

Council Members

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Glenn Davis

Byron Hickey
Bruce Huff

R. Walker Garrett
Toyia Tucker

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Joanne Cogle

Clerk of Council
Sandra T. Davis



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

October 22, 2024
5:30 PM
Regular Meeting

MAYOR'S AGENDA

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Pastor Sherryl H. King, Peters Chapel AME Church of Columbus, Georgia

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Henderson

MINUTES

- [1.](#) Approval of minutes for the October 8, 2024 Council Meeting and Executive Session.

PRESENTATIONS:

- [2.](#) Water and Sewer Rate Study (Presented by Jeremy Cummings, President Columbus Water Works)
- [3.](#) Transitional Audit Report for Recorder's Court (Donna McGinnis Internal Auditor/Compliance Officer)

CITY ATTORNEY’S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

- 1. 2nd Reading-** REZN-08-24-1826: An ordinance amending Chapter 3 of the Unified Development Ordinance of the Columbus Code to allow Tattoo and Body Piercing Shops as a special exception use in the Central Riverfront District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval) (Councilor Cogle)
- 2. 2nd Reading-** REZN-9-24-1941: An ordinance amending the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) for Columbus, Georgia to provide definitions and conditions for various uses. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Mayor Pro-Tem)
- 3. 2nd Reading-** An ordinance adopting changes to the Evergreen Solutions recommended classification and pay plan for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem)
- 4. 2nd Reading-** An ordinance amending Chapter 17 of the Columbus Code so as to revise certain provisions relating to the organizational structure and authorized positions for the Columbus Police Department; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem)
- 5. 1st Reading-** An ordinance establishing and implementing a Paid Maternity and Paternity Leave Policy to enable and support employees in the bonding and caregiving of a child, following birth or adoption. (Councilor Chambers)

RESOLUTION

- 6.** A Resolution concerning the Housing Authority of Columbus, Georgia’s issuance of bonds to finance a multifamily project at Warren Williams Homes and Rivers Homes located in Columbus, Georgia (Request of Columbus Housing Authority)

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, Re: Management Inappropriate Behavior and Political Incompetence.
2. Mr. Paul Olson, Re: 1. Public Agenda 2. TAD District #8 and 3. Gambling Casino.
3. Mr. Nathan Smith, Re: Integrity throughout city leadership.
4. Ms. Simi Barnes, Re: Characteristics of effective leadership.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Buena Vista Road Spiderweb Bridge & Improvements, TIA 1 – Supplemental Agreement #4

Approval is requested to execute an amendment to the contract (Supplemental Agreement No. 4) with the Georgia Department of Transportation for additional funding for the construction phase of the Spiderweb TIA project. The supplemental agreement provides additional funding of \$6,774,600.00 to replace the Bull Creek Bridge while the Spiderweb improvements are under construction.

2. Authorization to Fill Ten (10) Unfunded Police Officer Positions

Approval is requested to authorize the Columbus Police Department to fill Ten (10) unfunded Police Officer positions in FY25 utilizing General Fund and OLOST Fund reserves.

3. A Resolution to Change Park Hours

4. Firehouse Subs Grant

Approval is requested to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant in the amount of \$44,099.94 or as otherwise awarded by the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation to fund the purchase of six thermal imaging cameras to replace the current cameras, which have reached the end of their life. There are no matching funds required.

5. PURCHASES

- A.** Change Order 2 for Design Services for Fire Station #4 Renovation – RFQ No. 23-0001
- B.** Change Order 2 for Design Services for Fire Station #4 Renovation – RFQ No. 23-0001
- C.** Brown Household Garbage Carts for Public Works – Sourcewell Cooperative Contract Purchase
- D.** Cardiac Monitor/Defibrillator and Accessories for Fire & EMS Department – Sourcewell Cooperative Contract
- E.** One Ambulance with Accessories for Fire & EMS – HGACBuy Cooperative Contract
- F.** Steel Trash Receptacles for Metra (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 25-0002

REFERRALS:

CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

1. Email Correspondence from Drale Short, Public Works Director forwarding the resignation of Lori Turner from her seat on the Animal Control Advisory Board.

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

Board of Tax Assessors, #34-24

Development Authority, September 12, 2024

Pension Fund, Employees' Board of Trustees, April 10, May 8, & June 26, 2024

The Medical Center Hospital Authority, October 25, 2023, January 24 & April 24, 2024

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

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

A. **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:**

Armando Fernandez

Seat declared vacant

Term Expires: March 27, 2025

(Mayor's Appointment)

Tamika McKenzie

Seat declared vacant

Term Expires: March 27, 2025

(Mayor's Appointment)

The terms are three years. Board meets quarterly.

Women: 1

Senatorial District 15: 6

Senatorial District 29: 4

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

- A. **BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS:** Ms. Rozalind Hall was nominated to fill the unexpired term of Ms. Beautie Moore (*At-Large Seat*). (*Councilor Huff's nominee*)
Term expires: July 1, 2025

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

A. **RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD:**

James "Jay" Wilkoff

(Council District 2- Davis)

Does not desire reappointment

Term Expired: December 31, 2021

Carl Brown

(Council District 9- Thomas)

Not Eligible to succeed

Term Expired: December 31, 2022

VACANT

(Council District 3- Huff)

Term Expired: December 31, 2023

These are five-year terms. Board meets monthly.

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

A. **ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD:**

Sabine Stull

(Animal Rescue Representative)

Not Eligible to succeed

Term Expired: April 11, 2024

*Open for Recommendation
by Animal Rescue*

(Council's Appointment)

Nancy Anderson

(Resigned)

Term Expires: October 15, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Councilor Crabb is nominating Matthew Gilbert for the seat of Nancy Anderson.

Councilor Crabb is nominating Elizabeth Kirven Boyce for the seat of Lori Turner.

These are two-year terms. Board meets as needed.

Women: 6

Senatorial District 15: 3

Senatorial District 29: 3

B. COLUMBUS AQUATICS COMMISSION:

Timothy Crabb

Does not desire reappointment

Term Expired: June 30, 2024

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Richard Leary

Cols. Hurricane Rep.

Does not desire reappointment

Term Expired: June 30, 2024

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Janet Bussey

Not Eligible to succeed

Term Expired: June 30, 2024

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Bruce Samuels

Not Eligible to succeed

Term Expired: June 30, 2022

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

These are two-year terms. Board meets quarterly.

Women: 1

Senatorial District 15: 2

Senatorial District 29: 1

C. COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS & CULTURAL LIAISON ENCOUNTERS (CIRCLE):

John Jackson

No longer serving

Term Expires: March 1, 2027

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

The term is six years. Meets quarterly.

Women: 5

Senatorial District 15: 2

Senatorial District 29: 3

D. COOPERATIVE EXTENSION ADVISORY BOARD:

Lawanna Williams (Vacant)

Does not desire reappointment

Term Expired: December 31, 2023

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

VACANT

Does not desire reappointment

Term Expires: December 31, 2028

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

The term is six years. Meets quarterly.

Women: 3

Senatorial District 15: 1

Senatorial District 29: 2

E. TREE BOARD:

Frank Tommey

(Residential Development Seat)

Not eligible to succeed

Term Expired: December 31, 2020

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Robert Hecht
(Commercial or Industrial Development Seat)
Seat declared vacant
Term Expired: December 31, 2020

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Jeremy Cummings
(Public Utility Representative)
Resigned
Term Expires: July 1, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

Farah Dewsbury
(At-Large Seat)
Seat declared vacant
Term Expires: December 31, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Council's Appointment)

These are four-year terms. Meets as needed.

Women: 5
Senatorial District 15: 5
Senatorial District 29: 6

UPCOMING BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

- A.** Airport Commission - (Commission / Council' Confirmation)
- B.** Board of Elections & Registration - (Democratic Party / Council)
- C.** Cooperative Extension Advisory Board - (Council's Appointment)
- D.** Personnel Review Board - (Council's Appointment)
- E.** Recreation Advisory Board - (Council District Seat Appointments)
- F.** The Medical Center Hospital Authority – (Council's Nomination / Authority)

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File Attachments for Item:

1. Approval of minutes for the October 8, 2024 Council Meeting and Executive Session.

COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

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

October 8, 2024
 9:00 AM
 Regular Meeting

MAYOR'S AGENDA

PRESENT: Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III and Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen and Councilors Travis L. Chambers, Joanne Cogle, Charmaine Crabb, R. Walker Garrett (via teleconference), Byron Hickey, Bruce Huff, Judy W. Thomas and Toyia Tucker. City Manager Isaiah Hugley, City Attorney Clifton Fay, Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis and Deputy Clerk of Council Lindsey G. McLemore.

ABSENT: Councilor Glenn Davis was absent.

The following documents have been included as a part of the electronic Agenda Packet: (1) Animal Control Update Presentation; (2) Columbus Georgia Convention & Trade Center FY24 Review Presentation; (3) Project Update Presentation

The following documents were distributed around the Council table: (1) Columbus Police Department Personnel Presentation & Information Packet; (2) Animal Control Update Presentation; (3) Document Submitted by PA#6 Allie Johnson; (4) Mayor's Commission for Persons with Disabilities (MCPD) Townhall Meeting Flyer, Submitted by PA#16 Jennifer LeDenney; (5) Trade Center Annual Report FY24; (6) Proposed Administrative Order, Re: Public Parks

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

INVOCATION: Offered by Colleen Cook – Pastor of New Hope Presbyterian Church of Columbus, Georgia

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Henderson

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for the September 24, 2024 Council Meeting and Executive Session. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

PROCLAMATIONS:

2. **Proclamation:** Big Brothers Big Sisters Month

Receiving: Erin D. Griffin, Regional Program Manager

Councilor Toyia Tucker read the proclamation into the record, proclaiming September 2024, as *Big Brothers Big Sisters Month*, recognizing the Big Brothers Big Sisters Organization for their dedication to empowering the youth by partnering with parents, volunteers, and others in the community.

3. **Proclamation:** Day of Atonement

Receiving: Michael Muhammed

Councilor Charmaine Crabb read the proclamation into the record, proclaiming Saturday, October 12, 2024, as the *Day of Atonement*, recognizing the significance of this tradition in mending relationships and promoting harmony amongst humans.

4. **Proclamation:** Paint the Town Pink Week

Receiving: Cheryl Johnson

Councilor Travis L. Chambers read the proclamation into the record, proclaiming the week of October 14-20, 2024, as *Paint the Town Pink Week*, recognizing the West Central Georgia Cancer Coalition (WCGCC) and volunteers for their efforts in bringing awareness to the importance of early detection in fight against breast cancer.

5. **Proclamation:** Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission

Receiving: Lisa Thomas-Cutts, KCBC Director

Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen read the proclamation into the record, proclaiming October 11-12, 2024, as *Help the Hooch Days*, recognizing the Help-the-Hooch Committee for promoting protection and preservation efforts for our most valuable water resource, the Chattahoochee River.

6. **Proclamation:** National School Lunch Week

Receiving: Marian Clark

Councilor Byron Hickey read the proclamation into the record, proclaiming the week of October 14-18, 2024, as *National School Lunch Week*, recognizing the value of school nutrition programs in providing nutrition education and awareness to children.

COUNCILOR GARRETT VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE AND REQUEST:

Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis stated for the record that Councilor R. Walker Garrett is attending the meeting virtually and has requested that City Manager Agenda Item #1 and the presentation listed as City Manager Agenda Item #8(C) be called forward at the end of the City Attorney’s Agenda, before the Public Agenda is called on.

PRESENTATION:

7. Mobile Command Vehicle - (Presented by Mr. Chance Corbett- Director of Emergency Management & Homeland Security)

Emergency Management & Homeland Security Director Chance Corbett approached the rostrum to provide a brief video and update on the new Unified Mobile Command Vehicle.

CITY ATTORNEY’S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

1. **Ordinance (24-058) - 2nd Reading-** An ordinance amending Section 5-42 of the Columbus Code, to amend certain restrictions on the keeping of fowl; and for other purposes. (Councilor Crabb) Councilor Crabb made a motion to amend the ordinance to replace the word “classification” in Section 1 of the proposed ordinance with the word “use”, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting. Councilor Crabb made a motion to adopt the ordinance as amended, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried by an eight-to-one vote, with Councilors Chambers, Cogle, Crabb, Garrett, Hickey, Huff, Thomas and Tucker voting in favor, Mayor Pro Tem Allen voting in opposition, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

2. **Ordinance (24-059) - 2nd Reading-** An ordinance adding a new Section 2-3.08 of the Columbus Code, to establish a uniform policy for the acceptance of donations made to the consolidated government, and for other purposes. (Councilor Tucker) Councilor Tucker made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

3. **1st Reading-** REZN-08-24-1826: An ordinance amending Chapter 3 of the Unified Development Ordinance of the Columbus Code to allow Tattoo and Body Piercing Shops as a special exception use in the Central Riverfront District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval) (Councilor Cogle) **(Public Hearing Held)**

Ms. Mary Moore (Applicant) approached the rostrum to respond to questions from Council regarding her request for a special exception use in the Central Riverfront District. She explained she along with her son, the lead tattoo artist, have operated on Veterans Parkway for one year and are wishing to expand by bringing an upscale tattoo parlor to 1234 Broadway. She stated they will also be offering consignment art/paintings and permanent makeup.

4. **1st Reading-** REZN-9-24-1941: An ordinance amending the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) for Columbus, Georgia to provide definitions and conditions for various uses. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Mayor Pro-Tem) **(Public Hearing Held)**

5. **1st Reading-** An ordinance adopting changes to the Evergreen Solutions recommended classification and pay plan for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem) **(Public Hearing Held)**

6. **1st Reading-** An ordinance adopting a new Article XXIII of Chapter 2 of the Columbus Code to create a Sports & Entertainment facilities Authority; and for other purposes. (Councilors Cogle, Davis, and Garrett) Councilor Huff made a motion to delay 1st Reading for up to 60-days, seconded Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting. **(Public Hearing Held)**

After comments from Councilors Chambers and Huff, **Councilor Joanne Cogle** stated this proposal has been on the table since April when former Councilor Tyson Begly brought it forward as strictly an Entertainment Authority. She explained there was a discussion to include the sports aspect to streamline the footprint to ensure success.

Mr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr. came forward to express his concerns regarding the creation of another authority that would presumably have full control.

Ms. Evelyn “Mimi” Woodson came forward to speak in opposition to the proposed ordinance as the Chairperson for the Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board and a former City Councilor. She shared her concerns in the proposed ordinance giving one authority full power over five facilities.

Mr. Oz Roberts came forward to speak in opposition to the proposed ordinance as the Co-Chair for the Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board. He shared his concerns regarding the potential negative impact on community engagement and prioritizing profit driven events over cultural and artistic programming.

Ms. Delois Dee Marsh came forward to speak in opposition to the proposed ordinance as the past immediate Chair to the Liberty Theatre, who was responsible for signing the deed to the Liberty Theatre over to the Columbus Consolidated Government. She asked the Council to hold public meetings to allow the boards and the community to join the discussion.

Mr. Paul Olson approached the rostrum to speak about open meetings, agendas, and public comments. He stated this proposed authority is a “power grab” to centralize power regarding Tax Allocation District (TAD) #8.

Ms. Simi Barnes approached the rostrum to speak in opposition to the proposed ordinance, where she stated it was the community’s understanding that the Liberty Theatre would retain their own board and identity. She shared her concerns on the Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board not being consulted regarding this proposed ordinance.

Mr. Nathan Smith came forward to respond to comments made by City Manager Hugley regarding when he reviewed the agenda.

In response to Councilor Tucker questioning the absence of supporting documentation that included Golden Park, **City Attorney Clifton Fay** stated Golden Park has a long-term lease in place between CCG and Diamond Baseball Holdings, LLC, so it would not be included in this ordinance or the authority. He explained that supporting documentation will be provided when the public meeting is set.

Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis stated for clarification that the City Manager and other members of the Administration do not have the same capability as the members of Council to view the agenda with supporting documents on Wednesdays before a meeting.

Ms. Theresa El-Amin came forward to speak about public comments during public hearings.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CLERK OF COUNCIL:

- Set up a meeting with the members of Council that are part of the proposed ordinance and the boards that are involved with the various facilities listed in the proposed ordinance for a discussion. *(Request of Councilor Tucker)*
- Make sure to include the City Manager and City Attorney. *(Request of Mayor Henderson)*

FOR THE CIUTY ATTORNEY:

- Add the supporting documents to the proposed ordinance online for the public to access. *(Request of Councilor Tucker)*

7. **1st Reading-** An ordinance amending Chapter 17 of the Columbus Code so as to revise certain provisions relating to the organizational structure and authorized positions for the Columbus Police Department; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem)

Deputy Chief of Administrative Services Roderick Graham came forward to provide an update on the strides taken to become fully staff in various divisions within the Columbus Police Department.

Columbus Police Chief Stoney Mathis approached the rostrum to provide a presentation on the proposed amendment to Chapter 17 of the Columbus Code. He explained that he is requesting to reorganize the Columbus Police Department to provide more middle level management and not so many top-level management positions. He explained the proposal is to dissolve one Deputy Chief Position and two Lieutenant Positions and to add three Captain Positions, which would be budget neutral.

Mr. Marvin Broadwater, Sr. approached the rostrum to express his concerns on the organization chart shown during Chief Mathis’ presentation. He explained according to the organizational chart presented; it appears as though the Assistant Chiefs do not have any authority.

Ms. Simi Barnes came forward stating she is “piggy backing” onto statements of Mr. Broadwater and expressed her concerns on misogyny with both Assistant Chiefs being women. She stated she is aware of there being a complaint filed by one of the Assistant Chiefs, so she is worried this may be retaliatory and does not believe this is the right time for these changes.

Ms. Theresa El-Amin came forward to speak in favor of the proposed changes based on the positive changes she has witnessed in the community since Chief Mathis took over the Columbus Police Department.

Deputy Chief of Investigative Services Lance H. Deaton approached the rostrum to share that the homicide solvability rate for the Columbus Police Department is 57%, with the national average being below 50%. He explained that in Part 1 crime, the Columbus Police Department is above the national average in clearance rate, and the murder rate is down 35% this year.

Ms. Jennifer LeDenney came forward to share her perspective as a former 911 Dispatcher and the positive changes she has witnessed in the community.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR CPD DEPUTY CHIEF OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES:

- In the future, bring one of the “hot spot” presentations (*Request of Councilor Tucker*)

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

-Have the Finance Director to identify funding for the additional 10 positions being requested for CPD. (*Request of Councilor Tucker*)

RESOLUTION

8. **Resolution (389-24):** A Resolution concerning the Housing Authority of Columbus, Georgia’s issuance of bonds to finance a project located in Columbus, Georgia. (Request of Columbus Housing Authority) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

Assistant Vice President Major Lee, Evolve, LLC, approached the rostrum to share information on the 116-unit development project that will be tailored for low income, older individuals, and disabled residents.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

City Manager Isaiah Hugley introduced the following presentation and resolution regarding Columbus Animal Care & Control. He explained the resolution is authorizing negotiation of a contract with the PAWS Animal Services Division of PAWS Humane, Inc. He then read a letter received the week prior from Executive Director of PAWS Human, Inc. Courtney Pierce, expressing interest in providing animal care and control services, which would take over the shelter and field services of Columbus Animal Care & Control contingent on the level of funding the Columbus Consolidated Government (CCG) is willing to allocate. He continued to read the letter, stating that based on preliminary figures PAWS estimates approximately \$3.5 million would be necessary to properly fund these services and ensure successful operations. He read, this amount would cover the entire scope of operations; however, if certain elements such as building maintenance and insurance remained under the responsibility of CCG, the funding requirements could be adjusted accordingly and all terms are open for negotiation, with the preference of an initial contract term of 3-years with the option to renew for 5-year terms thereafter. Upon finishing the letter, he explained that based on recent events, Animal Care & Control is not able to be fully operational as in the past and they would like for PAWS to take over as soon as possible, but PAWS has expressed that it would normally take 90-days to make a full transition. He explained it is their intention to negotiate with PAWS and hopefully be able to shorten that transition period.

8. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

- C. Columbus Animal Care Control Facilities Operation Update, Drale Short, Director, Public Works

Public Works Director Drale Short approached the rostrum to provide an update on Columbus Animal Care & Control regarding the quarantine status, current shelter population, hours of operation, intake status, types of calls received and responses, volunteer assistance, off site adoptions, privatization negotiations, and management of the facility. (*NOTE: This update was called up as the next order of business as listed on the City Manager’s Agenda Item 8“C”, as requested by Councilor Garrett earlier in the meeting.*)

Councilor Tucker made a motion to move Columbus Animal Care & Control under the Columbus Police Department for the enforcement and to provide oversight of the whole RFP process, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting. (*Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Garrett.*)

Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis stated for the record, with Councilor Garrett attending virtually he has the capability to cast his vote through the voting system, but she would be verbalizing his vote for actions taken that are not listed on the agenda and for items listed on the Clerk of Council’s Agenda.

Columbus Police Chief Stoney Mathis came forward stating that he and Mayor Henderson had a conversation early on where he was asked if CPD could immediately take over the calls to pick up animals, but he responded with their vehicles are not equipped to transport animals nor do they possess the equipment. He went on to state that him and Councilor Thomas had a conversation on if

CPD could temporarily take over the enforcement side of Animal Control, to which he stated they could, but before doing so, he would like to access the personnel, equipment and budget necessary. He stated throughout the investigation it was discovered that the Animal Care & Control Division is woefully underfunded. In conclusion, he shared his concerns with a private company being able to issue citations based on City Ordinances, and stated he believes the individuals would have to be sworn in by the Sheriff or himself.

In response to previous statements to move the Columbus Animal Care & Control under the Columbus Police Department, Assistant City Attorney Lucy Sheftall advised that transferring oversight of one department to another would require an ordinance to make the change; even though, that power of Council may exist in the Charter, it cannot be done by resolution. However, what would be appropriate is to request that the negotiations involve the participation of the CPD and is also appropriate by resolution to talk about CPD taking over the enforcement on a short term basis.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Requested the list of banned volunteers from Animal Care & Control with reasons that he previously requested. (*Request of Councilor Garrett*)

1. Resolution to Negotiate with PAWS Humane, Inc.

Resolution (390-24): A resolution authorizing the negotiations of a contract with the PAWS Animal Services Division of PAWS Humane, Inc. (Columbus, GA) for Animal Care and Control Services. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to amend and approve the resolution to authorize the City Manager and the Chief of Police to negotiate a contract with Paws Humane, Inc. for animal care and control services, seconded by Councilor Chambers and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting. (*NOTE: This resolution was called up as the next order of business as listed on the City Manager's Agenda Item 1, as requested by Councilor Garrett earlier in the meeting.*)

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER/CITY ATTORNEY:

- Wants himself and four other members of Council to be part of negotiations with PAWS Humane, Inc. (*Request of Councilor Hickey*)

- Wants members of the Animal Care & Control Advisory Board to be part of the negotiations with PAWS Humane, Inc. (*Request of Councilor Crabb*)

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Mr. Paul Olson, Re: 1. \$50 Million Baseball Stadium, Naming rights of Columbus Clingstones/Synovus Park 2. Partnerships with W.C. Bradley/Uptown Columbus Inc. 3. Tax Allocation District #8 4. Proposed Gambling Casino.
2. Ms. Veronica Lawrence, Re: Trash pickup. *Not Present*
3. Mr. David Young, Re: Speed cameras in school zones. *Not Present*

NOTE: Councilor Tucker left the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

4. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: CACC scandal.
5. Mr. Nathan Smith, Re: Future Direction of CACC.
6. Ms. Allie Johnson, Re: Why citizens must be involved in major changes and initiatives undertaken by the city.
7. Mrs. Ashleigh Anecchiaro, Re: First Amendment rights. ***Not Present***
8. Ms. Debbie Mayhew, Re: Why CACC should be removed from under Public Works.
9. Mrs. Sandy Gunnels, Re: Plan for CACC.
10. Mr. Andy Gunnels, Re: 90-day Plan for CACC. ***Not Present***
11. Ms. Lisa Love, Re: Columbus Animal Care and Control Center.
12. Ms. Pamela Forrester, Re: CACC. ***Cancelled***
13. Ms. Robina Forrand, Re: Animal Welfare.
14. Miss Victoria Way, Re: Columbus Animal Care and Control Center. ***Not Present***
15. Mrs. Sara Decker-Lund, representing Columbus Animal Allies, Re: Move CACC from under Public Works.
16. Ms. Jennifer LeDenney, Re: Disability Awareness Month.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

1. Resolution to Negotiate with PAWS Humane, Inc.

A Resolution authorizing the negotiation of a contract with the PAWS animal services division of PAWS Humane, Inc. (Columbus, GA) for animal care and control services. (*NOTE: This item was called upon earlier in the meeting after the City Attorney's Agenda.*)

2. Subrecipient Agreement Amendment with the United Way of the Chattahoochee Valley

Resolution (391-24): A resolution authorizing the execution of an amendment to Exhibit B-Program Budget of the subrecipient agreement with the United Way of the Chattahoochee Valley to fund the Poverty Reduction Initiative for an award amount up to \$400,000.00 to address the poverty rate in Columbus. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

United Way President & CEO Ben Moser came forward briefly to respond to questions from Councilor Hickey.

3. FY2026 5303 Grant Application for Planning Assistance - METRA

Resolution (392-24): A resolution authorizing the City of Columbus, Georgia to submit an application for, and if awarded, accept a grant, from the Department of Transportation, United States of America, and Georgia Department of Transportation, under Title 49 U.S.C., Section 5303. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

4. U.S. Department of Justice FY24 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant

Resolution (393-24): A resolution authorizing the submission of an application, and if awarded, acceptance o a 2024 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant from the U.S. Department of Justice in the amount of \$53,407.00, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match requirement, to amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the award, and to allocate the amount awarded to City Departments for law enforcement, prosecution, courts, and public safety programs supported by the grant. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

5. Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Justice Assistance (JAG) Grant - Juvenile Court

Resolution (395-24): A resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit an application to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for a grant to fund the Muscogee County Juvenile Court, with no local match required, and if awarded accept the grant and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount of the grant award and enter into a memorandum of agreement with Evidence-Based Associations, LLC. The grant period is from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

6. 2024/2025 Aflac Community Giving Grant - Liberty Theatre Cultural Arts Center

Resolution (395-24): A resolution authorizing the application and acceptance, if awarded, a 2024/2025 Aflac Community Giving Grant in an amount up to \$200,000.00, or as otherwise awarded, for the Liberty Cultural Arts Center, with no local match required and to amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by the amount awarded. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

7. PURCHASES

- A. One (1) John Deere 5075E Tractor for Public Works Department – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (396-24): A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) John Deere 5075E Tractor for the Public Works Department form Deere and Company (Cary, NC) in the amount of \$51,114.35. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-0001-SPD0000177-0026. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

B. Liberty Theater Re-Roofing Project – RFB No. 25-0003

Resolution (397-24): A resolution authorizing the execution of a contract with Klein Contracting Corporation (Doraville, GA) in the amount of \$578,170.00 for the Liberty Theatre re-roofing project. The recommended total includes the base bid of \$553,170.00 and an additional \$25,000.00 for Alternate 1 – additive alternate for rook area 1C to remove all composite decking to the metal decking and install polyisocyanurate rigid board insulation. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

C. One (1) Caterpillar Mini Excavator – Sourcewell Cooperative Contract Purchase

Resolution (398-24): A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) mini excavator (Caterpillar Model 304 Cab Angle Blade Hydraulic Excavator) for the Public Works Department from Yancey Brothers (Fortson, GA) in the amount of \$73,923.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Sourcewell Contract #092222-CAT. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

D. First-In Alerting Smart Station System for Fire & EMS – Sourcewell Cooperative Contract Purchase

Resolution (399-24): A resolution authorizing the purchase of the First-In Alerting Smart Station System from Westnet, LLC (Hunting Beach, CA) in the amount of \$218,530.80. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Sourcewell Contract #042021-WNT. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

E. Declaration of Surplus and Donation of Two (2) Vehicles

Resolution (400-24): A resolution authorizing the declaration of the following two (2) vehicles as surplus in accordance with Section 7-501 of the Charter of Columbus Consolidated Government:

VEHICLE NUMBER	YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	VIN/SERIAL #	MILEAGE
11372A	2013	FORD	E350 12 PASSENGER VAN	1FBNE3BL1DDA22298	116,485
17272	2004	CHEVROLET	TAHOE	1GNEC13V24J272096	158,042

And authorize donation of the vehicles to the Urban League. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

F. Contract Extension for Alcohol Management Services for Columbus Civic Center Locations (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 18-0020

Resolution (401-24): A resolution authorizing extension of the annual contract with Ovations Food Services, LP d/b/a OVG Hospitality (Philadelphia, PA), through December 31, 2024, to provide alcohol management services for Columbus Civic Center locations. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight

members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

G. Contract Extension for Inmate Medical & Pharmacy Services for Muscogee County Prison (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 18-0022

Resolution (402-24): A resolution authorizing extension of the annual contract with CorrectHealth Muscogee, LLC (Atlanta, GA), through September 30, 2025, for comprehensive medical and pharmacy services for inmates incarcerated in the Muscogee County Prison. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

EMERGENCY PURCHASES

1. Information Only: Emergency Purchase

On August 30, 2024, Warden Walker notified the City Manager of an urgent need to replace kitchen equipment at the Muscogee County Prison.

The Warden explained that the food service equipment at the Muscogee County Prison has been deemed unserviceable. The prison’s food service equipment technicians have identified the following three current pieces of equipment, utilized to prepare bulk meals for the inmate population on a daily basis:

-**Two (2) Convection Steamers:** The facility is experiencing problem with its two convection steamers. These steamers currently do not work at all. Within the past two years, these steamers have been repaired multiple times and each time the repairs are short lived. The steamers are more than 15 years old.

-**Two (2) Pass-through Warmers:** The two pass-through warmers, used to keep food warm at the appropriate temperature until it is served, are more than 25 years old.

-**One (1) Kitchen Grill:** The kitchen grill was brought over from the old MCP location over 26 years ago.

The equipment will be purchased from Mobile Fixture & Equipment (Columbus, GA) by Cooperative Purchase, via Federal GSA Contract #07F-0154V.

Muscogee County Prison was approved \$183,000.00 in the FY25 budget to replace kitchen equipment.

The City Manager approved the emergency purchase on August 30, 2024.

8. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Trade Center Update - Hayley Tillery, Executive Director, Columbus Convention and Trade Center

Trade Center Executive Director Hayley Tillery approached the rostrum to provide an update on the Columbus Convention and Trade Center for Fiscal Year 2024. She stated there were 465 events, with 829 event days and 241,929 attendees. She explained the revenue collected for space rental for FY24 was \$1,817,027, \$1,431,242 net profit, with a total city impact of \$7,465,199.

B. Project Update - Ryan Pruett, Director, Inspections & Code Enforcement

Inspections & Code Director Ryan Pruett approached the rostrum to provide an update on various project such as the Judicial Center, Synovus Park, Sheriff’s Office Administration Building, and the pools and splash pads. During the presentation he provided information on requests from the Sheriff and Recorder’s Court.

Councilor Thomas made a motion to approve the request for \$345,000 for the Sheriff’s Office and \$54,121.56 for Recorder’s Court from General Fund Reserve for furniture and other expenses related to the Sheriff’s Office Administration Building Project, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Garrett.)*

C. Columbus Animal Care Control Facilities Operation Update, Drale Short, Director, Public Works

(NOTE: This update, as provided by Public Works Director Drale Short, was called upon earlier in the meeting after the City Attorney’s Agenda.)

FOLLOW-UP ON RIGDON PARK:

City Manager Isaiah Hugley provided a follow-up on the referral from Councilor Cogle regarding the hours Rigdon Park is open to the public due to the gatherings that have been occurring and causing a disturbance. He stated he has communicated with Police Chief Mathis and Parks & Recreation Director Holli Browder. He explained that Parks & Recreation is concerned with closing the parks too early because of youth activities and other organized activities that last until 9:30 p.m. on occasion. He provided a proposed Administrative Order that would close all outdoor parks and playgrounds at 10:00 p.m. until 7:00 a.m. for a 6-month period, and shared the importance in handling all parks the same.

Councilor Joanne Cogle expressed her opposition to the proposed changed, stating closing one hour earlier than usual will not address the problem. She suggested compromising by closing the parks at 7:00 p.m.

Councilor Byron Hickey stated for the record, based on his career as a police officer for over thirty years and serving on the original gang task force, he believes some parks should be closed earlier than others due to various reasons, such as location which could potentially invite trouble. He shared in his experience serving with little league sports, he believes those leagues hire security to be on the premises.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE CITY MANAGER:

- Wants to be included in the correspondence with Police Chief Mathis regarding Rigdon Park. *(Request of Councilor Cogle)*

BID ADVERTISEMENT**DATE:** October 8, 2024**SUBJECT:** Advertised Bids/RFPs/RFQs**October 11, 2024****1. Comprehensive Inmate Healthcare Services for Muscogee County Jail (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 25-0005**
Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government, on behalf of the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office, is seeking proposals for the provision of healthcare services for offenders incarcerated at the Muscogee County Jail. The requested services consist of medical, dental, and mental health, as well as healthcare personnel. Medical services include but are not limited to x-ray, laboratory, and prescription drug services for a rated capacity of 1069 inmates.

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

October 18, 2024**1. Consultant Services for Comprehensive Transit Study for METRA – RFP No. 25-0011**
Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government (the "City") is soliciting proposals for acquiring the services of a Transit Consultant (the "Consultant") to conduct a comprehensive study on METRA's behalf. The Consultant will be responsible for conducting a full assessment of METRA's fixed route bus service, including potential route service to Brookstone Centre, and an assessment of METRA's Dial-A-Ride ADA complementary paratransit service. In addition, a comprehensive study determining the costs, materials, personnel, and other resources needed for METRA to implement a micro-transit and or on-demand service within the boundaries of Muscogee County, Georgia shall be performed.

REFERRALS:**CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA****ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED**

1. **RESOLUTION (403-24)** - A resolution excusing Councilor Glenn Davis from the September 24, 2024 Council Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Huff and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Garrett.)*
2. **RESOLUTION (404-24)** - A Resolution changing the regularly scheduled Council Meetings for the month of November 2024. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Garrett.)*
3. **RESOLUTION (405-24)** - A Resolution changing the regularly scheduled Council Meetings for the month of December 2024. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution,

seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Garrett.)*

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

Board of Elections and Registration, August 20, 2024

Board of Tax Assessors, #31-24, #32-24 & #33-24

Board of Water Commissioners, September 9, 2024

Columbus Golf Course Authority, September 23, 2024

Convention & Visitors Board of Commissioners, August 21, 2024

Land Bank Authority, August 14, 2024

Planning Advisory Commission, August 21, 2024

River Valley Regional Commission, August 28, 2024

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to receive the minutes of various boards, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Garrett.)*

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

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

A. **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:**

A nominee for the seat of Armando Fernandez *(Seat declared vacant)* for a term expiring on March 27, 2025, on the Community Development Advisory Council *(Mayor’s Appointment)*. There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Tamika McKenzie *(Seat declared vacant)* for a term expiring on March 27, 2025, on the Community Development Advisory Council *(Mayor’s Appointment)*. There were none.

B. **COLUMBUS IRONWORKS CONVENTION & TRADE CENTER AUTHORITY:**

A nominee for the seat of Craig Burgess *(Seat declared vacant)* for a term expiring on October 24, 2025, on the Columbus Ironworks Convention & Trade Center Authority *(Mayor’s Appointment)*. Mayor Henderson nominated Jay Pitts to fill the unexpired term of Craig Burgess. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting. *(Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Garrett.)*

C. HOUSING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:

A nominee for the seat of Tiffani Stacy (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on November 16, 2024, on the Housing Authority of Columbus as the Resident Member (*Mayor’s Appointment*). Mayor Henderson renominated Tiffani Stacy to serve another term. Councilor Huff made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting. (*Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Garrett.*)

6. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS- READY FOR CONFIRMATION:

A. BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS: Mr. Oz Roberts was nominated to succeed Mr. Rodney Close. (*Councilor Thomas nominated Mr. Roberts on August 27, 2024.*) Term expires: December 31, 2028. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting. (*Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Garrett.*)

7. COUNCIL NOMINATIONS- THREE NOMINEES ARE SENT TO THE AUTHORITY FOR SELECTION:

A. HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS:

A nominee for the seat of Ernest Smallman, IV (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on November 14, 2024, on the Hospital Authority of Columbus. Councilor Thomas nominated Ernest Smallman, IV and Mike Welch, and Councilor Hickey nominated Kelsea Garrett for this seat. Councilor Garrett requested to abstain from voting on these nominations, so moved by Mayor Pro Tem Allen, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Garrett abstaining, Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to forward the three nominees to the Hospital Authority for selection, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Garrett abstaining, Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

A nominee for the seat of Mike Welch (*Eligible to succeed*) for a term expiring on November 14, 2024, on the Hospital Authority of Columbus. Councilor Thomas nominated Ernest Smallman, IV and Mike Welch, and Councilor Hickey nominated Kelsea Garrett for this seat. Councilor Garrett requested to abstain from voting on these nominations, so moved by Mayor Pro Tem Allen, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Garrett abstaining, Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to forward the three nominees to the Hospital Authority for selection, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Garrett abstaining, Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

A nominee for the seat of John Kingsbury (*Rotating off the authority*) for a term expiring on November 14, 2024, on the Hospital Authority of Columbus. Councilor Thomas nominated Ernest Smallman, IV and Mike Welch, and Councilor Hickey nominated Kelsea Garrett for this seat. Councilor Garrett requested to abstain from voting on these nominations, so moved by Mayor Pro Tem Allen, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the seven members present,

with Councilor Garrett abstaining, Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to forward the three nominees to the Hospital Authority for selection, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the seven members present, with Councilor Garrett abstaining, Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote, and Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting.

Clerk of Council Sandra T. Davis explained the Council submits three (3) nominees to the Hospital Authority for each seat and the Hospital Authority selects the successor for Council's confirmation.

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

A. **TREE BOARD:**

A nominee for the seat of Jeremy Cummings (*Resigned*) for a term expiring on July 1, 2025, as the Public Utility Representative on the Tree Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Beautie Moore (*Seat declared vacant*) for a term expiring on July 1, 2025, on the Tree Board in an At-Large Seat (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Huff nominated Roz Hall for the vacant seat formerly held by Beautie Moore.

A nominee for the seat of Frank Tommey (*Residential Development Seat*) for a term that expired on December 31, 2020, as the Residential Development Representative on the Tree Board (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Robert Hecht (*Seat declared vacant*) for a term expiring on December 31, 2026, on the Tree Board in the Commercial or Industrial Development Seat (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Farah Dewsbury (*Seat declared vacant*) for a term expiring on December 31, 2026, on the Tree Board in an At-Large Seat (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

PUBLIC AGENDA (continued):

4. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, representing Southern Anti-Racism Network, Re: CACC scandal.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Henderson entertained a motion to go into executive session to discuss matters of litigation as requested by City Attorney Fay earlier in the meeting. Councilor Huff made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote, Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting, and the time being 3:08 p.m. (*Clerk of Council Davis confirmed and announced the affirmative vote of Councilor Garrett.*)

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 3:20 p.m., at which time, Mayor Henderson announced that the Council did meet in executive session to discuss matters of litigation; however, there were no votes taken.

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Allen to adjourn the October 8, 2024, Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the seven members of Council, with Councilors Garrett and Tucker being absent for the vote, Councilor Davis being absent from the meeting, and the time being 3:20 p.m.

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

File Attachments for Item:

2. Water and Sewer Rate Study (Presented by Jeremy Cummings, President Columbus Water Works)



Columbus Water Works

2025 Rate Update

October 22, 2024



Agenda

South Columbus Water Reclamation Facility

First facilities were constructed in 1964

Review of 2024

Rate Drivers

5-Year Financial Plan

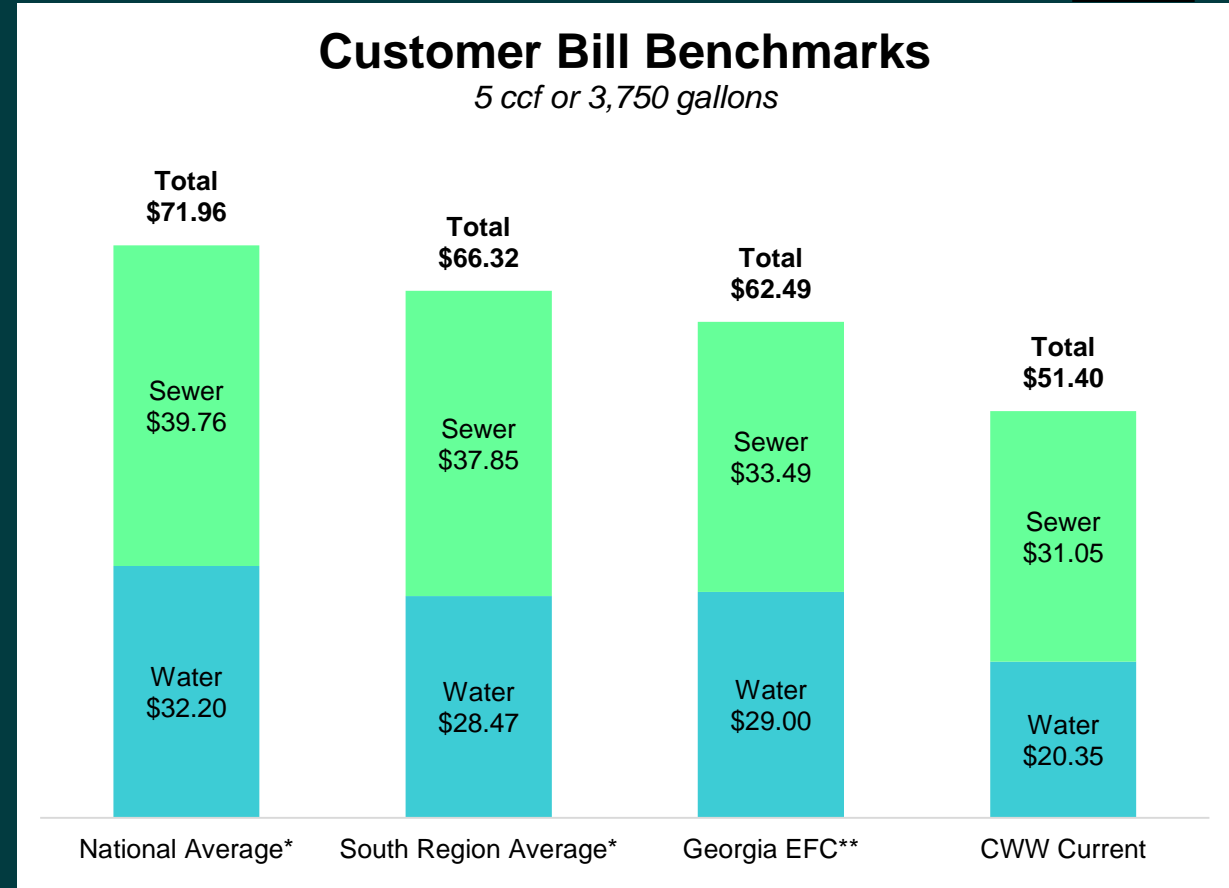
Recommended 2025 Rates

Next Steps



Historic Rates & Benchmarks

- Currently, CWW customers pay \$10-20 per month less compared with regional and national averages
- Industry benchmarks for annual rate increases since 2000 is over 5.0%
 - › CWW has historically been below 4%



CWW service is approximately one penny per gallon of service

* Based on 2023 data from approx. 450 utilities collected by Raftelis.

** Georgia rates based on 2023 data from 376 utilities collected by UNC Environmental Finance Center.

2023-2024 Key Accomplishments

NATIONAL

NACWA Peak Performance (South Columbus Water Resource Facility) – May 2024

AWWA Life Member Award (Vic Burchfield) – July 2024

GFOA Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting – October 2024

STATE

GAWP Plant of the Year (Fort Moore Water Treatment Plant) – April 2024

GAWP Plant of the Year Certificate of Merit (North Columbus Water Resource Facility) – April 2024

GAWP Platinum Compliance Award (North Columbus Water Resource Facility) – April 2024

GAWP Gold Compliance Award (South Columbus Water Resource Facility) – April 2024

GAWP Top Op Water (Ken Barber) – April 2024

GAWP State-level Top Ops Competition (Ken Barber, Josh Graddick, Jennifer Medina) – April 2024

LOCAL

United Way Academy Award 2023 Campaign – March 2024

Help the Hooch (Amy Gamble-Coker) – May 2024

Rate Drivers



Delivering safe/clean water to customers and returning clean water to the river



Infrastructure maintenance and improvements for an aging system



Regulatory Compliance
- CSOs, Nutrients, PFAS



Cost of operating the systems affected by recent inflation



Chlorine Costs
2019 - \$345/metric ton
2024 - \$760/metric ton

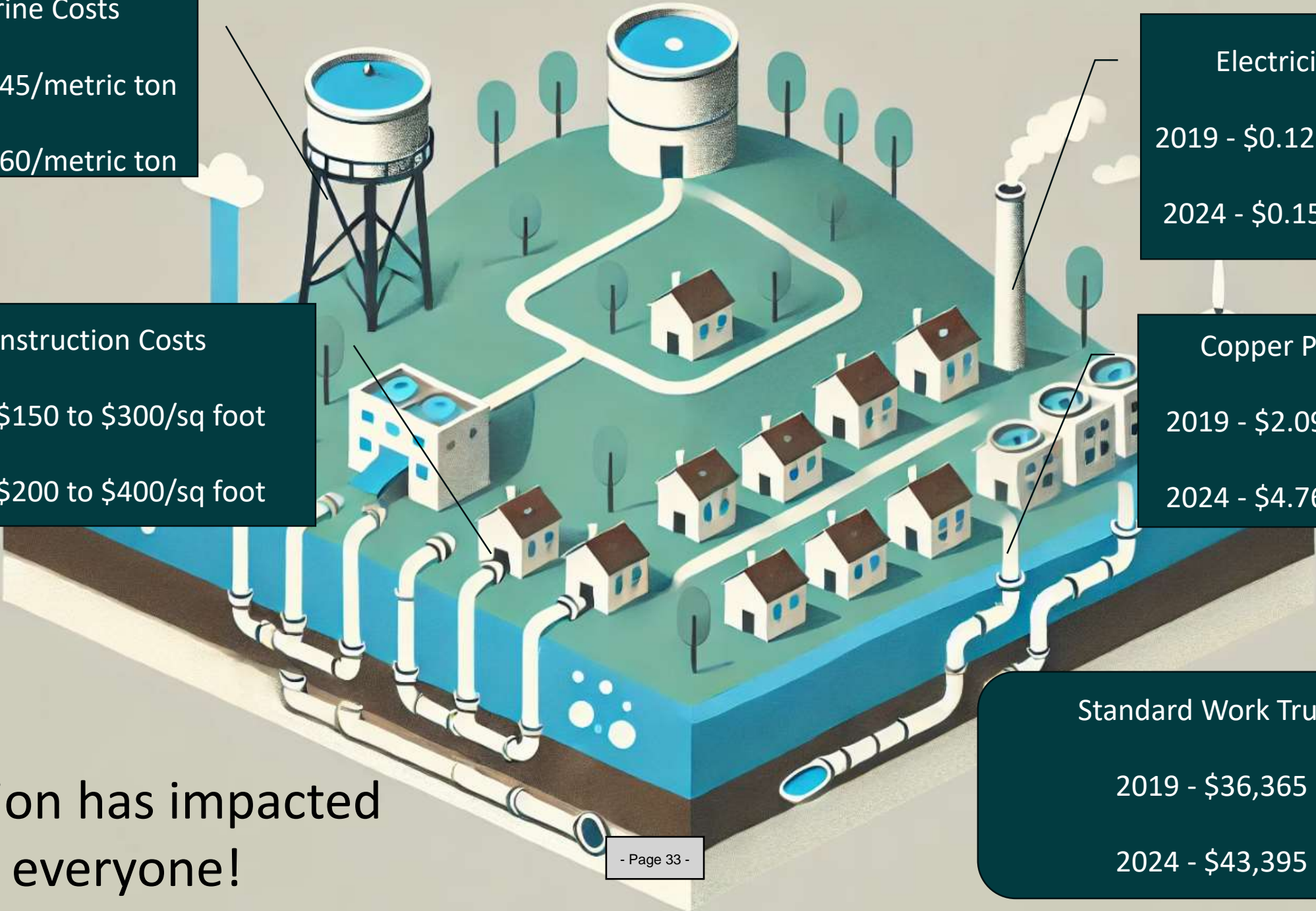
Construction Costs
2019 - \$150 to \$300/sq foot
2024 - \$200 to \$400/sq foot

Electricity Item #2.
2019 - \$0.125/kWh
2024 - \$0.15/kWh

Copper Pipe
2019 - \$2.09/foot
2024 - \$4.76/foot

Standard Work Truck
2019 - \$36,365
2024 - \$43,395

Inflation has impacted everyone!



Capital spending focused on renewal of aging infrastructure and regulatory compliance

- \$100M to meet expected Nutrient Permit
- Extra \$50M to execute normal 5-yr CIP (Total \$110 million)

North Columbus Water Resources Facility



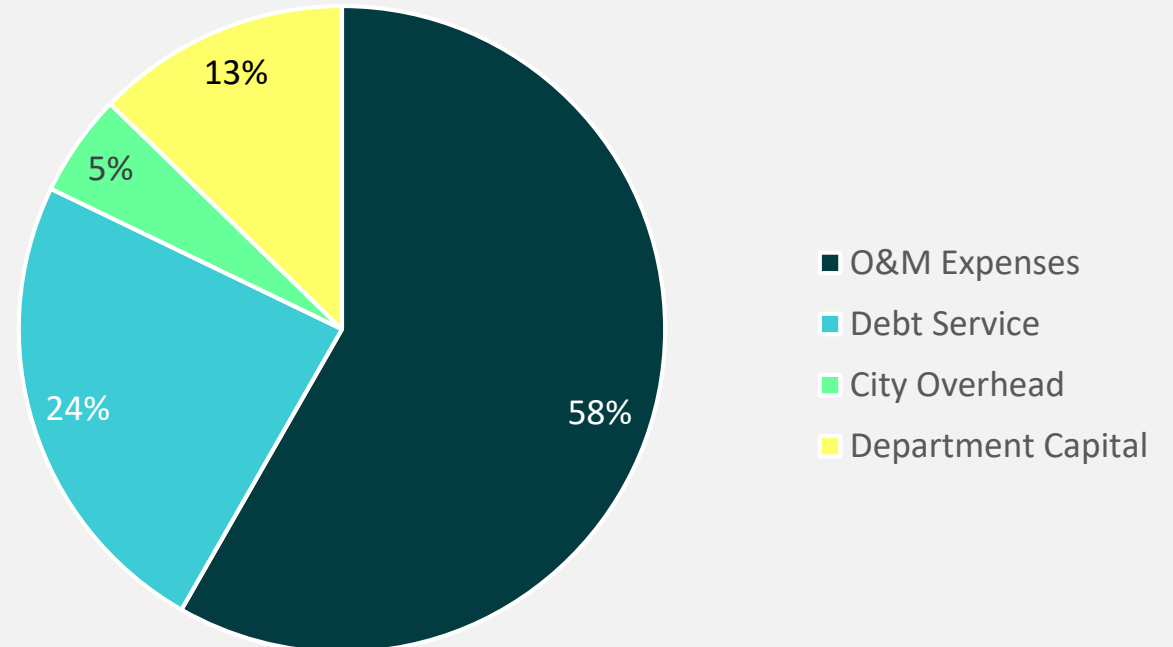
Costs are mostly fixed and rate increases are required to maintain safe and reliable service

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Key Rate Drivers

- Materials, supplies, and other operating costs
- Capital renewal
- Regulatory requirements
- Financial policies

2025 CWW Cost Structure



5-Year Financial Plan



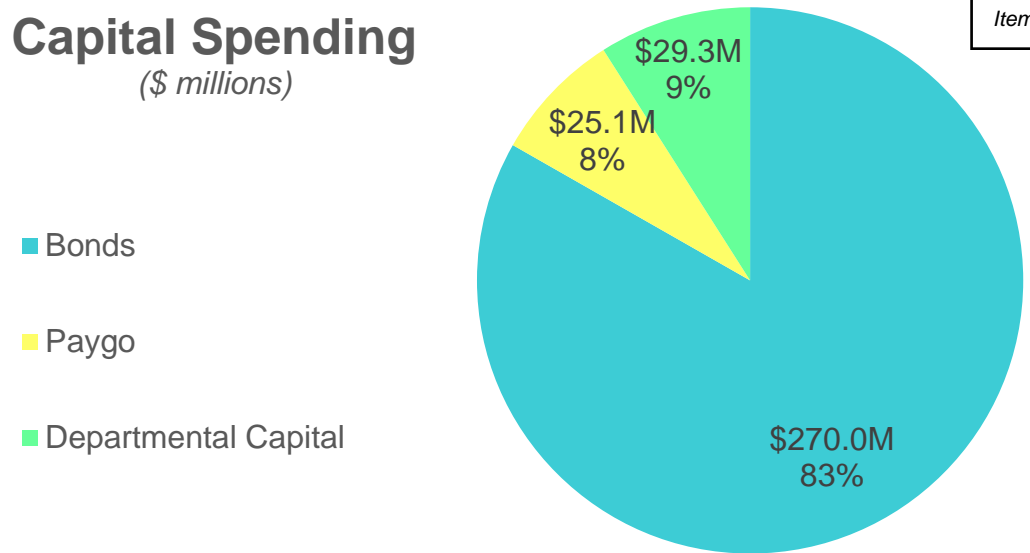
Financial Plan Assumptions

- Forecasted revenues based on conservative water consumption
- Operating costs based on FY2025 budget
- Master capital plan includes projects currently identified
 - › Funded with GEFA and PAYGO
- Compliance with financial metrics is maintained
- Regulatory costs for unfunded mandates not included

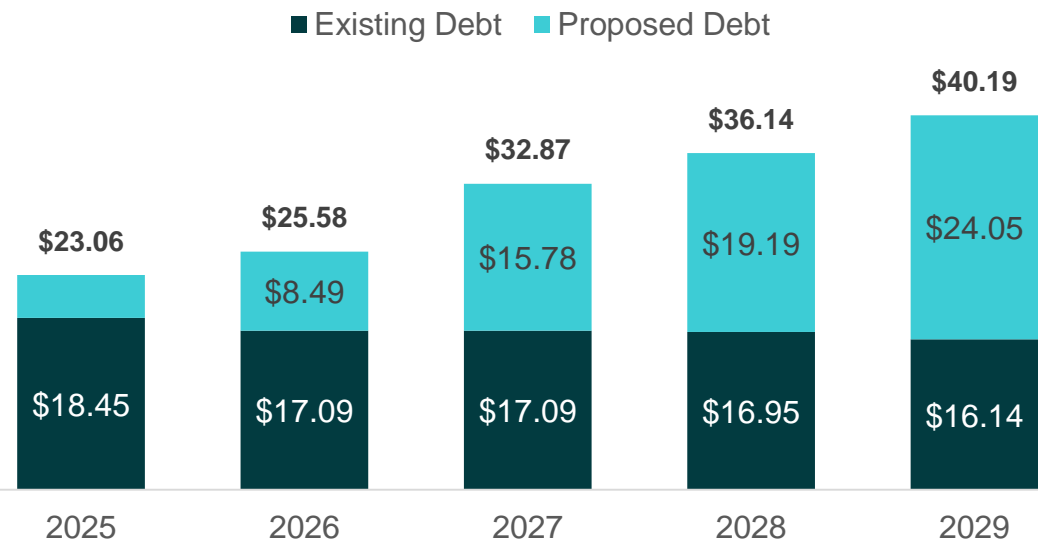
Capital projects help maintain high level of service

- \$320 million in capital projects by 2029 will maintain safe, reliable services
 - › \$100M Nutrient Reduction Bonds
 - › Extra \$50M for normal system reinvestment (Total \$110 million)
 - › PFAS & Long-term planning underway for SCWRF
- 74% increase in annual debt payments

Capital Spending
(\$ millions)



Annual Debt Service (\$ millions)

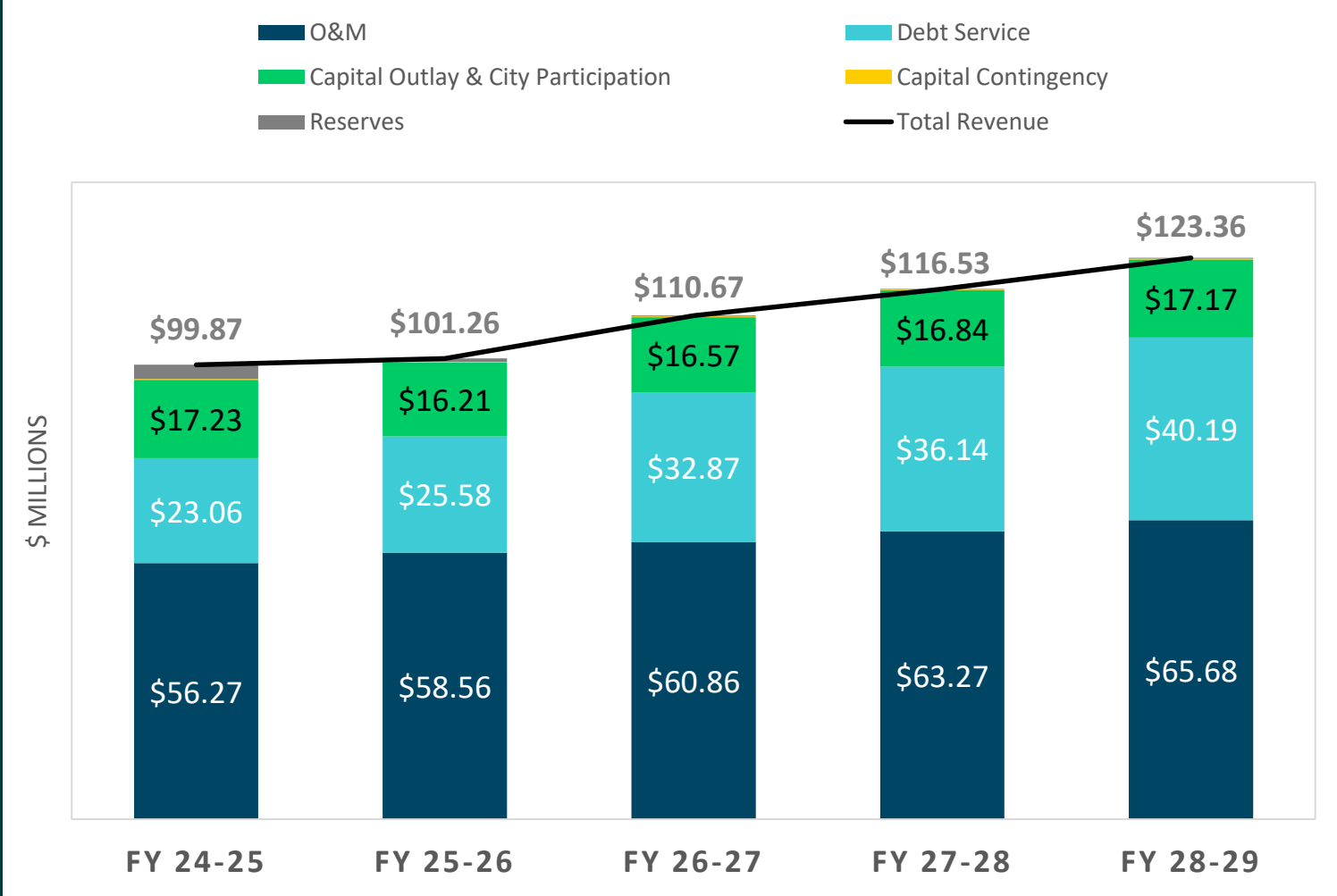


Recommended 2025 Rates



Financial Plan Summary

- \$210M issued in Bonds in 2025 and 2026
- 7.95% rate increase in 2025
- Future years assume 4.95% rate increase across the board
 - › Reviewed annually



* Ft. Moore ROI payment ends in FY24-25 when corresponding debt payments finish.

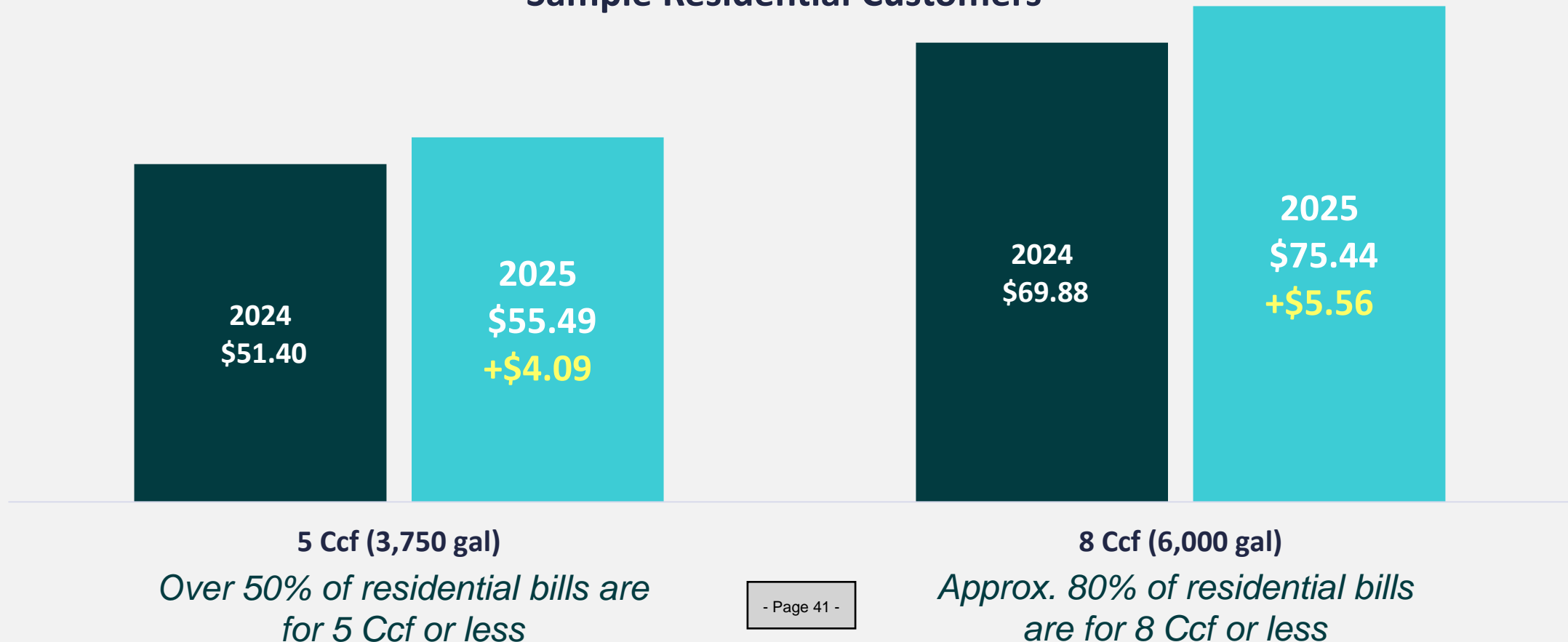
Monthly Residential Customer Bills

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Water, Sewer, and CSO

A monthly increase of \$4.00 to \$5.50 is expected for most residential customers.

Sample Residential Customers



Customer Assistance Options

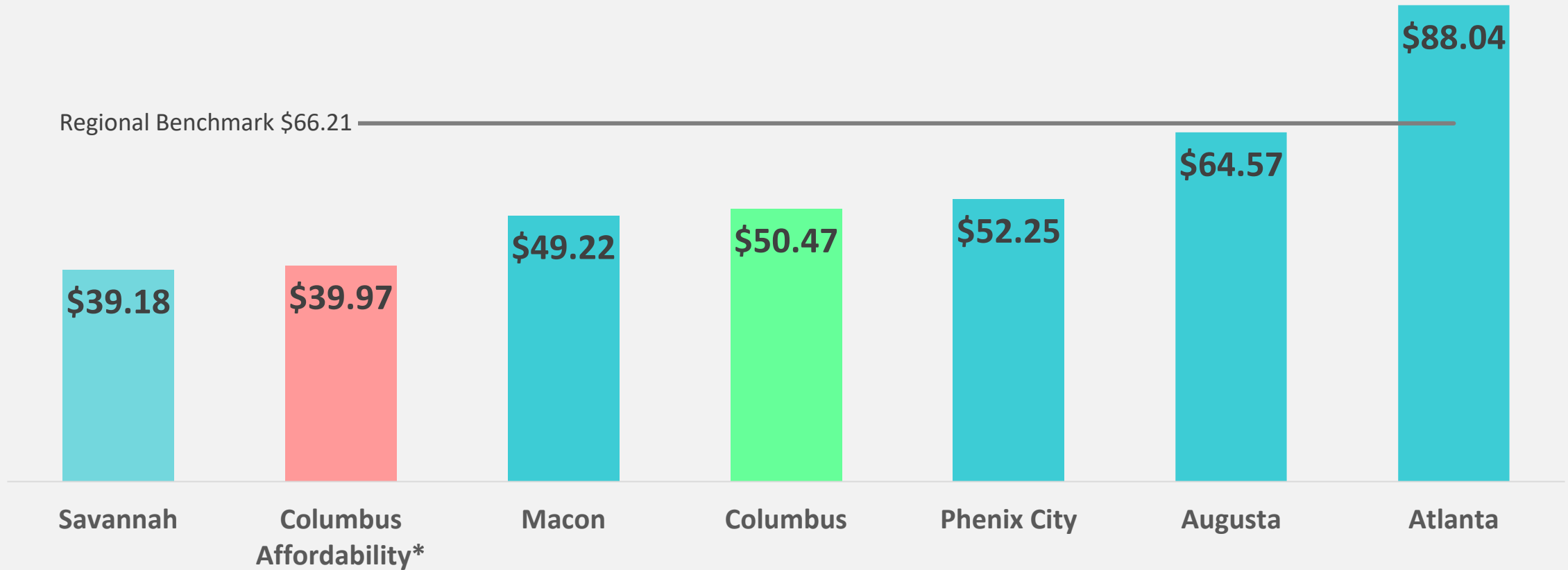
- Existing Low Income Credit Program
 - › Provides a monthly \$8.50 credit for qualifying residential customers (281 participants)
 - › Automatically applied for customers enrolled in City's reduced rate trash program
- **CWW will increase this credit to \$10.50 in 2025**
- Payment plans available and other flexible billing arrangements

Key Bill Comparison

Water and Sewer

Item #2.

5 Ccf or 3,750 gallons residential bill – Proposed
CWW Rates



Note: Rates for comparison communities are current as of September 2024, but do not include increases they may implement in 2025.

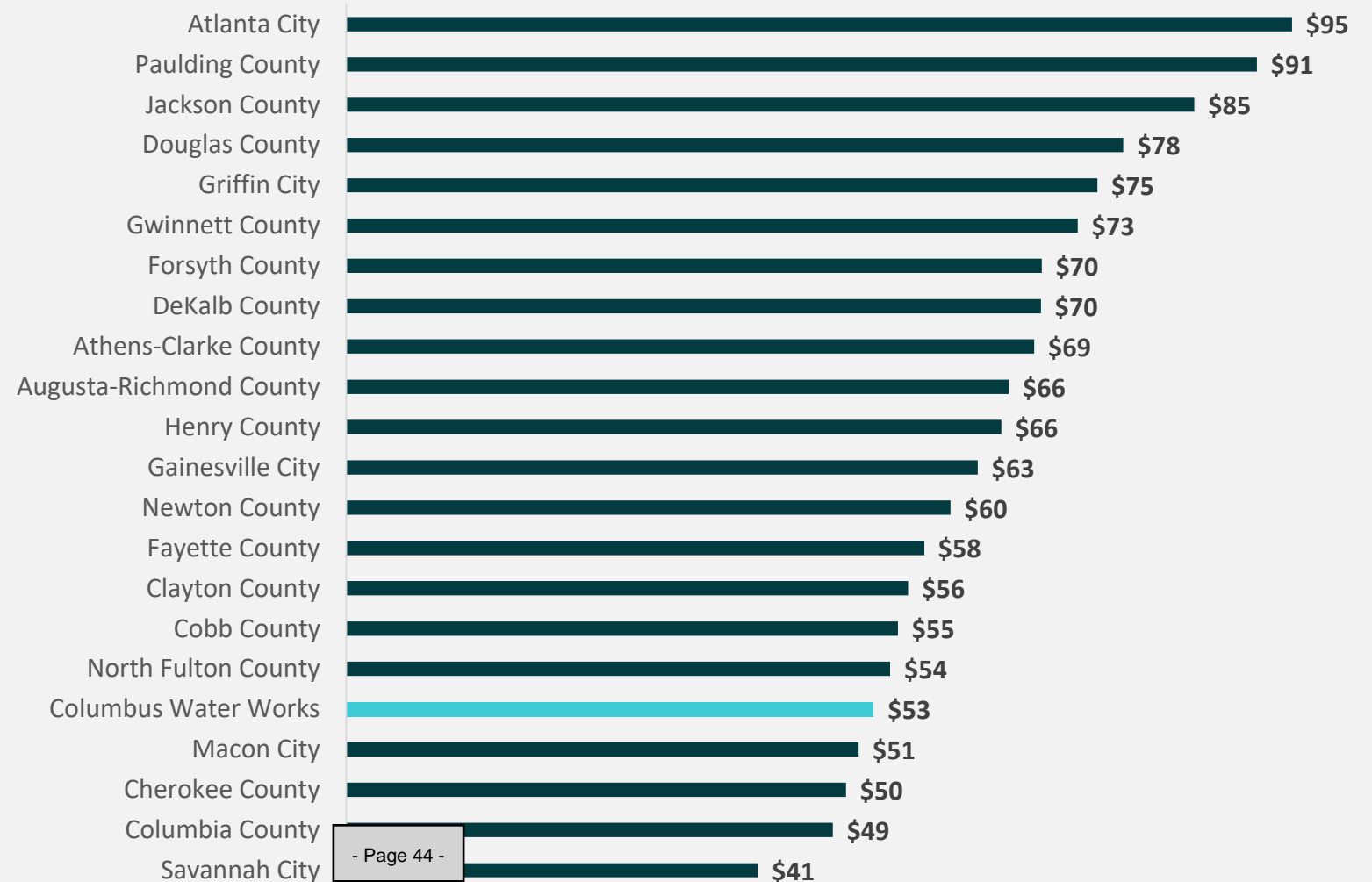
* The Low-Income Credit Program will provide a month credit for qualifying residential customers

Peer Utility Comparison - Statewide

A 4,000-gallon bill in Columbus is lower than almost all of its peers in Georgia

**Data from survey is presented in gallons which is why the total bill is slightly higher than the bill presented on slide 22.*

Water & Sewer Combined Bill (4,000 gallons, 5.3 ccf)



2025 Water Base Charges & Volume Rates

Item #2.

Bills Rendered as of January 1, 2025

Meter Size	Current Charge	Proposed Charge
5/8"	\$ 9.85	\$ 10.64
3/4"	\$ 9.85	\$ 10.64
1"	\$ 17.22	\$ 18.62
1-1/2"	\$ 29.50	\$ 31.92
2"	\$ 44.25	\$ 47.88
3"	\$ 83.56	\$ 90.44
4"	\$ 127.79	\$ 138.32
6"	\$ 250.63	\$ 271.32
8"	\$ 398.04	\$ 430.92
10"	\$ 570.03	\$ 617.12

Block	Current Rate (per CCF)	Proposed Rate (per CCF)
Non-Industrial		
1 (to 15 CCF)	\$2.10	\$2.27
2 (> 15 CCF)	\$2.33	\$2.52
Industrial		
1 (to 15 CCF)	\$2.10	\$2.27
2 (> 15 CCF)	\$2.03	\$2.19

2025 Wastewater & CSO Charges

Bills Rendered as of January 1, 2025

Current Base Charge	Proposed Base Charge
\$ 6.10	\$ 6.58

Block	Current Rate (per ccf)	Proposed Rate (per ccf)
1 (to 15 ccf)	\$ 4.06	\$ 4.38
2 (> 15 ccf)	\$ 3.28	\$ 3.54

CSO Block	Current Charge	Proposed Charge
0 to 4 ccf	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
5-15 ccf	\$ 4.65	\$ 5.02
16-204 ccf	\$ 9.31	\$ 10.05
205-1004 ccf	\$ 93.07	\$ 100.47
Over 1004 ccf	\$ 2	\$ 287.09

Changes Ahead for Your Water Bill

- 7.95% rate increase needed to provide safe and reliable drinking water
- A monthly increase of \$4.00 to \$5.50 is expected for most residential customers
- Increase to the Low-Income Credit from \$8.50 to \$10.50



Thank you!

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File Attachments for Item:

3. Transitional Audit Report for Recorder's Court (Donna McGinnis Internal Auditor/Compliance Officer)

Transitional Internal Audit of Recorder's Court

October 22, 2024

Presented by:
Ben Meadow, Forensic Auditor
Jonathan Smith, Forensic Auditor

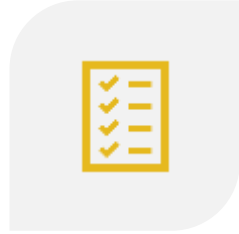
AUDIT AUTHORIZATION

The audit was authorized by City Council on October 8, 2019

AUDIT PROCESS



01. AUTHORIZATION OF AUDIT



02. DEVELOPMENT OF AUDIT PROGRAM



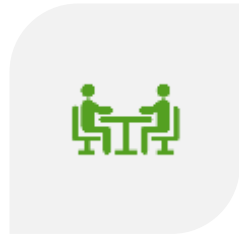
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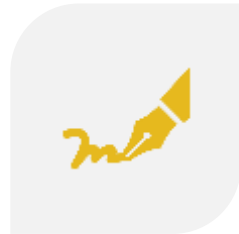
04. CONDUCT OF FIELDWORK



05. PREPARATION OF DRAFT AUDIT REPORT



06. EXIT CONFERENCE WITH AUDITEE



07. AUDITEE RESPONSE



08. PREPARATION OF FINAL AUDIT REPORT

AUDIT SCOPE

01. Budgetary Performance
02. Policies and Procedures
03. Payroll
04. Internal Controls
05. Casework Handling Processes
06. Customer Service/Interactions
07. Court Session Observation
08. Facilities Maintenance & Upkeep



Audit Recommendations

- ▶ Recommend routine landscaping for lawn. Walkways and parking lot to be treated as needed.
- ▶ Recommend repainting courtrooms, replacing courtroom seating and carpet, replacing lighting in the bathrooms, replace lightbulbs in outdoor lampposts.
- ▶ Recommend audio equipment be installed in courtrooms to ensure ADA compliance.
- ▶ Recommend maintenance to be performed on HVAC unit.
- ▶ Recommend budget increase to accommodate facilities maintenance.



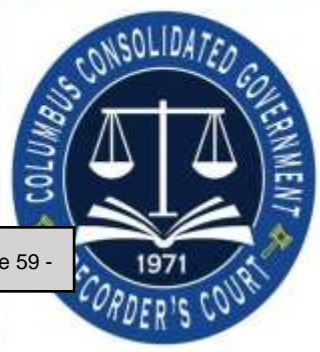


Audit Recommendations

- ▶ Recommend the Judge, DA, public defender, and in-court clerk should all use city issued laptops to access pertinent case details before and during every hearing.
- ▶ Recommend advocating to arrange an extensive in-person meeting with Tyler IT representative(s) to develop system issue fixes.
- ▶ Recommend potentially considering software alternatives which are evidently more effective and efficient when utilized in other county court systems if technological issues with Tyler persist beyond a reasonable timeframe.

Team RC

Special
Thanks to
the Team!





Item #3.



Questions and Answers



AUDIT OF RECORDER'S COURT AUGUST 9, 2024

AUDIT AUTHORIZATION

An audit of the Recorder's Court was requested by previous Internal Auditor John Redmond and authorized by City Council on October 8, 2019.

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

The Recorder's Court hears traffic, criminal, and city ordinance cases made by the Columbus Police Department, Special Enforcement, Metro Narcotic Task Force, Fire Department, Georgia State Patrol, and the Columbus State University Police Department.

The court's functional responsibility is to set bail, issue warrants, collect fines/bonds, set probation terms, hear and determine if probable cause exists for State/Superior court offenses; they also adjudicate city ordinances and certain state offenses.

AUDIT SCOPE

The scope of the audit included a review of existing policies and procedures in the financial area which meets with customers daily and is responsible for the collection of bonds/fines, and the judicial area, which creates court dockets for three sessions of court daily, Saturday court sessions and four monthly sessions of Environmental Court.

The audit included a review of the flow of customer traffic throughout the building as well as the general maintenance and upkeep of the facility.

GENERAL AUDIT PROCESS

The audit process began with an entrance conference on October 31, 2023, attended by Internal Auditor Donna McGinnis, Chief Clerk Clautretta Fitzpatrick-Williams, Forensic Auditor Benjamin Meadow, and Forensic Auditor Jonathan Smith. The auditors explained the purpose of the audit and Ms. Clautretta provided a departmental overview. The auditors developed an audit program to include a review of and the assessment of management supervision, operations, personnel, internal controls, and facilities. Fieldwork began on January 17, 2024, and concluded on July 25, 2024. An exit conference was held with Clautretta Fitzpatrick-Williams to discuss the findings and recommendations. A draft report was presented to Ms. Clautretta for discussion and response.

A. MANAGEMENT SUPERVISION

AUDIT PROCESS

The auditor reviewed budgetary performance, policies and procedures, and department goals and objectives. Additionally, a payroll audit was conducted, employee interviews, a review of internal controls, and the operation of each division.

AUDIT FINDINGS

By reviewing the financial statements for FY2021 through FY2023, the auditor found that the department is \$197,415 under budget on expenses and revenue was under budget by \$3.3 million. This reflects a drastic decline in cases from a slowly moving backlog caused by pandemic measures subsequently followed by a substantial dismissal of traffic hearings which was done to alleviate the overwhelming caseload.

Performance metrics other than budgetary were not observed but did not seem necessary given workload and assignments were visible and observably tracked within the software. Written policies, procedures, goals/objectives were also present.

A payroll audit was conducted to confirm the physical existence of all paid personnel. No discrepancies were noted.

During employee interviews, it was evident that the job descriptions mostly aligned with the actual duties performed.

Upon observation of employees, it was apparent that they were reasonably proficient at performing their basic tasks. Employees appeared to utilize the available computer software to the extent of its capabilities. We did notice some manual work referring to instances where certain tasks are still carried out printing paper.

Supervisory personnel appeared capable of strategically approving and tracking individuals' time-off to mitigate any overlap that would result in staffing shortages. Resourceful use of software to electronically track and record employees' time on/off with an interactive schedule was observed. Management appears responsibly involved as active participants in the approval process regarding the necessary internal controls pertinent to cash collection. Deposits are made daily by the finance supervisor who also has a designated backup for this function in the event she is not capable.

AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS

There are no recommendations currently.

B. FINANCIAL OPERATIONS

DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

The financial operations staff is responsible for entering court bonds and fines into the courts accounting system and collection and posting payments from customers in person or by mail. Daily cash reconciliations are performed, and respective bank deposits are made, in addition to processing deposits from credit cards, checks, and online payments.

AUDIT PROCESS

We observed staff performing their daily tasks (i.e. customer interactions, knowledge of fines and citations, proficiency with the use of Enterprise Justice software regarding individual daily batch collections reporting, etc.)

AUDIT FINDINGS

When observing a typical workday in the financial area, staffing in numbers seemed adequate. The staff was assisting customers at the lobby window as phone calls were answered within a reasonable time frame by various team members. (We only observed several calls throughout the day as they were infrequent and minor in occurrence.) It is noted that the drive-through window is not in service and has not been for years, however there was no indication customer service was hindered in any way. Since previous audits, there has been a significant reduction in volume of in-person and over-the-phone customer service interactions which can be attributed to the development of online payment. The link to the Defendant Access payment portal appeared operational and does allow those with outstanding citations to view and pay their balances. (Given the citations have already been processed.) On occasion customers still call to get assistance over the phone for online payment with complaints that Defendant Access software is not user-friendly. The department is anticipating an update to resolve this issue. The link to the payment calculator was also functional. This feature allows customers to determine the amount of their traffic violations based on citation number and other detailed information located on the summons.

Cash management procedures are uniform, and a policy is in place to lock cash drawers when unattended. Bank deposits are made daily. Tills are also balanced daily all-inclusive of cash payments, credit cards, and checks. These measures create a proper system of accountability and greatly reduce the risk of theft.

AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS

There are no recommendations currently.

C. JUDICIAL OPERATIONS

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Judicial operations consist of preparing dockets for each court session, scheduling court appearances on outstanding bonds, assist with court proceedings, and enter case dispositions for Georgia Crime Information Center (GCIC) reporting. The function also consists of processing state and superior court bonds.

AUDIT PROCESS

We observed staff performing their daily tasks (i.e. preparing dockets, customer interactions, knowledge of fines and citations, proficiency and use of Enterprise Justice software and the GCIC system).

AUDIT FINDINGS

After observing employees, it was apparent that they were proficient at performing their basic tasks. We observed some manual work.

GCIC reporting to the state is consistently current and up to date. No backlog persists. Multiple employees are also certified for performing GCIC reporting and regularly rotate to handle the workflow.

Four copies of case information are printed and handed out to the Judge, DA, public defender, and the court clerk before every individual hearing. This same data is already available within Enterprise Justice reporting software.

Regular software issues and inconsistencies were noted with the use of Tyler systems. Complaints of overall generally sluggish performance in Enterprise Justice were unanimous among judicial staff. As a result, there is a lag in the workflow. The automated transmission of traffic violation data intermittently fails from Enforcement Mobile, (citation recording software), to Enterprise Justice for days up to weeks at a time. As a result, docket information is manually recorded by staff and is duplicated when the upload is suddenly and randomly received. The removal of such duplication must be done manually and can take hours to resolve.

Weekly conference calls with Tyler representatives are ongoing and are led by the assistant chief clerk, however not much progress has been made thus far in resolving persistent technological issues.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Judge, DA, public defender, and in-court clerk should all have assigned city issued laptops to access pertinent case details before and during every hearing.

Advocate to arrange an extensive in-person meeting with Tyler IT representative(s) to develop system issue fixes.

Recorders Court should consider software alternatives which are evidently more effective and efficient when utilized in other county court systems.

D. FACILITIES MAINTENANCE

SCOPE

The scope of the audit included a review of the building, its safety, upkeep and appearance. The activity at Recorder's Court includes a staff of twenty-three employees and welcomes a copious number of citizens daily.

PROCESS

The auditors and recorder's court Chief Clerk completed a walk-through of the facility to identify and document areas that are ill-maintained and/or in disrepair.

FINDINGS/RECOMMENDATIONS/AUDITEE RESPONSES

Recorder's Court has inconvenient, inadequate parking with poor access. The parking lot has forty-seven spaces of which seven are designed for handicapped parking. The white lines that designate the parking perimeters are significantly faded, and a few spaces are very difficult to discern. The perimeter stripes need to be repainted.

There is a considerable amount of overgrowth of grass and weeds sprouting up through many of the cracks which in some instances present tripping hazards. These areas should be trimmed and treated.

The concrete walkways have weeds and grass sprouting through the joints in between the individual slabs. It is recommended to trim the growth and apply treatment.

Both lawns need mowing and trimming. There should be landscaping on a routine basis. Estimates provided by the Public Works department's services were ~\$590 on a bi-weekly basis to address all landscaping needs.

Public restrooms were found to be poorly illuminated and improperly cleaned. Service costs were estimated at ~\$50 for repairs.

Many of the courtroom chairs are frayed and damaged. Some seats do not fold back upward creating a traffic impediment. If the chairs are difficult to repair and maintain, we suggest installing a non-fabric alternative or pews.

There are scuffs and damage covering the walls. In addition, there is wiring hanging on the outside of the walls from the ceiling. The wiring needs to be re-routed inside of the walls and the walls should be painted. Service estimates were ~\$600 in materials and would require three people at around ten days to complete.

The courtroom carpet appears soiled and retains an unpleasant odor although it is routinely maintained. The carpet should be replaced, however suggested repairs are estimated at ~\$20,000 and five days of labor for each of the two courtrooms.

In an active courtroom it was observed that the judge and public defender were barely audible during the session. New and improved audio equipment should be installed to ensure ADA compliance.

There are a few non-functioning lights among the lampposts. Consequently, the walkway is poorly illuminated and can pose a safety hazard and security risk for employees who arrive early mornings and vacate late evenings during the absence of sunlight. The public works department estimates repair costs at ~\$600

The employee work area was notably cold in the winter and hot and humid during the summer. Contract bids for the purchase or repair of an HVAC unit should be considered, however suggested repair estimates are ~\$25,000 to include six individuals at ten days to complete. Replacement costs are markedly higher at ~\$70,000 and would require six people one month to complete.



Recorder's Court

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Columbus, Georgia 31901
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September 3, 2024

Donna McGinnis
Internal Auditor
Columbus Consolidated Government
100 10th Street
Columbus, Georgia 31901

Re: Acknowledgement of Audit Report Dated August 9, 2024

Dear Ms. McGinnis,

We received your audit report dated August 9, 2024. We would like to extend our gratitude for the review and analysis you and your team provided. We appreciate the time and effort invested by your team in conducting the audit and compiling the report.

We acknowledge receipt of your report and confirm that we have reviewed the findings and recommendations. Please be assured that we are committed to addressing any issues identified and implementing the suggested improvements and look forward to a presentation to City Council.

If there are any additional follow-up items or clarifications needed, please do not hesitate to contact us. Otherwise, as per your discussions with Chief Clerk, Clautretta Williams, we consider the audit concluded with this correspondence.

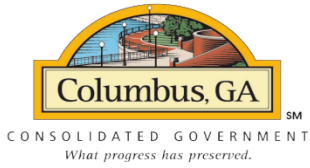
Thank you and your team once again for your insights, professionalism, and guidance throughout the audit process. We look forward to continuing our positive working relationship.

Sincerely,

David B. Ranieri
Chief Judge
Recorder's Court of Columbus

File Attachments for Item:

1. 2nd Reading- REZN-08-24-1826: An ordinance amending Chapter 3 of the Unified Development Ordinance of the Columbus Code to allow Tattoo and Body Piercing Shops as a special exception use in the Central Riverfront District. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval)(Councilor Cogle)



Planning Department

September 19, 2024

Honorable Mayor and Councilors
 City Manager
 City Attorney
 Clerk of Council

This application comes at the request of Mary Moore.

Various requests to the UDO from Columbus Consolidated Government.

Subject: (REZN-08-24-1826) Request to amend the text of the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) to permit Tattoo and Body Piercing Shop as a Special Exception Use in the CRD zoning district.

UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE REVISIONS
 (Explanation of Revisions)

- Explanation of Revisions:** Amend Table 3.1.1. by permitting the following use in the following district:

Use	H I S T	R E 10	R E 5	R E 1	R T	S F R 1	S F R 2	S F R 3	S F R 4	R M F 1	R M F 2	M H P	U P T	C R D	N C	R O	C O	G C	S A C	L M I	H M I	T E C H	N O T E S
Tattoo and Body Piercing Shop													SE	SE				P					

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

N/A

Recommendations:

The Planning Advisory Commission (PAC) considered this text amendment at their meeting on September 18, 2024. PAC recommended **approval** by a vote of 7-1.

The Planning Department recommends **approval**.

Sincerely,

Will Johnson
Planning Director

AN ORDINANCE

NO. _____

An ordinance amending Chapter 3 of the Unified Development Ordinance of the Columbus Code to allow Tattoo and Body Piercing Shops as a special exception use in the Central Riverfront District:

THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1.

Table 3.1.1 **Permitted, Special Exception and Prohibited Uses** in Chapter 3 of the Unified Development Ordinance is hereby amended by adding Tattoo and Body Piercing Shop as special exception use in the Central Riverfront District (CRD) zoning district:

Use	H I S T	R E 10	R E 5	R E 1	R T	S F R 1	S F R 2	S F R 3	S F R 4	R M F 1	R M F 2	M H P	U P T	C R D	N C	R O	C O	G C	S A C	L M I	H M I	T E C H	N O T E S
Tattoo and Body Piercing Shop													SE	SE				P					

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 8th day of October, 2024; introduced a second time at a regular meeting of said Council held on the _____ day of _____, 2024 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

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

Sandra T Davis
 Clerk of Council

B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III
 Mayo

File Attachments for Item:

2. 2nd Reading- REZN-9-24-1941: An ordinance amending the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) for Columbus, Georgia to provide definitions and conditions for various uses. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Mayor Pro-Tem)

**AN ORDINANCE
NO. _____**

An ordinance amending the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) for Columbus, Georgia to provide definitions and conditions for various uses.

THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1.

Section 13.1.1 of the Unified Development Ordinance is hereby amended by adding a new definition for Oil Change Facility to read as follows

“Oil Change Facility means operations that provided lubrication and/or checking, changing, or additions of those fluids and filters necessary to the maintenance of a vehicle. It is intended that these services will be provided while customers wait, generally within a 15- to 20-minute time period.”

SECTION 2.

Section 13.1.1 of the Unified Development Ordinance is further amended by striking the current definition for *Auto/truck repair, minor* and replacing it with a new definition which removes the reference to oil and fluid changes to read as follows:

“Auto/truck repair, minor means an establishment engaged in the installation, maintenance and repair of air conditioning systems, audio systems, brakes, cooling systems, electrical systems, exhaust systems, fuel systems, shock absorbers, tune-ups, and wheel alignment and balancing for automobiles, trucks, and motorcycles.”

SECTION 3.

Table 4.3.3 of the Unified Development Ordinance is hereby amended by adding Oil Change Facility parking requirements to read as follows:

Category of Use	Parking Spaces Required	Additional Standards
(GSF= Gross Square Feet)		
Commercial and Personal Services		
Oil Change Facility	5 total spaces	N/A

SECTION 4.

Table 3.1.1 **Permitted, Special Exception and Prohibited Uses** in Chapter 3 of the Unified Development Ordinance is hereby amended to designate additional zoning districts where Club or Lodge, Membership and Oil Change Facilities are a special exception or permitted use as set forth below:

Use	H I S T	R E 10	R E 5	R E 1	R T	S F 1	S F 2	S F 3	S F 4	R M F 1	R M F 2	M H P	U P T	C R D	N C	R O	C O	G C	S A C	L M I	H M I	T E C H	N O T E S
Club or Lodge, Membership		SE	SE	SE										SE		P	P	P					
Oil Change Facility													SE		P			P	P	P	P		

SECTION 5.

Table 4.3.3 of the Unified Development Ordinance is hereby amended by adding Cryptocurrency Mining parking requirements.

Category of Use	Parking Spaces Required	Additional Standards
(GSF= Gross Square Feet)		
Manufacturing and Industrial		
Cryptocurrency Mining	5 total spaces	N/A

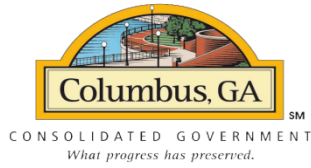
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Councilor Allen voting _____
 Councilor Chambers voting _____

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

Sandra T Davis
Clerk of Council

B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III
Mayor



Planning Department

September 20, 2024

Honorable Mayor and Councilors
City Manager
City Attorney
Clerk of Council

This application comes at the request of Columbus Consolidated Government.

Various requests to the UDO from staff.

Subject: (REZN-9-24-1941) A request to amend the text of the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) for various uses.

UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE REVISIONS
(Explanation of Revisions)

1. Explanation of Revisions: Amend Section 13.1.1 by adding a definition for *Oil Change Facility*.

Due to the design of modern oil change facilities, it has been determined that said facilities need to be removed from the umbrella of *Auto/Truck repair, minor* and stand on its own.

ORIGINAL ORDINANCE	PROPOSED ORDINANCE CHANGE
<p>Sec. 13.1.1. Definitions.</p> <p>Section 13.1.1</p> <p>XXX</p>	<p>Sec. 13.1.1. Definitions.</p> <p>Section 13.1.1</p> <p><i>Oil Change Facility</i> means operations that provided lubrication and/or checking, changing, or additions of those fluids and filters necessary to the maintenance of a vehicle. It is intended that these services will be provided while customers</p>

	wait, generally within a 15- to 20-minute time period.
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2. Explanation of Revisions: Amend Section 13.1.1 by amending the definition for *Auto/truck repair, minor* by removing reference to oil and fluid changes.

ORIGINAL ORDINANCE	PROPOSED ORDINANCE CHANGE
<p>Sec. 13.1.1. Definitions.</p> <p>Section 13.1.1</p> <p><i>Auto/truck repair, minor</i> means an establishment engaged in the installation, maintenance and repair of air conditioning systems, audio systems, brakes, cooling systems, electrical systems, exhaust systems, fuel systems, oil and fluid changes, shock absorbers, tune-ups, and wheel alignment and balancing for automobiles, trucks, and motorcycles.</p>	<p style="background-color: #90EE90;">Sec. 13.1.1. Definitions.</p> <p style="background-color: #90EE90;">Section 13.1.1</p> <p><i>Auto/truck repair, minor</i> means an establishment engaged in the installation, maintenance and repair of air conditioning systems, audio systems, brakes, cooling systems, electrical systems, exhaust systems, fuel systems, shock absorbers, tune-ups, and wheel alignment and balancing for automobiles, trucks, and motorcycles.</p>

3. Explanation of Revisions: Table 4.3.3 by adding Oil Change Facility parking requirements.

Off-Parking Street Parking Standards

Category of Use	Parking Spaces Required	Additional Standards
(GSF= Gross Square Feet)		
Commercial and Personal Services		
Oil Change Facility	5 total spaces	N/A

4. Explanation of Revisions: Amend Section 3.1.1 by adding Oil Change Facility and amending Club or Lodge, Membership.

Use	H I S T	R E 10	R E 5	R E 1	R T	S F 1	S F 2	S F 3	S F 4	R M F 1	R M F 2	M H P	U P T	C R D	N C	R O	C O	G C	S A C	L M I	H M I	T E C H	N O T E S
Club or Lodge, Membership		SE	SE	SE										SE		P	P	P					
Oil Change Facility												SE			P			P	P	P	P		

5. Explanation of Revisions: Table 4.3.3 by amending Cryptocurrency Mining parking requirements (putting it under the correct subheading).

Off-Parking Street Parking Standards

Category of Use	Parking Spaces Required	Additional Standards
(GSF= Gross Square Feet)		
Manufacturing and Industrial		
Cryptocurrency Mining	5 total spaces	N/A

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

N/A

Recommendations:

The Planning Advisory Commission (PAC) considered this text amendment at their meeting on September 18, 2024. PAC recommended **approval** by a vote of 8-0.

The Planning Department recommends **approval**.

Sincerely,

Will Johnson
Planning Director

File Attachments for Item:

3. 2nd Reading- An ordinance adopting changes to the Evergreen Solutions recommended classification and pay plan for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem)

ORDINANCE

NO. _____

An Ordinance adopting changes to the Evergreen Solutions recommended classification and pay plan for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, in Ordinance No. 22-405, this Council adopted a Classification and Pay Plan that was prepared and recommended by Evergreen Solutions; and

WHEREAS, this Council expressed its desire that a plan for handling appeals for those employees who were dissatisfied with their title, grade, step, or salary ("job classification") as recommended by Evergreen Solutions; and

WHEREAS, after an initial appeal process handled by Evergreen Solutions, employees submitted a round of final appeals to the City Manager and a select number were approved in Ordinance #23-042. A second round of final appeals were submitted to the City Manager whereby employees disagreed with their job classification. The City Manager approved two employee appeals. The recommended changes to the Classification and Pay Plan reflect the final recommendations of the appeal process.

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

SECTION I.

The City Manager or his designee is hereby authorized to make changes to the Columbus Consolidated Government's Classification and Pay Plan and/or to make changes to the title, grade, step, or salary of individual positions as shown on Appendix A.

SECTION 2.

The adjustments in the final appeals process are effective October 22, 2024, and will not be subject to retroactive pay. The final employee appeals cost impact, which is estimated to be \$54,949, requires an amendment to the FY25 budget to adjust the salaries of affected employees.

SECTION 3.

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

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

Councilor Allen	voting _____
Councilor Chambers	voting _____
Councilor Cogle	voting _____
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Step	Grade	Min	Rank	Min	Mid	Max	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3
1.00%	PD0	\$ 45,000.00	Police Officer PD0	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 57,359.65	\$ 69,719.29	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,450.00	\$ 45,904.50
Spread	PD1	\$ 50,000.00	Police Officer PD1	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 63,732.94	\$ 77,465.88	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,500.00	\$ 51,005.00
55.0%	PD2	\$ 55,000.00	Corporal	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 70,106.23	\$ 85,212.47	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 55,550.00	\$ 56,105.50
	PD3	\$ 62,500.00	Sergeant	\$ 62,500.00	\$ 79,666.17	\$ 96,832.35	\$ 62,500.00	\$ 63,125.00	\$ 63,756.25
	PD4	\$ 65,000.00	Command Sergeant	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 82,852.82	\$ 100,705.64	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 65,650.00	\$ 66,306.50
	PD5	\$ 70,000.00	Lieutenant	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 89,226.12	\$ 108,452.23	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 70,700.00	\$ 71,407.00
	PD6	\$ 75,000.00	Captain	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 95,599.41	\$ 116,198.82	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,750.00	\$ 76,507.50
	PD7	\$ 85,000.00	Deputy Chief	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 108,346.00	\$ 131,691.99	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 85,850.00	\$ 86,708.50
	PD8	\$100,000.00	Asst Chief	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 127,465.88	\$ 154,931.76	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 101,000.00	\$ 102,010.00
	PD9	\$125,000.00	Chief	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 159,332.35	\$ 193,664.70	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 126,250.00	\$ 127,512.50
	PS0	\$ 45,000.00	Deputy Sheriff PS0	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 57,359.65	\$ 69,719.29	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,450.00	\$ 45,904.50
	PS1	\$ 50,000.00	Deputy Sheriff PS1	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 63,732.94	\$ 77,465.88	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,500.00	\$ 51,005.00
	PS2	\$ 55,000.00	Deputy Sheriff Technician, FTO, ID Tech, Investigator	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 70,106.23	\$ 85,212.47	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 55,550.00	\$ 56,105.50
	PS3	\$ 62,500.00	Sergeant	\$ 62,500.00	\$ 79,666.17	\$ 96,832.35	\$ 62,500.00	\$ 63,125.00	\$ 63,756.25
	PS4	\$ 65,000.00	Command Sergeant	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 82,852.82	\$ 100,705.64	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 65,650.00	\$ 66,306.50
	PS5	\$ 70,000.00	Lieutenant	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 89,226.12	\$ 108,452.23	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 70,700.00	\$ 71,407.00
	PS6	\$ 75,000.00	Captain	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 95,599.41	\$ 116,198.82	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,750.00	\$ 76,507.50
	PS7	\$ 85,000.00	Major	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 108,346.00	\$ 131,691.99	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 85,850.00	\$ 86,708.50
	PS8	\$100,000.00	Chief Deputy	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 127,465.88	\$ 154,931.76	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 101,000.00	\$ 102,010.00
	SC0	\$ 42,500.00	Correctional Officer C0	\$ 42,500.00	\$ 54,173.00	\$ 65,846.00	\$ 42,500.00	\$ 42,925.00	\$ 43,354.25
	SC1	\$ 47,500.00	Correctional Officer C1	\$ 47,500.00	\$ 60,546.29	\$ 73,592.58	\$ 47,500.00	\$ 47,975.00	\$ 48,454.75
	SC2	\$ 48,500.00	Senior Correctional Officer C2	\$ 48,500.00	\$ 61,820.95	\$ 75,141.90	\$ 48,500.00	\$ 48,985.00	\$ 49,474.85
	FEO	\$ 42,500.00	Firefighter FED	\$ 42,500.00	\$ 54,173.00	\$ 65,846.00	\$ 42,500.00	\$ 42,925.00	\$ 43,354.25
	FO	\$ 45,000.00	Firefighter FO	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 57,359.65	\$ 69,719.29	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,450.00	\$ 45,904.50
	F1	\$ 47,500.00	Firefighter/EMT	\$ 47,500.00	\$ 60,546.29	\$ 73,592.58	\$ 47,500.00	\$ 47,975.00	\$ 48,454.75
	F2	\$ 50,000.00	Fire Medic	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 63,732.94	\$ 77,465.88	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,500.00	\$ 51,005.00
	F3	\$ 52,500.00	Sergeant	\$ 52,500.00	\$ 66,919.59	\$ 81,339.17	\$ 52,500.00	\$ 53,025.00	\$ 53,555.25
	F4	\$ 60,000.00	Lieutenant	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 76,479.53	\$ 92,959.05	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,600.00	\$ 61,206.00
	F5	\$ 67,500.00	Captain	\$ 67,500.00	\$ 86,039.47	\$ 104,578.94	\$ 67,500.00	\$ 68,175.00	\$ 68,856.75
	F6	\$ 72,500.00	Battalion Chief	\$ 72,500.00	\$ 92,412.76	\$ 112,325.52	\$ 72,500.00	\$ 73,225.00	\$ 73,957.25
	F7	\$ 77,500.00	Division Chief	\$ 77,500.00	\$ 98,786.06	\$ 120,072.11	\$ 77,500.00	\$ 78,275.00	\$ 79,057.75
	F8	\$ 82,500.00	Deputy Chief	\$ 82,500.00	\$ 105,159.35	\$ 127,818.70	\$ 82,500.00	\$ 83,325.00	\$ 84,158.25
	F9	\$ 97,500.00	Asst Chief	\$ 97,500.00	\$ 124,279.23	\$ 151,058.46	\$ 97,500.00	\$ 98,475.00	\$ 99,459.75
	F10	\$122,500.00	Chief	\$ 122,500.00	\$ 156,145.70	\$ 189,791.40	\$ 122,500.00	\$ 123,725.00	\$ 124,962.25
	C0	\$ 42,500.00	Correctional Officer C0	\$ 42,500.00	\$ 54,173.00	\$ 65,846.00	\$ 42,500.00	\$ 42,925.00	\$ 43,354.25
	C1	\$ 45,000.00	Correctional Officer C1	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 57,359.65	\$ 69,719.29	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,450.00	\$ 45,904.50
	C2	\$ 46,000.00	Senior Correctional Officer C2	\$ 46,000.00	\$ 58,634.30	\$ 71,268.61	\$ 46,000.00	\$ 46,460.00	\$ 46,924.60
	C3	\$ 47,500.00	Correction Technician	\$ 47,500.00	\$ 60,546.29	\$ 73,592.58	\$ 47,500.00	\$ 47,975.00	\$ 48,454.75
	C4	\$ 60,000.00	Sergeant	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 76,479.53	\$ 92,959.05	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,600.00	\$ 61,206.00
	C5	\$ 67,500.00	Lieutenant	\$ 67,500.00	\$ 86,039.47	\$ 104,578.94	\$ 67,500.00	\$ 68,175.00	\$ 68,856.75
	C6	\$ 72,500.00	Captain	\$ 72,500.00	\$ 92,412.76	\$ 112,325.52	\$ 72,500.00	\$ 73,225.00	\$ 73,957.25
	C7	\$ 82,500.00	Deputy Warden	\$ 82,500.00	\$ 105,159.35	\$ 127,818.70	\$ 82,500.00	\$ 83,325.00	\$ 84,158.25
	C8	\$102,500.00	Warden	\$ 102,500.00	\$ 130,652.53	\$ 158,805.05	\$ 102,500.00	\$ 103,525.00	\$ 104,560.25
	CO1	\$ 42,500.00	Correctional Officer	\$ 42,500.00	\$ 54,173.00	\$ 65,846.00	\$ 42,500.00	\$ 42,925.00	\$ 43,354.25
	CO2	\$ 45,000.00	Correctional Supervisor	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 57,359.65	\$ 69,719.29	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,450.00	\$ 45,904.50

Item #3.

File Attachments for Item:

4. 2nd Reading- An ordinance amending Chapter 17 of the Columbus Code so as to revise certain provisions relating to the organizational structure and authorized positions for the Columbus Police Department; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem)

**AN ORDINANCE
NO.**

An ordinance amending Chapter 17 of the Columbus Code so as revise certain provisions relating to the organizational structure and authorized positions for the Columbus Police Department; and for other purposes.

SECTION 1 .

Article II of Chapter 17 of the Columbus Code is hereby amended by striking that Article in its entirety and replacing it with a new Article II to read as follows:

“Sec. 17-21.1. Bureaus; office of professional standards; sections.

There are hereby created the following four bureaus and respective sections within the Columbus Police Department:

- (1) Bureau of patrol services, and within the bureau, there shall be the following sections:
 - a. Patrol shifts.
 - b. Special weapons and tactics.
 - c. Mobile field force.
 - d. Motor squad and bike patrol.
 - e. Honor guard.
 - f. Crisis negotiations.
- (2) Bureau of investigative services, and within the bureau, there shall be the following sections:
 - a. Crime scene investigations.
 - b. Special victims.
 - c. Violent Crimes.
 - d. Property Crimes.
 - e. Technology.
 - f. Special Operations.
- (3) Bureau of support services, and within the bureau, there shall be the following sections:
 - a. Records section.
 - b. Desk services section.
 - c. Property and evidence section.
 - d. 911 center.
 - e. Records Room

- (4) Bureau of administrative services, and within the bureau, there shall be the following sections:
- a. Community relations.
 - b. Personnel.
 - c. Training.
 - d. Recruitment.
 - e. Polygraph.
 - f. Community Policing.
 - g. Criminal Intelligence/Analysis.

Sec. 17-21.2. Office of chief of police.

The office of the chief of police shall consist of:

- (a) The chief of police.
- (b) Office of professional standards.
- (c) Planning and research.
- (d) Accreditation.
- (e) Internal investigations.
- (f) Open Records
- (g) Budget.
- (h) Chief of staff/public information officer.

Cross reference(s)—Duties of chief of police, § 17-14.

Sec. 17-21.3. Assignment of personnel.

All personnel in all sections, units and bureaus shall be assigned by the chief of police.

Sec. 17-21.4. Appointment of personnel.

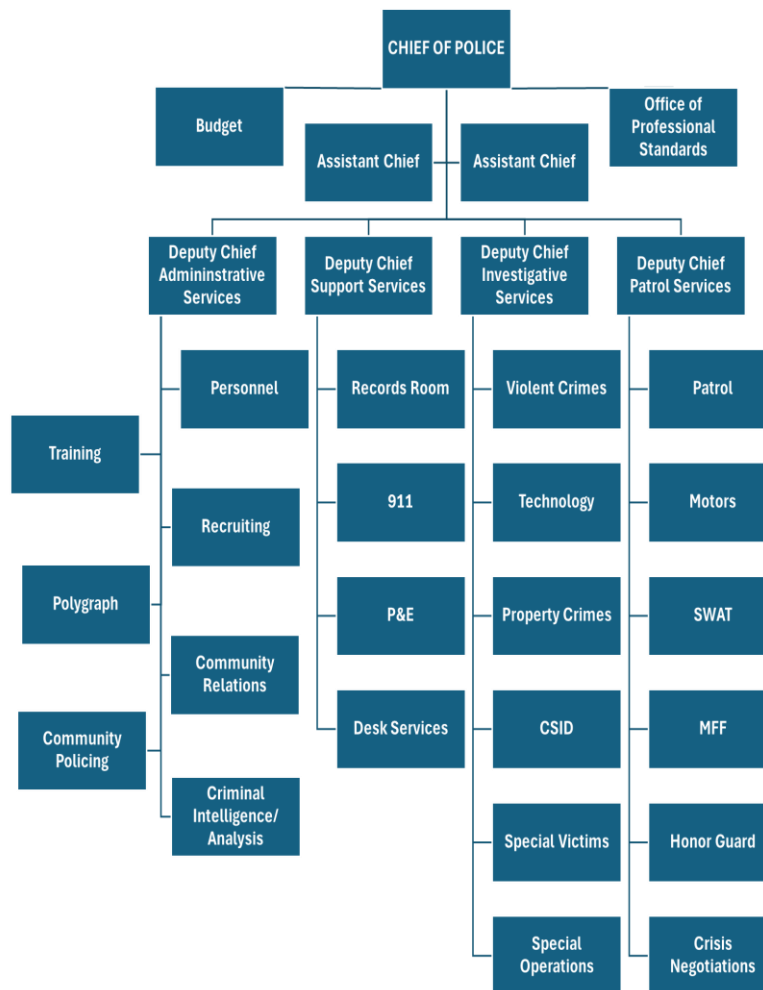
One assistant chief, appointed by the chief of police, shall be responsible for the administrative duties of the Bureau of Administrative Services and the Bureau of Support Services, and one assistant chief, appointed by the chief, shall be responsible for the administrative duties of the Bureau of Investigative Services and the Bureau of Patrol Services.

Each bureau shall be commanded by a deputy chief, appointed by the chief of police, and shall be responsible for all non-administrative duties of their assigned bureau. Each bureau deputy chief shall report operationally to the chief of police while reporting all administrative components to their designated assistant chief.

Sec. 17-21.5. Positions confirmed in the organizational chart.

All positions in the organizational chart as set forth in section 17-21.6 herein, are hereby confirmed and made a part of the Columbus Police Department.

Sec. 17-21.6. Organizational chart.



SECTION 2.

Article IV of Chapter 17 of the Columbus Code is hereby amended by striking that article in its entirety and replacing it with a new Article IV to read as follows:

“ARTICLE IV. APPOINTIVE POSITIONS

Sec. 17-30. Position of assistant chief of police.

- (a) The position of assistant chief of police is hereby created in the Columbus Police Department.
- (b) The rank of assistant chief of police is an appointed rank. Said appointment is to be made by the chief of police. To be eligible for the position of assistant chief of police, a candidate must have held the permanent rank of captain for one year or the permanent rank of lieutenant for two years or the appointed rank of deputy chief for one year. To be considered eligible for this position the candidate must possess a bachelor's degree, master's degree preferred, in any field within the educational guidelines set forth by the Columbus Police Department.
- (c) The job description for assistant chief of police is hereby incorporated in the personnel rules and regulations.

(Ord. No. 20-058, § 3, 12-15-20)

Sec. 17-31. Position of deputy chief.

- (a) There is hereby created the position and rank of deputy chief in the Columbus Police Department. The job description for deputy chief is incorporated in the personnel rules and regulations.
- (b) The rank of deputy chief is an appointed rank. Said appointment is to be made by the chief of police.
- (c) To be appointed to the rank of deputy chief, a candidate shall have held the permanent rank of captain for a minimum of one year or the permanent rank of lieutenant for a minimum of two years and possess a bachelor's degree, master's degree preferred, in any field within the educational guidelines set forth by the Columbus Police Department. Consideration shall be given to the following:
 - (1) Leadership;
 - (2) Directing;
 - (3) Coordinating;
 - (4) Decision-making;
 - (5) Planning;
 - (6) Communicating; and
 - (7) Public relations.

Sec. 17-32. Position of chief of staff.

The Chief of Police shall have the authority to appoint a Chief of Staff to assist with the day-to-day operation of the Chief's Office.

Sec. 17-33. Position of command sergeant.

To be appointed command sergeant, a sergeant shall have held the permanent rank of sergeant for a minimum of two years and possess an associate's degree."

SECTION 3.

Article V of Chapter 17 of the Columbus Code is hereby amended by striking that article in its entirety and replacing it with a new Article V to read as follows:

“ARTICLE V. AUTHORIZED POSITIONS

Sec. 17-34. Authorized personnel for Columbus Police Department.

- (a) There shall be a chief of police.
- (b) The Columbus Police Department shall be authorized two assistant chief of police positions, who shall be appointed by the chief of police.
- (c) The Columbus Police Department shall be authorized four deputy chiefs, who shall be appointed by the chief of police and shall be assigned as follows:
 - (1) Deputy chief in charge of the bureau of patrol services.
 - (2) Deputy chief in charge of the bureau of investigative services.
 - (3) Deputy chief in charge of the bureau of support services.
 - (4) Deputy chief in charge of bureau of administrative services.
- (d) The Columbus Police Department shall be authorized one chief of staff who shall be appointed by the chief of police.
- (e) The Columbus Police Department shall be authorized three command sergeant positions, who shall be appointed by the chief of police.
- (h) The ranks of assistant chief, deputy chief, chief of staff/public information officer, command sergeant and corporal are appointed ranks, to be appointed by the chief of police, and any officer who fails to perform the duties of these ranks satisfactorily may at any time be reverted to his former permanent rank.
- (i) Sworn personnel.
 - (1) The following positions are hereby established as the authorized strength of the sworn personnel of the Columbus Police Department:

- Chief of police.... 1
- Assistant chief of police.... 2
- Deputy chief.... 4
- Captain.... 10

Lieutenant.... 18
 Chief of staff-.... 1
 Command sergeant.... 3
 Sergeant.... 67
 Corporal.... 117
 Police officer.... 245

(2) The job descriptions are incorporated in the personnel rules and regulations.

Sec. 17-35. Police cadets.

- (a) *Position created.* The position of police cadet is hereby created in the Columbus Police Department.
- (b) *Qualifications.* A person seeking the position of police cadet shall possess the same minimum qualifications as a police officer except for the age requirements for initial employment as a cadet shall be the ages of 18 through 20.

Secs. 17-36—17-43. Reserved.”

SECTION 4.

All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed as of its effective date.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 8th day of October, 2024; introduced a second time at a regular meeting of said Council held on the _____ day of _____, 2024 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

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

 Sandra T Davis
 Clerk of Council

 B. H. “Skip” Henderson, III
 Mayor

PART II - CODE OF ORDINANCES
Chapter 17 - POLICE
ARTICLE II. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE COLUMBUS POLICE DEPARTMENT

ARTICLE II. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE COLUMBUS POLICE DEPARTMENT¹

Sec. 17-21.1. ~~Divisions~~; bureaus; office of professional standards; sections.

There are hereby created the following ~~two divisions~~, four bureaus and respective sections within the Columbus Police Department:

- (a) ~~Division of line operations, and within the division, there shall be two bureaus; bureau of patrol services and bureau of investigative services.~~
- (1) Bureau of patrol services, and within the bureau, there shall be the following sections:
- a. Patrol shifts.
 - b. Special weapons and tactics.
 - c. Mobile field force.
 - d. Motor squad and bike patrol.
 - e. Honor guard.
 - f. Crisis negotiations.
- (2) Bureau of investigative services, and within the bureau, there shall be the following sections:
- a. Crime scene investigations.
 - b. Special victims.
 - c. ~~Robbery/assault.~~ Violent Crimes.
 - d. ~~Burglary and theft.~~ Property Crimes.
 - e. ~~Homicide.~~ Technology.
 - f. ~~Computer crime.~~ Special Operations.
 - ~~g. —Special operations/tactical squad.~~
- (b) ~~Division of staff operations, and within the division, there shall be two bureaus; bureau of support services and the bureau of administrative services.~~
- ~~(1)~~ (3) Bureau of support services, and within the bureau, there shall be the following sections:
- a. Records section.

¹Editor's note(s)—Ord. No. 20-058, § 1, adopted December 15, 2020, repealed the former Art. II, §§ 17-21.1—17-21.6, and enacted a new Art. II as set out herein. The former Art. II pertained to similar subject matter and derived from Ord. No. 81-96, § 2, September 22, 1981; Ord. No. 84-26, §§ 1—3, April 10, 1984; Ord. No. 87-96, §§ 1, 2, July 21, 1987; Ord. No. 88-113, §§ 1—3, November 15, 1988; Ord. No. 92-50, §§ 1, 2, June 16, 1992.

- b. Desk services section.
- c. Property and evidence section.
- d. 911 center.
- e. ~~Records manager.~~ Records Room

~~(2)~~(4) Bureau of administrative services, and within the bureau, there shall be the following sections:

- a. Community relations.
- b. Personnel.
- c. Training.
- d. Recruitment.
- e. Polygraph.
- f. Community Policing.
- g. Criminal Intelligence/Analysis.

(Ord. No. 20-058, § 1, 12-15-20)

Sec. 17-21.2. Office of chief of police.

The office of the chief of police shall consist of:

- (a) The chief of police.
- (b) Office of professional standards.
- (c) Planning and research.
- (d) Accreditation.
- (e) Internal investigations.
- (f) ~~Crime analysis and intelligence.~~ Open Records
- (g) Budget.
- (h) Chief of staff/public information officer.

(Ord. No. 20-058, § 1, 12-15-20)

Cross reference(s)—Duties of chief of police, § 17-14.

Sec. 17-21.3. Assignment of personnel.

All personnel in all sections, units and bureaus shall be assigned by the chief of police.

(Ord. No. 20-058, § 1, 12-15-20)

Sec. 17-21.4. Appointment of personnel.

~~Each division shall be commanded by an assistant chief of police, appointed by the chief of police.~~ One assistant chief, appointed by the chief of police, shall be responsible for the administrative duties of the Bureau of Administrative Services and the Bureau of Support Services, and one assistant chief, appointed by the chief, shall be responsible for the administrative duties of the Bureau of Investigative Services and the Bureau of Patrol Services.

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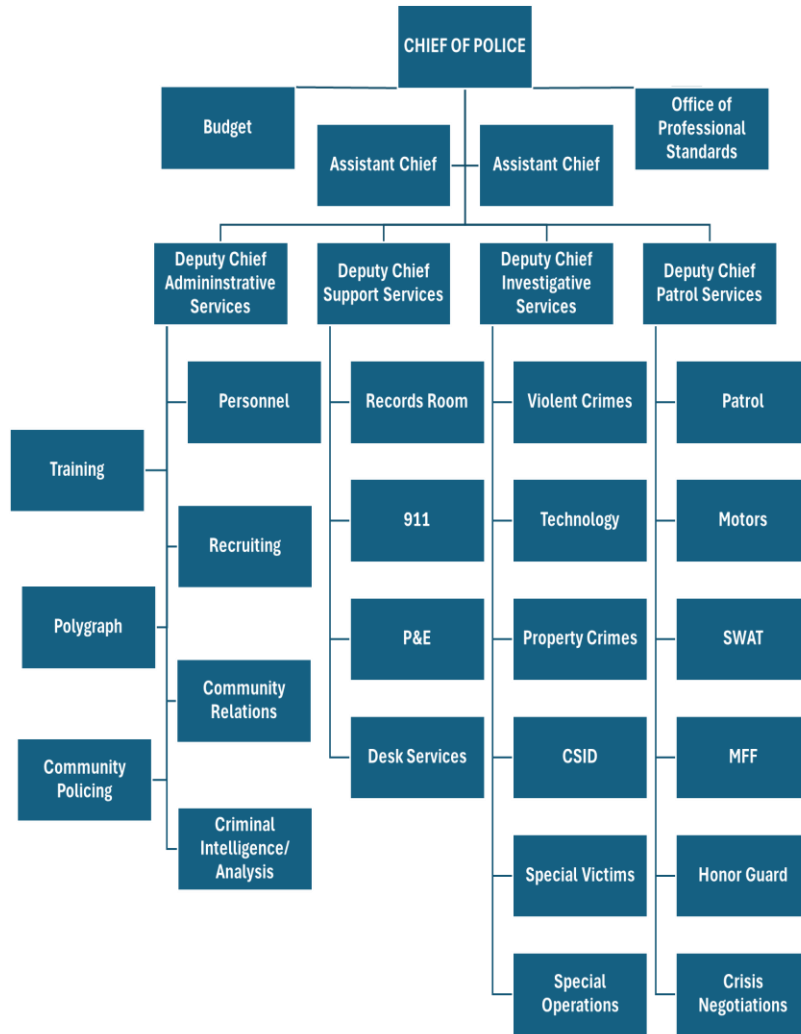
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All positions in the organizational chart as set forth in section 17-21.6 herein, are hereby confirmed and made a part of the Columbus Police Department.

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Sec. 17-21.6. Organizational chart.



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 - (7) Public relations.

(Ord. No. 20-058, § 3, 12-15-20)

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Sec. 17-32. Position of chief of staff/~~public information officer.~~

~~To be appointed chief of staff/public information officer, a sergeant shall have held the permanent rank of sergeant for a minimum of two years and possess an associate degree or a lieutenant shall have held the permanent rank of lieutenant for a minimum of one year and possess a bachelor's degree.~~ The Chief of Police shall have the authority to appoint a Chief of Staff to assist with the day-to-day operation of the Chief's Office.

(Ord. No. 20-058, § 3, 12-15-20)

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 - (4) Deputy chief in charge of bureau of administrative services.
 - ~~(5) Deputy chief in charge of the office of professional standards.~~
- (d) The Columbus Police Department shall be authorized one chief of staff/~~public information officer~~, who shall be appointed by the chief of police.
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Command sergeant.... 3

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(Ord. No. 20-058, § 4, 12-15-20)

Secs. 17-36—17-43. Reserved.

Columbus Police Department

Chief Stoney Mathis

Position Reallocation

Proposal to DISSOLVE the following sworn positions:

- 1 Deputy Chief Position
*(position in City Ordinance responsible for
the Office of Professional Standards)*
- 2 Lieutenant Positions

Proposal to ADD the following sworn positions:

- 3 Captain Positions

Position Reallocation

** Based on minimum salaries*



Current Positions*

Deputy Chief	Lieutenant	Lieutenant
\$85,000	\$70,000	\$70,000

**BUDGET
NEUTRAL**



Proposed Positions*

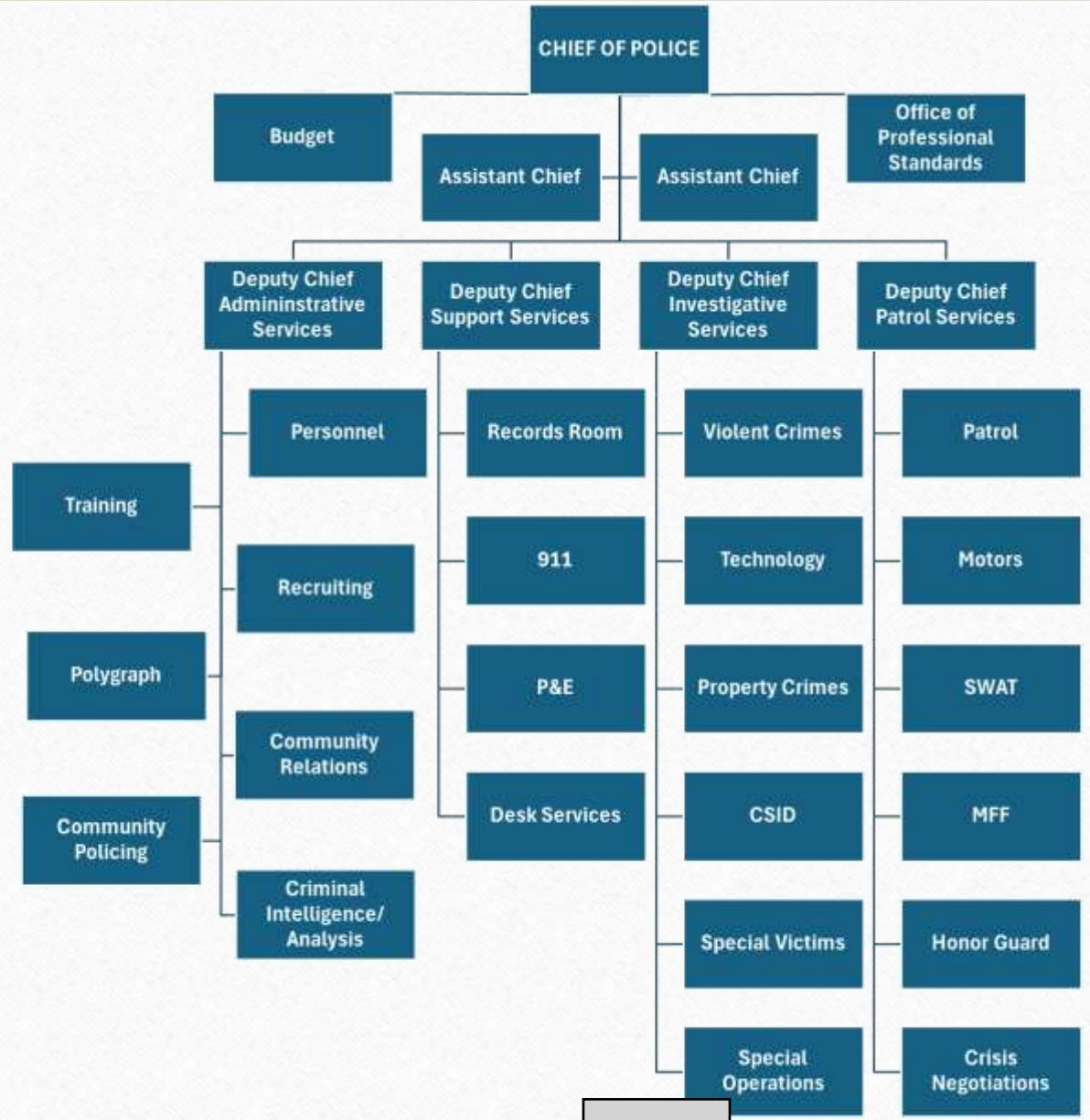
Captain	Captain	Captain
\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000

Police Operations

- **Chief of Police:**
 - Operationally responsible for Entire department
- **Assistant Chief:**
 - Administratively responsible for Bureau of support services and bureau of administration
- **Assistant Chief:**
 - Administratively responsible for bureau of patrol services and bureau of investigative services

Special Operations

	Established	Positions	Accomplishments
2 – Tactical Ops Units	April 2024 September 2024	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taken 250 guns off the streets • Taken \$100K of drugs off the street • Arrested 25 known gang members • Reducing daytime crime • Building relationships (<i>National night out, Neighborhood Watch, Female Self Defense classes</i>)
Narcotics Unit	April 2024	5	
Gang Unit	April 2024	5	
K9 Units	In Progress	3	
C.O.P. Unit	June 2024	4	



File Attachments for Item:

5. 1st Reading- An ordinance establishing and implementing a Paid Maternity and Paternity Leave Policy to enable and support employees in the bonding and caregiving of a child, following birth or adoption. (Councilor Chambers)

AN ORDINANCE

NO. _____

An ordinance establishing and implementing a Paid Maternity and Paternity Leave Policy to enable and support employees in the bonding and caregiving of a child, following birth or adoption.

THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1.

The attached Paid Maternity and Paternity Leave Policy is hereby adopted.

Section 2.

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

Section 3.

The Policy adopted by this ordinance shall apply to all births and adoptions taking placing on or after November 15, 2024.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held on the 22nd day of October 2024; introduced a second time at a regular meeting of said Council held on the 12th day of November 2024 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

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

Councilor Thomas	voting _____
Councilor Tucker	voting _____

Sandra T. Davis
Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson, III
Mayor



POLICY AND PROCEDURE

POLICY NUMBER: 220-_____

POLICY TITLE: PAID MATERNITY & PATERNITY LEAVE POLICY

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 15, 2024 **REVISION DATE:** _____

APPROVED BY: Signature on File
CITY MANAGER

Confirmed by the Council of Columbus Consolidated Government, Ordinance No. 24-
Dated the ____ day of _____.

STATEMENT OF POLICY:

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

SCOPE:

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

RESPONSIBILITY:

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

PROCEDURE:

I. Definitions

- Maternity Leave - is intended for new mothers to take time off from work after giving birth or for the primary caregiver of an adoptive child to take leave after adopting the child.
- Paternity Leave – is intended for co-parents to a birth-giving parent and adoptive co-parents.
- Parent – a full-time employee who meets the following criteria:
 - Has given birth to a newborn child
 - Has legally adopted a child and accepted placement of the child into their home (child must be age 17 or younger)
 - Is the spouse or co-parent to a birth-giving parent
- Event - Birth or Adoption

II. Eligibility

Eligible employees must meet the following criteria:

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

III. Maternity Leave

Eligible employees will receive up to six (6) weeks of full pay, 100% of employee straight pay, for maternity leave. Paid maternity leave runs concurrently with FMLA. The fact that a multiple birth or adoption event occurs (e.g., the birth of twins or adoption of siblings) does not increase the total amount of paid maternity leave granted for that event.

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

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

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

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

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

IV. Paternity Leave

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

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

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

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

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

V. Requests for Paid Maternity or Paternity Leave

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

VI. Coordination with Other Policies

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

File Attachments for Item:

6. A Resolution concerning the Housing Authority of Columbus, Georgia's issuance of bonds to finance a multifamily project at Warren Williams Homes and Rivers Homes located in Columbus, Georgia (Request of Columbus Housing Authority)

A RESOLUTION
NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS,
 GEORGIA'S ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO
 FINANCE A PROJECT LOCATED IN COLUMBUS, GEORGIA**

WHEREAS, HACG RAD II, LP, a Georgia limited partnership, or an affiliate thereof (the “Borrower”), wishes to finance the acquisition, renovation, furnishing, and equipping of 182 units of residential rental housing, located at 1200 Warren Williams Road, Columbus, Georgia 31906, and presently known as Warren Williams Homes and Rivers Homes (the “Project”) located within the territory of Columbus, Georgia, a consolidated government (“Columbus”), the jurisdiction of the area of operation of the Housing Authority of Columbus, Georgia (the “Authority”); and

WHEREAS, on June 19, 2024, the Authority, pursuant to the authority granted it under the provisions of the Housing Authority Law (O.C.G.A. § 8-3-1, *et seq.*), adopted a resolution authorizing the issuance of its revenue bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$30,000,000 to be designated “Housing Authority of Columbus, Georgia Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds (HACG RAD II Project) Series 2024” (the “Series 2024 Bonds”) and lending the proceeds of the Series 2024 Bonds to the Borrower for the purpose of providing funds to: (i) acquire, renovate, furnish, and equip the Project, (ii) fund reserves, including a debt service reserve for the Series 2024 Bonds and (iii) pay the costs of issuance of the Series 2024 Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the Authority held a public hearing with respect to the proposed issuance of the Series 2024 Bonds and the Project being financed with the proceeds of the Series 2024 Bonds on October 14, 2024, after publication of a notice 7 days or more prior to the date of the hearing on the website of the Authority where public notices are regularly published. A copy of the Certificate of the Authority regarding the public hearing which has been delivered to this Council and the Mayor is attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has requested that the Council approve the issuance of the Series 2024 Bonds and the Project for the limited purpose of meeting the requirement of Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”) in order to qualify the interest on the Series 2024 Bonds for exclusion from the gross income of the owners thereof for federal income tax purposes pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Code; and

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

1. For the limited purpose of qualifying the interest on the Series 2024 Bonds for exclusion from the gross income of the owners thereof for federal income tax purposes pursuant to applicable provisions of the Code, the issuance of the Series 2024 Bonds by the Authority in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$30,000,000 and the financing of the Project with the proceeds of the Series 2024 Bonds is approved. This approval is given solely for the purpose of compliance with provisions of the Code and in no event shall this approval constitute any obligation on the part of Columbus with respect to the Series 2024 Bonds.

2. Such approval by this Council does not constitute an endorsement to a prospective purchaser of the Bonds, and the Bonds shall not constitute an indebtedness or obligation of Columbus, Georgia or any of its Boards, Commissions, or Authorities.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held on the 22nd day of October, 2024 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

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

Sandra Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

EXHIBIT A
CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA
TEFRA HEARING

October 14, 2024
10:00 AM

Columbus, Georgia

Riobella Pearce, Construction and Modernization Manager, the Housing Authority of Columbus, Georgia, and the Hearing Officer, opened the hearing at 10:00 a.m. The purpose of the hearing is to consider the issuance by the Housing Authority of Columbus, Georgia not to exceed \$30M in bonds for the purpose of funding the acquisition, rehabilitation, furnishing and equipping of approximately 182 units multifamily housing project located at 1200 Warren Williams Road, Columbus, Georgia 31906, known as Warren Williams Homes and Rivers Homes by HACG RAD II, OP as advertised.

Present were:

Riobella Pearce, Construction and Modernization Manager, and
Royce Ann Adkins, Housing Authority of Columbus, Ga., Executive Assistant

With no other attendees, Riobella Pearce closed the hearing at 10:10 a.m.



Riobella Pearce, Construction and Modernization Manager
Hearing Officer

CERTIFICATION OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

I, Laura Johnson, hereby certify that I am a duly qualified and authorized official of the **HOUSING AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA** (the "Issuer") related to a proposed bond issuance on behalf of **WARREN WILLIAMS HOMES AND RIVERS HOMES**, a Georgia limited liability company, or an affiliate thereof (the "Borrower").

I do hereby further certify as follows:

1. **Hearing Date.** On October 14, 2024, the Issuer held an open meeting for the purposes of consider the issuance by the Housing Authority of Columbus, Georgia not to exceed \$30M in bonds for the purpose of funding the acquisition, rehabilitation, furnishing and equipping of approximately 182 units multifamily housing project located at 1200 Warren Williams Road, Columbus, Georgia 31906, known as Warren Williams Homes and Rivers Homes by HACG RAD II, OP as advertised.
2. **Hearing Location.** The hearing was conducted at the offices of the Issuer.
3. **Posting.** Notice was given in accordance with all applicable laws setting forth the time, date, place, and subject matter of said hearing.
4. **Public Comments.** No public comments were received at the meetings.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have signed my name hereto October 14, 2024.


Title: Hearing Officer

File Attachments for Item:

1. Buena Vista Road Spiderweb Bridge & Improvements, TIA 1 – Supplemental Agreement #4

Approval is requested to execute an amendment to the contract (Supplemental Agreement No. 4) with the Georgia Department of Transportation for additional funding for the construction phase of the Spiderweb TIA project. The supplemental agreement provides additional funding of \$6,774,600.00 to replace the Bull Creek Bridge while the Spiderweb improvements are under construction.

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TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Buena Vista Road Spiderweb Bridge & Improvements, TIA 1 – Supplemental Agreement #4
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to execute an amendment to the contract (Supplemental Agreement No. 4) with the Georgia Department of Transportation for additional funding for the construction phase of the Spiderweb TIA project. The supplemental agreement provides additional funding of \$6,774,600.00 to replace the Bull Creek Bridge while the Spiderweb improvements are under construction.
INITIATED BY:	Planning Department

Recommendation: Approval is requested to execute an amendment to the contract (Supplemental Agreement No. 4) with the Georgia Department of Transportation for additional funding for the construction phase of the Spiderweb TIA project. The supplemental agreement provides additional funding of \$6,774,600.00 to replace the Bull Creek Bridge while the Spiderweb improvements are under construction.

Background: The Buena Vista Road project was approved as a TSPLOST project under the 2012 Transportation Special Local Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST). On August 26, 2014 per Resolution No. 271-14, Council authorized the agreement between the city and the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for improvement of the section of Buena Vista Road known as the “Spiderweb”. On December 2, 2014, Council authorized Resolution #372-14 to enter into an agreement with Wolverton and Associates for preliminary engineering. CCG has proceeded and completed the following: right-of-way acquisition (1 parcel pending), permanent and temporary construction easements, utility relocation, environmental mitigation and other necessary agreements to prepare the project for construction per Resolution No. 359-16. Phase I was completed by Robinson Paving in August 2023. Supplemental Agreement No. 1 was executed on October 15, 2018 to transfer the budget allocations from right of way cost to PE. Per Resolution No. 311-18, Supplemental Agreement No. 2 was executed on February 13, 2022 to add GDOT funding for the inclusion of Bull Creek Bridge into the Buena Vista-Spiderweb project of \$2,000,000 and increase the TSPLOST allocation by \$7,000,000 due to inflation and rising material costs. Supplemental Agreement No. 3 was executed on August 27, 2024 to extend the agreement thru December 31, 2029.

Analysis: The completion of the pre-construction activities for road improvements, safety, and alternative transportation projects has been completed.

Financial Considerations: Funding for the Buena Vista-Spiderweb project has been funded with the 2012 TSPLOST. The Bull Creek Bridge replacement is funded by GDOT.

Legal Considerations: The City Attorney approves this resolution.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to execute an amendment to the contract (Supplemental Agreement No. 4) with the Georgia Department of Transportation for additional

funding for the construction phase of the Spiderweb TIA project. The supplemental agreement provides additional funding of \$6,774,600.00 to replace the Bull Creek Bridge while the Spiderweb improvements are under construction.

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A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO A SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (GDOT) TO RECEIVE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE BUENA VISTA ROAD SPIDERWEB PROJECT FOR THE BUENA VISTA ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT.

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

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

WHEREAS, increased costs due to inflation, supply chain problems, and rebidding for construction services have been identified as obstacles to Phase 2 construction, GDOT has authorized an additional \$6,774,600.00 to replace the Bull Creek Bridge while the Spiderweb improvements are under construction.

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

The City Manager is hereby authorized to proceed with the executing execute an amendment to the contract (Supplement Agreement No. 4) with the Georgia Department of Transportation for additional funding for the construction phase of the Spiderweb TIA project for the Bull Creek Bridge Replacement.

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

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

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

2. Authorization to Fill Ten (10) Unfunded Police Officer Positions

Approval is requested to authorize the Columbus Police Department to fill Ten (10) unfunded Police Officer positions in FY25 utilizing General Fund and OLOST Fund reserves.

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Item #2.

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Authorization to Fill Ten (10) Unfunded Police Officer Positions
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to authorize the Columbus Police Department to fill Ten (10) unfunded Police Officer positions in FY25 utilizing General Fund and OLOST Fund reserves.
INITIATED BY:	Columbus Police Department

Recommendation: Approval is requested to authorize the Columbus Police Department to fill Ten (10) unfunded Police Officer positions within the Columbus Police Department in FY25 utilizing General Fund and OLOST Fund reserves.

Background: Per Section 33 of Ordinance No. 24-035, there are forty-four (44) Police Officer positions currently unfunded to cover the implementation and continued costs associated with the \$5,000 pay adjustments approved in Ordinance No. 24-008. The Columbus Police Department is requesting authorization to fill Ten (10) of unfunded positions to address staffing needs within the department.

Analysis: The General Fund and the Public Safety Other Local Option Sales Tax Fund has available reserves to reinstate Ten (10) Police Officer Positions in the Police Department. However, Council’s express approval is needed to reinstate funding for the unfunded positions.

Financial Considerations: The amount needed to reinstate ten (10) officer positions as of November 1, 2024, is approximately \$403,666 for the remainder of FY25 and approximately \$692,000 on an annual basis.

Legal Considerations: All appropriate budget ordinances will be adopted at the appropriate time to accommodate the actions that are being supported with the approval of this resolution.

Recommendation/Action: Approve a resolution to authorize the Columbus Police Department to fill Ten (10) unfunded Police Officer positions in FY25.

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE COLUMBUS POLICE DEPARTMENT TO FILL TEN (10) UNFUNDED POLICE OFFICER POSITIONS IN FY25.

WHEREAS, per Section 33 of Ordinance No. 24-035, there are forty-four (44) Police Officer positions currently unfunded to cover the implementation and continued costs associated with the \$5,000 pay adjustments approved in Ordinance No. 24-008; and,

WHEREAS, the Columbus Police Department is requesting authorization to fill Ten (10) of unfunded positions to address staffing needs within the department; and

WHEREAS, Council’s express approval is needed to reinstate funding for the positions; and,

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

That approximately \$403,666 of General Fund and OLOST Fund reserves may be used to reinstate ten (10) Police Officer positions as of November 1, 2024, in the Columbus Police Department with an approximate annual cost of \$692,000.

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

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

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. “Skip” Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

4. Firehouse Subs Grant

Approval is requested to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant in the amount of \$44,099.94 or as otherwise awarded by the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation to fund the purchase of six thermal imaging cameras to replace the current cameras, which have reached the end of their life. There are no matching funds required.

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Item #4.

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Firehouse Subs Grant
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant in the amount of \$44,099.94 or as otherwise awarded by the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation to fund the purchase of six thermal imaging cameras to replace the current cameras, which have reached the end of their life. There are no matching funds required.
INITIATED BY:	Fire/EMS

Recommendation: Approval is requested to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant in the amount of \$44,099.94 or as otherwise awarded by the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation to fund the purchase of six thermal imaging cameras to replace the current cameras, which have reached the end of their life. There are no matching funds required.

Background: Funds will be requested from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation to fund the purchase of six thermal imaging cameras to replace the current cameras, which have reached their end of life. The acquisition of thermal imagers through a Firehouse Subs grant will greatly benefit the city of Columbus and the Columbus Fire & EMS department by enhancing firefighter safety, improving rescue operations, and increasing the efficiency of fire suppression efforts. These devices allow firefighters to detect heat sources and locate victims in low-visibility conditions, reducing risks and saving critical time. Additionally, using advanced technology improves resource allocation, reduces operational costs, and strengthens community trust, all while being funded through a grant that spares local budgets. The imagers also enhance training and preparedness for various emergency scenarios.

Analysis: Columbus Fire and Emergency Medical Services is requesting funds for the purchase of six thermal cameras to replace existing thermal cameras that are at end of life

Financial Considerations: The grant is for equipment amounting to a total of \$44,099.94, with no matching funds required.

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

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant in the amount of \$44,099.94 or as otherwise awarded by the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation to fund the purchase of six thermal imaging cameras to replace the current cameras, which have reached the end of their life. There are no matching funds required.

**A RESOLUTION
NO.**

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A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE, IF AWARDED A GRANT FOR SIX THERMAL IMAGING CAMERAS FOR COLUMBUS FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$44,099.94, OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED, FROM THE FIREHOUSE SUBS PUBLIC SAFETY FOUNDATION WITH NO MATCHING FUNDS REQUIRED. THE MULTI-GOVERNMENTAL FUND WILL BE AMENDED BY THE AMOUNT OF THE AWARD.

WHEREAS, the Columbus Fire and Emergency Medical Services (CFEMS) is requesting approval to apply for and accept if awarded, funds for six thermal imaging cameras amounting to a total of \$44,099.94; and,

WHEREAS, the equipment requested in the grant proposal will be used to replace an existing thermal imaging cameras that have reached end of life within Columbus Fire and Emergency Medical Services; and,

WHEREAS, these devices allow firefighters to detect heat sources and locate victims in low-visibility conditions, reducing risks and saving critical time; and,

WHEREAS, this grant proposal will require no matching funds.

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

- 1) That the City Manager is hereby authorized to approve the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation application for six thermal imaging cameras for \$44,099.94 or as otherwise awarded with no matching funds required.
- 2) That the Multi-Governmental Fund will be amended by the amount of the award.

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

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

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

A. Change Order 2 for Design Services for Fire Station #4 Renovation – RFQ No. 23-0001

**Columbus Consolidated Government
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Item #A.

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	CHANGE ORDER 2 FOR DESIGN SERVICES FOR FIRE STATION #4 RENOVATION – RFQ NO. 23-0001
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council authorize the execution of Change Order 2 with WSKF Architects (Kansas City, MO) in the amount of \$30,650.00 for Design Services for Fire Station #4 Renovation.

RFQ NO. 23-0001, Space Planning and Programming & Design Professional Services for the Replacement of Fire Station No. 5, was awarded to WSKF Architects on February 14, 2023, per Resolution No. 058-23.

Change Order 2 incorporates the Phase 1 Design Services for Fire Station #4, to include conditions assessment, preliminary space needs determination, preliminary design, and cost estimate to construct the preliminary design.

Document	Description	Amount
Original Contract	Space Planning and Programming & Design Professional Services for the Replacement of Fire Station No. 5	374,150.00
Change Order 1*	Additional Work at Fire Station #5 to revise the site design to accommodate sanitary service, stormwater detention, access drive and staff parking.	7,222.50
Change Order 2	Phase 1 Design Services for Fire Station #4, to include conditions assessment, preliminary space needs determination, preliminary design, and cost estimate to construct the preliminary design.	\$30,650.00
New Contract Amount		\$ 412,022.50

*Per the Procurement Ordinance, Chapter 2, Article I, 2-3.03, 5-301, (1) The City Manager is authorized to sign change orders to construction contracts in an aggregate amount not to exceed ten percent (10%) of the original contract amount in order to provide payments for unforeseen construction costs.

Funds are available in the FY25 Budget as: 2021 Sales Tax Project Fund – 21 SPLOST Public Safety – Professional Services - Fire Station #4 Upgrade; 0567-696-3111-STPS-6311-54157-20250.

**A RESOLUTION
NO. _____**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF CHANGE ORDER 2
WITH WSKF ARCHITECTS (NORTH KANSAS CITY, MO) IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$30,650.00 FOR DESIGN SERVICES FOR FIRE STATION #4 RENOVATION.**

WHEREAS, RFQ NO. 23-0001, Space Planning and Programming & Design Professional Services for the Replacement of Fire Station No. 5, was awarded to WSKF Architects on February 14, 2023, per Resolution No. 058-23; and,

WHEREAS, change Order 2 incorporates the Phase 1 Design Services for Fire Station #4, to include conditions assessment, preliminary space needs determination, preliminary design, and cost estimate to construct the preliminary design.

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

That the City Manager and/or his designee is hereby authorized to execute Change Order 2 with WSKF Architects (Kansas City, MO) in the amount of \$30,650.00 for Design Services for Fire Station #4 Renovation. Funds are available in the FY25 Budget as: 2021 Sales Tax Project Fund – 21 SPLOST Public Safety – Professional Services - Fire Station #4 Upgrade; 0567-696-3111-STPS-6311-54157-20250.

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

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

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. “Skip” Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

B. Change Order 2 for Design Services for Fire Station #4 Renovation – RFQ No. 23-0001

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Item #B.

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	CHANGE ORDER 2 FOR DESIGN SERVICES FOR FIRE STATION #4 RENOVATION – RFQ NO. 23-0001
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council authorize the execution of Change Order 3 with WSKF Architects (Kansas City, MO) in the amount of \$30,650.00 for Design Services for Fire Station #8 Renovation.

RFQ NO. 23-0001, Space Planning and Programming & Design Professional Services for the Replacement of Fire Station No. 5, was awarded to WSKF Architects on February 14, 2023, per Resolution No. 058-23.

Change Order 3 incorporates the Phase 1 Design Services for Fire Station #8, to include conditions assessment, preliminary space needs determination, preliminary design, and cost estimate to construct the preliminary design.

Document	Description	Amount
Original Contract	Space Planning and Programming & Design Professional Services for the Replacement of Fire Station No. 5	374,150.00
Change Order 1*	Additional Work at Fire Station #5 to revise the site design to accommodate sanitary service, stormwater detention, access drive and staff parking.	7,222.50
Change Order 2	Phase 1 Design Services for Fire Station #4, to include conditions assessment, preliminary space needs determination, preliminary design, and cost estimate to construct the preliminary design.	30,650.00
Change Order 3	Phase 1 Design Services for Fire Station #8, to include conditions assessment, preliminary space needs determination, preliminary design, and cost estimate to construct the preliminary design.	\$30,650.00
New Contract Amount		\$ 442,672.50

*Per the Procurement Ordinance, Chapter 2, Article I, 2-3.03, 5-301, (1) The City Manager is authorized to sign change orders to construction contracts in an aggregate amount not to exceed ten percent (10%) of the original contract amount in order to provide payments for unforeseen construction costs.

Funds are available in the FY25 Budget as: 2021 Sales Tax Project Fund – 21 SPLOST Public Safety – Professional Services - Fire Station #8 Upgrade; 0567-696-3111-STPS-6311-54155-20240.

Item #B.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF CHANGE ORDER 3 WITH WSKF ARCHITECTS (NORTH KANSAS CITY, MO) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,650.00 FOR DESIGN SERVICES FOR FIRE STATION #8 RENOVATION.

WHEREAS, RFQ NO. 23-0001, Space Planning and Programming & Design Professional Services for the Replacement of Fire Station No. 5, was awarded to WSKF Architects on February 14, 2023, per Resolution No. 058-23; and,

WHEREAS, change Order 3 incorporates the Phase 1 Design Services for Fire Station #8, to include conditions assessment, preliminary space needs determination, preliminary design, and cost estimate to construct the preliminary design.

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

That the City Manager and/or his designee is hereby authorized to execute Change Order 3 with WSKF Architects (Kansas City, MO) in the amount of \$30,650.00 for Design Services for Fire Station #8 Renovation. Funds are available in the FY25 Budget as: 2021 Sales Tax Project Fund – 21 SPLOST Public Safety – Professional Services - Fire Station #8 Upgrade; 0567-696-3111-STPS-6311-54155-20240.

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

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. “Skip” Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

C. Brown Household Garbage Carts for Public Works – Sourcewell Cooperative Contract Purchase

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

Item #C.

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	BROWN HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE CARTS FOR PUBLIC WORKS – SOURCEWELL COOPERATIVE CONTRACT PURCHASE
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the purchase of 96-gallon brown carts from Rehrig Pacific Company (Lawrenceville, GA) in the amount of \$78,780.00 (1,404 units @ \$55.00 each, plus freight in the amount of \$1,560.00). The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Sourcewell Contract #041521-REH.

The brown carts have been designated as the second cart for household garbage only, for customers to purchase @ \$55.00 each. City Council approved the second cart for purchase and Public Works is using a different color to identify customers paying for the second cart. The Department is in the process of collecting/removing second black carts from customers.

The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Request for Proposal (RFP) #041521, initiated by Sourcewell, whereby Rehrig Pacific Company, Inc. was one of the successful vendors contracted to provide Plastic Refuse and Recycling Containers with Related Technology Solutions. The contract, which commenced June 30, 2021, is good through May 28, 2025. The contract available under Sourcewell has been awarded by virtue of a public competitive procurement process compliant with State and Federal statutes. Sourcewell is a State of Minnesota local government agency and service cooperative created under the laws of the State of Minnesota (Minnesota Statutes Section 123A.21) that offers cooperative procurement solutions to government entities. Participation is open to federal, state/province, and municipal governmental entities, higher education, K-12 education, nonprofit, tribal government, and other public entities located in the United States and Canada. The RFP process utilized by Sourcewell meets the requirements of the City's Procurement Ordinance; additionally, the City's Procurement Ordinance, Article 9-101, authorizes the use of cooperative purchasing.

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

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF 96-GALLON BROWN CARTS FROM REHRIG PACIFIC COMPANY (LAWRENCEVILLE, GA) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$78,780.00 (1404 UNITS @ \$55.00 EACH, PLUS FREIGHT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,560.00). THE PURCHASE WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY COOPERATIVE PURCHASE VIA SOURCEWELL CONTRACT #041521-REH.

WHEREAS, the brown carts have been designated as the second cart for household garbage only, for customers to purchase @ \$55.00 each. City Council approved the second cart for purchase and Public Works is using a different color to identify customers paying for the second cart. The Department is in the process of collecting/removing second black carts from customers; and,

WHEREAS, the purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Request for Proposal (RFP) #041521, initiated by Sourcewell, whereby Rehrig Pacific Company, Inc. was one of the successful vendors contracted to provide Plastic Refuse and Recycling Containers with Related Technology Solutions. The contract, which commenced June 30, 2021, is good through May 28, 2025. The contract available under Sourcewell has been awarded by virtue of a public competitive procurement process compliant with State and Federal statutes. Sourcewell is a State of Minnesota local government agency and service cooperative created under the laws of the State of Minnesota (Minnesota Statutes Section 123A.21) that offers cooperative procurement solutions to government entities. Participation is open to federal, state/province, and municipal governmental entities, higher education, K-12 education, nonprofit, tribal government, and other public entities located in the United States and Canada. The RFP process utilized by Sourcewell meets the requirements of the City’s Procurement Ordinance; additionally, the City’s Procurement Ordinance, Article 9-101, authorizes the use of cooperative purchasing.

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

That the City Manager and/or his designee is hereby authorized to purchase 96-gallon brown carts from Rehrig Pacific Company (Lawrenceville, GA) in the amount of \$78,780.00 (1404 units @ \$55.00 each, plus freight in the amount of \$1,560.00). The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Sourcewell Contract #041521-REH. Funds are available in the FY25 Budget: Integrated Waste Management Fund – Public Works – Solid Waste Collection – Operating Materials; 0207 – 260 – 3510 – GARB – 6728.

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Item #C.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

D. Cardiac Monitor/Defibrillator and Accessories for Fire & EMS Department – Sourcewell Cooperative Contract

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

Item #D.

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	CARDIAC MONITOR/DEFIBRILLATOR AND ACCESSORIES FOR FIRE & EMS DEPARTMENT - SOURCEWELL COOPERATIVE CONTRACT
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the purchase of one Stryker Lifepak 35 cardiac monitor/defibrillator and accessories from Stryker Sales (Chicago, IL), in the amount of \$56,788.19. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Sourcewell Contract #041823-STY.

The Fire & EMS Department is transitioning to the newest upgrade of the cardiac monitor which is the Stryker LifePak 35. As the department purchases more of these units, they will be able to trade-in older LifePak models to receive a discount. To provide continuity of medical care it is necessary that all components be compatible which is the case with the LifePak 35, the current monitors and AED's located throughout the City. Per Resolution #149-24, this equipment will be used in the Mobile Integrated Healthcare vehicle to assist in the program aligned with the Columbus Correct Care Initiative, providing Muscogee County residents resources to support their medical needs for emergency and non-emergency care.

The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Request for Proposal (RFP) #041823-STY, initiated by Sourcewell, whereby Stryker Sales, LLC was one of the successful vendors contracted to provide Critical Care and EMS Equipment. The contract, which commenced September 15, 2023, is good through September June 30, 2027. The contract available under Sourcewell has been awarded by virtue of a public competitive procurement process compliant with State and Federal statutes. Sourcewell is a State of Minnesota local government agency and service cooperative created under the laws of the State of Minnesota (Minnesota Statutes Section 123A.21) that offers cooperative procurement solutions to government entities. Participation is open to federal, state/province, and municipal governmental entities, higher education, K-12 education, nonprofit, tribal government, and other public entities located in the United States and Canada. The RFP process utilized by Sourcewell meets the requirements of the City's Procurement Ordinance; additionally, the City's Procurement Ordinance, Article 9-101, authorizes the use of cooperative purchasing.

Funds are available in the FY25 Budget as follows: Multi-Government Project Fund – Fire & EMS – FFY2024 Congressional Appropriations - Expenditure/Over \$5,000; 0216 – 410 – 3956 – COAP – 7761.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE STRYKER LIFEPAK 35 CARDIAC MONITOR/DEFIBRILLATOR AND ACCESSORIES FROM STRYKER SALES (CHICAGO, IL), IN THE AMOUNT OF \$56,788.19. THE PURCHASE WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY COOPERATIVE PURCHASE VIA SOURCEWELL CONTRACT #041823-STY.

WHEREAS, the Fire & EMS Department is transitioning to the newest upgrade of the cardiac monitor which is the Stryker LifePak 35. As the department purchases more of these units, they will be able to trade-in older LifePak models to receive a discount. To provide continuity of medical care it is necessary that all components be compatible which is the case with the LifePak 35, the current monitors and AED’s located throughout the City. Per Resolution #149-24, this equipment will be used in the Mobile Integrated Healthcare vehicle to assist in the program aligned with the Columbus Correct Care Initiative, providing Muscogee County residents resources to support their medical needs for emergency and non-emergency care; and,

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Item #D.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

E. One Ambulance with Accessories for Fire & EMS – HGACBuy Cooperative Contract

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

Item #E.

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	ONE AMBULANCE WITH ACCESSORIES FOR FIRE & EMS – HGACBUY COOPERATIVE CONTRACT
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the purchase of one (1) ambulance with accessories from Frazer, LTD (Houston, TX) in the amount of \$317,619.00. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative purchase via HGACBuy Contract #AM10-23.

The ambulance is required to replace an existing frontline ambulance.

This purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Request for Proposal (RFP) #AM10-23, initiated by HGACBuy, whereby Frazer LTD. was one of the successful vendors contracted to provide Ambulances, EMS & Other Special Service Vehicles. The effective date of the contract began October 1, 2023 and will expire on September 30, 2027. HGACBuy is a nationwide government procurement service striving to make the governmental procurement process more efficient. Units of local government, including non-profits providing governmental services, are eligible to become participating members of the HGACBuy Cooperative. All contracts available to participating members of HGACBuy have been awarded by virtue of a public competitive procurement process compliant with State and Federal statutes. The RFP process utilized by HGACBuy meets the requirements of the City’s Procurement Ordinance; additionally, the City’s Procurement Ordinance, Article 9-101, authorizes the use of cooperative purchasing.

Funds are available in the FY25 Budget: American Rescue Plan Fiscal Recovery Fund – Federal ARP – Federal Public Health & Safety PS – Heavy Trucks - Ambulances (ARP); 0218 – 691 – 1100 – ARPS – 7723 – 40310 -20230.

A RESOLUTION

Item #E.

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) AMBULANCE WITH ACCESSORIES FROM FRAZER, LTD (HOUSTON, TX) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$317,619.00. THE PURCHASE WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY COOPERATIVE PURCHASE VIA HGACBUY CONTRACT #AM10-23.

WHEREAS, the ambulance is required to replace an existing frontline ambulance; and,

WHEREAS, this purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Request for Proposal (RFP) #AM10-23, initiated by HGACBuy, whereby Frazer LTD. was one of the successful vendors contracted to provide Ambulances, EMS & Other Special Service Vehicles. The effective date of the contract began October 1, 2023 and will expire on September 30, 2027. HGACBuy is a nationwide government procurement service striving to make the governmental procurement process more efficient. Units of local government, including non-profits providing governmental services, are eligible to become participating members of the HGACBuy Cooperative. All contracts available to participating members of HGACBuy have been awarded by virtue of a public competitive procurement process compliant with State and Federal statutes. The RFP process utilized by HGACBuy meets the requirements of the City’s Procurement Ordinance; additionally, the City’s Procurement Ordinance, Article 9-101, authorizes the use of cooperative purchasing.

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

That the City Manager and/or his designee is hereby authorized to purchase one (1) ambulance with accessories from Frazer, LTD (Houston, TX) in the amount of \$317,619.00. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative purchase via HGACBuy Contract #AM10-23. Funds are available in the FY25 Budget: American Rescue Plan Fiscal Recovery Fund – Federal ARP – Federal Public Health & Safety PS – Heavy Trucks - Ambulances (ARP); 0218 – 691 – 1100 – ARPS – 7723 – 40310 -20230.

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File Attachments for Item:

F. Steel Trash Receptacles for Metra (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 25-0002

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

Item #F.

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	STEEL TRASH RECEPTACLES FOR METRA (ANNUAL CONTRACT) – RFB NO. 25-0002
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve an annual contract with North American Import and Export Company LLC (Madeira Beach, FL) to provide steel trash receptacles for the estimated contract value of \$11,699.40 for year 1, \$12,061.20 for year 2, and \$12,433.80 for year 3.

Metra Transit System will purchase the 32-gallon steel trash receptacles on an as-needed basis to replace missing and damaged trash receptacles along bus routes. Metra Transit System will purchase approximately 15 trash receptacles per year.

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

This bid was posted on the webpages of the Purchasing Division, the Georgia Procurement Registry and DemandStar. This bid has been advertised, opened, and reviewed. Three bids were received on August 14, 2024. The bidders were:

Vendors	Year 1 (15 Trash Receptacles)	Year 2 (15 Trash Receptacles)	Year 3 (15 Trash Receptacles)
North American Import and Export Company (Madeira Beach, FL)	\$ 11,699.40	\$ 12,061.20	\$ 12,433.80
¹ ConServ Flag (Sidney, NE)	\$10,048.35	\$10,483.35	\$10,873.35
Genaurldo, USA LLC (Duluth, GA)	\$18,554.40	\$19,987.40	\$20,442.75

¹ *ConServ Flag did not include a breakdown of cost for each component as requested by METRA: receptacle, lid, liner (with bracket) and cable . Consequently, the bid from ConServ Flag was deemed non-responsive and was not considered for an award. The Purchasing Division provided written notification of the findings to the contractor.*

Funds are budgeted each fiscal year for this on-going expense. Transportation Fund – Transportation – FTA – Capital Expenditures Under \$5,000; 0751 – 610 – 2400 – MFTA -7763 (80% Federal, 20% City).

A RESOLUTION

Item #F.

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN ANNUAL CONTRACT WITH NORTH AMERICAN IMPORT AND EXPORT COMPANY LLC (MADEIRA BEACH, FL) TO PROVIDE STEEL TRASH RECEPTACLES FOR THE ESTIMATED CONTRACT VALUE OF \$11,699.40 FOR YEAR 1, \$12,061.20 FOR YEAR 2, AND \$12,433.80 FOR YEAR 3.

WHEREAS, METRA Transit System will purchase the 15-gallon steel trash receptacles on an as-needed basis to replace missing and damaged trash receptacles along bus routes. Metra Transit System will purchase approximately 15 trash receptacles per year, and;

WHEREAS, the contract period shall be for three (3) years.

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

That the City Manager and/or his designee is hereby authorized to execute an annual contract with North American Import and Export Company LLC (Madeira Beach, FL) to provide steel trash receptacles in the estimated contract value of \$11,699.40 for year 1, \$12,061.20 for year 2 and \$12,433.80 for year 3. Funds are budgeted each fiscal year for this on-going expense. Transportation Fund – Transportation – FTA – Capital Expenditures Under \$5,000; 0751 – 610 – 2400 – MFTA - 7763 (80% Federal, 20% City).

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

1. Email Correspondence from Drale Short, Public Works Director forwarding the resignation of Lori Turner from her seat on the Animal Control Advisory Board.

10/16/24, 12:03 PM

Mail - Sandra I Davis - Outlook

Director
Department of Public Works
Columbus Consolidated Government
Tel: 706-225-4675 | Fax: 706-225-4577
dshort@columbusga.org | www.columbusga.org



From: Ethelyn Riley <ethelynwriley@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 8, 2024 3:53 PM
To: Lori Turner <loriturner2004@gmail.com>
Cc: adanie1986@gmail.com; Karen Gaskins <kdagaskins@aol.com>; Drale Short <DShort@columbusga.org>; Channon <chynway@gmail.com>; kirven.boyce@gmail.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Animal Control Advisory Board

Lori,
Thank you for letting us know.
Ethelyn

On Tue, Oct 8, 2024 at 3:15 PM Lori Turner <loriturner2004@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Animal Control Advisory Members,

Please accept this as formal notice of my resignation from the Animal Care and Control Advisory Board. I wish you all the best!

Sincerely,
Lori Turner

File Attachments for Item:

2. Minutes of the following boards:

Board of Tax Assessors, #34-24

Development Authority, September 12, 2024

Pension Fund, Employees' Board of Trustees, April 10, May 8, & June 26, 2024

The Medical Center Hospital Authority, October 25, 2023, January 24 & April 24, 2024



Columbus, Georgia, Board of Tax Assessors

Item #2.

GEORGIA'S FIRST CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT

City Services Center
3111 Citizens Way
Columbus, GA 31906

Mailing Address:
PO Box 1340
Columbus, GA 31902

Telephone (706) 653-4398, 4402
Fax (706) 225-3800

Board Members

Jayne Govar
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Lanitra Sandifer Hicks
Assessor

Kathy J. Jones
Assessor

Todd A. Hammonds
Assessor

Trey Carmack
Vice Chairman

Chief Appraiser
Suzanne Widenhouse

MINUTES #34-24

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Jayne Govar calls the Columbus, Georgia Board of Assessors' meeting to order on Monday, September 30, 2024 at 9:41 A.M.

PRESENT ARE:

Chairman Jayne Govar
Vice Chairman Trey Carmack
Assessor Lanitra Sandifer Hicks
Recording Secretary Katrina Culpepper
Deputy Chief Appraiser Glen Thomason

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Vice Chairman Carmack motions to accept agenda. Assessor Sandifer Hicks seconds and the motion carries.

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

At 9:42, Administrative Manager Leilani Floyd/Mary Hale presents to the Board:

- Certification to BOE - placed into record, no signatures needed.

At 9:47, Personal Property Manager Stacy Pollard presents to the Board:

- A2 - # L2695301 removed due to lack of quorum on recusal. All others - Signed and Approved.
- A4 - Signed & Approved.
- Late Appeals - #L714704801 removed due to lack of quorum on recusal. All others - Signed and Approved.
- Motor Vehicle Appeals - Signed & Approved.

At 10:01, Residential Property Manager Paul Borst presents to the Board:

- Waiver from Settlement Conference - Signed by Chairman Govar.
- A2 - Signed & Approved.
- Late Appeal - placed into record.
- Late Appeals with Data Corrections – Signed & Approved.
- Subsequent Agenda - Signed & Approved.

At 10:10, Commercial Property Manager Jeff Milam presents to the Board:


- Waiver & Releases / Settlement Conference - #074 004 001 & 071 010 003 signed by Chairman Govar.

At 10:13, Deputy Chief Appraiser Glen Thomason presents to the Board:

- Map Splits - #193 001 035; 080 001 073, 073A, 073B, 074; 004 001 099; 005 017 003, 004, 099; 073 022 007, 007A - Signed & Approved.

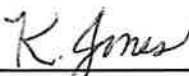
At 10:27, Chairman Jayne Govar adjourns the meeting without any objections.

Suzanne Widenhouse
Chief Appraiser/Secretary

APPROVED:  10/17/2024


J. GOVAR
CHAIRMAN

absent
L. SANDIFER HICKS
ASSESSOR


K. JONES
ASSESSOR


T. CARMACK
VICE CHAIRMAN

MIN# 35 - 24 OCT 21 2024

MEETING MINUTES FOR THE
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS GEORGIA
September 12, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT: Selvin Hollingsworth, Charles Ray Sheffield, Geniece Granville, Laura Gower, Will White

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Jerald Mitchell, Doug Jenkins, Joe Sanders, Pam Hodge, Rob McKenna, Conner Miller, Alison Nalley, Tracey Herring, Helen Williams, Jennifer Bickerstaff and Ben Moser w/C4C, Gen. Andy Hilmes and Gen. Pat Donohoe, Barge Reps: Roger Cox and Kit Webb

The meeting was called to order by Selvin Hollingsworth at 8:35am

I. WELCOME

- a. August 1, 2024, Minutes - **Having been distributed prior to the meeting and upon motion made by Charles Ray Sheffield and seconded by Will White, the Authority unanimously approved the minutes for August 1, 2024 meeting attached as "Exhibit A."**

II. FINANCES

- a. August 2024 Financial Update – Joe Sanders reviewed the P&L and balance sheet. **Upon motion made by Charles Ray Sheffield and seconded by Will White, the Authority unanimously approved the July (due to millage fund update) and August 2024 Financial Reports attached as "Exhibit B."**

III. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT

- a. Economic Development Updates by Alison Nalley:
 - i. Alison provided a project pipeline update:
 1. Projects increase of 39
 2. 13 Leads (3 leads since the last DA meeting)
 - ii. Parcel 11, 64 acres at Technology Park – ready to complete
 - iii. Parcel 19, 62 acres at Technology Park – in progress
 - iv. Parcel 18, 101 acres
 - v. Roger Cox with Barge Design Solutions provided a site update
- b. Robotics:
 - i. Alison provided an update of the Robotic conferences Ted Maciuba will be attending
 - ii. Selvin provided information regarding the Robotics Presentation scheduled to take place at CSU on Sept 20th at 10am
- c. Small Business updates by Tracey Herring
 - i. Visiting local partnering businesses and new business checkup
 - ii. Upcoming Roundtable with Mayor Henderson scheduled October 1, 2024 @ 9am

IV. LEGAL ISSUES

- a. Rob McKenna provided the legal updates:
 - Request of 5898 Osceola Court, LLC for Amendment to Declaration for MTP
Upon motion made by the Authority unanimously approved the amendment to the declaration of 5898 for final approval
 - Ratify and approve the award of the construction contract for Parcel 11 Site Development work to Landmark Grading Company, Inc.
Upon motion made Upon motion made by Laura Gower and seconded by, Geniece Granville the Authority unanimously approved ratify and approve the contract for Parcel 11

*MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING FOR THE COLUMBUS GEORGIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEE
RETIREMENT SYSTEMS PENSION AND BENEFIT TRUST FUND
April 10, 2024*

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Mayor, Skip Henderson, Chairman; City Manager, Isaiah Hugley, Vice Chairman; Finance Director, Angelica Alexander, Secretary; Ricky Boren, Trustee; Roderick Graham, Trustee; Elizabeth Cook, Trustee; and Dusty Wilson, Trustee

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

Jack Warden, Trustee; and Fray McCormick, Trustee

TRUSTEES ATTENDING VIRTUALLY: Lisa Goodwin, Trustee

OTHERS ATTENDING IN PERSON OR VIRTUALLY:

Pamela Hodge, DCM Finance, Planning & Development; Lucy Sheftall, Assistant City Attorney; Denise Brown, Investment Officer; Reather Hollowell, Human Resources Director; Cynthia Holliman, Senior Pension Plans Administrator; Carl Robertson, Columbus Water Works Representative; and Glen Arrington, Recording Secretary

ADVISORS:

Richard Swift, Raymond James

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor, Skip Henderson, called the April 10, 2024, meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Columbus Georgia Public Employee Retirement Systems Pension and Benefit Trust Fund to order.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from March 13, 2024, regular Pension Board Meeting were submitted for approval. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Ricky Boren. Elizabeth Cook seconded the motion. The board voted and it was unanimously approved.

The mayor briefly talked with the board and stated that he was delighted to have Elizabeth Cook with us for the meeting. Elizabeth Cook stated that she was delighted to be back and thanked the board for all the support that everyone gave during her absence. The mayor then turned the meeting over to Richard Swift.

INVESTMENT UPDATE

a. Performance Review

Richard Swift presented the board regarding the fund's performance. The total fund over the past year is up 16.67%. And the fiscal year to date is up 11.80% or so.

Reporting the performance of various managers followed. William Blair, Black Rock, Boston Partners, Karpus, Short Duration Prudential and Real Estate. Funds that are slightly behind or underperforming are Westwood, John Hancock, Causeway, Capital (International Managers), Westend, Federated, and Globalt. All other funds are in line.

Some managers are trailing, but a lot of our managers are either in line or outperforming. Some managers outperform to a large degree. All in all, being up 16.6% over the last year is good. And we are pretty close to our benchmark. Mr. Swift said that he felt confident that some of these managers will turn around that are trailing. And we would just keep an eye on them.

He called attention to three managers that trailed by more than 100 basis points for the quarter. His approach is that if a manager has two or three quarters in a row where they are missing by more than 100 basis points, they are under review and discussion. Mr. Swift then opened for discussion.

b. Asset Allocation

Mr. Swift then reviewed the asset allocation of the Pension fund. Holdings are in line with the investment policy in all categories. He was pleased to see that our growth, core and value are balanced now. The overall allocation is now 62% in equities and 38% in fixed income. The decision at the last meeting to reduce equities from 64.4% has been implemented. After the change was made, the market drifted a little higher and now it's starting to turn over a little bit. The next month or two will tell, but Mr. Swift said he thought it was a good prudent move by the board, and he was glad it was implemented. Inflation continues to drive markets and interest rates. Today the CPI came out and it was up 3.5%. Year over year and the expectation was 3.4%. And the market went down 500 points. So, it is very fickle. But at some point, hopefully some of the inflationary pressure will drop and that will be recognized by the market. But so far, inflation is holding steady. He then opened for discussion.

OLD BUSINESS

Angelica Alexander told the board that we were still working on scheduling a meeting to discuss some of the options in terms of the DROP plan.

NEW BUSINESS

The mayor thanked Denise Brown, Investment Officer, for her contribution and service to the Pension Board.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business for this meeting.

ADJOURN

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Henderson declared the meeting adjourned.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 8, 2024, at 2:00 PM in the Information Technology Classroom.

Glendora Arrington

Glendora Arrington
Recording Secretary

*MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING FOR THE COLUMBUS GEORGIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEE
RETIREMENT SYSTEMS PENSION AND BENEFIT TRUST FUND
May 8, 2024*

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Mayor, Skip Henderson, Chairman; Finance Director, Angelica Alexander, Secretary; Ricky Boren, Trustee; Roderick Graham, Trustee; Jack Warden, Trustee; Elizabeth Cook, Trustee; and Dusty Wilson, Trustee

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

City Manager, Isaiah Hugley, Vice Chairman; and Fray McCormick, Trustee

TRUSTEES ATTENDING VIRTUALLY: Lisa Goodwin, Trustee

OTHERS ATTENDING IN PERSON OR VIRTUALLY:

Pamela Hodge, DCM Finance, Planning & Development; Lucy Sheftall, Assistant City Attorney; Shannel Davison, Investment Officer; Reather Hollowell, Human Resources Director; Cynthia Holliman, Senior Pension Plans Administrator; Savonne Monell, Columbus Water Works Representative; Angela Allison, Columbus Water Works, Carl Robertson, Columbus Water Works Representative; and Glen Arrington, Recording Secretary

ADVISORS:

Richard Swift, Raymond James

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor, Skip Henderson, called the May 8, 2024, meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Columbus Georgia Public Employee Retirement Systems Pension and Benefit Trust Fund to order.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from April 10, 2024, regular Pension Board Meeting were submitted for approval. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Lisa Goodwin. Elizabeth Cook seconded the motion. The board voted and it was unanimously approved. The mayor then turned the meeting over to Richard Swift.

INVESTMENT UPDATE

a. Performance Review

Richard Swift presented to the board regarding the fund’s performance. Mr. Swift stated that he felt that the fund is in an interesting place in that the recent GDP report indicated higher than expected, and the market remains volatile. The month of April, the total fund was down - 3.25% in one month. So far in the month of May, the fund is up 2.25%. Investors are trying to

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reduce risk a little bit just because of the uncertainty. The fund was overweighted in equities, so the fund reduced risk shifting some to bonds. It has not paid off yet, because the markets have been volatile. But it was a good step. Overall, Mr. Swift felt this is a good report.

Reporting the performance of various managers followed. Funds that are doing well are William Blair LCG, Black Rock LCV, Boston Partners / Robeco, Karpus Investment FI, Allianz Short Duration Hi Yield ASHPX, and Prudential Total Return Bond Fund. Funds that are slightly behind or underperforming are Parnassus Equity LLC, Janus Henderson LCG, Westwood Management Corp, Causeway Capital Intl, Capital Group Intl Equity, International Equity ETF, Westend Global Balanced, and Federated Investment Core Plus. All other funds are in line.

All in all, the fund is up 8% for the fiscal year to date with two more months to go until the fiscal year ends. The 2.5% increase since the end of the month is encouraging. He then opened for questions and discussion.

b. Asset Allocation

Mr. Swift then reviewed the asset allocation of the Pension fund. Holdings are in line with the investment policy in all categories. The fund does not have anything that is over in terms of growth or value. The balance of the plan looks good. The overall allocation is now 61.9% in equities and 38.1% in fixed income. He then opened for discussion.

Mr. Swift went on to discuss Westend in a little more detail. Before their hiring, the board has managed this fund in a balanced manner, not jumping from one asset class to another, and that approach has worked. However, Mr. Swift also wanted the board to know that the ability to move around existed. During that time, Mr. Sift advised the Board that it could select a manager that was tactical in nature. In 2016 after much study, the board hired two different tactical managers to take over a portion, which was around 5% of the total fund,. But, at the time, we hired two different managers. One manager underperformed almost right out of the gate and never recovered. So, the fund moved some of those assets to Westend because they had gotten off to a decent start. Until recently, Westend has done a good job for the plan. What they do is manage by economic sectors, like financials, technology, healthcare, utilities, etc. They are trying to predict which sectors are going to underperform and which sectors are going to outperform. They have moved out of the more cyclical sectors and into the more conservative sectors, which, over the past year, has not worked. He then opened for further discussion.

After discussion, a motion was made by Ricky Boren to invite the manager to attend the next pension board meeting via Teams to address the board regarding their performance. It was seconded by Lisa Goodwin. The board voted and it was unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Finance Director, Angelica Alexander talked to the board regarding the requested meeting to discuss possible changes as they relate to the DROP plan. The meeting has been scheduled for May 22 with a small subcommittee group meeting. The board wanted to discuss sort of outside of the larger setting which will have Chuck Carr and Richard Swift. It is a virtual meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Finance Director, Angelica Alexander, introduced Shannel Davison. She is the replacement for Denise Brown. Denise retired after 26 years of meritorious service to the city.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business for this meeting.

ADJOURN

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Henderson declared the meeting adjourned.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 26, 2024, at 2:00 PM in the Information Technology Classroom.

Glen Arrington

Glen Arrington
Recording Secretary

*MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING FOR THE COLUMBUS GEORGIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEE
RETIREMENT SYSTEMS PENSION AND BENEFIT TRUST FUND
June 26, 2024*

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Mayor, Skip Henderson, Chairman; City Manager, Isaiah Hugley, Vice Chairman; Finance Director, Angelica Alexander, Secretary; Ricky Boren, Trustee; Fray McCormick, Trustee and Dusty Wilson, Trustee

TRUSTEES ATTENDING VIRTUALLY:

Roderick Graham, Trustee; Lisa Goodwin, Trustee

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

Jack Warden, Trustee; and Elizabeth Cook, Trustee

OTHERS ATTENDING IN PERSON OR VIRTUALLY:

Pamela Hodge, DCM Finance, Planning & Development; Lucy Sheftall, Assistant City Attorney; Shannel Davison, Investment Officer; Reather Hollowell, Human Resources Director; Cynthia Holliman, Senior Pension Plans Administrator; Savonne Monell, Columbus Water Works Representative; Angela Allison, Columbus Water Works Representative; Carl Robertson, Columbus Water Works Representative; Denise Brown, Investment Officer (Ret); and Glen Arrington, Recording Secretary

ADVISORS:

Richard Swift, Raymond James

GUESTS:

Seth Knight, Westend Advisors, Director; and Lewis Stocks, Westend Advisors, Portfolio Specialist

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor, Skip Henderson, called the June 26, 2024, meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Columbus Georgia Public Employee Retirement Systems Pension and Benefit Trust Fund to order.

Richard Swift introduced advisors from Westend to talk to the board. The board has been talking about Westend for some time. They have been trailing the index and got a little bit behind. They are our tactical manager. Mr. Swift stated that he has had several discussions with them over the past few months. But he thought it would be appropriate for the board to hear from them. At this moment, over the past year, their index is up about 15% and they are

up about 10%. So, they are trailing by a 500 basis points, and that's enough to say hey, let's hear from the manager and see how they are doing and what they have to say.

Mr. Swift then thanked Seth Knight and Lewis Stocks for joining the board. Mr. Knight introduced Lewis Stocks. Mr. Stocks is a member of the investment committee. He is the portfolio specialist. He's a CFA. He's very involved with the day-to-day portfolio decisions, for the goal balance portfolio which the board has exposure to as part of the pension plan. Seth thanked the board for their business and support as well. He then turned it over to Lewis to provide a market update.

Mr. Knight spoke to the performance piece that Mr. Swift alluded to. Westend has certainly lagged the benchmark. It has been a difficult environment. One of the unique things about this market has been the concentration risk between tech related names. Also, as a part of the investment process, one of the key calling cards has always been risk awareness. So, we certainly see above average risk. And in this state in the economic cycle, we are managing that risk. But as we always do, we are seeking underappreciated opportunities. And we will speak to that as well.

Just as a quick refresher for those of you who might not be as familiar, Mr. Knight gave an overview of how the investment team looks at the world. Their process is one that is very fundamentally driven. And it is very qualitatively driven. They have a team of eight, and day to day they manager the portfolios through a macroeconomic lens. What they like to say at Westend is they do a great job of managing economic cycles. They are big believers in the economy. And they believe that the direction of the economy and the business cycle ultimately is what drives financial market returns. And so, what you will see is a series of economic data points that they view as most important. They spoke to the portfolio impact as well. But he did emphasize that it is a very qualitative approach with how they go about managing their investment process. They have over 30 years of experience in managing this process.

Mr. Stocks thanked the board for their partnership and then presented the board with background on the performance of the fund in recent years. He spent the next 15 minutes talking about Westend's economic and market outlook for the next year as well as the opportunities that they are excited about and taking advantage of.

After the presentation, Mr. Swift talked to the board a little further regarding Westend. They have been de-risking the market when it is actually in favor of risk for a little bit longer than they anticipated. Mr. Swift stated that he sees them as maybe a little bit of a hedge for what if we get a little bit of a difficult time. Where they are shifting, it seems like they are shifting to treasuries too, which is more conservative. Hopefully, we might see their returns flip a little bit. Mr. Swift stated that he would like to give them more time and requested thoughts and comments from the board. After discussion, Mr. Swift moved to the investment update.

INVESTMENT UPDATE

a. Performance Review

Richard Swift presented to the board regarding the fund's performance. With this month's report, Mr. Swift included information regarding the different indexes. The S&P 500 is up 20.24%. But if you were to equal weigh the S&P 500, it's up 12.3%. What that means is the S&P is overweighted in the top 5 holdings. When you strip that down and equal weigh it, you can see the return is not quite as much, in fact almost half. The Russell growth is over the past 11 months is up 25% and the Russell Value is up 14%. So that, again, points to the fact that market returns have favored risk over the past year. In terms of the portfolio, the fiscal year to date, we are at 11.51%; and over the past year 16%.

Reporting the performance of various managers followed. Funds that are doing well are Blackrock LCV, Boston Partners / Robeco, Vanguard FTSE EM VWO, Karpus Investment FI, Allianz Short Duration Hi Yield ASHPX, Prudential Total Return Bond Fund, and AEW Real Estate. Funds that are slightly behind or underperforming are Parnassus Equity LLC, Westwood Management Corp, John Hancock Small Cap, Causeway Capital Intl, Capital Group Intl Equity, and Westend Global Balanced. All other funds are in line.

Mr. Swift stated this is a very good report. We have a couple of managers that are trailing. But if given a little more time, and looking at their long-term records, he does not see any managers that are a real problem at this moment. But we will keep an eye on the ones that are trailing. He stated that he did want to point out that as of this report, the fund was at \$630M. The fund was up 11.51% fiscal year to date last month. A month later, on yesterday's close, we are at \$639M. So, we are \$9M ahead of where we were last month. We have two more days of trading after today, so we should be at 11.51%, maybe north of that at Fiscal Year End. He then opened for questions and discussion.

b. Asset Allocation

Mr. Swift then reviewed the asset allocation of the Pension fund. In terms of asset allocation and in terms of where our fund is and where our investment policy is, we are in line with all of our categories. We are at 62.3% in equities and 37.7% in fixed income. We are just slightly more in equities. The fund was brought down to 62% a few months ago, so it is back where it was when we made the adjustment. He then opened for questions.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from May 8, 2024, regular Pension Board Meeting were submitted for approval. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Fray McCormick. City Manager, Isaiah Hugley, seconded the motion. The board voted and it was unanimously approved.

The minutes from June 13, called Pension Board Meeting were submitted for approval. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Dusty Wilson. Fray McCormick seconded the motion. The board voted and it was unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Finance Director, Angelica Alexander informed the board that in June, the board would use all of the approved funding that was approved in the September 13, 2023 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business for this meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business for this meeting.

ADJOURN

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Henderson reminded the board that we would not meet in July. He wished everyone a happy Independence Day. And with that, he declared the meeting adjourned.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 14, 2024, at 2:00 PM in the Information Technology Classroom.

Glen Arrington

Glen Arrington
Recording Secretary

THE MEDICAL CENTER HOSPITAL AUTHORITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES
October 25, 2023

The quarterly meeting of The Medical Center Hospital Authority Board of Trustees was held in the conference center at Piedmont Columbus Regional Midtown.

Members Present: Susan McWhirter, MD, Chair, Alpna Arora, Mike Burns, John Hargrove, Rick McKnight, Woodrow McWilliams

Member Excused: Max Brabson, Jr., John Bucholtz, MD., Brenda DeRamus

Others Present: Laura Drew, Scott Hill, Allen Holladay, Andrew Rothschild

I. Call to Order / Determination of Quorum
The meeting was called to order at 5:03 pm

II. Determination of Quorum

Dr. McWhirter determined there was a quorum present and welcomed Dr. McWilliams as the new member to the Board.

III. The Medical Center Hospital Authority Fiscal Year 2023 Audit Report

Mr. Thrift presented the draft audit report for year ended July 30, 2023 conducted by Forvis (formally Dixon Hughes Goodman).

Required communications were reviewed. The responsibilities of management and the auditors were discussed. There were no new accounting policies for the year. Significant areas of accounting estimates were 1) Deferred revenues from entrance fees and related annual amortization, and 2) Valuation of certain level 2 financial assets. The sensitive financial statement disclosures were: 1) The accounting estimates; 2) The disclosure of the ongoing property tax matter. There were no adjustments identified by Audit nor any uncorrected misstatements. There were two identified significant deficiencies in internal control 1) Spring Harbor Accounting Director has administration rights to AOD Software, and 2) Application users with use functions (financial reporting) should be segregated from information system administrator access.

The audited financial statements were reviewed. A clean copy of the opinion will be provided once approved by the Board.

Mr. Thrift was excused from the meeting after the presentation of the audit report.

On motion by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Hargrove, the board approved the Audit Report for year end June 30, 2023 as presented by Mr. Thrift and discussed.

IV. Approval of Minutes

On motion by Mr. McKnight, seconded by Mr. Burns, the minutes of the July 26, 2023, meeting were approved as submitted.

V. Review of Operations and approval of Financial Statements Period Ending June 30, 2023

A. The Medical Center Hospital Authority

Total income year-to-date September 30, 2023 was \$78,855 versus prior year of \$72,530. Total expenses were \$60,368 versus the prior year of \$29819. Net income was \$18,488 versus the prior year of \$29,819. Mr. Holladay advised that the Balance Sheet that was provided to the Board did not balance as the net Income was left off. A revised report was given to Mrs. Etheridge and will be replaced in the filed copy along with the final minutes.

Total Current Assets of \$7.23M versus prior year of \$7.6M. Total Current Liabilities of -\$6,272 versus \$180,230. Total Liabilities and Net Assets of \$7.2M versus \$7.5M

B. Spring Harbor

Operating income for year-to-date September 30, 2023 was \$201K versus the budget of \$9K. Total occupancy was 84.4% versus the target of 84%. Independent living current occupancy was 176 versus the target of 173. Healthcare occupancy was 73.5% versus the target of 74.5% (remaining steady). Revenue of \$4.4 which is \$103K over budget for first quarter of fiscal year. Operating Expenses of \$4.2 is \$88K under budget.

C. Piedmont Columbus Regional

Quarter ending September 30, 2023 earnings after regional allocations of \$27.6M on a budget of \$24.2M. Year-to-date earnings after regional allocations were \$27.6M on a budget of \$24.2M.

On motion by Mr. McKnight, seconded by Mr. Hargrove, the board adopted the financial report presented by Mr. Holladay and discussed.

VI. Spring Harbor Update

Dietary continues to improve with the new group that started two years ago. The grand opening of the renovated Bistro and ribbon cutting is scheduled for October 26th. Working on all aspects of the Spring Harbor model where some residents continue to want to hold out in independent living when they need to move to the next step. Working with the families to let them know what is going on and making recommendations. Last year was the first year the budget was met in several years and continuing to do well this year.

VII. Report from Chairman

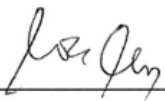
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VIII. Report from Piedmont Columbus Regional

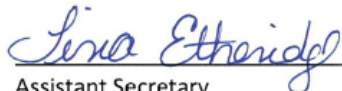
No report at this time

IX. Executive Session

On motion by Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Hargrove, the Authority, on advice of legal counsel, then went into executive session at 5:35 pm, closed to the public, to discuss matters described below pursuant to exemption from the Open Meetings Act set forth at O.C.G.A. §50-14-3(a)(6)(C) which permits closure of any meeting of the governing authority of a public hospital in which the granting, restriction or revocation of medical staff privileges is discussed; pursuant to the exemption from the Open Meetings Act set forth at O.C.G.A. §50-14-2 which permits closure of any meeting to consult with legal counsel pertaining to pending litigation brought by or against an “agency”; and also pursuant to the exemption from the Open Meetings Act set forth in the Georgia Hospital Authorities Law §50-31-75.2 which permits closure in executive session to allow discussion of a potentially commercially valuable proposal or strategy that may be of “competitive advantage” in the operations of the Authority or its medical facilities that has not been made public. The members voting to go into executive session were all those who were initially present as indicated above.



Chair



Assistant Secretary

**THE MEDICAL CENTER HOSPITAL AUTHORITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES
January 24, 2024**

The quarterly meeting of The Medical Center Hospital Authority Board of Trustees was held in the conference center at Piedmont Columbus Regional Midtown.

Members Present: Susan McWhirter, MD, Chair, Alpna Arora, Max Brabson, Jr., John Bucholtz, MD., Mike Burns, Brenda DeRamus, John Hargrove

Member Excused: Rick McKnight, Woodrow McWilliams

Others Present: Laura Drew, Allen Holladay, Andrew Rothschild, Bill Tustin

I. Call to Order / Determination of Quorum

Dr. McWhirter determined there was a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm.

II. Approval of Minutes

On motion by Mr. Hargrove, seconded by Mr. Burns, the minutes of the October 25, 2023, meeting were approved as submitted.

III. Review of Operations and approval of Financial Statements Period Ending December 31, 2023

A. The Medical Center Hospital Authority

Total income year-to-date December 31, 2023 was \$172,871 versus prior year of \$144,931. Total expenses were \$123,976 versus the prior year of \$203,392. Net income was \$48,896 versus the prior year of (\$58,461).

Total Current Assets of \$7.26M versus prior year of \$7.29M. Total Current Liabilities of (\$6,635) versus (\$7,317). Total Liabilities and Net Assets of \$7.26M versus \$7.29M

B. Spring Harbor

Operating income for year-to-date December 31, 2023 was \$596.8K versus the budget of \$202.3K. Total occupancy was 83.3% versus the target of 85%. Independent living current occupancy was 175 versus the target of 174. Healthcare occupancy was 71.4% versus the target of 76.5%. Revenue of \$8.9M which is \$245K over budget for first two quarters of fiscal year. Operating Expenses of \$8.4M is \$150K under budget. Last year CRRI bought Azalia Trace and once it is renovated, they will be moving out of the Gibson Building they currently now rent from us. We will need to look at opportunities for the building once they do move out.

C. Piedmont Columbus Regional

Quarter ending December 31, 2023 earnings after regional allocations of \$8.9M on a budget of \$9.7M. Year-to-date earnings after regional allocations were \$59.3M on a budget of \$53.6M. Have had an amazing year. Volume is up and focusing on reducing expenses.

On motion by Mr. McKnight, seconded by Mr. Hargrove, the board adopted the financial report presented by Mr. Holladay and discussed.

IV. Spring Harbor Budget Approval (FY2024)

Mr. Holladay presented and reviewed with the Board the Spring Harbor FY 2024 Operating and Capital Budgets and requested approval of the same.

On Motion by Dr. Bucholtz, seconded by Mr. Brabson, the board approved the Spring Harbor FY 2024 Operating and Capital Budgets presented by Mr. Holladay.

V. Spring Harbor Update

Starting to see a lot of good things happening at Spring Harbor. They had a really good resident survey with an increase in resident satisfaction over the last two years. Went from 96.4 in FY 2022 to 97.8 in FY 2023. The Employee Survey showed areas of improvement and this will be main areas of focus to begin working on.

VI. Reappointment of Board Members

Dr. McWhirter advised the Board that Dr. Bucholtz and Mr. McKnight were both up for reappointment to the Board and their names were submitted to the City Council for approval of renewal of their terms. City Council approved additional 5-year terms ending December 31, 2028.

On Motion by Mr. Brabson, seconded by Mrs. DeRamus, the additional 5-year terms of Dr. Bucholtz and Mr. McKnight were unanimously approved.

VII. Piedmont Commitment Update

Mr. Holladay reviewed the Memorandum from Mr. Scott Hill in reference to the Annual Report from The Medical Center, Inc. d/b/a Piedmont Columbus Regional. The Covenants and Obligations were reviewed along with the Capital Commitments, PHC Audited Finance Statements and the Community Benefit Report.

On Motion by Dr. Bucholtz, seconded by Mr. Brabson, the board approved to adopt the Memo and the attachments thereto presented by Mr. Holladay and discussed.

VIII. Report from Chairman

There was no report from the Chairman.

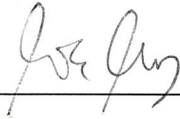
IX. Report from Piedmont Columbus Regional

No report at this time

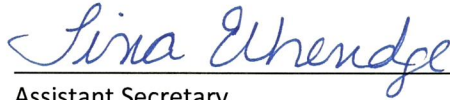
X. Executive Session

On motion by Dr. Bucholtz, seconded by Mrs. Arora, the Authority, on advice of legal counsel, then went into executive session at 5:37 pm, closed to the public, to discuss matters described below pursuant to exemption from the Open Meetings Act set forth at O.C.G.A. §50-14-3(a)(6)(C)

which permits closure of any meeting of the governing authority of a public hospital in which the granting, restriction or revocation of medical staff privileges is discussed; pursuant to the exemption from the Open Meetings Act set forth at O.C.G.A. §50-14-2 which permits closure of any meeting to consult with legal counsel pertaining to pending litigation brought by or against an "agency"; and also pursuant to the exemption from the Open Meetings Act set forth in the Georgia Hospital Authorities Law §50-31-75.2 which permits closure in executive session to allow discussion of a potentially commercially valuable proposal or strategy that may be of "competitive advantage" in the operations of the Authority or its medical facilities that has not been made public. The members voting to go into executive session were all those who were initially present as indicated above.



Chair



Assistant Secretary

THE MEDICAL CENTER HOSPITAL AUTHORITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES
April 24, 2024

Item #2.

The quarterly meeting of The Medical Center Hospital Authority Board of Trustees was held in the conference center at Piedmont Columbus Regional Midtown.

Members Present: Susan McWhirter, MD, Chair, Max Brabson, Jr., John Bucholtz, MD., Mike Burns, John Hargrove, Rick McKnight, Woodrow McWilliams

Member Excused: Alpna Arora, Brenda DeRamus

Others Present: Allen Holladay, Andrew Rothschild

I. Call to Order / Determination of Quorum

Dr. McWhirter determined there was a quorum present and called to order at 5:03 pm.

II. Approval of Quarterly Minutes

On motion by Mr. Brabson, seconded by Dr. Bucholtz, the minutes of the January 24, 2024, meeting were approved as submitted.

III. Review of Operations and Approval of Financial Statements Period Ending June 30, 2023

A. The Medical Center Hospital Authority

Total operating income year-to-date March 31, 2024 was \$1M versus prior year of \$6.5K. Total expenses were \$188,859 versus the prior year of \$288,560. Net income was \$115,880 versus the prior year of -\$71,599.

Total Current Assets of \$2.4M versus prior year of \$2.3M. Total Current Liabilities of -\$6,288 versus -\$7180,230. Total Liabilities and Net Assets of \$7.2M versus \$7.5M

B. Spring Harbor

Operating income for year-to-date March 31, 2024 was \$201K versus the budget of \$9K. Total occupancy was 84.7% versus the target of 86%. Independent living current occupancy was 176 versus the target of 176. Healthcare occupancy was 74.5% versus the target of 77.5%. Revenue of \$13.5 which is \$334K over budget for first three quarter of the fiscal year. Operating Expenses of \$12.4M was \$120K under budget.

C. Piedmont Columbus Regional

Quarter ending March 31, 2024 earnings after regional allocations of \$31.9M on a budget of \$26.9M. Year-to-date earnings after regional allocations were \$91.1M on a budget of \$80.4M.

On motion by Mr. McKnight, seconded by Dr. McWilliams, the board adopted the financial report presented by Mr. Holladay and discussed.

IV. Spring Harbor FY 2025 Operating and Capital Budget Approval

Mr. Holladay reviewed the FY 2025 Operating and Capital Budget of Sprint Harbor and requested approval of the same. It was noted that they may change a little before the end of the as they are still awaiting a few

final numbers but should not increase much and if it does the final will be submitted to the Board for approval.

On Motion of Mr. Brabson, seconded by Mr. Hargrove, the board approved the FY 2025 Operating and Capital Budget.

V. Spring Harbor Update

No update.

VI. Approval of Engagement Letters

a. FY 2025 Audit for The Medical Center Hospital Authority & Spring Harbor

Mr. Holladay presented and reviewed with the Board the FORVIS Audit Letters of Agreement for FY 2025. The proposal is for FORVIS to perform an audit of the Financial statements of the Hospital Authority and Spring Harbor in which the results will be presented to this Board once completed. Mr. Holladay requested approval to the Letters of Agreement.


b. Completion and Filing of Tax Form 990 for The Medical Center Hospital Authority

Mr. Holladay presented and reviewed with the Board the FORVIS Audit Letters of Agreement. The proposal is for FORVIS to perform an audit of the Financial statements of the Hospital Authority and Spring Harbor in which the results will be presented to this Board once completed. Mr. Holladay requested approval to the Letters of Agreement.

On Motion by Mr. McKnight and seconded by Mr. Hargrove, The Audit Letters of Agreement were approved and Mr. Holladay was granted authority to sign the same.

VII. Executive Session

On motion by Mr. Hargrove, seconded by Mr. McKnight, the Authority, on advice of legal counsel, then went into executive session at 5:15 pm, closed to the public, to discuss matters described below pursuant to exemption from the Open Meetings Act set forth at O.C.G.A. §50-14-3(a)(6)(C) which permits closure of any meeting of the governing authority of a public hospital in which the granting, restriction or revocation of medical staff privileges is discussed; pursuant to the exemption from the Open Meetings Act set forth at O.C.G.A. §50-14-2 which permits closure of any meeting to consult with legal counsel pertaining to pending litigation brought by or against an “agency”; and also pursuant to the exemption from the Open Meetings Act set forth in the Georgia Hospital Authorities Law §50-31-75.2 which permits closure in executive session to allow discussion of a potentially commercially valuable proposal or strategy that may be of “competitive advantage” in the operations of the Authority or its medical facilities that has not been made public. The members voting to go into executive session were all those who were initially present as indicated above.

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Chair

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

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

A. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:

Armando Fernandez

(Mayor’s Appointment)

Seat declared vacant

Term Expires: March 27, 2025

Tamika McKenzie

(Mayor’s Appointment)

Seat declared vacant

Term Expires: March 27, 2025

The terms are three years. Board meets quarterly.

Women: 1

Senatorial District 15: 6

Senatorial District 29: 4

4. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS- READY FOR CONFIRMATION:

- A. BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS:** Ms. Rozalind Hall was nominated to fill the unexpired term of Ms. Beattie Moore (*At-Large Seat*). (*Councilor Huff’s nominee*) Term expires: July 1, 2025

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

A. RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD:

James “Jay” Wilkoff

(Council District 2- Davis)

Does not desire reappointment

Term Expired: December 31, 2021

Carl Brown

(Council District 9- Thomas)

Not Eligible to succeed

Term Expired: December 31, 2022

VACANT

(Council District 3- Huff)

Term Expired: December 31, 2023

These are five-year terms. Board meets monthly.

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

A. ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD:

Sabine Stull

(Animal Rescue Representative)

Not Eligible to succeed

Term Expired: April 11, 2024

*Open for Recommendation
by Animal Rescue*

(Council’s Appointment)

Nancy Anderson

(Resigned)

Term Expires: October 15, 2025

Open for Nominations

(Council’s Appointment)

Councilor Crabb is nominating Matthew Gilbert for the seat of Nancy Anderson.

Councilor Crabb is nominating Elizabeth Kirven Boyce for the seat of Lori Turner.

These are two-year terms. Board meets as needed.

Women: 6

Senatorial District 15: 3

Senatorial District 29: 3

B. COLUMBUS AQUATICS COMMISSION:

Timothy Crabb

Open for Nominations

Does not desire reappointment

Term Expired: June 30, 2024

(Council's Appointment)

Richard Leary

Cols. Hurricane Rep.

Does not desire reappointment

Term Expired: June 30, 2024

Open for Nominations

(Council's Appointment)

Janet Bussey

Not Eligible to succeed

Term Expired: June 30, 2024

Open for Nominations

(Council's Appointment)

Bruce Samuels

Not Eligible to succeed

Term Expired: June 30, 2022

Open for Nominations

(Council's Appointment)

These are two-year terms. Board meets quarterly.

Women: 1

Senatorial District 15: 2

Senatorial District 29: 1

C. COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS & CULTURAL LIAISON ENCOUNTERS (CIRCLE):

John Jackson

No longer serving

Term Expires: March 1, 2027

Open for Nominations

(Council's Appointment)

The term is six years. Meets quarterly.

Women: 5

Senatorial District 15: 2

Senatorial District 29: 3

D. COOPERATIVE EXTENSION ADVISORY BOARD:

Lawanna Williams (Vacant)

Does not desire reappointment

Term Expired: December 31, 2023

Open for Nominations
(Council’s Appointment)

VACANT

Does not desire reappointment

Term Expires: December 31, 2028

Open for Nominations
(Council’s Appointment)

The term is six years. Meets quarterly.

Women: 3

Senatorial District 15: 1

Senatorial District 29: 2

E. TREE BOARD:

Frank Tommey

(Residential Development Seat)

Not eligible to succeed

Term Expired: December 31, 2020

Open for Nominations
(Council’s Appointment)

Robert Hecht

(Commercial or Industrial Development Seat)

Seat declared vacant

Term Expired: December 31, 2020

Open for Nominations
(Council’s Appointment)

Jeremy Cummings

(Public Utility Representative)

Resigned

Term Expires: July 1, 2025

Open for Nominations
(Council’s Appointment)

Farah Dewsbury

(At-Large Seat)

Seat declared vacant

Term Expires: December 31, 2026

Open for Nominations
(Council’s Appointment)

These are four-year terms. Meets as needed.

Women: 5
Senatorial District 15: 5
Senatorial District 29: 6

File Attachments for Item:

A. Airport Commission - (Commission / Council' Confirmation)

BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & AUTHORITIES

Airport Commission: This board is responsible for the operation of the Columbus Metropolitan Airport. It has five members. The commission itself nominates three individuals for each vacancy. The Columbus Council fills the vacancies from the commission's nominees. The term of office is five years. (Constitutional Amendment, Art. 5, Sec.4, Ga. Laws 1968, Page 1655) (Ordinance No. 11-23 removes the limitation of two full consecutive terms for this authority.)

<u>Board Members</u>	<u>Term Expiration</u>	<u>Appointment</u>
Carl A. Rhodes, Jr. (SD-29)	12/31/2024	Council
Art Guin (SD-15)	12/31/2025	Council
Dannell M. Marks (SD-29)	12/31/2026	Council
Delois Carr (SD-15)	12/31/2027	Council
James Barker (SD-29)	12/31/2028	Council

Expiring Term(s):

The term of office for Carl A. Rhodes, Jr. will expire on December 31, 2024. These are five (5) year terms that will expire on December 31, 2029. These are Council’s Appointments; Mr. Rhodes is eligible to succeed himself.

File Attachments for Item:

B. Board of Elections & Registration - (Democratic Party / Council)

BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & AUTHORITIES

Board of Elections & Registration: This board was established for the purpose of carrying out the duties heretofore exercised by the Muscogee County Board of elections and the Muscogee County Board of Registrars and which have the powers relating to the conduct of elections and primaries and the registration of voters and absentee balloting procedures that are provided for in the laws of Georgia. It has five (5) members, consisting of one each from the two (2) major political parties and three appointed by the Columbus Council. (Act No 149 (H.B. 941) signed into law by the Governor on April 4, 1991) Its executive director is also appointed by the Columbus Council. The term of office is four years. (Ordinance No. 11-23 removes the limitation of two full consecutive terms for this board.)

<u>Board Members</u>	<u>Term Expiration</u>	<u>Appointment</u>
Linda Parker (SD-15)	12/31/2024	Council (Democratic Party)
U.D. Roberts (SD-29)	12/31/2025	Council (Republican Party)
Annette M. Williams (SD-15)	12/31/2027	Council
Diane Scrimshire (SD-29)	12/31/2027	Council
Edwin C. Roldan (SD-29)	12/31/2029	Council

Expiring Term(s):

The term of office for Linda Parker will expire on December 31, 2024. This is four (4) year term that will expire on December 31, 2028. This is Council’s Appointment. Ms. Parker is eligible to succeed herself.

File Attachments for Item:

C. Cooperative Extension Advisory Board - (Council's Appointment)

BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & AUTHORITIES

Cooperative Extension Advisory Board: According to Section 4-613 of the original charter of the Consolidated Government provided that this board shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Department of Cooperative Extension Service and the University of Georgia Extension Service for the consideration of policies of the department and recommendations for its administration and program development throughout the community. Even though this original charter section was repealed in 1980, the board continues to function. It has five members which are appointed by the Columbus Council. (Columbus Charter, Sec. 4-613, which was repeal in 1980). These terms are for six (6) years.

<u>Board Members</u>	<u>Term Expiration</u>	<u>Appointment</u>
Lawanna Williams (SD-15)	12/31/2023	Council
Sharen Kelly (SD-29)	12/31/2024	Council
Sharayah Davis (SD-29)	12/31/2026	Council
Sandra H. Hawthorne (SD-15)	12/31/2027	Council
VACANT	12/31/2028	Council

Expiring Term(s):

The term of office for Lawanna Williams expired on December 31, 2023. This is a six (6) year term that would expire on December 31, 2029. This is Council’s Appointment; Ms. Williams is eligible to succeed herself.

The term of office for Dr. Sharen Kelly expires on December 31, 2024. This is a six (6) year term that would expire on December 31, 2030. This is Council’s Appointment; Dr. Kelly is eligible to succeed herself.

File Attachments for Item:

D. Personnel Review Board - (Council's Appointment)

BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & AUTHORITIES

Personnel Review Board: This board shall make recommendations on personnel rules and regulations; hear appeals from employees under procedures established by ordinance of the Council pertaining to significant disciplinary actions as defined by ordinance of the Council; and perform such other functions and duties as may be required by ordinance. (Columbus Code, Article IV, Chapter 6, Subchapter B, Section 4-610)

This board shall hear appeals by employees of elected County Officers and employees of other commissions, boards, or bodies of the county when said County Officers, commissions, boards, or bodies make written application for the inclusion of their employees in the merit system of the consolidated government, and such appeals shall be heard under the provisions of the Columbus Personnel Regulations or under such other provisions as may be ordained by the Council. (O.C.G.A. Code Section 36-1-21)

It has ten (10) members, five (5) regular members and five (5) alternate members. Each alternate member shall be designated as the alternate for a particular regular member. In the absence of any regular member, the designated alternate for his/her place shall sit as a substitute for the absent member and shall be empowered to act as a regular member until such time as the proceedings begun in the absence of the regular member are concluded.

<u>Board Members</u>	<u>Term Expiration</u>	<u>Appointment</u>
Dennis Walsh (SD-29)	12/31/2024	Council (Alternate Member 1)
Willie L. Belfield, Jr. (SD-15)	12/31/2024	Council (Alternate Member 2)
Donna D. Baker (SD-29)	12/31/2024	Council (Alternate Member 3)
Tracy Walker (SD-29)	12/31/2024	Council (Regular Member 2)
Torrance Goodwin (SD-15)	12/31/2024	Council (Regular Member 3)
Delano Leftwich (SD-29)	12/31/2025	Council (Alternate Member 4)
Natalie N. McDowell (SD-29)	12/31/2025	Council (Alternate Member 5)
Willie Butler (SD-15)	12/31/2025	Council (Regular Member 1)
Yolanda Sumbry Sewell (SD-15)	12/31/2025	Council (Regular Member 4)
Dr. Michael R. Forte' (SD-15)	12/31/2025	Council (Regular Member 5)

Expiring Term(s):

Ther terms of office for Dennis Walsh, Willie L. Bellfield, Jr., Donna D. Baker, Tracy Walker, and Torrance Goodwin expire on December 31, 2024. These are three (3) year terms that would expire on December 31, 2027. These are Council's Appointments. Mr. Belfield, Ms. Baker and Ms. Walker are eligible to succeed themselves. Mr. Walsh and Mr. Goodwin have served two terms; therefore, they are not eligible to succeed themselves.

File Attachments for Item:

E. Recreation Advisory Board - (Council District Seat Appointments)

BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & AUTHORITIES

Recreation Advisory Board: This board serves in an advisory capacity to the director of the Department of Parks and Recreation for the considerations of the department and makes recommendations for its operation and the advancement of recreational programs and facilities throughout the city. It has eleven (11) members appointed by the Columbus Council, one member shall be the Athletic Director of the Muscogee County School District, one member shall be appointed by each district councilor, and one member shall be appointed by each of the two at-large councilors. (Columbus Code, Sec. 4-27 through 4-32)

<u>Board Members</u>	<u>Term Expiration</u>	<u>Appointment</u>
James “Jay” Wilkoff (SD-29)	12/31/2021	Council (District 2)
Carl Brown (SD-15)	12/31/2022	Council (District 9)
Sherisse Malone (SD-29)	12/31/2024	Council (District 5)
David Miles (SD-29)	12/31/2024	Council (District 6)
VACANT	12/31/2025	Council (District 1)
Rodney L. Lawrence (SD-15)	12/31/2025	Council (District 4)
Brantley Pittman (SD-15)	12/31/2025	Council (District 7)
Lawrence R. Stanford (SD-15)	12/31/2025	Council (District 8)
Irene Pate (SD-29)	12/31/2027	Council (District 10)
VACANT	12/31/2028	Council (District 3)

Jeff Battles (Muscogee County School District Athletic Director)- Continues in office

Expiring Term(s):

The terms of office for Sherisse Malone and David Miles expire on December 31, 2024. These are five (5) year terms that will expire on December 31, 2029. These are Council’s Appointments. Ms. Malone and Mr. Miles are eligible to serve another term.

The term of office for James “Jay” Wilkoff expired on December 31, 2021. This is a five (5) year term that will expire on December 31, 2026. This is Council’s Appointment. We are still in need of a replacement for Mr. Wilkoff, as he does not desire reappointment.

The term of office for Carl Brown expired on December 31, 2022. This is a five (5) year term that will expire on December 31, 2027. This is Council's Appointment. We are still in need of a replacement for Mr. Brown, as he is eligible to serve another term.

File Attachments for Item:

F. The Medical Center Hospital Authority – (Council’s Nomination / Authority)

BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & AUTHORITIES

The Medical Center Hospital Authority: This board is responsible for the Medical Center. It has nine (9) members which must be residents and qualified voters of Columbus. For each vacancy, the Columbus Council submits a list of three eligible persons to the Authority. From this list, the Authority itself selects one of the individuals to fill the vacancy. The terms of office are 5 years (O.C.G.A. Sec. 31-7-72) (Ordinance No. 11-23 removes the limitation of two full consecutive terms for this authority.)

<u>Board Members</u>	<u>Term Expiration</u>	<u>Appointment</u>
Mike Burns (SD-29)	12/31/2024	Council/Authority
Max Brabson (SD-15)	12/31/2024	Council/Authority
Alpna R. Aroua (SD-29)	12/31/2026	Council/Authority
Brenda DeRamus (SD-29)	12/31/2026	Council/Authority
Susan McWhirter (SD-29)	12/31/2026	Council/Authority
John Hargrove (SD-29)	12/31/2026	Council/Authority
Woodrow McWilliams, III (SD-15)	12/31/2027	Council/Authority
John R. Bucholtz (SD-29)	12/31/2028	Council/Authority
VACANT	12/31/2028	Council/Authority

Expiring Term(s):

The terms of office for Mike Burns and Max Brabson will expire on December 31, 2024. These are five (5) year terms that would expire on December 31, 2029. These are Council / Authority appointments with the Council confirming the selected nominee as submitted by the Authority. Mr. Burns and Mr. Brabson are both eligible to serve another term. There is also one vacant seat with the passing of Mr. T. Fredrick McKnight.