weekday
Saturday

Daily (Proposed Zoning)

Health / Fitness Club	492	GC	7.681 Acres	1.40	117 Weekday AM Peak
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					3.19	267	Saturday Peak
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Note: * Denotes calculation are based on Trip Generation, 8th Edition by Institute of Transportation Engineers

EXISTING ZONING (LMI)

Name of Street	Manchester Expressway
Street Classification	Expressway
No. of Lanes	6
City Traffic Count (2021)	49,100
Existing Level of Service (LOS)**	C
Additional Traffic due to Existing Zoning	248
Total Projected Traffic (2021)	49,348
Projected Level of Service (LOS)**	C

Note: ** Denotes Level of Service Based on National Standards for Different Facility Type (TABLE1- General Highway Capacities by Facility Type)

PROPOSED ZONING (GC)

Name of Street	Manchester Expressway
Street Classification	Expressway
No. of Lanes	6
City Traffic Count (2021)	49,100
Existing Level of Service (LOS)**	C
Additional Traffic due to Proposed	712
Total Projected Traffic (2021)	49,812
Projected Level of Service (LOS)**	C

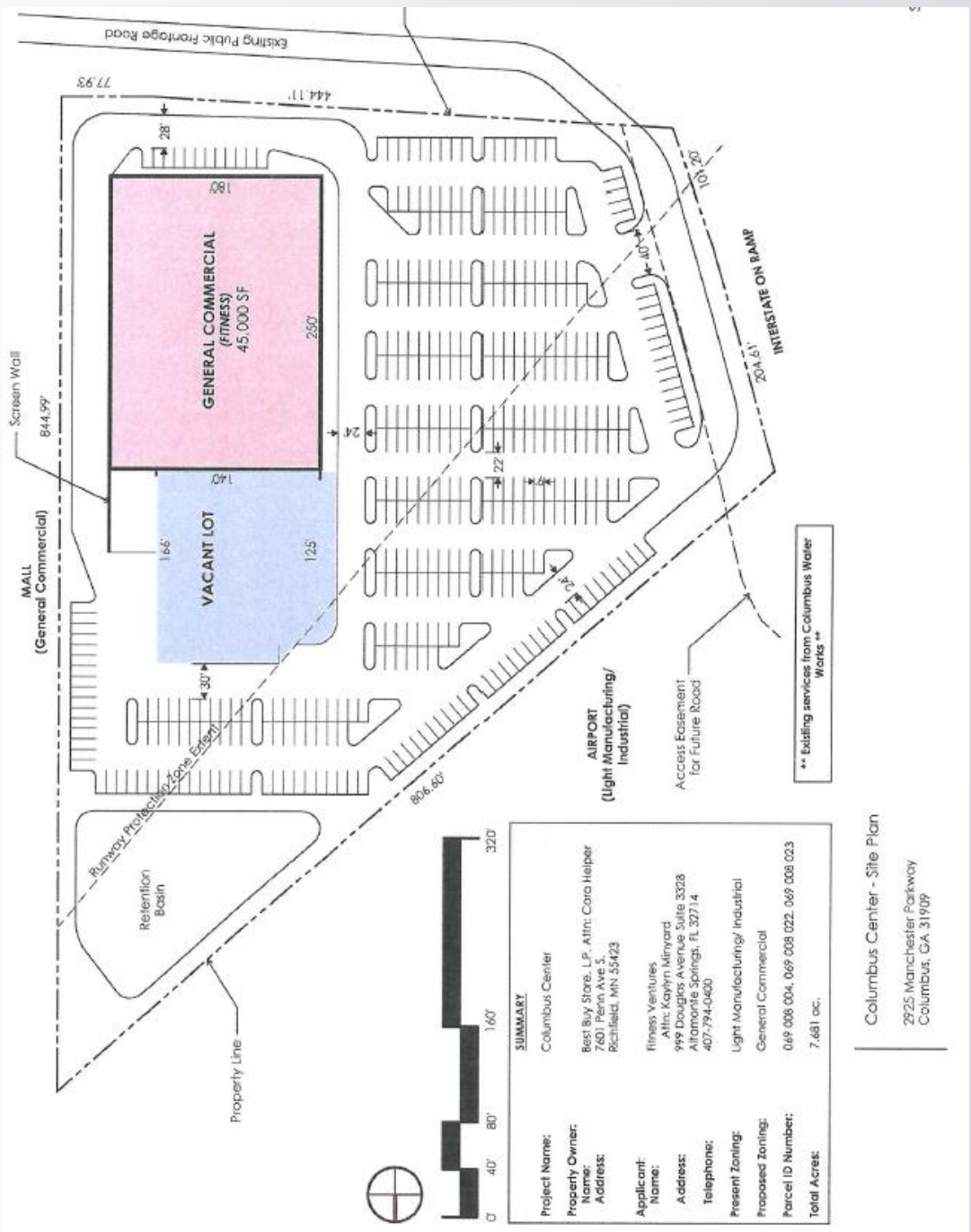
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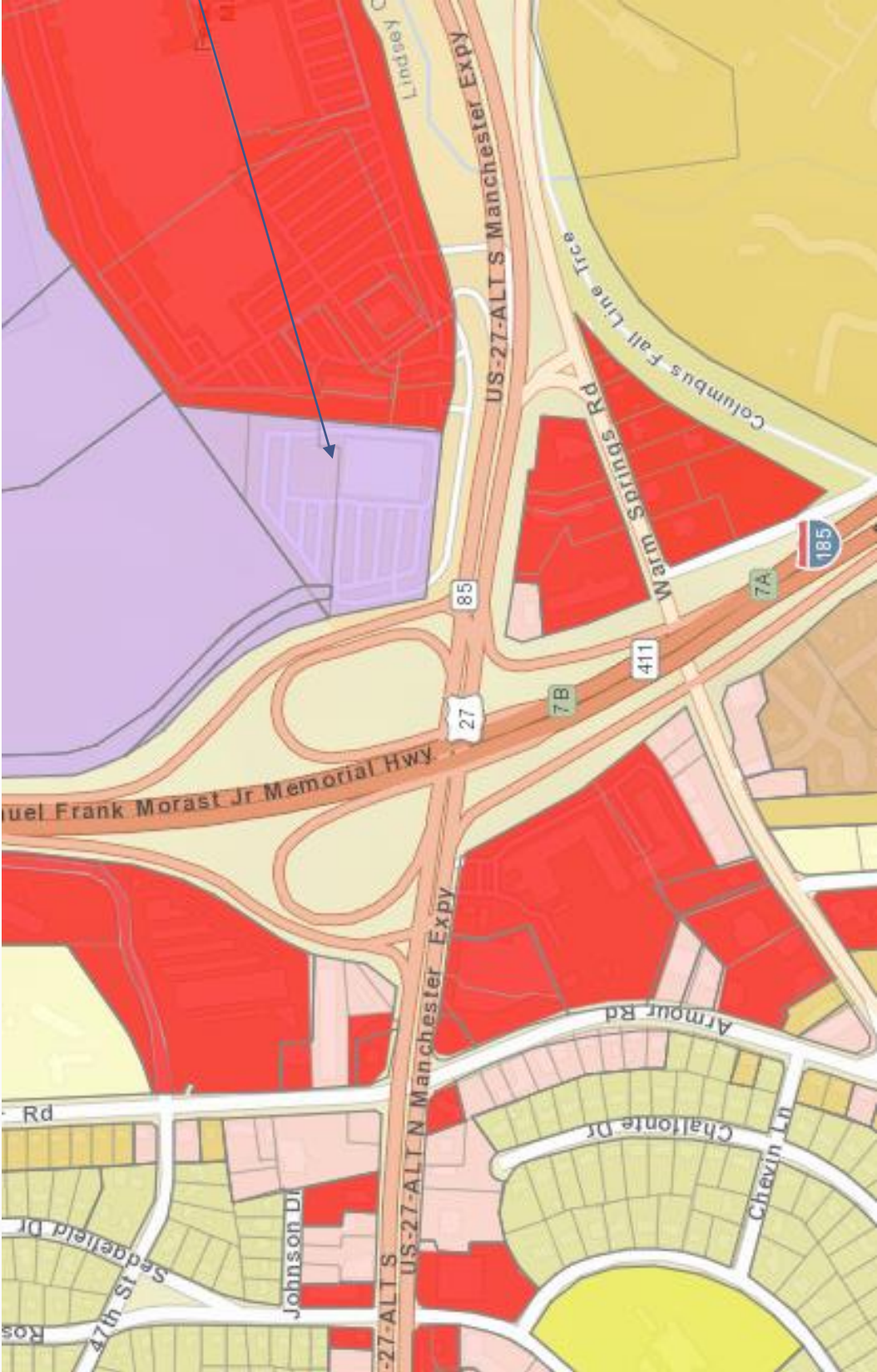
2925 MANCHESTER EXPY

REZN – 01-23-0036

APPLICANT: FITNESS VENTURES, LLC



Subject Property



















File Attachments for Item:

2. 1st Reading- An Ordinance amending the Columbus Code to add a new Article VIII to Chapter 14 which provides comprehensive local regulation of Coin Operated Amusement Machines in Columbus , Georgia to the extent permitted by State Law; and for other purposes. (Councilors Barnes, Tucker, and Cogle)

AN ORDINANCE
NO. _____

An Ordinance amending the Columbus Code to add a new Article VIII to Chapter 14 which provides comprehensive local regulation of Coin Operated Amusement Machines in Columbus, Georgia to the extent permitted by State Law; and for other purposes.

THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HERBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 14 of the Columbus code is hereby amended to add a new Article VIII to read as follows:

“ARTICLE VIII. - COIN OPERATED AMUSEMENT MACHINES

Sec. 14-256. Short title.

This division shall be known as the "Columbus, Georgia Coin Operated Amusement Machine Ordinance."

Sec. 14-257. Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this division, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Bona fide coin operated amusement machine shall have the same definition as found in O.C.G.A. § 50-27-70.

Business location means the entire office or area of the business in any one location owned or leased by the same proprietor or proprietors where the lessor or lessors allow the space to be used for business purposes.

Location owner or *location operator* means an owner or operator of a business where one or more bona fide coin operated amusement machines are available for commercial use and play by the public, or shall have the same definition as found in O.C.G.A. § 50-27-70, should that definition differ.

Class B machine shall have the same definition as found in O.C.G.A. § 50-27-70.

Operator means any person, individual, firm, company, association, corporation, or other business entity who exhibits, displays, or permits to be exhibited or displayed, in a place of business other than his own, any bona fide coin operated amusement machine in this state, or shall have the same definition as found in O.C.G.A. § 50-27-70, should that definition differ.

Owner means any person, individual, firm, company, association, corporation, or other business entity owning any bona fide coin operated amusement machine in this state or shall have the same definition as found in O.C.G.A. § 50-27-70, should that definition differ.

Sec. 14-258. Prohibition on Class B devices.

Location owners and location operators are prohibited from offering more than six (6) Class B machines at one (1) business location within Columbus, Georgia.

Sec. 14-259. Location owner and location operator notice.

The owner and/or possessor of each bona fide coin operated amusement machine that rewards the player exclusively as described in O.C.G.A. § 16-12-35(d) with a machine located within the jurisdiction of Columbus is required to inform the location owner and/or location operator of each business location in which one of the machine owner's machines is located of the prohibitions and penalties set out in O.C.G.A. § 16-12-35(e), (f), and (g).

Sec. 14-260. Employee notice.

The location owner and/or location operator of each business location which offers to the public the use of a bona fide coin operated amusement machines which rewards the player exclusively as described in O.C.G.A. § 16-12-35(d) with a machine located within the jurisdiction of Columbus, Georgia is required to inform all employees of that business in which one of the machine is located of the prohibitions and penalties set out in O.C.G.A. § 16-12-35(e), (f), and (g).

Sec. 14-261. License suspension and revocation; penalties.

- (a) As provided by Columbus Code Section 3-11(a)(7), Columbus may suspend or revoke the license of any location owner or location operator to manufacture, distribute, or sell alcoholic beverages in Columbus, or any other license granted by Columbus, as a penalty for the conviction of the location owner or location operator of a violation of O.C.G.A. § 16-12-35(e), (f), or (g) or for violation of one or more provisions of this article. Violation of any provision of this article may also be punished in accordance with the general penalty section 1-8 of this Code.
- (b) Columbus may suspend or revoke the license of any location owner or location operator of any other license granted by Columbus as a penalty for the conviction of the location owner or location operator of a violation of O.C.G.A. § 16-12-35(e), (f), or (g).
- (c) The suspension or revocation of licenses under this section, shall be in accordance with the guidelines of due process set forth for the revocation of an alcohol license in Columbus Code Section 3-11(b).

Sec. 14- 262. Monthly reports; gross receipts.

- (a) A location owner or location operator subject to O.C.G.A. § 50-27-84(c) is hereby required to provide a copy of the monthly verified report required by such code section to the commission. Such report shall indicate the monthly gross retail receipts for each business location located in Columbus, Georgia shall be due by the 21st day of each month, subsequent to the month in which the sales have taken place. The Finance Department shall be entitled to

conduct an annual audit of such reports and the location owner or location operator shall make its books reasonably available for such purpose upon request of the Finance Department.

- (b) No location owner or location operator may derive more than fifty (50) percent of such location owner's or location operator's monthly gross retail receipts for this business location in which the Class B machines are situated from such Class B machines.

Sec. 14-263. Posting of signs.

Any location owner or location operator with a business location within Columbus which offers to the public one or more bona fide coin operated amusement machines is hereby required to post prominently a notice, in the vicinity of such coin operated amusement machines, including the following or substantially similar language:

GEORGIA LAW PROHIBITS PAYMENT OR RECEIPT OF MONEY FOR WINNING A GAME OR GAMES ON THIS AMUSEMENT MACHINE; PAYMENT OR RECEIPT OF MONEY FOR FREE REPLAYS WON ON THIS AMUSEMENT MACHINE; PAYMENT OR RECEIPT OF MONEY FOR ANY MERCHANDISE, PRIZE, TOY, GIFT CERTIFICATE, OR NOVELTY WON ON THIS AMUSEMENT MACHINE; OR AWARDING ANY MERCHANDISE, PRIZE, TOY, GIFT CERTIFICATE, OR NOVELTY OF A VALUE EXCEEDING \$5.00 FOR A SINGLE PLAY ON THIS MACHINE.

Any such notice shall be at least 11.5 inches by 17.5 inches in size. Words and letters shall be in bold print and shall be at least one (1) centimeter in size.

Sec. 14-264. Minimum distance requirements.

Any business location which offers to the public one (1) or more bona fide coin operated amusement machines may not be located within one hundred (100) yards of any church building, within two hundred (200) yards of any school building, educational building, school grounds or college campus, within one hundred (100) yards of any alcoholic treatment center, or within one hundred (100) yards of any housing authority property.

Sec. 14-265. Disclosure of machine owner.

Any location owner or location operator seeking to locate a business within the jurisdiction of Columbus, Georgia and offer to the public one (1) or more bona fide coin operated amusement machines must first submit in writing the name, physical address and mailing address of the owner of the bona fide coin operated amusement machine to the Revenue Division of the Columbus, Georgia Finance Department. before any occupational tax certificate or license granted by Columbus is issued or renewed.

Sec. 14-266. Location of machines.

Any location owner or location operator who offers to the public one (1) or more bona fide coin operated amusement machines is required as a condition of doing business in the jurisdiction

of Columbus to locate each and every bona fide coin operated amusement machine in plain view and accessible to any person who is at the business location.

Sec. 14-267. Posting of privilege license or occupation tax certificate.

Any location owner or location operator who offers to the public one or more bona fide coin operated amusement machines is required as a condition of doing business in the jurisdiction of Columbus, Georgia to post its license and/or occupation tax certificate, whichever it is required by this code to obtain, in a conspicuous place in the location owner or location operator's place of business at which such machine(s) is offered and leave it there at all times.”

SECTION 2.

This ordinance shall become effective on July 1, 2023.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 28th day of March, 2023, introduced a second time at a regular meeting of said Council held on the ____ day of _____, 2023 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting	_____
Councilor Barnes	voting	_____
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Councilor Thomas	voting	_____
Councilor Tucker	voting	_____

Sandra T. Davis

Clerk of Council

B.H. “Skip” Henderson, III

Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

3. 1st Reading- An Ordinance to amend the Columbus Code to revise and restate Articles III and VII of Chapter 16B which provide the procedures for certain personnel actions; to amend Article VIII of the Columbus Code pertaining to probationary employees; to repeal conflicting ordinances; to establish an effective date; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem)

AN ORDINANCE
NO. _____

An Ordinance to amend the Columbus Code to revise and restate Articles III and VII of Chapter 16B which provide the procedures for certain personnel actions; to amend Article VIII of the Columbus Code pertaining to probationary employees; to repeal conflicting ordinances; to establish an effective date; and for other purposes.

THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEARBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1.

Article III of Chapter 16B of the Columbus Code is amended by repealing sections 16B-3-2., 16B-3-2.1., 16B-3-3., 16B-3-5., 16B-3-8., and 16B-3-8.1 in their entirety.

SECTION 2.

Article VII of Chapter 16B of the Columbus Code is hereby amended by striking Article VII in its entirety and inserting a new Article VII to read as follows:

“ARTICLE VII. - PROMOTIONS, TRANSFERS, DEMOTIONS

Section 16B-7-1. Definitions

Promotion – occurs when the employee is transferred to a position with a higher pay grade but remains in the same CCG Department or Office.

Demotion – occurs when an employee voluntarily or involuntarily moves to a position with a lower pay grade but remains in the same Department or Office.

Inter-departmental Transfer – occurs when an employee leaves one CCG department/office to accept a position in another CCG Department or Office.

Intra-departmental Transfer - occurs when the employee is transferred to a position within his department that is of the same pay grade and class.

Sec. 16B-7-2. Promotions

Public Safety and General Government employees that are selected for promotion will receive a six-step increase measured from their current pay grade and step and placed into the new grade at the nearest salary. Or, the employee will be placed at the first step of the new position and grade, whichever is greater.

Sec. 16B-7-3 . Demotions

When an employee is demoted to a lower grade position, the employee's pay shall be decreased by six steps measured back from their current pay grade and step and be placed into the new grade and step at the nearest salary. If the employee cannot be decreased by six steps as required by this paragraph, the employee will be placed at the first step for the new position and grade.

Sec. 16B-7-4. Intra-departmental transfers

The appropriate department head may, at any time, transfer an employee under his jurisdiction from one position to another in the same class in the same department. An intra-departmental transfer of an employee to a position of another class shall be made only with the approval of the Human Resources Director and only between classes within the same pay grade. The Human Resources Director shall be notified of such changes in assignments. An intra-departmental transfer will not result in any decrease in pay.

Sec. 16B-7-5. Inter-departmental transfers.

An employee desiring to transfer from one department or office to another shall request the transfer and obtain the approval of the hiring authority to which they are requesting transfer and the Human Resources Director. Requests for such transfer shall show how the employee concerned meets the qualification requirements of the class to which the transfer is proposed. Upon approval, the employee transferring shall provide reasonable notice, usually two weeks, to the Department or Office they are leaving.

Sec. 16B-7-6. Pay Grade after Inter-Departmental Transfer

- (a) Employees transferring to another department to a higher pay grade, Employee advances six steps in current grade and is slotted at the nearest step in new pay grade; or placed at step 1 of new grade; whichever is highest. This applies to Public Safety and General Government positions.
- (b) Employees transferring from one General Government position to another General Government position where the pay grade is the same or lower will start at entry level of grade being transferred to. Employees who have attained years of service with the Consolidated Government, may receive additional step increase based on their years of service as described herein:
 - 0 – 4.99 years of service = 2 step increase
 - 5 - 9.99 years of service = 4 step increase
 - 10 or greater years of service = 6 step increase
 - Maximum of six step increase

(c) Public Safety employees transferring to another Public Safety position where the pay grade is the same or lower will start at entry level of grade being transferred to. Public Safety employees who have attained years of service with the Consolidated Government may receive additional step increases based on Public Safety longevity milestones as described herein:

- 3 years of service = 1 step
- 5 years of service = 2 steps
- 7 years of service = 3 steps
- 10 years of service = 4 steps
- 15 years of service or longer = 6 steps
- Maximum of six step increase

(d) Employees transferring from a General Government Department to a Public Safety Department or from a Public Safety Department to a General Government Department will be transferred in accordance with the schedule set forth in paragraph (b) above for the maximum of a six-step increase and retain no other salary adjustments from their prior position.

Sec. 16B-7-7. – RESERVED”

SECTION 3.

Article VIII of Chapter 16B of the Columbus Code pertaining to probationary periods is hereby amended to add the following sentence at the end of Sec. 16B-8-2. -Duration:

“Employees in General Government and Public Safety are not eligible for transfers or promotions to another department until they have successfully completed their probationary period. Exceptions may be approved by the Human Resources Director when it is determined to be in the best interest of the government.”

SECTION 4.

All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance to include Sections 10, 11 and 12 of Ordinance No. 22-045 are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5.

This ordinance shall become effective as of April 11, 2023.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 28th day of March, 2023, introduced a second time at a regular meeting of said Council held on the ____ day of _____, 2023 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting	_____
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Sandra T. Davis
Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson, III
Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

1. Columbus Police Department Quarterly Retention Bonuses and Incentives for Calendar Year 2023

Approval is requested to provide \$1,500 quarterly retention bonuses for calendar year 2023 applicable to full-time Sworn Officers and full-time 911 Communications Technicians employed in the Columbus Police Department as well as relocation assistance up to \$3,000 and employee referral incentives of \$600 for employees in the Columbus Police Department.

Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Columbus Police Department Quarterly Retention Bonuses and Incentives for Calendar Year 2023
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to provide \$1,500 quarterly retention bonuses for calendar year 2023 applicable to full-time Sworn Officers and full-time 911 Communications Technicians employed in the Columbus Police Department as well as relocation assistance up to \$3,000 and employee referral incentives of \$600 for employees in the Columbus Police Department.
INITIATED BY:	City Manager's Office

Recommendation: Approval is requested to provide \$1,500 quarterly retention bonuses for calendar year 2023 applicable to full-time Sworn Officers and full-time 911 Communications Technicians employed in the Columbus Police Department as well as relocation assistance up to \$3,000 and employee referral incentives of \$600 for employees in the Columbus Police Department.

Background and Analysis: During FY2022, Council approved \$1,500 quarterly retention bonuses for all full-time sworn public safety personnel and full-time 911 Communications Technicians that was paid retroactively to October 1, 2021, but sunset upon implementation of the new Evergreen Pay Plan on December 31, 2022, whichever occurred first. Council approved the Evergreen Pay Plan with an effective date of November 12, 2022, thus discontinuing the quarterly retention bonuses as of that date. It has been determined that more time is needed to improve Police Officer/911 Technician recruitment and retention levels in the Police Department post implementation of the Evergreen Pay Plan. Therefore, new \$1,500 quarterly retention bonuses retroactive to January 1, 2023, for the Columbus Police Department is recommended.

Employees eligible for the \$1,500 retention bonus include all full-time Sworn Officers and all full-time 911 Communications Technicians who are actively employed in the Police Department on the last day of each quarter during calendar year 2023. The Sworn Public Safety Officer Relocation Expense Reimbursement would increase from up to \$1,000 to \$3,000 for only the Police Department to aid in recruitment of new Police Officers who are not currently located within 50 miles of Columbus. Implementation of an Employee Referral Program for the Police Department would also provide \$600 incentives to Sworn Officers who successfully recruit other new Police Officers.

Financial Considerations:

Fund Balance Reserves valued at approximately 5 days or \$2.9 million (including fringe benefits) will be used as the funding source.

Legal Considerations: Since the funding source for this bonus is Fund Balance Reserves, Council approval is required to provide the bonus/incentive payouts. Continuation beyond calendar year 2023 will be evaluated at a later date and is subject to fiscal conditions at the time of evaluation.

Recommendation/Action: Approve the provision of \$1,500 quarterly retention bonuses for calendar year 2023 applicable to full-time Sworn Officers and full-time 911 Communications Technicians employed in the Columbus Police Department as well as relocation assistance up to \$3,000 and employee referral incentives of \$600 for employees in the Columbus Police Department.

RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PROVISION OF \$1,500 QUARTERLY RETENTION BONUSES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023 APPLICABLE TO FULL-TIME SWORN OFFICERS AND FULL-TIME 911 COMMUNICATIONS TECHNICIANS EMPLOYED IN THE COLUMBUS POLICE DEPARTMENT.

WHEREAS, During FY2022, Council approved \$1,500 quarterly retention bonuses for all full-time sworn public safety personnel and full-time 911 Communications Technicians that sunset upon implementation of the new Evergreen Pay Plan or December 31, 2022, whichever occurred first; and

WHEREAS, the Evergreen Pay Plan with an effective date of November 12, 2022 which discontinued the quarterly retention bonuses as of that date; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that more time is needed to improve Police Officer/911 Technician recruitment and retention levels in the Police Department post implementation of the Evergreen Pay Plan.

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

\$1,500 quarterly retention bonuses retroactive to January 1, 2023, for the Columbus Police Department will be provided during calendar year 2023. Eligible employees include all full-time sworn personnel and all full-time 911 Communications Technicians who are actively employed in the Police Department on the last day of each quarter during calendar year 2023, the Sworn Public Safety Officer Relocation Expense Reimbursement shall be increased from up to \$1,000 to \$3,000 for only the Police Department, and implementation of an Employee Referral Program for the Police Department that would provide \$600 incentives to Sworn Officers who successfully recruit other new Police Officers. Fund Balance Reserves will be used as funding

source for the bonus/incentive payouts. Therefore, continuation beyond calendar year 2023 will be evaluated at a later date and is subject to fiscal conditions at the time of evaluation.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the 28th day of March 2023, and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of Council.

Councilor Allen voting	_____.
Councilor Barnes voting	_____.
Councilor Crabb voting	_____.
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Councilor Davis voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett voting	_____.
Councilor House voting	_____.
Councilor Huff voting	_____.
Councilor Thomas voting	_____.
Councilor Tucker voting	_____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

2. Uptown Columbus – City Chattahoochee River Park Management MOU Renewal and Amendment

Approval is requested to authorize to renew the MOU with Uptown Columbus, Inc., for management and operation of the Chattahoochee River Park and make amendments to certain provisions.

FIRST AMENDMENT TO
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVER PARK MANAGEMENT

THIS FIRST AMENDMENT TO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVER PARK (this "Amendment") made and entered into this ____ day of _____, 2023 (the "Effective Date"), by and between COLUMBUS, GEORGIA CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT ("the City"), and UPTOWN COLUMBUS, INC., a non-profit corporation ("UCI") .

WHEREAS, the City and UCI entered into a Memorandum of Understanding on February 4, 2013 ("the MOU"); and

WHEREAS; pursuant to that MOU, the City leased the property known as the Chattahoochee River Park ("the Park") more fully described in Exhibit A attached hereto to UCI for one dollar per year for a period of ten(10) years with the provision for one additional ten year renewal: and

WHEREAS, the MOU also provided the terms under which UCI would manage upon the; and

WHEREAS, UCI and the City both wish to renew the MOU for an additional ten year period; and make amendment to certain provisions of the Management agreement set forth in the MOU; and

WHEREAS, UCI and the City both desire to amend the MOU to provide certain other terms and conditions set forth in the Lease, all as set forth in this Amendment.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City and UCI, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements herein contained, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, and intending to be legally bound hereby, covenant and agree as follows:

1. Recitals; Capitalized Terms. The above recitals are hereby incorporated into this Amendment. Capitalized terms used herein but not defined shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the MOU.
2. Additional Reporting Requirements. A new paragraph to be designated as paragraph b.v of Section of Section 2 shall be added to the MOU and read as follows:
 - v. UCI will submit an Annual Whitewater/Zipline Utilization Report, to the City manager, including the number of rafters and zipliners by month due September 1st for the fiscal year ending June 30 of each year.
3. Termination: A new Section 8 Termination which will read as follows is added to the MOU:

"8. Termination: Anything in this MOU to the contrary notwithstanding, the City, upon one hundred and eighty (180) days prior written notice to UCI, may terminate this MOU with or without cause, in which event, UCI and the City shall have no further obligations hereunder to one another, or in any manner, whatsoever, except for such obligations which have arisen or accrued pursuant hereto prior to the date of such termination."
4. Complete Agreement. The MOU, as modified by this Amendment, constitutes the entire agreement between Landlord and Tenant, and supersedes all previous understandings, letters of

intent and agreements between the parties, if any; and no oral or implied representation or understandings shall vary its terms.

5. Severability. In the event any one or more of the provisions contained in this Amendment should be held invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions contained herein or therein shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.
6. Conflicts. In the event of any conflict or inconsistency between the terms and provisions of this Amendment and those of the Lease, the terms and provisions of this Amendment shall govern and control to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency.

IN WITNESS WHEREAS, the parties have caused this Memorandum to be executed as of the day and year first above written above.

COLUMBUS, GEORGIA
A Consolidated City-County Government

EXECUTION AUTHORIZED
BY RESOLUTION NO

BY: _____
Isaiah Hugley

ITS: City Manager

ATTEST

BY: _____
Sandra T. Davis

ITS: Clerk of Council

FORM APPROVED:

Clifton C. Fay, City Attorney

UPTOWN COLUMBUS, INC.

BY: _____

ITS: _____
(SEAL)

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING Chattahoochee River Park Management

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (this "MOU"), made and entered into this 14th day of February, 2013, amongst the CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA (the "City") and UPTOWN COLUMBUS, INC., a non-profit corporation ("UCI").

BACKGROUND

The River Restoration Project will bring the Chattahoochee River back to its natural flow by breaching 2 dams in this 2.5 mile stretch of the river. This project will restore the Chattahoochee River to the economic engine that it was in our past and provide environmental benefit.

The project will serve as a catalyst for the restoration of properties within this National Historic Landmark District. This restoration will allow the river to regain its historic, environmental, educational, recreational and economic function to these communities. Restoring this 2.5-mile stretch of river channel will reveal magnificent shoals and river rapids and will restore the fall line habitat for rare and endangered species like the shoal bass, mussels and shoal spider lilies.

Based upon a Columbus State University economic impact study, when the project is completed the Valley region stands to benefit economically in several key areas including:

- Drawing visitors from a 5-hour driving radius
- Attracting 188,000 sports participants to the venue annually - 144,000 of which are expected to be from out of town; not to mention an additional estimated 10 spectators for each paddler will be attracted to the river bringing approximately 1.5M people to the riverfront each year
- Generating a total economic impact of \$42M a year, including more than \$2M from new sales and hotel/motel tax revenue
- Creating more than 700 new jobs

In connection with the proposed implementation, development and construction of the River Restoration Project as shown on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof, the City desires to be a partner with the development of the project. UCI is the owner of the property shown on Exhibit "B" and currently is in the process of developing said property into the River Restoration Project. UCI is a non-profit organization that is responsible for the overall growth and development of the central business district. (which encompasses the property shown on Exhibit "B"). The parties acknowledge the benefit to each party individually of having: (i) UCI coordinate the development of the project and (ii) UCI causing the work to be constructed.

NOW THEREFORE, the parties hereto wish to set forth the general terms of the understanding with respect to the management of the Chattahoochee River Park (CRP).

AGREEMENT

1. Completion of the Construction: At the completion of the construction of the Project or upon initiation of whitewater outfitter operations in the Chattahoochee River Park, UCI the Developer will gift to the City the property known as Eagle Phenix (app. 24ac) and City Mills (app 99ac). This property will become the Chattahoochee River Park, and the City will lease back the property to UCI for \$1.00 per year for ten years, with an option for a ten-year renewal upon approval of Columbus Council.
2. Management: UCI will be responsible for the oversight of operations of CRP. This will include:
 - a. Procurement and oversight of Outfitters at City-designated river access points, as shown on Exhibit "C". UCI shall insure that all such Outfitters perform their duties in accordance with generally accepted standards for whitewater operations
 - b. Access control
 - i. UCI will manage City-designated river access and take out points from South of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission boundary to the Trade Center landing.

- ii. UCI will receive a fee from any Outfitter for Outfitter Guide Services for whitewater operations.
 - iii. The City shall receive a fee from Uptown Columbus, Inc. for Outfitter Guide Services equal to 3.5% of the prevailing approved Outfitter Guide Services fee for each individual rafter utilizing Outfitter Guide Services.
 - iv. UCI and Outfitter or Outfitters will develop a system of accountability to determine all Outfitter Guide Services revenue owed to UCI and City for whitewater operations, subject to approval of the City Finance Department.
 - c. Coordination with Columbus Police Department on security.
 - d. Coordination with Columbus Fire and EMS Department and Department of Natural Resources on safety and rescue.
 - e. Maintenance and trash removal at the City-designated river access points.
 - f. Maintaining of in-river whitewater features.
 - g. UCI will control all City-designated river access points from South of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission boundary to Trade Center Landing.
 - h. Event planning and operations, subject to special events sponsored by the City.
3. Indemnity and Insurance: UCI shall indemnify and hold City harmless for any and all claims of liability for personal injury, property damage or death which may arise or occur out of performance under this agreement. UCI shall require any Outfitter to purchase and demonstrate general public liability insurance coverage in an amount not less than \$1,000,000.00 and City shall be named as an additional insured in all such policies. Uptown further agrees to provide Commercial General Liability (or equivalent) coverage on an occurrence (not claims made) basis as required in the City's Lease Agreement with Georgia Power, Section 10.10 (a)-(d) of at least \$10 million for any one occurrence and including broad-form contractual liability coverage, completed operations coverage, broad-form bodily injury and property damage coverage and severability of interest for each insured, subject to a commercially reasonable deductible applicable to any person or entity utilizing the Property.
4. Binding Effect: The MOU sets forth the understanding and commitment of the parties and may be modified and amended by a more definitive agreement, but the obligations of the parties set forth herein are intended to be binding upon the parties, subject, however, to the prior approval of the MOU by the Columbus Council and UCI.
5. Governing Law: This MOU will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Georgia.
6. Notices: All notices and other communications permitted or given in connections with this MOU shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been properly given if delivered in person, or by courier, or sent by United States mail, Registered or Certified, Return Receipt Requested, to the addresses set forth below or to such other address as may be from time to time specified by written notice delivered in accordance herewith:
7. Authorization to apply for Grant Funding: The Mayor and City Manager are authorized to approve the application for grant funding as identified for this project. The application for any grant funding shall not require an additional match commitment beyond the amount outlined in Paragraph 3 of this document. The Mayor and City Manager are further authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to receive grant funds and facilitate the completion of the project.

If to the City: Columbus Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia
Attn: City Manager
P.O. Box 1340
Columbus, Georgia 31902-1340

If to UCI: Uptown Columbus, Inc.
Richard Bishop
P.O. Box 1237
Columbus, Georgia 31902-1237

IN WITNESS WHEREAS, the parties have caused this Memorandum to be executed as of the day and year first above written.

CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT OF
COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

By: 

Its: City Manager

(SEAL OF CITY)

UPTOWN COLUMBUS, INC.

By: 

Richard S. Bishop, President

(CORPORATE SEAL)

EXECUTION AUTHORIZED

By Resolution No. 251-12


King D. Washington
Clerk of Council

Exhibit A River Restoration Project

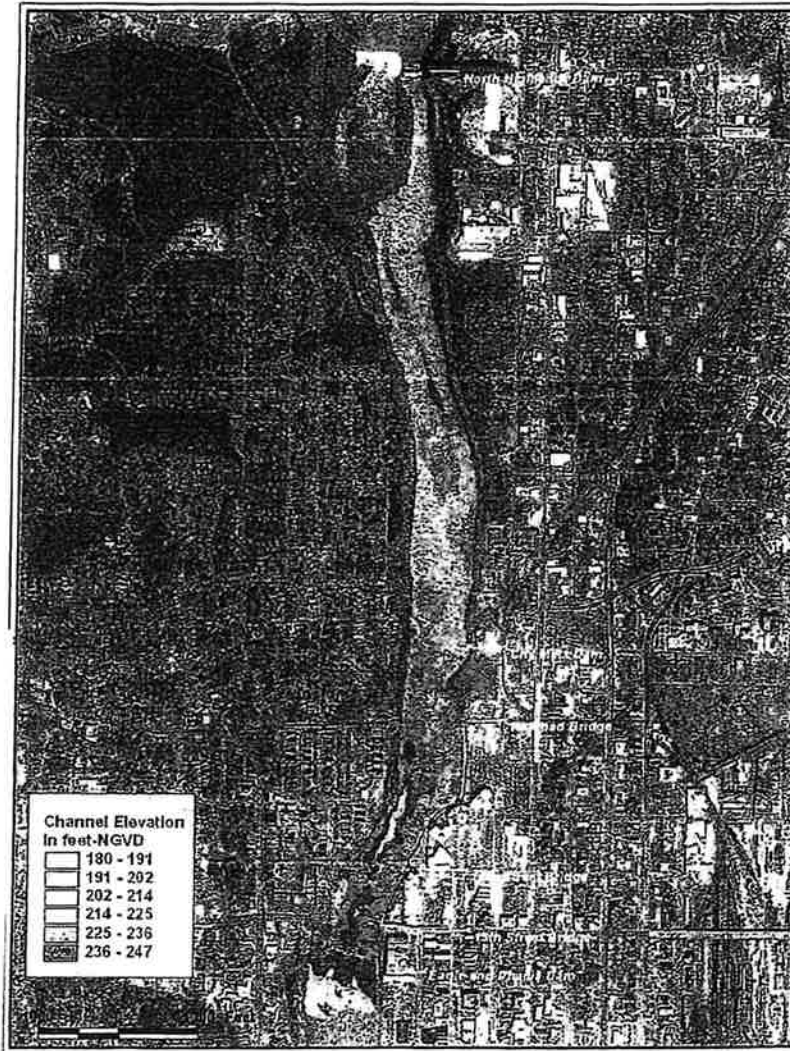


Figure 7. Topographic survey of the Chattahoochee River channel

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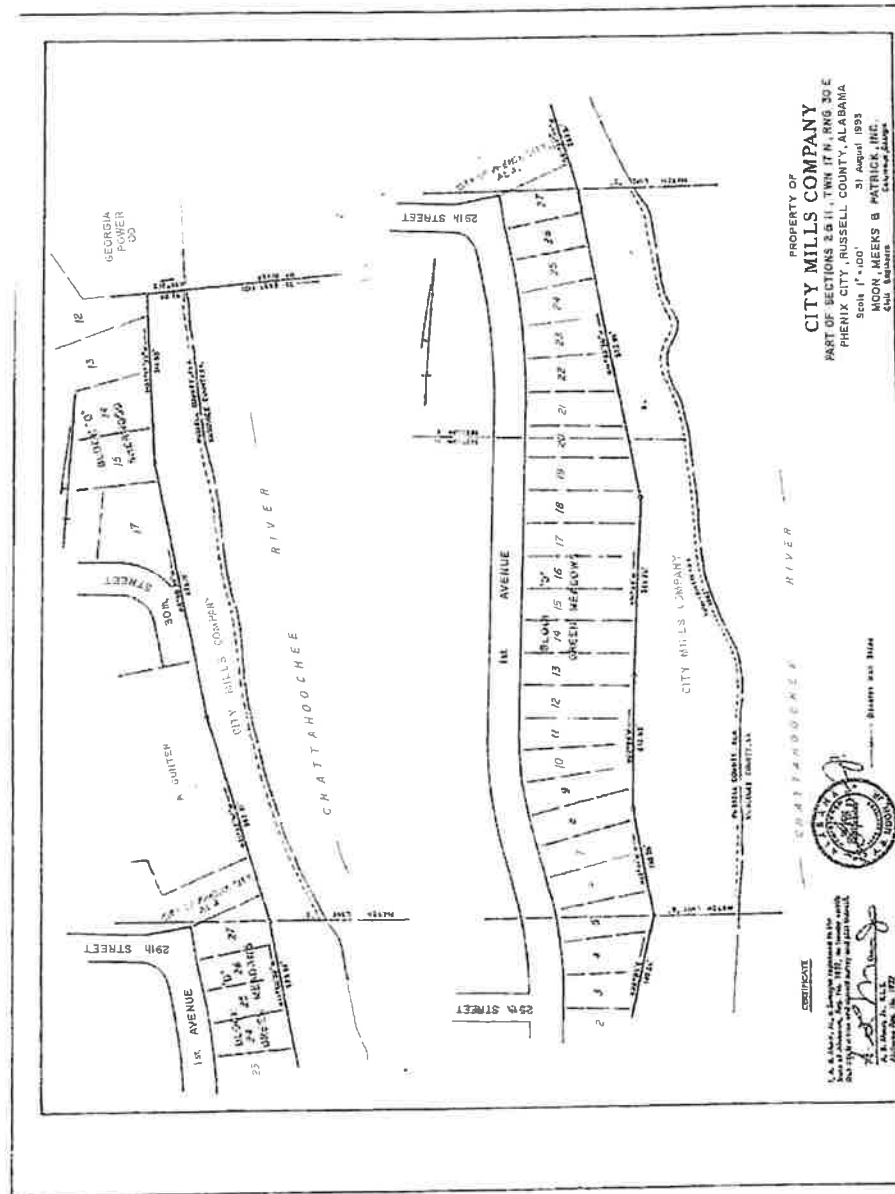
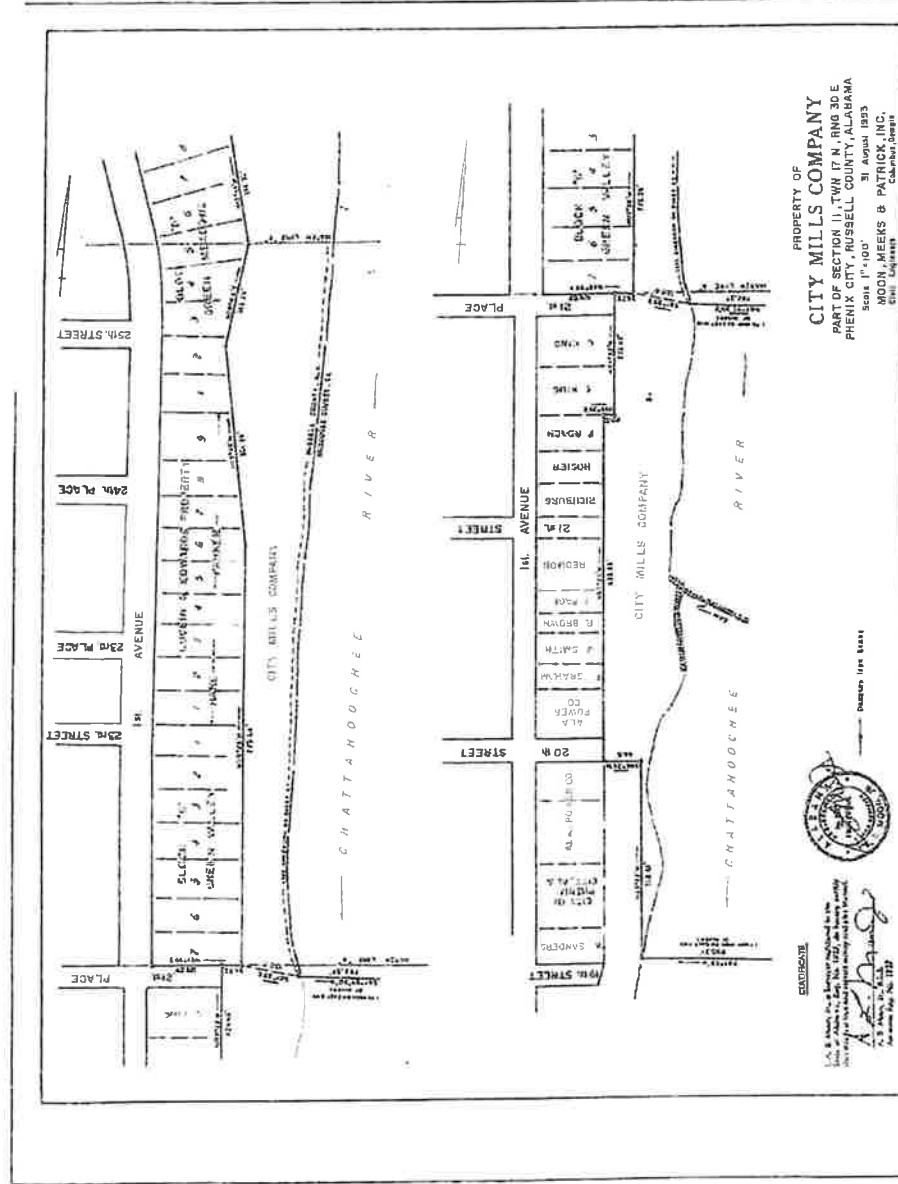


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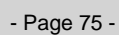
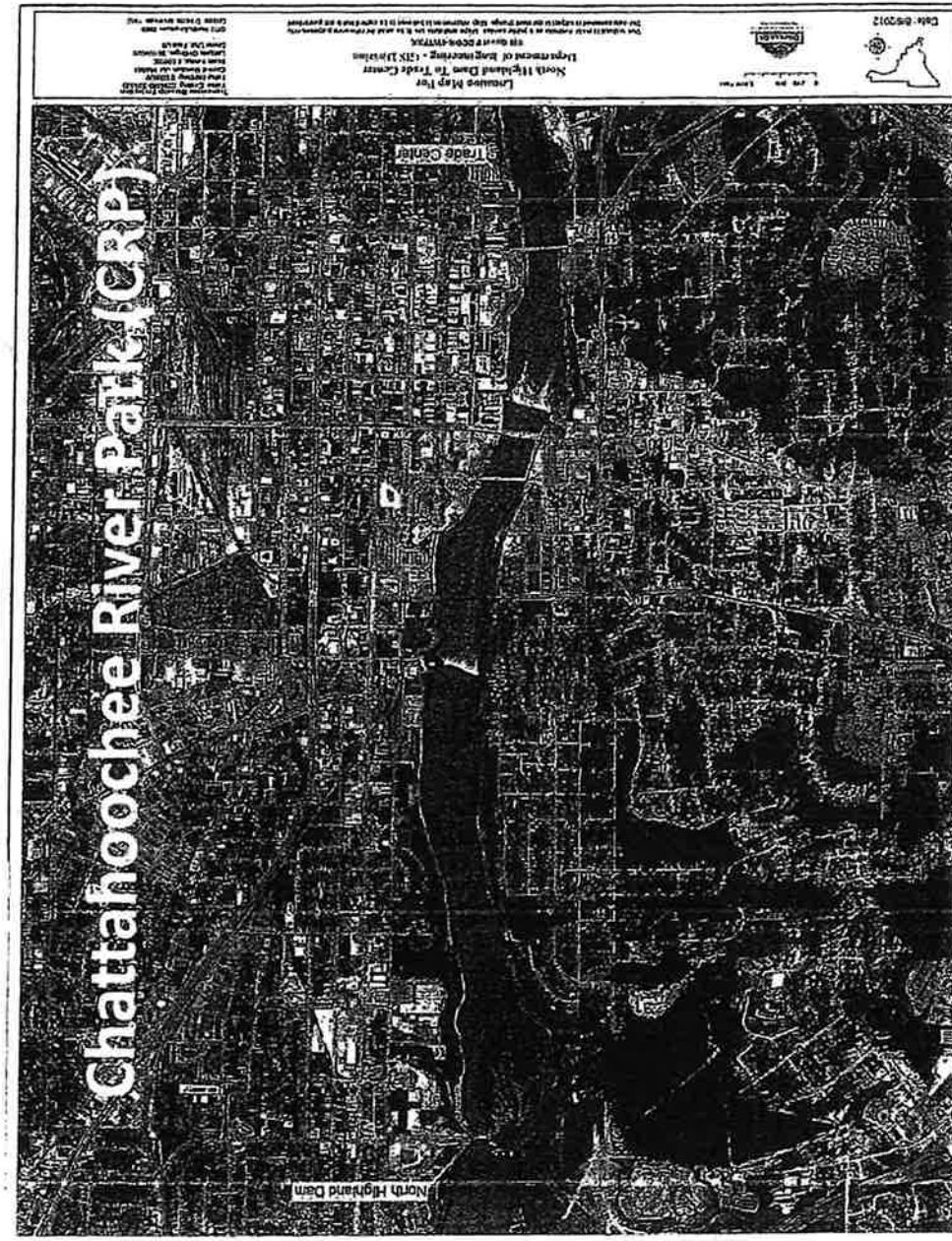


Exhibit Access and Take Out Points



**Columbus Consolidated Government
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Item #2.

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Uptown Columbus – City Chattahoochee River Park Management MOU Renewal and Amendment
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to authorize to renew the MOU with Uptown Columbus, Inc., for management and operation of the Chattahoochee River Park and make amendments to certain provisions.
INITIATED BY:	Community Reinvestment

Recommendation: Approval is requested to renew the MOU/lease agreement with Uptown Columbus Inc., for management and operation of the Chattahoochee River Park.

Background: Council approved Resolution No. 251-12 to enter into a Chattahoochee River Park Management Lease Agreement with Uptown Columbus, Inc., a non-profit corporation (UCI) to manage and operate the Chattahoochee River Park. Under the terms of the agreement, Uptown Columbus, Inc. is responsible for the following:

- a. Procurement and oversight of Outfitters at City-designated river access points, as shown on Exhibit “C”. UCI shall insure that all such Outfitters perform their duties in accordance with generally accepted standards for whitewater operations
- b. Access Control
 - a. UCI will manage City-designated river access and take out points from North Highland Dam to the Trade Center landing.
 - b. UCI will receive a fee from any Outfitter for using designated City Access points for whitewater operations.
 - c. The City shall assess a rental fee to Uptown Columbus, Inc. for the launching of whitewater rafting trips equal to 3.5% of the prevailing approved Outfitter rafting fee for each individual rafter utilizing the designated City access points.
 - d. UCI and Outfitters will develop a system of accountability to determine all rafting revenue owed to UCI and City for operations at City-designated river access points, subject to approval of the City finance Department.
- c. Coordination with Columbus Police Department on security.
- d. Coordination with Columbus Fire and EMS Department and Department of Natural Resources on safety and rescue.
- e. Maintenance and trash removal at the City-designated river access points.
- f. Maintaining of in-river whitewater features.
- g. UCI will control all City-designated river access points from North Highland Dam to Trade Center Landing.
- h. Event planning and operations, subject to special events sponsored by the City.

UCI shall indemnify and hold City harmless for any and all claims of liability for personal injury, property damage or death which may arise or occur out of performance under this

agreement. UCI shall require any Outfitter to purchase and demonstrate general public liability insurance coverage in an amount no less than \$1,000,000.00 and City shall be named as an additional insured in all such policies.

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Analysis: The initial term of the Park Management Lease Agreement was for a 10-Year period beginning February 4th, 2013 with the option to renew for an additional 10 years. This amendment will renew the Lease/ MOU for the second ten-year term, and at Council's request, provisions with additional reporting requirements and a termination for convenience upon 180-days' notice are added to the original MOU.

Financial Considerations: The total revenue received from the first 10 years is \$369,321.22 and the funds will continue to be reserved for Whitewater improvements at the discretion and approval of City Council.

Legal Considerations: Any lease agreement involving City of Columbus owned property requires Council approval.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to authorize the City Manager to renew the MOU with Uptown Columbus, Inc., with the additional amendments, to manage and operate the Chattahoochee River Park.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVER PARK MANAGEMENT RENEWING AND AMENDING THE MOU WITH UPTOWN COLUMBUS, INC., A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION (UCI), TO MANAGE AND OPERATE THE CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVER PARK FOR AN ADDITIONAL TEN YEARS.

WHEREAS, the City entered a Chattahoochee River Park management Lease Agreement /Memorandum of Understanding (the MOU/ Lease Agreement) authorized through resolution 251-12; and,

WHEREAS, the initial 10 year period of the MOU/Lease Agreement lease expired February 3, 2023, and the extension to the MOU/Lease Agreement expires April 3, 2023; and,

WHEREAS, the MOU/Lease Agreement has an option for a 10-year renewal upon approval of Columbus Council; and,

WHEREAS, the City will continue to receive a rental fee from Uptown Columbus, Inc. for the launching of whitewater rafting trips equal to 3.5% of the prevailing approved Outfitter rafting fee for each individual rafter utilizing the designated City access points; and,

WHEREAS, .UCI will continue to have the same responsibilities set out in the original MOU/Lease Agreement; and,

WHEREAS, UCI and the City both desire to amend the MOU to exercise the 10-year renewal period and revise certain other terms and conditions set forth in the original MOU/Lease Agreement, all as set forth in the First Amendment to Memorandum of Understanding Chattahoochee River Park Management Amendment (“the Amendment”) which is attached hereto; and,

WHEREAS, the term of the Amendment will be February 4, 2023, through February 3, 2033.

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

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to the attached First Amendment to Memorandum of Understanding Chattahoochee River Park Management which renews the Chattahoochee River Park MOU/Lease Agreement with Uptown Columbus, Inc., for management and operation of the Chattahoochee River Park for an additional ten (10) year renewal term and amends certain provisions of the original MOU.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the _____ day of _____ 2023 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ten members of said Council.

Councilor Barnes voting	_____.
Councilor Cogle voting	_____.
Councilor Crabb voting	_____.
Councilor Davis voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett voting	_____.
Councilor House voting	_____.
Councilor Huff voting	_____.
Councilor Thomas voting	_____.
Councilor Tucker voting	_____.

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. “Skip” Henderson, III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

3. Oglethorpe Bridge/4th Avenue Replacement Project

Approval is requested to submit a resolution requesting GDOT (Georgia Department of Transportation) include ADA sidewalk/multiuse transportation facilities on the proposed new bridge replacing the SR 520/US 280 Bridge over the Chattahoochee River.

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TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Oglethorpe Bridge/4th Avenue Replacement Project
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to submit a Resolution requesting GDOT (Georgia Department of Transportation) include ADA sidewalk/multiuse transportation facilities on the proposed new bridge replacing the SR 520/US 280 Bridge over the Chattahoochee River.
INITIATED BY:	Department of Engineering

Recommendation: Approval is requested to submit a Resolution requesting GDOT (Georgia Department of Transportation) include ADA sidewalk/multiuse transportation facilities on the proposed new bridge replacing the SR 520/US 280 Bridge over the Chattahoochee River.

Background: The Oglethorpe Bridge/4th Avenue, currently under design by GDOT is proposed to replace an aging bridge that is at risk of fracture, showing signs of deterioration and does not meet current design standards.

Analysis: GDOT proposes to replace the existing bridge structure in Fiscal Year 2027. The current bridge structure contains elements being used as sidewalks for pedestrians/cyclist to cross between the communities. There are existing foot paths along the roadway on the Alabama/Phenix City side of the bridge and sidewalks in Columbus. Phenix City has future plans to provide connectivity with Multiuse Paths. National and State standards include recommendations for safe routes for all along transportation facilities. This includes, but not limited to, sidewalks and multiuse paths. These type facilities improve mobility and increase physical activity through walking, bicycling, and other forms of exercise.

Financial Considerations: The bridge project is currently funded with Federal and State funds. Estimated project cost to replace the bridge has been estimated at \$34,000,000.00.

Legal Considerations: GDOT has requested formal support by Council for the enhanced transportation project.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to submit a Resolution requesting GDOT (Georgia Department of Transportation) include ADA sidewalk/multiuse transportation facilities on the proposed new bridge replacing the SR 520/US 280 Bridge over the Chattahoochee River.

A RESOLUTION

Item #3.

NO.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA REQUESTING
SIDEWALKS AND MULTIUSE PATH FACILITIES BE INCLUDED AS PART OF THE
REPLACEMENT OF THE SR 520/US280 OGLETHORPE BRIDGE/4TH AVENUE
PROJECT.**

WHEREAS, the existing river bridge is failing structurally and does not meet current design standards; and,

WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) is currently working on a replacement plan for the bridge that does not include sidewalk or multi-use paths; and,

WHEREAS, current national and state standards have recommendations for alternative transportation considerations be included on transportation projects; and,

WHEREAS, Columbus and Phenix City have current and planned initiatives to expand their sidewalk and multi-use path programs.

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

That the City Manager is authorized to provide a copy of this executed Resolution to the Georgia Department of Transportation(GDOT) as part of a request to include sidewalk and multi-use paths in the design and construction of the replacement bridge over the Chattahoochee River on SR 520/US 280.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 28th day of March, 2023 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ten members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting	_____.
Councilor Barnes voting	_____.
Councilor Cogle voting	_____.
Councilor Crabb voting	_____.
Councilor Davis voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett voting	_____.
Councilor House voting	_____.
Councilor Huff voting	_____.
Councilor Thomas voting	_____.
Councilor Tucker voting	_____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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

File Attachments for Item:**4. Federal Fiscal Year 2024 Congressionally Directed Spending Request for Funding to Provide On-Demand Transit Service**

Approval is requested to accept, if awarded, and amend the Transportation Fund by an amount up to \$2,630,000 in funding from FFY 2024 Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) offered through the Office of Senator Jon Ossoff. The funding requires a match in an amount up to \$2,030,000. Available Transportation Local Option Sales Tax (T-SPLOST) funds will be used for the match. Funding will be utilized to provide an on-demand transit service for locations such as the Robert S. Poydasheff VA Clinic, the Georgia Department of Driver Services Office, and other destinations.

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Item #4.

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Federal Fiscal Year 2024 Congressionally Directed Spending Request for Funding to Provide On-Demand Transit Service
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to accept, if awarded, and amend the Transportation Fund by an amount up to \$2,630,000 in funding from FFY 2024 Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) offered through the Office of Senator Jon Ossoff. The funding requires a match in an amount up to \$2,030,000. Available Transportation Local Option Sales Tax (T-SPLOST) funds will be used for the match. Funding will be utilized to provide an on-demand transit service for locations such as the Robert S. Poydasheff VA Clinic, the Georgia Department of Driver Services Office, and other destinations.
INITIATED BY:	Department of Transportation/METRA

Recommendation: Approval is recommended to accept, if awarded, and amend the Transportation Fund by an amount up to \$2,630,000 in funding from FFY 2024 Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) offered through the Office of Senator Jon Ossoff. The funding requires a 20% match in an amount up to \$2,030,000. Available Transportation Local Option Sales Tax (T-SPLOST) funds will be used for the match. Funding will be utilized to provide an on-demand transit service for locations such as the Robert S. Poydasheff VA Clinic, the Georgia Department of Driver Services Office, and other destinations.

Background: The Office of Senator Jon Ossoff announced a request for applications for FFY 2024 CDS projects. This funding opportunity requires a 20% match which will be allocated from available Transportation Local Option Sales Tax (T-SPLOST) funds. METRA would like to apply for \$2,630,000 in CDS funding and use \$2,030,000 available in T-SPLOST for the required match. The proposed funding will be used to implement an on-demand transit service for locations such as the Robert S. Poydasheff VA Clinic, the Georgia Department of Driver Services Office, and other destinations.

Analysis: If awarded, the City would receive up to \$2,630,000 in CDS funding to provide an on-demand transit service for locations such as the Robert S. Poydasheff VA Clinic, the Georgia Department of Driver Services Office, and other destinations. Funds will be used to acquire four (4) vehicles and to fund up to six (6) non-CDL positions for METRA Transit System to provide the on-demand transit service.

Financial Considerations: Up to \$2,020,000 is available in T-SPLOST and will be used for the required match. Funding is received on a reimbursable basis.

Legal Considerations: The City Attorney will review all agreements prior to obtaining the City Manager's signature.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is recommended to accept, if awarded, and amend the Transportation Fund by an amount up to \$2,630,000 in FFY 2024 Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS).

A RESOLUTION

NO.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA,
AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT, IF AWARDED, AND AMEND
THE TRANSPORTATION FUND BY AN AMOUNT UP TO \$2,630,000 IN FUNDING
FROM FFY 2024 CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED SPENDING.**

WHEREAS, the Office of Senator Jon Ossoff has requested the submission of Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) projects for FFY 2024; and,

WHEREAS, CDS projects are high-impact projects located in Georgia that can be jumpstarted or reach completion with the assistance from the Federal Government; and,

WHEREAS, METRA submits for consideration a request for funding up to \$2,630,000 in FFY 2024 CDS; and,

WHEREAS, if awarded, these funds will be used to acquire four (4) vehicles and to fund up to six (6) non-CDL positions for METRA Transit System to provide an on-demand transit service for locations such as the Robert S. Poydasheff VA Clinic, the Georgia Department of Driver Services Office, and other destinations; and,

WHEREAS, the funding requires a match that will be allocated from available Transportation Local Option Sales Tax (T-SPLOST) funds by an amount up to \$2,030,000.

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

The City Manager is authorized to accept, if awarded, and amend the Transportation Fund by an amount up to \$2,630,000 in FFY 2024 Congressionally Directed Spending.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the _____ day of March 2023 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ten members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting	_____.
Councilor Barnes voting	_____.
Councilor Cogle Voting	_____.
Councilor Crabb voting	_____.
Councilor Davis voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett voting	_____.
Councilor House voting	_____.
Councilor Huff voting	_____.
Councilor Thomas voting	_____.
Councilor Tucker voting	_____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:**5. FY23 Violence Against Women Act Grant Award**

Approval is requested to apply for and accept a grant in the amount of 50,000, or as otherwise awarded, with a \$16,667 local match requirement from the State of Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, for the third year of a 3-year VAWA grant program for the Muscogee County Solicitor General Victim Witness Program, and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the award amount.

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

Item #5.

TO:	Mayor and Council
AGENDA SUBJECT:	FY23 Violence Against Women Act Grant Award
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to apply for and accept a grant in the amount of 50,000, or as otherwise awarded, with a \$16,667 local match requirement from the State of Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, for the third year of a 3-year VAWA grant program for the Muscogee County Solicitor General Victim Witness Program, and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the award amount.
INITIATED BY:	Muscogee County Solicitor General

Recommendation: Approval is requested to apply for and accept a grant in the amount of \$50,000, or as otherwise awarded, with a local match requirement of \$16,667 from the State of Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, for the continuation of the Muscogee County Solicitor General Violence Against Women Act grant program, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund by the amount awarded. This grant funds the salary and benefits of a Domestic Violence Investigator, which greatly enhances the Victim Witness office's ability to serve the community and prosecute misdemeanor crimes as pursuant.

Background: Georgia Law requires the Solicitor General provide extensive services, information, and notification to crime victims pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 17-17-1 (Crime Victims' Bill of Rights). The Solicitor General is solely and directly responsible for complying with this law as mandated by the Crime Victims' Bill of Rights.

Analysis: The State of Georgia awarded a three-year Violence Against Women Act grant to the Muscogee County Solicitor General's Victim Witness office in 2021. This is the third year of the grant award. This grant funds the salary and benefits of a Domestic Violence Investigator, which greatly enhances the Victim Witness office's ability to serve the community and prosecute misdemeanor crimes as pursuant.

Financial Considerations: The \$50,000 grant award and \$16,667 local match requirement are the same as that undertaken by the City in FY22.

Legal Considerations: The Consolidated Government of Columbus is eligible to receive the funds and will be bound by the terms of the grant contract.

Recommendation: Approval is requested to apply for and accept a grant in the amount of \$50,000, or as otherwise awarded, from the State of Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, with a \$16,667 local match required, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund by the amount of the award.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT A VAWA GRANT AWARD OF \$50,000.00 OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED, WITH A LOCAL MATCH OF \$16,667.00 TO OPERATE THE SOLICITOR GENERAL'S VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT PROGRAM FROM JANUARY 1, 2023, TO DECEMBER 31, 2023, AND AMEND THE MULTI GOVERNMENTAL FUND 0216 BY THE AMOUNT OF THE AWARD.

WHEREAS, the Solicitor-General designed a Victim Witness Assistance Program in 1997, which specially address the needs of misdemeanor crime victims; and,

WHEREAS, the funds are requested to finance personnel and budget of the Solicitor-General's Victim Witness Assistance Program to provide services mandated by Georgia Law; and,

WHEREAS, the Solicitor-General Victim Witness program is requesting the acceptance of a \$66,667.00 or as otherwise awarded Federal Grant Award for salary and benefits; and,

WHEREAS, if accepted, Federal grant monies will reimburse the city for salary, and benefits for the excluding applicable Federal and State taxes.

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

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to accept a VAWA Grant from the State of Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council in the amount of \$50,000, with a \$16,667 local match requirement, and amend the Multi Governmental Fund by the amount of the award.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the _____ day of _____, 2023 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting	_____
Councilor Barnes voting	_____
Councilor Cogle voting	_____
Councilor Crabb voting	_____
Councilor Davis voting	_____
Councilor Garrett voting	_____
Councilor House voting	_____
Councilor Huff voting	_____
Councilor Thomas voting	_____
Councilor Tucker voting	_____

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:**6. Georgia Statewide Afterschool Network BOOST grant Summer 2023. “Building Opportunities for Out of School Time”**

Approval is requested to apply for a grant and, if awarded, accept a grant in the amount of \$65,000.00 or the amount awarded. with no local match requirement. The funds will provide additional opportunities to provide expanded and improved support for all students in the summer programs run by the City and amend the Multi-governmental Fund by the amount awarded.

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TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Georgia Statewide Afterschool Network BOOST grant Summer 2023. “Building Opportunities for Out of School Time”
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to apply for a grant and, if awarded, accept a grant in the amount of \$65,000.00 or the amount awarded. with no local match requirement. The funds will provide additional opportunities to provide expanded and improved support for all students in the summer programs run by the City and amend the Multi-governmental Fund by the amount awarded.
INITIATED BY:	Parks and Recreation Department

Recommendation: Approval is requested to apply for a grant and, if awarded, accept a grant in the amount of \$65,000.00 or the amount awarded. with no local match requirement. The funds will provide additional opportunities to provide expanded and improved support for all students in the summer programs run by the City and amend the Multi-governmental Fund by the amount awarded.

Background: The Georgia Statewide Afterschool Network BOOST grant Summer 2023 was developed with the motto, “Building Opportunities for Out of School Time”. It is an enhancement to the time-proven programs for youth to help keep them productive, engaged and away from negative influences while out of school during the summer break.

Analysis: In its first year, the BOOST grant provided necessary grant funding for an expanded after school program. Summer months are a challenge in keeping youth positively engaged and the grant will allow for enhanced offerings from the City to do so.

Financial Considerations: This will be at little to no cost to the City as it is a grant with no local match requirement and will amend the Multi-governmental Fund by the amount awarded.

Legal Considerations: Council is the approving authority for all resolutions.

Recommendation/Actions: Approval is requested to apply for and, if awarded, accept a grant in the amount of \$65,000.00 or the amount awarded by the Georgia Statewide Afterschool Network BOOST Grant Summer 2023.

**A RESOLUTION
NO. _____**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO APPLY FOR THE SUMMER BOOST GRANT YEAR 2 AND, IF AWARDED, ACCEPT THE MONIES GRANTED BY THE GEORGIA STATEWIDE AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM NETWORK “BUILDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUT OF SCHOOL TIME” SUMMER BOOST GRANT, TEAR 2.

WHEREAS, it is known Columbus Parks & Recreation After School Programs have proven to keep at-risk youth off the streets and away from negative behavior patterns; and,

WHEREAS, having appropriate funding for after-school programs are necessary to keep these programs open and the children off the street and away from negative influences; and,

WHEREAS, the Georgia Statewide Network After School BOOST grant gives additional funds to Local Education Agencies, Non-Local Education Agencies, Charter Schools, Non-Profit, City or County government agencies, and for-profit corporations; and,

WHEREAS, that the Multi Governmental Fund is amended by the amount of the grant that is awarded; and,

WHEREAS, this grant will be of no cost to the City unless minor, mild expenditures paid out of the Parks and Recreation Community Schools Division’s budget occur.

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

Approval is requested to apply for a grant and if awarded, accept a grant valued at approximately \$65,000.00 or the amount awarded, given by the Georgia Statewide Afterschool Network BOOST grant Summer 2023.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the _____ day of _____, 2022, and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting	_____.
Councilor BARNED voting	_____.
Councilor Crabb voting	_____.
Councilor Davis voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett voting	_____.
Councilor House voting	_____.
Councilor Huff voting	_____.
Councilor Thomas voting	_____.
Councilor Tucker voting	_____.
Councilor Woodson voting	_____.

Sandra Davis, Clerk of Council

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

File Attachments for Item:**7. Therapeutic Recreation: Tables and Chairs Donation**

Approval is requested to accept a donation from TSYS of ten (10) tables and forty (40) chairs to be used by participants of therapeutic recreation services. The chairs are cushioned and will enhance the comfort of the participants while providing additional stability while seated. The approximate value is \$2,500 and requires no match from the city donation.

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Item #7.

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Therapeutic Recreation: Tables and Chairs Donation
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to accept a donation from TSYS of ten (10) tables and forty (40) chairs to be used by participants of therapeutic recreation services. The chairs are cushioned and will enhance the comfort of the participants while providing additional stability while seated. The approximate value is \$2,500 and requires no match from the city donation.
INITIATED BY:	Parks and Recreation

Recommendation: Approval is requested to accept a donation from TSYS of ten (10) tables and forty (40) chairs to be used by participants of therapeutic recreation services. The chairs are cushioned and will enhance the comfort of the participants while providing additional stability while seated. The approximate value is \$2,500 and requires no match from the city donation.

Background: TSYS has expressed a desire to donate the tables and chairs, gratis, to the Therapeutic Recreation Section of the Parks and Recreation Department.

Analysis: Parks and Recreation is requesting permission to receive the ten tables and forty chairs to be used by participants of therapeutic recreation services. The chairs are cushioned and will enhance the comfort of the participants while providing additional stability while seated.

Financial Considerations: The donation is private and will require no matching funds from the Consolidated Government of Columbus.

Legal Considerations: The Council of Consolidated Government of Columbus is the authority to approve receipt of the donation.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is recommended to allow the donation of the tables and chairs to the Therapeutic Recreation section for the enhancement of the program.

NO.

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A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT A DONATION OF TEN TABLES AND FORTY CHAIRS TO BE USED IN THE THERAPEUTIC RECREATION SECTION FO THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT.

WHEREAS, TSYS would like to donate ten tables and forty chairs to the therapeutics recreation section valued at \$2,500.00 ; and,

WHEREAS, the donation will be unilateral and have no cost to the City; and,

WHEREAS, the donated tables and chairs will be used by the therapeutic recreation division participants with the Parks and Recreation Department to provide additional stability while seated.

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

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to accept various tables and chairs donated by a private donor to be placed at Pop Austin Recreation Center for participants and visitors to utilize.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the _____ day of _____ 2023 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting	_____.
Councilor Barnes voting	_____.
Councilor Cogle voting	_____.
Councilor Crabb voting	_____.
Councilor Davis voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett voting	_____.
Councilor House voting	_____.
Councilor Huff voting	_____.
Councilor Thomas voting	_____.
Councilor Tucker voting	_____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

8. Approval To Serve As Fiscal Agent And Apply For FY2024 Family Connection Grant

Approval is requested for the Columbus Consolidated Government to continue to serve as fiscal agent for and apply and accept if awarded the Fiscal Year 2024 Family Connection grant from the Georgia Department of Human Services.

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Item #8.

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Approval To Serve As Fiscal Agent And Apply For FY2024 Family Connection Grant
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested for the Columbus Consolidated Government to continue to serve as fiscal agent for and apply and accept if awarded the Fiscal Year 2024 Family Connection grant from the Georgia Department of Human Services.
INITIATED BY:	City Manager's Office

Recommendation: Approval is requested to continue to serve as fiscal agent and to submit an application and, if approved, accept a grant for \$52,500, or as otherwise awarded, from the Georgia Department of Human Services with no local match required. Approval is also requested to amend the Family Connection Partnership Fund (Fund 0985) by the amount of the award.

Background: The Children, Youth and Family Coalition exists to provide Family Connection activities in order to improve child health, including reduced incidences of teenage pregnancy, child abuse, neglect and other risk factors that impact on the well-being of Columbus children, youth, and families. The Columbus Consolidated Government has served as fiscal agent since the inception of the Family Connection program.

Analysis: Funds are available from the Georgia Department of Human Services to provide assistance to the Children, Youth and Family Coalition by providing funds to establish Columbus as a Family Connection Community.

Financial Considerations: The grant amount is \$52,500 but may be lower or higher depending on state budgetary conditions and may be increased or decreased during the year as allowed or required. No matching funds are required. Funds will be available for Fiscal Year 2024 (July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024).

Projected Annual Fiscal Impact Statement: There will be no annual fiscal impact to the City with the approval of this request.

Legal Considerations: The City is qualified to apply for funds under this program on behalf of The Columbus Children, Youth and Family Coalition with Council approval.

Recommendation/Action: Authorize the City Manager or his designee to submit, and if awarded, accept a grant in the amount of \$52,500, or as otherwise awarded, from the Georgia Department of Human Services and continue to serve as fiscal agent.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO CONTINUE TO SERVE AS FISCAL AGENT AND TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION AND, IF APPROVED, ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$52,500, OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED, WITH NO LOCAL MATCH REQUIREMENT, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024, TO SUPPORT THE COLUMBUS/MUSCOGEE COUNTY FAMILY CONNECTION COLLABORATIVE FOR IMPROVING CHILD HEALTH AND WELFARE, SCHOOL PERFORMANCE, FAMILY STABILITY, FAMILY ECONOMIC CAPACITY, AND TO REDUCE CHILD ABUSE, NEGLECT, AND TEENAGE PREGNANCY, AND TO AMEND THE FAMILY CONNECTION PARTNERSHIP FUND (FUND 985) BY THE AMOUNT OF THE AWARD.

Item #8.

WHEREAS funds have been made available from the Georgia Department of Human Services for the purpose of establishing and continuing Family Connection communities, and the Columbus Consolidated Government has served as fiscal agent for Columbus/Muscogee Family Connection since its inception; and,

WHEREAS the Columbus Children, Youth and Family Coalition will provide the collaborative framework for measurable results of programs implemented by community organizations that address the needs of children, youth, and families; and,

WHEREAS this process will provide the communication link between agencies to impact positively on child abuse, neglect, teenage pregnancy, and high school graduation rates; and,

WHEREAS the Columbus Children, Youth, and Family Coalition will apply for a grant of \$52,5000 or as otherwise awarded, and with no matching funds required. Funds will be available from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

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

That the City Manager or his designee is hereby authorized to serve as fiscal agent and to submit an application and, if approved, accept a grant from the Georgia Department of Human Services for \$52,500, or as otherwise awarded, to continue Columbus, Georgia as a Family Connection community for improving child health, school performance, family stability, family economic capacity, and to reduce child abuse, neglect and teenage pregnancy.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the _____ day of ____ March _____ 2023 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ten members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting
Councilor Barnes voting
Councilor Crabb voting
Councilor Cogle voting

Councilor Davis voting
Councilor Garrett voting
Councilor House voting
Councilor Huff voting
Councilor Thomas voting
Councilor Tucker voting

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Item #8.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. “Skip” Henderson, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

9. Donation Request for the 2023 Columbus Civic Center Juneteenth Jubilee

Approval is requested to accept both Financial and equipment donations from local business and organizations to be used for the 2023 Columbus Civic Center Juneteenth Jubilee. The second annual Juneteenth Jubilee will be the week of June 17th- 19th.

**Columbus Consolidated Government
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Item #9.

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Donation Request for the 2023 Columbus Civic Center Juneteenth Jubilee
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to accept both Financial and equipment donations from local business and organizations to be used for the 2023 Columbus Civic Center Juneteenth Jubilee. The second annual Juneteenth Jubilee will be the week of June 17 th - 19 th .
INITIATED BY:	Civic Center

Recommendation: Approval is requested to accept both Financial and equipment donations from local business and organizations to be used for the 2023 Columbus Civic Center Juneteenth Jubilee. The second annual Juneteenth Jubilee will be the week of June 17th- 19th.

Background: Several Partners of the community are offering financial and equipment assistance as donations to be processed for supplies and equipment rental cost.

Analysis: The Columbus Consolidated Government is requesting to accept financial and equipment donations to be processed for supplies and equipment rental cost.

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

Projected Annual Fiscal Impact Statement: None is expected.

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

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to accept both financial and equipment donations from local business and organizations to be used for the 2023 Columbus Civic Center Juneteenth Jubilee. The second annual Juneteenth Jubilee will be the week of June 17th- 19th.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT BOTH FINANCIAL AND EQUIPMENT DONATIONS FROM LOCAL BUSINESS AND ORGANIZATIONS TO BE USED FOR THE 2023 COLUMBUS CIVIC CENTER JUNETEENTH JUBILEE. THE SECOND ANNUAL JUNETEENTH JUBILEE WILL BE JUNE 17TH-19TH.

Item #9.

WHEREAS, the Columbus Consolidated Government to receive financial and equipment donations from the public.

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

That the City Manager or his designee is hereby authorized to accept financial and equipment donations from the public.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the _____ day of _____ 2023 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ten members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting	_____.
Councilor Barnes voting	_____.
Councilor Crabb voting	_____.
Councilor Davis voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett voting	_____.
Councilor House voting	_____.
Councilor Huff voting	_____.
Councilor Thomas voting	_____.
Councilor Tucker voting	_____.
Councilor Woodson voting	_____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

A. Overhead Door Installation and Maintenance Services (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 23-0032

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

Item #A.

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Overhead Door Installation and Maintenance Services (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 23-0032
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the annual contract with River City Door, LLC (Columbus, GA) to provide overhead door installation and maintenance services. The Public Works Department budgets approximately \$9,500.00, per fiscal year, for these services.

The contractor will provide all supervision, labor, tools, equipment, materials and services required for the installation and maintenance of commercial overhead roll-up doors at various City locations.

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

Bid specifications were posted on the web page of the Purchasing Division, DemandStar, and the Georgia Procurement Registry. Two (2) bids were received on March 8, 2023. This bid has been advertised, opened and reviewed. The bidders were:

	Regular Work Hours			Outside Regular Work Hours			Materials Cost + ____%	Cost Per Mile
	Remove and/or Install Doors (per hour)	Repair Overhead Doors (per hour)	Perform Annual Preventative Maintenance (per hour)	Remove & Install Doors (per hour)	Repair Overhead Doors (per hour)	Perform Annual Preventative Maintenance (per hour)		
River City Door, LLC (Columbus, GA) (2 man crew)	\$ 160.00	\$ 160.00	\$ 140.00	\$ 199.00	\$ 199.00	\$ 199.00	15%	\$ 0.00
*Overhead Door Company (Columbus, GA)	\$ 105.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 125.00	14%	\$ 0.00

* The bid from Overhead Door Company is considered non-responsive for incomplete E-verify. The Georgia E-Verify law requires contractors and all sub-contractors on Georgia public contracts (contracts with a government agency) for the physical performance of work over \$2,499.99 in value to enroll in E-

Verify, *regardless of the number of employees*. Also, per Georgia law the City cannot consider a bid for services if the E-Verify is not completed and notarized. Overhead Door Company failed to submit a completed notarized E-verify Affidavit.

Funds are budgeted each fiscal year for this on-going expense: General Fund - Public Works, Other Maintenance/Repairs -Various; 0101-260-2700-6513.

RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR THE PROVISION OF OVERHEAD DOOR INSTALLATION & MAINTENANCE SERVICES FROM RIVER CITY DOOR, LLC (COLUMBUS, GA), FOR THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL CONTRACT VALUE OF \$9,500.00.

WHEREAS, the contractor will provide all supervision, labor, tools, equipment, materials and services required for the installation and maintenance of commercial overhead roll-up doors at various City locations; and,

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

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

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into an annual contract for the provision of overhead door installation & maintenance services from River City Door, LLC (Columbus, GA), for the estimated annual contract value of \$9,500.00. Funds will be budgeted each fiscal year for this on-going expense: General Fund - Public Works, Other Maintenance/Repairs -Various; 0101-260-2700-6513.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the _____ day of _____, 2023 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting
Councilor Barnes voting
Councilor Cogle voting
Councilor Crabb voting
Councilor Davis voting
Councilor Garrett voting
Councilor House voting
Councilor Huff voting
Councilor Thomas voting
Councilor Tucker voting

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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

File Attachments for Item:

B. Alternators & Starters for METRA (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 23-0031

Columbus Consolidated Government Council Meeting Agenda Item

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Alternators & Starters for METRA (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 23-0031
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the annual contract with Romaine Electric Corporation (Kent, WA), for the purchase, repair, and rebuilding of alternators and starters for METRA, on an “as needed” basis. METRA anticipates an annual contract value of \$10,000.00 based on prior year’s usage and inflation.

The contract will be used for repair and maintenance of buses and administrative vehicles in the Metra Transit System.

The contract period will be for three (3) years.

Bid specifications were posted on the web pages of the Purchasing Division, Georgia Procurement Registry, and DemandStar. Two bids were received on February 22, 2023. This bid has been advertised, opened, and reviewed. The bidders were:

Romaine Electric Corporation (Kent, WA)					DLR Distributors, Inc. (Stone Mountain, GA)				
Y E A R O N E									
PART NUMBER	VENDOR #	EST. USAGE	UNIT COST	EXTENDED COST	PART NUMBER	VENDOR #	EST. USAGE	UNIT COST	EXTENDED COST
Delco Remy 42 MT 24V Starter	6897N	8	\$374.00	\$2,992.00	Delco Remy 42 MT 24V Starter		8	\$455.00	\$3,640.00
97-4250-00001 Evaporator 24V	No Bid	4	No Bid		97-4250-00001 Evaporator 24V		4	No Bid	
97999901783 Generator 24V	36-8359	2	\$1,295.00	\$2,590.00	97999901783 Generator 24V		2	No Bid	
TKC 104-343 Motor Blower Evaporator A/C	TKC 104-343	5	\$995.00	\$4,975.00	TKC 104-343 Motor Blower Evaporator A/C		5	No Bid	
C803D 28V 525 AMP Alternator	C803DR	1	\$2,095.00	\$2,095.00	C803D 28V 525 AMP Alternator		1	\$6,047.26	\$6,047.26
EMP 450 Alternator	3590028150R	1	\$1,495.00	\$1,495.00	EMP 450 Alternator		1	\$4,162.58	\$4,162.58
Y E A R T W O									
PART NUMBER	VENDOR #	EST. USAGE	UNIT COST	EXTENDED COST	PART NUMBER	VENDOR #	EST. USAGE	UNIT COST	EXTENDED COST
Delco Remy 42 MT 24V Starter	6897N	8	\$374.00	\$2,992.00	Delco Remy 42 MT 24V Starter		8	\$486.85	\$3,894.80

97-4250-00001 Evaporator 24V	No Bid	4	No Bid		97-4250-00001 Evaporator 24V		4	No Bid	
97999901783 Generator 24V	36-8359	2	\$1,295.00	\$2,590.00	97999901783 Generator 24V		2	No Bid	
TKC 104-343 Motor Blower Evaporator A/C	TKC 104-343	5	\$995.00	\$4,975.00	TKC 104-343 Motor Blower Evaporator A/C		5	No Bid	
C803D 28V 525 AMP Alternator	C803DR	1	\$2,095.00	\$2,095.00	C803D 28V 525 AMP Alternator		1	\$6,470.56	\$6,470.56
EMP 450 Alternator	3590028150R	1	\$1,495.00	\$1,495.00	EMP 450 Alternator		1	\$4,453.96	\$4,453.96
Y E A R T H R E E									
PART NUMBER	VENDOR #	EST. USAGE	UNIT COST	EXTENDED COST	PART NUMBER	VENDOR #	EST. USAGE	UNIT COST	EXTENDED COST
Delco Remy 42 MT 24V Starter	6897N	8	\$374.00	\$2,992.00	Delco Remy 42 MT 24V Starter		8	\$535.53	\$4,284.24
97-4250-00001 Evaporator 24V	No Bid	4	No Bid		97-4250-00001 Evaporator 24V		4	No Bid	
97999901783 Generator 24V	36-8359	2	\$1,295.00	\$2,590.00	97999901783 Generator 24V		2	No Bid	
TKC 104-343 Motor Blower Evaporator A/C	TKC 104-343	5	\$995.00	\$4,975.00	TKC 104-343 Motor Blower Evaporator A/C		5	No Bid	
C803D 28V 525 AMP Alternator	C803DR	1	\$2,095.00	\$2,095.00	C803D 28V 525 AMP Alternator		1	\$7,117.61	\$7,117.61
EMP 450 Alternator	3590028150R	1	\$1,495.00	\$1,495.00	EMP 450 Alternator		1	\$4,899.56	\$4,899.56

Funds are budgeted each fiscal year for this on-going expense: Transportation Fund – METRA
FTA - Vehicle Operation & Maintenance; 0751-610-2400-MFTA-6516. This is funded 80%
Federal and 20% Local.

RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN ANNUAL CONTRACT WITH ROMAINE ELECTRIC CORPORATION (KENT, WA), FOR THE PURCHASE, REPAIR AND REBUILDING OF ALTERNATORS AND STARTERS FOR METRA, ON AN “AS NEEDED” BASIS. METRA ANTICIPATES AN ANNUAL CONTRACT VALUE OF \$10,000.00 BASED ON PRIOR YEAR’S USAGE AND INFLATION.

WHEREAS, the contract will be used for repair and maintenance of buses and administrative vehicles in the Metra Transit System; and,

WHEREAS, the contract term will be for three (3) years.

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

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into an annual contract with Romaine Electric Corporation (Kent, WA), for the purchase, repair, and rebuilding of alternators and starters for METRA on an “as needed” basis for the estimated annual contract value of \$10,000.00. Funds are budgeted each fiscal year for this on-going expense: Transportation Fund – METRA FTA - Vehicle Operation & Maintenance; 0751-610-2400-MFTA-6516. This is funded 80% Federal and 20% Local.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the _____ day of _____, 2023 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting	_____.
Councilor Barnes voting	_____.
Councilor Cogle voting	_____.
Councilor Crabb voting	_____.
Councilor Davis voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett voting	_____.
Councilor House voting	_____.
Councilor Huff voting	_____.
Councilor Thomas voting	_____.
Councilor Tucker voting	_____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. “Skip” Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

C. Amendment 1 for the Mobile Technology System for Waste Collection Vehicles – RFP No. 21-0015

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

Item #C.

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Amendment 1 for the Mobile Technology System for Waste Collection Vehicles – RFP No. 21-0015
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council authorize the execution of Amendment 1 with GoFleet Corporation, Inc. (Mississauga, Ontario) for the purchase of a mobile application software for METRA’s Uptown Shuttle Service in the amount of \$15,000 for product development, and approximately \$2,400 for hosting and annual maintenance.

RFP No. 21-0015 was issued in October 2020 for the purchase of a Mobile Technology System for Waste Collection Vehicles for the Public Works Department. Per Resolution #170-21 Council authorized the contract with GoFleet Corporation to provide the system. The system provides real-time GPS tracking of vehicles and routes to increase the efficiency of the fleet; has front and rear facing cameras to ensure safe operation and reduce risk; and the system integrates with the City’s 311 citizen notification and reporting system, to send and receive work request information.

The Department of Transportation/METRA is implementing a new on-demand shuttle service in Uptown, “Roll with US (Uptown Shuttle).” Patrons in designated areas of Uptown will be able to use an application on their smartphones or a link to request transportation via an electric cart operated by METRA staff. GoFleet has a software module, Hyper Local Servicing Software, that METRA can use for the Uptown Shuttle service. The system will be built on top of the existing ZenduWork application, similar to that which is currently used by Public Works, but with the additional ability of allowing citizens to request service via a phone app. Users of the service will have the ability to select a handicap accessible vehicle, see the maximum capacity of each vehicle and add a pick-up and drop-off address. The customer will receive confirmation via email.

Funds are budgeted in the FY23 Budget: Transportation Fund– Transportation – T-SPLOST Capital – METRA T-SPLOST – Capital Expend-Over \$5,000; 0751– 610 – 2500 – MTSP – 7761. Funds will be budgeted in subsequent fiscal years for recurring hosting and maintenance fees.

A RESOLUTION

Item #C.

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AMENDMENT 1 WITH GOFLEET CORPORATION (MISSISSAUGA, ONTARIO) FOR THE PURCHASE OF A MOBILE APPLICATION SOFTWARE FOR METRA’S UPTOWN SHUTTLE SERVICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000 FOR PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT AND \$2,400 FOR HOSTING AND ANNUAL MAINTENANCE.

WHEREAS, RFP No. 21-0015 was issued in October 2020 for the purchase of a Mobile Technology System for Waste Collection Vehicles for the Public Works Department. Per Resolution #170-21 Council authorized the contract with GoFleet Corporation to provide the system. The system provides real-time GPS tracking of vehicles and routes to increase the efficiency of the fleet; has front and rear facing cameras to ensure safe operation and reduce risk; and the system integrates with the City’s 311 citizen notification and reporting system, to send and receive work request information; and,

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation/METRA is implementing a new on-demand shuttle service in Uptown, “Roll with US (Uptown Shuttle).” Patrons in designated areas of Uptown will be able to use an application on their smartphones or a link to request transportation via an electric cart operated by METRA staff. GoFleet has a software module, Hyper Local Servicing Software, that METRA can use for the Uptown Shuttle service. The system will be built on top of the existing ZenduWork application, similar to that which is currently used by Public Works, but with the additional ability of allowing citizens to request service via a phone app. Users of the service will have the ability to select a handicap accessible vehicle, see the maximum capacity of each vehicle and add a pick-up and drop-off address. The customer will receive confirmation via email.

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

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute Amendment 1 with GoFleet Corporation (Mississauga, Ontario) for the purchase of a mobile application software for METRA’s Uptown Shuttle Service in the amount of \$15,000 for product development and \$2,400 for hosting and annual maintenance. Funds are budgeted in the FY23 Budget: Transportation Fund– Transportation – T-SPLOST Capital – METRA T-SPLOST – Capital Expend-Over \$5,000; 0751– 610 – 2500 – MTSP – 7761. Funds will be budgeted in subsequent fiscal years for recurring hosting and maintenance fees.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the _____ day of _____, 2023 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting	_____.
Councilor Barnes voting	_____.
Councilor Cogle	_____.
Councilor Crabb voting	_____.
Councilor Davis voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett voting	_____.
Councilor House voting	_____.
Councilor Huff voting	_____.
Councilor Thomas voting	_____.
Councilor Tucker voting	_____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

D. Contract Extension for Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan, CAPER, and Equity Plan – RFP No. 21-0019

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Contract Extension for Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan, CAPER, and Equity Plan – RFP No. 21-0019
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council authorize an extension to the contract with Mosaic Community Planning, LLC (Atlanta, GA) for the total fixed fee of \$173,570.00 for ongoing assistance with planning work related to various community development programs. The services include 2023-2027 Annual Action Plans, 2022-2026 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Reports (CAPERs), 2026-2030 Consolidated Plan, and a 2025 Equity Plan (or comparable fair housing study). The services also include Environmental Review Records in the amounts of \$115, \$230, \$345 and \$485, depending on the level of review required; the pricing is subject to annual increase by a percentage not to exceed 5% year-over-year. On-call technical assistance will be on an hourly basis: \$225 for a Principal, \$200 for a Senior Consultant, \$170 for a Senior Planner and \$115 for an Associate Planner. The contract extension will be for a five-year period.

Per Resolution No. 084-21, Council authorized the execution of a contract with Mosaic Community Planning, LLC for assisting staff of the Community Reinvestment Department with the development of the 2021-2026 Consolidated Plan, 2021-2026 Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area Plan, 2021 Annual Action Plan, and the 2021 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice, including all narratives, data tables, and other plan elements.

Per Resolution No. 062-22, Council authorized the execution of Amendment 1, which was for the 2022 Annual Action Plan and the Consolidated Annual Performance Report (CAPER) as well as substantially amending prior year HUD Action Plans.

To continue providing assistance with planning work related to various community development programs, Mosaic Community Planning, LLC requires an update to the original contract to reflect the ongoing work:

Items I – IV are fixed fees by program year, inclusive of all staff time, travel, supplies, and equipment.					
I. Annual Action Plans					
2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	Total
8,500.00	8,840.00	9,200.00	N/A	9,940.00	36,480.00
II. Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Reports (CAPER)					

2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Total
10,660.00	10,980.00	11,300.00	11,650.00	12,000.00	56,590.00
III. 2026-2030 Consolidated Plan and 2026 Annual Action Plan					\$42,000.00
IV. Equity Plan (or comparable fair housing study)					\$38,500.00
TOTAL					\$173,570.00
V. Environmental Review Records (subject to annual increase by a percentage not to exceed 5% year-over-year)					
A. Level of Review Required:					
1. Exempt					\$115.00
2. Categorically excluded not subject to 58.8 (CENST)					\$115.00
3. Categorically excluded subject to 58.8 (CEST)					\$345.00
B. Additional charges for reviews triggering further compliance and evaluation:					
1. Compliance documentation, per site (additional fee for structures located in a floodplain; all required flood insurance documents to be supplied by the City)					\$115.00
2. Noise abatement documentation, per site (additional fee for structures and proximity to significant noise sources requiring further research and calculations)					\$230.00
3. Historic preservation documentation, per site (additional fee for structures more than 50 years old; all required photos, with map key, to be supplied by city)					\$485.00
VI. On-Call Technical Assistance as requested by the City. The below rates will remain in effect for the 2023 calendar year. Mosaic's hourly rates are subject to periodic adjustment thereafter, based on the mutually agreed upon rates by Mosaic and the City.					
A. Principal					\$225/hour
B. Senior Consultant					\$200/hour
C. Senior Planner					\$170/hour
D. Associate Planner					\$115/hour

Funds will be budgeted each fiscal year: Community Development Block Grant Fund – Community Reinvestment – CDBG-CV – Contractual Services; 0210-245-6000-CDCV-6319 and Community Development Block Grant Fund – Community Reinvestment – CDBG Administration – Contractual Services; 0210-245-1000-CDBG-6319.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXTENSION TO THE CONTRACT MOSAIC COMMUNITY PLANNING, LLC (ATLANTA, GA) FOR THE TOTAL FIXED FEE OF \$173,570.00 FOR ONGOING ASSISTANCE WITH PLANNING WORK RELATED TO VARIOUS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS. THE SERVICES INCLUDE 2023-2027 ANNUAL ACTION PLANS, 2022-2026 CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION REPORTS (CAPERS), 2026-2030 CONSOLIDATED PLAN, AND A 2025 EQUITY PLAN (OR COMPARABLE FAIR HOUSING STUDY). THE SERVICES ALSO INCLUDE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW RECORDS IN THE AMOUNTS OF \$115, \$230, \$345 AND \$485, DEPENDING ON THE LEVEL OF REVIEW REQUIRED; THE PRICING IS SUBJECT TO ANNUAL INCREASE BY A PERCENTAGE NOT TO EXCEED 5% YEAR-OVER-YEAR. ON-CALL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE WILL BE ON AN HOURLY BASIS: \$225 FOR A PRINCIPAL; \$200 FOR A SENIOR CONSULTANT; \$170 FOR A SENIOR PLANNER AND \$115 FOR AN ASSOCIATE PLANNER. THE CONTRACT EXTENSION WILL BE FOR A FIVE-YEAR PERIOD.

WHEREAS, per Resolution No. 084-21, Council authorized the execution of a contract with Mosaic Community Planning, LLC for assisting staff of the Community Reinvestment Department with the development of the 2021-2026 Consolidated Plan, 2021-2026 Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area Plan, 2021 Annual Action Plan, and the 2021 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice, including all narratives, data tables, and other plan elements; and,

WHEREAS, per Resolution No. 062-22, Council authorized the execution of Amendment 1, which was for the 2022 Annual Action Plan and the Consolidated Annual Performance Report (CAPER) as well as substantially amending prior year HUD Action Plans; and,

WHEREAS, to continue providing assistance with planning work related to various community development programs, Mosaic Community Planning, LLC requires an update to the original contract to reflect the ongoing work.

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

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to the extend the contract with Mosaic Community Planning, LLC (Atlanta, GA) for the total fixed fee of \$173,570.00 for ongoing assistance with planning work related to various community development programs. The services include 2023-2027 Annual Action Plans, 2022-2026 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Reports (CAPERs), 2026-2030 Consolidated Plan, and a 2025 Equity Plan (or comparable fair housing study). The services also include Environmental Review Records in the amounts of \$115, \$230, \$345 and \$485, depending on the level of review required; the pricing is subject to annual increase by a percentage not to exceed 5% year-over-year. On-call technical

assistance will be on an hourly basis: \$225 for a Principal, \$200 for a Senior Consultant, \$170 for a Senior Planner and \$115 for an Associate Planner. The contract extension will be for a five-year period. Funds will be budgeted each fiscal year for the ongoing expense: Community Development Block Grant Fund – Community Reinvestment – CDBG-CV – Contractual Services; 0210-245-6000-CDCV-6319 and Community Development Block Grant Fund – Community Reinvestment – CDBG Administration – Contractual Services; 0210-245-1000-CDBG-6319.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the _____ day of _____, 2023 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting	_____.
Councilor Barnes voting	_____.
Councilor Cogle voting	_____.
Councilor Crabb voting	_____.
Councilor Davis voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett voting	_____.
Councilor House voting	_____.
Councilor Huff voting	_____.
Councilor Thomas voting	_____.
Councilor Tucker voting	_____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. “Skip” Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

E. Workers' Compensation Claims Management Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 23-0020

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Workers' Compensation Claims Management Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 23-0020
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council authorize the execution of an annual contract with USIS, Inc. dba AmeriSys (Alpharetta, GA) for workers' compensation claims management services, including access and use of the firm's Risk Management Information System (RMIS).

The services are for the City's workforce of approximately 3,000 employees in various occupations, ranging from public safety to field force to administrative positions. The RMIS will be used to assist in tracking and reducing accidents and injuries and will be utilized by both the City's manager of workers' compensation services and the workers' compensation adjuster and nurse case manager to expedite treatment for injured employees.

USIS/AmeriSys will provide all core workers' compensation program services including medical management and claims administration without subcontracting to or partnering with outside vendors. Workers' compensation core services include claims administration/adjudication, telephonic medical management, medical bill review and re-pricing, physician peer-to-peer services, and utilization review nurse services. The services include the following:

1. Administrative services.
2. Claims services.
3. First Notice of Injury services.
4. Loss statistic services.
5. Managed Care Organization (MCO) services to include:
 - a. Network access and development services
 - b. Triage
 - c. Telephonic case management and (when appropriate and agreed upon, site case management)
 - d. Pharmaceutical benefit management services
 - e. Communicable disease management program services
 - f. Utilization review, including:
 - i. Medical bill review and audit services
 - ii. Pre-certification
 - iii. Concurrent and retrospective review
 - g. Peer-to-peer review
6. Workers' Compensation excess placement assistance.
7. Loss control services.

Other services include collaborating with the City's manager of workers' compensation services to reach settlement of claims in appropriate circumstances, to assist in selection of defense counsel, providing loss control, assistance in excess coverage access, and assistance with required State reporting.

Contract Term

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

Annual Contract History:

The previous five-year contract was awarded to USIS/AmeriSys (Dunwoody, GA) on December 11, 2018 (Resolution No. 463-18).

RFP Advertisement and Receipt of Proposals:

RFP specifications were posted on the web page of the Purchasing Division, the Georgia Procurement Registry and DemandStar on January 24, 2023. This RFP has been advertised, opened and evaluated. Two proposals were received on January 30, 2023, from the following firms:

USIS, Inc. dba AmeriSys (Alpharetta, GA)
PMA Companies (Atlanta, GA)

The following events took place after receipt of the proposals.

RFP MEETINGS/EVENTS		
Description	Date	Agenda/Action
Pre-Evaluation Meeting	02/09/23	The Purchasing Manager advised evaluation committee members of the RFP rules and process, and the project manager provided an overview. Proposal copies were forwarded to each committee member to review.
1 st Evaluation Meeting	03/13/23	Committee members discussed all proposals; clarifications were not requested by the Committee.
Evaluation Forms Sent	03/13/23	Evaluation forms were forwarded to voting committee members.
Evaluation Forms Return	03/14/23	Evaluation forms were completed and returned to Purchasing for compilation of results.
Evaluation Results	03/20/23	Evaluation results were forwarded to the Evaluation Committee for review.
Recommendation Received	03/21/23	Via email, the committee members unanimously voted to award to the highest-scoring firm of USIS, Inc. dba AmeriSys.

Evaluation Committee:

The proposals were reviewed by the Evaluation Committee, which consisted of a voting member from the Trade Center, a voting member from Columbus Fire and EMS and a voting member from the Police Department.

A representative from the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office and a former employee of the Human Resources Department served as alternate voters.

Two Human Resources Department representatives served as non-voting advisors.

Award Recommendation:

The evaluation committee deemed the proposal from USIS, Inc. dba AmeriSys to be most responsive to the RFP specifications, as reflected by the comments below:

- The firm has a dedicated adjuster, nurse case manager and loss control representative for CCG. They also have a complete in-house bill review process.
- This company will provide direct support when needed and has a clear system on how that support will be demonstrated.
- USIS will provide weekly conference calls to discuss claims.
- The company has experience working with the City.

Vendor Qualifications/Experience

- USIS, Inc. was established in June of 1982 as a division of Brown and Brown, Inc. In April of 2000, Brown and Brown acquired AmeriSys, a regional managed care company. In April of 2006, USIS was incorporated as a wholly owned subsidiary of Brown & Brown, Inc. Apex Insurance Services, a Georgia-based public entity insurance agency, has been a wholly owned subsidiary of Brown & Brown since 2003. USIS, AmeriSys and Apex Insurance Services are a single organization (Brown & Brown, Inc.) operating under separate divisions.
- USIS, Inc. is a full service Third-Party Administrator (TPA), providing specialized, client designed, professional service programs for all-lines claims administration as well as medical management systems/programs and loss prevention services and programs.
- The company has a staff of 320 employees, including experienced adjusters in all-lines of claims management, RN medical case managers, loss prevention specialists and other support professionals.
- AmeriSys has been the MCO (Managed Care Organization) for the State of Georgia (DOAS) since 2002.
- Below are public entity clients serviced by USIS, Inc. and/or AmeriSys:

City of Cartersville, GA City of Hapeville, GA Columbus Consolidated Government Forsyth County, GA Macon (GA) Water Authority	Bay County (FL) Board of County Commissioners Broward County (FL) Board of County Commissioners City of Cocoa, FL City of Miami, FL City of Jacksonville, FL
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MARTA State of Georgia (DOAS)	Orange County (FL) Public Schools Palm Beach County (FL) Sheriff's Office Volusia County (FL) School Board Preferred Governmental Claims Services (Includes over 200 public entity clients in Florida)
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The City's Procurement Ordinance, Article 3-110, (Competitive Sealed Proposals (Negotiations) 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 budgeted each fiscal year for this ongoing expense: Risk Management Int Serv – Human Resources – Workers Compensation – Contractual Services, 0860-220-3820-WCOM-6319. Funding is the same for the Risk Management Information System (RMIS).

A RESOLUTION**NO. _____**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN ANNUAL CONTRACT WITH USIS, INC. DBA AMERISYS (ALPHARETTA, GA) FOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIMS MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INCLUDING ACCESS AND USE OF THE FIRM'S RISK MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM (RMIS).

WHEREAS, an RFP was administered (RFP No. 23-0020) and two proposals were received; and,

WHEREAS, the proposal submitted by USIS, Inc. dba AmeriSys was deemed most responsive to the RFP; and,

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

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

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute an annual contract with USIS, Inc. dba AmeriSys (Alpharetta, GA) for workers' compensation claims management services, including access and use of the firm's Risk Management Information System (RMIS). Funds are budgeted each fiscal year for this ongoing expense: Risk Management Int Serv – Human Resources – Workers Compensation – Contractual Services, 0860-220-3820-WCOM-6319. Funding is the same for the Risk Management Information System (RMIS).

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the _____ day of _____, 2023 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting	_____.
Councilor Barnes voting	_____.
Councilor Cogle voting	_____.
Councilor Crabb voting	_____.
Councilor Davis voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett voting	_____.
Councilor House voting	_____.
Councilor Huff voting	_____.
Councilor Thomas voting	_____.
Councilor Tucker voting	_____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. “Skip” Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

F. Maintenance, Repair & Operation (MRO), Industrial Supplies and Tools – State Cooperative Contract

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Maintenance, Repair & Operation (MRO), Industrial Supplies and Tools – State Cooperative Contract
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the purchase of maintenance, repair & operation (MRO), industrial supplies and tools from Lowe Electric Supply Co, Home Depot USA Inc, Miller Hardware Company Inc, Kipper Tool Company, HD Supply Facilities Maintenance Ltd, Acuity Specialty Products Inc dba Zep Manufacturing Company, MSC Industrial Supply Company, Fastenal Company, and W.W. Grainger Inc, for the annual estimated contract value of \$36,650.00. The purchases will be made via Georgia State Contract, SWC 99999-001-SPD-0000181, which commenced on April 1, 2021 and will continue through March 31, 2023, and any additional contract renewals or extensions awarded by the State.

The MRO products will be purchased on an “as needed” basis by Facilities Maintenance Division and other departments for the upkeep of City buildings.

The Georgia State MRO contract provides another source Departments can use to purchase various supply items such as: chemicals/janitorial supplies, hand tools, various repair items, miscellaneous supplies, etc.

Georgia Statewide contracts are 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 on-going expense: Various departments - Operating Materials; 6728.

RESOLUTION

Item #F.

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF MAINTENANCE, REPAIR & OPERATIONS (MRO), INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES AND TOOLS FROM LOWE ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO, HOME DEPOT USA INC, MILLER HARDWARE COMPANY INC, KIPPER TOOL COMPANY, HD SUPPLY FACILITIES MAINTENANCE LTD, ACUITY SPECIALTY PRODUCTS INC DBA ZEP MANUFACTURING COMPANY, MSC INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY COMPANY, FASTENAL COMPANY, AND W.W. GRAINGER INC, FOR THE ANNUAL ESTIMATED CONTRACT VALUE OF \$36,650.00. THE PURCHASES WILL BE MADE VIA GEORGIA STATE CONTRACT, SWC 99999-001-SPD-0000181, WHICH COMMENCED ON APRIL 1, 2021 AND WILL CONTINUE THROUGH MARCH 31, 2023, AND ANY ADDITIONAL CONTRACT RENEWALS OR EXTENSIONS AWARD BY THE STATE.

WHEREAS, the MRO products will be purchased on an “as needed” basis by Facilities Maintenance Division and other departments for the upkeep of City buildings; and,

WHEREAS, The Georgia State MRO contract provides another source Departments can use to purchase various supply items such as: chemicals/janitorial supplies, hand tools, various repair items, miscellaneous supplies, etc.; and,

WHEREAS, Georgia Statewide contracts are 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 is hereby authorized to purchase Maintenance, Repair & Operations (MRO), Industrial Supplies and Tools from Lowe Electric Supply Co, Home Depot USA Inc, Miller Hardware Company Inc, Kipper Tool Company, HD Supply Facilities Maintenance Ltd, Acuity Specialty Products Inc dba Zep Manufacturing Company, MSC Industrial Supply Company, Fastenal Company, and W.W. Grainger Inc, for the annual estimated contract value of \$36,650.00. The purchases will be made via Georgia State Contract, SWC 99999-001-SPD-0000181, which commenced on April 1, 2021 and will continue through March 31, 2023, and any additional contract renewals or extensions awarded by the State. Funds are budgeted each fiscal year for this on-going expense: Various departments - Operating Materials; 6728.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the _____ day of _____, 2023 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting	_____.
Councilor Barnes voting	_____.
Councilor Cogle voting	_____.
Councilor Crabb voting	_____.
Councilor Davis voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett voting	_____.
Councilor House voting	_____.
Councilor Huff voting	_____.
Councilor Thomas voting	_____.
Councilor Tucker voting	_____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. “Skip” Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

G. Front-End Loader for Parks and Recreation – Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Front-End Loader for Parks and Recreation – Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the purchase of one (1) Front-End Loader (2023 John Deere 524 P Wheel Loader with Tag Manufacturing Log & Lumber Forks w/Single Paddle Style Top Clamp) from Dobbs Equipment (Albany, GA), in the amount of \$201,210.69. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Sourcewell Contract #032119-JDC.

The front-end loader will be used by the Park Services Division of the Parks and Recreation Department throughout the various park properties around the City. The front-end loader, with the log and lumber forks attachment, will enable the staff to effectively remove deadfall and other waste that would ordinarily be too bulky or heavy for staff to safely remove. The loader will be able to put the debris directly into the dump trucks and trailers for removal from the parks. With the still-limited staffing numbers in the division, the front-end loader would increase staff productivity exponentially. This is new equipment.

The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Request for Proposal (RFP) #032119, initiated by Sourcewell, whereby John Deere Construction Retail Sales, was one of the successful vendors contracted to provide Heavy Construction Equipment with Related Accessories, Attachments, and Supplies. Dobbs Equipment is an authorized dealer under the John Deere contract. The contract, which commenced May 13, 2019, is good through May 13, 2023, with an option to renew for a fifth year. 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, Cooperative Purchasing is authorized per Article 3-118 of the Procurement Ordinance.

Funds are budgeted in the FY23 Budget: General Fund – Parks & Recreation – Park Services – Off Road Equipment; 0101-270-2100-PSRV-7725.

RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) FRONT-END LOADER (2023 JOHN DEERE 524 P WHEEL LOADER WITH TAG MANUFACTURING LOG & LUMBER FORKS W/SINGLE PADDLE STYLE TOP CLAMP) FROM DOBBS EQUIPMENT (ALBANY, GA), IN THE AMOUNT OF \$201,210.69. THE PURCHASE WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY COOPERATIVE PURCHASE VIA SOURCEWELL CONTRACT #032119-JDC.

WHEREAS, the front-end loader will be used by the Park Services Division of the Parks and Recreation Department throughout the various park properties around the City. The front-end loader, with the log and lumber forks attachment, will enable the staff to effectively remove deadfall and other waste that would ordinarily be too bulky or heavy for staff to safely remove. The loader will be able to put the debris directly into the dump trucks and trailers for removal from the parks. With the still-limited staffing numbers in the division, the front-end loader would increase staff productivity exponentially. This is new equipment; and,

WHEREAS, the purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Request for Proposal (RFP) #032119, initiated by Sourcewell, whereby John Deere Construction Retail Sales, was one of the successful vendors contracted to provide Heavy Construction Equipment with Related Accessories, Attachments, and Supplies. Dobbs Equipment is an authorized dealer under the John Deere contract. The contract, which commenced May 13, 2019, is good through May 13, 2023, with an option to renew for a fifth year. 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, Cooperative Purchasing is authorized per Article 3-118 of the Procurement Ordinance.

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

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to purchase one (1) Front-End Loader (2023 John Deere 524 P Wheel Loader with Tag Manufacturing Log & Lumber Forks w/Single Paddle Style Top Clamp) from Dobbs Equipment (Albany, GA), in the amount of \$201,210.69. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Sourcewell Contract #032119-JDC. Funds are budgeted in the FY23 Budget: General Fund – Parks & Recreation – Park Services – Off Road Equipment; 0101-270-2100-PSRV-7725.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the _____ day of _____, 2023 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting	_____.
Councilor Barnes voting	_____.
Councilor Cogle voting	_____.
Councilor Crabb voting	_____.
Councilor Davis voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett voting	_____.
Councilor House voting	_____.
Councilor Huff voting	_____.
Councilor Thomas voting	_____.
Councilor Tucker voting	_____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

H. Gators™ for Parks and Recreation Department – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Gators™ for Parks and Recreation Department – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the purchase of one (1) 2023 John Deere Gator™ HPX615E in the amount of \$14,804.73 for the Cooper Creek Tennis Courts; and two (2) 2023 John Deere Gator™ TS Model at a unit price of \$7,611.63, and a total cost of \$15,223.26 for Park Services; for a grand total cost of \$30,027.99. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-001-SPD0000175-0005.

The Gator™ HPX615E will be used by Parks and Recreation staff, at the Cooper Creek Tennis Center, while managing tennis tournaments and other activities. The size of the park and the spread of the various components that require frequent service, e.g. pavilion rentals, tennis and pickleball courts do not allow for covering the areas effectively by foot. The new Gator™ will allow for more frequent cleaning of the park facilities and emptying of trash. The overall user experience of the park will be enhanced through improved efficiency. This is new equipment.

The two (2) Gator™ TS Model will be used by Park Services staff at various venues around the City. The Gators™ will support several functions of the division; chiefly sports tournaments and the transportation of various materials and equipment that frequently require more speed and lifting capability than an employee on foot. The new Gators™ will allow for more efficient management of park properties. The overall user experience of events and parks will be improved with the added efficiency. This is new equipment.

Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-001-SPD0000175-0005 is a cooperative contract whereby Deere and Company is one of the awarded vendors contracted to provide All Terrain Vehicle, Utility Vehicles, and Golf Carts. The term of the contract is good through April 7, 2023. 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 FY23 Budget: General Fund – Parks & Recreation – Cooper Creek Tennis Center – Off Road Equipment; 0101-270-4048-COPR-7725 [\$14,804.73]. General Fund – Parks & Recreation – Park Services – Off Road Equipment; 0101-270-2100-PSRV-7725 [\$15,223.26].

RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) 2023 JOHN DEERE GATOR™ HPX615E IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,804.73 FOR THE COOPER CREEK TENNIS COURTS; AND TWO (2) 2023 JOHN DEERE GATOR™ TS MODEL AT A UNIT PRICE OF \$7,611.63, AND A TOTAL COST OF \$15,223.26 FOR PARK SERVICES; FOR A GRAND TOTAL COST OF \$30,027.99. THE PURCHASE WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY COOPERATIVE PURCHASE VIA GEORGIA STATEWIDE CONTRACT #99999-001-SPD0000175-0005.

WHEREAS, the Gator™ HPX615E will be used by Parks and Recreation staff, at the Cooper Creek Tennis Center, while managing tennis tournaments and other activities. The size of the park and the spread of the various components that require frequent service, e.g. pavilion rentals, tennis and pickleball courts do not allow for covering the areas effectively by foot. The new Gator™ will allow for more frequent cleaning of the park facilities and emptying of trash. The overall user experience of the park will be enhanced through improved efficiency; and,

WHEREAS, the two (2) Gator™ TS Model will be used by Park Services staff at various venues around the city. The Gators will support several functions of the division; chiefly sports tournaments and the transportation of various materials and equipment that frequently require more speed and lifting capability than an employee on foot. The new Gators will allow for more efficient management of park properties. The overall user experience of events and parks will be improved with the added efficiency. This is new equipment; and,

WHEREAS, Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-001-SPD0000175-0005 is a cooperative contract whereby Deere and Company is one of the awarded vendors contracted to provide All Terrain Vehicle, Utility Vehicles, and Golf Carts. The term of the contract is good through April 7, 2023. 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 is hereby authorized to purchase one (1) 2023 John Deere Gator™ HPX615E in the amount of \$14,804.73 for the Cooper Creek Tennis Courts; and two (2) 2023 John Deere Gator™ TS Model at a unit price of \$7,611.63, and a total cost of \$15,223.26 for Park Services; for a grand total cost of \$30,027.99. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-001-SPD0000175-0005. Funds are budgeted in the FY23 Budget: General Fund – Parks & Recreation – Cooper Creek Tennis Center – Off Road Equipment; 0101-270-4048-COPR-7725 [\$14,804.73]. General Fund – Parks & Recreation – Park Services – Off Road Equipment; 0101-270-2100-PSRV-7725 [\$15,223.26].

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the _____ day of _____, 2023 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting _____.
Councilor Barnes voting _____.
Councilor Cogle voting _____.
Councilor Crabb voting _____.
Councilor Davis voting _____.
Councilor Garrett voting _____.
Councilor House voting _____.
Councilor Huff voting _____.
Councilor Thomas voting _____.
Councilor Tucker voting _____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

I. Industrial Sink with Disposal for Muscogee County Prison – Federal GSA Cooperative Purchase

Columbus Consolidated Government Council Meeting Agenda Item

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Industrial Sink with Disposal for Muscogee County Prison – Federal GSA Cooperative Purchase
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the purchase of an industrial sink with disposal from Mobile Fixture & Equipment Company, Inc. (Mobile, AL) in the amount of \$30,246.81. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Federal GSA Contract #GS-07F-0154V.

The industrial sink has 4 compartments with disposal attachment. The equipment will be used at Muscogee County Prison during the daily preparation of meals for inmates and clean-up. This is replacement equipment.

General Services Administration (GSA) is the Federal purchasing cooperative providing products and services for purchase by state and local governments. The City's Procurement Ordinance, Article 9-101, authorizes the use of cooperative purchasing.

Funds are budgeted in the FY23 Budget: LOST/Public Safety Fund - MCP – Public Safety/LOST – Other Equipment; 0102 – 420 – 9900 – LOST – 7762.

RESOLUTION**NO. _____**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF AN INDUSTRIAL SINK WITH DISPOSAL FROM MOBILE FIXTURE & EQUIPMENT COMPANY, INC. (MOBILE, AL) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,246.81. THE PURCHASE WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY COOPERATIVE PURCHASE VIA FEDERAL GSA CONTRACT #GS-07F-0154V.

WHEREAS, the industrial sink has 4 compartments with disposal attachment. The equipment will be used at Muscogee County Prison during the daily preparation of meals for inmates and clean-up. This is replacement equipment; and,

WHEREAS, General Services Administration (GSA) is the Federal purchasing cooperative providing products and services for purchase by state and local governments. 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 is hereby authorized to purchase an industrial sink with disposal from Mobile Fixture & Equipment Company, Inc. (Mobile, AL) in the amount of \$30,246.81. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Federal GSA Contract #GS-07F-0154V. Funds are budgeted in the FY23 Budget: LOST/Public Safety Fund - MCP – Public Safety/LOST – Other Equipment; 0102 – 420 – 9900 – LOST – 7762.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the _____ day of _____, 2023 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting	_____.
Councilor Barnes voting	_____.
Councilor Cogle voting	_____.
Councilor Crabb voting	_____.
Councilor Davis voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett voting	_____.
Councilor House voting	_____.
Councilor Huff voting	_____.
Councilor Thomas voting	_____.
Councilor Tucker voting	_____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

J. Cloud-Based Phone System and Contact Center for Information Technology Department – Sourcewell
Cooperative Purchase

Columbus Consolidated Government Council Meeting Agenda Item

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Cloud-Based Phone System and Contact Center for Information Technology Department – Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the purchase of a cloud-based phone system (Webx Calling) and contact center (Webex Contact) from CDW Government LLC (Vernon Hills, IL) over a 7-year period as follows: Year 1: \$544,191.53; Year 2: \$271,549.20; year 3: \$271,549.20; Year 4: \$271,549.20; Year 5: \$271,549.20; Year 6: \$255,949.20 and Year 7: \$255,949.20, for a Grand total cost of \$2,142,286.73. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Sourcewell Contract #081419-CDW. Additionally, it is requested that Council approve payment for the ongoing license and subscription fees after the initial purchase.

The Information Technology Department is requesting an upgrade of the existing on-premises, outdated VoIP phone system with a more modern and secure cloud-based system. This will allow for more varied options in how the CCG can handle business calls and allow for greater control and oversight of what is occurring on these lines. It will also enable the CCG IT engineers to secure phone traffic better and ensure critical Cybersecurity updates are more easily applied.

This purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Request for Proposal (RFP) #081419, initiated by Sourcewell, whereby CDW Government LLC was one of the successful vendors contracted to provide Technology Catalog Solutions. The effective date of the contract began December 1, 2019, and will expire on October 10/30/24. The contract may be extended for an additional year at Sourcewell's discretion. Sourcewell is a Service Cooperative created by Minnesota Statute 123A.21. This statute was created in 1978 and revised in 1995 to allow participating governmental and municipal agencies to reduce the cost of purchased goods by leveraging their combined purchasing power. The RFP process utilized by Sourcewell meets the requirements of the City's Procurement Ordinance; additionally, cooperative purchasing is authorized per Article 9-101 of the Procurement Ordinance.

Funding for Year 1, in the amount of \$544,191.53, is available in the FY23 Budget: American Rescue Plan Fiscal Recovery Fund – Federal ARP – Federal Revenue Recovery – Capital Expenditure – Over \$5,000 - Revenue Recovery - Cyber Security Upgrades; 0218-691-1300-ARRR-7761-40492-20230.

Funding for Year 2: \$271,549.20; year 3: \$271,549.20; Year 4: \$271,549.20; Year 5: \$271,549.20; Year 6: \$255,949.20 and Year 7: \$255,949.20 will be budgeted in the subsequent fiscal years as follows: General Fund – Information Technology – Telephone, 0101 – 210 – 1000 – ISS – 6621 and LOST/Infrastructure – Information Technology – Infrastructure/LOST - Computer Equipment, 0109 – 210 – 9901 – LOST – 7751.

Funding for the ongoing license and subscription fees will also be budgeted in the subsequent fiscal years.

A RESOLUTION

Item #J.

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A CLOUD-BASED PHONE SYSTEM (WEBX CALLING) AND CONTACT CENTER (WEBEX CONTACT) FROM CDW GOVERNMENT LLC (VERNON HILLS, IL) OVER A 7-YEAR PERIOD AS FOLLOWS: YEAR 1: \$544,191.53; YEAR 2: \$271,549.20; YEAR 3: \$271,549.20; YEAR 4: \$271,549.20; YEAR 5: \$271,549.20; YEAR 6: \$255,949.20 AND YEAR 7: \$255,949.20, FOR A GRAND TOTAL COST OF \$2,142,286.73. THE PURCHASE WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY COOPERATIVE PURCHASE VIA SOURCEWELL CONTRACT # 081419-CDW. ADDITIONALLY, THIS RESOLUTION AUTHORIZES PAYMENTS FOR THE ONGOING LICENSE AND SUBSCRIPTION FEES AFTER THE INITIAL PURCHASE.

WHEREAS, the Information Technology Department is requesting an upgrade of the existing on-premises, outdated VoIP phone system with a more modern and secure cloud-based system. This will allow for more varied options in how the CCG can handle business calls and allow for greater control and oversight of what is occurring on these lines. It will also enable the CCG IT engineers to secure phone traffic better and ensure critical Cybersecurity updates are more easily applied; and,

WHEREAS, this purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Request for Proposal (RFP) #081419, initiated by Sourcewell, whereby CDW Government LLC was one of the successful vendors contracted to provide Technology Catalog Solutions. The effective date of the contract began December 1, 2019, and will expire on October 10/30/24. The contract may be extended for an additional year at Sourcewell's discretion. Sourcewell is a Service Cooperative created by Minnesota Statute 123A.21. This statute was created in 1978 and revised in 1995 to allow participating governmental and municipal agencies to reduce the cost of purchased goods by leveraging their combined purchasing power. The RFP process utilized by Sourcewell 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 is hereby authorized to purchase a cloud-based phone system (Webx Calling) and contact center (Webex Contact) from CDW Government LLC (Vernon Hills, IL) over a 7-year period as follows: Year 1: \$544,191.53; Year 2: \$271,549.20; year 3: \$271,549.20; Year 4: \$271,549.20; Year 5: \$271,549.20; Year 6: \$255,949.20 and Year 7: \$255,949.20, for a Grand total cost of \$2,142,286.73. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Sourcewell Contract # 081419-CDW. The City Manager is further authorized to make payments for the ongoing license and subscription fees after the initial purchase.

Funding for Year 1, in the amount of \$544,191.53, is available in the FY23 Budget: American Rescue Plan Fiscal Recovery Fund – Federal ARP – Federal Revenue Recovery – Capital Expenditure – Over \$5,000 - Revenue Recovery - Cyber Security Upgrades; 0218-691-1300-ARRR-7761-40492-20230.

Funding for Year 2: \$271,549.20; year 3: \$271,549.20; Year 4: \$271,549.20; Year 5: \$271,549.20; Year 6: \$255,949.20 and Year 7: \$255,949.20 will be budgeted in the subsequent fiscal years as follows: General Fund – Information Technology – Telephone, 0101 – 210 – 1000 – ISS – 6621 and LOST/Infrastructure – Information Technology – Infrastructure/LOST - Computer Equipment, 0109 – 210 – 9901 – LOST – 7751.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the ____day of_____, 2023 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting
- Councilor Barnes voting
- Councilor Cogle
- Councilor Crabb voting
- Councilor Davis voting
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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. “Skip” Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

K. Calltower for Cloud-Based Phone System for Information Technology – Federal GSA Cooperative Purchase

Columbus Consolidated Government Council Meeting Agenda Item

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Calltower for Cloud-Based Phone System for Information Technology – Federal GSA Cooperative Purchase
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the purchase of Calltower from Team Consulting Inc. (TCI) (Washington, DC) over a 3-year period as follows: Year 1 - \$53,568.90; Year 2 - \$46,914.00 and Year 3 - \$46,914.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Federal GSA Contract # GS-35F-328GA. Additionally, it is requested that Council approve payments for the ongoing license and subscription fees after the initial purchase.

CallTower is a cloud-based phone service provider that seamlessly integrates with several cloud based Voice Over IP (VoIP) systems. This allows for greater mobility of the cloud-based phone system, in addition to the reduced infrastructure needs. Additionally, this system offers the CCG the ability to port over existing phone numbers ensuring employees are able to keep the same number, even on a new phone system. The system is also globally redundant helping eliminate unnecessary downtime. It will also enable the CCG IT engineers to secure phone traffic better and ensure critical Cybersecurity updates are more easily applied.

General Services Administration (GSA) is the Federal purchasing cooperative providing products and services for purchase by state and local governments. The City's Procurement Ordinance, Article 9-101, authorizes the use of cooperative purchasing.

Funding for Year 1, in the amount of \$53,568.90 is available in the FY23 Budget: American Rescue Plan Fiscal Recovery Fund – Federal ARP – Federal Revenue Recovery – Capital Expenditure – Over \$5,000 - Revenue Recovery - Cyber Security Upgrades; 0218-691-1300-ARRR-7761-40492-20230.

Funding for Year 2: \$46,914.00 and year 3: \$46,914.00 will be budgeted in subsequent fiscal years as follows: General Fund – Information Technology – Telephone, 0101 – 210 – 1000 – ISS – 6621 and LOST/Infrastructure – Information Technology – Infrastructure/LOST - Computer Equipment, 0109 – 210 – 9901 – LOST – 7751.

Funding for the ongoing license and subscription fees will also be budgeted in the subsequent fiscal years.

A RESOLUTION

Item #K.

NO._____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF CALLTOWER FROM TEAM CONSULTING INC. (TCI) (WASHINGTON, DC) OVER A 3-YEAR PERIOD AS FOLLOWS: YEAR 1 - \$53,568.90; YEAR 2 - \$46,914.00 AND YEAR 3 - \$46,914.00. THE PURCHASE WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY COOPERATIVE PURCHASE VIA FEDERAL GSA CONTRACT # GS-35F-328GA. ADDITIONALLY, THIS RESOLUTION AUTHORIZES PAYMENTS FOR THE ONGOING LICENSE AND SUBSCRIPTION FEES AFTER THE INITIAL PURCHASE.

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WHEREAS, General Services Administration (GSA) is the Federal purchasing cooperative providing products and services for purchase by state and local governments. 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:

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Councilor Crabb voting _____.
Councilor Davis voting _____.

Councilor Garrett voting _____.
Councilor House voting _____.
Councilor Huff voting _____.
Councilor Thomas voting _____.
Councilor Tucker voting _____.

Item #K.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

L. Firewall Upgrade for Information Technology – Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Firewall Upgrade for Information Technology – Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the purchase of computer firewall upgrade (Palo Alto Networks) from CDW Government LLC (Vernon Hills, IL) in the amount of \$359,899.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Sourcewell Contract # 081419-CDW. Additionally, it is requested that Council approve payments for the ongoing license and subscription fees after the initial purchase.

The Information Technology Department is requesting an upgrade of the City's enterprise-level data center firewalls to incorporate more up-to-date and cutting-edge Cybersecurity technologies. These new Cybersecurity technologies allow the devices to respond quickly to threat actors, malware, ransomware, and the various other constantly evolving malicious strategies cyber-criminals may take against the CCG.

This purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Request for Proposal (RFP) #081419, initiated by Sourcewell, whereby CDW Government LLC was one of the successful vendors contracted to provide Technology Catalog Solutions. The effective date of the contract began December 1, 2019, and will expire on October 10/30/24. The contract may be extended for an additional year at Sourcewell's discretion. Sourcewell is a Service Cooperative created by Minnesota Statute 123A.21. This statute was created in 1978 and revised in 1995 to allow participating governmental and municipal agencies to reduce the cost of purchased goods by leveraging their combined purchasing power. The RFP process utilized by Sourcewell meets the requirements of the City's Procurement Ordinance; additionally, cooperative purchasing is authorized per Article 9-101 of the Procurement Ordinance.

Funding for Year 1, in the amount of \$182,299 is available in the FY23 Budget: American Rescue Plan Fiscal Recovery Fund – Federal ARP – Federal Revenue Recovery – Capital Expenditure – Over \$5,000 - Revenue Recovery - Cyber Security Upgrades; 0218-691-1300-ARRR-7761-40492-20230.

Funding for Year 2: \$88,800.00 and year 3: \$88,800.00 will be budgeted in subsequent fiscal years as follows: General Fund – Information Technology – Telephone, 0101 – 210 – 1000 – ISS – 6621 and LOST/Infrastructure – Information Technology – Infrastructure/LOST - Computer Equipment, 0109 – 210 – 9901 – LOST – 7751.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF COMPUTER FIREWALL UPGRADE (PALO ALTO NETWORKS) FROM CDW GOVERNMENT LLC (VERNON HILLS, IL) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$359,899.00. THE PURCHASE WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY COOPERATIVE PURCHASE VIA SOURCEWELL CONTRACT # 081419-CDW. ADDITIONALLY, THIS RESOLUTION AUTHORIZES PAYMENTS FOR THE ONGOING LICENSE AND SUBSCRIPTION FEES AFTER THE INITIAL PURCHASE.

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Councilor Thomas voting	_____.
Councilor Tucker voting	_____.

 Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

 B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

M. Plumbing Services for Public Works Department – Federal GSA Cooperative Purchase

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Plumbing Services for Public Works Department – Federal GSA Cooperative Purchase
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve payment to Gilbane Building Company (Atlanta, GA) in the amount of \$80,588.65 for plumbing services provided at the Jail. Additionally, it is requested that Council approve future payments to Gilbane Building Company for the provision of ongoing plumbing services until Public Works is able to hire plumbers for the City. The plumbing Services are being provided by Cooperative Purchase via Federal GSA contract #GS-23F-0024R and #GS-29F-0017P.

In November 2022, Public Works' last plumber on the payroll retired from the City of Columbus. Since that time the Department has not been able to attract any potential candidates for these positions due to the salary the City was offering at the time. While advertising these needed positions, major plumbing issues occurred within the Muscogee County Jail's medical clinic, various dorms, and offices, as well as other locations throughout the City. The repairs had to be performed as expeditiously as possible at the Jail, and in other locations for the public to have access.

Gilbane Building company is currently under contract providing construction services for the new Government Center Complex and Sheriff's Administration Building. Consequently, the vendor was asked to provide the needed plumbing services.

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Funding for the \$80,588.65 payment is available in the FY23 Budget: LOST/Infrastructure Fund – Public Works – Infrastructure/LOST – Building Maintenance and Repair – Jail Pipe Replacement (partial); 0109 – 260 – 9901 – MNTN – 6521 – 96090 - 20220. Funding for other ongoing plumbing services will be funded via various department budgets as needed.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO GILBANE BUILDING COMPANY (ATLANTA, GA) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$80,588.65 FOR PLUMBING SERVICES PROVIDED AT THE JAIL; AS WELL AS, AUTHORIZING FUTURE PAYMENTS TO GILBANE BUILDING COMPANY FOR THE PROVISION OF ONGOING PLUMBING SERVICES, UNTIL PUBLIC WORKS IS ABLE TO HIRE PLUMBERS FOR THE CITY. THE PLUMBING SERVICES ARE PROVIDED BY COOPERATIVE PURCHASE VIA FEDERAL GSA CONTRACT #GS-23F-0024R AND #GS-29F-0017P.

WHEREAS, in November 2022, Public Works' last plumber on the payroll retired from the City of Columbus. Since that time the Department has not been able to attract any potential candidates for these positions due to the salary the City was offering at the time. While advertising these needed positions, major plumbing issues occurred within the Muscogee County Jail's medical clinic, various dorms, and offices, as well as other locations throughout the City. The repairs had to be performed as expeditiously as possible at the Jail, and in other locations for the public to have access; and,

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Councilor Thomas voting	_____.
Councilor Tucker voting	_____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

1. Emergency Purchase – Information Only

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

EMERGENCY PURCHASE

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Emergency Purchase – Information Only
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

FORENSIC TRANSPORT VEHICLE FOR CORONER’S OFFICE:

On March 21, 2023, the City Manager was notified of the need for a new Forensic Transport vehicle for the Coroner’s Office as a matter of Public Health and Safety. This vehicle is used to transport the deceased to the GBI for autopsies and to also transport bodies to the morgue in the event the family has no arrangements for disposition, or no family is available.

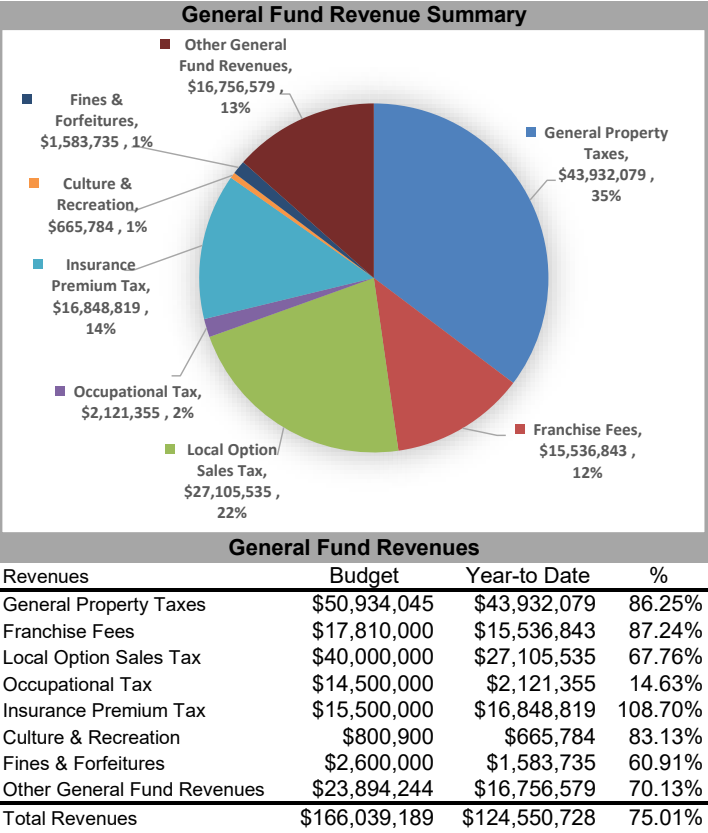
The current vehicle has over 230,000 miles, is inoperable and has been taken out of service per the Fleet Manager, due to fuel line damage, as well as a long list of repairs that make it unfit for use. The maintenance log and justifications for removing the vehicle from service are available. The Fleet Manager advised that the standard cargo van is no longer available, but that J.A.R. Capital Group, Inc. dba Quality Vans & Specialty Vehicles can provide the needed van. The vendor quoted a Ford Transit 350 146" EB EL Tall Roof 10600 GVWR dual rear wheel van at a cost of \$111,700.

The City Manager approved the emergency request on March 21, 2023, upon submission from the Coroner’s Office.

Funds are budgeted in the FY23 Budget: LOST/Public Safety Fund – Coroner – Public Safety/LOST – Light Trucks; 0102 – 570 – 9900 – LOST – 7722.

File Attachments for Item:

A. Finance Update - Angelica Alexander, Finance Director



Current Fiscal Year Revenue vs Prior Fiscal Year Revenue			
Operating Funds	Feb-2023	Feb-2022	% Change
General Fund	\$124,550,728	\$120,356,845	3.48%
Other Local Option Sales Tax Fund	\$27,761,408	\$25,885,097	7.25%
Stormwater (Sewer) Fund	\$5,765,112	\$5,474,861	5.30%
Paving Fund	\$15,838,275	\$15,126,164	4.71%
Indigent Care Fund	\$11,553,513	\$13,707,625	-15.71%
Integrated Waste Fund	\$9,057,035	\$7,744,665	16.95%
Emergency Telephone Fund	\$2,196,158	\$2,249,015	-2.35%
Economic Development Authority Fund	\$2,302,533	\$2,284,604	0.78%
Debt Service	\$14,566,684	\$11,627,111	25.28%
Transportation Fund	\$5,776,460	\$7,430,860	-22.26%
Trade Center Fund	\$2,496,077	\$2,096,059	19.08%
Bull Creek Golf Course Fund	\$1,264,273	\$973,150	29.92%
Oxbow Creek Golf Course Fund	\$404,951	\$299,899	35.03%
Civic Center Fund	\$3,239,162	\$4,756,689	-31.90%

General Fund Expenditures			
Expenditures	Budget	Year-to Date	Goal > 33%
City Council	\$368,181	\$241,471	34%
Clerk of Council	290,261	171,712	41%
Mayor's Office/Internal Audit	671,568	291,440	57%
City Attorney - Operating	514,149	290,422	44%
City Attorney - Litigation	1,300,000	937,200	28%
City Manager	2,018,772	1,158,406	43%
Finance	2,823,857	1,557,962	45%
Information Technology	7,078,369	4,480,419	37%
Human Resources	1,461,184	879,025	40%
Employee Benefits	1,097,642	796,945	27%
Inspections & Codes	2,711,241	1,478,514	45%
Planning	332,820	166,778	50%
Real Estate	146,545	70,793	52%
Engineering	2,575,593	1,487,361	42%
Public Works	11,208,632	6,025,021	46%
Parks & Recreation	13,045,371	6,349,315	51%
Cooperative Extension	137,865	79,682	42%
Tax Assessor	1,888,196	1,040,418	45%
Elections	1,434,201	910,575	37%
Police	29,727,572	16,846,806	43%
Fire	28,491,755	19,219,139	33%
MCP	9,131,544	6,382,829	30%
Homeland Security	336,262	222,006	34%
Superior Court Judges	1,480,005	902,840	39%
District Attorney	2,678,460	1,502,759	44%
Juvenile Court	1,242,683	668,270	46%
Jury Manager	490,291	309,094	37%
Victim Witness	207,285	115,115	44%
Clerk of Superior Court	2,449,745	1,323,608	46%
State Court Judges	687,248	427,862	38%
State Court Solicitor	1,284,482	732,861	43%
Public Defender	2,264,238	1,551,126	31%
Municipal Court Judge	460,029	267,087	42%
Clerk of Municipal Court	867,616	405,336	53%
Probate Court	614,689	356,579	42%
Sheriff	31,178,180	20,530,528	34%
Tax Commissioner	1,956,068	1,090,363	44%
Coroner	423,889	250,396	41%
Recorder's Court	1,262,669	651,839	48%
Non-Categorical	23,477,609	19,118,146	19%
Parking Management	191,099	97,239	49%
Total Expenditures	\$192,007,864	\$121,385,286	37%

Other Local Option Sales Tax Fund (OLOST) - Public Safety Summary		
Revenues	FY2023 YTD	FY2022
OLOST - Public Safety	\$18,743,930	\$31,449,705
Interest	634,297	(207,960)
Total Revenues	\$19,378,227	\$31,241,745
Expenditures		
Personnel	\$8,839,418	\$14,430,561
Operating	\$226,705	\$834,033
Capital	\$3,935,496	\$9,395,742
Crime Prevention Programs	\$705,010	\$750,000
Transfers	\$7,439,980	\$7,771,131
Total Expenditures	\$21,146,610	\$33,181,467

Other Local Option Sales Tax Fund (OLOST) - Infrastructure Summary		
Revenues	FY2023 YTD	FY2022
OLOST - Infrastructure	\$8,033,113	\$13,478,445
Interest	350,068	(31,485)
Total Revenues	\$8,383,181	\$13,446,960
Expenditures		
Transfers	\$6,875,583	\$6,458,478
Pay-as-you-go Projects		
Roads	(160,393)	825,075
Stormwater	(515,197)	965,310
Facilities	787,529	2,156,141
Technology	138,819	672,229
Total Expenditures	\$7,126,340	\$11,077,234

OLOST Positions Filled		
Department	FY2023 YTD	FY2022
Police Department (110)	56	65
E911 (9)	5	6
Fire (20)	18	13
Sheriff's Office (31)	27	29
Marshal (0)***	0	0
MCP (5)	5	4
Court Related (11)	9	8
Crime Prevention (1)	1	1

File Attachments for Item:

B. City Hall Parking Garage Update- Pam Hodge, Deputy City Manager of Finance, Planning & Development



CITY HALL PARKING GARAGE OPTIONS

March 28, 2023

City Hall Parking Garage

- 634 total spaces
 - 53 on level 1
 - Approximately 116 per level on levels 2-6
- Synovus utilizes 230 spaces until July 31, 2024
- 200 spaces needed for employees and fleet vehicles beginning in June 2023
- 150 additional spaces needed for employees and fleet vehicles in 2025

Option #1

– Employee Only Parking

- Garage would be dedicated only to employee parking
- Garage with fencing and access. Enter garage
- Most secure, Provides ample overflow parking for Government Center employees during Judicial Center Construction
- Con's: All public parking would be on street parking

NOT SUPPORTED

Option #2 – 1st Level Public Parking During Business Hours

- 1st Level of the Parking Garage would be dedicated to public parking for those visiting City Hall. Two (2) hour parking during business hours. (8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday)
- Garage would be secured with fencing and gates to prohibit after hour access. Employees would be able to always enter garage with employee badges.
- Upper levels on garage would be secured with fencing/gate arm to prohibit unauthorized pedestrian access.
- Pro's: Provides some parking for Government Center employees during Judicial Center Construction; Provides dedicated space for public conducting business with the City
- Con's: Most costly option; Lower security than Option #1

Option #3 – 1st Level Public Parking at All Times

- 1st Level of the Parking Garage would be dedicated to public parking for those visiting City Hall during business hours but would be available for public use after hours and on the weekend. Two (2) hour parking during business hours. (8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday)
- Upper levels on garage would be secured with fencing/gate arm to prohibit unauthorized pedestrian access.
- Pro's: Provides some parking for Government Center employees during Judicial Center Construction; Provides dedicated space for public conducting business with the City; Provides additional parking area during nights and weekends; Least costly option
- Con's: Least secure option, liability after hours

Option #4 – 1st & 2nd Levels Public Parking During Business Hours

- 1st and 2nd Levels of the Parking Garage would be dedicated to public parking for those visiting City Hall. Two (2) hour parking during business hours. (8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday)
- Garage would be secured with fencing and gates to prohibit after hour access. Employees would be able to always enter garage with employee badges.
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- Pro's: Provides some parking for Government Center employees during Judicial Center Construction; Provides dedicated space for public conducting business with the City
- Con's: Most costly option; Lower security than Option #1

Option #3 – 1st & 2nd Levels Public Parking at All Times

- 1st and 2nd Levels of the Parking Garage would be dedicated to public parking for those visiting City Hall during business hours but would be available for public use after hours and on the weekend. Two (2) hour parking during business hours. (8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday)
- Upper levels on garage would be secured with fencing/gate arm to prohibit unauthorized pedestrian access.
- Pro's: Provides some parking for Government Center employees during Judicial Center Construction; Provides dedicated space for public conducting business with the City; Provides additional parking area during nights and weekends; Least costly option
- Con's: Least secure option, liability after hours

QUESTIONS

File Attachments for Item:

D. ARP Update- Pam Hodge, Deputy City Manager of Finance, Planning & Development

American Rescue Plan Update

March 28, 2023



American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021

- ARP was passed by the House on February 27, 2021, the Senate on March 6, 2021 and signed into law on March 11, 2021
- \$1.9 trillion for economic relief from the devastating economic and health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic
- \$362 billion in direct aid (not thru the state) for states and local governments (Subtitle M., Sec. 9901 of the Act)

American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021

- Uses of Funds
 - Respond to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19 or its negative economic impacts
 - Respond to workers performing essential work
 - Revenue replacement for the government
 - Investments in water, sewer or broadband infrastructure

American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021

- Amount allocated to the City of Columbus/Muscogee County
 - City = \$40,456,205
 - County = \$38,025,833
 - TOTAL = \$78,482,038
- Amount received Phase 1
 - City = \$20,228,102.50 on June 7, 2021
 - County = \$19,012,916.50 on June 14, 2021
 - TOTAL = \$39,241,019
- Amount received Phase 2
 - City = \$20,228,102.50 on June 9, 2022
 - County = \$19,012,916.50 on June 16, 2022
 - TOTAL = \$39,241,019

American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021

- Eligible costs must be incurred between March 3, 2021 and December 31, 2024 and expended by December 31, 2026
- Financial reporting will be required on a quarterly basis and records must be maintained for five years after all funds have been expended
- Final Rule was released by the Treasury on January 6, 2022 and became effective April 1, 2022 which allows for more flexibility and a wider range of uses

ARP Phase 1 Funding Status

- Automation of Garbage Collection to include Garbage Trucks and Carts = \$19,530,030 original, \$18,413,960.10 revised
- Trucks = \$12,589,630 original, \$11,476,560.10 revised
 - Transferred \$1,116,069.90 to Cameras
 - Cab/Chassis on order
 - Anticipated delivery June/July 2023
- 120,000 Carts approved by City Council on 11.16.2021 = \$6,940,000
 - Carts have been ordered.

COMPLETE



ARP Phase 1 Funding Status

- Ambulances = \$2,100,000
 - Delivered



ARP Phase 1 Funding Status

- Community Safeguard Programs to include Cure Violence (\$500,000), Summer Youth and Youth Development Programs (\$250,000), and Cameras (\$250,000 original, \$2,660,756.90 revised) = \$1,000,000 original, \$3,410,756.90 revised
 - Increased Camera allocation by \$1,294,687 from Premium Pay excess
 - Increased Camera allocation by \$1,116,069.90 from Garbage Collection
- Summer Youth and Youth Development Programs (\$250,000)
 - \$51,249.18 Paid to date
- Cure Violence (\$500,000)
 - \$200,000 Paid to date
- Cameras – Phase 1 (\$2,660,756.90)
 - \$2,500,762.13 Paid to date, Balance encumbered

ARP Phase 1 Funding Status

- Broadband/Cyber Security Upgrades – Phase 1 = \$3,000,000
 - \$884k for upgrades to the CSC and Civic Center
 - Bid awarded for a contractor to install fiber for facilities to include the Public Safety Building, Fire Stations, Jail and other Facilities
- Revenue Recovery = \$3,559,414.44
 - Hotel/Motel Tax Revenue Recovery = \$2,476,843.95
 - General Fund Revenue Recovery = \$1,082,626.89
- Premium Pay for Public Safety and Other Essential Employees = \$5,000,000 original budget, \$3,705,313 spent
 - Paid to all eligible employees on Oct. 15th
 - Transfer balance for cameras \$1,294,687

ARP Phase 1 Funding Status

- Small Business Grants = \$3,000,000 (Exhausted with current applications)
- Nonprofit Grants = \$1,000,000 (\$750,000 to transfer to Small Business)
- Economic/Tourism Grants = \$750,000 (\$750,000 to transfer to Small Business)
 - Application was received January 11th
 - Close portal for application submission
 - Utilize balance of funds in all 3 categories to satisfy applications under review
- Administration = \$201,518.16 (Full-time temporary position for up to 3 years, Project Financial Analyst and other oversight expenditures)
 - Project Financial Analyst is on board, \$94,209.44 Paid to date
- TOTAL = \$39,241,019

State Fiscal Recovery Funds

- Awarded \$4,000,000 to continue the Small Business/Non-Profit Grant Program
 - \$3,000,000 Small Business
 - \$1,000,000 Non-Profits
- Contract executed with the state
- Revised criteria developed
- State approved of the program guidelines
- Portal was opened on October 31, 2022

ARP Phase 2



ARP Phase 2 Recommendations

- **Community Assistance Programs focused in Qualified Census Tracts (QCTs)**
\$12.0 million - At least 50% of households have an income less than 60% of the Area Median Gross Income
 - Affordable Housing \$3 million
 - Homeowner Occupied Rehab Program \$2 million
 - Utility Assistance Program \$2 million
 - Handicap Access Program \$1 million
 - Job Training/Workforce Development/Youth Work Program \$1.5 million
 - Mental Health Training/Intervention \$500k
 - Mental Health/Substance Abuse Treatment Services \$1 million
 - Community Safeguard Program \$500k (Examples are Cure Violence, United Way Poverty Czar, etc.)
 - *Family Connection \$500k (Funded thru Revenue Recovery allocation)

ARP Phase 2 Recommendations

- **Public Safety \$3.1 million**
 - Gun Buy-back Program \$300k
 - Mobile Command Vehicle \$850k
 - Police Dept. IBIS \$350k
 - Ambulances \$1.6 million
- **Judicial Backlog Program \$1 million**

ARP Phase 2 Recommendations

- **Facility Improvements \$4.85 million**
 - Civic Center HVAC
 - Trade Center HVAC
 - Liberty Theater HVAC
- **Land Acquisition Cemetery \$200k**
- **Administration \$478,655.87**

ARP Phase 2 Recommendations

- **Revenue Recovery \$10,115,312.88**
 - CCGTV Upgrades \$500k
 - Cyber Security \$1.5 million
 - Family Connection \$500k (Community Assistance Program)
 - Public Safety Capital (Pursuit Vehicles, Fire Apparatus) \$7,615,312.88
- **Camera Program Phase 2 and 3 \$6,758,752.55**
- **Balance of Garbage Trucks \$1,238,297.70** (Used to advance the Phase 1 Camera Program)

QUESTIONS





COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT

COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT

COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT ARP PROJECTS



QCT's

A map of Columbus, Georgia, and its surrounding areas. The map is divided into numerous zip code regions, many of which are highlighted in purple. Key landmarks and locations labeled include Peachtree Mall, Bobb City, The Columbus Museum, and the National Air and Space Museum. Major highways such as I-75, I-275, and I-85 are shown. The map also indicates the proximity to Atlanta, Georgia, and Fort Benning.

Community Reinvestment ARP PROJECTS

01 Utility Assistance

Response to a crisis in our community – Families living at or above the federal poverty level are economically insecure. At times, they must choose which basic needs they will fulfill for their family.

This program intends to temporarily alleviate the cost burden lower income households experience with rising utility costs.



Community Reinvestment ARP PROJECTS

01 Utility Assistance Budget

- Admin \$100,000
- Direct Client Benefit \$1,400,000



Community Reinvestment ARP PROJECTS

01 Utility Assistance

Enrichment Services administers the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). LIHEAP is designed "to assist low-income households, particularly those with the lowest incomes, that pay a high proportion of household income for home energy, primarily in meeting their immediate home energy needs." This assistance targets the costs of heating and cooling in residential dwellings.



Community Reinvestment ARP PROJECTS

01 Utility Assistance

With the additional ARP funds, Enrichment Services will be able to expand assistance to cover electric, gas and water for Muscogee county residents.



Community Reinvestment ARP PROJECTS

01 Utility Assistance

Enrichment Services receives \$1 Million for LIHEAP to serve 8 counties including Muscogee County. Half of the funds, or \$500,000, serves Muscogee county and the other half is shared among the 7 other counties serving a total of over 6,000 customers across the region.



Community Reinvestment ARP PROJECTS

01 Utility Assistance

To be qualified for state funds issued through Enrichment Services LIHEAP, the family's income must be less than or equal to 60% of the State of GA median income for a Georgia family. ARP Utility Assistance funds will expand the program by allowing family's income to be 80% or less of the State of GA median income for a Georgia family.



Community Reinvestment ARP PROJECTS

01 Utility Assistance

Household Size	60 % State Median Income (Current EA Income Limit)	80 % State Median Income (Expanded EA Income Limit)
1 Person	\$28,058	\$37,411
2 Persons	\$36,690	\$48,920
3 Persons	\$45,324	\$60,432
4 Persons	\$53,957	\$71,943
5 Persons	\$62,591	\$83,455
6 Persons	\$71,224	\$94,965
7 Persons	\$72,842	\$97,123
8 Persons	\$74,461	\$99,281
9 Persons	\$76,080	\$101,440
10 Persons	\$77,698	\$103,597



Community Reinvestment ARP PROJECTS

01 Utility Assistance Timeline

- **March 2023**, Create Marketing Material, Program Overviews, Written Agreements
- **April 11, 2023**, City Council Approval, MARKET THE PROGRAM
- **May 1, 2023**, Open applications
- **December 31, 2023**, or until all funding exhausted



Community Reinvestment ARP PROJECTS

02 Homeowner Occupied Rehab

Response to a crisis in our community – an aging affordable housing stock and the growing number of people who, because of age, disability, or lack of resources, live in substandard housing.

The Homeowner Occupied Rehab Program provides for essential repairs necessary to abate an identified condition(s).



Home Owner Rehab

Community Reinvestment ARP PROJECTS

02 Homeowner Occupied Rehab Budget

- ARP Program Coordinator \$150,000
- Certified Inspector \$150,000
- Program Expenses \$2,200,000



Home Owner
Rehab

Community Reinvestment ARP PROJECTS

02 Homeowner Occupied Rehab

Example Of Repairs Could Include:

- Roofs
- Critical systems including HVAC, water heaters, water pumps, and related systems
- Doors/windows
- Electrical
- Plumbing
- ADA Accessibility Upgrades



Home Owner
Rehab

Community Reinvestment ARP PROJECTS

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Home Owner
Rehab

Community Reinvestment ARP PROJECTS

02 Homeowner Occupied Rehab Timeline

- **March-April 2023, Finalize program and hire ARP Program Coordinator**
- **June 2023, Create Marketing material and issue R.F.Q.**
- **July 2023, Finalize list of qualified contractors (including certified inspector)**
- **August 2023, Open applications**



**Home Owner
Rehab**

Community Reinvestment ARP PROJECTS

03 Affordable Housing

Response to a crisis in our community – the demand for housing considered affordable is intense.

This program intends to develop solutions for those who need affordable housing by taking a blended approach.



Community Reinvestment ARP PROJECTS

03 Affordable Housing Budget

- Development Budget \$2,700,000
- Developer Fee \$300,000



Community Reinvestment ARP PROJECTS

03 Affordable Housing

This project is designed to produce affordable housing units, particularly for those with lower incomes.

Options Could include:

- Rental Housing Development
- Homeownership Development



Community Reinvestment ARP PROJECTS

03 Affordable Housing

With the implementation of ARP funds into a developing capital stack, the City will be able to continue to work through partners to provide additional affordable housing units to our residents.



Community Reinvestment ARP PROJECTS

03 Affordable Housing

To Accomplish the project, we are suggesting the issuance of a RFP to include at minimum the listed items below:

- Will the New Units have Income Restrictions and/or Set-Asides for residents within the Proposed Project?
- Does the Proposed Project include a layering of funding sources to better disperse the incurred burden of development costs?



Community Reinvestment ARP PROJECTS

03 Affordable Housing Timeline

- **April 2023**, Approve Implementation (Council), Create RFP
- **End of June 2023**, Approval of Project
- **July 1, 2023**, Develop and Execute written agreement
- **June 30, 2024**, All funding exhausted



Community Reinvestment ARP PROJECTS



Utility
Assistance



Rehab



Affordable
Housing

Questions or Comments?

File Attachments for Item:

E. Renaming Fort Benning Update - Will Johnson, Planning Director

FROM FT. BENNING TO FT. MOORE

A COLUMBUS TRANSITION

FORT BENNING



- Established in October 1918 as Camp Benning
 - Opened for basic training during World War I
 - Named Columbus native and Confederate General Henry Benning
- Became a permanent military installation in 1920
- Has grown tremendously due to World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Iraq War, the War on Terror, and the Cold War
 - 2005 BRAC brought the Armor School to Benning

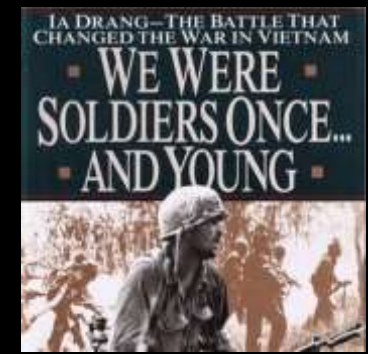
Fort Benning

- Naming Commission
 - On August 8, 2022, the congressionally-mandated Naming Commission recommended that Benning be renamed Fort Moore.
 - The renaming is in honor of the late Lt. Gen. Hal Moore and his wife, Julia
- May 11, 2023, is the official day of transference

NAMING COMMISSION



- Established in the US Congress in 2021
- Mandated by the Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021
- Focused on renaming military assets with names associated with the Confederacy
- Renaming Ft. Benning to Ft. Moore was chosen after review of several name change submittals
- DOD ordered full implementations on January 5, 2023



Item #E.

LT. GEN. HAROLD G. MOORE

Appointed from Georgia, Hal Moore graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1945 and retired as a Lieutenant General after 32 years of active service. Notable assignments included occupation duty in Japan, serving with the 82d Airborne, testing experimental parachutes, NATO, and multiple Army staff assignments.

During the bloody outpost battles of the Korean War, Hal commanded Rifle and Heavy Mortar companies, served as a Regimental S3 and Division Assistant G3, earning two Bronze Star Medals for Valor. In Vietnam, Hal commanded at the battalion and brigade level with the 1st Cavalry. Hal is best known for his leadership in the first major battle of the Vietnam War in the Ia Drang Valley.

JULIA MOORE

Mrs. Moore's actions to change Pentagon death notification policy in the aftermath of the historic battle of the Ia Drang Valley represents a significant contribution to our nation. Prior to Mrs. Moore's intervention, Pentagon policy was to notify families by a telegram delivered by cab drivers. It serves today as a shining example of one of Mrs. Moore's many contributions to the morale and welfare of the Army family.



POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON COLUMBUS

- The Naming Commission has advised local governments to look at following their recommendations and initiating name changes to local assets named after the Confederacy.
 - This is **NOT** a mandate.
- There are two main entrances into the post:
 - Fort Benning Road
 - I-185



POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON COLUMBUS

- There are several others in the immediate area that reflect names from the Confederacy.
 - Keep in mind there may be a street or two that we can't verify as honoring the Confederacy (Hood Street)
 - Non-Confederate: Forrest Road (Dr. Forrest Crosby) and Jackson Road/Avenue (Mayor Harry Jackson)
 - Also need to review other CCG entities, such as Benning Park and the Follow Me Trail signs

IMPACTS TO COLUMBUS



Street Name	Mileage	Type	Location	Land use	Business	Homes	*Signs
Benning Dr	1.50	Collector	Benning Park Riverland Terrace	GC, RMF, SFR	50	73	8/5
Dixie St	.45	Local	Schatulga Rd	LMI	5	0	1
Fort Benning Rd	2.82	Arterial	Benning Hills Baker Village Benning Park	GC, NC, RO, RMF, SFR	45	35	17/6
Hood St	.38	Local	Wynnnton	RMF1, SFR4	0	60	3
Pickett Dr	.04	Local	Benning Hills	SFR3	0	0	2

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Street Name	Mileage	Type	Location	Land use	Business	Homes	*Signs	Item #E.
Robert E. Lee Dr	.18	Local	Benning Hills	SFR3	0	19	3	
Shelby St	1.00	Local	Benning Hills	SFR3	4	77	11	
Stonewall Dr	.20	Local	Benning Hills	SFR3	0	16	3	
Stuart Dr	.15	Local	Benning Hills	SFR3	0	7	3	
Totals					104	337	54/11	

IMPACTS TO CITIZENS

- Each business or homeowner has to give their concurrence to have each street name changed.
- This will require time and effort by the city to contact each owner and get their concurrence, and then the owners will have to bear the financial and personal time burdens of notifying friends, family, and businesses.
- Coordination with GIS and GPS sites (Google, Waze, etc.) will have to be accomplished



IMPACTS TO CITIZENS

- All maps will have to be updated
- Business letterheads, licenses, external signage, etc. will have to be updated
- All utilities, public safety, and USPS will need to be involved regarding address changes



Current Status

- Gateway
 - “Benning” has been removed
 - Unknown costs for replacement due to:
 - Traffic control
 - Environmental procedures
 - Cleaning
 - Replicating letters
 - Manpower (letters are cast bronze, 30 lbs. each – 28” long)

Current Status

- No allocated funding
- New names?
- GDOT – update directional signage
- Coordinate with Ft. Benning
- Council direction:
 - Local streets
 - CCG facilities

QUESTIONS?

File Attachments for Item:

F. Streetlight Project- Robert Scott, Community Reinvestment Director

PHASE 2 STREETLIGHT PROJECT



Smart L.E.D Lighting Phase 1

12/6/2022 – Council Approved Phase 1

- 💡 Energy efficient lighting to reduce carbon footprint
- 💡 Remote diagnostics for proactive outage reporting and repair



Smart L.E.D Lighting Phase 2

Item #F.

Smart L.E.D Lighting

- 💡 Replacement of existing fixtures with new fixtures to improve lighting
- 💡 Vehicle and Pedestrian Safety



Smart L.E.D Lighting Phase 2

CDBG Funding

- 💡 Serve communities where 51% of the residents are under 80% of the area median income.
- 💡 Eligible Census Tracts

NRSA Eligible Census Block Groups

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Smart L.E.D Lighting Phase 2

Item #F.

Process

- 💡 Removing and replacing 1844 existing fixtures

Benefits

- 💡 Enhanced vehicle and pedestrian safety

Smart L.E.D Lighting Phase 2

Costs

- 💡 Upfront Costs
\$922,000
(100% CDBG Funded)
- 💡 Monthly Lighting Costs
Increase of \$32,804.76
(General Fund Streetlight Budget)

THANK YOU

File Attachments for Item:

DATE: March 28, 2023

TO: Mayor and Councilors

FROM: Finance Department

SUBJECT: Advertised Bids/RFPs/RFOs

March 29, 2023

1. Patches & Emblems (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 23-0015

Scope of Bid

Provide patches and emblems for Columbus Consolidated Government Departments, to include but not limited to, the following: Columbus Police Department, Columbus Fire and EMS, Muscogee County Prison and METRA Transit on an “as needed” basis. This contract may also be utilized by any other City agency requiring the goods.

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A **Non-Mandatory** Site Visit/Walk-Thru is scheduled for 9:00 AM on Wednesday, March 29, 2023, at the Recycling Center located at 8001 Pine Grove Way in Columbus, GA.

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Scope of RFP

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2. Assessment Entity for Promotional Testing Services for CPD (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 23-0025

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government is seeking an Assessment Entity to provide promotional testing services for the Columbus Police Department on an “as needed basis”.

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3. Recruitment Advertising Services – RFP No. 23-0030

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Scope of PQ

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2. Advertisement Signs for METRA Buses – PQ No. 23-0011

Scope of PQ

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3. Truck and Trailer Wrap Graphics for Parks and Recreation – PQ No. 23-0013

Scope of PQ

The Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) is seeking quotes from qualified vendors to design, provide and install truck and trailer wrap graphics for the Parks and Recreation Department.

April 7, 2023

1. Pursuit Vehicle Build Out (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 23-0015

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government requires the services of a qualified provider on an “as needed” basis to acquire and install the specified equipment into the pursuit vehicles purchased by the City each year, and prepare them for delivery to the City of Columbus Fleet Maintenance Shop, as a fully functional pursuit vehicle, for use by one of the Law Enforcement Agencies of the City of Columbus.

The contract term shall be for five (5) years with an option to renew for five (5) additional twelve-month periods.

2. Master Plan for Golf Courses – RFP No. 23-0032

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government (CCG) is requesting proposals from qualified golf course design and architect professionals to prepare a master plan allowing for the anticipation of

maintenance and renovation of existing and potentially planned facilities. The services are for Bull Creek Golf course (36 holes), *Oxbow Creek Golf Course (9 holes) and Godwin Creek Golf Course (9 holes). Proposals should be comprehensive for each respective property. Proposals should also identify opportunities and address issues before major problems occur.

Persons interested in visiting the golf courses may do so by contacting Mr. Jim Arendt, PGA at 706-329-5713 to schedule an appointment. Interested parties are responsible for contacting Mr. Arendt in a timely manner. *If pertinent RFP questions or concerns arise during the site visits, they should be submitted at least five business days before the due date as specified on pages 8 and 9.*

3. Feasibility Study for Additional Holes at Oxbow Creek Golf Course – RFP No. 23-0034

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government (CCG) is requesting proposals from qualified golf industry professional consultants to provide a feasibility study regarding an additional 9 holes at Oxbow Creek Golf Course. The comprehensive proposal shall identify opportunities and address the level of likely support from the local and surrounding markets.

April 12, 2023

1. Carbon Dioxide Liquid Bulk and Tank Rentals for City Swimming Pools (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 23-0028

Scope of RFB

It is the intent of the Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) to secure an annual contract with a vendor to provide carbon dioxide liquid in bulk, and the rental of six (6) 750lb tanks, for City swimming pools.

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

April 14, 2023

1. Advisory and Consulting Services for the Columbus Consolidated Government 457 Deferred Compensation Plan and Its Board (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 23-0016

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government seeks qualified firms to submit proposals for providing professional advisory and investment consulting services for the Columbus Consolidated Government's 457 Deferred Compensation Plan.

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Option A is for the Offeror to provide personnel to operate the facility and Option B is for the City to provide personnel to operate the facility. Offerors may submit proposals for either or both options.

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Columbus Consolidated Government requires the services of a qualified provider on an “as needed” basis to acquire and install the specified equipment into the pursuit vehicles purchased by the City each year, and prepare them for delivery to the City of Columbus Fleet Maintenance Shop, as a fully functional pursuit vehicle, for use by one of the Law Enforcement Agencies of the City of Columbus.

The contract term shall be for five (5) years with an option to renew for five (5) additional twelve-month periods.

2. Master Plan for Golf Courses – RFP No. 23-0032Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government (CCG) is requesting proposals from qualified golf course design and architect professionals to prepare a master plan allowing for the anticipation of maintenance and renovation of existing and potentially planned facilities. The services are for Bull Creek Golf course (36 holes), *Oxbow Creek Golf Course (9

holes) and Godwin Creek Golf Course (9 holes). Proposals should be comprehensive for each respective property. Proposals should also identify opportunities and address issues before major problems occur.

Persons interested in visiting the golf courses may do so by contacting Mr. Jim Arendt, PGA at 706-329-5713 to schedule an appointment. Interested parties are responsible for contacting Mr. Arendt in a timely manner. *If pertinent RFP questions or concerns arise during the site visits, they should be submitted at least five business days before the due date as specified on pages 8 and 9.*

3. Feasibility Study for Additional Holes at Oxbow Creek Golf Course – RFP No. 23-0034

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government (CCG) is requesting proposals from qualified golf industry professional consultants to provide a feasibility study regarding an additional 9 holes at Oxbow Creek Golf Course. The comprehensive proposal shall identify opportunities and address the level of likely support from the local and surrounding markets.

April 12, 2023

1. Carbon Dioxide Liquid Bulk and Tank Rentals for City Swimming Pools (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 23-0028

Scope of RFB

It is the intent of the Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) to secure an annual contract with a vendor to provide carbon dioxide liquid in bulk, and the rental of six (6) 750lb tanks, for City swimming pools.

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

April 14, 2023

1. Advisory and Consulting Services for the Columbus Consolidated Government 457 Deferred Compensation Plan and Its Board (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 23-0016

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government seeks qualified firms to submit proposals for providing professional advisory and investment consulting services for the Columbus Consolidated Government's 457 Deferred Compensation Plan.

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

2. Recycling Facility Operations and Management Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 23-0021

Scope of RFP

The Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia (the City) invites qualified offerors to submit proposals to provide recycling processing equipment, provide operations and maintenance of the equipment and the facility, market the processing capacity of the facility, market processed recyclable materials, and assist the City with public education services.

Option A is for the Offeror to provide personnel to operate the facility and Option B is for the City to provide personnel to operate the facility. Offerors may submit proposals for either or both options.

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

File Attachments for Item:

1. Certificate of Need Application submitted by the Medical Center, Inc. d/b/a Piedmont Columbus Regional Midtown (PCRM) for its project to upgrade and reconfigure its ICU rooms and associated areas.

The CON document in its entirety
consisting of **450 pages** is on file in
the Clerk of Council's Office



March 17, 2023

Sandra Davis
Clerk of Council
6th Floor
Government Center Tower
100 10th Street
Columbus, Georgia 31901

**RE: Certificate of Need Application – Piedmont Columbus Regional Midtown
Upgrade and Reconfiguration of Inpatient Beds**

Dear Ms. Davis:

Enclosed please find a copy of the Certificate of Need application to be filed by The Medical Center, Inc. d/b/a Piedmont Columbus Regional Midtown (PCRM) for its project to upgrade and reconfigure its ICU rooms and associated areas. The application will be filed on March 17, 2023.

This copy is filed pursuant to Rule 111-2-2-.06(5)(b)7 which states:

"The applicant shall file one copy of the application with the office of the County Commissioner of the county in which the project exists or is proposed. The applicant shall submit with the application an exact copy of the letter addressed and submitted to the County Commission that accompanied the submittal of the application to the County Commission;"

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. Scott Hill", written over a horizontal line.

M. Scott Hill
Chief Executive Officer
Piedmont Columbus Regional

Section 2: Project Description

14. Indicate the type of facility that will be involved in the project.


FACILITY TYPE	
<input type="checkbox"/> Birthing Center	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hospital
<input type="checkbox"/> Continuing Care Retirement Community (CCRC)	<input type="checkbox"/> Nursing or Intermediate Care Facility
<input type="checkbox"/> Freestanding Ambulatory Surgery Center	<input type="checkbox"/> Personal Care Home
<input type="checkbox"/> Home Health Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Traumatic Brain Injury Facility
<input type="checkbox"/> Freestanding Emergency Department	
<input type="checkbox"/> Diagnostic, Treatment or Rehabilitation Center (DTRC)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Freestanding Single-Modality Imaging Center	<input type="checkbox"/> Freestanding Multi-Modality Imaging Center
<input type="checkbox"/> Mobile Imaging	<input type="checkbox"/> Practice-Based Imaging
<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	


15. Indicate the services that will be involved or affected by this project.

SERVICES		
ACUTE	Hospital Inpatient	Diagnostic Services
	<input type="checkbox"/> Medical/Surgical <input type="checkbox"/> Open Heart Surgery <input type="checkbox"/> Pediatric <input type="checkbox"/> Obstetrics <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ICU/CCU <input type="checkbox"/> Newborn, ICU/INT <input type="checkbox"/> Newborn/Nursery <input type="checkbox"/> Rehabilitation <input type="checkbox"/> Acute, Burn, Other Specialty <input type="checkbox"/> Long Term Acute Care <input type="checkbox"/> Inpatient, Other <input type="checkbox"/> Psychiatric, Adult <input type="checkbox"/> Substance Abuse, Adult <input type="checkbox"/> Psychiatric, Child/Adolescent <input type="checkbox"/> Substance Abuse, Child/Adolescent <input type="checkbox"/> Psychiatric, Extended Care <input type="checkbox"/> Destination Cancer Hospital	<input type="checkbox"/> Computerized Tomography (CT) Scanner <input type="checkbox"/> Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) <input type="checkbox"/> Positron Emission Tomography (PET) <input type="checkbox"/> Diagnostic Center, Cancer/Specialty
		Other Outpatient Services
		<input type="checkbox"/> Ambulatory Surgery <input type="checkbox"/> Birthing Center
		Clinical/Surgical
		<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Medical <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Medical, Trauma Center <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Cardiac Catheterization <input type="checkbox"/> Gamma Knife <input type="checkbox"/> Lithotripsy <input type="checkbox"/> Pediatric Cardiac Catheterization <input type="checkbox"/> Megavoltage Radiation Therapy
LONG-TERM	<input type="checkbox"/> Skilled Nursing Care <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate Nursing Care <input type="checkbox"/> Continuing Care Retirement Community (CCRC)	<input type="checkbox"/> Personal Care Home <input type="checkbox"/> Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) <input type="checkbox"/> Home Health
OTHER	<input type="checkbox"/> Administrative Support <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Patient Care, Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Grounds/Parking <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Office Building

16. Check the most appropriate category(ies) for this project. Check all that apply.

PROJECT CATEGORY	
Construction <input type="checkbox"/> New Facility <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expansion of Existing Facility <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Renovation of Existing Facility <input type="checkbox"/> Replacement of Existing Facility	Service Change <input type="checkbox"/> New Service <input type="checkbox"/> Expansion of Service <input type="checkbox"/> Expansion or Acquisition of Service Area <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidation of Service <input type="checkbox"/> Relocation of Facility <input type="checkbox"/> Other
Procurement of Medical Equipment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Purchase <input type="checkbox"/> Lease <input type="checkbox"/> Donation (fair market value must be used)	

17. Please provide the following site information for the facility and services identified in this application. Check the appropriate box to indicate the current status of the site acquisition.  Attach the appropriate documents that provide for the Applicant's entitlement to the site at **APPENDIX D**.

 **NOTE:** If an unsigned lease is attached, include a letter documenting both parties' commitment to participate in the lease once the CON is approved, if applicable.

PROJECT SITE INFORMATION		
Street Address: 710 Center Street		
City: Columbus	County: Muscogee	Zip: 31901
Number of Acres: 27.992		
Status of Site Acquisition		
<input type="checkbox"/> Purchased (attach deed)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leased (attach lease)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Under Option (attach option agreement)	<input type="checkbox"/> Under Contract (attach contract or bill of sale)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other; please specify:		
Zoning		
Is the site appropriately zoned to permit its use for the purpose stated within the application?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
If NO → Describe what steps have been taken to obtain the correct zoning and the anticipated date of re-zoning:		
Encumbrances		
Are there any encumbrances that may interfere with the use of the site, such as mortgages, liens, assessments, easements, rights-of-way, building restrictions, or flood plains?		<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO

Question #18 response: 18. Provide a detailed description of the proposed project including a listing of the departments (e.g. ED, ICU), services, (e.g. Home Health, Cardiac Cath), and equipment (e.g. MRI, PET, Cath) involved.

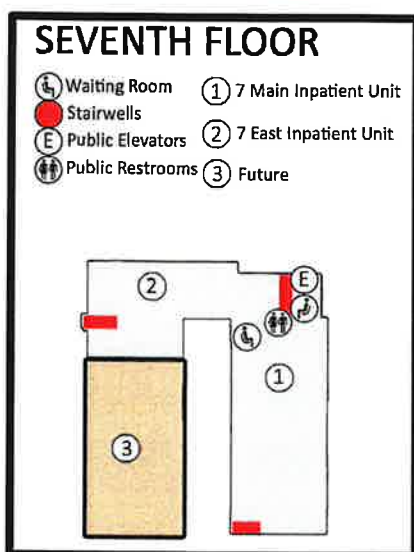
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With this project, PCRM seeks to upgrade and renovate its ICU and other medical-surgical units that support its role as an Emergency and Trauma Center in our region. This project will consolidate the multiple ICU units that are located across the hospital in multiple areas and floors. The project proposes to consolidate the 3 ICU areas into 2 floors, which will result in the addition of a new wing plus the expansion and "right sizing" of the ICU rooms. In addition, the project will renovate and update 3 floors of the Med/Surg Unit resulting in more patient friendly rooms for our patients.

ICU Bed Consolidation					
	Existing Location	# Beds	Future Location	# Beds	Construction Type
	7 Main/East (ICU)	16	7 Main/East ICU	21	Aesthetic/Structural: 7 East Wing renovation and new construction (expand East Wing)
	8 Main/West (ICU)	16	6 Main/East ICU	22	Aesthetic/Structural: 6 East Wing renovations
	10 Main/West (ICU)	6			
Total		38		43	

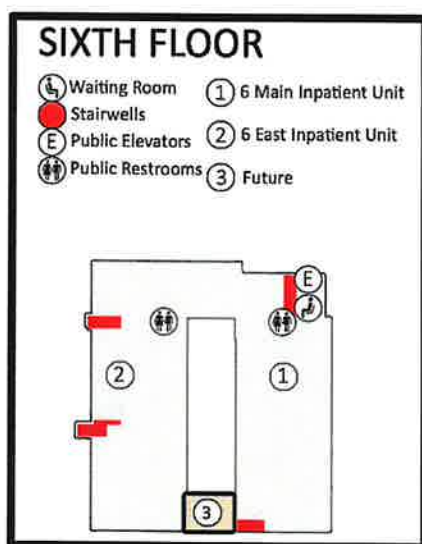
Med Surg Bed Renovations and Reconfiguration					
	Existing Location	# Beds	Future Location	# Beds	Construction Type
	5 Main/West	34	5 Main/West	25	Aesthetic/Minimal Changes to Core: 5 Main renovations
	6 Main/West	32	6 Main/West	16	Aesthetic/Structural: 6 Main renovations
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	6 Main/East	41	6 Main/East	0	(See above for ICU conversion)
Total		107		69	
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Proposed/Renovated Areas:



- 7th Floor (New East Wing) – Expansion and renovation of the 7th floor, which will create a new east wing. The new East Wing will expand and consolidate a portion of the existing ICU services. The current 16 bed ICU unit located on the 7th floor is outdated, under-sized and inadequate to support family members. Therefore, the floor will be reconfigured to include an expanded ICU area created by both the new wing as well as the reconfiguration of the existing ICU area. The new area will include 21 ICU beds – 16 ICU beds currently located on the 7th floor plus 5 ICU Beds that will be relocated from the 10th floor. This new

wing and reconfigured space will create larger family centered ICU rooms that will enhance quality and patient experience by enlarging the patient room. The new wing will also include the required support space, decentralized team collaboration space and patient lifts in each room. It will also have in-room computers for bed-side charting, patient monitoring, new ICU beds, nurse call system and headwalls.

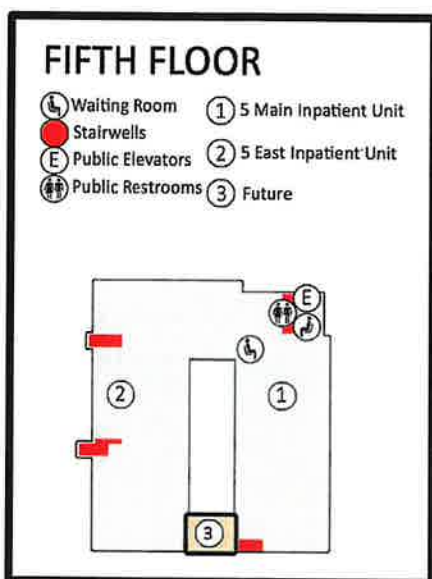


- 6th Floor (East Wing) - Renovation of the existing wing will create a 22 ICU bed unit. The current ICU unit will be relocated from the 8th and remainder of the 10th floor. The existing 39 med/surg beds on this wing will be re-distributed across the hospital as needed. Planning is still underway for the vacated space on the 8th floor, but any appropriate regulatory filings will be made prior to use. The new ICU space will be similar to the reconfigured ICU space on the 7th floor and will be reconfigured to create larger family centered ICU rooms. In order to support the larger rooms, the east and west wing of the 6th floor will be connected

via a new hallway. The renovation will also include the creation of required support space and team collaboration space. Each inpatient room will also have in-room computers for bed-side charting, patient monitoring, new ICU beds, patient lifts, nurse call system and headwalls.

- 6 Floor (Main Wing) - Renovation of existing space, which will convert 32 inpatient med/surg beds to 16 med/surg beds. The converted rooms will be flexible care to

support varying levels of care in the future and allow for more efficient and higher quality of care. The renovation will result in the loss of 9 med/surg beds on this unit, but will also create new support and team collaboration space.



- 5th Floor (East Wing) - Renovation and aesthetic upgrade to the space that formerly housed the pediatric to a 28-bed med/surg unit. The pediatric beds were previously approved for relocation to the new Children's Hospital in CON2022-049. Each room will include bedside charting and a new nurse call system. Additionally, to support more efficient operational flow, a new hallway will be created to connect the east and west wing

• 5th Floor (Main Wing) - Renovation, aesthetic upgrades and modifications to the support space to create an adequately sized medication room, nurse station and nourishment space. The south corridor will be renovated to include office space, centralized equipment and distribution space, patient transport offices, staff respite area, and PIC Team centralized location, plus a lactation space and supply closet. In order to reconfigure the space to create adequate support space, the unit will be reduced from 34 med/surg beds to 25 med/surg beds.

This project will not involve the addition of any new inpatient beds or services. Upon completion of this project, the PCRM CON-authorized capacity will remain at 583 beds.

The proposed project will require the renovation of 68,015 square feet of existing space at \$321.30 per square foot. New construction will consist of 14,830 square feet of space at \$428 per square foot. The total project costs are estimated at \$45,840,002.


Section 3: General Review Considerations

All Certificate of Need applications are evaluated to determine their compliance with the general review considerations contained in Rule 111-2-2-.09. Please document how the proposed project conforms with the following general review considerations.

Rule 111-2-2-.09(1)(a): Consistency with State Health Plan

The proposed new institutional health service is reasonably consistent with the relevant general goals and objectives of the State Health Plan.

19. Explain how the project is consistent with the State Health Plan or why it does not apply. Also explain how the application is consistent with the Applicant's own long range plans.

 **NOTE:** If your explanation exceeds this blocked space, attach additional 8-½ by 11-inch pages, number the first sheet Page 10.1, the second Page 10.2 and so on. Do not alter the main page numbers of this application. Once printed, insert your additional pages 10.1, etc. behind this Page 10.

The State Health Plan does not provide specific goals and objectives related to space renovations. However, the project is consistent with the overriding objectives of the Plan in that it promotes improvements in the delivery of healthcare services to the residents of PCRM's service area. Specifically, it will update and modernize the environment of care in the ICU units at PCRM and associated medical/surgical units to help ensure services are offered in an efficient and economical manner. This renovation will allow for the right-sizing of our ICU units to create a more family-centered and staff-efficient environment. Given these objectives, the project is consistent with the overall goals and objectives of the State Health Plan.

1 Project Overview

The Medical Center, Inc. d/b/a Piedmont Columbus Regional Midtown (PCRM) is an existing 583-licensed bed hospital located in Columbus, Muscogee County. PCRM is the largest hospital in State Service Delivery Region (SSDR) 8 and is a safety net hospital as defined by the Department's Short-Stay General Hospital Bed Rules. PCRM is the region's only Level II Trauma Center, providing care for critically injured adults and children. PCRM operates one of the busiest Emergency Departments ("ED") in Georgia with 80,000 ED visits in 2021 and 85,741 ED visits in 2022. In addition to emergency and trauma services, PCRM provides critical and intensive care to adults recovering from various medical and surgical conditions.

Through this project, PCRM seeks authorization to incur capital expenditures to construct, upgrade, renovate and relocate its ICU and other medical-surgical units that support its role as a regional Emergency and Trauma Center. The proposed capital expenditure is the result PCRM's thorough and thoughtful planning to enhance its services in compliance with the general goals and objectives of the State Health Plan and to ensure quality health care services are provided to all citizens in a cost-effective and well-planned manner. The proposed project will lead to enhanced privacy, safety, and access to hospital services, and better operation and utilization of PCRM's existing CON-authorized beds.

The project is needed to improve patient care and relieve inefficiencies and operational constraints caused by the current fractured locations of various ICU and medical-surgical units within the main hospital building. As outlined below, PCRM seeks to consolidate 38 existing ICU beds currently located on separate floors into upgraded, sufficiently sized spaces on two floors with a total of 43 ICU beds. In addition, the project will renovate, consolidate, and update 2 floors with a total of 69 existing CON-authorized general medical-surgical beds.

During peak times, including the COVID-19 state of emergency, the hospital operated up to forty-three (43) ICU beds. Currently, PCRM has set up and staffed thirty-eight (38) ICU beds on three (3) different floors. The existing layout of ICU beds is inefficient and insufficient for maintaining supplies and equipment. Additionally, the layout creates confusion and is suboptimal for staff and patient access. PCRM determined that its ICU beds would be more efficiently utilized if forty-three (43) ICU beds were consolidated between two (2) separate larger area floors with upgraded units and more space for patients, family, and staff. The consolidation and relocation of ICU beds will vastly improve quality of care and operational efficiencies, enhance communication, and provide improved comfort for patients, visitors, physicians, and staff.

The proposed capital expenditure project also includes the relocation and reconfiguration of 69 existing medical surgical beds between two (2) floors. The project involves updates to patient care units. The project will offer improved privacy, safety, and comfort for patients, thereby enhancing quality of care and overall patient experience. Among other benefits, the project will enable PCRM to convert semi-private medical-surgical rooms to state-of-the art private patient rooms. The conversion of semi-private rooms improves

infection control (minimizing both airborne and contact transmission routes) and enhances patient privacy and comfort. Single-patient rooms not only reduce infection risks, but also reduce lengths of stay, thereby reducing costs for patients, payors, and the hospital. Additionally, private rooms enhance patient flow.

Below is a summary of the hospital areas involved in the proposed project:

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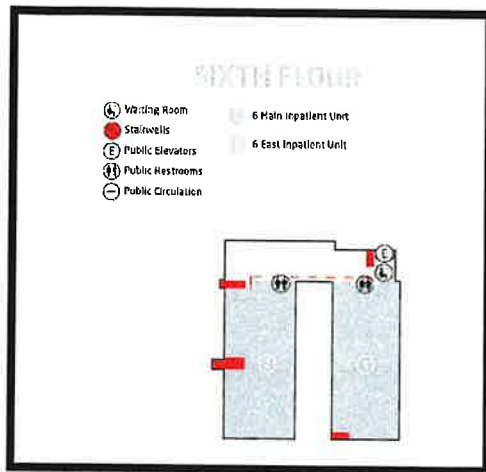
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• 7th Floor (New Expanded East Wing)

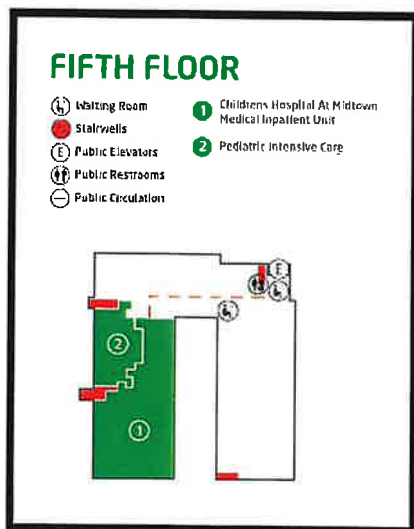
The existing 7th floor Main/West Wing currently houses the John B. Amos Inpatient Oncology Center. Sixteen (16) ICU beds are currently located on a smaller existing East Wing. The current ICU units are outdated and limited in space. PCRM proposes expanding and renovating the 7th floor smaller East Wing. Construction includes a newly expanded 7th floor East Wing and will include a total of 21 ICU beds in a new unit. The 21 ICU beds will include the 16 existing ICU beds relocated from the 5th floor and 5 additional ICU beds. The 21 ICU beds will be larger - centering on family participation - and will include new beds, patient lifts, in-room computers for bed-side charting, patient monitoring, nurse call system,

and headwalls. The newly expanded 7th floor East Wing will also include an ICU support area and decentralized team collaboration space.



- **6th Floor (East Wing)** – The 6th floor East Wing currently includes 41 medical-surgical beds. PCRM proposes renovating the existing 6th floor East Wing to create a 22 bed ICU unit. The 22 ICU units will be comprised of 16 existing ICU units relocated from the 8th floor Main/West Wing and 6 existing ICU units from the 10th floor Main/West Wing. The new ICU space and units will be similar to the reconfigured ICU space on the 7th floor expanded East Wing. The ICU units will include new beds, patient lifts, in-room computers for bed-side charting, patient monitoring, nurse call system, and headwalls. The 6th floor East Wing will also include an ICU support area and decentralized team collaboration space. To support the larger rooms, improve access to ancillary services, and minimize travel distance, the east and west wing of the 6th floor will be connected via a new hallway.

- **6th Floor (Main/West Wing)** – The 6th floor Main/West Wing currently houses 32 medical-surgical beds. PCRM proposes renovating the existing space to include 16 beds. The renovated rooms will be larger, more patient friendly, and include state-of-the-art computers for bedside charting, nurse call systems and headwalls. The renovation also includes the conversion of semi-private rooms to private rooms, which has numerous benefits as described above. The renovation also allows for the development of a new support area and team collaboration space.



- **5th Floor (East Wing)** – The 5th floor East Wing housed a 41-bed pediatric medical surgical unit. In accordance with CON Project No. 2022-049, the pediatric beds will be relocated out of the main hospital building. PCRM proposes renovating the 5th floor East Wing to include 28 medical-surgical beds. The state-of-the-art medical-surgical units will include computers for bedside charting, nurse call systems and headwalls. The renovation also includes the conversion of semi-private rooms to private rooms, which has numerous benefits as described above. The renovation also allows for the development of a new support area and team collaboration space.

- **5th Floor (Main/West Wing)** – The 5th floor Main/West Wing currently includes 34 medical surgical beds. PCRM proposes renovating the 5th floor Main/West Wing to include 25 medical-surgical beds. The state-of-the-art medical-surgical units will include

computers for bedside charting, nurse call systems and modifications to existing headwalls. The renovation also includes the conversion of semi-private rooms to private rooms, which has numerous benefits as described above. Additionally, renovations include aesthetic upgrades and modifications to the support space to create an adequately sized medication room, nurse station, and nourishment space. The south corridor of the 5th floor will be renovated to include office space, centralized equipment and distribution space, patient transport offices, a staff respite area, PIC Team centralized location, a lactation space and supply closet.

The project will not involve the addition of any new inpatient beds. All beds involved in the relocations, consolidation, and upgrades fall within the hospital's existing CON-authorized bed capacity. Upon completion of this project, PCRM's CON-authorized capacity will remain at 583 beds. Additionally, PCRM's proposed project does not involve the addition of any new clinical health services or the acquisition of any diagnostic or therapeutic equipment.

The proposed project requires the renovation of 68,015 square feet of existing space in the main hospital building at an estimated cost of \$321.30 per square foot. New construction will consist of 14,830 square feet of space in the main hospital building at an estimated cost of \$428 per square foot. Additional project costs include architectural and engineering fees of \$2,134,571, fixed equipment costs of \$3,390,000, moveable equipment costs of \$7,910,000, and a contingency of \$3,955,059. The total project costs are estimated to be \$45,840,002.

PCRM filed its Letter of Intent for this project, which the Department assigned as LOI 2023-010, on February 15, 2023.

Background

Piedmont Columbus Regional Midtown

PCRM is the largest hospital in SSDR 8. As a tertiary center and safety net hospital, it offers comprehensive inpatient and outpatient services to the community and provides high levels of indigent and charity care. The hospital features a regional Level II Trauma Center and is one of only six perinatal centers in the state with a Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and a full-service pediatric intensive care unit. It operates an extremely busy Emergency Department, which experienced over 80,000 patient visits in 2021 and 85,741 ED visits in 2022. Additionally, PCRM has been home to a Family Practice residency program since 1972. The nationally recognized program, which was the first of its kind in Georgia and one of the first in the Southeast, has graduated over 500 family physicians. Finally, PCRM operates the Children's Hospital (as a department of PCRM), one of the only comprehensive inpatient pediatrics programs in South Georgia. By any measure, PCRM is a fundamental component of the existing health care continuum in both its service area and the larger Southeast Georgia region and is thus a critical component of the community it serves.

In March of 2018, PCRM affiliated with Piedmont Healthcare, Inc. (PHC) through a process of member substitution, and it became a part of the largest hospital system in the state. Prior to the PHC affiliation, PCRM (then known as Midtown Medical Center) was consolidated with the adjacent Doctors Specialty Hospital pursuant to DET 2013-157. At the time of the consolidation, Doctors Specialty Hospital was an acute care hospital with 220 CON-authorized beds. Prior to consolidation, both hospitals were owned by the Medical Center Hospital Authority. Upon consolidation, the 220 CON-authorized beds at Doctors Specialty Hospital were added to the Midtown Medical Center license. The campus and buildings on the adjacent Doctors campus became part of the Midtown Medical Center campus. In accordance with CON Project No. 2022-049, the Children's Hospital at PCRM will be relocated into the former main Doctors Specialty Hospital building. The 583-bed tertiary hospital that emerged from the consolidation is the largest hospital in SSDR 8 and the larger Southeast Georgia region and is the cornerstone of the regional healthcare continuum.

In addition to providing acute hospital services to residents of SSDR 8, PCRM is intimately involved in the community and conducts numerous community outreach activities designed to improve the health of the community it serves. An example of this commitment is PCRM's Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA). PCRM undertakes a new CHNA planning process every 3 years in order to identify, prioritize and address the unique health needs of the community. The focus of the CHNA is on the most vulnerable individuals in the community: those with limited or no income, the uninsured and underinsured, those with chronic health conditions and those with challenges accessing healthcare services. Additionally, the CHNA is designed to examine the particular issues and health challenges facing the community at large.

The current CHNA was approved in 2019 and covers the years 2020, 2021, and 2022. In developing the CHNA, PCRM used a combination of community input and data to identify the top priorities that the hospital would address for the 3-year time span. The chosen priorities were recommended by the community benefit department with sign-off from hospital and board leadership. The following criteria were used to establish the priorities:

- The number of persons affected;
- The seriousness of the issue;
- Whether the health need particularly affected persons living in poverty or reflected health disparities; and
- Availability of community and/or hospital resources to address need.

The following are the selected priorities PCRM identified in the current CHNA.

- Increase access to appropriate and affordable health care for all community members, and especially those who are low income and/or uninsured.

- Decrease deaths from cancer and increase access to cancer programming for those living with the disease.
- Decrease preventable instances of diabetes and decrease the number of patients with uncontrolled diabetes.
- Reduce rates of obesity and increase access to healthy foods and recreational activities.
- Decrease the impact of and deaths from stroke.
- Reduce opioid and related substance abuse and overdose deaths.

The current PCRM CHNA is provided as part of **Appendix N**.

Piedmont Healthcare, Inc.

PCRM is part of Piedmont Healthcare, Inc., (PHC) which is the largest not-for-profit healthcare system in Georgia. Piedmont Healthcare includes seventeen (17) hospitals organized in five (5) "clinical hubs":

Atlanta Clinical Hub

- Piedmont Atlanta (tertiary flagship)
- Piedmont Fayette
- Piedmont Mountainside
- Piedmont Newnan
- Piedmont Henry
- Piedmont Rockdale
- Piedmont Eastside
- Piedmont Cartersville

Athens Clinical Hub

- Piedmont Athens Regional (tertiary flagship)
- Piedmont Newton Hospital
- Piedmont Walton Hospital

Macon Clinical Hub

- Piedmont Macon (tertiary flagship)
- Piedmont Macon North

Columbus Clinical Hub

- Piedmont Columbus Regional Midtown (tertiary flagship)
- Piedmont Columbus Regional Northside

Augusta Clinical Hub

- Piedmont Augusta Hospital (tertiary flagship)
- Piedmont McDuffie Hospital

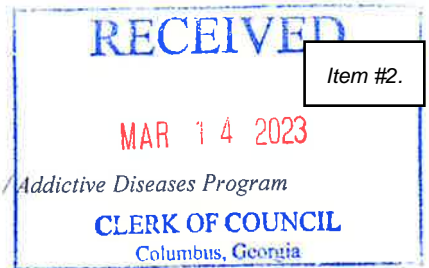
File Attachments for Item:

2. Official Appointment Form for New Horizons Behavioral Health- Mental Health, Addictive Diseases and Developmental Disabilities- Community Service Board recommending reappointment of Nancy Schroeder and Sandra Gill for a term beginning on July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2026.



A Community Mental Health / Developmental Disabilities / Addictive Diseases Program

Andrea Winston, CEO
2100 Comer Avenue
P.O. Box 5328
Columbus, GA 31906



PHONE: (706) 596-5582
FAX: (706) 596-5589

March 1, 2023

Columbus Consolidated Government
City Council
Clerk of Council
P.O. Box 1340
Columbus, GA 31902-1340

Dear City Council,

We are requesting that you reappoint Nancy Schroeder and Sandra Gill to serve another term on our Board of Directors from 7/1/23 to 6/30/26 as two of our Muscogee County representatives. Please sign and return the "Official Appointment Form" enclosed to Molly Jones, P.O. Box 5328, Columbus, GA 31906.

Thank you for your assistance. If you should have questions, please call me.

Sincerely,

Andrea Winston
Executive Director

AW: mtj

OFFICIAL APPOINTMENT FORM

Appointment to: NEW HORIZONS MENTAL HEALTH, INTELLECTUAL/DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND ADDICTIVE DISEASES COMMUNITY SERVICE BOARD

Number of Appointments: 2 for Muscogee County
Date: March 1, 2023 Prepared by: Molly Jones Telephone: (706) 596-5588

Nominee/Appointee	Address	Gender	Race/Ethnic Group	Occupation	Consumer / Family Member/ Interested Citizen	Disability Representation Check One for Consumer and Family Only MH DD AD
Sandra Gill Term: 7/1/23 – 6/30/26	1059 Leaf Brook Drive Midland, GA 31904	F	African American	Retired Customer Service Representative	Family Member	X
Nancy Schroeder Term: 7/1/23 – 6/30/26	2525 Norris Rd, Unit 117 Columbus, GA 31907	F	White	Retired Computer Programmer	Family Member	X

Signature of County Commission/City Council Chair: _____

Date Approved: _____

PLEASE RETURN SIGNED ORIGINAL DOCUMENT TO: MOLLY JONES, NEW HORIZONS CSB, P.O. BOX 5328, COLUMBUS, GA 31906-01328.

File Attachments for Item:

3. Minutes of the following boards:

Animal Control Advisory Board, February 3, 2023

Board of Tax Assessors, #08-23 & 09-23

Convention & Visitors Board of Commissioners, February 15, 2023

Planning Advisory Commission, March 1, 2023

River Valley Regional Commission, February 22, 2023

Columbus Consolidated Government
Minutes of a Special Called Meeting: Ordinance Amendment
Animal Control Advisory Board

February 3, 2023

5:30 pm

Location of Meeting:

Public Works Driver's Training Room

602 – 11th Avenue Bldg. E

Columbus, GA, 31901

Work Discussion/Ordinance Amendment

Present at Meeting:

Contreana Pearson

Jayne Dunn

Sabine Stull, Chairperson

Raymond Culpepper

Kristi Ludy

Courtney Pierce

Julee Fryer Co-Chairperson

Stephen Waters

Channon Emery

Drale Short

Absent from Meeting:

Dr. Jean Waguespack

Dr. Scott McDermott

A special called meeting for a work session to discuss an ordinance amendment **Section 5-7.2 Restraint** of the Columbus Consolidated Government, Animal and Fowl ordinance for supervised tethering. The Animal Control Advisory Board was called to order at 5:32 pm on Thursday, February 03, 2023, by the chairperson Sabine Stull.

Sabine Stull asked for the approval of the minutes from 12/13/2022 and 01/17/2023. Raymond Culpepper made a motion to approve the minutes and Courtney Pierce second the motion.

*****ACTION TAKEN: ALL VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT APPROVAL MINUTES FROM BOARD MEETING 01.17.2023 and 12/13/2022.**

Sabine Stull referred all board members to their informational packets given to each board member.

Raymond Culpepper made a statement; the tasks of the Animal Control Advisory Board is to make animal control better. He stated, the time spent with this proposed ordinance amendment and it not being enforceable is a waste of time. The board needs to focus on getting the animals out the shelter and concentrate on the audit that was just done. The auditor was very thorough in her detailing of animal control needs. The concentration on grant monies and the need for more animal control officers.

Contreana Pearson explained the grant monies the city council voted on last Tuesday was for Animal Control to 'apply for' and 'accept' a grant. This is a capital improvement grant from the Atlanta Humane Society. Designated for improvements at the shelter for monies between \$ 10,000 to \$30, 000 if awarded. One improvement suggestion was a wash station for dogs to be used before they go out for offsite adoption events. Stephen Waters inquired if animal control already had sinks for washing. Contreana Pearson replied, they are now washed in the sinks where the animal bowls are washed. Contreana Pearson, also stated another improvement would be a designated meet and greet area for families trying to adopt. Courtney Pierce offered PAWS Humane play yard for animal playgroups.

Courtney Pierce stated, she wanted to go over the data that was supplied from the animal control dispatch logs relating to cruelty in specifics tethering. She went through 1200 calls to compare the data. She focused on dog related calls with 118 were for no shelter and very few people called about trolley systems. She believes the proposed language is being crossed with changing a single point tie out which is already a law that bans this type tethering. She explained, with animal control 5 officers short it is very hard to follow up and enforce. She would like to see more community outreach and educating the public about proper tethering.

Dr. McDermott asked Contreana Pearson to read an email to the board in reference to his stance on amending tethering ordinance after he reviewed the data from dispatched calls. He emphasized in the email/letter to the board, 1) animal control is taxed with calls, 2) bulk of calls are improperly chained or without food or water and 3) unattended animals for prolonged periods of time on trolley systems were not a call of concern. He believes the existing law is clear and concise. He feels the boards efforts best served by focusing on educational programs, city grants and financial assistance for citizens. His proxy vote will be against any such proposed ordinance change to Section 5.7.2.

Jayne Dunn stated she spoke with three councilmen regarding the language. A concern was for animal control to be able to enforce the ordinance, may need additional staff. Raymond Culpepper asked about volunteers fielding calls. Contreana Pearson, stated no, all officers must be sworn in and vetted within the Columbus Consolidated Government policies and procedures. She stated the pay increase for the officer salaries went in effect January 2023 and should be more attractive and hopefully more qualified applicants will apply.

Stephen Waters stated referred to his research packet for the board members to see, other cities have passed supervised tethering. For example, Dade County, Miami and Gwinnett County. Drale Short asked clarification for a leash or tethering, while the dog left outside. Stephen Waters stated, it is for dogs supervised when out on a trolley systems.

Contreana Pearson posed the question to the board members to vote, keep the current ordinance **Section 5.7.2 Restraint**, without change. Jayne Dunn motioned to keep the ordinance with the current language and no change. *****ACTION TAKEN: VOTING MEMBER PRESENT VOTED; DUNN – YES, EMERY-YES, WATERS-NO, PIERCE-YES, FRYER-YES, CULPEPPER-YES, STULL-NO, MCDERMOTT-VOTE BY PROXY – YES.**

VOTE OF 6-2 APPROVAL FOR NO CHANGE TO ORDINANCE SECTION 5.7.2 Restraint

The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 pm The next scheduled meeting Tuesday, June 13, 2023.

C: Clerk of Council, ACAB Members



Columbus, Georgia, Board of Tax Assessors

GEORGIA'S FIRST CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT

Item #3.

City Services Center
3111 Citizens Way
Columbus, GA 31906

Mailing Address:
PO Box 1340
Columbus, GA 31902

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Trey Carmack
Vice Chairman

Chief Appraiser
Suzanne Widenhouse

MINUTES #08-23

Vice *Trey Carmack*
CALL TO ORDER: Chairman ~~Govar~~ calls the Columbus, Georgia Board of Assessors' meeting to order on Monday, March 6, 2023, at 9:10 A.M.

PRESENT ARE:

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Assessor Sandifer Hicks motions to accept agenda. Assessor Jones seconds and the motion carries.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Assessor Jones motions to accept minutes as presented. Assessor Sandifer Hicks seconds and the motion carries.

MISCELLANEOUS: Assessor Sandifer Hicks motions to excuse the absence today of Chairman Govar. Assessor Jones seconds and the motion carries.

At 9:14, Commercial Property Manager Jeff Milam presents to the Board:

- Hearing Officer Results – all placed into record, except for # 002 015 002 - Assessor Hammonds motions to proceed to Superior Court. Assessor Sandifer Hicks seconds and the motion carries.

At 9:29, Deputy Chief Appraiser Glen Thomason presents to the Board:

- Map Splits - #028 006 010; 028 006 017; 048 002 003; 048 002 039; 005 004 001A; 009 012 025; 009 012 039; 079 001 001; 079 001 031; 079 001 038; 079 001 041 – Signed & Approved.

At 10:03, Vice Chairman Carmack adjourns the meeting without any objections.

Suzanne Widenhouse
Chief Appraiser/Secretary

APPROVED:  03/13/2023


J. GOVAR
CHAIRMAN


L. SANDIFER HICKS
ASSESSOR


K. JONES
ASSESSOR


T.A. HAMMONDS
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MINUTES #09-23

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Govar calls the Columbus, Georgia Board of Assessors' meeting to order on Monday, March 13, 2023, at 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT ARE:

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Assessor Jones motions to accept minutes with noted change. Vice Chairman Carmack seconds and the motion carries.

At 9:05, Personal Property Manager Stacy Pollard presents to the Board:

- Audit Results – Signed & Approved.
- Motor Vehicle Appeal – Signed & Approved.

At 9:10, Commercial Property Manager Jeff Milam presents to the Board:

- Residential & Commercial BOE Results – all placed into record, except for # 170 001 007 - Vice Chairman Carmack motions to proceed to Superior Court. Assessor Jones seconds and the motion carries and #006 014 007 Vice Chairman Carmack motions to proceed to Superior Court. Assessor Sandifer Hicks seconds and the motion carries.

At 9:32, Chief Appraiser Suzanne Widenhouse presents to the Board:

- Settlement Conference Results – #064 029 011; 089 009 004A; 087 004 077; 067 022 016; 089 001 001; 002 010 001; 110 006 001; 110 006 003; 097 003 004; 110 006 003A; 089 011 003; 189 018 004; 026 032 008; 042 016 003 - signed by Chairman Jayne Govar.
- Bond Project - signed by Chairman Jayne Govar.

At 10:00, Deputy Chief Appraiser Glen Thomason presents to the Board:

- Map Splits - #044 001 007; 086 067 008; 086 067 008; 086 067 007; 086 067 007XH; 053 010 001; 053 010 001; 053 010 004; 072 016 002; 072 016 015; 072 017 020; 072 017 030; 072 017 031 – Signed & Approved.
- Request for Non-Disclosure – Signed and Approved.


Assessor Hammonds motions to excuse Assessor Sandifer Hicks next week. Assessor Jones seconds and the motion carries.

At 10:16, Chairman Govar adjourns the meeting without any objections.

Suzanne Widenhouse
Chief Appraiser/Secretary

APPROVED: _____

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J. GOVAR
CHAIRMAN

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ASSESSOR


T. CARMACK
VICE CHAIRMAN



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
Wednesday, February 15, 2023

Commissioners Present; Lauren Becker, Chair; Jamie Waters, Vice Chair; Miles Greathouse, Secretary/Treasurer, Amy Bryan, Sherricka Day, Dan Gilbert, Pace Halter, Peter Jones, Mayor Skip Henderson

Commissioners Absent: Mamie Pound

Special Invitees: Norm Easterbrook, RiverCenter for the Performing Arts; Merri Sherman, Columbus Sports Council

Staff Present: Peter Bowden, Kim Gonzalez, Shelby Guest, Joel Slocumb and Ashley Woitena

Call to Order Lauren Becker

- The February 2023 meeting was called to order by Lauren Becker at 3:30 pm.

Approval of Minutes & Financials Miles Greathouse

- Miles Greathouse presented the consent agenda -- minutes for the January 2023 meeting, as well as financials for January 2023. He asked if there were any questions or discussion. There being none, a motion was made by Pace Halter to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Sherricka Day. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.
- Mr. Greathouse then turned the meeting over to Peter Bowden to present the Fiscal 2024 budget. Mr. Bowden explained that the hotel/motel tax has performed better than expected during the current fiscal year-to-date and recommended a 7% increase for the upcoming year. He also pointed to the use of remaining American Rescue Funds. Mr. Bowden then reviewed the budget highlighting specific line items impacted by the additional revenue and/or savings from the prior year. There was discussion some on trade show materials and the need to make certain any display designs make an impact. A motion was made by Jamie Waters to approve the FY 2024 budget, seconded by Pace Halter. A vote was taken, and the motion passed.

Chair's Report Lauren Becker

- Ms. Becker then turned the meeting over to Peter Bowden to review and discuss the proposal of a Funding Request Policy. This policy was originally presented at the January 2023 meeting.

A calculation example has been added to the Funding Request Policy to better demonstrate how funding would be calculated and considered. There was discussion on how smaller events might be considered for funding approval, how the Policy could be modified at a later date to better meet need and various situations. A motion was made by Pace Halter to approve the Funding Request Policy, seconded by Peter Jones. A vote was taken, and the motion passed.

- Mr. Bowden informed the Board that action has been taken on the Social Media Policy passed at the January 2023 meeting. He explained that VisitColumbusGA had started posting organic posts again after several weeks on hiatus. Staff observed that once the social media work resumed the on-line “news” organization, called the Muscogee Muckraker, also resumed its activity on VisitColumbus’ social media platforms of which its contents/comments violated the policy criteria. Mr. Bowden went on to explain that staff followed the policy and attempted to reach the individuals at Muscogee Muckraker requesting a meeting and/or phone call to resolve any issues but has not received a response. There being no response after several attempts the organization was removed from the platforms according to the policy. .
- Ms. Becker informed the Board that in an 18th month period, Mamie Pound had missed 13 meetings; five of which were unexcused absences. She reminded the Board of the importance of their role and attendance and that the local ordinance sets forth attendance requirements; three unexcused absences in a 12-month period can result in the board seat being declared vacant. Ms. Becker also explained that the Executive Committee had discussed the situation and was recommending that the Board consider the seat vacant due to the absences. There was brief discussion followed by a motion made to declare the seat vacant by Sherricka Day, seconded by Amy Bryan. A vote was taken, and the motion passed.

President’s Report.....Peter Bowden

- Mr. Bowden introduced Joel Slocumb, who reported on film. Mr. Slocumb reviewed activities for the past several months to include:
 - 2022 Film Activity
 - 16 Film Projects
 - 2- Series- Very Vera, Art in America – Streaming now Amazon Prime
 - 1- Video
 - 3- Documentaries – Jim Jones People Temple
 - 4- Shorts
 - 2- Commercials- Chevy Trucks
 - 2- Independent- Fifty aka Cash Out
 - 2023 Film Project Updates
 - Kent State
 - Cake Town
 - Marketing Columbus 2022/2023
 - Georgia Entertainment News Event
 - Location Scout Site Visit
 - Quarterly Film Commission Meeting
 - Sundance

Other Business.....Group

- Dan Gilbert mentioned the positive financial impact for the city when there is an event held in Columbus, GA.
- Peter Jones spoke about the upcoming Ranger competition being held at the Columbus Civic Center. He reiterated the comments made by Mr. Gilbert about the positive financial impact being made because of these sorts of events.

Adjournment.....Lauren Becker

With no further business, Ms. Becker adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.



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PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Planning Advisory Commission

March 01, 2023

MINUTES

A meeting of the Planning Advisory Commission was held Wednesday, March 01, 2023, in the Council Chambers of the Citizen Service Center.

Commissioners Present:

Chairperson: Larry Derby
Vice Chairperson: James Dudley
Commissioners: Brad Baker, Xavier McCaskey, Patricia Weekley, Gloria Thomas, Shelia Brown, Patrick Steed
Virtually:
Absent: Ralph King

Staff Members: John Renfro, Assistant Planning Director

Others Present:

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. All in attendance stood for the pledge of allegiance to the American Flag. He explained the rezoning process to the audience.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Chairperson asked for a motion on the minutes. Chairperson made a motion to submit the minutes as accepted. No changes or additions by other commissioners. Motion carries, minutes accepted.

- 1. REZN-12-22-2275:** A request to rezone 8.87 acres of land located at 4501 St. Mary's Road. Current zoning is SFR2 (Single Family Residential 2). Proposed zoning is GC (General Commercial). The proposed use is Convenience Store with Gas Sales. Aditya Reddy is the applicant. This property is located in Council District 1 (Barnes).

John Renfro reads the staff report:

General Land Use:	Inconsistent Planning Area E
Current Land Use Designation:	Single Family Residential
Future Land Use Designation:	Single Family Residential

Compatible with Existing Land-Uses:	Yes	
Environmental Impacts:	The property does not lie within the floodway and floodplain area. The developer will need an approved drainage plan prior to issuance of a Site Development permit, if a permit is required.	
City Services:	Property is served by all city services.	
Traffic Impact:	Average Annual Daily Trips (AADT) will decrease to 214 trips from 368 trips if used for commercial use. The Level of Service (LOS) will remain at level D.	
Traffic Engineering:	This site shall meet the Codes and regulations of the Columbus Consolidated Government for commercial usage.	
School Impact:	N/A	
Buffer Requirement:	The site shall include a Category C buffer along all property lines bordered by the SFR2 zoning district. The 3 options under Category C are: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) 20 feet with a certain amount of canopy trees, under story trees, and shrubs / ornamental grasses per 100 linear feet. 2) 10 feet with a certain amount of shrubs / ornamental grasses per 100 linear feet and a wood fence or masonry wall. 3) 30 feet undisturbed natural buffer. 	
Fort Benning's Recommendation:	N/A	
DRI Recommendation:	N/A	
Surrounding Zoning:	North South East West	SFR2 (Single Family Residential 2) SFR2 (Single Family Residential 2) SFR2 (Single Family Residential 2) SFR2 (Single Family Residential 2)
Attitude of Property Owners:	Seventy-five (75) property owners within 300 feet of the subject properties were notified of the rezoning request. The Planning Department received eleven (11) calls and/or emails regarding the rezoning.	

Approval 0 Responses
Opposition 7 Responses

Additional Information:

N/A

Chairperson asked if the Commissioners have any questions.

Commissioner Dudley inquired as to the content of the phone calls the planning department received in opposition to the proposed rezoning; staff stated the phone calls were generally opposed to development of a gas station citing unsuitability of the proposed site.

Austin Gibson, an attorney with Page Scrantom, came forward to represent the applicant. Mr. Gibson explained the proposed rezoning and described the existing conditions of the site; the site of the proposed rezoning is a vacant lot. Mr. Gibson also explained the existing uses of surrounding properties and explained the suitability of the proposed development. Displaying the site plan he detailed the proposed undisturbed natural buffer with existing single family residential properties and the location of the development on the property. He also explained how the development actually represents a reduction in potential future traffic based on the existing zoning of property in question while increasing tax rolls and spurring economic development. Mr. Gibson detailed the discussion that took place at a meeting held between the developer and neighbors; concerns at this meeting included crime and traffic and Mr. Gibson explained how the developer may ameliorate crime concerns including lighting and security systems. He also displayed a prior development by the applicant and stated they experienced no significant crime problems.

Mr. Gibson read a list of three conditions amenable to the applicant; they're listed below:

- 1) The property will remain in it's current undeveloped natural state except for area designated in the concept plan by the developer. This condition will remain in real estate records.
- 2) The developer shall provide and maintain commercially reasonable lighting and security systems to prevent criminal activity on the premises
- 3) The developer will at sole cost and expense widen the north side of St. Mary's Road for a left turn lane pursuant to specifications from the Columbus Consolidated Government Engineering Department.

Mr. Gibson confirmed to Commissioner Dudley the developer would pay for a traffic signal if indicated by the Engineering Department. He also stated the proposed hours of the development and confirmed alcohol will be sold per Commissioner Weekly's request: the proposed hours are approximately 6AM to 10PM. Mr. Gibson confirmed to Commissioner Baker there will be entrance on Pate Drive.

Chairperson asked if anyone in the audience would like to speak against or in favor of this rezoning?

Ron Grant of 4900 Brightstar Lane came forward to speak in opposition to the proposed rezoning. Mr. Grant stated developments of this nature come with negative consequences and detailed a traffic incident at a nearby gas station. Mr. Grant stated the new proposed lanes would not alleviate traffic and the area is currently overwhelmed with traffic. He also detailed crime happening in the area and stated the development would increase crime in the area. Commissioner Dudley asked Mr. Grant if developing the land into single family homes would increase traffic; Mr. Grant stated it would, but residents would not commit crimes in their own neighborhood.

Lang Ochebata of 4533 Pate Drive came forward to speak in opposition to the proposed rezoning. She noted a discrepancy in the stated acreage of the property and explained how some of the land on the property is not suitable for development due to the soil quality issues. Mrs. Ochebata detailed the animals living in the area and noted a potential environmental impact. She also listed the nearby gas stations with distances and asked if more development is necessary while also fearing an explosion. She asked the commissioners focus on the residents of the area and not focus on revenue when making their decision. She also stated there is crime in the Warm Springs/Talbotton Road area discussed previously. Commissioner Thomas spoke about the congestion in the area and Mrs. Ochebata stated the development would make crime worse.

Malcolm Farley of 4714 Pate Drive came forward to speak in opposition to the proposed rezoning. He stated he has lived in the area over 30 years and the proposed development is a bad decision that will generate more crime and traffic congestion. Mr. Farley stated a desire to protect the existing neighborhood and its character.

The owner of Augusta Funeral Home came forward to speak in opposition to the proposed rezoning. He detailed ongoing traffic concerns in the area and agreed with the statements of the previous speaker.

Commissioner Brown asked staff if St. Mary's Elementary School is going away; staff stated it is not to their knowledge.

Mary Farley of 4714 Pate Drive came forward to ask if the development would be outside of the required school buffer relating to alcohol. She also stated there are traffic concerns in the area and the development would make it worse. She also asked what makes this gas station unique compared to existing gas stations and why is its development necessary.

Commissioner Thomas received confirmation from the applicant the laundromat hours would be the same as the gas station. Commissioner Brown discussed the traffic from the school in the area.

Marco Johnson of 2313 17th St came forward to speak against the proposed rezoning; Mr. Johnson grew up in the area and fears the neighborhood's character will be changed and damaged by the proposed development. He discussed how the development would drain money from their community and generate crime and explained how the area has a large concentration of gas stations already. Mr. Johnson stated the development would not be valuable to the community or generate value for neighbors.

Commissioner Baker moved to **deny** the proposed rezoning as presented and Commissioner Weekley seconded; Case is denied (7-0 Physical / 0-0 Virtual).

2. **REZN-02-23-0213:** A request to rezone 1.34 acres of land located at 4128 Forest Road. Current zoning is NC (Neighborhood Commercial). Proposed zoning is SFR2 (Single Family Residential 2). The proposed use is Residential. Jean Chery is the applicant. This property is located in Council District 1 (Barnes).

John Renfro reads the staff report:

General Land Use:	Consistent Planning Area E
Current Land Use Designation:	Single Family Residential
Future Land Use Designation:	Single Family Residential
Compatible with Existing Land-Uses:	Yes
Environmental Impacts:	The property does not lie within the floodway and floodplain area. The developer will need an approved drainage plan prior to issuance of a Site Development permit, if a permit is required.
City Services:	Property is served by all city services.
Traffic Impact:	No available traffic information for this location.
Traffic Engineering:	This site shall meet the Codes and regulations of the Columbus Consolidated Government for residential usage.
School Impact:	N/A

Buffer Requirement:

The site shall include a Category A buffer along all property lines bordered by the GC zoning district. The 3 options under Category A are:

- 1) **5 feet** with a certain amount of canopy trees, under story trees, and shrubs / ornamental grasses per 100 linear feet.
- 2) **10 feet** with a certain amount of shrubs / ornamental grasses per 100 linear feet and a wood fence or masonry wall.
- 3) **20 feet** undisturbed natural buffer.

Fort Benning's Recommendation:

N/A

DRI Recommendation:

N/A

Surrounding Zoning:

North
South
East
West

SFR2 (Single Family Residential 2)
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GC (General Commercial)

Attitude of Property Owners:

Forty-five (45) property owners within 300 feet of the subject properties were notified of the rezoning request. The Planning Department received one (1) calls and/or emails regarding the rezoning.

Approval
Opposition

0 Responses
0 Responses

Additional Information:

N/A

Chairperson asked if the Commissioners have any questions.

Commissioner Dudley asked staff if the applicant is displaying a sign on the property; staff indicated they are and will check again prior to any council hearing.

Lamar Fields with Keller Williams came forward to represent the applicant. Mr. Fields explained how the applicant bought the property intending to continue a residential use, but the property was left vacant for too long and no longer had an existing use. Mr. Fields explained how the property is not suitable for commercial development and the owner has received no interest from buyers due to its current zoning.

Chairperson asked if anyone in the audience would like to speak against or in favor of this rezoning? No one came forward.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve the proposed rezoning as presented and Commissioner Dudley seconded; Case passes (7-0 Physical / 0-0 Virtual).

- 3. REZN-02-23-0214:** A request to rezone 0.34 acres of land located at 5769 / 5747 Veterans Parkway. Current zoning is NC (Neighborhood Commercial). Proposed zoning is GC (General Commercial). The proposed use is Commercial. BStreet Investments, LLC. is the applicant. This property is located in Council District 8 (Garrett).

John Renfro reads the staff report:

General Land Use:	Consistent Planning Area A
Current Land Use Designation:	Multifamily
Future Land Use Designation:	General Commercial
Compatible with Existing Land-Uses:	Yes
Environmental Impacts:	The property does not lie within the floodway and floodplain area. The developer will need an approved drainage plan prior to issuance of a Site Development permit, if a permit is required.
City Services:	Property is served by all city services.
Traffic Impact:	Average Annual Daily Trips (AADT) will increase to 73 trips up from 48 if used for commercial use. The Level of Service (LOS) will remain at level D.
Traffic Engineering:	This site shall meet the Codes and regulations of the Columbus Consolidated Government for commercial usage.
School Impact:	N/A
Fort Benning's Recommendation:	N/A
DRI Recommendation:	N/A
Surrounding Zoning:	North South East West NC (Neighborhood Commercial) NC (Neighborhood Commercial) NC (Neighborhood Commercial) NC (Neighborhood Commercial)

Attitude of Property Owners: **Twenty (20)** property owners within 300 feet of the subject properties were notified of the rezoning request. The Planning Department received no calls and/or emails regarding the rezoning.

Approval **0** Responses
Opposition **0** Responses

Additional Information: N/A

Chairperson asked if the Commissioners have any questions.

Richard Peluso of 5769 Veterans Parkway came forward to represent the applicant. He stated General Commercial is a better zoning for the property and they intend to fix the property up. Mr. Peluso explained some of the commercial interest he has had in the property. The applicant stated the proposed development would not be large and not require significant parking infrastructure.

Chairperson asked if anyone in the audience would like to speak against or in favor of this rezoning? No one came forward.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve the proposed rezoning as presented and Commissioner Dudley seconded; Case passes (7-0 Physical / 0-0 Virtual).

- 4. REZN-02-23-0215:** A request to rezone 0.44 acres of land located at 3019 5th Avenue. Current zoning is GC (General Commercial). Proposed zoning is LMI (Light Manufacturing / Industrial). The proposed use is Manufacturing. Steven Haberkorn is the applicant. This property is located in Council District 8 (Garrett).

John Renfro reads the staff report:

General Land Use:

Inconsistent
Planning Area F

Current Land Use Designation:

General Commercial

Future Land Use Designation:

Single Family Residential

Compatible with Existing Land-Uses:

Yes

Environmental Impacts:

The property does not lie within the floodway and floodplain area. The developer will need an approved drainage plan prior to issuance of a Site Development permit, if a permit is required.

City Services:

Property is served by all city services.

Traffic Impact:

Average Annual Daily Trips (AADT) will decrease to 16 trips down from 95 trips if used for industrial use. No Level of Service (LOS) information available.

Traffic Engineering:

This site shall meet the Codes and regulations of the Columbus Consolidated Government for industrial usage.

School Impact:

N/A

Buffer Requirement:

The site shall include a Category C buffer along all property lines bordered by the GC zoning district. The 3 options under Category C are:

- 1) **20 feet** with a certain amount of canopy trees, under story trees, and shrubs / ornamental grasses per 100 linear feet.
- 2) **10 feet** with a certain amount of shrubs / ornamental grasses per 100 linear feet and a wood fence or masonry wall.
- 3) **30 feet** undisturbed natural buffer.

Fort Benning's Recommendation:

N/A

DRI Recommendation:

N/A

Surrounding Zoning:

North	GC (General Commercial)
South	LMI (Light Manufacturing / Industrial)
East	LMI (Light Manufacturing / Industrial)
West	LMI (Light Manufacturing / Industrial)

Attitude of Property Owners:

Seventy-five (75) property owners within 300 feet of the subject properties were notified of the rezoning request. The Planning Department received one (1) calls and/or emails regarding the rezoning.

Approval	0 Responses
Opposition	0 Responses

Additional Information:

N/A

Chairperson asked if the Commissioners have any questions.

Steven Haberkorn of 3019 5th Ave came forward to explain the proposed rezoning. Mr. Haberkorn intends to manufacture roof panels on the property and requires a rezoning to be in compliance. Commissioner Brown asked the applicant about noise or smell from the panel manufacturing; the applicant stated there is minimal noise when the panels are cut but otherwise is not a nuisance. He stated the operating hours are typically 7Am to 4-5PM with some Saturday operation possible.

Chairperson asked if anyone in the audience would like to speak against or in favor of this rezoning? No one came forward.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve the proposed rezoning as presented and Commissioner Dudley seconded; Case passes (7-0 Physical / 0-0 Virtual).

- 5. REZN-02-23-0216:** A request to rezone 1.64 acres of land located at 5436 Forest Road. Current zoning is NC (Neighborhood Commercial). Proposed zoning is GC (General Commercial). The proposed use is Self Service Storage. Columbus Storage, LLC is the applicant. This property is located in Council District 1 (Barnes).

John Renfro reads the staff report:

General Land Use:	Inconsistent Planning Area E
Current Land Use Designation:	General Commercial
Future Land Use Designation:	Neighborhood Commercial
Compatible with Existing Land-Uses:	Yes
Environmental Impacts:	The property does not lie within the floodway and floodplain area. The developer will need an approved drainage plan prior to issuance of a Site Development permit, if a permit is required.
City Services:	Property is served by all city services.
Traffic Impact:	Average Annual Daily Trips (AADT) will decrease to 85 trips down from 233 trips if used for commercial use. The Level of Service (LOS) will remain at level B.
Traffic Engineering:	This site shall meet the Codes and regulations of

the Columbus Consolidated Government for commercial usage.

School Impact:

N/A

Buffer Requirement:

The site shall include a Category C buffer along all property lines bordered by the SFR3 zoning district. The 3 options under Category C are:

- 1) **20 feet** with a certain amount of canopy trees, under story trees, and shrubs / ornamental grasses per 100 linear feet.
- 2) **10 feet** with a certain amount of shrubs / ornamental grasses per 100 linear feet and a wood fence or masonry wall.
- 3) **30 feet** undisturbed natural buffer.

Fort Benning's Recommendation:

N/A

DRI Recommendation:

N/A

Surrounding Zoning:

North NC (Neighborhood Commercial)
South GC (General Commercial)
East GC (General Commercial)
West SFR3 (Single Family Residential 3)

Attitude of Property Owners:

Fifty-five (55) property owners within 300 feet of the subject properties were notified of the rezoning request. The Planning Department received no calls and/or emails regarding the rezoning.

Approval
Opposition

0 Responses
0 Responses

Additional Information:

N/A

Chairperson asked if the Commissioners have any questions.

Mixon Maxey of 1540 Wildwood Avenue came forward to represent the applicant. He explained the proposed development and gave some historical context. Mr. Maxey explained the property already has storage on site and expanding the storage on site would require rezoning. He also explained how the property has a cell tower and limited access to the tower for maintenance with all other access being off of Floyd Road.

Chairperson asked if anyone in the audience would like to speak against or in favor of this rezoning? No one came forward.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve the proposed rezoning as presented and Commissioner Dudley seconded; Case passes (7-0 Physical / 0-0 Virtual).

6. **EXCP-02-23-0217:** A request for special exception use located at 151 30th Avenue. Current zoning is RMF1 (Residential Multifamily 1). The proposed use is Daycare, Type III. Lucretius Stephens is the applicant. This property is located in Council District 7 (Cogle).

John Renfro reads the staff report:

Day Care, Type III

Lucretius Stephens has submitted an application for the Special Exception Use cited above. The property is located in a RMF1 (Residential Multifamily) zoning district. The site for the proposed Day Care, Type III is located at 151 30th Avenue. The purpose of the Special Exception Use is to allow for the operation of a Day Care, Type III located within the RMF1 (Residential Multifamily 1) zoning district:

(1) Access: Is or will the type of street providing access to the use be adequate to serve the proposed special exception use?

30th Avenue is a major collector. This road will provide adequate free flow movement.

(2) Traffic and Pedestrian Safety: Is or will access into and out of the property be adequate to provide for traffic and pedestrian safety, the anticipated volume of the traffic flow, and access by emergency vehicles?

Access into and out of the property in question will provide for adequate traffic and pedestrian safety and emergency access.

(3) Adequacy of Public Facilities: Are or will public facilities such as school, water, sewer utilities and police and fire protection be adequate to serve the special exception use?

Services such as water, utilities, police, and fire protection are adequate.

(4) Protection from Adverse Affects: Are or will refuse, service, parking and loading areas on the property be located or screened to protect other properties in the area from such adverse effects as noise, light, glare or odor?

The property is surrounded by RMF1 (Residential Multifamily 1). Noise, light, glare and odor should be limited due to the nature of the business.

(5) Hours of Operation: Will the hours and manner of operation of the special exception use have no adverse effects on other properties in the area?

The hours of operation for this use will not have an adverse impact on the neighboring

properties in the area.

(6) Compatibility: Will the height, size, or location of the buildings or other structures on the property be compatible with the height, size, character, or location of buildings or other structures on neighboring properties?

This structures height, size and location should match the uses found in other RMF1 (Residential Multifamily 1) properties.

Council District: District 7 (Cogle)

Seventy (70) property owners within 300 feet of the property have been notified by mail of the proposed Special Exception Use. The Planning Department received no calls and/or emails regarding the rezoning.

Approval: 0 Responses

Opposition: 0 Responses

Additional Information: N/A

Chairperson asked if the Commissioners have any questions.

Commissioner Brown asked staff if the property was previously a pre school as she saw people working on the property; staff stated someone intends to buy the property and make it a daycare.

Lucretius Stephens came forward as the applicant to explain the proposed special exception; Mr. Stephens explained the history of the property and how it came to be abandoned for approximately 10 years. He also explained how the proposed facility would be for an adult day care for those with developmental disabilities and that the proposed special exception and development would allow the business to double its number of staff. The hours of the proposed facility would be 8AM – 4PM. The applicant has existing businesses already in operation and has experience running these facilities.

Chairperson asked if anyone in the audience would like to speak against or in favor of this rezoning? No one came forward.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve the proposed rezoning as presented and Commissioner Dudley seconded; Case passes (7-0 Physical / 0-0 Virtual).

7. EXCP-02-23-0219: A request for special exception use located at 1300 5th Avenue. Current zoning is GC (General Commercial). The proposed use is Auto / Truck Sales, New & Used. Ed Adams is the applicant. This property is located in Council District 7 (Cogle).

John Renfro reads the staff report:

Auto/Truck Sales, New and Used

Ed Adams has submitted an application for the Special Exception Use cited above. The property is located in a GC (General Commercial) zoning district. The site for the proposed Auto/Truck sales, new and used in excess of one-half (.5) acre but less than two (2) acres located at 3072 Victory Drive. The purpose of the Special Exception Use is to allow for the operation of a Auto/Truck sales, new and used in excess of one-half (.5) acre but less than two (2) acres located within the GC (General Commercial) zoning district:

(1) Access: Is or will the type of street providing access to the use be adequate to serve the proposed special exception use?

13th Street is a principal arterial. 5th Avenue is a major collector. 14th Street is a local street. It will provide adequate free flow movement.

(2) Traffic and Pedestrian Safety : Is or will access into and out of the property be adequate to provide for traffic and pedestrian safety, the anticipated volume of the traffic flow, and access by emergency vehicles?

Access into and out of the property in question will provide for adequate traffic and pedestrian safety and emergency access.

(3) Adequacy of Public Facilities: Are or will public facilities such as school, water, or sewer utilities and police and fire protection be adequate to serve the special exception use?

Services such as water, utilities, police, and fire protection are adequate.

(4) Protection from Adverse Affects: Are or will refuse, service, parking and loading areas on the property be located or screened to protect other properties in the area from such adverse effects as noise, light, glare or odor?

The property is surrounded by GC. Noise, light, flare and odor should be limited due to the nature of the equipment.

(5) Hours of Operation: Will the hours and manner of operation of the special exception use have no adverse effects on other properties in the area?

The hours of operation for this use will not have an adverse impact on the neighboring properties in the area.

(6) Compatibility: Will the height, size, or location of the buildings or other structures on the property be compatible with the height, size, character, or location of buildings or other structures on neighboring properties?

This structures height, size and location should match the uses found in other GC (General Commercial) properties.

Council District: District 7 (Cogle)

Thirty (30) property owners within 300 feet of the property have been notified by mail of the proposed Special Exception Use. The Planning Department received no calls and/or emails

regarding the rezoning.

Approval: 0 Responses

Opposition: 0 Responses

Additional Information: N/A

Chairperson asked if the Commissioners have any questions.

Commissioner Dudley asked for clarity from staff about which property is in question; staff indicated the property is from 13th to 14th along 5th Avenue and is 1 parcel that is 1.998 acres in size.

Ed Adams with Cole Banker commercial came forward to represent the applicant; he explained how the applicant intend to be an auto brokerage and not have a large number of vehicles on site. Commissioner Brown received clarification from the applicant about the location of the property in question. The applicant stated they intend to refresh the parking lot lighting and improve the property in question.

Chairperson asked if anyone in the audience would like to speak against or in favor of this rezoning? No one came forward.

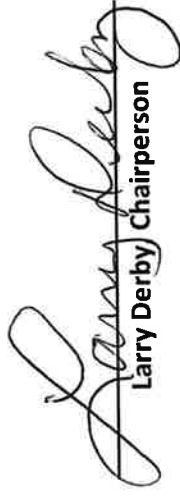
Commissioner Brown moved to approve the proposed rezoning as presented and Commissioner Dudley seconded; Case passes (7-0 Physical / 0-0 Virtual).

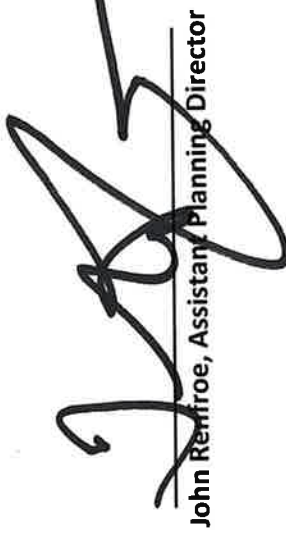
NEW BUSINESS:

OLD BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: 10:23 AM

RECORDING: <https://youtu.be/R6xbIXeFn2s>


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RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

Buena Vista, GA

February 22, 2023

10:30 A.M.

Meeting Minutes

Council Members (Counties Represented: 15)

Albert King, Vienna
Bill McClellan, Schley
Bobby Jenkins, Cuthbert
Bruce Hill, Oglethorpe
Chip Jones, Stewart
Carvel Lewis, Georgetown-Quitman, RVRC Secretary
Charles Coffey, Chattahoochee
Darrell Holbrook, Webster
Doug Ethridge, Harris
Greg Dominey, Schley
James Davenport, Clay
Jayson Griffin, Macon
Jerry "Pops" Barnes, Muscogee, RVRC Chair
Joe Lee Williams, Stewart

Joshua Deriso, Cordele
Kenneth Sumpter, Fort Gaines
Larry Sparks, Talbot County
Lee Kinnamon, Americus
Melvin Crimes, Webster
Maggie McGruther, Sumter
Ransom Farley, Hamilton
Rebecca White, Randolph
Skip Henderson, Columbus
Tameka Harris, Taylor, RVRC Vice-Chair
Terrell Hudson, Dooly
Timothy Biddle, Chattahoochee
Tom Queen, Taylor
Xavier McCaskey, Columbus

Members Not Attending

Barry Whitley, Butler
Carl Oliver, Macon
Eugene Cason, Dooly
J.R. Dowdy, Crisp
Jeff McCarter, Randolph
Jessie Smith, Sumter
Jimmy Babb, Lumpkin

Kevin Brown, Buena Vista
Matt Gunnels, Marion
Randy Howard, Sumter
Richard McCorkle, Marion
Rob Grant, Harris
Tony Lamar, Talbotton

Others Present

Natalie Bradley, Flint Energies
Tom Horn, Columbus Water Works
Kelvin Lewis, Macon
Mary Stevens, Talbot
Nicole Acree, Taylor
Pamela Shaw, Nurse Practitioner
Deborah Jones, Nurse Practitioner
Connie Harris, Marion

Clark Harrell, Crisp
Tammye P. Jones, Sanford Bishop's Office
Toyia Tucker, Columbus
Rayetta Volley, Sumter
Scott Jones, Utility Solutions & Automation
Brenda Williams, Raphael Warnock's Office

RVRC Staff Attending

Jim Livingston, Executive Director
 Mariyana Kostov, GIS Manager
 Katie Howard, AAA Director
 Rick Morris, Planning Director
 Janice West, WIOA Director

Camille Bielby, Regional Planner
 Merri Spence, Executive Secretary
 Gerald Mixon, Planning Director
 Tammy Collins, Finance Officer

WELCOME AND RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Jerry “Pops” Barnes, Muscogee, RVRC Chair, brought the meeting to order and welcomed visitors. Carvel Lewis, Georgetown-Quitman, RVRC Secretary led the council in prayer and Tameka Harris, Taylor, RVRC Vice-Chair led the council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY MINUTES*

The council reviewed the January 25, 2023 meeting minutes which were emailed to members the previous week for their review. The minutes were also included in the council packets that were available at the meeting. There being no additions or changes, Chair Barnes asked for a motion to approve the January minutes. The motion was made by Terrell Hudson, Dooly County and seconded by Bruce Hill, Oglethorpe. The motion passed with no opposition.

RURAL HEALTH CARE AND NURSE PRACTITIONERS

Chair Barnes introduced Dr. Pamela Shaw-Grant and Deborah Jones, Nurse Practitioners for New Horizon. Dr. Shaw-Grant spoke about what Nurse Practitioners do and their certifications. She explained she works with patients with mental health issues but also physical health problems. Dr. Shaw-Grant added that Nurse Practitioners in the state of Georgia currently are able to treat patients and complete paperwork for patients, but they are unable to sign the paperwork. The supervising physician must sign the documents. This creates a hardship and there is a Bill going before legislature asking to allow Nurse Practitioners the authority to sign these forms and to sign prescriptions for schedule 2 drugs. This is important to be able to extend the reach of healthcare in rural areas.

Deborah Jones discussed the pending legislation that is being considered at the state capital and suggested contacting your local Senator or representative to help Dr. Shaw and other Nurse Practitioners provide care to the community.

NEW WATER METER AND READING TECHNOLOGIES

Scott Jones with Utility Solutions & Automation spoke about new water meter technology. Mr Jones explained that electronic meters have no moving parts so there’s less wear and virtually no maintenance on the meters therefore they have 20-year warranties. The mechanical meter has a 5-year warranty, less accuracy and more moving parts that will wear out over time. Jones said that with the electronic water meter, there’s improved utility revenue and better data collection; disconnects and reconnects can be done from the office which is a savings on labor costs. Jones asked that anyone needing more information to please contact him.

FY24 AREA AAA PLAN

The FY24 Area Aging Plan was reviewed and discussed by the group. Because of an approximately \$100,000 cut in funding, AAA is using the ARPA funding to offset these cuts for 2024. Eventually the region will have to cut services unless additional funding is secured. A bilingual staff volunteer was certified as a Dementia Friends Champion. The Elder Rights team in Columbus is working on an agreement to create a multi-disciplinary team to assist in criminal investigations of possible elder abuse. The AAA is maintaining a database of resources to share with seniors, the disabled and caregivers. The database has been at 100% for the

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past six months. The AAA is also required to expand healthcare partnerships and will be working to partner with St. Francis Hospital in Columbus as well as Phoebe Sumter in Americus and Crisp Regional in Cordele. AAA has already established a good partnership with Columbus Piedmont. The River Valley Region became designated as Age Friendly by AARP and satisfied a goal for AAA. Chair Barnes asked for a motion to approve the FY24 AAA Area Plan. The motion was made by Ransom Farley, Hamilton and seconded by Charles Coffee, Chattahoochee County. The motion passed with no opposition.

STAFF REPORTS

Katie Howard, AAA Director reviewed the Waiting List and the availability of both Respite Care and the Caregiver Time Out Program. A Matter of Balance Class will be starting next month and held at the Columbus Piedmont Hospital. A Tai Chi class is being formed in Quitman County.

Tammy Collins, Finance Officer reported through the first half of FY23 the Regional Commission has an increase in General Fund balance of \$142,310. Operating expenditure was about 49% of the budgeted amount at the end of December. The Enterprise Funds have an increase of about \$13k through December 31. The General Fund has an unassigned fund balance of about \$1.18 million. The total net position of the proprietary funds was approximately \$2,068,000 and cash on hand available for loans was \$1,151,000.

Janice West, WIOA Director reported that WIOA currently has 90 individuals enrolled in various training programs. Enrollments into training services will continue through June 30, 2023. In-School Services is working with several county school districts. Out of School (OSY) services are ongoing in the region. The local WIOA area has received a grant for \$75,000 to assist with Rapid Response events that occur in the area. Rapid Response services are to assist individuals (Dislocated Workers) who are laid-off from their employment through no fault of their own due to employer lay-offs, business closures, or reduction in labor force. WIOA Staff will work with the State Rapid Response team to coordinate and assist with any local business closure of lay-offs. The unemployment rate for the region is currently 4.1% as of the November reporting period. WIOA training enrollments are expected to increase as the Spring 2023 semester begins in January for colleges, technical colleges, and universities. On-The-Job Training (OJT) activities have been working with several area employers that are hiring. Youth services will be ramping up for the In-School Youth (ISY) services with participating schools. Out of School (OSY) services are ongoing for GED remediation, Career Pathways and Work Experience activities.

Gerald Mixon, Planning Director reported that Randolph County, Cuthbert and Shellman are adopting their joint comprehensive plans. The cooperative study with Ft. Benning continues addressing long term interaction between the military community and the surrounding civilian community. The update of the regional plan continues and a draft will be presented next month for council authorization to submit for state and regional review. With that action the plan can be adopted at the June meeting. Zoning Technical assistance continues. Revised labor match documentation requirements are delaying close-out of three pre-disaster mitigation plans. The update of property tax boundary maps continues as parcel splits and consolidations are recorded. More information has been collected with which to update DOT roadway databases. Progress continues with our EPA Brownfield grant. More sites are progressing through the environmental assessment protocol that hopefully results in enhanced marketability of many of these properties.

ANNOUNCEMENT

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Jim Livingston, Executive Director announced the February retirement of Planning Director Gerald Mixon after 47 years of service.

ADJOURN

As there was no further business, Chair Barnes requested a motion for the meeting to be adjourned. Motion was made by Darrell Holbrook, Webster County and seconded by Melvin Crimes, Webster County. The meeting was adjourned.

March 22, 2023

Jerry “Pops” Barnes, Chair

Carvel Lewis, Secretary

File Attachments for Item:

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**Columbus Consolidated Government
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